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## LINDA WILHELM ALLEGRA MARKETING, PRINT & SIGNS

Meet Linda Wilhelm, owner of Allegra Marketing, Print & Signs in Romeoville. For more than 15 years, Linda and her team have been providing local businesses in the Greater Midwest area with a range of quality marketing communications services.

Before opening the Allegra center, Linda was a stay-at-home mother for 23 years, raising their daughter, Ashley. When the opportunity to be her own boss and work with her family came, Allegra Romeoville was born. Linda also viewed this as a great opportunity to give back to the community. Chairing various fundraisers, Naperville Garden Club, Naperville Junior Woman's Club, Naperville Rotary After Dark, and the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission are just a few callings that she has answered through the years. In her first year of business, Linda and her team won the Alliance Franchise Brand's Rookie of the Year award for stellar franchise member performance. They have experienced tremendous business growth over their 15 years, experiencing year over year increases through 2019. Their facility has grown along with the sales, expanding their facility from 900 square feet at opening, to their current location at 1340 Enterprise Drive which is 7500 square feet. Today, the business is a family affair. Linda's husband Tom serves as president and CEO, Ashley as the business development manager, and their two canines, Bella and Nana, serve as the center's mascots.

Allegra in Romeoville is your one stop shop offering a multitude of products and services including:

- Commercial Printing
- Signs, Banners, & Poster
- Marketing Services
- Expert Mailing

- Promotional Products and Apparel
- Specialty Printing

It has not been just business for Linda and her team, giving back to the community has been a priority since day one for her and her team. Since the business opened, the center has donated over \$200,000 in products and services to serval nonprofits in the area. Her vision to help worthy organizations who help exponentially move people than she can as an individual.

To learn more about Linda's company, Allegra Marketing Print & Signs Romeoville, you can reach them at 630-759-4872 or visit the company's website at allegraromeoville.com.



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# JILL CLARK

After a 20-year career as a fashion and beauty executive at Estée Lauder and Yves Saint Laurent, Jill Clark is more than familiar with luxury and fine details. While Jill loved the corporate lifestyle of planes, trains and automobiles, she wanted a bit more flexibility in her work schedule. She also had a burning desire to build her own business. Jill loves the quote from MJ in *Finding the Game within the Game*: "Find what you love doing and then find a way to win at it!" As a college basketball star herself, she always set high goals. Seventeen years later, Clark has never looked back—even if she does continue to use her fashion-forward and designer skills in the homes she showcases in the marketplace.

Another favorite quote: "In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different." Different by using social media boosting methods to expose property to attract buyers to listings—she has movie tours at all her properties, no matter the price point, and stages her properties and presents exquisite luxe brochures—all to tell the best story of the property for buyers.

As a 26-year resident of Naperville, she has lived in White Eagle Golf Club, also a plus

to Clark. "I love living in Naperville," she says. "The schools are extraordinary, the downtown area features fine retail shops, restaurants, the library, Riverwalk and so much more. Our park district is one of the best in the country and offers so many events throughout the year. It's truly a magical place to live and raise a family."



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## COROS-MACKEY GROUP BAIRD & WARNER

**Experience, Passion, and Dedication** 

The principals, Jeff Coros and Jan Mackey, have each lived in Naperville for over 30 years. Karen Wehrli is a Naperville native, living in Naperville her entire life. Rick Lawrence, an Airforce veteran, is an Aurora native. Jessica Slott is a long time Batavia resident. Tracey Vaughn grew up in Chicago and is now an Aurora resident. Wherever you want to move, we have you covered.

Our strength comes from our focus on the 'client experience' before, during, and after

the sale or purchase of your home. We want the experience to be so good that we are worthy of being referred to family or friends. We know that every transaction is different and we tailor the service to the needs of each individual client.

#### Servicing the 630 communities, the Coros-Mackey Group sells 3 times more homes, 33% faster, and 2% higher than most agents.

"We know the old way of marketing does not work. Putting the listing in the MLS, putting the sign in the ground, and hoping it sells simply does not work. Web and social presence are critical to exposing the property to the greatest audience, producing the highest price and best results," says Jeff Coros. "We pride ourselves on the photography, video, and drone work we use in presenting your home. We know that the first impression of your home, on the internet or in person, must be a great impression," says Jan Mackey. A great first impression is standard service with the Coros-Mackey Group.

Call us to experience the difference.



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# DAN & KEVIN KITTILSEN DJK CUSTOM HOMES, INC.

DJK Custom Homes is a family owned and operated local custom home builder. With over 30 years of experience DJK Custom Homes has earned a well-known reputation in the local community for designing and building the most unique and awardwinning custom homes that are Sustainable, Healthy, and Efficient for all generations.

