

December 2014 Calendar of Events

November 1st-December 15th: Jeffrey Kyle's Toy Drive

All donations go to Richmond Salvation Army

December 2nd-Griffith-Skiles American Legion hosts bingo- doors open @ 4pm

DECEMBER 4TH!!!Christmas Extravaganza-starts at 5:15pm @ City Hall –

parade moves everyone to courthouse at 6pm!Santa from 6-8pm!

December 5th and 6th:RCCAA presents "A Rented Christmas" @ 7:30pm@Farris

December 6th-Shrine Club Pancake Breakfast 7-10am

December 6th-Eastside Lounge hosts "Shirkey's Night" & Karaoke contest

December 7th -RCCAA presents @ the Farris "A Rented Christmas" at 2:00pm

December 8th -Farris Theatre presents "Holiday Brass Quartet" @ 7:30pm

December 9th-House of Hope 4:30-7:30pm Christmas Party & Open House- 301 Broadway in Lexington

December 9th-Griffith-Skiles American Legion hosts bingo-doors open @ 4pm

December 14th-Dave's Country Market Santa is coming! 1-5pm

December 16th-4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @ UCPC @ 7pm

December 16th-Griffith-Skiles American Legion hosts bingo-doors open @ 4pm

December 17th-Ray County ReEntry Program 8:30am @ Ray County Health Dept

December 17th-Richmond Downtown District mtg @ noon @ Hometown Pizza

December 18th-Richmond Chamber Board mtg @ 11:30am @ 19th Hole

December 18th-Ray County Women's Resource Center Anniversary Party 6-8pm

December 20th- Salvation Army Auction 9a-3p

December 21st-Jeffrey Kyle's-Free Christmas Dinner

December 23rd-Griffith-Skiles American Legion hosts bingo-doors open @ 4pm

December 24th-Chamber Office Closes @ noon

December 25th-Chamber office closed Merry Christmas!

December 30th-Griffith-Skiles American Legion hosts bingo-doors open @ 4pm

December 31st-Chamber office closes at noon

December 31st-Eastside Lounge -J Street Band performs

January 1st-Chamber office closed Happy New Year!



From the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be full of prosperity and joyfulness!

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Chamber Officers

President

Bill Purcell
Shirkey Hospice & Palliative Care

Secretary-Treasurer

Natalie Lamar
Executive Director

Chamber Board

Class of 2015

Bill Purcell
JoEllen Black
Vickie McGinnis
Chris Brown

Class of 2016

Brad Hogan
Chastidy Loftin
Becky Treccariche
Kim Davis

Class of 2017

Tonya Willim
Glenda Powell
Natalie Macey
Jessica Teat

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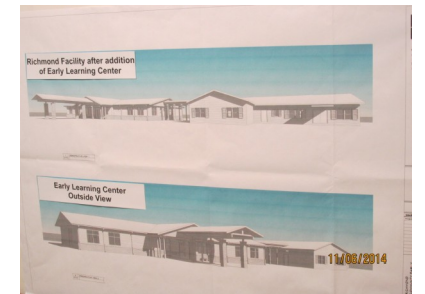
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Missouri Valley Community Action Agency hosts After Hours



On November 6th, the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and guests had the opportunity to act like kids again. MVCAA hosted an after hours event at their facility. The group was able to tour the building and Head Start Program. We also got to see the plans for their new building that will be constructed next to their current building (pictured above right). Pictured above left are Mona Goodloe, Kelly Reardon, Amanda Vannattan, Samantha Dehn, Chris Dunwoodie, Peggy Hackett, Brad Hogan, Nancy Bishop, Melanie Corporon, Michelle Zwiers, Becky Treccariche, Natalie Lamar, Natalie Macey, Cheryl Zimny, Diane Dehn and Ron Brohammer.

Richmond Chamber hosts Before Hours

On November 14th, The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a before hours to kick off the Christmas Extravaganza. This is always the communities first opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for all of the beautiful Christmas trees, wreaths and baskets sponsored and decorated by local merchants. The Board provided a very nice breakfast for everyone that attended. Pictured left are current Board members-Natalie Lamar Executive Director, Bill Purcell-President, Brad Hogan-1st Vice President, Tonya Willim-2nd Vice President, Christal Milligan-Past President, Jessica Teat, Chris Brown, Becky Treccariche, Glenda Powell, Chastidy Loftin and Vickie McGinnis.



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

Silver Investors

KCP&L
Swafford Ford Sales
Westbrook & Co., P.C.
KMMO/102.9FM

Bronze Investors

AT & T
Edward Jones Investments
Community Bank of Missouri
Red Cross Pharmacy
First American 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
Preston's Photography
Farmer's Home Insurance
Jackson-Hewitt Tax Service
NorthStar Wellness
Richmond Chiropractic
Sam's Club
Kountry Kuts
Shirkey Golf Course

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Business of the Month
Shirkey Nursing and Rehabilitation



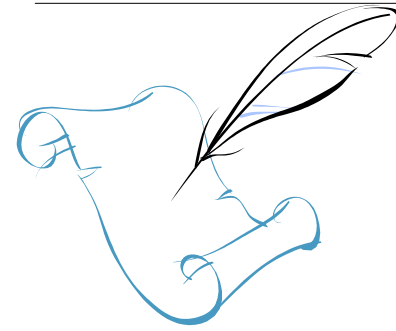
Shirkey Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 187 bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center which accepts Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurance. They are the only facility in the region to offer all private rooms. Shirkey's also offers two specialized units for women diagnosed with dementia. Shirkey's is a political subdivision of the State of Missouri and receives some tax money each year. They offer rehab to home programs as well as out patient therapy for Ray County. In 2011, Shirkey's formed a new company called Shirkey Diversified to open their own hospice services. Shirkey's currently employs 230 employees. Thank you to all of their staff for helping to take care of our loved ones throughout the years. Thank you for supporting our community by offering employment and always supporting the Chamber in all we do! Congratulations!



Due to circumstances, Past President Christal Milligan was unable to attend our Annual Banquet this year. At the Richmond Chamber Before Hours, President Bill Purcell was able to present her with her appreciation plaque. Christal, thank you for everything you have done for the Richmond Chamber, the City of Richmond and its residents. Your dedication to helping people is rarely matched and never exceeded. You are an asset to our fair city and we appreciate everything you do! Good luck in all of your future endeavors and thank you for continuing to make Richmond and its residents a priority.

Chamber Holiday Dates

- December 4th 2014-Christmas Extravaganza
- December 24th-Chamber closes at noon
- December 25th-Chamber Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- December 31st-Chamber office closes at noon
- January 1st-Chamber Office Closed for New Years



A Word From Our President



Dear Chamber Members,

The song say's "it is the most wonderful time of the year!" I agree. I hope you all had a chance to come by the Richmond Chamber office and see the beautiful display of Christmas trees, wreaths, and baskets that were available and raffled this year! It was a huge success! One evening last week my wife and I were at the Chamber office selling tickets for the event. When we were leaving and had turned off the office lights, while locking up we took time to step back and look at the office from across the street. What a wonderful scene to see all of those beautiful trees that were lit and decorated with care, ready to be taken home and enjoyed. Thank you again to so many businesses who donated money, time, talent and effort to make our Christmas extravaganza such a success. Our event is fast becoming one folks really look forward to year after year.

We started the night at City Hall, with the lighting of the Major's Christmas tree. We enjoyed music from the kids and watched the parade get underway. Congrats to the City of Richmond who took first place for their float entry in the parade. The events again this year wrapped up on the square, with Santa and Mrs. Clause in the courthouse, plus more singing, dancing and of course, our popular drawing for the winners of the Christmas trees. I appreciate all of the efforts from the Richmond Downtown District. Each year they go above and beyond to help make this event very special for all of us in Richmond. If you are a business on or near the square, start planning now for some special way that you can be a part of the activities during the "Christmas Extravaganza." next year. Drop by the Chamber office and we can talk about how you can participate. We can be proud of our city and the extra effort so many put forth to make it a wonderful place to live and do business. We took the "Next Step".

Our calendar is full with great events planned for 2015. Can you believe it? I will have to practice writing that for a couple of weeks. Make sure you watch the weekly E-Blast that comes out each Friday from Natalie Lamar, our Executive Director for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. It is full of helpful information about upcoming events. If you do not get our weekly newsletter be sure to e-mail Natalie. She or her staff will get you signed up. If you or your business would like to have something included in our weekly blast, please email her by the Wednesday prior to your event with the details at director@richmondchamber.org or [Click here to email Natalie!](#) We also have all of our upcoming events, and past Chamber Connection E-blast listed on the web page. If by chance, you know someone who is not getting our letter or information please call the office. *Please help get the word out that we publish our newsletters electronically.* We can also send out to those without the means of accepting electronic version a hard copy; by doing the electronic version, it saves the Chamber a tremendous amount of money.

Thank you for the privilege of serving this year, 2014-2015 as the President of the Chamber of Commerce. As I stated at our Banquet, "I love Richmond, its people and businesses." I invite you to come and be part of "Taking the Next Step" with us. Until next month, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you around Richmond!

Bill Purcell

President