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SUNDAY FUN DAY AT AIRPORT PLAZA BOWL

Get your tickets today for a great event hosted by the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® and the Community Involvement Committee. Bring out your family and friends for an afternoon of bowling to help Boys and Girls Clubs of America – Alton & Bethalto.

The date is October 8, 2017, check in at 12:30pm and bowling starts at 1:00pm.

Location: Airport Plaza Bowl, 4 Erwin Plegge Boulevard, Bethalto, IL 62010.

Register a team of 4 for \$40 or individuals are \$10 each (this includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, free popcorn and soda). You can get more information at www.gatewayrealtors.com or call 618-692-8300.

RIVERBENDER.COM OFFERS DIGITAL SIGNAGE

Riverbender.com consistently stays 'ahead of the game', introducing products and services that no other media within the community can compete with. Our latest introduction is digital signage.

Digital signage assists businesses with impulse spending and improved product awareness, consistently rebranding to your existing customers or clientele. It grabs the attention in a more subtle and engaging way. The high definition displays combined with vivid colors and the ability to include elements such as news feed, weather, online video, etc. allows advertisers to connect with customers.

Hit n Run is our most recent installation. Installed above the cashier station at six locations, owner, Dwight Fowler now plans to add digital signage to the drive-thru lanes as well. "My philosophy is it gets the images we want out there a lot better than just picture signs," Fowler said. "Product awareness is the key today in business. We are already getting a lot of response from the digital displays."

Other businesses with Riverbender.com digital signage include: Alton City Hall, Alton's new Multi Modal Center, Lewis and Clark Community College, Midwest Motor Sports, Honke Properties and more.

Riverbender.com will be offering discounts on initial installation/set up fees for those that make the commitment before the end of October. To learn more about digital signage and more specific information, contact Riverbender.com, your **#1 Source for Everything Local** at sales@riverbender.com or call (618) 465-9850 Ext. 231.

GACA WELCOMES "TWO ON TAP" ON OCTOBER 8

Greater Alton Concert Association welcomes "**Two on Tap**" on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 pm. This exciting program featuring the singing and tapping talents of musical theater performers Melissa Giattino and Ron Destefano will take to the stage of Hatheway Cultural Center at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey. With music from the golden days of song-and-dance, their flair breathes new life into classics such as "42nd Street", and "I Got Rhythm". With vocal talents as polished as their dance, the audience is in for a treat with "Love Letters" and "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Ticket outlets and more information may be found on the GACA website www.altonconcerts.org or information is available on Facebook. Tickets can also be ordered by calling 618-468-4222.

Greater Alton Concert Association is partnering with Great Rivers Tap and Grill located in Best Western Premier Hotel at 3559 College Ave. in Alton. Show tickets purchased at Best Western Premier may opt for a "Concert & Dinner" package with show ticket and meal voucher worth \$20.00 at the restaurant for the special price of \$35.00.

SNIP ALLIANCE ADULT CRAZY BOWL AND COSTUME PARTY

Join us for a night of Spooktacular Halloween Fun at the SNIP Alliance Adult Crazy Bowl and Costume Party on Saturday, October 21 from 6:00pm-9:30pm at the Airport Plaza Bowl in Bethalto, IL. Includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and draft beer. Cash Bar and Black Magic Margarita drink special. Costume contest for the funniest, scariest, and most original costumes. Bring a bag of dog or cat food for a free koozie! Door prizes, No Guilt 50/50, Heads or Tails, Booze Barrel Raffle, and SNIP Swag on sale. \$20.00 per person advance ticket purchase, \$25.00 at the door. To purchase tickets via Eventbrite go to SNIP Alliance website (www.snipalliance.org) or our Facebook page.

FREE POSTURE SCREENING

in honor of October being National Physical Therapy Month
October 7, 2017 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Free posture screening with evaluation & exercise program.

- All ages welcome
- Call for an appointment

For more information please call (618) 462-1133.

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EXPAND TECH AND INTERNET SAFETY SKILLS THROUGH UPCOMING CCL OFFERINGS

Lewis and Clark Community College's Corporate and Community Learning division has two upcoming opportunities for essential technology training.

The **Introduction to Computers class** is for those new to computers or users whose skills need refreshing. CCL Instructor Susan Broadway will teach participants to set up an email account on the internet, search safely online, organize and print files using Microsoft Office and keep computers safe from viruses.

The offering will take place on L&C's N.O. Nelson Campus from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 9-18. The course fee, which is \$99, includes a student manual and flash drive for saving work. Registration deadline is Oct. 2.

