

## February 2015 Calendar of Events

- February 2nd-Orscheln Groundhog Day Sale  
February 3rd-AARP FREE Senior Tax Prep @ Library-9am-1pm  
February 3rd-Kiwanis Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 3rd-Griffith Skiles American Legion hosts Bingo-doors open at 4 for meal-6pm for games!  
February 6th-Rotary Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 7th-Shrine Club Pancake Breakfast @ Shrine Club from 7a-10a:cost \$7  
February 7th-Relay For Life Kick-off @ Hometown Pizza @ 1pm  
February 7th-Kiwanis Chili & Soup Luncheon UCPC from 11a-1p:cost \$7 at the door  
February 9th through 13th-National FBLA Week  
February 10th-AARP FREE Senior Tax Prep @ Library-9am-1pm  
February 10th-Kiwanis Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 10th-Griffith Skiles American Legion hosts Bingo-doors open at 4 for meal-6pm for games!  
February 12th-FBLA hosts Chamber Before Hours @ Superintendents Office from 7:30a-9:30a  
February 13th-Rotary Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 14th-RMS Music Festival  
February 14th-Masonic Lodge B & G Breakfast 7-10am @ the Masonic Lodge Building in Richmond  
February 14th-Eastside Lounge Anniversary Party hosting the band-Headz Up  
February 16th-Chamber office closed  
February 17th-Kiwanis Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 17th-Griffith Skiles American Legion hosts Bingo-doors open at 4 for meal-6pm for games!  
February 17th-AARP FREE Senior Tax Prep @ Library-9am-1pm  
February 17th-Ray County Women's Resource Center  
Fat Tuesday Gumbo Night @ VFW from 6-8pm  
February 18th-Missouri ReEntry Program Meeting at 8:30am at RCHD  
February 18th-Mushroom Festival Committee Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza  
February 18th-Crossroads Hospice Listen to Learn Series 8:30am-noon in Lee's Summitt  
February 19th @ 11:30am @ Jeffrey Kyle's Chamber Board Meeting -FBLA Special Guests  
February 20th-Rotary Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 20th-Ray County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop 20% off on the 20th!  
February 21st-Rotary Reverse Raffle @ 6:30pm @ VFW  
February 24th-Kiwanis Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 24th-Griffith Skiles American Legion hosts Bingo-doors open at 4 for meal-6pm for games!  
February 24th-AARP FREE Senior Tax Prep @ Library-9am-1pm  
February 24th-4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @7pm @ UCPC  
February 24th-Kiwanis Evening Meeting @ 6:30pm  
February 25th-Richmond Downtown District monthly meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza  
February 26th-FFA Community Breakfast @ RHS in Ag Room from 6:30-8am  
February 26th-Richmond Downtown District hosts Chamber After Hours @ HomeTown Pizza from 5:30-7:30pm  
February 27th-Rotary Meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
February 27th-Farris Theatre hosts Tim Parton 6-8pm  
February 28th-Shrine Club Pork Chops & Mountain Oysters @ Shrine Club in Richmond

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#### Chamber Officers

##### President

Bill Purcell  
*Shirkey Hospice &  
Palliative Care*

##### Secretary-Treasurer

Natalie Lamar  
*Executive Director*

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Bill Purcell  
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Vickie McGinnis  
Chris Brown

##### Class of 2016

Brad Hogan  
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Becky Treccariche  
Kim Davis

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Glenda Powell  
Natalie Macey  
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816-776-6916

## Please Help Us To Welcome Our Newest Member!

Gary Wilhite, Presiding Ray County Commissioner  
Ray County Courthouse  
816-776-4507  
raycountycommissioners@yahoo.com

## Welcome to Our Newest Gold Level Members!

Community Bank of Missouri  
904 Walton Way  
Richmond, MO 64085  
816-776-6669

Www.CommunityBankMissouri.com

Crossroads Hospice  
14310 E 42nd St. South Suite 600  
Independence, MO 64055  
816-333-9200

Www.CrossroadsHospice.com

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce has been working diligently to add value to your Chamber Membership. These 2 members are taking advantage of the Sponsor Placemats that will be utilized at every Chamber function! If you would like to know more about the benefits of your membership, please call 816-776-6916 and visit with the Executive Direc-

A Special "Thank You!"

To

~Crossroads Hospice~

They were inadvertently left off of the sponsor list for the Christmas Extravaganza. Thank you to the Green Team for being an active member and sponsor of the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce!

