

## **BLUFF CITY GRILL UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY**

July 3rd- **Bluff City's Second Annual Independence Day Party** on the second level pavilion area @ 3pm BBQ, Beer and Music by "Lady Luck and The Warehouse Project" "DJ Pom" Cornhole Tournament starts at 4pm. Enjoy Alton's BEST view of the Fireworks at 9pm.

## **1ST MIDAMERICA CREDIT UNION IS HOSTING ITS 10TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

1st MidAmerica Credit Union is hosting its 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing on Friday, September 15 at Spencer T. Olin Golf Club in Alton, Illinois. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Madison County Child Advocacy Center. The credit union has been able to raise more than \$160,000 for local charities through our golf event over the past several years. They expect this year to be a record fundraiser with the outing selling out again! Many sponsorship levels are available and golfers of all skill levels are welcome and invited to participate. Reservations are required and space is limited.

Foursomes are \$400 per team, or \$100 for individual players. Registration fees include mulligans, skins, 18 holes of golf and fun, lunch, dinner, beverages on the course, and a free round of golf for later use.

Multiple sponsorship levels are available! From signs on the course to adding your logo to beverage carts and meal banners, we have a spot for your organization to show its support.

For forms and details, visit

[https://www.1stmidamerica.org/new/charity\\_golf.html](https://www.1stmidamerica.org/new/charity_golf.html)

## **UNTRAINED EMPLOYEES LOSE COMPANIES TIME AND MONEY (PART 1 OF 5)**

Company leaders are in a place of great influence and responsibility, so if they lack training and knowledge in how to manage their own workflow, problems can spread quickly throughout an organization. Dr. Cubie King, a business professor at National University in San Diego, Calif., believes most employees desire to be the best for their company. "Underneath that suit of clothes beats the heart of a real person who, more often than not, truly wants to do a great job for your company or organization," King said. But, to be able to do their best for their company, employees need the right tools and training to help ensure success.

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## **GREAT FUTURES CLASSIC BENEFITING BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ALTON, INC.**

"Help Keep the Kids out of the *ROUGH*"

Friday, August 18, 2017

Spencer T. Olin Golf Course

Early Bird Registration: May 1-July 18<sup>th</sup>

\$400 per team (must register and pay as a team for early bird rate)

Regular registration: July 19th-August 18th \$500 or \$125 per player

Register online at [www.bgcaltan.org](http://www.bgcaltan.org) or mail in registration to P.O. Box 532, Alton, IL 62002

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information contact Al Womack Jr. at 462-6249 or

[awomackbgcalton@aol.com](mailto:awomackbgcalton@aol.com).

## **GREATER GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS SELECTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS (GGAR) recently announced the hiring of Kyle Anderson as its CEO starting July 1, 2017. The GGAR is an association of over 1,000 members including REALTOR and affiliate business partners serving the counties of Madison, Bond, Jersey, Calhoun, Montgomery, Fayette and Macoupin.

Anderson believes he understands the future needs of the association after having served as their Local Government Affairs Director for the past six years. He helped grow their political advocacy on local issues and participation in the REALTORS Political Action Committee. In addition, he has helped grow local government partnerships through grants for local and regional projects.

Anderson, a lifelong resident of Madison County, graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a B.S. in Political Science. He is currently attending the Institute for Organizational Management (IOM), non-profit management training provided by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Anderson served as a member of the Wood River City Council and as Madison County Recorder in 2010.

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS belongs to the Illinois Association of REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS. For more information on the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS visit [www.gatewayrealtors.org](http://www.gatewayrealtors.org) or contact the association office at 618.692.8300.

## **FREE MEDICARE PRESENTATION ON JULY 13 AT SSP**

Senior Services Plus will be hosting a free Medicare presentation on July 13, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The presentation will be given by SSP's own Senior Health Insurance Counselors, Kelly Chapman and April Hausman. Topics that will be discussed include: eligibility and enrollment, the A, B, C's, and D's of Medicare, supplemental policies, and ways to save money. This will be a great informational event. Please direct any questions to 618-465-3298 Ext. 115. Senior Services Plus is located at 2603 North Rodgers Avenue, Alton IL 62002.

## **PHOENIX PHYSICAL THERAPY IS DOING SPECIAL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCREENING CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK!**

For a limited time, Phoenix Physical Therapy and Personal Training is doing special in-season baseball and softball screening consultations...**for FREE!** Has your son or daughter complained of elbow or shoulder pain? Are you worried about how much they are throwing? Do you want to prevent an injury before it happens? Chris Amick at Phoenix Physical Therapy can answer these questions for you! From the week of June 26-30, we are offering FREE 15-30 minute consultations, along with advisement on injury prevention. Please call 258-9093, or stop by at 935 E. Airline Dr., to schedule a consultation! Follow us on Facebook @phoenixeastalton.

## **FALL HOSTING WITH CJD: ELECTRONIC RECYCLING MADE EASY!**

**CJD E-Cycling has now begun scheduling for our Fall Drives.** Please contact us if you would like to host a drive in the Fall. As the summer months slowly come to an end, slots will be rapidly filling, so schedule your E-drive today. We truly appreciate your service, and look forward to serving you in the future.

**WANT TO BECOME A REGULAR HOST?** CJD now allows for hosting on a **monthly or bi-monthly basis**. Now you can schedule more than one drive per season. It's simple; each host gets a personalized schedule! (*Fee may apply, please call to confirm pricing*).

Electronic Recycling Made Easy! For more information on hosting, or pricing give us a call @ [618 659 9006](tel:6186599006) or visit [www.cjdecycling.com](http://www.cjdecycling.com).

### EVENTS AT GRAFTON WINERY THE VINEYARDS

--Grafton Winery The Vineyards is open our Summer/Fall hours of daily 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Pack your picnic basket and meet us at the Vineyards. We have plenty of outdoor seating at bistro tables or our picnic tables with a view overlooking the lake and vineyards.

--Mark your calendar for Friday, July 21 and join us for Sunset at the Vineyards. Once a month we stay open until 9:00 pm to let you enjoy the beautiful scenery and sunset. Grab a group of friends and enjoy the evening.

--We still have some dates for 2017 open for Weddings and Events. Now booking for 2018 and 2019.

### VISIT GRAFTON WINERY & BREWHAUS

--Music for the weekend is Saturday Rock a Billy Revival 3-7pm and Sunday Scott and Karl 2-6pm

--It's not too early to start looking at venues for holiday parties. We can provide a unique experience for your group. Whether you have 20 people or 50 people. How about a Murder Mystery Dinner or Wine Pairing Dinner. Change it up and celebrate with us.

--It's not too early to be thinking about 4th of July weekend. We will be open on Tuesday, July 4 our normal hours and will have music from Dave Caputo Band 1-5pm

618-786-3001 | [www.thegrafftonwinery.com](http://www.thegrafftonwinery.com)

### BEST WESTERN PREMIER ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT HOTEL

Need a break from the heat with your friends and family?

Did you know our Raging Rivers Package is perfect for a quick and fun getaway?

*Raging Rivers Splashin' Deal Package includes:*

1 Room for One Night

4 General Admission Raging Rivers Tickets

4 Breakfast Buffet Coupons

1 Welcome Bag w/Sunscreen & Local Travel Guides and Deals

Package Prices: Sunday- Thursday \$165 plus tax

Friday & Saturday \$185 plus tax

Go to: [www.bwpremieralton.com](http://www.bwpremieralton.com) to make reservations or call the hotel direct at 618-462-1220.

### GREAT RIVERS TAP & GRILL

Mark your calendars for Alton All Star Restaurant Week July 7<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>! Great Rivers Tap & Grill will be offering a brand new menu prepared by Chef Kenny and his culinary staff. The menu includes made from scratch appetizers, pizzas, and mouthwatering burgers made from fresh Hansen's ground chuck. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a slice of our homemade Honey Ginger Cheesecake to share with that special someone. Whatever your tastes our All Star Menu has something to please everyone

for a quick lunch or a night out on the town.

Visit [www.altonrestaurantweek.com](http://www.altonrestaurantweek.com) for more details.

For more info on Great Rivers Tap and Grill visit  
[www.greatriverstapandgrill.com](http://www.greatriverstapandgrill.com) or call 618-462-1220.

## **ARGOSY CARES SPONSORS POTG BASKET BUILD FOR LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS**

On Wednesday June 21st, the Power of the Giraffe Not for Profit made more of Carol's Care Packages for area cancer patients on location at Argosy Casino. This basket build was made possible by a generous donation of \$1000 from Argosy Casino. The Power of the Giraffe NFP volunteers along with employees from Argosy made 70 of Carol's Care Packages, and then delivered 40 to the Cancer Center of Excellence at OSF Saint Anthony's in Alton. The other 30 packages will be delivered to the Oncology and Infusion Center at Alton Memorial Hospital BJC at a later date.

"Thank you to Argosy Casino for the generous gift and helping to share Carol's story. Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped make these care packages today. Thank you to the volunteers behind the scenes." Dale Alcorn/Founder says "Our organization is only able to fulfill its mission through the hard work of our volunteers and the donations from individuals and corporate sponsors. We are humbled that Argosy Casino has joined in to help cancer patients in the Riverbend."

The Power of the Giraffe Organization strives to assist area families rise above their battle with cancer and inspire others to "stick their necks out" and help those in the fight with cancer.

For more information on Power of the Giraffe and their upcoming events, fund raisers and donation information please visit  
[www.powerofthegiraffe.org](http://www.powerofthegiraffe.org) or visit them on Facebook.

## **ENDLESS SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST KICKS OFF**

Capture the delights of summer through the lens of a camera during the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Endless Summer Photo Contest" that will run through Aug. 7.

Photographers of all skill levels can enter their photos in two categories for a chance to win a matted and framed print of the photo from Picture This And More. One winner will be chosen by a panel of judges in each category. One winning photo will be chosen from the two categories as the cover photo for the 2018 Summer Guide for the Meeting of the Great Rivers.

Photos can be entered in two categories: Summer Fun and Scenic Snapshots. For contest rules and more information go to  
[www.VisitAlton.com/EndlessSummerPhotos](http://www.VisitAlton.com/EndlessSummerPhotos).

Photos submitted will be shared on Facebook @VisitAlton where the public will be invited to vote on their favorite photo in a separate "People's Choice Contest".

Winners in the two juried categories and the People's Choice category will be announced on Friday, Aug. 11 on Facebook.

Picture This And More, a locally owned and operated professional custom framing business which also houses a local artist gallery, teamed up with the Alton CVB to highlight photography in the region through the photo contest.