

March 2016 Calendar of Events

- March 1,8,15,22 & 29-Richmond Kiwanis meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole
- March 1,8,15,22 & 29- Ray County Library AARP Tax Assistance 9am-1pm
- March 1,8,15,22 & 29-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm
- March 2-Mushroom Festival meeting @ noon @ HomeTown Pizza
- March 2-Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ HomeTown Pizza
- March 2-Ray County Library Read Across America Day
- March 2,9,16,23 & 30-Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks 1-3pm
- March 2-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
- March 3- Chamber Quarterly Member Luncheon @ noon @ HomeTown Pizza
- March 4,11,18 & 25-Richmond Rotary meets @ 19th Hole @ noon
- March 4,11,18 & 25- NorthStar Wellness Community Yoga Class @ 7pm
- March 4 through 6-RHS Drama presents "The Crucible"
- March 5- Ray County Library "How Does a See-Saw Work" 10am
- March 5- Masonic Lodge B & G Breakfast \$5 7am-11am
- March 6-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
- March 7-Ray County library Family Story Time 10am and 1pm
- March 7-Ray County Library GED/HSE Tutoring 12-2pm
- March 8- Ray County Library Genealogical Asst 6:30pm-7:30pm
- March 9-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
- March 10- Chamber Exec Comm Meeting @ noon @ Jeffrey Kyles
- March 10-Ray County Library CLAIM Medicare Assistance 9am-11am
- March 11-Ray County Library "Motors & Wheels" 10am
- March 12-Richmond Area Business & Health Fair 9am-1pm @ RMS
- March 12- Orscheln Blade Sharpening 10am-2pm \$3 per blade
- March 12- Harry Ritchie Music & Dance Concert @ Senior Center 7:30-11pm
- March 13-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
- March 14-Ray County library Family Story Time 10am and 1pm
- March 14-Ray County Library GED/HSE Tutoring 12-2pm
- March 16-Mush Fest meeting @ noon @ HomeTown
- March 16-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
- March 17-Chamber Board meeting @ 11:30am @ Jeffrey Kyles
- March 18-Ray County memorial Hospital Gift Shop 20% off Sale
- March 18-Ray County Library "Diary of A Wimpy Kid Fan Day 3-4pm
- March 18-Masonic Lodge Fish Fry 10:30-6:30pm
- March 18-Ray County Library "I Can Dress Myself" @ 10am
- March 20-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
- March 21-Ray County library Family Story Time 10am and 1pm
- March 21-Ray County Library GED/HSE Tutoring 12-2pm
- March 21-Richmond Centennial Band Concert @ Farris @ 7pm
- March 22- Ray County Library Genealogical Asst 6:30pm-7:30pm
- March 22- 4th Tuesday Grief Support Group @ 7pm @ UCPC
- March 23-Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ HomeTown Pizza
- March 23-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
- March 27-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
- March 28-Ray County library Family Story Time 10am and 1pm
- March 28-Ray County Library GED/HSE Tutoring 12-2pm
- March 29-Ray County Library Star Gazing 6-7pm
- March 30-Mush Fest meeting @ noon @ HomeTown
- March 30-Grace Church after school program til 5:30pm
- March 31-Richmond Chiropractic Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ 5:30pm-Open House until 7:30pm

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Please Welcome Our Newest Chamber Members!

River Imprints
119 N.E. 2nd St.
Hardin, MO 64035
877-561-6178

Www.RiverImprints.com
Kelly@riverimprints.com

Columbia College at Wentworth
1880 Washington Ave
Lexington, MO 64067
660-259-6006
Lexington@ccis.edu

Richmond Area HEALTH & BUSINESS FAIR

Saturday March 12th, 2016 will be the Richmond Health & Business Fair. This year the Chamber combined with Ray County Memorial Hospital to hold this event. We have 46 businesses from the Richmond area represented. There will be door prizes given away every 15 minutes throughout the day. We have some pretty big raffles that we will

hold at 1pm for items such as a \$70 meat bundle from Fresh meats and More, 4 tickets to a Royals game, and a Henkel Product basket worth over \$100. There will be a Half Court Hoops contest held at 11am with a \$50 cash prize for the winners! There are educational sessions being held throughout the day on items such as life insurance, grant writing and individual taxes. There will be live demos from Northstar Wellness as well as ShadeTree

Entertainment and Anytime Fitness. Its going to be an exciting fun filled day so make sure to stop by, participate in the raffles and help

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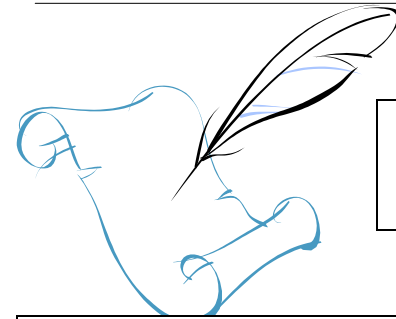


SHOP RICHMOND

Pictured left- Wendy Weaver & pictured right Judith White with Natalie Lamar-December and January's winners from the Shop Richmond Campaign!



Congratulations!



From the President's Pen



Dear Chamber Members,

Surely everyone has noticed all the early signs of Spring in the community. What a joy to know that winter is leaving and warmer days are ahead! The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce began a buzz of activity March 1. Committee meetings have been in full swing to prepare for the Business and Health Fair, Mushroom Festival and The inaugural Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to be held in September. The rest was short lived.