Dan and Kim Kittilsen followed their dreams over 33 years ago by opening

the doors to DJK Custom Homes, Inc. to design and build the most impeccable custom homes in the community. From its inception, to today, they continue this strong passion along with their son Kevin. With their passion for progression drives the entire team at DJK Custom Homes to build the homes of the future... today.

The team at DJK Custom Homes strives to stay ahead of current building practices by building new homes that are 100% committed to exceed ENERGY STAR and EPA Indoor airPlus guidelines, in order to deliver homes that will last a lifetime and provide a safe and healthy living environment to all homeowners. DJK Custom Homes has been recognized nationally by the USGBC for building homes throughout Naperville that have achieved LEED Platinum certification.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to come visit our LEED Platinum certified model home in the Heart of Downtown Naperville at 532 S. Webster St. Naperville, IL.



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# **FBC REMODEL**

At FBC Remodel, clients are treated like family.

Based in beautiful downtown Naperville, FBC has been a trusted local remodeler for nearly a decade. Their slogan, Build Joy, is present in everything they do—from their innovative designs to a stress-free construction process, to a focus on giving back to their community.

FBC's proven design-build process takes the stress off of the homeowner and focuses on the fun and creative parts of remodeling.

Their team gets to know not only a homeowner's space and remodeling needs, but also their day-to-day lifestyle and family interests. Their award-winning designers then create a space based on that vision that gives the fit, function and look to create a custom-built remodel. With a guaranteed all-in-one price and a construction process that is managed for you, FBC Remodel makes remodeling a breeze.

The FBC team says one of the best parts of their job is the opportunity to take an active part in the Naperville community. From sponsorships with the Inside Out Club to partnering with local parks and zoos, FBC Remodel prides themselves on not only transforming their client's lives, but being involved in the betterment of Naperville.

If you're looking to remodel, FBC offers complimentary design consultations to get to know their team and see if they're the right fit for you! Call 630-401-8503 today or stop into their showroom in downtown Naperville to see what's possible.





## DAN FIRKS REALTOR | PRINCIPAL BROKER

As the founder and CEO of the Dan Firks Team at Compass Real Estate in Naperville, Dan has led an impressive client-focused career totaling over \$300 million in volume. He has a proven track record of helping clients buy and sell homes that he knows they will feel happy and comfortable in for many years to come. A longtime resident of Naperville, Dan achieved a new milestone this year, commemorating his 25-year mark as a real estate agent. As an extension of his commitment to helping people find happiness in new homes, Dan is also active in community service with organizations such as Loaves & Fishes, Rotarian, 360 Youth Services and NCTV17. He hosts a "Job Shadow Day" for local high school students interested in real estate. When his day is finished, Dan enjoys spending time with his beloved dog, a 100-pound giant schnauzer he affectionately named Valentino.

As founder and team leader, Dan has been committed to helping shape one of the topproducing real estate teams in Illinois. He is driven and instills in others his core values of infinite worth, integrity and excellence.

The mission of the Dan Firks Team is to provide premier and unmatched customer service, resulting in an everlasting positive impression for each home seller and home buyer we are given the pleasure to work with. Everything we do is designed for the ultimate real estate experience.

If you are thinking of selling, buying, or investing, Call Firks 1st<sup>®</sup>!

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#### Our Family of Funeral Professionals Is Dedicated to Serving Your Family

Since 1918, families have trusted the Friedrich-Jones & Overman-Jones Funeral Homes for incomparable service. Our family and staff build relationships with those we serve at such an important time in their lives—relationships that continue through the healing process and beyond.

From our warm, tastefully appointed, convenient locations to ensuring that each family's needs are met in a personalized, thoughtful way, the Jones family builds a foundation of trust and a tradition of compassion that cannot be found elsewhere.

#### **Our Mission of Service**

Whether your needs are immediate or you are planning ahead, you can expect to be gently guided, counseled, and listened to by an experienced family and staff. These caring professionals make your comfort, needs, and wishes their only concern.

#### What Sets Us Apart

Incomparable service is what sets us apart at Friedrich-Jones & Overman-Jones Funeral Homes.

Our family and staff answer our phones 24-hours a day, with no answering service or voicemail. This means you always speak to a caring, knowledgeable professional on the phone, so important when your family is in crisis.

A family member handles all preneed services, ensuring continuity and confidence that your arrangements are secure. And our family and staff personally handle all removals, preparation, and cosmetics to ensure your loved one is handled with dignity and care.

In addition, we are proud to be a woman co-owned mortuary, a rare distinction in our industry. Our family respects and admires the contributions every woman makes to our community, our families, and our lives.



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## VICTORIA C. KELLY GRUNYK FAMILY LAW

Victoria C. Kelly has attracted attention for her work as a litigator and in alternative family law dispute styles, sharing her mindful and family-centered approach with Chicagoland families. Attorney Kelly is a partner and award-winning family law attorney with Grunyk Family Law. She takes great pride in navigating her clients through complicated family law issues, and loves a challenging case that requires her to think of an innovative resolution.

"Regardless of the approach, whether litigation or settlement, I believe in a dignified approach to your case. As a family law attorney, your family's happiness is important to me."

Attorney Kelly is a recipient of the DuPage County Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award and active member of the DuPage County Bar Association, Will County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association. In addition to her work with Grunyk Family Law, Attorney Kelly will be seated this May as the 36th President of the Dupage Association of Women Lawyers (D.A.W.L.). When not serving the community, Vicki loves spending time with her family. She is thrilled to be raising two young daughters. The most important goal in her life is to be a good role model for her girls.



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Success didn't come overnight for Reliable, it has been a consistent effort over 50 years in business, to continually strive to be the best.

Mike Strom, Tony Ducato, Christine Ducato, Gil Ducato, Mike Ducato, Sr. and Mike Ducato, Jr.

#### **DUCATO FAMILY** RELIABLE HOME IMPROVEMENT OVER 50 YEARS IN NAPERVILLE

Reliable is family-owned and operated and has been in business for over 50 years serving Naperville and the western suburbs. As a 'true' traditional family-owned and operated company, they have over 30% of the employees that are made up of Ducato family members. The younger generations are bringing new technology, new design ideas, combined with the same construction quality, that has helped grow the business for the past 5 decades.

One of the center pieces of growth is the 15,000 square foot showroom and design gallery that is open to the public and located in Naperville. The showroom and design gallery is one of the largest in the Chicagoland area. Featuring full-size kitchens, bathrooms and common living spaces. Displays feature the most current trends in design options such as Bluetooth and Green Technology applications.

Reliable understands what it takes to add asset value to homeowners.

"It's the experience that most customers appreciate from us, when going through home remodeling and we want to make sure our customers get high-quality craftsmanship and design, but also their entire experience is at that same level." Director of Marketing, Christine Ducato.

With cutting-edge design, customer service and high quality construction, Reliable has become one of the top respected home remodeling firms in the western suburbs. They've won the Best of Naperville 'Home Remodeler of the Year' for the past 6 years in a row!

Reliable offers Home Video Consultations free of charge and abides by all CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of their clients and team members.







## **EDWARD P.** GRAHAM LAW OFFICES OF EDWARD P. GRAHAM, LTD.

Ed Graham and his law practice have been a fixture in the Naperville community since 1995. Inspired to serve at the highest levels of the legal profession, Ed has led his dedicated staff in delivering superior work product for clients in Naperville and the surrounding communities. Clients have benefitted from the firm's zealous advocacy in courtrooms to its superior work in estate planning, business and real estate transactions. Recognizing that each legal matter requires a unique approach, Ed delivers the perfect balance between empathy and advocacy.

The commitment to clients does not stop when the client engagement is complete. Long lasting relationships with clients are often formed based on satisfying professional experiences. The broad practice offerings allow clients to grow with the firm and have a familiar face in their corner when they need it most. Because his clients understand the depth of his service, the majority of his work comes from referrals.

Service to the community is a hallmark of the firm and its founder. Ed has served in leadership in various organizations in his hometown, including current Board membership with SamaraCare, the Rotary Club of Naperville and Hope for Tanzania.

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stand up comedians, incredible Chicago style Improv, Sketch, Variety shows, and plays to the area!"

# **THE COMEDY SHRINE**

Patrick and David Sinker, and David Vox Mullen are the brain trust of The Comedy Shrine. Patrick won the International Hide and Seek Championship by hiding behind a microphone stand ... he's very thin. David Sinker was voted "Most Likely to be strip searched by TSA agents!" Vox Mullen is the man of a thousand voices. If you recently received an obscene phone call from Robert DeNiro, there's a 73% chance it was Vox Mullen.

The Comedy Shrine's move to the Fox Valley Mall makes it one of the biggest comedy venues in the Midwest; with a Stand Up theater seating 400, Improv theater for 200, and a black box space for 60 patrons. There's a bar and the largest comedy memorabilia museum in America! It looks like Ebay blew up!

# THE COMEDY SHRINE

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# **LIGHT SOURCE LIGHTING**

Light Source Lighting has two showrooms and a great website for any kind of lighting, ceiling fan or unique decor.

For over 23 years their company has offered the very best in customer service, great brands from all over the world and the latest in lighting technology. Their showroom design in Plainfield and Plano is constantly changing to reflect the decor of the day as well as what is on the horizon. The staff at Light Source Lighting can guide customers through overwhelming projects, such as new home construction or simply replacing a light. When a visit to the showroom isn't possible, the website is a great tool to inspire ideas. The staff at Light Source Lighting are just a phone call away, where helpful tips and product information is available.

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