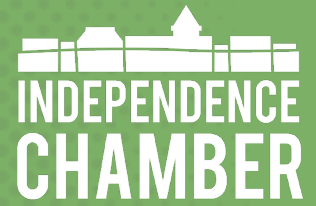


The Chamber

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April/May/June 2022



*Industrial Technology Academy: Construction Pathway
Leading the future of Independence!*

Regional & Community Leader Members

The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful for our Regional & Community Leader Members!
We appreciate their ongoing support allowing us to offer programs and events that help
our city and members grow and prosper.

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Lakewood Medical Center

CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY
JUNE 17, 2022

WINTERSTONE GOLF COURSE

**SIGN UP BY
JUNE 3RD
FOR THE BEST
PRICING!**

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**

**PRIZES
RAFFLES
& fun!**



**EARLY BIRD TEAM PRICING
UNTIL JUNE 3RD!**

CHAMBER MEMBERS: \$500/EARLY BIRD TEAM
\$550/TEAM AFTER JUNE 3RD -OR- \$150/INDIVIDUAL
NON-MEMBER: \$600/EARLY BIRD TEAM
\$650/TEAM AFTER JUNE 3RD -OR- \$175/INDIVIDUAL

**7:00 AM
REGISTRATION &
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM
SHOTGUN START**

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ANDREA ZORICH -
ANDREA@ICHAMBER.BIZ OR 816.607.4911

Calendar of Events

APRIL 8

Ambassador Informational
9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Online Via Zoom

Join current ambassadors for an informational meeting as they will share more about the program and answer questions. The meeting will also discuss how serving as a Chamber Ambassador will make a difference for you, the community, and support local businesses and services.

APRIL 9

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Adams Pointe Conference Center
1400 NE Corondado Drive

Join us for an evening honoring Chamber businesses and individuals who stood out in 2021!



We will be hearing from our President and outgoing and incoming Chairs of the Board in addition to an exciting program featuring **DUELING PIANOS!**

APRIL 12

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

APRIL 13

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

APRIL 15

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING **LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

APRIL 15

RIBBON CUTTING
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
The Delaware: Events + Coffee
125 S Main Street, Independence Square

APRIL 20

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



Featured Speaker

Michael Baxley
Executive Director
Englewood Arts

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Child Abuse Prevention Association

APRIL 22

MEMBERSHIP PERKS
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Rd.



Join us for Part 1
Events and Networking
Learn about the many different
programs and networking events
the Chamber offers.

APRIL 26

YIPS COFFEE & NETWORKING
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
The Delaware: Events + Coffee
125 S Main St, Independence



APRIL 28

SPEAKER SERIES:
Workforce Development
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Rd.



Featured Speaker



Trence James
Missouri Department
of Higher Education &
Workforce Development

Workforce in Independence and across the nation is facing widespread shortages reflecting a complex trend in changing demographics, emerging talent requirements, and a shift in expectations between employer and employee. Presenter, Trence James with Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development will discuss how they are addressing these challenges.

APRIL 28

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
RG Capital Partners, LLC
3675 S Noland Rd Ste 215



MAY 3

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom

MAY 6

FOODIE FRIDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: TBA



MAY 9

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

MAY 10

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

MAY 11

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

MAY 18

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



Plan to attend the May Membership Luncheon & L.E.A.D. Graduation as we celebrate the graduates of the L.E.A.D. 2021-2022 program. We will also hear remarks from one of the L.E.A.D. instructors.

MAY 20

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom



MAY 26

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
United Consumers Credit
Union
1111 E 23rd St S



JUNE 1

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce

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

JUNE 2

ANNUAL CHAMBER PICNIC
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Independence Uptown Market
211 W Truman Rd.



Join your fellow Chamber Members for
Member Appreciation Day.
FREE food, fun & games!
PLEASE RSVP so that we may plan
accordingly!

JUNE 3

BREAKFAST!

FOODIE FRIDAY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Location: Whataburger
18811 E US 40 Hwy



Join us for a special twist on Foodie Friday, featuring a breakfast hour instead of lunch! Members are invited to join us for this informal breakfast gathering to enjoy a great meal, some networking and patronize a valued chamber member.

JUNE 7

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Online Via Zoom

JUNE 8

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

JUNE 13

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce &
Online via Zoom

JUNE 14

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

JUNE 15

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: TBD

Plan to attend the June
Membership Luncheon.
More information about the
program to come soon.

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JUNE 17

42ND ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC
7:00 AM-3:00 PM
Winterstone Golf Course
17101 E Kentucky Road



Join us for the
42nd Annual Chamber Golf Classic!
This is one of the Chambers best opportunities to network with business leaders and golf with clients and associates while genuinely having a great time. Participants will enjoy breakfast, lunch, contests, 50/50 Raffle, prizes and more!

JUNE 23

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Corporate CopyPrint
111 S Main Street



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

www.iChamber.biz



Ribbon Cuttings



January 4, 2022
Belle Nail Studio
16641 East 23rd St. S.
Independence , MO 64055



January 19, 2022
Whataburger
18811 E US 40 Hwy
Independence MO 64055



March 16, 2022
Animator Coworking Space
14300 E US Highway 40
Kansas City, MO 64136



March 29, 2021
Andy's Frozen Custard
3424 NW Duncan
Blue Springs MO 64015

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Interact with legislators representing Independence, hear legislative updates, and learn about activities at the local and state levels. The briefings are open to all Chamber members and are free of charge.



April 15, 2022 • 8:30 AM
May 20, 2022 • 8:30 AM



Independence
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050



Online via Zoom
Please register to receive
Zoom information

*You're
Invited!*

9th Annual Member Appreciation Chamber Picnic

JUNE

11:30 AM

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1:30 PM

Food, fun, networking & games!

Independence Uptown Market
211 W. Truman Rd.

Member Spotlight



Lynne Baker

Business to
Education Connector

Industrial Technology Academy: Construction Pathway

Spotlighting businesses of the Independence community has been such a joyful experience for me, however, for this issue, I would like to turn the focus to one of the Academy Pathways: Construction.

John Amos, the leader of the Construction Pathway, within the Industrial Technology Academy, has brought so much industry-related experience, as well as great pleasure, to return to his own alma mater, William Chrisman High School. After graduating from WCHS in 1981, John attended University of Central Missouri and attained a BS in Construction Management. John had been a part of a family immersed in that industry and had spent countless hours working alongside his father, a Superintendent for a General Contractor. Upon graduation from college, John started as a project engineer, in the first tier of Management, where he oversaw such projects as working on the B-2 hangers for the Stealth Bombers at Richards-Gabaur Airforce Base, as well as renovating Kauffman Stadium.

However, a divorce and the need to parent his small children, led John to a schedule which was more conducive to the needs of his children. Thus, John returned to ISD and started teaching 4 and 5th graders at William Southern Elementary School, while earning his elementary certification at Graceland University. He then moved to Bridger Sixth Grade center, where he taught math for three years. He connected with a friend from the past, who was presently working at WCHS, who told John about the Academies and how he would be the "perfect" teacher for the job, with both practical work knowledge of construction, as well as the educational certification he needed. These first three years at WCHS leading the Construction Pathway, was a more difficult learning experience, because of COVID.

parade of playhouses
APRIL 2 - 10

"The Magic School Bus" Playhouse 2022



Home Builders Association of Greater KC - Parade of Playhouses
Built by students of the ISD Academies. Public can bid on a playhouse for their own
backyard in an online auction - <https://kchomework.com/foundations-for-the-future-week/>

Even with the Covid Pandemic requiring changes to the school days and times, last year John's students took home the only two awards given by the Home Builders Association. In 2021, John's class built a playhouse, which looked like a travel Trailer. The HBA has this competition every year, to engage high school students in the building process. For their hard work, John's students were awarded the Best Innovation 2021 Award Winner, as well as the Pick of the Parade, Future Builders 2021 Award, both with cash prizes totaling \$3500, which is used to take field trips to expose his students to the educational and trade union opportunities for further education in their field of interest. To John's credit, all of his upper-level students (28 total) passed their OSDA-10 Safety Test, which is a 100% passing rate!

John's desire is to give every student the opportunity to seek employment in the Construction field, if they so desire. Today, because of the number of retiring workers in the Construction Trade Industries: Plumbers, Electricians, HVAC, Roofers, Carpentry, and Concrete, are desperately needed. However, as Mr. Amos reported to me, the employers in these Construction Trades want candidates who are committed to doing the work in their chosen career area. He was told by one of the industry training Schools they had 40 to 100 candidates who wanted to be tested to be trained.



The Independence Academies provides every student with the opportunity to select a Career pathway. There are jobs to be had...but students must demonstrate a strong desire to get the training and pursue their career choice. I salute John Amos, as one of the many strong and incredible professional teachers in ISD, for making every opportunity available to his students. On many occasions today, it seems students are unwilling to move out of their routine life pattern to do something new and different, leading them to new adventures they will miss, if they chose not to participate. John Amos is doing everything possible to impact our students lives, giving them a brighter and stronger position for the future!



parade of playhouses

APRIL 2 - 10

WHEN:

Playhouses on display April 2-10

WHERE:

Union Station

30 W. Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO 64108

View playhouses in Haverty Family Yards
(grassy area outside Science City)

BID:

Bidding opens April 2 at 9:00 a.m. and ends
April 10 at 5:00 p.m. Bid now!

To learn more about Parade of Playhouses or
to bid on this playhouse online

kchomework.com/foundations-for-the-future-week/

Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

1-4 Years - April-June 2022

Building Blocks Bookkeeping, LLC
Freedom Financial Advisors, LLC
Phone Systems Design, LLC
The Trash Box
Sunshine's Hair Haven
Tasty Unicorn
St. Croix Hospice
Mary Kay
Roberts Turf & Landscape LLC
Ladybug Mobile Notary
Mortan Man HVAC and Plumbing
Sunshine Art by Nancy
NS Custom Cakes LLC
Commcare/ Alternatives
Fully Promoted
Forza Property Management
Classy Canines
Terrace Home Health
Tagine House
Budget Blinds of Lee's Summit
Salvatore's Restaurant
Julie Moreno
Yummy Favorites Catering

Thomas R. and Eileen N. Weir
Crisp Cuts & Styles Barbershop
Robert Sauls, State Representative
CubeSmart
Treo Marketing
Edward Jones, Matt Flax
Blue Ridge Bank- Independence Square
Blue Ridge Bank- Raytown
Blue Ridge Bank- Sterling
Kansas City Property Solutions LLC
Secret Service House
The Pavilion Event Space
Gerken Rent-All Inc.
Vivilore
Landmark National Bank
West inD Connection 501(c)3
Pure Water Oasis
Ghafoor Cook Ellis, LLC
Alicia Scott State Farm Agency
Commercial Concepts & Furnishings
State Farm Agent, Lesley Siegfried
Carter Broadcast Group, Inc.
FISH Window Cleaning
Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders

15-24 Years - January-March 2022

Better Business Bureau
American Funding Solutions LLC
American Sweeping Inc
Burd & Fletcher Co.
Opdahl & Bowen DDS, PC
Superior Bowen Asphalt Company LLC
CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Noland
Fairmount Plaza Apartments
McGrath Heating and Cooling LLC
Winterstone Golf Course
Carrabba's Italian Grill
Aldi Inc. - 16007 E 23rd Street
Edward Jones, Corey Long
State Farm Insurance, Kim Downey Noble

25-39 Years - January-March 2022

Kansas City Royals
Widick Marketing
McDonald's Restaurant - 3921 Bolger Road
ServiceMark Telecom
Corporate CopyPrint
Custom Engineering Inc.
Landmark Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Edward Jones, Doug Hammer
Metropolitan Community College - Blue River
Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)
Hi-Boy Drive-In
McDonald's Restaurant - 16235 E. 24 Highway
Burns & McDonnell
Discover Vision Centers
Community of Christ International Headquarters

5-14 Years - April-June 2022

University Health on the Go!-Noland Rd
Laurie Dean Wiley, Financial Advisor - Hoot
Owl Financial
Centerpoint Orthopedics
Centerpoint Physicians Group
Family Care of Eastern Jackson County
Family Care of Independence
Jackson County Pulmonary Medical Group LLC
Midwest Neurology Physicians
John Kimak
Nancy C. Kimak
Bank Midwest
Minsky's Pizza
JobOne
Evans and Steele Financial Services
Bass Pro Shops
Hollis+Miller Architects
Kansas City Managed IT
GFI Digital
R & K Auto Body LLC
Alissa's Flowers, Fashion & Interiors
St. Luke's Health System
A Little Bar-B-Q-Joint
Jackson County
JE Dunn Construction Co
Planet Fitness- Noland Rd.

County Beverage Company Inc.
Pepperwood Apartments - Office
Sunrise Montessori Academy of Independence
AutoTek LLC
Monterey Park Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Midwest Public Risk
Town & Country Building Services
Staybridge Suites
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest General-ogy Center
Mid-Continent Public Library- North Independence Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library-Administrative Headquarters
Mid-Continent Public Library-South Independence Branch
Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance
Associated Services in Insurance Inc
Emerick & Company, CPAs
Full Employment Council Inc./Missouri Job Center
East Side Baptist Church
GEHA Government Employees Health Association Inc.
Reece & Nichols Realtors, Daniel O'Neill
Eastland Trails Apartments

40-48 Years - January-March 2022

Graceland University - Independence Campus
Independence Adult & Community Education
Humphrey, Farrington, & McClain, PC
Space Center Kansas City, Inc.
Cable-Dahmer Chevrolet Inc
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LIKE YOU, WE CAN MAKE A POS
ITIVE IMPACT IN MANY
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Cheers for Success!

WELCOME

New Chamber Members

January-March 2022

NorthPoint Development
 Visiting Nurse Association
 Dc's Contracting LLC
 MIVA MEDICAL
 MetroMedia
 Apex Business Advisors
 SproutHouse Supply LLC
 Midwest GI Health
 Taste of Aloha
 G&G Property Care
 Andy's Frozen Custard
 City Wide Facility Solutions
 sumnerone
 Aflac
 Agape Touch Massage Therapy
 AGI Investigations
 Alscott Surety Inc
 American Fusion Wheel & Tire
 Apex Underground LLC
 Arrowhead Electric
 Atlas Home Group
 Bank of Springfield
 Berenson LLP
 Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club
 Black Lemon Boutique
 Blue Mango Boutique
 Builders Financial Service LLC
 Bukaty Companies
 By George PR
 Capital One N.A.
 Carpenter Vending Service
 Certified Carpet Systems
 Chicago Title
 Complete Lawn Professionals
 Control Service Company. Inc.
 CThrough Window Cleaning
 Daikin TMI
 Davlin Services
 Dayco Painting
 Diaz Painting Company LLC
 Ditty's LLC
 Doin It Major
 Element Enterprises, LLC
 Fastsigns
 Float Daddy

Form Systems
 Freedom Painting
 Garage Pros KC
 Gears Unlimited LLC
 Gomez Roofing LLC
 Grace Christian Assembly
 Great Western Expeditions
 Harris Rebar
 Healthy Brands
 Heartland Capital Advisors, LC
 Heartland Cremation and Burial Society
 Hiestand Land Management
 Jr & Brothers Hauling LLC
 KC Wireless Inc
 Kings Trucking LLC
 Kyle Given Agency Country Financial
 Lan Tel Communications Services, Inc
 LC's Trading LLC
 MarksNelson
 Midwest REI
 Mudjack Joe's
 Naomi Lawson- 1st Class Real Estate KC
 Northwestern Mutual- Jared Wirsig
 OKM Professionals
 Olathe Fleet Solutions
 One Way Cleaning Co
 PACT
 PennTech, Inc.
 Pierpoint Plumbing
 Premiere Outdoor Enterprises, Inc.
 PrimeLending
 Pro Roofers, LLC
 Que Tal Pollo Grill and Cantina
 Queen City Baseball Association
 Quick Mobile Repair
 RC Tree Service
 RE/MAX Heritage- Sara Davis
 RNS Private Duty Care
 Santa Fe Tow
 Smoothie King- Noland Rd.
 Steve William Asphalt
 Stone Amp SEO
 Swanson Bernard, LLC
 Team Jesus
 Terry Snelling Construction

Time Wise Media
 Timely Signings
 Tom Neill Trucking
 Totta LLC
 Tracker Door
 Tropicana Paleteria
 Turkey Creek Properties
 Uni Floor Inc
 Union Home Mortgage
 Unlimited RV
 VFW Post 1000
 VG Designs
 VIP Maintenance USA
 Your Chamber Connection
 JV Garage Door, LLC
 Four Birds Apparel
 Planet Sub
 Carmen's Cantina and Mexican Grill
 Engle Motors, Incorporated
 UMKC TalentLink
 23rd Street Auto & Tire
 Watchdog Advisory
 Happy Trails Esthetics
 Animator Co-working Office Space
 Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers

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The **EastGate Commerce Center** is a tremendous opportunity for Independence to attract over **\$800 million** in private capital investment.

**CHAMBER BOARD OF
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**LITTLE BLUE VALLEY WILL
RESULT IN ONE OF THE
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ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN THE
HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE**

The project will attract new employers who will create over **5,000 family supporting jobs**.



The **Independence, Fort Osage and Blue Springs school districts** will all see **significant increases** in tax revenue and the **city has no financial risk**

**THE PROJECT IS BEING
ENTIRELY FUNDED BY
THE DEVELOPER**

**HELP SUPPORT THIS
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
FOR INDEPENDENCE!**

**SCAN
CODE TO
FILL OUT
THE FORM**



The Independence City Council needs to hear from the community that they support this project so that this isn't a lost opportunity for Independence. We are asking Chamber members to share support for the EastGate Commerce Center project with members of the Independence City Council. We have set up a very simple process for you through a web page we have created. Please go to the web page and fill out the form that will contact each one of the Independence City Council members on this important issue and to show your support in the project.

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upcoming events!**

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When:

APRIL

Wednesday

20

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where:

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

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Child Abuse Prevention Association

MAY LUNCHEON



Graduation Day!

It's graduation day! Plan to attend the May Membership Luncheon & L.E.A.D. Graduation to celebrate the graduates of the L.E.A.D. 2021-2022 program. We will hear remarks from a few of the graduates on what they experienced through the program and also from one of the L.E.A.D. instructors.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND!

When:

MAY

Wednesday

18

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where:

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

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MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER

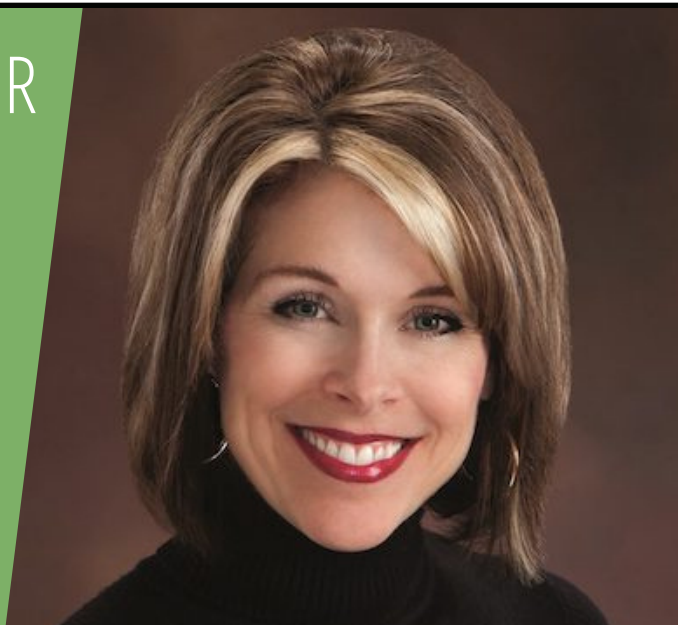
Welcome to the Chamber, Amy Knipp!

Amy has joined the Chamber staff as the SantaCaliGon Festival Director.

Amy is an Independence native and previously worked for the Chamber as the Events Coordinator until 2017 when she left to serve as the Director of the Independence School District Foundation. Amy has not only been a volunteer of the festival the last several years, but also volunteers for many numerous organizations in the community.

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OFFICE PHONE - (816) 333-4850



AMY KNIPP

SantaCaliGon Festival Director

Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“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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