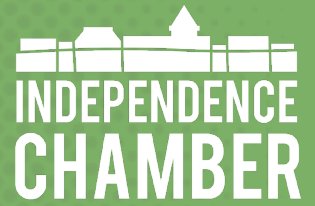


The Chamber

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov/Dec 2022



*Let your voice be heard!*

# 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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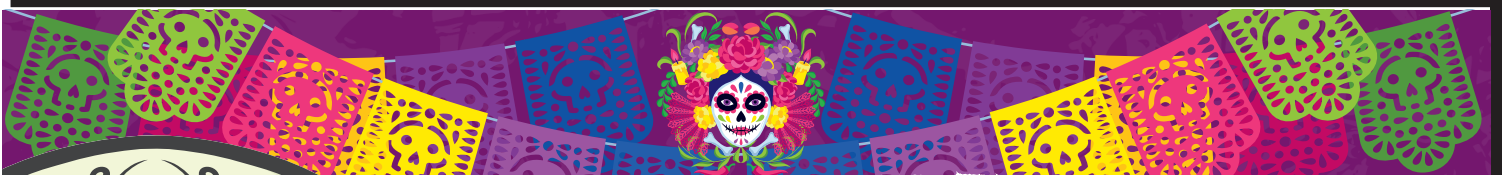
A GREAT AMERICAN STORY



**Cornell**  
Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.





# PROGRESSIVE DAY OF THE DEAD


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022  
4PM-6PM

**FOOD, DRINK & TREATS**

**INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER  
210 W. TRUMAN RD.

If your business is interested in sponsoring a room for this event contact Jodi Krantz -  
jkrantz@inedc.biz -or- Andréa Zorich  
-andrea@ichamber.biz to sign up.



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER TO ATTEND



## 74th Annual HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 29th 10:00AM

**Questions?** For questions, or to participate or become a sponsor of the parade, please visit the website or contact Andréa Zorich at andrea@ichamber.biz

SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE



## OCTOBER 5

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Athletico Physical Therapy  
4600 S Noland Rd

## OCTOBER 6

**SPEAKER SERIES:**  
Harnessing the Power of Story to Level  
Up Your Marketing  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Rd.



*Featured Speaker*

**Evan Cox**  
Evan Cox Consulting

Please register and plan to attend the Speaker Series where Evan Cox will be presenting on StoryBrand Marketing and how to communicate the right message for your business to stand out from the competition.

## OCTOBER 7

**FOODIE FRIDAY**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
V's Italiano Ristorante  
10819 E US 40 Hwy



Have you ever been part of a "Lunch Mob"? This is our version. Members and their guests are invited to join us for this informal lunch gathering to enjoy a great meal, some networking and patronize a valued chamber member. This month we will be visiting V's Italiano Ristorante.

Please register so we can give the restaurant a heads up!

## OCTOBER 10

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

## OCTOBER 11

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

## OCTOBER 12

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

## OCTOBER 14

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Nirvana Coffee  
10707 E Winner Rd.

## OCTOBER 18

**CANDIDATE FORUM - CITY COUNCIL  
AT-LARGE**  
6:30 PM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Live on the Chamber's Facebook page

**CANDIDATE FORUM**  
*Meet the candidates*  
CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE  
Tuesday, October 18th, 2022  
Beginning at 6:30 PM  
Questions for candidates may be submitted by email to: [forum@ichamber.biz](mailto:forum@ichamber.biz)  
Independence Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## OCTOBER 19

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Hiram Young School Homeownership Ctr  
505 N Dodgion Avenue

### Women in Business

To celebrate Women in Business month, this month's program will be featuring a panel of women in business from within our community. Please register and join us for the October Membership Luncheon!

PRESENTING SPONSOR

**Matchstick**  
WEBSITES

## OCTOBER 21

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Classy Canines  
12500 E US 40 Hwy, Suite I

## OCTOBER 25

**CANDIDATE FORUM - STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 20, 21, & 29**  
6:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce &  
Live on the Chamber's Facebook page

**CANDIDATE FORUM**  
*Meet the candidates*  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 20, 21 & 29  
Tuesday, October 25th, 2022  
Beginning at 6:00 PM  
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Independence Chamber of Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

## OCTOBER 27

**PROGRESSIVE PARTY-DAY OF THE DEAD**  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
Chamber of Commerce

Join the Independence Chamber and Independence EDC for a frightfully fun progressive party networking event. This year's theme is "Day of the Dead"! Each office will be decorated according to the theme and each room participant/business will provide a food, drink or treat item for our guests.