The **Internet Safety: Search, Shop & Bank** offering aims to help people navigate the internet safely. Whether searching, shopping or banking online, this class will cover valuable tips for using the internet safely. Participants should have a working knowledge of computers.

There will be two offerings; both cost \$35 and take place at L&C's Godfrey campus. The first will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. The registration deadline is Oct. 18. The second offering will take place from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, and the registration deadline is Oct. 20.

For more information, including how to register, call (618) 468-5701.

PHOENIX PHYSICAL THERAPY IS PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR FOR SIUE COUGARS UNLEASHED 5K/10K!

There is still time to sign up or come out for tomorrow's Cougars Unleashed 5k/10k run to support SIUE homecoming and the SIUE scholarship program! Check out all the details on Facebook by looking up SIUE Cougars Unleashed 5k. Phoenix Physical Therapy is proud to be a sponsor and provide injury screenings onsite!

FEED THE NEED 2017 – ADMISSION IS FREE!

The 8th Annual Feed the Need Concert will be held October 14, 2017 at the Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheatre. This year the opening act will be The Harmans and Michael Dale and the Desert Wine Band will be heading. Gates opens at 5:30pm - Opening Act at 6:30pm - Headliner at 7:45pm. For more information regarding this event please call 618-465-3298!

CHALLENGE FROM SNIP ALLIANCE

The SNIP Alliance *Crazy Bowl* and Costume Contest will be held at the Airport Bowl in Bethalto on Saturday, October 21st from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. \$20.00 per person advance registration, \$25.00 at the door includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, and draft beer. **WE CHALLENGE** you to compete with other RBGA businesses by having the most people attend under your company name. Your award will be a group picture, a wonderful bonding experience, and recognition of your company on our Facebook page as the winners! Sign up on Event Brite through our website www.snipalliance.org.

DISNEY TRIVIA FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Come out and support the Relay For Life Riverbend with a Disney themed evening! We encourage dressing up and table decorating. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with trivia starting promptly at 7:00 pm. Events throughout the night include cash prizes, 50/50 raffle, heads/tails game, raffle baskets and more! Tables are \$150 each with a max of 10 players per table. Each table will receive five FREE mulligans with reservation. We are asking tables to pre-pay by October 31st to secure your spot. An additional 5 mulligans per table will be available for \$5. This event is all ages-anyone who requires a seat will be counted in the 10 players for your team. Bring snacks for your table! No outside beverages allowed, but drinks will be available for purchase.

To register a table, please call the American Cancer Society office at 618 288 2390 or email sheena.whitehead@cancer.org. For more information, visit our Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/315871142208190/>.

LIVING HISTORY: A WALK THROUGH TIME PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON NATURE INSTITUTE, REGION HISTORY

Learn about The Nature Institute (TNI) and our region's past from those that know it the best; John M. Olin and more with a "Living History: A Walk through Time". Historians will be at TNI, located at 2213 South Levis Lane in Godfrey on Saturday, Oct. 7 starting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event has a suggested donation of \$10 and will operate as an open house-type forum.

Some speakers will be in full costume with in-period artifacts by their sides. Guests will be allowed to move along historical stops of the trail at their leisure (map will be provided to guests).

Historical stops along the trail include: Larry Reid, of WBGZ's "Outdoors with Larry Reid", as John M. Olin and Brad Winn, of the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site #1, as an expedition reenactor.

Ramona Puskar, TNI education director and organizer this event, hopes to give people a new perspective on the importance of the land around them. Although TNI's programs typically focused on nature or environmental based themes, Puskar is excited about the learning possibilities that a different program may bring.

For more information, visit www.TheNatureInstitute.org or call (618) 466-9930.

YWCA OF ALTON INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ANNUAL PURSE RAFFLE.

Just a \$20 donation will ensure you are in the running for up to 30 designer purses. Designers include Louis Vuitton, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Hobo, Vince Camuto, and others. You have the option of buying one ticket for \$20 or 6 tickets for \$100. Tickets are on sale through November 15, at the YWCA, and from YWCA Board Members. These elegant purses are on display at YWCA of Alton. A designer purse will be given away every day in November. If you win, your name goes back in and is eligible for other prizes. Of course, the more tickets you buy, the more likely you are to win a fabulous prize. Our friends at Fahnstock Financial Services will conduct the daily drawings in November.

Dorothy Hummel, Executive Director, YWCA of Alton, commented "The Purse Raffle provides a win-win to ticket purchasers. Proceeds are used to support YWCA programming. Ticket buyers have excellent chances at receiving top quality, stylish designer bags. Our selection includes bags in a variety of colors finishes and styles. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this year's Purse Raffle.

AUDITIONS UPCOMING AT ALTON LITTLE THEATER

Alton Little Theater will host auditions for Michael Parker's American Farce, WHO'S IN BED WITH THE BUTLER on October 17th and 18th (7pm) at the ALT Showplace. Director, Kevin Frakes, is holding auditions which will consist of cold readings and improvisation in his search for a cast of nine talented and energetic actors (6 females and 3 males) to take on the challenge of a complex and hilarious script that calls for much physical comedy and multiple costume changes. Indeed, the Director and Board of Governors adjusted the ALT's performance schedule to allow for seven weeks of rehearsals beginning right after the December Holidays for the BIG Comedy with a BIG set to run February 9th thru 18th, 2018. The ensemble of actors needed has well defined characters of ages 25 to 60+ AND the Show is written with the preferred option that one voluptuous and beautiful actress take on the zany challenge of playing three different beauties - French, English - and California Girl! Contact Director Frakes at 407-2447 for further details and definitely check out some of the very funny productions takes on You-Tube - and then come prepare to laugh and learn to make others laugh as well!

FOOD SERVICE SANITATION CLASS WITH CORPORATE & COMMUNITY LEARNING AT LEWIS AND CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Food Service Sanitation

This 16-hour course studies sanitation in relation to food preparation and service and is designed for those new to the food service industry wanting to earn the Illinois Food Service Managers Certification. Participants prepare for and take the National Food Service Sanitation Manager Certificate examination in this course. Students will receive their test results immediately after taking the on-line exam.

On-loan textbooks (ServSafe Manager 7th edition) can be picked up no earlier than one week prior to the start date of the course at the [Lewis and Clark Bethalto Education Center](#).

Call **(618) 468-5785** to register or for more info.

Registration deadline October 11

CEPD-140-E1 \$159

Monday-Tuesday

October 16 & 17

8:00am-5:30pm

LCCC-Bethalto Education Center

SCHEFFEL BOYLE RAISES THOUSANDS FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Scheffel Boyle CPAs recently teamed together for its annual Scheffel Boyle Shares project. The firm plans philanthropic activities each year throughout its offices to give back to its local communities. This year, employees organized the Write-Off Hunger food drive, which culminated in the collection of more than 5,500 food items to be donated to local food pantries.

“As a local business, it’s our obligation and privilege to serve our community,” said Dennis Ulrich, Managing Principal of Scheffel Boyle. “We live where we work and work where we live. Our culture thrives on helping others and supporting those around us. It’s at the foundation of who we are.”

While it was a firm-wide project, each office will donate what they raised to their own local community food bank. Some organizations who will receive donations from Write-Off Hunger include the Salvation Army Food Pantry of Jerseyville, the Glen-Ed Food Pantry, the Crisis Food Center, the Carrollton Food Pantry, Community Care Center, the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry, and the Community Hope Center, among others.

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.

--Join us Friday, October 13 for the last Sunset at the Vineyards for 2017. 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. And don't worry we have plenty of indoor and outdoor seating to enjoy the sunset.

--We are now booking weddings and events for 2018 and 2019. If you are looking for a unique venue for your wedding or event we can help you!

VISIT GRAFTON WINERY & BREWHAUS

--Music for the weekend is Saturday Billy Peek 3-6pm and Sunday Ivas John Band 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.

--4 Course Wine Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 pm. \$49.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. Wine club members enjoy 10% off. Advanced reservations are required. Please call the gift shop at 618-786-3001

618-786-3001 | www.thegrafftonwinery.com

WHAT'S NEW AT EDISON'S ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX IN EDWARDSVILLE?

Attend Edison's open house and see for yourself why they've been voted the industry's Best New Entertainment Center!

WHEN: Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 | 2 Sessions Available: 11:30a-1:30pm & 5-7pm

WHERE: Edison's - 2477 S. State Route 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025

WHAT: FREE food & beverage from Edison's party menu will be served in the Records Room party room. Tours of the newly remodeled laser tag attraction and 10 party room & event spaces will also be available. All who attend may also experience Edison's bowling, laser tag, and arcade attractions for FREE!

RSVP/ATTIRE: E-mail party@edisonsfun.com or call (618) 307-9020. Come as you are.

Come see why companies like Procter and Gamble, Walgreens, Worldwide Technology, TheBANK of Edwardsville, Scott Credit Union and many more turn to Edison's for parties, meetings, and team building activities.

Edison's...what a bright idea!

METAPHYSICAL FAIR IS OCTOBER 7

Join Mystical Journeys for a Metaphysical Fair on Saturday October 7, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3090 Homer Adams Parkway in Alton.

