

January 2016 Calendar of Events

January 1st-Chamber Office Closed– Happy New Year!

January 3rd-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm

January 4th-Ray County Library GED tutoring 12pm-2pm

January 4th-Ray County Library family Story Time 10am & 1pm

January 5th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole

January 5th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm

January 6th-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks

January 6th-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm

January 8th-Richmond Rotary meets @ 19th Hole @ noon

January 9th-Ray County Library Mother Goose Time @ 9:30am

January 9th-Orscheln Blade Sharpening 10am-2pm

January 10th-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm

January 11th -Ray County Library GED tutoring 12pm-2pm

January 11th -Ray County Library family Story Time 10am & 1pm

January 12th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole

January 12th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm

January 12th-Ray County Library Genealogy Assistance @ 6:30pm

January 13th-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks

January 13th-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm

January 13th– Crossroads Hospice and Oak Pointe “Creating Moments of Joy” from 6-7pm

January 14th-After Hours hosted by Farmers Home Insurance of Ray County 5:30-7:30pm

January 15th-Richmond Rotary meets @ 19th Hole @ noon

January 15th-24th- Farris Theatre showing “Star Wars-The Force Awakens”

January 16th-Ray County Library hosts “Snow Science” @ 10am

January 16th-Masonic Lodge B & G Breakfast 7-11am @ Lodge building

January 17th-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm

January 18th-Chamber office closed -Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 19th -Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole

January 19th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm

January 20th-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm

January 20th- Mushroom Festival Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza

January 20th-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks

January 21st-Chamber Board Meeting @ 11:30am @ Jeffrey Kyle’s

January 22nd-Richmond Rotary meets @ 19th Hole @ noon

January 24th-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm

January 25th-Ray County Library GED tutoring 12pm-2pm

January 25th-Ray County Library family Story Time 10am & 1pm

January 25th– Chamber Golf Tourney Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza

January 26th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole

January 26th-Ray County Library Genealogy Assistance @ 6:30pm

January 26th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm

January 26th-4th Tuesday grief Support Group @ UCPC @ 6:30pm

January 27th-Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza

January 27th-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm

January 27th-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks

January 28th-Ray County Library Teen Advisory Board @ 4pm

January 29th-Richmond Rotary meets @ 19th Hole @ noon

January 31st-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm

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Christmas Extravaganza December 3rd, 2015



Pictured right-RHS Noteworthy Choir performs Carol of the Bells every year along with many of our other favorite Christmas Carols.



Pictured above-Farris Theatre entry for the lighted Christmas parade. Pictured right-RHS Marching Band performs every year with lights on their instruments



Pictured above right– some of the beautiful Christmas trees decorated by Chamber members to be raffled off to the community. This year we had more trees, wreaths and baskets than ever!!

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce was happy to help MVCAA celebrate the Grand Opening of their new Early Learning Center in Richmond on December 9th. This is a great asset for our community. Early childhood care is a need that our area has had for several years. Thank you to all involved in making this a reality in for our youth. Picture right provided by the Richmond News.



Shop Local Campaign Winner for November 2015!!

Kim Chrisman was the first winner of the Shop Richmond Campaign . Just for shopping at any Richmond business and turning in her receipts, she won a \$50 Chamber gift certificate useable at over 70 local businesses. Orscheln Farm and Home was the winning business and will receive \$50 off their booth fee for the Business Expo. This program runs through February, so SHOP LOCAL, SHOP OFTEN and BE RELEVANT!!



Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon December 10th, 2015

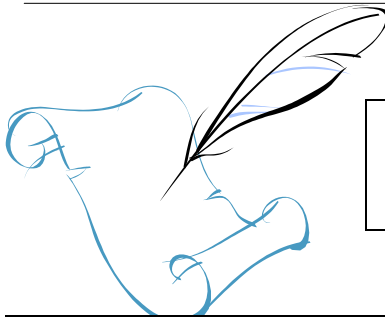


KCP & L was the guest speaker at the Member Luncheon held on December 10th at the 19th Hole. They informed all in attendance about bad weather procedures within their company. Employee Chris Simpson (pictured left) was presented with the Chamber Above & Beyond Award for all of his contributions to the Chamber and our Community.



The Richmond Rotary Club has Reverse Raffle Tickets for Sale! The event will be Feb.20th at the Ray County Memorial Veterans building. Win up to \$ 7,500.00 along with many other prizes. Great auction Items for the taking. Tons of Royals autographs. A great meal for two, all for the low price of \$125.00. All proceeds go for many local causes. Call Scott Farmer or any Rotary member for tickets. His number is 470-2661. Tickets sell fast. You do not need to be present to win the Grand Prize.

February 13, 2016 will be the Richmond Kiwanis Annual Chili and Soup Luncheon. It will be held at the United Christian/Presbyterian Church. Details to follow.



From the President's Pen



Dear Chamber Members,

Hey, guess what? The calendar moved us into another year while we weren't looking! With all the year- end strategizing and last minute business transactions, not to mention the holiday celebrations, Father Time partnered with Julius Caesar's calendar system (the Julian Calendar which we commonly use) to put an end to 2015.

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Executive Director and Staff wish you the best for a prosperous 2016. With our economy still somewhat in a state of slumber we will all have to work pretty smartly to maintain a level of profitability. However, may all your efforts be aided by tailwinds, serendipity and with putting forth effort may some or all the goals you strive to achieve be met.

January and February are fairly quiet months for the Chamber Board, Executive Director and Staff. Our next big event, the Richmond Area Business Expo, will be in March. Planning and activity is already underway to build upon the success of past year's expo events. Once again the expo will be held at the Richmond Middle School campus. More information in coming months will be shared regarding the event.

We want to share another success story of your Chamber of Commerce. Last year your Executive Director presented a program to the Board she desired to roll out to the general membership and the community at large, a program that allowed our whole community to participate. The Board approved the program and the rollout occurred in November 2015. The program is a shop local campaign called Shop Richmond. This program allows anyone in the community the opportunity to bring to the chamber office receipts of retail purchases and/or service purchases. These receipts are then entered into a drawing to receive \$50.00 in Chamber Certificates to be used at participating merchants. Merchants, both member and non-member, are automatically able to participate and are eligible to win prizes. If you are interested to know more please contact the Chamber Office for details. In November over 400 receipts from local purchases were brought to the Chamber and entered into a drawing. Kim Chrisman was the winner of the November drawing and chamber member Orscheln Farm and Home was the winning business. In December approximately 250 receipts were entered into the drawing. Wendy Weaver was the December winner and chamber member North Star Wellness was the merchant winner. The board, in December, decided to continue the program through February 2016 due to the participation and success of the program. Congratulations to our first 4 winners. You still have time to be a winner and we hope you will join us in supporting your local merchants.

Again, best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year!

Brad Hogan
President 2015-2016
Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce