

### **People of Peoria: Wendi Ramsay of Ramsay & Associates**

Wendi Ramsay, CPA, EA of Ramsay & Associates was born and raised in Peoria. Ramsay believes it is easy to take Peoria for granted when you've been here your entire life. After living in Chicago for 27 years, Ramsay has a unique perspective on the benefits of a small city.

For one, "[in Chicago] if we wanted to do dinner and a play, you needed to leave work by 3pm and pay \$40 for parking or take the train that doesn't leave until midnight. Here, you drive around the block twice, and you have a parking spot," said Ramsay.

In her professional life, "growing up I hated that everybody knew everybody. Now it's great because if you want to network, it probably won't take you six contacts to reach someone," said Ramsay.

Ramsay is also proud of the generosity of Peoria's community.

"When Southside Mission needed turkeys for Thanksgiving, they had to say 'stop bringing turkeys.' It's the Midwest values," said Ramsay.

Ramsay lives in Peoria with her husband Ken, and their two cats. They participate in sailboat races at the Ivy Club and attend the many music and theater events offered in Peoria.