I am excited to share results of the 'Shop Local' campaign that was kicked off in November 2015. There were over 800 local sales receipts presented and entered into the drawings over the 4 month period of November 2015 through February 2016. Wow! Think about how much local business activity that represents. We can't say thank you enough to the local merchants that participated in this event or say thank you enough to participant's that brought those local sales receipts into the chamber office to be entered into the drawings. Congratulations are also due to the drawing winners: Kim Chrisman (winning receipt from Orscheln Farm & Home), Wendy Weaver (winning receipt from Northstar Wellness); Judith White (winning receipt from Orscheln Farm & Lawn); and Nancy Ishmael (winning sales receipt from Fresh Meats & More.) The individual winners received a \$50.00 Chamber Gift Certificate to be used at any participating Chamber Member Business while business winners received a \$50 credit toward a booth purchase at the Business and Health Fair. Chamber Executive Director, Natalie Lamar, and her Board of Director's certainly consider this program a success and planning has already begun for next year!

The inaugural combined Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce and Ray County Memorial Hospital Health Fair event was held Saturday, March 12, 2016, in the Richmond Middle School. A robust mix of participating businesses and organizations, fun events and educational offerings came together and I am very proud of the 'product' that was organized by Chamber Executive Director Natalie Lamar and Hospital Coordinator Jennifer Gant of Ray County Memorial Hospital. Attendance from local residents was quite a bit lower than expected. I am pretty certain that residents inquiring from other cities outnumbered local turnout (not including booth participants) – just an observation – no survey taken – just from talking to those in attendance. I visited with people from Independence, Lexington, Higginsville, Excelsior Springs, Cameron and Carrollton. A big thank you to the Richmond Rotary Interact Club and RHS National Honors Society for helping with the set up and clean up. Planning for the event next year has already begun and the combined groups will be looking to find a way to attract people to come see what our local business and health experts have to offer.

There are a couple of events coming up that we want to hi-lite for you. Thursday, March 31st, at 5:30pm, we will be celebrating a ribbon cutting ceremony with Ryan Lauck and his Richmond Chiropractic staff at their new offices located at 811 E South St. and on April 13, 2016, you are invited to join our Chamber Board, Richmond Downtown District (RDD) Members and City of Richmond Representatives as we visit our elected officials and their staff members at the State Capital Building. Our elected officials working with our city officials do a great job of putting together a meaningful trip and we hope that you can join us.

See you around the community!
Yours in service
Brad Hogan, President



RHS Future Business Leaders of America host Chamber Before Hours

FBLA is an organization at the high school level whose mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Each year, this organization hosts a Before Hours at the Superintendents Office. This gives the group an opportunity to let the community know what they have planned in the future as well as their past years' accomplishments. The FBLA will then attend a Chamber Board meeting to see the day to day operations of our organization. Thank you to everyone who came to the event and showed your support for our future leaders! Pictured left to right are Brock Dover-Assistant Superintendent, FBLA Members Mallory Cole, Madison Cole, Kaitlyn Harp, Allison Casey, Darion Weber, Alex Hambrick, Chamber Board members, Chastidy Loftin & Kim Davis with Natalie Lamar Chamber Executive Director.

~Chamber Committees~

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce relies heavily on the great volunteers from our community to accomplish the events and tasks set before us. Did you know that you DO NOT have to be on the Board of Director's to be on a committee? We currently operate 14 different committees such as The Christmas Extravaganza, Mushroom Festival, American Celebration, Annual Banquet, Chamber Golf Tournament, Farmers Appreciation Picnic, Richmond Sign Committee, After Hours Committee, Business and Health Fair, Promotions & Tourism and the Christmas Decoration Committee. If you have particular interest in any of these committee, please contact Natalie Lamar at 816-776-6916 or by emailing her at director@richmondchamber.org. We would love to have your input and help with any of these committees. Below you will find a list of committee chairpersons. Feel free to contact them as well. Thank you for your continued support!!

- Christmas Extravaganza Committee-Jennifer Brenton & Becky Treccariche**
- Mushroom Festival Committee- Justin Wrisinger & Bill Purcell**
- American Celebration Committee- Tonya Willim**
- Annual Banquet Committee- Brock Dover**
- Golf Tournament Committee- Bill Purcell**
- Farmers Appreciation Picnic Committee- Brock Dover**
- Richmond Signs Committee- Becky Treccariche**
- After Hours Committee- Glenda Powell and Chastidy Loftin**
- Business & Health Fair Committee-Tony Hatcher**
- Promotion & Tourism Committee- Chastidy Loftin**
- Christmas Display Committee- Jimmy Carter, Justin Wrisinger, Glen Martin, Becky Treccariche**

A Note From the Executive Director- I would like to take this time to thank all of you who reached out to my family and I during the loss of my brother. The support from our community was astronomical and so appreciated. This is one of the reasons why I LOVE Richmond! In times of crisis or celebration, we come together and support each other with love and kindness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sincerely, Natalie Lamar

- 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.
- Ray County Memorial Hospital
- KMMO
- Farmers Home Insurance Of Ray County
- 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
- C & C Discount Pharmacy
- NorthStar Wellness
- Richmond Chiropractic
- Sam's Club
- Kountry Kuts
- Shirkey Golf Course
- KMZU/KRLI
- Phillips Computer Repair
- Linda's Floral
- Richmond Bowl

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