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Argosy's Hops House celebrates Grand Opening

On February 11, 2016, the Riverbend Growth Association joined Argosy Casino in celebrating a new addition to the casino with a ribbon cutting ceremony spotlighting Hops House. On February 18, 2016 Hops House gathered over 100 attendees as Argosy hosted Business After hours with food and networking.

Hops House is a neighborhood hangout for anyone 21 and older that features

about 70 beers and an extensive

food menu. You have lots to choose from the menu such as appetizers, burgers, soups & salads, sandwiches, specialty hot dogs and desserts. They feature both domestic and draft beers and have partnered with local breweries including 4204 and Old Bakery Brewery.

Hops House has brought about 10 new jobs to the area and will host live music for entertainment and late hours for your enjoyment.

Hops House offers a promotion called the "Passport Program." You can purchase a 'passport' and earn stamps. Once you fill your 'passport' with 60 stamps, you then get your name on a bar stool.

Hops House is a great place to enjoy great entertainment or catch a sporting event on the new HD TV's. To find out more information about Hops House, like their page on Facebook, or visit them at argosyalton.com.



Director of Marketing Michael Barker, Senior Vice President of Regional Operations Ameet Patel, Food and Beverage Manager Jeff Ledford and Argosy General Manager Joelle Shearin



Staff and vendor reps to showcase local beer



(left) Passport Program- You earn prizes along the way as you sample beers; 60 stamps will get your name on a bar stool.

(right) Hops House food menu

Jeni J's Gifts & Guest Houses named February Small Business of the Month

Congratulations to Jeni J's Gifts & Guest Houses on being named the February 2016 Small Business of the month. Jeni J's is located at 214 West Main Street in Grafton, IL.

Jeni J's Gift Shop opened in 2004 in Mineral Springs Mall in Alton, IL. In 2005, Jeni J's changed location after owner Nancy Wilson had a new vision while in Grafton one evening.

Jeni J's offers a variety of products and services. Not only will you find merchandise such as Tyler candles, jewelry, Saint Louis Cardinals merchandise, fine wine, and beer, but you can also rent one of six cottages. Visit <http://jenij.com/> or call 618.786.2737 to reserve a cottage today.

Jeni J's has also been nominated for Guest Cottage of the Year in 2015 and celebrated 10 years in business in 2015.

Congratulations to Jeni J's Gift & Guest Houses on the award of February 2016 Small Business of the Month! Watch the video of the award presentation at <http://www.growthassociation.com/page/recognitions-and-awards/>.



Jeni J's



Cardinals merchandise



Joined with Ambassadors, Small Business of the Month Award Committee members, family and friends; Pat Schwarte of RiverBender.com, Marlene Lewis of Alton Memorial Hospital, Tom Hoechst of CNB Bank, Jacinda Gust of Atrium Hotel, Grafton Mayor Tom Thompson, Jerri Lou, Nancy Jo Wilson, Mike Wilson, daughter and grandchildren Jennifer, Rose, and Holly Brainerd, Lee McRaven of OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center, and Brenda Eardley of Lauschke & Associates Real Estate.

Nancy Jo Wilson,
Mike Wilson,
Mayor Tom Thompson, &
family



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Welcome our newest members to the RiverBend Growth Association

Harvest Moon Brewing and Gardening

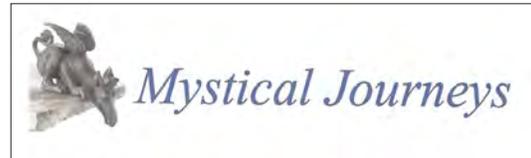
Kevin Buhl Owner
P.O. Box 153
Godfrey IL 62035
624 E. Broadway
Alton IL 62002
(618) 433-1554
goldenroadorganics.com

Harvest Moon Brewing and Gardening is a family owned business that offers tools and knowledge to keep your garden green 365 days a year as well as everything you need to craft your own beer and wine.

Kevin Buel is an Alton native who has a passion for sustainable agriculture. He has fifteen years of experience with organic and hydroponic gardening. His passion is educating others on techniques and the benefits of organic gardening. He founded his business in 2011 to help promote awareness of sustainability and to teach others what he has learned.

