

April 2017 Calendar of Events

- April 1- Good Samaritan Center 5k Run/Walk
- April 1- Richmond Soccer Club Texas Holdem Poker Tourney Lee's Summit
April 2,9,16,23,30- Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
April 3,10,17,24- Ray County Library Story time @ 10am, 1p, 4p
April 3,10,17,24- GED/HSE tutoring @ Ray County Library 12p-2p
April 4,11,18,25-Richmond Kiwanis meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole
April 4,11- Ray County Library AARP Tax Assistance 9a-1p
April 4,11,18,25-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm
April 4- Ray County Library Adult Book Club @ 6:30pm
April 5,12,19,26- Mushroom Festival Meeting at noon at Hometown Pizza
April 5,12,19,26-Ray County Library hosts Genius Hour from 3-4:30pm
April 5,12,19,26-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks 1-3pm
April 5,12,19,26- Grace Church hosts Drop Zone after school program till 5:30pm
April 6- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Grand Opening-Kountry Kuts
April 7,14,21,28-Richmond Rotary @ noon @ 19th Hole- the 21st will be held at Swafford's
April 7-KMZY Career Open House 3p-7p @ the station
April 8-Orcheln hosts Blade Sharpening \$3 per blade 10a-2p
April 8- Liberty Hospital presents "The Big Bunny Bash" 10a-noon @ Liberty Hospital
April 8- Cottoncreek Christian Ministries Free Clothing Give Away 10a-2p
April 9 through 15- National Library Week
April 10 through 13- Holy Week Luncheons @ United Methodist Church
April 13- Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon @ noon @ Library- Entrepreneur education
April 13- Trivia Night RHS Drama Club @ 7pm @ RHS
April 13- Ray County Historical Society Carry In Dinner @ 6pm
April 14- Richmond Soccer Club Bake Sale @ Wal-Mart
April 15- City of Richmond Egg Hunt 8:30-10:15am @ Maurice Roberts Park
April 15- Rick Westbrook Retirement Party 1-3p @ Westbrook & CO
April 18- Scoops Ice Cream Opens Today!!
April 20- Ray County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop 20% OFF Sale
April 20 through 22-Swafford Ford Sales Grand Opening Celebrations!
April 20- Chamber Board meeting at 11:30am @ 19th Hole
April 20 through 22- Swafford Ford Sales Grand Opening Celebration
April 21- Masonic Fish Fry @ Swafford's @ 11am
April 22- Ray County Women's Resource Center Trap Shoot Fundraiser @ Bird Fever
April 22- Ray County Historical Society County Swing @ 7pm @ Senior Center
April 24- Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza
April 25- 4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @ 7pm @ UCPC
April 27- CMCCU Annual Meeting in Warrensburg @ 6:30pm
April 28- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ Cordellen's Popcorn @ 11am
April 29- Farris Theatre presents "Sara Morgan" in concert @ 8pm \$15
April 29- Cordellen's Popcorn Grand Opening Celebration

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Associate Membership



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Leo's Locker-Richmond High School

The Chamber was happy to host a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Richmond High School for the school store, Leo's Locker. The store will be open until the end of the school year to accommodate your Spartan purchasing needs. Several classes came together in order to be able to open the store. They sell t-shirts, key chains, coffee and tons of other items!

Business Education Class

The Chamber was happy to host our first class on entrepreneur education, March 24th, 2017. With funding provided by Wal-Mart of Richmond and Community Bank of Missouri, we were able to help several entrepreneurs achieve a better understanding of writing a business plan among many other items. 5 RHS FBLA students also attended the class. This is one way the Chamber is working hard to offer more benefit for your membership!



- Gold Investors**
- City of Richmond
- Bank Midwest, N.A.
- Henkel, Corp.
- US Bank
- Richmond I.D.C.
- The State Bank
- Shirkey's Nursing & Rehab
- Shirkey's Hospice & Palliative Care
- Oak Pointe Assisted Living
- Community Bank of Missouri

- Silver Investors**
- KCP&L
- Swafford Ford Sales
- Westbrook & Co., P.C.
- Ray County Memorial Hospital
- KMMO
- Farmers Home Insurance Of Ray County

- Bronze Investors**
- Edward Jones Investments
- Red Cross Pharmacy
- Missouri Secured Title
- Ray Carroll Grain Co-Operative
- Richmond Family Clinic
- Thurman Funeral Home
- U.S. Granules
- Wal-Mart Super Center
- Central Missouri Community Credit Union
- Derstler Lumber Company
- KFC/Taco Bell of Richmond
- Hometown Pizza
- C & C Discount Pharmacy
- NorthStar Wellness
- Richmond Chiropractic
- Sam's Club
- Kountry Kuts
- Shirkey Golf Course
- KMZU/KRLI
- Phillips Computer Repair
- Linda's Floral
- Richmond Bowl
- Scenic Ridge
- Matt's Autobody & Restoration
- Ray County Land Title

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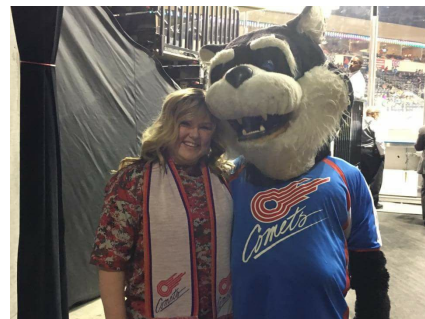
Town Square Mercantile Before Hours

On March 23rd, Town Square Mercantile hosted a before hours. Everyone had the opportunity to browse as well as purchase beautiful home décor. Congratulations TSM on your 1 year anniversary coming up during Mushroom Festival!

