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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES FINALISTS

The Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce announced today the finalists for its sixteenth annual Southern Indiana Business Awards program.

This program recognizes outstanding business owners and professionals from Clark and Floyd Counties in Indiana. Awards will be presented in four categories: The Independence Bank Business of the Year with less than 25 employees, The Frost Brown Todd Business of the Year with 25 or more employees, The Sam Day, Kightlinger & Gray Professional of the Year, and the Insight Communications Rising Star Award, presented to entrepreneurs in business for only 12-60 months.

The finalists were chosen by a panel of independent judges from a field of 46 nominees. The finalists are:

Business of the Year (Less Than 25 Employees)

Bill Burns	Aristocrat Realty
Stefanie Griffith	Strandz Salon & Threadz Boutique
Theresa Bivens	Paris Group Training & Consulting

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Business of the Year (25 or More Employees)

Jeannie Unruh MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc.

Ted & Dana Huber Hubers Orchard & Winery

Jim Rickard Community Bank

Professional of the Year

Tim Jarm Clark Memorial Hospital

Sister Barbara Ann Zeller

Ron Barnes McCauley Nicolas & Co., LLC

Rising Star (Business less than Five Years Old)

Barbara Geltmaker Horizon Wealth Management, LLC

Lisa Brooking True Colors Tanning, LLC

Kent Lanum nFusion Technologies

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All nominees and finalists will be featured in a professionally produced video to be shown during the awards luncheon, scheduled for May 20, 2004, with the winners being revealed at that time. The luncheon will take place at The Grand in New Albany beginning at 11:45 a.m. To make a lunch reservation or more information, contact the Chamber office at 945-0266.

The Southern Indiana Business Awards sponsors are: Platinum Level: Frost Brown Todd LLC, Independence Bank, Kightlinger & Gray and Insight Communications. Gold Level: Floyd Memorial Hospital and Idealogy Design & Advertising. Silver Level: Business First; Community Bank of Southern Indiana; McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, CPA; Melhiser Endres Tucker, CPA's P.C.; National City; Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co.; Union Planters Bank; Indiana-American Water Co.; Monroe Shine & Co., Inc. CPA's, First Savings Bank and BB&T.

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