

July 2014 ~ Calendar of Events

- July 8th-Griffith Skiles American Legion Post #237 presents Bingo @ 4pm**
July 9th-Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ Eastside Lounge @ 4:30pm
July 10th-Elements Fine Dining Seafood Celebration @ 6:30pm
July 10th-Last Day of open nominations for Chamber Board
July 12th-Farmers Market Downtown Richmond from 7am-noon
July 12th-Orschelns Farmers Market from 8am-2pm
July 12th-Blade Sharpening @ Orscheln's from 10am-2pm
July 12th-Ray County Fair Car Truck and Tractor Show @ 9am
July 12th-Shrine Club Cajun Low Country Boil from 6-8pm @ \$25 plate
July 12th-Ray County Fair presents The Nace Brothers from 8pm-Midnight
July 13th-Henrietta 1st Baptist Church Block Party @ Ray Co. Library 3-6pm
July 14th-Ray Co. Health Dept. FREE Canning Class registration deadline
July 15th-Ray Co. Fair Ham Breakfast/Auction @ Eagleton Center @ 6:30am
July 15th-Ray Co. Health Dept. FREE Canning Class @ 6:30pm
July 15th-Griffith Skiles American Legion Post #237 presents Bingo @ 4pm
July 16th-Richmond Chamber presents Farmers Appreciation Dinner @6pm
July 16th-Chamber After Hours at Ray County Fair Grounds 5:30-7:30pm
July 18th-Ray County Fair Horse Raceo registration @ 6:30p -show @ 7:30p
July 19th-Orschelns Farmers Market from 8am-2pm
July 19th-Farmers Market Downtown Richmond from 7am-noon
July 19th-The Farris Theatre : Harry Ritchie & The Let It Swing Band @ 8pm
July 19th-Richmond Masonic Lodge Mo. Chip Event @ City Hall from 10a-2p
July 19th-Ray County Fair Demolition Derby @ 7:30pm
July 22nd-Griffith Skiles American Legion Post #237 presents Bingo @ 4pm
July 22nd-Fourth Tuesday Grief Support Group @ 7pm @ UCPC
July 23rd-Richmond Downtown Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza
July 25th-Richmond Masonic Fish Fry from 11a-6:30p @ Richmond Lodge
July 26th-Orschelns Farmers Market from 8am-2pm
July 26th-Farmers Market Downtown Richmond from 7am-noon
July 26th- Farris Theatre presents an Elvis Tribute @ 7pm
July 27th-FREE Movie in the District @ Gabriella's Garden @9pm-"FROZEN"
July 29th-Griffith Skiles American Legion Post #237 presents Bingo @ 4pm
July 30th-Outlaw Days meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza
July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th-Richmond Kiwanis Meetings @ noon @ 19th Hole
July 11, 18, and 25th-Richmond Rotary Meetings @ noon @ 19th Hole

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Christal Milligan
House of Hope

Secretary-Treasurer

Natalie Lamar
Executive Director

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Class of 2014

Ron Brohammer
Cari Klein
Felicia Farabee
Christal Milligan

Class of 2015

Bill Purcell
Vickie McGinnis
Nathan Preston
Chris Brown

Class of 2016

Mark Harmon
Chastidy Loftin
Becky Treccariche
Brad Hogan

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June 19th, 2014 the Ray County Museum and Historical Society hosted an Ice Cream Social After Hours event. Everyone that attended was able to tour the Museum at their own pace and enjoy some of our areas rich history. There was also live entertainment provided by ShadeTree

Entertainment. Pictured right are Christal Milligan, Nathan Preston and Brad Hogan, Board Members having a good time networking!

Pictured left bottom from left to right back row--Lance Rogers, Nathan Preston, Carol Garrett, Debbie McGrane, Linda Emley, David Powell, Glenda Powell, Tom Williamson, Brad Hogan. Next row down--

Danielle Rogers, Merry Marler, Christal Milligan Camille Johnston.

Front row--Connie Taylor and Glenda's granddaughter.



Just a reminder that ballots will be mailed out on August 7th, 2014 to elect your newest members to The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Please watch for them in the mail and make sure to return them by August 14th, 2014. Your new Board Members will take office in September!

Gold Investors

City of Richmond
Bank Midwest, N.A.
Henkel, Corp.
US Bank
Richmond I.D.C.
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The Medicine Shoppe
Garner-McCalley Title
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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
Preston's Photography
Farmer's Home Insurance
Jackson-Hewitt Tax Service
NorthStar Wellness
Richmond Chiropractic
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**Spotlight
Business of the Month**

Sam's Club of Liberty



Before Sam's Club even opened in Liberty Missouri on June 26th, 2014 they had already begun to make an impact on our fair city. Ray County Memorial Hospital and the Richmond Education Foundation received donations from them to support their cause. Our own Missouri Valley Community Action

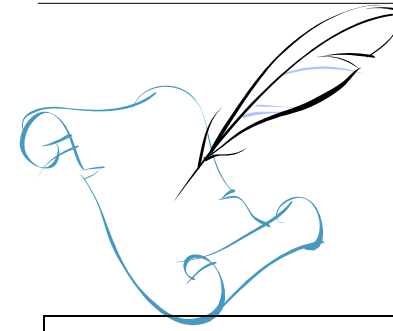
Agency was chosen to be the recipient of their VAP Program Grant-Volunteerism Always Pays. They will receive 250 hours of volunteer time donated by 50 Sam's Club employees and \$5000.00. They are very supportive of the military and Chamber members by offering special memberships to these groups. They are always very willing to donate to our causes by helping to sponsor the American Celebration and other events that the Chamber holds. So, the next time you see a table sat up at Wal-Mart or make the drive to Liberty to visit their newest club, please thank them for everything they have done for our community! Job Well Done!!



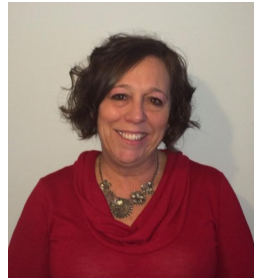
Pictured left- Natalie Lamar, Cari Klein, Christal Milligan, Chastidy Loftin, Kurt Wolfe, Diane Wolfe, Brad Hogan, Glenda Powell and Chris Brown. The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Elements Fine Dining on June 26th, 2014. We are very excited to be holding our next board meeting at their facility to taste the food we have heard so much about.



Pictured right- Chamber Board Members Becky Trecariche and Bill Purcell present Sam's Club of Liberty Manager BJ McAllister with the Bronze Sponsor Plaque and Chamber Membership Plaque on June 26th, 2014 at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their new club. Sam's Club offers special membership promotions to Chamber members, so if you need to purchase or renew your membership, let them know you belong to Our Chamber!!



A Word From Our President



If you had any doubt over the cold winter that you would ever see an end to the long, dark, bitter cold, snowy days, it was put to rest over the last few weeks. The weather for our American Celebration July 3rd and for the weekend of the 4th was amazing. I have heard so many great comments on our American Celebration of gratitude and pure enjoyment from so many. Thanks Chris Brown and Cari Klein for co-chairing this event and to all that volunteered their time. It was a great event. Know that you all are appreciated for all the work you all do to make this event a very nice one for all to enjoy. Natalie Lamar, thanks for all the extra work you did as well keeping things flowing and organized.

It is coming down to the last few months of being your chamber president. I would like to say thank you to the Chamber Board of Directors, Staff and ambassadors, but most of all our members. Thank you for making this year a very successful year. I have been asked many times what it has been like taking on this challenge. I've tended to respond that it is like jumping on a moving vehicle- I have been immersed in the process of getting to know the people and programs of the various Chambers. What I have found is Board and committee leaders, volunteers and staff who are thoroughly engaged in and focused on the mission, goals and objectives of this organization.

Likewise, in reaching out to community leaders I am heartened to find that the Chamber, the local business community, and public officials are working together with a renewed spirit of cooperation, to improve or area's economic environment and quality of life.

Perhaps most importantly I have been meeting with and talking to chamber members of all varieties- startups and long tenured: small and large: representing virtually all sectors of our local economy. And what I have heard from them is a cautious sense of optimism, based on the belief that we have seen the worst to the economic downturn and that brighter days are ahead. What I have offered in response is the recognition that we have a great deal of work to do to get our local economy moving in the right direction, in the near term and the future. I have also pledged that that this chamber we will stay focused on our mission, that we will stay responsive to our member's needs, and that this staff and chamber board will continue to give 100% effort to strengthen and improve the vitality of the City of Richmond.

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to lead this chamber- and look forward to enjoying many future successes together.

Sincerely,

Christal Milligan
President
Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce

Ambassadors are a very vital part of your Chamber of Commerce. We utilize those volunteers every day. They answer our phones, your questions, and so much more. They volunteer one day a week, 4 hours shifts, so that your chamber does not have to employ a secretary, therefore keeping the over head costs down significantly. Please, if you or someone you know, have the ability to help, stop by our office and visit with Natalie or call your favorite board member and discuss your options. The larger and more active YOUR Chamber becomes, the more we rely on these wonderful people. Can you volunteer?