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STATEMENT

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce supports our business community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

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**AUGUST MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
LUNCHEON



The Government Relations Committee has invited County, State, Federal officials to give updates on legislative issues.

*Mr. Matt Haase from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's Office*  
*State Senator Kiki Curls*  
*State Rep. Brandon Ellington - District 22*  
*State Rep. Bonnaye Mims - District 27*  
*State Rep. Tom McDonald - District 28*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 26

Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

**WHERE:**

REAP Community Room,  
9300 E. 75th Street

\$16/person cash/check/credit at the door  
- RSVP by Monday, Aug. 24

**LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY**

►Reservations *must* be made by NOON on the Monday before luncheon.  
►Cancellations will be accepted until 24 hours prior to the luncheon. Cancellation after 24 hours, or No-shows will be invoiced with a \$2.00 fee added.

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- Vicki Turnbow**, President  
president@raytownchamber.com
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kphillips@raytownchamber.com

**RAYTOWN CHAMBER MEET & GREET**

Join us on Thu., August 20 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm  
at the Extreme Grand Prix, 6731 Blue Ridge Blvd.

Make the most of your Chamber investment by attending this **FUN** business networking event. You will meet the staff, board of directors and learn about Chamber resources, committees, events, and opportunities available only to **you** as a Chamber member.

Join in some great networking and take a spin around the race track or enjoy some arcade games! There will be a cash bar and refreshments available.

\* Any person wishing to race may not consume more than 2 alcoholic beverages before they race. If 3 or more alcoholic beverages are consumed that individual will not be allowed to race that day.



Reservations are required by August 14. Please RSVP by calling the Chamber, register online, or send an email to: [staff@raytownchamber.com](mailto:staff@raytownchamber.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Membership Services Committee

*Join us for the 2nd Annual*

**SENIOR CELEBRATION**

*Sat. September 12 5:00-8:00pm*

*The Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff*

*Enjoy Great Music, Dancing, Dinner/Dessert, Door Prizes, Photo Booth, & Meet New Neighbors!*

*Tickets on sale now!*

*\$10/person*

*Singles, Couples & Groups Welcome!*



**Buy Tickets at:**

Raytown Chamber  
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9400 E. 350 Hwy.

*Tickets are required  
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**CLASS OF 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications for those Chamber members who would be interested in serving a three year term beginning January 2016.

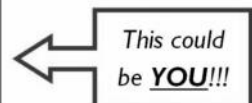
If you are interested in getting more involved and have been a member in good standing for one year, please contact the Chamber office to get a Board application by Aug. 28.

**CHAMBER LEADERSHIP**

*Board Members*



Chamber Member  
Your Company Name



# RAYTOWN HEALTH & COMMUNITY FAIR

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8**  
**10AM - 2PM**  
@ THE POINT  
5600 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF

## FREE TO ATTEND

TO THOSE WHO LIVE WITHIN THE RAYTOWN QUALITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The HCA Midwest Health hospitals: Research Medical Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center & Centerpointe Medical Center will provide education/information on the following specialty services: Grossman Burn Center, Stroke, Diabetes & Heart Care, Breast Care, Cancer Care, OB, ER, Orthopedics & Online Scheduling.

Arvest Bank will be grilling up **FREE Hot Dogs!**  
Community Blood Center will be hosting a **Blood Drive**  
Raytown EMS - **Car Seat Safety Checks!**  
Raytown Masonic Lodge  
- **Child Safety/Identification Kits!**  
Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) will be collecting school supplies for the **"Build A Backpack Drive"**  
*Spiral notebooks are needed!*  
Bring donations to the Health Fair, REAP or the Chamber office.



### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY SPONSORS:

Bordner Installation Group, Columbia College, Edgewood Manor, Etheridge Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, Fray Chiropractic, Google Fiber, Hear USA, Heartland Cremation & Burial Society, Hidden Lake Care Center, Hy-Vee, Larry & Michelle Williams, My Yoga Centre, Phylis Goforth, Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance, Research Medical Center, Rok'it Advertising, St. John Francis Regis School, Teetering Rocks Golf, Visiting Angels



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Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis and Crane Brewing announces **September 5** for the Festival of the Lost Township, a unique Craft Beer Festival. The festival will include a number of unique craft beers from around the Midwest.

Why is it called the Festival of the Lost Township? Missouri was admitted to the Union in 1821. At this time, Jackson County was not part of the state, but the treaty of 1826 added this land at a cost of \$800.00. Townships were surveyed in 1826, and in 1827 the county was formed and named for our seventh president, Andrew Jackson. The land in township 49 (eventually Raytown) was accidentally not put up for sale and was therefore referred to as

"The Lost Township." By 1860, William Ray's blacksmith shop was well established on what is now the intersection of 63rd & Raytown Road. He purchased the seven acres of land for \$72.16 and the county started to recognize the City of Raytown.

A VIP tent will host eight special beers and pairings from top chefs throughout the Metro. James Beard Award Winning Chef Celina Tio (Julian's and Belfry/Collection) will be gathering seven other chefs to put their culinary talents toward the beer pairings. VIP attendees will also get a full hour of tasting all of the craft beers before general admission is open. Our special guests will be available for a meet and greet.

Special guests for the event include:

*Chris Meyer & Michael Crane, Crane Brewing founders - Neil Witte, Cicerone for Boulevard Beer  
Jonathan Bender, Recommended Daily & Author "Cookies and Beer" - Master Chef Celina Tio, Julian's & Belfry/Collections  
Musical entertainment will be Favorite Daze, a local modern rock band.*

A tent for home brewers will be available. A People's Choice Award will be presented to the home brewer that gets the most votes from attendees. Food trucks will be available for the attendees.

Admission for the festival is \$35 general admission (\$40 at the door) and \$100 for the VIP tent. Only 250 VIP tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at the festival's website, [www.festivalofthelosttownship.org](http://www.festivalofthelosttownship.org) and at the Raytown Hy-Vee located at 9400 E 350 Highway. All proceeds will benefit the children's programs of Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis.



The rescheduled Golf Tournament was held on July 17 at Royal Meadows Golf Course. A big thank you to the sponsors listed on the next page. After being rained out on May 29 – the weather was bright and sunny! What a great way to network. 76 golfers and 5 virtual golfers



had a great time. Each virtual golfer was assigned to an actual team/golfer and if their golfer won something so did the virtual golfer. Unfortunately, none of our virtual golfers won anything, but were able to come out and enjoy networking with the rest of the group. The tournament was a four person scramble and prizes were awarded in two flights for first, second and third place.

Those winning teams were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - A Flight:** Draizey, Dick, Hudgens, Jackson **B Flight:** Albin, Glasgow, Spotts, Glasgow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - A Flight:** Streit, Smith, Stephens, Howitt **B Flight:** Etheridge, Bozerocki, Flagle, Bozerocki
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - A Flight:** Turnbow, Westhues, Land, Stawarz **B Flight:** Apprill, Lynch, Bradshaw, Veatch

After a putt off between three golfers, Chris Smith won the putting contest and split the pot with the Chamber/Rotary group taking home \$82.00. Nate Jackson won straightest drive on hole 8, and Jim Bradshaw won longest putt on hole 16.



This year several sponsors took the opportunity to come out and greet the players at their sponsor holes. SERVPro treated golfers to "lemonade", snacks and cigars. Arvest Bank handed out frozen snickers and also took care of the Duck Pond and Westridge Gardens



sponsored the hole in one contest and also provided margaritas.

Thank you to the volunteers, the sponsors and the golf committee for making this year a huge success. A big thank you to Ben Moore and his staff at Royal Meadows for the patience and guidance in helping to plan two golf tournaments!



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ElizaBeth Clayton - Extreme Grand Prix - Golfsmith  
Home Instead/Lees Summit - Home Skillet  
Hy-Vee - Kamp's Flowers - KC Zoo - KCP&L  
Lutfi's Fried Fish - Kris & Vicki Turnbow  
Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Raytown Rotary Club - Spicy Guys Pretzels  
SuperSplash - V's Italiano Ristorante  
Westlake - Westridge Gardens



**NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS**

**RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER**

**Corrine Everson Dix,  
Patrick Avila**

2316 Meyer Blvd.  
Kansas City MO 64132  
816-276-9293

Corrine.everson@hcamidwest.com  
Researchmedicalcenter.com  
Health Care Services  
Recruited by Vicki Turnbow

*Welcome!*

**CHAMBER RENEWALS**

*© We would like to thank  
our members who gave 110%.*

**City of Raytown 1995** Mayor Mike McDonough, John Benson, Tom Cole, Brenda Gustafson, Jason Hanson, Teresa Henry, Mark Loughry, Sheila Payne, Kathie Schutte, Mahesh Sharma  
Alderman: Jim Aziere, Karen Black, Janet Emerson, Steve Meyers, Steve Mock, Eric Teeman  
**Raytown Quality Schools 1989**  
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**Lowes' Homecenters, Inc. 2009**  
Dometria Coleman  
**Dirty Don's Bargain Center 2001** Don Glenn  
**Aldi Inc. #93 2011** Mark Bersted  
**©Hy-Vee #1542 1994** Marty Streit, Larry Pinkston  
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**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...**



**OWNERS:** Kaylie Baker  
**ADDRESS:** 10009 E 67<sup>th</sup> St Raytown MO **PHONE :** 816-358-0180  
**E-MAIL:** Kaylie@rokitadvertising.com  
**FOUNDED:** 2012 **CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE:** 2012  
**WEB:** rokitadvertising.com

**# EMPLOYEES:** 3 **HOURS:** Mon – Fri 9am -4pm (custom for installs)  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Create more production space to add another printer.

**BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:** Custom work for any advertising. Creating advertising easier for any person and any event.

**OUR BUSINESS IS A CHAMBER MEMBER BECAUSE:** Keeping local business is key. The Raytown chamber is the best marketing device Rok'it has, and it keeps our money where our business and community are!

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## Our Members in the News

### A.M. Connections Networking at ...



### Four Points by Sheraton

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Blue Ridge  
Cutoff



The Raytown School District is pleased to announce its **Alumni Hall of Fame Class for 2015**. The class includes six individuals who will join the ranks of other respected alumni on during the September 18-19 Induction Weekend activities.

