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2026 June Newsletter



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TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH
@ EDIBLE DELIGHTZ BY TEE
6249 BLUE RIDGE BLVD
RAYTOWN, MO 64133
STARTS AT 7:30AM
\$0 FREE!

JUNE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



June 24th, 2026
Raytown Wellness Center
11A - 1P



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June 7th to June 13th, 2026



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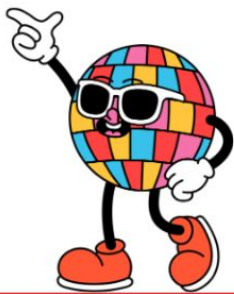
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July 25, 2026

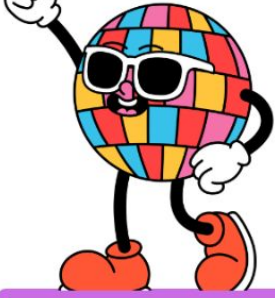
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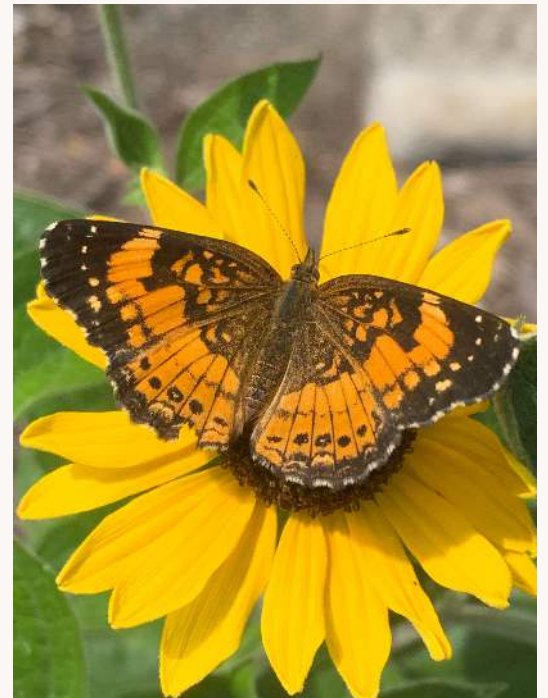
By Michelle Williams



Bluestem Habitat Restoration: Cultivating Connection Through Native Plants

Spring has arrived in Missouri! The grass is greening, the daffodils are blooming, and the trees are beginning to bud. It's the season of new growth and a time to plan for new plants. It's also Garrett Anderson's, owner of **Bluestem Habitat Restoration**, busiest time of the year. Obtaining his Environmental Studies degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), he is passionate about incorporating the natural world back into people's lives. Focusing on the use of native plants, Anderson creates personalized landscaping for business and personal spaces. His enthusiasm is absolutely infectious as he discusses how our simple choices of plants in our yards make a big impact on the ecosystem and the natural world's longevity.

As one can easily imagine, Anderson prefers working in natural spaces to the work he does in his office, finding his work in restoring native habitat to be calming, but knows his office work is important in moving his business forward. He has some sage advice for those businesses and home gardeners who wish to plant not only for beauty but for the strengthening and resilience of the land:



1. Traditional landscaping doesn't cut it anymore: Native plants offer healing to both your natural space and you.
2. Native plants don't look like weeds, while non-native plants often do. Native plants also offer a unique look and serve a purpose in the Ecosystem.
3. Ecology over aesthetics: Planting to benefit your space, wildlife and pollinators, and you, is better than planting for pretty.
4. Native plants offer inclusivity: If you want more butterflies, and to help pollinators in general, native plants provide a natural "invitation" to them.
5. Native plants have perks: Less watering, deeper root systems, more drought tolerant, filter pollutants, Co2 sequestration, and reduce stormwater runoff.

So, how do business and property owners start restoring native plants to their landscaping and/or natural spaces? Anderson states the first and best thing to do is remove the invasive species from your space as you need the area clear of plants which are actually damaging the environment. He suggests using an app called “Seek” to identify plant species. If you are more hands-off your natural space, you can also request Anderson’s assistance. Once you have cleared out the area, prep the soil as needed, and shop a local native plant nursery for plants that fit your space’s sunlight, soil moisture, and usage. Water the plants for two to three weeks and you should be on your way to a stronger, healthier natural space.



I could not resist asking Anderson what I know is a “trigger question” for those who advocate for and understand the necessity of native plants: Why is planting non-native species of plants in landscaping and natural spaces so damaging in the long-term to the environment? As expected, Anderson answered with both grace and restraint, stating that, “non-native plants do offer some benefits to the ecosystem. While they are better than nothing, the non-native species can also be seen as nothing by birds and pollinators; literally thousands of species of insects and pollinators have co-evolved with our native plants, recognizing and benefitting from each other. Nothing will ever beat the plants that have been and should be here all along.”

What’s next for Bluestem Habitat Restoration? Anderson hopes to continue to grow his business and offer more guidance to business and property owners in restoring native plants to their landscaping and/or natural spaces. He envisions his work as “using plants as the bridge to connect you to the natural world.” You can contact Garrett Anderson at 816-714-8342 or by email at bluestemhabitatrestoration@gmail.com. If you utilize Bluestem Habitat Restoration for your landscaping and/or natural space, let us know on your social media at #VisitRaytown. The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to Keep It Raytown Real and Plant Native!

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- ☺ Cosentino's Catering - Jonathan Waltermann, 2022
- ☺ Cosentino's Price Chopper - Chad Weinzerl, 2002
- ☺ Community Blood Center of Greater KC - Dawn Eblen, Kaylene Reeves, Adriana Zaragoza, 2021
- Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church - Elizabeth Meador, Tita Lewis, 2004
- Fountain City Finds - Jon Neuman, 2025 Associate Member Terry & Susan Landers, 2023
- Raytown Water Co. - Neal Clevenger, Chiki Thompson, 1995
- GFI Digital - Kristi Zimmerman, 2024

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	1	2	3 Membership Svcs Committee Mtg @ Chamber & Zoom - 12p	4 Ribbon Cutting @ Big O Tires - 10a 	5 Tourism Committee Mtg @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 12p	6 National Trails Day
7 Ray-Staurant Week thru June 13th	8	9 A.M. Connections @ Edible Delightz by Tee - 7:30a	10	11 Board of Directors Mtg @ Chamber Office - 8a 	12	13
14	15	16 	17	18	19 *CANCELLED* Govt Relations Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 8a 	20 
21	22	23	24 Membership Luncheon @ Raytown Wellness Center - 11a	25 	26	27 
28	29	30				