### Gold Investors

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## January 8th- Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon

On January 8th, the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce held their 1st Quarterly Membership Luncheon of the new year. Highlighted Businesses were State Bank, pictured left Vickie McGinnis and Shirkey Nursing and Rehab Chris Brown pictured right. There were 25 guests at the event and 21 different businesses represented, making this a great networking opportunity. This year is State Banks' 25 year anniversary! That is quite an accomplishment in this day and age. Congratulations! Shirkey's is proud to be one of our areas biggest employers, with 230 employees!

After the guest speakers, the group discussed the hardships of finding good quality employees and their ideas on how to address the situation. We encourage all of our members to attend the next Luncheon on June 25th. Mark your calendars NOW!

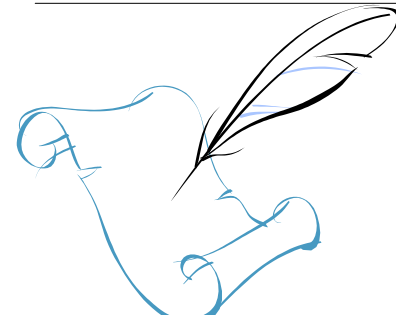
### Upcoming Chamber Events & Info

Planning for The Richmond Area Business Expo is well under way. If you have not turned in your form, please get it in the mail today. We have limited booth space for this event. Last year was a banner year and we look forward to an even bigger one in 2015! We will be giving away over \$1000 in prizes. Plus there will be individual give a ways at most of the booths. The intention of this event is to show Richmond residents what is available right here in Richmond so come out and showcase your business on March 14th, 2015!!

The Mushroom Festival Committee has started working hard on the 35th Annual Richmond Mushroom Festival. If you would like to help, the committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month until closer to the date of the event. There are lots of new exciting booths and events happening. What better way to support your community than by volunteering at our area's largest festival!

### ~MEMBERSHIP DRIVE~

**The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to share your newsletter with a friend. Share it with a non-member business. Show them what they are missing out on by not being a part of our growing organization. We are offering a FREE Expo booth to all new members in the month of February!**



## A Word From Our President



Dear Chamber Members,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be President this year 2014-15. When I go to various places, it is amazing how you look at something from a particular point of view because of what you are involved with. This year, from the perspective of the Chamber, I have my eye on things other communities are doing. I am blessed to be able to travel for my work and former business, so I get to see how they go about Banquets, Parks, Recreation, the Business community and even Church. Richmond, we have a great thing going on here! I most recently came back from a trip to Phoenix AZ; it's a remarkable city and surrounding area. They were able to host two separate big time events, the Super Bowl and the Waste Management Greater Phoenix Open.

Now, you might think we're no Phoenix, but we can take advantage of all the opportunity we now have right here in Richmond. *I have thought for years we need to promote Richmond as a unique Retirement community.* With the new Oak Pointe Assisted Living Center and our current fine facility, Shirkey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, we're set to draw new people interested in our community. The wonderful thing is the jobs that are created, families moving in to a great place to call home. The place where we stayed is devoted to seniors, with housing downsized, streets and walkways wide, golf carts running all over the place. We were able to go to many events and mingle with the locals and really enjoy our time there. We saw hundreds of seniors walking, jogging, working out; there were dog parks, golf courses, theaters, concerts, and something I had never seen before: "Pickle Ball". It's a unique game that's played on a court like tennis but downsized, played with a whiffle ball. How cool to see 50 courts dedicated to this new sport!

So what do we need to do? Continue to work together. Ray County, the City of Richmond, The Park Board, Shirkeys Nursing, Oak Pointe, The Downtown District, and The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce—all visionaries alike who can keep the momentum going! It will take all of us working together, in businesses and schools, with leaders and our "young people", looking to the future to see what Richmond 2030 will look like. We must start now and keep it going.

We have some exciting events going on this winter. Please pay close attention to the Chamber e-blast that's going out each Friday. If you know someone who is not getting the e-blast or News Letter please call Natalie Lamar, our Executive Director of the Chamber.

I have the privilege of sitting on a couple of boards and I keep reminding folks to make sure you check with the Chamber before you set your date. Wow, is that true! We want your event to have maximum exposure, so please call the office, check the calendar and let us help promote your event for you.

Thanks and I'll see you around Richmond!

Bill Purcell

President 2014-2015 Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce