

## March 2015 Calendar of Events

- March 1st-United Methodist Church Chili Luncheon 11am-1:30pm \$5  
March 2nd to 6th- RHS Lift-a-Thon Fundraiser  
March 3rd-Ray County Library hosts AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm  
March 3rd-Richmond Kiwanis Meeting @ 19th Hole @ noon  
March 3rd-American Legion hosts Bingo @ 6pm-doors open @ 4pm  
March 4th-Mushroom Festival Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza  
March 5th-Ray County Family Violence Council @ Macey Bail Bonds from noon to 1pm  
March 6th-Richmond Rotary meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
March 6th & 7th-RHS Theatre department presents Attack of the Zombies @ 7pm @ Farris  
March 8th-RHS Theatre department presents Attack of the Zombies @ 2pm @ Farris  
March 7th-Ideal Industries Chili & Soup Luncheon \$6 from 11am-1:30pm  
March 7th-Flexible Staffing Job Fair @ Henkel 9am -noon: use double red doors  
March 8th-Daylight Savings Time Starts  
March 10th-Ray County Library hosts AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm  
March 10th-Richmond Kiwanis Meeting @ 19th Hole @ noon  
March 10th-American Legion hosts Bingo @ 6pm-doors open @ 4pm  
March 12th-Full employment Council All youth Workshop Day-call 776- 3920 to pre enroll  
March 13th-Richmond Rotary meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
March 13th-American Legion Fish Fry 5pm to 6:30pm  
**MARCH 14TH-RICHMOND AREA BUSINESS EXPO @ RMS from 9am to 2pm**  
March 14th-Northstar Wellness Acupuncture Event 2:30-5:30pm  
March 17th-Ray County Library hosts AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm  
March 17th-Richmond Kiwanis Meeting @ 19th Hole @ noon  
March 17th-American Legion hosts Bingo @ 6pm-doors open @ 4pm  
March 18th-Mushroom Festival Meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza  
March 19th-Richmond Chamber Board Meeting @ 11:30 @ 19th Hole  
March 20th-Richmond Rotary meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
March 20th-RCMH Gift Shop 20% Off Sale  
March 24th-Ray County Library hosts AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm  
March 24th-Richmond Kiwanis Meeting @ 19th Hole @ noon  
March 24th-American Legion hosts Bingo @ 6pm-doors open @ 4pm  
March 25th-Richmond Downtown District meeting @noon @ Hometown Pizza  
March 27th-Richmond Rotary meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole  
March 27th-American Legion Fish Fry 5pm to 6:30pm  
March 28th-Farris Theatre presents Harry Ritchie @ 8pm  
March 31st-Ray County Library hosts AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm  
March 31st-Richmond Kiwanis Meeting @ 19th Hole @ noon  
March 31st-American Legion hosts Bingo @ 6pm-doors open @ 4pm

**In the month of April, Mushroom Festival meetings will be held at noon EVERY WEDNESDAY at Hometown Pizza. If you are involved in the committee, please plan on attending every meeting this month. It is crunch time and will take hard work from everyone that can help**

**April 15th is the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce visit to the Missouri Capital. The bus will leave at approximately 7am from City Hall. We will tour the Capital Building, Supreme Court Halls, sit in on a Committee Hearing, be introduced on the Senate Floor, plus many other interesting opportunities. RSVP to 776-6916 if you would like to attend!**

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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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## Please Help Us To Welcome Our Newest Member!

**Second Baptist Church of Richmond  
112 E Main St Richmond, Mo 64085  
Rev. Alvin Dixon  
816-966-2201**

**E-mail: [revadixon64134@hotmail.com](mailto:revadixon64134@hotmail.com)**

## RHS FBLA Hosts Before Hours



Pictured left are Tom Williamson, Thurza Falls, Glen Martin, Christal Milligan, Natalie Lamar, Chastidy Loftin, Robbin Cole, Bill Purcell, Madison Cole, Alex Hambrick, Mallory Cole, Skylar Fulte, Brogan Estes, Rob Swafford, Kim Davis, Mike Aytes and Jessica Teat.

Pictured right are the FBLA officers-Skylar Fulte, Brogan Estes, Madison Cole, Alex Hambrick and Mallory Cole



On February 12th, 2015, The Richmond High

School Future Business Leaders of America hosted a Chamber Before Hours in honor of National FBLA Week. Thank you to all who attended the event. It is always fun to see all of the old pictures on the walls and to hear about what exciting events this great group of our future leaders has coming up. The officers will also attend a Chamber Board meeting in March to observe how business is handled within our group. Keep up the good work our Future Leaders of Richmond!

## Richmond Area Business Expo is on March 14th, 2015 at RMS

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Richmond Area Business Expo on March 14th! We have 40 businesses registered to participate this year. Among the give-aways are Chamber Gift Certificates, rain gauges, \$100 meat bundle, \$100 gas card and many more items. Please plan to stop by the Richmond Middle School on March 14th from 9am to 2pm and see Everything Richmond Businesses have to offer!

