

# Life returns to Grafton

Life is returning to Illinois Businesses, and one town that is feeling the vibe is Grafton, situated at the junction of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers in Jersey County. Typically, one of the hottest spots in Metro East during a normal summer, Grafton has attractions that proved a draw even before the latest Restore Illinois phase kicked in June 26. These photos were taken on June 13 and June 21. Among the pictures here are: a crowd at the Loading Dock restaurant and bar; traffic streaming along East Main Street in front of Ben Allen's Bloody Bucket Saloon; cars packed into the lot next to Grafton Marina; the Still Smokin' band performing in an area behind the Gold Bar; the new SkyTour, which takes people by aerial tram to



the Aerie's Resort overlooking the rivers; and an eagle mascot dressed to the nines outside the River Bank Gifts store on East Main. IBJ photos by Dennis Grubaugh.