**Linda Rae Chappell is a 1965 graduate of Raytown South High School.** She is the owner and president of SpiritWorks Cheerleading and Dance Company, the former owner and president of Dynamic Cheerleaders Association, an educator and an author.

**Stephanie L. Davis is a 1995 graduate of Raytown High School.** She is the CEO and Founder of The Advocate Group, the Co-Artistic Director/Founder of Unbound Collective, and a marketing and branding consultant, Social Terra.



**Sgt. Major Kent Dolasky is a 1986 graduate of Raytown High School.** He has served as the Commander of Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, is the recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medals, and is an Incarnate Word University Alumni of Distinction Award Winner.

**Tim Dollar is a 1977 graduate of Raytown High School.** He is an award winning trial lawyer, has served as the Special Assistant Prosecutor, Jackson County, Missouri, and is a Founding Partner, Dollar, Burns & Becker, LC.

**Eddie Lee is a 1974 graduate of Raytown South High School.** He is and internationally known cellist, performer, and teacher, is the Principal Solo Cellist of the Korean National Orchestra, and the Musical Director of the Ulsan Sinfonia Players (Professional Ensemble).

**Trevor Vance is a 1985 graduate of Raytown High School.** He is the Senior Director of Groundskeeping and Landscaping for the Kansas City Royals, a member of 15 Superbowl and 3 Pro Bowl grounds crews, and a civic-minded volunteer.

The six inductees will meet with students at the two district high schools, will be featured speakers at a luncheon, and will be introduced at the Raytown South vs. Raytown football game all on Friday, September 18; the formal induction is on Saturday, September 19. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which began in 2005.

## RAYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR

Raytown High School is wanting to put on its first annual **Career Fair for Elementary school students on October 10<sup>th</sup>** and we need your help!

We are looking for business' who would be interested in having a table at our career fair. You would be talking to the kids about your chosen career and the path you took to get there. The event would be hosted at Raytown High School by the students from 11:00-3:00pm. This would be an excellent opportunity, not only to educate the next generation as they prepare for their futures, but also great advertisement for your business.

We are also looking for any type of donations for door prizes for our Career Fair and upcoming College Fair.

Please contact Katelyn McAlister at [mcalisterkatelyn@yahoo.com](mailto:mcalisterkatelyn@yahoo.com) or (816) 813-4180 for any questions or comments you may have.

## Upcoming Member Events



**Aug. 6**

### **AFTER HOURS NETWORKING**

The event will be held at **HOME SKILLET CAFÉ, 6225 BLUE RIDGE BLVD.** Come by anytime between **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** to have a refreshment and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the After Hours and find out what they can offer to you.

### **A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING & RIBBON CUTTING**

The next "A.M. Connections" event will be held at **SERC PHYSICAL THERAPY-RAYTOWN, 4277 STERLING AVE.** Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30 a.m.** to network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the event and find out what they can offer to you! \*Ribbon Cutting at 8:15



#### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Raytown South High School Stadium Improvements**

*Thursday, August 27, 7:30 p.m.  
8211 Sterling Ave*

*Help the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley, and the Cardinal family begin a new chapter as their home field comes to life!*

**Before**



**After**



Please join us in celebrating the **Grand Opening of Raytown South High's stadium** during the RS football game, **Fri. August 28.** Game day festivities will include a Tailgate beginning at 5:30, a half time ceremony, and many prizes & give-aways. Game time is 7:00pm. Come cheer on the Cardinals and take part in the celebration of RSHS!



**A FREE EVENT**

**SATURDAY • AUGUST 29**  
12-7PM • KENAGY PARK • 9608 E 79TH ST.

**BREWER AND SHIPLEY**  
**NIGEL MACK & THE BLUES ATTACK**  
**TRAVIS GIBSON BAND**  
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**ARTISTS**

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### **SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**



**RAYTOWN QUALITY SCHOOLS**  
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**RQS Update**  
From Superintendent  
**Dr. Allan Markley**

**WHEN: Wed, September 23**

- Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

**WHERE: REAP Community Room, 9300 E. 75th St**  
\$16.00/person - cash/check/credit at the door - RSVP by Mon. Sept. 21

**LUNCH SPONSOR:**



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Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar						1
2	3	4 9am Golf Task Force Wrap up	5 12pm-Mbr. Serv.  5:30pm Raytown Young Professionals	6  <b>AFTER HOURS</b> 4:30pm	7 3pm Health/Community Fair Task Force	8 RAYTOWN HEALTH & COMMUNITY FAIR 10am-2pm 
9	10	11	12	13 7:15am Board of Directors	14	15
16	17	18 *Ribbon Cutting 8:15  7:30A.M.	19	20 4:30pm <b>Chamber Meet &amp; Greet</b>	21 8am Government Relations Committee	22
23/30	24/31 12:00pm ►DEADLINE◄ For lunch reservations	25	26 11:30am <b>MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</b>	27 4:30pm RSHS Stadium Ribbon Cutting	28	29