



**CHAMBER CONNECTIONS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
**MO Department of Labor**

**SHARED WORK**

No one likes layoffs. They are bad for the business, the employee and the local economy. And, that's why every owner, HR manager and decision maker needs to know about the Missouri Shared Work program, an alternative to layoffs.

It's not job sharing! It's an employee retention program, a way of helping both employers and employees make it through a tough time that would have otherwise included a layoff. The program is for both large and very small employers, public and private. Whether the business is contemplating a layoff because of seasonal reasons, budget cuts or delayed projects, the Shared Work program can be beneficial in averting a layoff.

Shared Work is a win for employers, employees and the local economy. Employers are better able to retain valued employees by utilizing the program, saving them thousands in rehire and retraining costs. Employees receive approximately a third of their daily wages for the days they participate in Shared Work. And, local economies do not suffer the effects of long term layoffs.

**WHEN:** Wed., May 25  
*Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am*

**WHERE:** REAP Community Room  
\$16.00/person - RSVP by Monday, May 23

**Sponsored by:**



**LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY**

- ▶ Registrations *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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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For the months of June, July and August, the Raytown Chamber will be emailing our monthly newsletter out to the members in lieu of printing them. We would love to hear from you in regards to how you like the emailed version. We will use Constant Contact to email it out. By emailing the newsletter out, it will be in color with the opportunity to click on website and email addresses.

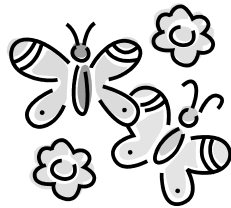
During the month of July, someone from the Membership Services Committee will be reaching out to get your feedback. Remember, we love to hear from you in regards to the great things happening at your business or organization so that we may include it in the newsletter. Also, if you have an event that is open to the public, don't forget to post it on the Chamber's Community Calendar at RaytownChamber.com, click on the calendar link at the top right then "Click here to submit your Community Event".

The Raytown Chamber/Raytown Rotary Golf Tournament is fast approaching. Additional information is included on the next page.

Some items we are looking for include:

- Tee Bag items (100 items needed)
- Items to be included in the raffle packages

Deadline to get these items to the Chamber will be May 10. What a great way to market to a select group of individuals! Questions, please contact me at the Chamber office or drop me an email (president@raytownchamber.com)



**My door is always open, come by anytime!**

*Vicki Turnbow, President*

### **CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY!**

On March 23, 1966, the Raytown Historical Society was chartered under the sponsorship of the Raytown Chamber of Commerce with about 50 charter members. Fifty years later, the society has five of the charter members in the Raytown area. They are: Lloyd Campbell, Roberta Bonnewitz, Harold Hatch, Evelyn Crews, and Bette Mathison.



Activities during these early years included public bus tours of historical sites in Raytown including the Rice-Tremonti home and slave cabin, Cave Springs, Campground Cemetery, and Byrams' Ford. The Society's first of many markers was for the William Ray blacksmith shop and placed at the present day Raytown Road and 63rd Street. The Society held many fundraisers to maintain the organization and the idea of finding a permanent place for exhibits and records. In 1981, the Historical Society purchased Raytown Fire Station No. 1, built in 1944. Construction of the Museum was finished in 1982 and exhibit areas were added in the next several years. Members then built an addition to the Museum in 1991.

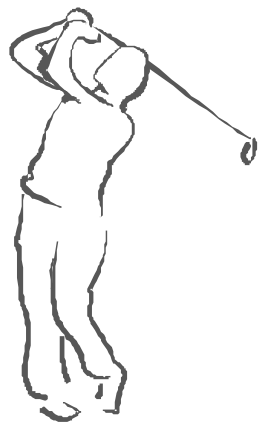
This museum began with people seeing the importance of saving our local history, and it has thrived for the last 50 years with the help of the many dedicated volunteers and generous donors having the same desire for history preservation. School children come to see the old-time schoolroom, blacksmith shop and other exhibits. Older visitors come and say "remember when..." Come visit our museum, there is something for everyone to enjoy. There are many interesting displays, rotating exhibits, research materials, Raytown school photos and yearbooks from 1909 onward, monthly Ambassadors programs on many topics, and much more! For more information, [raytownhistoricalsociety.org](http://raytownhistoricalsociety.org)

*Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Raytown Rotary Club*  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
 THU. MAY 19 **HILLCREST GOLF CLUB**  
 8200 HILLCREST ROAD - KANSAS CITY, MO 64138



**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

- 11:00 a.m. Registration, lunch, putting contest, silent auction
- 1:00 p.m. Shot-gun start – 4 person scramble – multiple flights (no metal spikes, no denim attire, collared shirts required)
- Entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, awards reception
- Silent auction ends 30 minutes after last team finishes
- Awards ceremony & reception immediately following tournament
- Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in two flights



**FEES:** Hole Sponsor & Foursome \$ 460.00  
 Foursome \$396.00 Individual Players \$99.00  
 Contest Pkg. \$40.00  
 Hole in One Sponsor (1 left): \$499  
 Hole Sponsor: \$100 Golf Cart Sponsor: \$35

**SIGN UP YOUR TEAM OR A SPONSORSHIP AT**

**RaytownChamber.com**

**Deadline for teams: May 6, 2016**

Are you tied to your desk on May 19?  
 Do you have a meeting that you just can't reschedule?  
 Not a golfer, but still want to participate?  
**SIGN UP TO BE A VIRTUAL GOLFER!**  
 Each Virtual Golfer receives a tee package, has the opportunity to come out for lunch/awards reception, can purchase raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items, and network with other businesses and community leaders.  
 Also, you will be assigned to an Actual Golfer by a lottery drawing. If they place, *so do you!*

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**MEMBER MARKET**

**Market your business to more than 400 Chamber Members in the CHAMBER CONNECTIONS.**

Business Card or 1/4 Page Space Available  
 - 3 months or 1 year Run  
 All marketing must be black & white.  
 All marketing must be prepaid.

**Contact the Chamber for more information.**  
 You may also insert a full page brochure in the newsletter or buy a set of address labels to do a personal mailing.

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**NEED A RENTAL HALL?**

**PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS**  
 SERVING THE GREATER KC AREA, THE HALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 1½ MILES SOUTH OF THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF AT SNI-A-BAR ROAD.

OFFICE HOURS: TUE.~SAT. 8AM~12PM

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**FREE CLASS PASS**



**MY YOGA CENTRE**

6111 Blue Ridge Boulevard | Raytown, MO 64133  
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# RAYTOWN'S 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Raytown Arts and Music Festival will be hosted at Kenagy Park (9608 E. 79<sup>TH</sup> St, Raytown MO 64138), August 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-7:00PM. There will be a wide variety of art displays throughout the park for viewing and purchase from KC Metro area and traveling artists. There will be a free concert of 5 different bands through the day, set up near the pond at Kenagy Park for people to enjoy. Multiple food trucks will be selling food and drinks at the event to give you a variety of options on site. The Raytown First Baptist will be sponsoring a kid's area where kids can come and make different art projects and play games for free. This is going to be a great event for Raytown music and art lovers of all kinds. This festival is sponsored by the Raytown Parks Department, Dick Smith Ford, Raytown Brooking Eagle, Funhouse Pizza, Teetering Rocks Golf Course, KCP&L, and Raytown Lee's Summit Credit Union.

If you would like to become a sponsor of the event, or a supporter, please contact Dave Turner at the Raytown Parks Department to see how you can become involved in Raytown's largest community event of the year! We work with business and individuals who are interested in advertising their business, as well as those who would like to support the development of their community. Last year we had 6,000 people attend the Raytown Arts & Music Festival, and we never would have had such success without our sponsors and volunteers. This is a great event to start your involvement in Raytown, and show your community support. For more information, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 358-4100. We hope to see you there!

## EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO 2016

Six Chambers over 75 vendors & hundreds of attendees were able to network & show off their products &

services all in one venue. Thank you to all the sponsors, vendors, volunteers & the Silverstein Eye Centers Arena for hosting. A special thank you to Alex Colley of the Independence Chamber for all her hard work in making this event a huge success!



**NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS****COUNTRY FINANCIAL****Karina Ruthenberg**

4200 Little Blue Pkwy. Ste. 420

Independence MO 64057

816-859-7563

Karina.Ruthenberg@countryfinancial.com

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Recruited by Vicki Turnbow

**Jackson County 2013** Johnny Sweeney, Miriam Hennosy**Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance 2015**

Rev. Pat Jackson

**SERC-South Raytown 2015** Darshan Deole**Raytown Rotary Club 2001****Raytown Masonic Lodge 2011** Hank Bedsaul**Oturia 2010** Jason Whitaker☺ **Raytown Educational Foundation 1997**

Martha Cockerell

☺ **Saber Cycle 2008** Diane Krizek☺ **Raytown-Brooking Eagle 2013**

Diane Krizek, Kris Collins

☺ **State Farm Insurance 2013** Beau Crawford☺ **Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation****& Care Center 2009** Anita Everette**Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church 2004** Sharon Schroer**Raytown Police Dept. 1995** Chief Jim Lynch, Cheri Hennig☺ **McGilley & Sheil Funeral Home 2001**

Dennis Carroll

☺ **RE&P Midwest-Excavating/Plumbing 2012**

Larry Pence

**Raytown Fire Protection Dist. 1983** Chief Matt Mace☺ **Leath & Sons, Inc. 2012** Jeff Leath**Heart of America Council, BSA 2014**

Janell Neal, Anthony Escobar

**Cornerstone Home Improvement 1998**

Brenda Walters, Meshelle Bishop, Brad Kleoppel

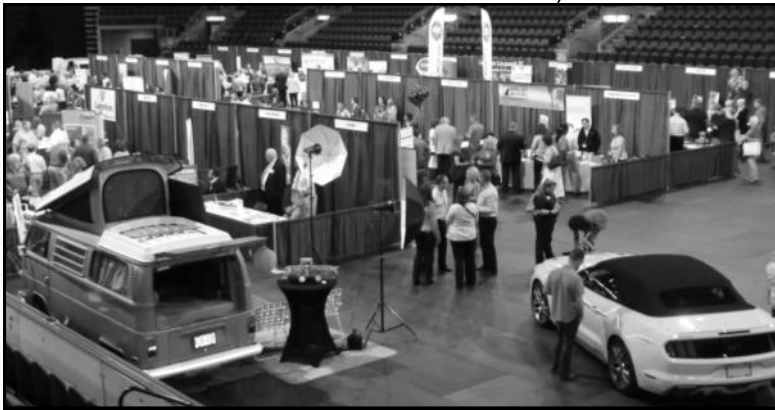
**Raytown Christian Church 2015** Elaine Schulze☺ **Dean Development 2001** Ron Dean**Raytown Parks & Recreation 1980** Kevin Boji☺ **Jackson County Legislator 2015** Theresa Galvin**Shafer Computer Service, Inc. 2009** Gary Shafer**Midwest Bookkeeping & Tax Service 1982**

Janet Downs

**Mr. Sign 1988** Matt Smith**Planet Fitness 2012** Seth Henson☺ **Better Business Bureau of Greater KC 2006**

David Buckley, Patty Fruehling, Dustin Johnson,

Jennifer Large, Cherie Reese

☺ **Cole Pest Control 2014** Helen Cole**Bordner Installation Group Inc. 1990** Rob Poettgen**CHAMBER RENEWALS >>>****BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...**

Expect more from us. We do.

**OWNERS:** Clayton & Perry Farmer

Janet Hessenflow RN - Executive Director

Charlie Stendebach, Chamber Representative

**ADDRESS:** 14310 E. 42nd Street Independence 64055**PHONE:** 816-333-9200**WEB:** CrossroadsHospice.com**EMAIL:** charlie.stendebach@crossroadshospice.com**FOUNDED:** 1998 **CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE:** 2015**HOURS:** Office 8:30-5:00 M-F, Service 24/7 **# EMPLOYEES:** 300**SERVICES:** Provide palliative care for symptom management and we provide hospice-end of life care to 16 counties in Missouri.**FUTURE PLANS:** Continue to provide hospice and palliative care services and educating the community on resources and services.**BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:** As the premier provider of end of life care in the state of Missouri, we believe no person should die in pain or die alone. We have some very unique programs that allow us to do more for our patients every day.**OUR BUSINESS IS A CHAMBER MEMBER BECAUSE:** We offer programs that allow for community involvement and support, and we believe in networking and relationship building.

# Our Members in the News

**AFTER HOURS NETWORKING AT ...**



**A.M. Connections Networking at ...**



Congratulations to Verletta "Lady" Martin on the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Lady's Sports Bar located at 6635 Raytown Road next to Lutfi's Fried Fish.



Please join the **Raytown School District** on **Tuesday, May 10** for a **Retirement Celebration in honor of Cathy Allie**, Director of Communications and Community Relations. The Retirement Tea will take place at the district's Administration Building located at 6608 Raytown Road from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Allie began her career in the Raytown School District 29 years ago, serving as an English Language Arts Teacher at Raytown South High School. During her time in the District, she also served as a Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator, and Language Arts Instructional Coach.

Allie has also been a longstanding figure in the community. She recently served as the President of the Raytown Rotary Club and has participated in numerous fundraising and community events as part of her membership. In 2012, Cathy was recognized as Raytown Outstanding Woman and Missouri Outstanding Woman by the Raytown Women of Today and Missouri Women of Today organizations, respectively.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF

*Cathy Allie*

TUESDAY 3:00-5:00 P.M.  
MAY 10

RAYTOWN SCHOOLS  
ADMIN BUILDING  
6608 RAYTOWN ROAD  
RAYTOWN, MO 64133

#39YEARSSTRONG

## Upcoming Member Events

### **A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING**

The next "A.M. Connections" will be held at **CENTRAL BANK OF THE MIDWEST, 4668 Blue Ridge Blvd.** It will be held on **Tuesday May 17.** Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30am** & 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 CEREMONY**



Join fellow Chamber members  
**Tue. May 10, 4:30-5:30pm** at  
**The Barber Shop, 5845 Raytown Road.**  
Refreshments will be served.  
Ceremony at 5:00  
Extra parking at Chamber office

### **JUNE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

## **RAYTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**WHEN:** Wed., June 22

**WHERE:** REAP Community Room  
\$16.00/person - RSVP by Monday, June 20

**LUNCHEON SPONSOR:**  
**Express Employment Professionals**

### **AFTER HOURS NETWORKING**

The event will be hosted by **LADY'S SPORTS BAR, 6635 Raytown Road.** Come by anytime between **4:30 to 5:30pm**, have a refreshment & network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the event & find out what they can offer to you!



**June 2**

## Join us for the 3rd Annual **SENIOR CELEBRATION**

Sat. September 24 5:00-8:00pm

The Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff



Grab your Friends, put on your Hawaiian Shirts & Grass Skirts!  
We are inviting Raytown's Senior Citizens that are 55 & older to come Celebrate!  
Enjoy Great Music, Hula Dancing, Dinner/Dessert, Door Prizes, Photo Booth, & Meet New Neighbors!



ENTERTAINMENT BY

**XULA**  
**HALE O'KIKAHI**

Buy Tickets at:

Raytown Chamber  
5909 Raytown Trafficway  
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Raytown Hy-Vee  
9400 E. 350 Hwy.

*Ticket sales end September 15  
Tickets are required & not refundable*

PRESENTED BY:



PLATINUM SPONSORS:



Help us put on a great event by choosing one of these sponsorship levels by **August 1!**

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

**PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2,000 One remaining!**

Sponsorship includes a company logo in all promotional material, plus it will be on the Chamber's website, Facebook & all emails regarding the event. Your company logo sign will be displayed at the event, on the sponsorship sign & in the event program.  
1/2 page marketing space in the Chamber newsletter.

**GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,000**

Company name listed in all promotional material, Chamber's website & event emails. Your company logo will be on the sponsorship sign & event program. 1/4 page marketing space in Chamber newsletter.

**SILVER SPONSOR - \$500**

Company name listed in all promotional material, Chamber's website, event emails, on the sponsorship sign & event program.  
1/8pg marketing space in Chamber newsletter.

**BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250**

Company name listed on the sponsorship sign & event program

**COMMUNITY SPONSOR - \$100**

Company name listed in the event program

**REGISTER YOUR SPONSORSHIP ONLINE**  
**at RAYTOWNCHAMBER.COM**  
**or call the Chamber 353-8500!**



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**DATED MATERIAL**

# MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</i>	2	3	4 <b>12:00pm</b> Membership Services Committee	5  <b>AFTER HOURS</b> 4:30pm	6	7
8	9 <b>3:00pm</b> Golf Tournament Task Force	10 <b>4:30pm</b> Ribbon Cutting @ Barber Shop	11 <b>3:00pm</b> Senior Celebration Task Force	12 <b>7:15am</b> Board of Directors	13 	14
15	16	17  <b>AM CONNECTIONS</b> 7:30A.M.	18	19 <b>Chamber-Rotary Golf Tournament</b> 	20 <b>8am</b> Government Relations Committee	21
22	23 <b>12:00pm</b> <b>►DEADLINE◀</b> For lunch reservations	24  CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER	25 <b>11:30am</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</b>	26	27	28
29	30 Chamber Closed  MEMORIAL DAY	31				