November 2015 Calendar of Events

November 1st-Grace Church Grand Reopening @ 10:00am
November 1st-Gabriella's Garden Soup & Chili Luncheon @ UCPC 11am-2pm
November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th-Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm
November 3rd-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm
November 3rd-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole
November 4th, 18th & 25th-Grace Church After School Program until 5:30pm
November 6th- Richmond Rotary meets @ noon @ 19th Hole
November 6th-Ag-Power Customer Appreciation Day :lunch from 11am-1pm
November 7th-Masonic Lodge Fish Fry 10:30am-6pm
November 7th-RCCAA presents Brewer & Shipley @ Farris Theatre @ 8pm
November 8th-Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner @ Methodist Church 11:30am-1:30pm
November 10th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm
November 10th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole
November 10th-Empowering How to Series by Smith Elder Business Law @ RCHD-6pm
November 11th-Chamber office closed

November 11th-Veteran's Day Services @ 11am @ Ray County Courthouse November 12th-Chamber board hangs garland @ 3pm November 13th- Richmond Rotary meets @ noon @ 19th Hole November 13th-Chamber hosts before hours @7am-board provides you breakfast November 14th-Masonic Lodge B & G Breakfast @ lodge 7:30am-11am November 14th-Blade Sharpening @ Orscheln's 10am-2pm November 13th, 14th & 15th-Richmond Holiday Open House November 17th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm November 17th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole November 17th-Alzheimers disease & Healthy Aging seminar @ Oak Pointe-6-7pm November 17th-Ray County FCE- Medicare changes@ 10am @ Hometown Pizza-Lunch @ noon November 17th-Empowering How to Series by Smith Elder Business Law @ RCHD-6pm November 18th-Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza November 18th-Farris Theatre Mocking Jay Part 1 & 2-doors open @ 4:30pm November 19th-Chamber Board meeting @ 11:30am @ 19th Hole November 20th-Richmond Rotary meets @ noon @ 19th Hole November 20th-Ray County Rededication Ceremony 10am and throughout day November 20th-Ray County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Ball 8-10pm November 21st-Cotton Creek Ministries clothing give away & harvest dinner 10am-2pm November 24th-American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm November 24th-Richmond Kiwanis meets @ noon @ 19th Hole November 26th & 27th-Chamber office closed for holiday November 26th & 27th-City of Richmond Closed

November 30th-COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE hosted by Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Richmond @ City Hall Gym from 1:30-4:30-call the Chamber at 816-776-6916 for more information or to schedule an appointment Now through Christmas the Methodist Church is selling bags of nuts-they are available for purchase at the church as well as the Chamber office

The Ray County Library "Food For Fines" 1 nonperishable item for every \$ owed 11/1-12/23

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SAVE THE DATE!

November 13th at 7am will kick off the Christmas Extravaganza 2015! It will start out with a before hours event at the Chamber office where you can be the first to purchase raffle tickets to win your FAVORITE Christmas Tree, Wreath or Basket!

November 20th will be the Ray County Courthouse Rededication Ceremony and Ray County Courthouse 100th Anniversary Ball in Downtown Richmond. There will be performances by all of Ray County School District's Music Departments, Guest Speakers from all levels of government, plus much more. Daytime events are FREE to attend. Tickets for the Ball will be \$50 per couple and are available at the Richmond Chamber Office or the Ray County Museum. This will be a formal affair with commemorative items available for purchase as well as professional photography. The ball will be an affair to remember so make sure to get your tickets today! There are a limited number available.

December 3rd, 2015 will be the Christmas Extravaganza! There will be a lighted Christmas Parade, performances by the RHS Choir, raffling of the Christmas Trees, wreaths & basketsPlus so much more!!!!

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a big THANK YOU!!! To the Richmond Rotary Interact Club and RHS National Honor Society for everything that you do for your Chamber. They assemble the Christmas trees every year for our Christmas Extravaganza as well as help abundantly with the Mushroom Festival & Outlaw Days clean up. This group of youngsters are the future of Richmond! Also, a special THANK YOU to Bob Lauck for organizing these events! We couldn't do everything we do without YOU!!!



