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## Please Help Us To Welcome Our Newest Member!

**NorthStar Wellness**  
**Raymond Smith & John Furgeson**  
**810 E. Main St.**  
**Richmond, MO 64085**



February 17th –21st is National Future Business Leaders of America Week. The RHS FBLA Chapter hosted a Before Hours on February 19th, 2014 at the Superintendent's Office. There was a nice crowd that attended. On February 20th, the RHS FBLA attended the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. The students were eager to learn how a board holds its meetings, how they determine important decisions, and how the Board conducts business with Chamber members. It

was definitely a learning experience for them. On Friday, February 21st, the Executive Director and Board Members attended the "Lunch and Learn" that was held at the RHS Library. This was a class taught by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce called "Your True Colors". Those attending had a lot of fun and learned a lot about working with people with different personalities. Thank you students for having us. Thank you Ms. Robbin Cole for sponsoring such a fantastic group of young adults. They truly are the Future of Business for Richmond!



**The next Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Member Luncheon will be held on April 3rd, 2014 at noon at the 19th Hole in Richmond. Ray County Memorial Hospital, Missouri Valley Community Action Agency, and Ag-Power will be the highlighted businesses.**



Hometown Pizza hosted an After Hours on Thursday, February 27th, 2014. Thank you Tom, Renea, Samantha, and all of the employees at Hometown Pizza for making it a fantastic evening! Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. There was a lot of good food, good friends, and great laughs!

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## Spotlight Business of the Month

### Missouri Valley Community Action Agency

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency helps a lot of people in Richmond and the surrounding areas. From offering assistance with electric and gas bills to the Head Start program, they have touched a lot of lives in our community. This year, MVCAA is celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a Poverty Flash Mob of Awareness on April 10th, 2014. This is an effort to educate the community on the trials and tribulations that families incur with utilizing government services. Also, coming soon, will be the addition of their new Head Start Building. MVCAA received a grant to build a new facility due to the growing need of their pre-school program in our community. Congratulations to MVCAA and their staff on 50 years of helping our cities residents! Thank you for everything you do for our community!

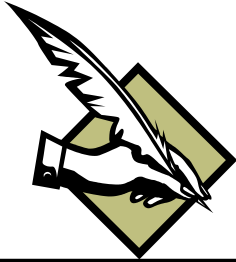
## 2nd Annual Richmond Business Expo

On March 15th, 2014 The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 2nd Annual Richmond Business Expo. This year, we will have 47 different businesses represented at the Richmond Middle School. There will be a B & G fundraiser for breakfast held by the Richmond Education Foundation. There will also be lunch available as a fundraiser for the Richmond Masonic Lodge. The National Guard is bringing a bounce house to entertain the kiddos while their parents attend the Expo. We have tons of door prizes we are giving away including \$100 cash, Free Eye Exam with a years worth of contacts (\$399 value), and a \$100 gas card! If you attended last year, you know just how much fun it was! Several of the businesses will hold their own raffle at their booth as well. And I am sure you all remember Brett dancing his heart out. (Sorry, Brett, had to mention it one more time!) Come on out to the Richmond Middle School and take a chance to win one of MANY FABULOUS PRIZES!!!! The Chamber would like to extend a special "THANK YOU!" to Darrell Derstler of Derstler's Lumber, JoEllen Black of the Richmond News, The Richmond RXVI School District, the Richmond Education Foundation, and the Richmond Masonic Lodge!!!

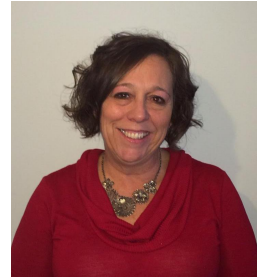
The Mushroom Festival Committee will be accepting nominations for Grand Marshall of the Mushroom Festival Parade until March 13th. If you have someone that might be an ideal candidate, please attend the meeting on March 13th at noon at Hometown Pizza. Please be prepared to address the entire committee with the reason why you believe this person should be honored. Candidates should be Richmond Residents who have made outstanding contributions to our community. On March 27th, the committee will formally vote to bestow the honor of Grand Marshall of the Mushroom Festival Parade to one outstanding citizen. The parade is in need of volunteers. Please call Natalie at 816-776-6916 if you can help.



Thank you to everyone that helped with the garland around the Richmond square for the holiday season this past year! Volunteers are so important to the Chamber and everything it does. Without volunteers, the Christmas decorations wouldn't get hung, the Mushroom Festival wouldn't happen, and you would not get to see all of the pretty Christmas Trees during the Christmas Extravaganza. If you are able and willing, we are CONSTANTLY in need of volunteers! Please call the Chamber office or contact one of the board members to find out how you can help! Thank you!!!



## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We have had plenty of snow. The city and county road crews did an amazing job clearing our roads and working long hours trying to keep us safe while on the roads. So a great big thank you to all of those who worked so hard.!

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce understands in order to have a strong economic environment, you must have a strong community that supports and encourages growth and innovative thinking. We are truly blessed in Richmond to have leaders, business owners, educators and a wealth of private citizens who recognize that we all share in the responsibility of creating economic success and stability as well as a healthy community environment for our children and grandchildren.

As a community we share the vision, we work and we volunteer. We support and serve as we build on the success of those who came before us as we develop new and innovative strategies that will make Richmond even better. We were so glad to see a great turn out at the Richmond City Hall for the community meeting. This meeting, to see how we can grow Richmond, was very informative and very motivating.

The chamber is involved in many projects right now. The Mushroom Festival is quickly approaching and anyone wanting to volunteer to serve on the committee would be greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank Hometown Pizza for sponsoring a great after hours. This event was enjoyed by many. Our next after hours will be March 20th at the Richmond Shrine Club hosted by the State Bank. The Quarterly Member Luncheon will be April 3rd at the 19th Hole. We will be highlighting Ray county Memorial Hospital as well as AG Power and Missouri Valley Community Action Agency.

Our next big event is March 15th! It is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Richmond Business Expo. It is going to be a great day. It will be held at the Middle School in Richmond. Please come see all we have to offer here in our community. There is going to be door prizes and great food as well. Please help spread the word. Great work done by the committee! It is lead by Jo Ellen Black and Ron Brohammer, with the wonderful assistance of our Executive Director Natalie Lamar, as well as the rest of the committee. We have 47 vendors this year. So remember, keep "Business in Motion". Let's show our support. Please join us.

If you are not a member please join us today. Your investment will pay big dividends in many different ways as we work together to make Richmond a better place to live, work, and to raise a family.

Sincerely,

Christal Milligan

Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce President

### Upcoming Chamber Events

**MARCH 15: RICHMOND BUSINESS EXPO-9am-3pm-RMS COMMONS**

**AFTER HOURS SPONSORED BY SHRINE CLUB AND STATE BANK: MARCH 20**

**APRIL 3: NOON @ 19TH HOLE-QUARTERLY MEMBER LUNCHEON**

**APRIL 25-AFTER HOURS SPONSORED BY SHIRKEYS NURSING & HOSPICE**

**APRIL 25-26: RICHMOND CHAMBER DEUCE CLASSIC-SHIRKEYS GOLD CLUB**

**MAY 1-3: MUSHROOM FESTIVAL**

**MAY 3-MUSHROOM FESTIVAL BEER GARDEN-SHRINE CLUB @ 8PM**



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### **March 2014 ~ Calendar of Events**

- March 7th & 8th @ 7pm-RHS Presents-Diary of Anne Frank @ Farris Theatre**
- March 8th @ 1pm-3pm-Relay for Life Kick-Off @ Smith Senior Village**
- March 8th-CASI Sanctioned Chili Cook-Off @ Shrine Club**
- March 9th-RHS Presents The Diary of Anne Frank @ 1:30pm @ Farris**
- March 13th-Ray County Coalition meeting @ 19th Hole @ Noon**
- March 13th-Mushroom Festival Committee Meeting @ Noon-Hometown Pizza**
- March 14th-Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-Pick of the Day Farm @ 4pm**
- March 14th-Senior Center @ 6pm-St. Patty's Day Dinner**
- March 15th-RICHMOND BUSINESS EXPO:9-3 @ RMS**
- March 15th-Historical Society Presents Music Jam @ Eagleton Center @ 5pm**
- March 19th-Mo Reentry Program Meeting-Health Department @ 8:30am**
- March 25th-MediaCom Open-House @ 3pm**
- March 25th-4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @ UCPC @ 7pm**