Mystical Journeys

Marianne Frost and Betty Hackney Owners
3090 Homer Adams Pkwy
Alton IL 62002
(618) 433-9913
mysticaljourneys.co



The New Age movement originated in the 1970s, and is considered a social and spiritual system with many subdivisions largely influenced by metaphysical thought and Eastern-inspired philosophies. Betty Hackney, is from a family of "seers," and has been involved in the New Age movement her whole life. She shares her talent by giving psychic readings at the shop. Just a few of the items available at Mystical Journeys are: incense, candles, jewelry, books, herbs & spices and stones & crystals. Mystical Journeys will also be offering workshops on various subjects and is planning to host a "Psychic Fair" in late April 2016.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

3/12

Young Adults Trivia Night
Civic Memorial High School
6:00 p.m.

3/16

Total Networking Lunch
Julia's Banquet Center
11:30 a.m.

3/17

Business After Hours
ApexNetwork Physical Therapy,
412 W. Bethalto Drive, Bethalto
5:00 p.m.

6/2

Duck Race Business After Hours
Raging Rivers WaterPark
5:00 p.m.

6/17

RiverBend Golf Classic
Woodlands Golf Club
11:00 registration

Employment Opportunities

The RBGA has recently added a section to our website with Employment Opportunities.

It's located at
<http://www.growthassociation.com/page/employment-opportunities/>.

It can also be accessed from the header of any page throughout the site.

Members can post their job openings on this page.

Here's the link: <http://www.growthassociation.com/page/create-employment-ad/>

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Dorrie Ball

RD Ball Inspections

My name is Dorrie Ball and I have been a lifelong resident of the Riverbend area. I have had the pleasure of being an Ambassador with the Growth Association for the past 12 years. My husband Ron and I own and operate RD Ball Inspections and have for the past five years. I have met many friends and business associates while serving as an Ambassador. Ron and I have been married for thirty years and we have two sons. I love spending time with my boys and my grandchildren. I also love raising and showing my horses. I'm looking forward to a very busy year.



Nancy Bivens

WBGZ / AltonDailyNews.com

As a senior account manager with The Big Z 94.3 and AltonDailyNews.com, I am honored to serve the people and businesses in our community.



My first job was as a writer for a local weekly newspaper, The Bethalto American. I've also worked in retail sales, real estate sales and mortgage lending. I've represented the Big Z for almost 24 years.

I like working with stained glass, sewing, reading, perennial flower gardening and most things retro. My husband, Steve, and I are longtime residents of Bethalto and are expecting our first grandchild next month.

I currently serve as a board member for Riverbend Family Ministries. I've been a Cub Scout leader, charter president of Bethalto Jaycee Women, Eagle Pride Booster Club member and Bethalto Spirit board member.

The River Bend Growth Association encourages you to support our local businesses who, in turn, support our communities and help make our region thrive. Shop local, shop small!

Michelle Blackwood

Challenge Unlimited, Inc.

Michelle Blackwood was born and raised in the RiverBend area. She joined the Ambassador team in 2014, and has really enjoyed her involvement with the committee and the networking opportunities it provides.

She will be celebrating her sixth year with Challenge Unlimited, Inc., as the Director of Training and Development. Michelle is passionate about learning, and loves encouraging others! She is a certified instructor through the American Red Cross and the Crisis Prevention Institute. Michelle also works as a part-time instructor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Lewis & Clark Community College, teaching courses such as Public Speaking and Interpersonal Communication.

Michelle currently resides in Brighton with her husband, Lee, and their dog Mocha. She enjoys baseball season, laughing with her family and friends, serving at Enjoy Church, and attempting Pinterest-inspired crafts. ☺



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Murray the Groundhog visits the Alton Regional CVB

Murray the Groundhog made a special visit to the Alton Regional CVB, located at 200 Piasa Street, Alton, IL, on February 2nd to predict if spring would arrive early this year.

Murray was brought to Alton with careful handle and care from TreeHouse Wildlife Center which is where Murray resides.

TreeHouse Wildlife Center took Murray in months ago to rehab him after

an unknown accident. Murray still resides there under good watch and care. Members of the community gathered along with Mayors around the Riverbend Area.

After a few minutes of 'hide & go seek', Murray came out and some say he saw his shadow and others said he did not. What does this predict...an early spring or 6 more weeks of winter?



Little Caesars celebrates new location with a ribbon cutting

On February 1, 2016, the Riverbend Growth Association joined Doyle Beck at 5218 Godfrey Rd, Godfrey, IL, to celebrate the new location and grand opening of Little Caesars Pizza.



Doyle Beck showcasing a 'Hot & Ready' pizza

Doyle Beck is no stranger to the community as he operates three Little Caesar locations: Godfrey, Ferguson, MO, and Wood River. Making the Godfrey location a very community friendly environment, Doyle has the help of his family to fully function Little Caesars. Both of his sons and daughters, along with other family members, help run and bring a family friendly atmosphere to the area.

Stop by and check out one of the many promotions going on either inside or utilizing the drive up service from 1030a-10p. Or call 618.466.7979 today and place your order.



Ambassadors and community members joined Doyle Beck and Family: David Knowles of Atrium Hotel, Martha Schultz of First Clover Leaf Bank-Wood River, Jenni Beck of Current Realty, Stephanie Tate of Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kathy Weather of Investment Planners, Inc, Cara Paschal of Options Now Medical Pregnancy Clinic, Stacey Loveland of Foxes Grove Supportive Living Community, Monica Bristow President of Riverbend Growth Association, Godfrey Mayor Mike McCormick, Tom Hoechst of CNB Bank & Trust, and Therese Kuddes of Kuddes Advertising Specialties.

Sherer Chiropractic Center opens in Jerseyville with ribbon cutting

On February 18, 2016 the Riverbend Growth Association joined with Sherer Chiropractic Center to celebrate their grand opening and new membership.

Sherer Chiropractic Center will have their official grand opening on March 3rd at 321 Carpenter St, Jerseyville, IL from 5-7pm.

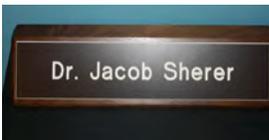
Their mission is to provide superior care at an affordable price. Through chiropractic adjustments, acupuncture and massage therapy they treat the underlying cause of the problem not just the symptoms.

This is Sherer Chiropractic's first location. Dr. Sherer plans to open a 2nd location in the Alton area this fall. He has earned his Doctor of Chiropractic at Logan University. He also earned a Master's Degree in Sports Science & Rehabilitation and a Master's Degree in Nutrition & Human Performance. Dr. Sherer teaches Anatomy & Physiology & Medical Terminology at

CALC in Alton, IL and two classes for the Masters of Nutrition program at Logan University.

For more information and details about services offered, please contact Sherer Chiropractic Center at 618.498.6444 or visit them at 321 Carpenter St, Jerseyville, IL. You can also like them on Facebook or visit their website at <http://www.shererchiropractic.com/>

for more information. Email the office at shererchiropractic@gmail.com to request your appointment today.



Ribbon cutting; Dr. Sherer joined with family, friends, and staff, along with Ambassadors Michelle Blackwood of Challenge Unlimited, President of Riverbend Growth Association Monica Bristow, and Matt Kotzamanis of TheBANK of Edwardsville-Alton.

Grand opening will be March 3rd at 321 Carpenter St, Jerseyville, IL from 5-7pm.



Mayor Report - Brant Walker, City of Alton

Many improvements and investments that are positively impacting Alton were completed in 2015.



Alton Square Mall was acquired by Hull Property Group of Augusta, GA. Hull is the owner and operator of 21 enclosed malls across nine states. Hull has more than 40 years of retail real estate experience, and the City firmly believes that the new owner will be able to leverage its relationships with national retailers to stabilize the property and attract new tenants. The property is experiencing new momentum with the recent additions of Ross Dress for Less, Hibbett Sports and the newly renovated Maurices.

Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater experienced exciting changes in 2015 and featured national acts Dwight Yoakum, Allison Krauss, Marquis Knox and the legendary rock band Lynard Skynyrd. Sauce Magazine's first ever Food Truck Festival at the Amphitheater was a huge success as well.

In 2011, the City of Alton was awarded a \$13.8 million dollar TIGER grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation for the development of a multi-modal transit facility to accommodate the expansion of high-speed rail service from Chicago to St. Louis. This mixed-used development, north of Homer Adams Parkway, will include the construction of a new 9,000 square foot train station, mass transit connections, retail development as well as infrastructure improvements to Golf Road, Barons Commerce Parkway, and the construction of a new service road to serve the site. Mass grading of the site has been completed and full construction will commence during the second quarter of 2016 with an anticipated project completion by June 30, 2017.

