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June/July 2013 ~ Calendar of Events

Friday, June 7 ~ Relay for Life ~ 6:00 pm ~ Downtown Richmond Square
Saturday, June 8 ~ Miss Ray County Pageant ~ Farris Theatre
Friday, June 28 ~ American Celebration ~ 6:00 pm ~ Southview Park ~ fireworks at approx 9:30 pm
Friday, July 5 ~ Masonic Fish Fry ~ 10:30 am-6:30 pm ~ Masonic Lodge Building
Saturday, July 13 ~ Cajun Dinner ~ Richmond Shrine Club ~ 6-8:00 pm
Thurs, Fri & Sat, July 18, 19 & 20 ~ Summer Fun Carnival ~ Downtown Richmond Square ~ Sponsored by Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Ray County Fair Board
Saturday, July 20 ~ Demolition Derby ~ Ray County Fair Grounds

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings, fellow Chamber Members,
Well, we certainly had an interesting Mushroom Festival, didn't we? Does anyone remember snow at any other 'shroom festival? I've been to a couple that were pretty chilly, but I don't know about snow. The amazing part was, the Wednesday before was a beautiful day—and that was a great help to us. As you know the Festival is the primary fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce and the carnival is a large part of that. Thanks to Renea and the Carnival Manager, the Carnival opened on Wednesday and had a very nice evening. Overall, the Chamber did not make a lot of money, but at least we didn't lose any. We tried some new ventures this year that worked well, including the beer garden downtown. Due to the weather, several events were held in the Farris Theater. Thanks to the Farris Board and all the community supporters for this wonderful facility and community asset. The junior tractor pull and the teen dance were held in the City Gym. Both were very successful, especially the teen dance. Thanks to the city for this excellent facility and asset. All in all, the entire community came together to salvage what could have been a very poor festival—I think those who attended had a great time, and we look forward to brighter (and warmer) festivals in the future. The next activity, and perhaps on one of the most exciting Chamber events, is the American Celebration.

Yes, that's right, our annual 4th of July celebration is just around the corner, scheduled for June 28 with a rain date of June 29. Planning is well underway (nearly completed). Our format will be much the same as in years past with a free swim at the City Pool beginning at 6p.m. and closing at 9p.m. There will be concessions available, as well as children's games, music, and other activities. Come early and picnic in Southview Park, enjoy some great family time, and then the exciting fireworks, approximately 9:30 (dark). This is one of the best 4th of July celebrations in the area, so come out and enjoy! Next on the agenda is a new event is on the horizon in conjunction with the County Fair.

July 18, 19, and 20 will see a carnival downtown this year. We haven't had a carnival during the County Fair for many years. This is being jointly sponsored by the Chamber and the Fair Board. We hope to bring more folks to town for the fair as well as a good time at the carnival. We anticipate a few food booths and perhaps some local vendors downtown during this period. Come out to the fair, see the exhibitors in action as well as the other exhibits in the Eagleton Center, then enjoy the carnival. This has been a very busy summer so far, but more to come. Outlaw Days will again be scheduled this October, so planning for that is well underway.

It is also soon time to elect three new members to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, so if you want to get involved, now is the time. If you would like to become a member of the Board and help guide your Chamber, please call the Chamber office and let us know. Finally, on a sad note, Renea has decided to resign from her position as Executive Director. We appreciate all you did for us this past year and wish you the very, very best, Renea. Thank you.

I guess that's about all for now—don't forget if you would like to vie for the Chamber Board of Directors, please let us know. Until next time, thanks for all your hard work in every endeavor and **REMEMBER—MAKE IT RICHMOND!**

Ron Brohammer, President, Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce

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MUSHROOM Festival

This year's Annual Mushroom Festival was one for the record books. As snow, freezing rain and strong winds moved in Thursday and Friday, many vendors decided not to make the journey to Richmond. The vendors that stuck it out, or waited until Saturday to set up, were very much appreciated by the Festival Committee and the crowd that showed up as usual for Saturday's parade and other events. Luckily, all grandstand events took place as scheduled inside the climate controlled auditorium of the historic Farris Theatre. Carnival wristband night was rescheduled for Wednesday night hoping to offer one warm, dry evening of rides. A small crowd gathered Friday evening in the heated beer garden tent, with a much larger crowd in attendance Saturday night to enjoy the live music. The Mushroom Festival Committee and the Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize everyone who sponsored the Festival this year. It is the support of the community and many Chamber members that has helped the Festival to be a successful event.

AMERICAN CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

Southview Park (behind the pool)

Activities begin at 6 pm

Free swimming at Southview Pool from 5:30-8:00 pm

Music and concessions start at 6:00 pm

Including hot dogs and hamburgers

Patriotic Flag Raising 7:00 pm

KC WOLF 7:30-8:30 PM

CARICATURES 7-9 PM

Kids Games

Balloon Animals

Skydivers around 8:30

Professional Fireworks Display at dusk (approx 9:30)

Bring your lawn chairs!!

Fireworks rain date: Saturday, June 29

Thank you Mushroom Festival Sponsors!!

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Your Chamber membership helps support the Richmond Chamber Scholarship fund and this year 2 RHS Seniors were awarded scholarships. The scholarships were presented at RHS Senior Award Night and the recipients received $500 each. There were 15 applicants this year from Richmond, Hardin and Orrick High Schools, all of which were very deserving students. The scholarships were awarded to Jamie Happy, who will be attending the Missouri University of Science and Technology majoring in Chemical Engineering, and Leslyn Cole who will be pursuing a nursing career. Good luck to these girls in their future endeavors.

SAVE THE DATES

The Richmond Chamber and the Ray County Fair Board are currently working together to bring a new summer event to town. Plans are under way for a **Summer Fun Carnival** during the Ray County Fair. Exact location and times are still to be determined but the carnival will be in town during the weekend of **July 18th, 19th and 20th**. Watch the Richmond News, the Chamber website and the July Chamber in Motion newsletter for further details.