Aura photos

Tarot & Angel Card readers

Himalayan Singing

Bowl Healing

Reiki and Energy Healing

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Numerology, access bars and more

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Benefiting Boys & Girls Club of Alton

Friday, November 3, 2017

The POST 300 Alby Street (located near City Hall and Miller's Mutual)

Doors open at 6pm

Tickets are \$25 in advance and may be purchased from Alton Convention & Visitors Bureau, Liberty Bank locations, CNB Bank & Trust, Carrollton Bank, Nautilus Fitness Center, Catdaddy's, or Gentelin's on Broadway.

Tickets are also available online at www.bgcalthon.org.

Contact Al Womack for more information awomackbgcalthon@aol.com or 618-462-6249.

MASSEY INSTALLED AS 2017-2018 PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER GATEWAY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Mark Massey was sworn in as the 2017-2018 President for the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

"It is an honor to be a part of this great organization and the entire REALTOR® family," stated GGAR President Mark Massey. "My goal as president will be to help foster a business environment and association that promotes professionalism in all aspects of our business."

Mark Massey began his real estate career in 2005 and works for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties in Edwardsville. Mark has served on the Board of Directors previously and has served on the association's Finance and Government Affairs Committees.

In addition, Laurie Moore of RE/MAX Alliance was sworn in as President-Elect and Rick Lauschke of Paul Lauschke and Associates was sworn in as Vice President. Five new Directors were installed for the board including Jeb Blasingame of Star REALTORS®, Elaine Rhodes of Property Professionals, Chad Davis of Coldwell Banker Brown, Kris Dempsey of Equity 55, and Marc Kamp of First Mid Illinois Bank and Trust.

The GGAR serves more than 1,100 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region including the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and Montgomery.

BLUESTEM VODKA DISTILLERY TOURS EVERY SATURDAY!

The owners of Bluestem Vodka are your tour guides as they take you through the ethanol production process starting every hour from 12-6pm on Saturdays. For only \$10/person, tour goers receive a Bluestem Vodka tasting, Bluestem Vodka cocktail, and a souvenir Bluestem Vodka rocks glass to take home in addition to a wealth of knowledge. Tours must be reserved online at www.bluestemvodka.com/tours due to space limitations (max 8 people per tour). Don't miss out on a great opportunity to learn, have fun, and enjoy a delicious Bluestem Vodka cocktail!

The distillery is located in Meadowbrook across from Casey's General Store with an address of [5313 State Route 140, Bethalto, IL 62010](http://5313StateRoute140BethaltoIL62010). Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/bluestemvodka) or follow us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/bluestemvodka) for the latest news and events!

WEEKDAY WELLNESS – LEARN HOW TO MAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WORK FOR YOUR EVERY DAY

Come join us for an interactive night including

- workout open to all levels
- hair + makeup tutorial
- skincare tips
- athleisure styling presentation

Event includes appetizers + 1 drink ticket + exclusive discounts + prizes!

Tickets are \$15 and available at

www.weekdaywellness.brownpapertickets.com. (available until 10/17/17)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Old Bakery Beer Company | 400 Landmarks Blvd., Alton IL 62002

Brought to you by hazel2blue, brush hair + makeup, Rodan+Fields, and Fleur De Lis Fitness.

TICKET GIVEAWAY - Through Saturday, October 14th, hazel2blue is having a giveaway to win 2 free tickets to the Weekday Wellness event. Each ticket includes entry to the event, appetizers and 1 drink coupon + exclusive discounts and prizes! Stop in and put your name in the drawing for this fitness & fashion event in our community. You won't want to miss out on all the fun!! Hazel2blue is located at 2521 State St., Alton, IL 62002.

OSCAR BLUES BREWERY TAP TAKEOVER WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM LADY LUCK

Great Rivers Tap and Grill is the place to be on Thursday, October 19th. Enjoy your favorite Oscar Blues Brewery beverage on tap while listening to live music from Lady Luck on the Patio (weather permitting, otherwise band will play inside). Relax with a wide array of musical genres including classic rock, new age rock, and country.

Happy Hour 4-6 pm,

Come early and grab dinner!

Great Rivers Tap & Grill

3559-B College Avenue, Alton, IL 62002

618-462-1220

BEST WESTERN PREMIER ALTON- ST. LOUIS AREA HOTEL

Autumn is finally here! Colorful fall foliage can be seen everywhere as you drive around Alton and down the Great River Road. Now is the time to book that getaway, relax, have a glass of wine, and surround yourself in the beauty of fall.

Winery Package

- Room for one night for two adults
- \$20 Great Rivers Tap & Grill voucher
- Breakfast Buffet for two adults
- 2 -Vouchers for one glass of wine in souvenir glass at Grafton Winery & Brewhaus, Grafton IL

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