The Bridge West project includes the construction of the flood memorial and streetscape improvement to Landmarks Blvd. The flood memorial project is located at the southwest intersection of Landmarks Blvd and Broadway, and the principal elements include a

landscaped plaza with concrete pavers and radial concrete banding (representing the three rivers), serpentine retaining wall, limestone benches, trash receptacles and interpretive signage. The streetscape improvements include landscape enhancements, decorative banner poles and bollards, and installation of irrigation on Landmarks Blvd and IL 143. These projects are currently under construction with an estimated completion date of June 30, 2016.

Several new businesses in the downtown area have recently opened including Morrison's Irish Pub, State Street Market and Journey at the Argosy Casino. We were happy to partner with the RBGA and attend ribbon cuttings at Advanced Outsource Solutions, La Mia Cucina, Shields Family Pharmacy, Alton Memorial Hospital Women's Health & Child Birth Center, Med Resources, Associated Bank, Hansen's Meat Market, Party on Broadway, American Water Resources, Picture This and More, A+ Automotive, CJ Schlosser, Chapel & Keller Dentistry, 1904 General

Store and Heights Finance Corporation.

In the City's parks, we hosted a multitude of recreational events including baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, flag football, kickball, golf, Frisbee golf and fishing. The Parks and Recreation maintains the largest youth soccer program in the Metro-East with more than 1,300 registrations. Hopkins Field received its first makeover in decades before hosting Marquette and Alton High School's home baseball games, the Alton Pioneers summer collegiate team and the American Legion Great Lakes Regional tournament. Rock Springs Park got some much needed attention next to the tennis courts and every fountain in town was on and working for the first time in years. Riverview Park is under renovation and receiving a new look with a new overlook and bathroom facilities; work is expected to be completed this spring. Killion Park received new light bollards on the basketball courts and a new pavilion.

We will continue to improve our city for our residents in 2016!

Thanks to our renewing members for 2016.

(paying Jan 26 – Feb. 22, 2016)

1904 General Store
A+ Automotive
Absolute Audiology
Absolute Health Care Services LLC
AdVantage NEWS
Alton Area Animal Aid Association
Alton Main Street, Inc.
Alton Rehabilitation and Nursing Ctr
Alton Securities Group, Inc.
Alton Sports Tap
American Cancer Society
Andy's Auto Body and Car Care
Andy's Tire & Auto of Wood River
Andy's Tire & Auto Service
Answer Midwest, Inc.
B & B Custom T's & Gifts
Beall Manufacturing Inc.
Bossanova Restaurant & Lounge
Bush Refrigeration
C.J. Schlosser & Co., L.L.C.
Chez Marilyn, Inc.
Cope Plastics, Inc.
Cork Tree Creative
Crown Vision Center
Current Realty Inc.

Dairy Queen - Godfrey
DanMar Enterprises, Inc.
Dan's Garage Door Service
Droste, Dorothy
Dunham Windows
Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Homes & Crematory
Eppel's Pantry & Deli
First Bank
Frew's Bridal
George Alarm Company
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
Godfrey First United Methodist Church
Greater Gateway Assn. of REALTORS®
Haine, State Senator William R.
Helmkamp, Jack
Hendrickson Collision Repair, Inc.
Hertenstein Properties
IMG USA Inc.
Imo's Pizza - Godfrey
Investment Planners, Inc.
Jackson Lewis P.C.
Jacoby Arts Center
JEN Mechanical, Inc.
Law Offices of Katherine Smith

Lewis & Clark Council, Boy Scouts of America
Lewis & Clark Insurance
Lieber Vision Center, P.C.
Little Caesars - Godfrey
Loading Dock, Inc.
Madison Co. Transit
Marathon Pipe Line LLC
Marcal Rope & Rigging Inc.
Midwest Business Institute, Inc.
Mike's Inc.
MJStover Accounting & Income Tax Preparation
Morning Star Home Health Care Inc.
Morningside of Godfrey
Mungenast Alton Toyota Scion
Nature Institute, The
Old Bakery Beer Company
Options Now Medical Pregnancy Clinic
Pearle Vision Center
Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery
Phone Masters
Principia College
Quality Buick GMC Cadillac
Raging Rivers Water Park, Inc.
Regions Private Wealth Management

