

Dr. Frank Bemis and Associates named February Business of the Month

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ALTON — Dr. Frank Bemis and his colleagues at Alton's Dr. Frank C. Bemis and Associates Chiropractors were recently recognized as the RiverBend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month for February.

The business, located at 4015 Humbert Road, boasts on its website that it's "the Riverbend area's community leader in chiropractic care for over 45 years," but Bemis has actually been administering back pain relief to the Alton area for more than 49 years. Bemis is a third-generation chiropractor, and his family's history of practicing in Alton actually dates back to 1946. RGBA president Monica Bristow said it's one of the reasons Bemis and his associates were chosen for the award.

"Frank Bemis & Associates was chosen because of their long-term business service and their continuous community support for nearly 50 years," Bristow said.

Bemis said he tries hard to maintain a nice office and deliver a vital service to the community. He said the honor shows he must be doing something right.

"Being voted the Small Business of the Month says that other people are recognizing that we're working hard," Bemis said.

Along with Bemis, Dr. Jacob Sherer, D.C., and Dr. Katie Drake-Sherer, D.C., also practice at the business. Drake is a 2011 graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic; Sherer is a 2012 Logan graduate. Both have been with the business for two years.

Drake specializes in prenatal chiropractic care, while Sherer deals in chiropractic care for athletes. Along with chiropractic care, the office administers acupuncture and advises patients in nutrition habits as well.

It's the second time Bemis has won the award as a member of the RBGA. He said this award is especially meaningful because, as a small business owner, he is and will continue to be invested in the growth and success of the Alton community.

"I appreciate the honor of being selected, and I will continue to strive to be the best small business we can be," Bemis said. "I think small businesses are the future of Alton.

"I think that being a good citizen as a businessperson is extremely important. I think more and more small businesses need to be involved in the community and the Growth Association to make this town of ours the best it can be."

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