

Community Leader Members

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A GREAT AMERICAN STORY













LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT



UNIQUE & FUN **EXPERIENCE!**



These high-octane talented musicians are sure to bring all sorts of outrageous fun and entertainment to our evening. The audience will become part of the show with sing-alongs, dancealongs, and table-thumping excitement. Two piano players will battle to entertain the crowd and inject humorous skits that will involve and wow the audience.

FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHAMBER BANQUET OR FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT MORGAN WELCH - MORGAN@ICHAMBER.BIZ

Calendar of Events OCTOBER 5 OCTOBER 14

iN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Online Via Zoom & In-Person

OCTOBER 6

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W. Truman Rd.

OCTOBER 7

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd.

OCTOBER 8

RIBBON CUTTING 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Peterson Home Team 4706 S Shrank Dr

OCTOBER 12

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd.

OCTOBER 13

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

OCTOBER 13



RIBBON CUTTING 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM MyMedicareRates.com 208 W Lexington

OCTOBER 15

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Chamber of Commerce

OCTOBER 15

RIBBON CUTTING 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM THI Roofing & Guttering 3424 NW Duncan

OCTOBER 20

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr. 18011 Bass Pro Drive

Please join us at the Monthly Luncheon for a special program about how you can engage and retain your younger generation of employees. We will hear from Carol Elassad, CEO of Webbe Consulting Group on how culture is shifting away from big corporation focus to smaller groups that can make an impact. She will give insightful tips on embracing younger audiences, capitalizing on their technology skills, and marketing to their strengths. She will teach how to "Be Tribal and Nurture The Future".



OCTOBER 21

LEGISLATIVE HEARING 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Chamber of Commerce

OCTOBER 28

PROGRESSIVE PARTY 4:00 PM-6:00 PM Chamber of Commerce



Join the Independence Chamber and EDC for a frightfully fun progressive party networking event. This years theme is "Village of the Tiny Haunted Houses"!

Each office will be decorated in a haunted house theme. Make sure to get registered to join in the FUN.

If you are interested in having a room for this event contact Jodi Krantz jkrantz@inedc.biz or Trina Anderson trina@ichamber.biz

OCTOBER 30

73RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Historic Independence Square



The 73rd Annual Halloween Parade will be hosted again by the Independence Chamber of Commerce on October 30th, 2021! The parade consists of local businesses, organizations, and community leaders.

NOVEMBER 2

iN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Online Via Zoom & In-Person at the Chamber

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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd.

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NOVEMBER 10

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

NOVEMBER 11

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Campus Grounds Coffee Shop 26911 E US Hwy 24 Buckner, MO 64016



NOVEMBER 16

YIP'S BEFORE HOURS 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Location: TBD



NOVEMBER 17

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr. 18011 Bass Pro Drive



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DECEMBER 2

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd.

DECEMBER 3

L.E.A.D. ALUMNI LUNCHEON 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Carrabba's Italian Grill



DECEMBER 7

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Online Via Zoom & In-Person at the Chamber

DECEMBER 8

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

DECEMBER 9

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM The Vaile Mansion 1500 N Liberty Street

We hope you can join us for our Holiday Business After Hours event at The Vaile Mansion!

Tour the Vaile Mansion

Food

Drinks

Networking

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AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr. 18011 Bass Pro Drive

Be sure to make plans to join us at the December Holiday Membership Luncheon.

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DECEMBER 15

YIP'S HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM 3 Trails Brewing 111 N. Main Street



Help us to plan accordingly, by registering for these events online:

www.iChamber.biz

PLEASE NOTE:

Event dates and details are subject to change without notice. Please check the Chamber calendar for the most current event details.







July 9, 2021

Eclairs De La Lune 205 N Main Street **Independence, MO 64050**



August 26, 2021 St. Croix Hospice 1524 E 23rd St S Ste 101 **Independence MO 64055**



August 27, 2021

Tivona Naturals 211 W Lexington Ave Independence MO 64050



September 23, 2021

Resource Health Services 815 N. Noland Road **Independence MO 64050**



September 24, 2021

GreenLight Dispensary 3721 S Noland Rd, **Independence, MO 64055**





September 16th, 2021 The L.E.A.D. Class began the year with a retreat and team building development at the Tucker Leadership Lab. The L.E.A.D. class were given team challenges and trust building exercises fostering

team growth and personal development.





Come meet fellow young professionals from the area.

WHEN:

Tuesday November 16, 2021 7:30 AM-8:30 AM

WHERE:

Location to be determined.



WHEN:

Thursday December 17, 2021 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

WHERE:

3 Trails Brewing 111 N Main Street

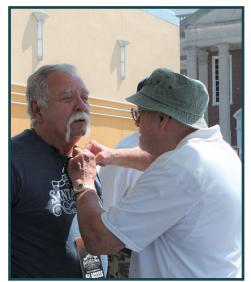


The iconic Labor Day Weekend tradition of the SantaCaliGon Days Festival returned this year with many food choices, cold drinks, live music, dancing performances, contests and popular amusement rides at the Midway, after pandemic restrictions cancelled the event last year. Crowds packed the streets and both the Main and Community Stages each night with performances from Sawyer Brown, Shooting Star and other local talent. Unfortunately, Little Texas' performance was cancelled on Friday night due to inclement weather. The new VIP seating area at the Main Stage was well received with guests enjoying the concerts center stage and up close to the performers. The arts & crafts vendors and the carnival both reported a successful year with record sales.

You won't want to miss next year's festival as the Independence Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 50 consecutive years of hosting the festival since













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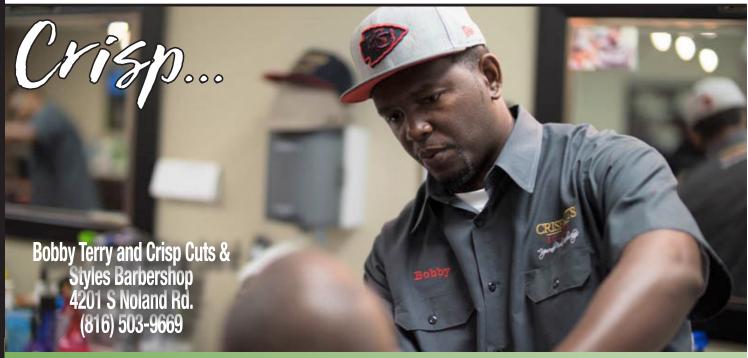














A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of visiting Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop, owned by Bobby Terry. Several barbers were getting ready for their day and were friendly and welcoming to me. The owner appeared in a couple of minutes, and I discovered a bit about his beginning in the Barber Business.

Bobby graduated from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas. He began his interest in barbering in order to "keep his siblings sharp" and then many of his neighbors came to see him, wanting their hair cut as well. In August 2009, Bobby established his first shop in Merriam, Kansas, quickly expanding to Shawnee-Mission, Kansas. Bobby then developed a relationship with the Small Business Administration, which allowed him to become officially a franchise owner. His next franchise location will be in the Crossroads District.

Bobby states his business has always operated as a business with integrity. He finds it very important to employ others who are on his "same wavelength" of possessing a positive attitude and join him in sharing his affirming team attitude. Bobby believes the service Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop provides is what sets his business apart. Bobby and his staff pride themselves on being a professional, urban shop with the ability to master all hair types. He and his staff serve a multicultural and diverse customer base.

Bobby has been married for sixteen years and he and his wife have three children. Their youngest, Moriah, has Downs Syndrome and Bobby will tell you that she is his motivation for all that he does. Bobby enjoys being a part of the Independence area and reports he has gotten "so much support" from the entire community. We are pleased to count Bobby Terry and Crisp Cuts and Styles Barbershop as a member of the Independence Chamber of Commerce!



OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Featured Speaker



Carol Elassad **Webbe Consulting Group**

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When:

Where:

OCTOBER

Wednesday

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Stoney Creek Hotel 18011 Bass Pro Dr. Independence, MO 64055

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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



Edition

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SHARKS:

Bret Kolman - Centerpoint Medical Center Amy Hollen - Evans & Steele Financial **Kim Deveney - American Funding Solutions Bob Glaser - CommunityAmerica Credit Union Alec Cook - Continental Siding Laurie Dean Wiley - Hoot Owl Financial**

When:

Wednesday

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where:

Hilton Garden Inn 19677 E Jackson Dr Independence, MO 64057

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Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - October-December 2021

All City Tow Doug Goodwin

Triad Inc.

Enertech Energy Management Solutions

YCS Marketing

Eastland Face and Body

Local Investment Commission (LINC)

Affordable Home Foundation Inc.

City Credit Union

I Noah Guy Home Improvements

LandRock

St. Mark's United Methodist

A Robinson Trucking LLC

AA Quick Disposal

Auto Beauty Center

Big Bob's Flooring Outlet of Liberty

Big Bob's Flooring Outlet of Overland Park

Billy's Mobile Homies

Brett Capital Group LLC

Bryant Ferguson Group

CCR Roofing

Central Bank of the Midwest- Noland Rd

Commercial Doors

Community*Access

Control Printing Group, Inc.

Corso Upholstery LLC.

Delta Innovative Services/ DB2 Services

Design Mechanical

DLR Architect Group

DuPree Consulting & PR, LLC

Edward Jones, Andrea McMillin

Elite Services & Repairs, LLC

Embrace the Grape Beverage Catering

Englewood Arts

Fine Cut Concrete Drilling & Sawing LLC

First Bank

Focused Forensic Solutions, LLC

Good Roofing Company

Habitat For Humanity ReStore

Hirst Vox- Voice Productions

Horn Law Firm

Inception Plumbing LLC

JMH Pest Management LLC

Joshua DuPree at Missouri Farm Bureau

Joyce Shelton Hazelrigg

Kansas City Winnelson

KC Floorworx

KC Mechanical Services

KCAV

Kim McDaniels Co.

King's Small Engine

Lexington Plumbing & Heating Inc

LG Striping

Lippert Mechanical

LR Wiley

Lullaby of Hope

Lunar Bowl

M-Power Salon & Spa

Maintenance Contract Services

Martin Underground

Maywood Printing Company

Mobility First Inc.

North Point Boiler & Combustion

Novel Place Senior Living

Omega Door

On The Square Nutrition

Peterson Home Team

Phillips Paving

Pollard Orf and Associates

Precision Construction Companies

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Red Equipment LLC

Regents Flooring

Res-Q Services Heating and Cooling

Rhonda Dolan

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Royal Lawn Service

Salvus TG

SBD Housing Solutions

Scooter's Door Service

Scott Davidson Ins Agency INC

SERC Physical Therapy at Independence Square

Site Worx Construction Inc

Spark Legal Solutions, LLLP

Spectrum Paint

SSi Furnishings

Starbucks Coffee Co.

Stella's Clean Vines, Clean-Crafted Wine (TM)

The Dugout Indoor Softball & Baseball Facility

The Insurance Groupe, Inc.

The Law Office of Daniel S Hobart

Thrift World

Total Body Fitness

Tucker Appraisals

Win Win Property Solutions

Xact Tax Services LLC

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Family Investment Center

Holy Rosary Credit Union

POAH Preservation of Affordable Housing

Hownd, Inc.

The Innovation Lab

Ignite Medical Resort

Asphaltic Surfaces

Rory Rowland

Country Financial/ Stephen J. Pirch Insur-

ance Agency, Inc

KR Roofing & Consulting

Krete Construction

Metro Ford

Ochsner Hare + Hare the Olsson Studio

Monopoly Acquisitions, LLC

Square One Solutions

Olive Branch Accounting and Tax, LLC

City Theatre of Independence

Aldi Inc. - 11605 E 23rd St

United Way of Greater Kansas City

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Konica Minolta Business Solutions

Little Richards Family Restaurant Inc

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KC Baby Back Ribs

Frisk Brothers Moving

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Smoothie King

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Synago LLC

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Hap Graff

KJ Remodeling LLC

Jim Carter Truck Parts Speaks Chapels LLC-Buckner Chapel

Speaks Chapels LLC- Suburban Chapel

Independence Family Eye Care

Community Blood Center

Highway 7 Chiropractic

All Star Pictures

Kelly Freeland Peggye Turner

Happy Anniversary continued...

5-14 Years - October-December 2021

i360 Insurance, LLC Twin Peaks **University Health Community Care Fairmount Kansas City Comets Blair's Foster Socks**

Medley Smiles Allis Chalmers Industrial Park

The Arc of the Ozarks

Main Event Entertainment

Remax Elite, Realtors- T. David Rogers

Applied Path Diamond Bowl

Newmark Grubb Zimmer

First Federal Bank of Kansas City

Fred Hahn

Charlie's Car Wash

Courthouse Exchange Restaurant & Lounge

El Pico Mexican Restaurant

Wild About Harry Mens Accessories & **Furnishings**

Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 23rd St Servpro of Lee's Summit, Raytown, East **Kansas City**

Phoenix Home Care & Hospice

Hope House

UpDog

Mauer Law Firm Heritage Physicians Group

Main Street Coffee House

State Farm Insurance, Chad Mitchell Kansas City Mavericks Pro Hockey **Edward Jones, Adam Kliethermes**

Edward Jones, Chris Thiele Mother's Refuge

Studio on Main AAA Disposal Service Children's Mercy

15-24 Years - October-December 2021

BeHereNow Cafe Verona **Clinton's Soda Fountain Gilbert Whitney & Co** Ophelia's Restaurant & Inn Square Pizza

Kansas City Public Library -Trails West

Branch BerganKDV

Rand Construction Co.

Hereford House Restaurant

Hilburn Trucking Inc.

Independence School District Founda-

State Farm Insurance, Stacey Schell

Newland

Auto Color & Equipment Inc. McDaniel Furnace & Sheet Metal Inc.

Recognition Plus

Red Carpet Service

Silverstein Eye Centers PC

V's Italiano Ristorante

25-39 Years - October-December 2021

Gallagher Insurance & Risk Management Independence Housing Authority Midwest Machine Co. Inc.

Rotary Club of Independence

Smokehouse Barbecue Balanced Body Chiropractic Center PC

Junior Service League of Independence 1st MidAmerica Credit Union

Cargo Largo Columbia College **Greg's Tire Center**

Independence Womens Clinic

The Fountains at Greenbrian **Downey Construction Inc.**

Greg's Lock & Key Service Inc. Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

Fort Osage R-I School District

Sam's Club

Bank of Grain Valley

City of Independence

City of Independence Fire Dept.

City of Independence Police Dept.

City of Independence Power & Light

40-46 Years - October-December 2021

Comcast Scott King, Attorney The Groves Ted's Trash Service Inc. L & C Meat Inc. Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal Co. **Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co**

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July-September 2021

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Laura Lynne Real Estate

Musketeer Home Care

Town Home Improvements, LLC dba THI Roofing & Gutters, LLC

Ain't Yo Momma Kitchen

Billie Preston

Dog Training Elite Kansas City South

Tivona Naturals

Gutter Helmet

Archwell Health

Greenlight Dispensary

Spitaleri Law Firm

Western Governors University

Medicare Simplified KC THE M JOS Company

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Save the Vate Alumni Holiday Luncheon



Friday, December 3rd, 2021 11:30 AM-1:00 PM | Carrabba's Italian Gril



"Everyone has the potential to become an encourager. You don't have to be rich. You don't have to be a genius. You don't have to have it all together. All you have to do is care about people and initiate."

~ John C. Maxwell ~



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SOCIAL HOUR

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Ctr.

You are invited to join the team of 300 of your **Chamber colleagues for the Eastern Jackson County Business Associates Social Hour**

Help us kick-off this fun-filled sports themed event featuring networking, vendor showcases, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and much more.

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