Rib City Alton
River Bend Chiropractic
Ron's Auto Body
Rosewood Care Center
Rotary Ram Inc.
Rowens Kennels & Star Memorial
S & S Database Consultants
Second Street Developments, LLC
Sherer Chiropractic Center
Simmons Hanly Conroy
Smart Choice Auto Sales
Southwestern IL Building Trades Council
Southwestern Illinois Employers Assoc.
Spencer T Olin Golf Course
SSM Physical Therapy
St. Peters Hardware & Rental, Inc.
State Farm Insurance - Fred Bright
Sweet Sisters Cakes and Confections
Traube Awning
United Methodist Village - Godfrey
Vantage Credit Union
WAOX - WSMI Radio
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Williams Office Products
Ziemer USA Inc.

Local Area Accounting Firms Join Together

Metro-East/St. Louis area public accounting firms Franklin & Vaughn, LLC and Croxford & Company, PC are pleased to announce their combination effective October 1, 2015. All activities of the combined firm now operate as Franklin & Vaughn, LLC.

Franklin & Vaughn, LLC principals Nathan Franklin and Mark Vaughn are excited about the benefits created by adding new clients and staff to their existing firm. Franklin states that *"by joining our two firms together, the ability of our expanded staff to work collaboratively provides us the expertise to surpass all of our clients' expectations more effectively."*

Retiring owner of Croxford & Company, PC Rod Croxford will remain involved in the new entity to meet with various clients and offer consulting services throughout the transition. Croxford says, *"The ability to provide my clients with more resources and support available with Franklin & Vaughn, LLC allows me the comfort I need*

to know my clients will continue to be well-served as I phase into retirement."

Franklin & Vaughn, LLC now has offices located in Alton, Illinois, Edwardsville, Illinois, and South County St. Louis, Missouri. *"We have grown our firm to fully cover both sides of the river with strategically located offices, five certified public accountants, two enrolled agents, and four other staff members,"* commented Vaughn.

You can reach us today.

To learn more about how Franklin & Vaughn, LLC can serve you or your business's needs, please visit our website at www.franklinvaughncpa.com for more information, e-mail mail@franklinvaughncpa.com or phone directly: **(618) 614-3194** or **(314) 707-7872**.



About Franklin & Vaughn, LLC

We are a full-service public accounting firm offering services in the areas of financial statements, audits, tax preparation, bookkeeping, business consulting, business valuations and more. Our current client base covers a broad array of industries within the manufacturing, construction, retail, professional services, non-profit and governmental sectors.

Press Release is provided by: KTLCC Communications

Jersey State Bank offers 12 Tips for Protecting Your Mobile Devices

March 6-12 is National Consumer Protection Week

As consumer use of mobile devices continues to climb, cyber criminals are targeting those gadgets more frequently. According to a report by the Federal Reserve, 52 percent of smartphone users say they have used mobile banking in the past 12 months. In recognition of [National Consumer Protection Week](#) March 6 - 12, Jersey State Bank is highlighting 12 ways consumers can take extra precaution to protect the data on their mobile device.

"We take every precaution available to protect customer information, but it's also important for users to keep the same standards in place on their end to prevent sensitive data from being compromised," said Jim Hoefert, President of Jersey State Bank. "Any device used to connect to the Internet is at risk. Always look for ways to protect your data."

Jersey State Bank suggests following these 12 steps to protect your mobile device:

- **Use the passcode lock on your smartphone and other devices.** This will make it more difficult for thieves to access your information if your

device is lost or stolen.

- **Log out completely** when you finish a mobile banking session.
- **Protect your phone from viruses** and malicious software, or malware, just like you do for your computer by installing mobile security software.
- **Use caution when downloading apps.** Apps can contain malicious software, worms, and viruses. Beware of apps that ask for unnecessary "permissions."
- **Download the updates** for your phone and mobile apps.
- **Avoid storing sensitive information** like passwords or a social security number on your mobile device.
- **Tell your financial institution immediately if you change your phone number** or lose your mobile device.
- **Be aware of shoulder surfers.** The most basic form of information theft is observation. Be aware of your surroundings especially when you're punching in sensitive information.
- **Wipe your mobile device before**

you donate, sell or trade it using specialized software or using the manufacturer's recommended technique. Some software allows you to wipe your device remotely if it is lost or stolen.

- **Beware of mobile phishing.** Avoid opening links and attachments in emails and texts, especially from senders you don't know. And be wary of ads (not from your security provider) claiming that your device is infected.
- **Watch out for public Wi-Fi.** Public connections aren't very secure, so don't perform banking transactions on a public network. If you need to access your account, try disabling the Wi-Fi and switching to your mobile network.
- **Report any suspected fraud to your bank immediately.**

Jersey State Bank, the only locally owned Bank in Jersey County, has a long history as a trusted provider of financial products and services to Jersey County and the surrounding area. Established in 1903, the Bank has assets in excess of \$140 million and currently two offices to serve its customers in Jerseyville and Grafton.

Young Adults Committee helps the Madison County Child Advocacy Center Raise Awareness

By *Cameron Foust and Haley Shewmake*

The Young Adults Committee (YAC) works with the RBGA to benefit non-profit organizations within the Riverbend area. The Committee consists of ten students from five different high schools. Two students are chosen from Alton High School, Civic Memorial High School, East Alton-Wood River High School, Marquette Catholic High School, and Roxana High School. Each school is paired with a mentor from various businesses within the area and the committee meets every month. Every meeting centralizes on organizing or carrying out services projects for non-profit organizations specifically chosen by each school.

This year, Cameron Foust and Haley Shewmake, the representatives from East Alton-Wood River High School, chose to work with the Madison County Child Advocacy Center.

The Madison County Child Advocacy Center provides a professional and child-friendly environment to assist in the investigation of allegations of child abuse, provide access to services and victims and their families and raise awareness within the community.

EAWR senior, Cameron Foust said, "Working with non-profits, such as the Child Advocacy Center has greatly impacted my involvement in the community. Before joining the YAC, I never knew how a few hours of community service could greatly impact those that the non-profits help."

On February 11th, the YAC the committee arrived at the Madison County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Wood River and was given a description of their mission by Claire Cooper. She gave the YAC a brief tour of the facility and described what goes on during investigations. For the volunteer experience, we were able to lend our minds

to the workers at the CAC. We answered questions about what we thought abuse and neglect were and ways the CAC could raise awareness around the community about their mission. Haley Shewmake said, "I learned a lot about what the Madison County Child Advocacy Center did and how wide reaching its services were. It was a wonderful experience to learn more about what I could do to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect in our community." After our brainstorm session was over, we assisted the CAC in updating binders before saying thank you and goodbye to the wonderful staff.

Like all representatives of the RBGA's Young Adults Committee, Haley Shewmake and Cameron Foust are actively engaged in their community and school. Haley is a junior and has participated in Student Council, Peer Leadership, and is a Transition Coach. She is one of the captains on her select softball team and she is going to play softball for her school this spring. Last year she broke the school record for most runs scored in a season and she hopes to break some more records this season. Haley likes to take time out of her schedule and help run softball camps for little kids. She also enjoys volunteering with non-profits and other organizations.

Cameron is a senior and has participated in Student Council, Spirit Club, and National Honor Society. This year he has been a captain on the soccer team for his second year and recently received his Eagle Scout Rank in the Boys Scout of America. Cameron enjoys volunteering to teach little kids how to play soccer and with other area non-profits. Next year, Cameron plans to attend Brigham Young University in order to study biology.



Students taking the time to help workers at MCCAC update binders for Board Members.



Students engaging in brainstorming about ways to raise awareness about neglect and abuse to the community in order to help others.

TRIVIA NIGHT

• Saturday, March 12, 2016 •

Civic Memorial High School
200 School Street, Bethalto IL 62010

• Doors Open 6:00 pm • Trivia begins 7:00 pm •

Paying out 1st, 2nd & 3rd places of \$100, \$75 and \$50

\$80 PER TABLE
(maximum 8 people per table)

- Basket Raffle
- No guilt 50-50
- Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages

BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS







Call the RiverBend Growth Association at 618-467-2280 to make your reservation.



Benefiting RBGA Young Adults Committee Scholarship Fund