Memorial Hospital hosted an after hours on October 22nd, 2015. There were tours offered of the new Renovations as well as tours of the upgrades to the hospital grounds.

Ray County

The event was catered by Fresh meats and More. Pictured above- President Brad Hogan presenting the Silver Sponsor plaque to Glen Martin of RCMH.

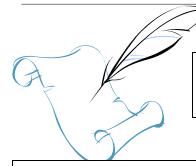


The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for Petal Faster. The florist and gift shop is owned and operated by Lisa Reed. It is located at 201 E. Lexington St. Suite 8 in Richmond. To order please call 816-260-5311. Congratulations Lisa!

Chamber Office Holiday Hours

November 11th-Veteran's Day-Closed
November 26th & 27th-Thanksgiving-Closed
December 24th-Close at noon for Christmas Eve
December 2th-Christmas Day-Closed
December 31st-New Years Eve-Close at noon

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From the President's Pen



Dear Chamber Members,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! What an amazing (record) turnout you experienced at the Annual Chamber Banquet held in the Veteran's Building on Thursday,

October 29. For those who were able to attend you clearly made a statement that your community and Chamber of Commerce is important to you. If you were not able to attend this year we sincerely missed you and hope you are able to attend or will consider coming next year. The annual banquet is generally held in October each year and we welcome you to come join in the celebration! Congratulations to all those who received special award recognition and to those who went home with an auction item. It looked like there was competitive bidding going on in the silent auction area what fun! A special thank you to Nadler's for catering the event and to Monica Shane for hosting the beverage accommodations - we appreciate your being available to celebrate this event with us!

This year I have presented a challenge to the chamber board as well as our general membership to ~ *Be Relevant* ~ in the things that we say, the items our retail or service oriented business provide to our community as well as in our effort to grow our community and surrounding area. In addition to the recognition award winners we congratulate and recognize the following: City of Richmond, Richmond Daily News, Swafford's Ford, Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers, Inc., Henkel Corporation, C&C Discount Drug, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Letzig Holdings, Community Realty, Richey Chiropractic, Richmond RXVI Public Schools, Fresh Meats & More, Arnette Polymers, Letzig Seed Company, The Scoop, Oak Pointe Senior Living, Red Cross Pharmacy, Concerns of Randy Huffman and Fresnius Medical Care-Letholt Dialysis Center. Each of these businesses have either broken ground, completed, or have plans to complete major expansion projects in the previous & next 12-24 months. What great examples of being relevant in serving your customers, your community and surrounding area! For any of those left out I ask for your mercy and personally congratulate you. Banquet notes were not available at the typing of this letter.

The beautiful fall colors remind us of the special holiday time of year just ahead. We wish to specifically mention four upcoming celebration events on the November & December calendar. First, come celebrate area businesses Christmas Open Houses November 13, 14 & 15th. Linda's Floral & Gifts, Lynne's Gifts & More, Flood Plain Trading Company (In Hardin), Blair's Furniture, Die Brot Pan Bakery, Crop & Shop For a Cure and The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce all have specialty items for your consideration. Secondly, on Friday November 13th, at 7:00am, the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a before hours celebration to kick off the holiday season. Come join us for breakfast, take a look at the trees, wreaths & baskets that are available for you by way of raffle. Thirdly, on Friday, November 20th, the Ray County Courthouse will be celebrating 100 years of serving County Citizens & Businesses in its existing structure. Building rededication ceremonies begin at 10:00am with an evening ball beginning at 8:00pm featuring stringed music & vocal performances, commemorative items & champagne Toasts. Cost to attend the rededication is free and \$50 per couple to attend the evening event. Contact the Ray County Museum (816-776-2305) or Richmond area Chamber of Commerce (816-776-6916) for tickets to the evening event. Finally, an event that just keeps getting bigger and better each year is the Christmas Extravaganza. This event is scheduled for December 3, 2015. Please see forthcoming listings in your local newspaper and Friday Chamber e-mail connects for times, events and arrival of a very special guest. Can you guess who????

Truly yours in service

Brad Hogan President 2015-2016 Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce