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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

with Dr. Martin-Knox

Superintendent, Raytown Quality Schools

Annual State of the Schools Address

& Annual Chamber Business Meeting



Sponsored by Raytown Educational Foundation

October 22nd - Registration Required

Raytown Schools Education & Conference Center (RSECC Building)

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Join us for a spooktacular weekend
filled with amazing deals and offers!



Halloween Weekend
October 30 - November 2

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Let's Visit HAUNTED Raytown

By Michelle Williams

It was a little past midnight when Tim and Susie turned onto Rickey Road, taking the long way home to Susie's house. It was a moonless night, with a light fog beginning to settle down over the twisting, winding road.

As the car moved past the old stone wall along the side of the road, Tim's car began to make an odd noise. While the car was older, Tim kept it in great condition and had just filled the gas tank prior to picking up Susie for their date. Tim pulled over as far as possible on the narrow, dark road and shut off the engine. After some debate, Tim left Susie in the car, planning to hike over to one of the few houses on the far side of the old wooden bridge.

Susie sat in the car, listening to the rustle of the leaves, watching the light fog thicken around the car. Leaning her head back, humming to herself, Susie found herself nodding off as she waited for Tim to return.



Susie jerked awake as she suddenly heard a strange noise. Straining to discern where the noise had originated, she peered into the dark night, the car now fully shrouded in fog. How long had she been asleep? Of all the nights to have forgotten her watch! Then the noise came again, a definite scratching sound. Susie froze in the passenger seat, her mouth dry, throat constricted with fear. Surely it was taking much too long for Tim to return, wasn't it? She heard the noise again and decided it was probably a tree limb hanging over the car, blowing in the light breeze. Even with the rationalization, Susie was kept awake by the scratching noise and her concern for Tim.



As night turned into early dawn, Susie knew she had to leave the car and find Tim. She had stayed in the car because she knew the rumors people spread about the Asylum off Raytown Road and how some of the patients often escaped. Shaking her head at the outrageousness of the rumor, she opened the car door and climbed out of the car. As she stretched her cramped muscles from sitting in the car all night, she heard the scratching again. Turning, she saw Tim, hanging upside down from the tree over the car, his fingernails scratching the top of the car as his dead body swung in the breeze. Screaming, Susie ran from the car.....

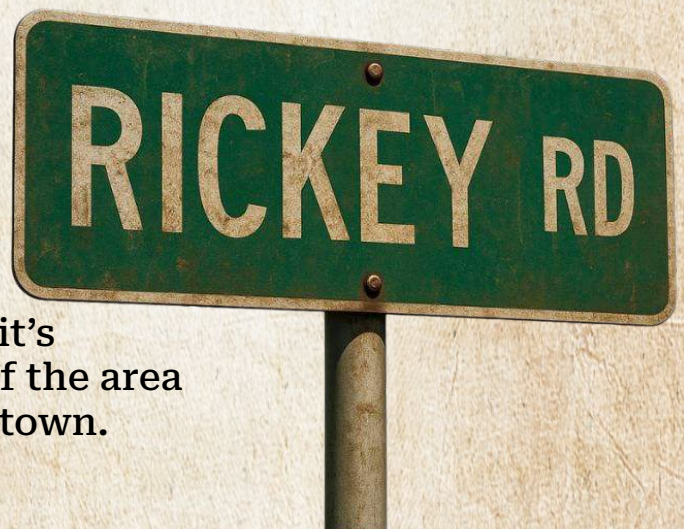
Welcome to one of the many iterations of the haunting of Rickey Road. A popular Urban Legend in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, the mystery surrounding Rickey Road began with legends similar to the story above, along with tales of people seeing non-existent cemeteries, a witch's house that only appeared on certain nights, a rolling head (most likely Susie's!), and the sounds of footsteps on the old wooden bridge.

Like most urban legends, the haunting of Rickey Road was spread among several generations of Raytown residents, from parents to children, and from friend to friend. The old wooden bridge was a focal point; it's age alone fodder for tales that inspire fear in a person's heart. As time passed, the story of Tim and Susie (names invented for this tale) took on other aspects, all ending with Tim's death.

Rickey Road would eventually be used for Driver's Education as well as training ground for the high school athletes who were runners. In the 1990s and 2000s, the old wooden bridge was replaced with a concrete bridge and the area was developed with single family homes. As is often the case with urban legends, the modernization and development brought the end of the tales of Rickey Road. Saying that, if you bring up Rickey Road, many Raytown residents (and surrounding cities' residents) will lower their voices, and tell you to not go there at night, unwillingly to share any other details.

So, this Halloween, if you're out and about, take a drive down Rickey Road; it's definitely scenic. Share your pictures of the area on your social media and tag #VisitRaytown.

But, don't go there at night....



Upcoming Networking Events

A.M. CONNECTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH



@ CHAMBER OFFICE

5909 RAYTOWN TRAFFICWAY

RAYTOWN, MO 64133

STARTS AT 7:30AM



2025'S A.M. CHRISTMAS
CONNECTIONS
DEC 2, 2025

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM CST
CONNECTION POINT CHURCH
10500 E 350 HWY
RAYTOWN, MO 64138
816-353-8500



Tuesday, Nov 4 @ 11:30A
Raytown Chamber Office
\$7 - Includes Lunch



Understanding Your Work Benefits

with Josh Morales, Nest Financial

Most people don't fully understand the value hidden inside their workplace benefits — and it can cost thousands over time. This session will break down the fine print and help you get the most out of what your employer already provides.

Topics covered will include:

- How to maximize your retirement plan (401k/403b, pensions, and matches)
- Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) explained simply
- Insurance options at work: what to keep and what to supplement
- Lesser-known perks: tuition reimbursement, commuter benefits, stock purchase plans
- A framework for reviewing your benefits each year and the right questions to ask HR

Rice -Tremonti Paranormal Investigation tours

R.T. is offering an opportunity for a few people to join in on a real Professional Paranormal Investigation. Restless Spirits Paranormal Research Team will provide all the equipment and guidance throughout the evening. To keep the disturbance to a minimum only six tickets per evening will be sold, due to the limited space, we are going to host this event on two nights,

October 18th & October 25th, from 8PM-12AM.

Tickets are \$75 per person

This home is over 180 years old and has withstood many tragedies, from disease, illness and accidents that modern medicine had yet been created to cure, to the destruction and savagery of the Civil War. Too many lives have been lost within these walls, but are they still here?



TICKETS FOR 10/18/25

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Why Preventative Maintenance On Your Roof is Imperative For Your Business

By **Peak25 Roofing**

Are you one of the many business owners who has invested in a property or building that you deem critical to the success of your company?

If so, it's imperative that you ensure that the property performs over the long term and does not suffer from roof leaks which can be a financial and operational burden. This requires consistent attention, whether you have a flat roof with white or black membranes or a pitched roof with shingles. Despite the extreme weather patterns we face in the Kansas City Metro, you can still ensure several years of leak-free peace of mind by performing preventative maintenance on your roof.

Your roof suffers from wear-and-tear as a result of its exposure to UV rays, high winds, hail, rain, snow and weather-related expansion and contraction. Additionally, people often unwittingly cause damage while going up on top of the building to service other things.

To ensure that small issues don't become a major financial drain, you should be having your roof inspected once per year (or more in certain circumstances). You should ask for a detailed report on the condition of the roof that includes pictures and a checklist of key elements. While all roofs are different, your maintenance should include elements like basic cleaning and removal of debris, caulking and re-sealing of any penetrations like pipes or leak-prone areas, and upkeep of ventilation systems. Gutters should be cleaned every spring and fall.

Roof maintenance is best handled by **experienced and manufacturer-certified professionals** who have the tools and training to do the work successfully and safely. So when Mother Nature does show up, you won't feel panicked to answer the door-knockers who arrive within five minutes. You can simply pick up the phone and get a quick inspection from your **trusted and well-trained roofing partner**.

Performing maintenance not only saves you from costly repairs but can also extend the life of your roof. If you find yourself neglecting the roof, get started with a plan as soon as you can so that you can protect your property for years to come.



Welcome New Board Member



Britt Slaughter-Henry
CommunityAmerica Credit Union

Welcome New Members!

Caring for Kids Network

Just Like Family Childcare Home



Looking Forward to Lunch!

- Oct 22** [State of the Schools Address](#)
I I A @ Raytown Schools Education & Conference Center
- Nov 19** [Kelly Head - Square One at MCPL](#)
I I A @ Raytown Wellness Center
- Jan 22** [January Chamber Celebration](#)
I I A @ Raytown Wellness Center

Chamber Renewals

- Fraternal Order of Police - Michael Wasko, Mandy McKie, Rick Inglima, Paul Brooks, 2009
Vs Italiano Ristorante - Greg Hunsucker, Gregory Hunsucker, 2013
☺ Raytown Historical Society & Museum - Charlotte Belger, 2007
Smile Care Raytown - Adrienne Simmons, Tamela Jones, 2017
Community America Credit Union - Britt Slaughter, Kelly Satter, 2009
MDL Technology - Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom, 2008
UMB Bank (Raytown) - Felicia Luhning, 1994
☺ Advanced Eyecare - Jessica Harling, Melissa Enevoldsen, Jeffrey Harter, Julie Lafreniere, 1985
☺ Cosentino's Price Chopper - Chad Weinzerl, 2002
☺ SERC Raytown - Darshan Deole, 2014
River Church Family - Timmy Hensel, Janette Guenther, Gregg Relaford, 2006
☺ Connection Point Church - Carmen Kraus, Lacey Barrett, Bernard Wesley, 1987
Scomm - Jason Curry, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Membership Services Mtg - 12p	2	3 Tourism CMTE Mtg - 12p @ Chamber Office	4
5	6	7	8	9 Board of Director's Mtg - 8a 	10	11
12	13	14 A.M. Connections @ Chamber Office - 7:30a 	15 Looking Towards 2026 Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 10a 	16	17 Govt Relations Mtg - 8a Ribbon-cutting @ Raytown Lee's Summit Credit Union - 12p 	18
19	20	21	22 October Membership Luncheon @ RSECC Bldg- 11a "State of the Schools Address"	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 	31  Halloween	

Upcoming Community Event?

Don't forget the Chamber's online FREE [Community Calendar!](#)