### 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  
 Community Bank of Missouri  
 Crossroads Hospice

### Silver Investors

KCP&L

Swafford Ford Sales  
 Westbrook & Co., P.C.

### Bronze Investors

Edward Jones Investments  
 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  
 Farmer's Home Insurance  
 NorthStar Wellness  
 Richmond Chiropractic  
 Sam's Club  
 Kountry Kuts  
 Shirkey Golf Course  
 Ray County Memorial Hospital  
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## Richmond Downtown District Hosts Chamber After Hours

The Richmond Downtown District hosted a Chamber Before Hours on February 26th, 2015 at Hometown Pizza. As always, Hometown did a fantastic job with the service and spread. There was a nice turn out for the event where Jim Carter-President spoke about the different events that the RDD hosts every year. This group is responsible for hosting the Movies in the District, Picnics on the Lawn-Election Day Events, The Lighted Christmas Parade, Outlaw Days, Farmers Market, Christmas Lights around the square and Santa on the Square. They also Worked with City Council to allow building owners to have apartments above the buildings in the downtown area. RDD is funded through donations from the community, and is not fully funded by any one specific organization. The majority of events are free to the public in an effort to help make the Richmond Downtown District a destination and attraction. Accepting the Chamber plaque above is Jim Carter President. Pictured are Jessica Teat-Chamber Board, Ron Brohammer-City Administrator, Dave Powell-VP of RDD, Bev Holloway-Ray Carroll, Dawn Powell-treasurer of RDD, JoEllen Black-Chamber Board, Jim Carter-President of RDD, Bill Purcell-Chamber President, Tonya Willim-Chamber 2nd Vice President, Chastidy Loftin-Chamber Board, Glenda Powell-Chamber Board and Vickie McGinnis-Chamber Board. If you look close, you will see Tom, Renea and Samantha Williams photo bombing!

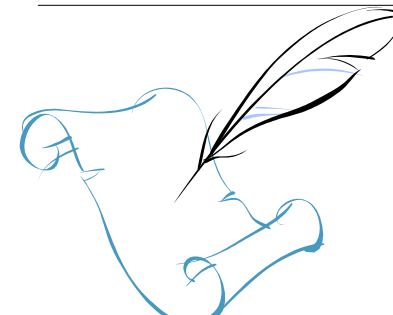
### Upcoming Chamber Events & Info

The Mushroom Festival Committee has started working hard on the 35th Annual Richmond Mushroom Festival. If you would like to help, the next committee meeting is on Wednesday March 18th. There are lots of new exciting booths and events happening. What better way to support your community than by volunteering at our area's largest festival! The festival will be held on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 2015.

The Great American Celebration will be held on Friday July 3rd at Southview Park with a rain date of July 5th. More details to come!

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Farmers Appreciation Picnic will be held on July 15th, 2015. This event is in conjunction with the Ray County Fair that will run from July 10th to 25th.

The Board of Director elections will be held in July and August so please consider running for a place on our board. It takes a good hard working team to make all of our events and activities a success!



## A Word From Our President



Dear Chamber Members,

Another winter looks like it's coming to a close, almost over, the weather forecast is calling for 70 degree plus...Wow-clocks spring forward this weekend and each of us begins to think of SPRING.

We're in the planning stages at the Chamber office for the Business Expo, March 14<sup>th</sup>; the Mushroom Festival and many other events that make Richmond a great place to live. I'm so grateful for our Director Natalie Lamar. She and I work closely together on each committee offering our support but she coordinates all of our efforts at the Chamber. She does a great job. When I watch her perform her duties I think of the guy on the Ed Sullivan show with all of the Plates in the air! Won't you consider a booth for your business at this year's Expo? By the time you get my letter this month, there will be plenty of time to sign up for your space. Call the Chamber office for details; watch our local News Paper, *The Richmond News* for special ads for this year's event. The Business Expo, now in its third year, is growing and getting better and better. Our Location this year again is the Richmond Middle School Commons area, a great facility and centrally located.

We are looking forward to the upcoming 35th Annual Mushroom Festival. April 30 & May 1-2, 2015. Again, please stop by or call our folks at the Chamber office. They will outline some of our new events and keep you informed on some of the yearly events that people look forward to. I am proud to say I've been to every festival. I really look forward to each year and this year will be no exception for fun things to see and do.

I am also very excited to introduce you to our two new employees at the Chamber office. Gladys Collins and Darlene McMillan. They both bring a warm and friendly smiles to the office and have proven to be a real valuable additions to Natalie's staff. The addition of these two ladies help us have coverage at the front desk each and every day. Many people stop by to ask and seek advice on where to go and what to see when in town-make sure we have your latest information about your business so we can share with visitors.

When you stop by the office you will notice some work being started in the next couple of months. We'll be painting, fixing up and laying new flooring, thanks to a grant from the Richmond Industrial Development Corporation-RIDC; with the paint being donated by Gary Nolker Painting, one of our Local Richmond Contractors.

We're taking the next step...at your Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. We would love to hear from you. Stop on in, look us up on line or *like* us on F/B. Until next month I'll see you around Richmond!

Sincerely,

Bill Purcell  
 President 2014-2015  
 The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce