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2026 March Newsletter



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RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

MIX & MINGLE

AFTER HOURS



**MARCH 26, 2026
4.30 PM**

**HISTORIC RICE-
TREMONTI HOME
8801 E. 66TH ST.
RAYTOWN, MO
64133**

Build valuable professional relationships with Raytown area business professionals in a relaxed, social setting.

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Jackson County Update



March 25th, 2026
Raytown Schools Education and
Conference Center (RSECC)



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Phil LeVota
Jackson County Executive



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EXCLUSIVE CHAMBER MEMBER INSURANCE PROGRAM

Save on group medical coverage and more with this exclusive program.

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- Able to meet in person, as well as available via phone, text, email and Zoom
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- In-house processing, underwriting and funding team
- Constant communication and updates from my team throughout the loan process



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Navigate through the loan process with ease using our next-level app, S1 Connect



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- Refinance
- Home Equity
- & MORE!

I absolutely love working with Wendy, she is a very kind, caring, and honest person! She helped me get my loan as fast as we possibly could, and I will absolutely work with her again for any future loans that I may need!

- Kaitlyn S.



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STORIES THAT MATTER

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SWEETS**



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RAYTOWN 2026 SOCCER SCARF



Members - \$30

Non-members - \$35





The KC Game Plan 2026
PlayBook is Now
Available from KC2026
Download
*(this is a live document that
changes constantly)*



Preparing to Welcome the World - KC2026 Planning Meeting and Activation Session



KC Game Plan X Meta Small Business Digital Marketing Workshop



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You're cordially invited to an unforgettable evening of elegance, inspiration, and impact.

Handle HARD BETTER

A Fundraising Gala

Presented By



Sisters
In Christ
KANSAS CITY
Founder Carolyn Whitney

SATURDAY

MARCH 14 2026

AT 6:00 PM

9000 W 137th St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

**Faith doesn't remove the hard -
it teaches us how to handle it better**

SCAN TO RSVP





RAYTOWN 14TH ANNUAL EGG-EXTRAVAGANZA APRIL 4, 2026 | 10AM-2PM

EGG HUNT & COMMUNITY PARADE!

VENDOR BOOTHS | KIDS' GAMES | FOOD TRUCKS | BOUNCE HOUSES

FREE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



10am - event starts on the Green Space @ 62nd St between Blue Ridge Blvd & Raytown Rd.



11am - Community Parade starts @ 61st ST & Blue Ridge Blvd (by Raytown High School)



1pm - FREE Egg hunt on the Green Space with thousands of eggs!!!



12pm - Story time!
Bring your children to the Mid-Continent Library @ 6131 Raytown Rd (across from Green Space)



THANK YOU - ACADEMIES OF RAYTOWN PARTNERS



CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



IGNITE OUR ROADRUNNERS' DREAMS OF THE FUTURE WITH A DAY OF CAREER EDUCATION! ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED!

To help out, complete this form: <https://bit.ly/SWcareer2026> or contact David Lee david.lee@raytownschools.org
 816.268.7280



FISH 'FRY-DAY'

EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT, ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS HADDOCK, DIPPED IN BEER BATTER AND FRIED TO PERFECTION

SERVED WITH FRIES, SALAD & RUM CAKE

\$23.50

Eastern Jackson County Day @ the Capitol



Eastern Jackson County Day @ the Capitol



WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP



The Women Legislators of Missouri

will be awarding 30, \$1000 college scholarships to young women across Missouri who plan to attend college in fall 2026. Apply with the QR code or link below.



Requirements

- Female applicant who is a Missouri resident and U.S. citizen
- Graduating senior in the class of 2026
- Submission of a 500-word essay
- Submission of a short bio
- Demonstrated excellence in leadership, academics, and community service

Application Opens
Jan. 19, 2026

Application Closes
Mar. 23, 2026

Questions?

Representative Sherri Gallick 573-751-1344
Sherri.Gallick@house.mo.gov

Representative Pattie Mansur 573-751-2437
Pattie.Mansur@house.mo.gov

Apply at: <http://bit.ly/molegwomen>



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry are back Fridays during Lent.
February 20th & 27th
March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

Come and enjoy a great meal with fried and baked fish, fried shrimp, vegetables, potatoes, coleslaw, and bread. The menu changes every week so come and see what we are serving.

Where: 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, KCMO When:
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Cost: for eat in or To/Go
Adults-\$15.00
Children 6 to12- \$7.00 5
and Under-Free

As always clergy, police, firefighters, and all first responders in uniform are free as a thank you for their service to us.

We want to thank all of you for supporting us in the past and hope you continue to do so.

MEMBERS

Making News



Rock Island Trail in Jackson County is Open
- MODOT in partnership with Kansas City and Jackson County Parks + Rec OPENED the Rock Island Trail on Friday, Feb. 27.

The bridge was originally closed in November of 2025 and was replaced with a wider (Class I) railroad bridge over MO 350, near Noland Road and will still serve as a trail bridge as part of the Rock Island Trail.

This work is a part of a bigger project that includes pavement resurfacing and new turn lanes at MO 350 and Noland Road. [READ MORE](#)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Raytown Rotary Club Presents:

Murder Mystery @ The Speakeasy
Dinner and an interactive 1920s experience
Thursday, March 5th, 6:00pm

Herndon Career Center Culinary Arts
Cinder Restaurant
11501 E State Route 350, Raytown, MO

Step into a world of mystery and student support! Slip on your snazziest attire—1920s fashion optional, but fedoras, pearls, and pinstripes are welcome!

Tickets: \$80 + per person - Includes dinner and interactive Murder Mystery experience!
Gratuities to your servers will help fund the Culinary Arts Program

For tickets, contact any Rotary member or
Peggy @ 816.392.9755



Welcome New Members!

Behavioral Health Allies
Blue Ribbon Properties, LLC
Brainroot Media Production
Honey Glow Aesthetics KC
Liberty Tax



Looking Forward to Lunch!

- Mar 25** [Phil LeVota - Jackson County Executive](#)
IIA @ RSECC
- Apr 22** [Porsche Seals - Caring for Kids Network](#)
IIA @ Community KC Church

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Chamber Renewals

- ☺ RE&P Midwest, Inc - Larry Pence, 2019
- D.W. Newcomers Floral Hills Cemetery - Kylie Newsome, 1972
- Centerwell Primary Care - Antoinette Bray, Garry Robinson, 2018
- Herndon Career Center - Cheryl Reichert, Ellie Lilly, Katie Zeiger, Nate Zier, 2015
- Town Square Publications - Tiffany Hogan, 2024
- ☺ Associate Member Clarice Titus, 2003
- ☺ Public Water Supply District #2 - Pat Ertz, Kirk Allison, Fred Hartwell, Susan Mead, Danielle Nixon, Joe O'Dwyer, Richard Tush, George Yocum, 1990
- Guenther Studio LLC - Steve Guenther, 2001

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



March 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Membership Svcs Committee Mtg @ Chamber & Zoom - 12p	5	6 Tourism Committee Mtg @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 12p	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Directors Mtg @ Chamber Office - 8a 	13	14
15 Ribbon Cutting @ One Spirit UMC - 10a 	16	17 A.M. Connections @ Chamber Office - 7:30a   St. Patrick's Day	18 Looking Towards 2026 Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 10a 	19 Ribbon Cutting @ Washington Professional Security - 2p 	20 Govt Relations Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 8a	21
22	23	24	25 Jackson County Update - Membership Luncheon @ RSECC - 11a	26 Mix & Mingle After Hours @ Rice-Tremonti - 4:30p 	27	28
29	30	31	