Pictured left- Brock Dover, Thurza Falls, Jimmy Carter, Camille Johnston, Darlene McMillan, Deanna Guy, Jennifer Brenton, Pat Brown, Bob Duncan, Janet Duncan, Tonya Willim, Bart Willim

Blood Drive co-hosted by the Ray County Library & Richmond Chamber

The Richmond Chamber and Ray County Library co-hosted a Community Blood Drive on Monday March 27th in the Library Community Room. 18 members of our community donated blood that day. The Chamber was happy to have been able to partner with the Library and Community Blood Drive for these events. If you are interested in hosting a blood drive, please call Lisa Nelson at CBD at 816-216-4771 or email her at lnelson@cbckc.org



Richmond Day at Comets Game

Natalie Lamar, Executive Director, had the honor of Doing the kick off at the Comets game on February 25th with Matthew Ohrt of Richmond Soccer Club. Other organizations from Richmond that participated were the Richmond Soccer Club, Richmond Noteworthy Choir, Shapes Dance & Acro & Richmond Girl Scouts. It was very exciting to see Richmond honored in such a way!

Entrepreneur Educational Opportunities

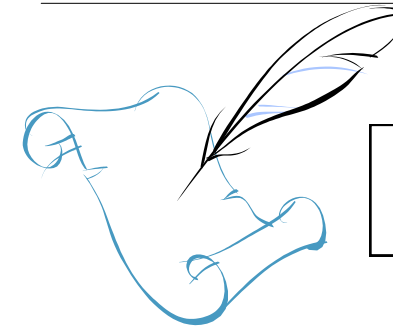
The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to host Entrepreneur Education on Friday March 24th at Richmond City Hall. Those in attendance learned how to start and manage a small business. This program is offered through the Missouri Chamber and the Small Business Alliance. The Chamber will be hosting another educational piece on "Funding Your Small Business" this fall. On April 13th, Kelly Dyer-instructor- will be the guest speaker at the Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon. She will be speaking of all the educational opportunities for small business owners through the Missouri Chamber Small Business Alliance.



Pictured above-left to right- Tyler Boss, Roselyn Lamar, Skyler Fulte, Mikaela Harrell, Pat Brown, Allison Casey, Marendra Oster, Brinna Ford and Ray Smith

Swafford Ford Sales Grand Opening Schedule

<u>Thursday April 20</u>	<u>Friday April 21</u>	<u>Saturday April 22</u>
9 am- retired/former Employee reception	10a-5p Nascar display	9a-2p- Nascar Display
10am- Flag Pole Dedication	10a- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	10a-12p KMZU remote
11am- Hot Dogs served	11a-1p Masonic	11a-2p Cattlemen's burgers & hd's
9a-5p- Special Car Display	Fish Fry	9a-1p National Guard Humvee Display



From the President's Pen



Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

Of all the beautiful places in Missouri, Richmond in the spring stands out amongst them all. April showers bring May flowers and what happens in May? The Mushroom Festival, but, before we talk about that, part of the beauty of our City is the level of public involvement in our community; it is one of the great things about Richmond. We value the involvement of our community and thank everyone in advance for giving of your time and talents. It can be said that most people volunteer because they are passionate for a cause. Our community members volunteer, participate and become engaged with Richmond events and City happenings because of their passion for Richmond. Unity Creates Community.

The Annual Mushroom Festival is upon us once again. May 4-6 will bring 200 vendors to the square with goods to sell and food to eat. There will be festivities for all ages. This year's Grand Marshall, one of the founding fathers of the Mushroom Festival, Bob MacDonald will help lead the parade on Saturday. Remember to buy yourself the coveted "Tennis Ball" for the \$500 prize. As always all the proceeds from the tennis ball drop go to the American Celebration.

We had a spectacular Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening of Kountry Kuts on April 6 to celebrate the expanded pet care business of Missy Orender. Swafford's Ford Grand Opening will be a three day event starting on April 20 – 22 with a Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 a.m. on April 21. Cordellen's Popcorn will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 28th and a Grand Opening on April 29th. All members are invited and encouraged to attend all the ribbon cuttings.

Please visit our website (www.richmondchamber.org) and check out upcoming events and opportunities, news items, committee activities and details about Chamber benefits. Your Chamber staff and the Board of Directors look forward to an exciting year and thank you for your continued support.

See you around town!

Sincerely,

Tonya Willim

Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce

President 2016-2017