## OCTOBER 28

**RIBBON CUTTING**  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
The European Furniture Center  
18809 E 39th St S



## OCTOBER 29

**74TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Historic Independence Square

The 74th Annual Halloween Parade hosted by the Independence Chamber of Commerce will take place on October 29th, 2022! The parade consists of local businesses, organizations, and community leaders.



## NOVEMBER 1

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

## NOVEMBER 7

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

## NOVEMBER 8

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

## NOVEMBER 9

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT**  
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Drumm Farm Center for Children  
Nelson Hall

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

## NOVEMBER 16

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Hilton Garden Inn

Join us as we celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week with our own version of Shark Tank as three budding entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a panel of "sharks." With help from our audience, the sharks will select the company that gets funded with the winning pitch receiving \$500 to help fund their concept.

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## NOVEMBER 17

**BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS**  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
LOCATION: TBD



## DECEMBER 2

**L.E.A.D. ALUMNI HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Carrabba's Italian Grill  
19900 E Valley View Pkwy



## DECEMBER 6

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

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**HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Vaile Mansion  
1500 N Liberty St



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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Location: TBD

Please register and join us for the  
December Membership Luncheon.  
Program is to be determined.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in sponsoring this  
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accordingly, by  
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these events online:  
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# Ribbon Cutting



**July 21, 2022**

**Hiram Young School  
Homeownership Center  
501 N Dodgion Street  
Independence, MO 64050**



**July 27, 2022**

**Drumm Farm Center for Children  
Drumm Campus  
3210 S Lee's Summit Road  
Independence MO 64055**



**August 26, 2022**

**Adjuvant Physical Therapy  
20101 East Jackson Drive, Suite C  
Independence MO 64057**



**September 22, 2022**

**Drumm Farm Center for Childre  
Duvall Campus Phase 2  
3635 S Ponca Drive  
Independence MO 64057**



**September 29, 2022**

**Silver Heart Inn & Cottages  
1114 S Noland Rd  
Independence, MO 64050**



# CANDIDATE FORUMS

*Meet the candidates*

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE  
(Independence)

**OCTOBER**

**Tuesday**

**18**

**6:30 PM**

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Chamber of  
Commerce  
210 W. Truman Road

**-OR-**

**WATCH ON**



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
Districts 20, 21 & 29

**OCTOBER**

**Tuesday**

**25**

**6:00 PM**

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Several circular buttons with a red, white, and blue design featuring stars and the word 'VOTE' in blue capital letters. One button is prominently in the foreground, showing the word 'VOTE' and stars. Another button is partially visible behind it, and a third one is further back.

# VOTE YES

## ON QUESTION 1

### THE INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSES THE COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

The Independence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has voted to support Question 1 (Community Children's Services Fund) on the upcoming November 8th ballot. The vote to support this ballot issue was unanimous at the September Chamber Board of Directors meeting.

*SantaCaliGon Days Festival  
was a BIG hit!*



Presented by:

**xfinity**

The 50th celebration of the SantaCaliGon Days Festival is now in the history books. We had a weekend filled with glorious weather, a fabulous lineup of talented performers, fantastic vendors, delightful dancing performances, competitive contests, and the ever so popular amusement rides at the carnival/midway. We also took time to honor our veterans and those who served our country with a pinning ceremony.

The festival has brought millions of dollars to Independence over the last 50 years. Those dollars have helped raise money for many non-profit and civic groups, sports teams, scouts, and small businesses that give back to the community. Many volunteers of the festival are your neighbors and friends who enrich this community by giving their time and efforts to make this event a huge success and fun family weekend.

This year we brought back the search of the hidden SantaCaliGon medallion, which was another big hit with getting the community involved with the event.

We also hosted the first wedding during the festival, when Troy Kuhnert, a long-time volunteer, married the love of his life Michelle Hawkins, who also performed at the Main Stage Saturday night.

We love hosting this event and we especially love bringing the community together to experience this unique Independence tradition.

We hope you enjoyed it too!





# THANK YOU

## 2022 SANTACALIGON SPONSORS

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# Member Spotlight



**Lynne Baker**  
Business to  
Education Connector

I held the card in my hand. What a creative, ingenious card designed by Matchstick Websites... with a burned edge! So very clever! The two people behind the brand are just as creative and ingenious as their card. Andrew and Kelly Lightfoot are the technical and creative minds behind this powerful website design company. Kelly brings the creative genius, from her background of graphic design with her company, Ampersand. She received her education in the Commercial Art department, specializing in graphic design, at the University of Central Missouri. In working in the branding and design field with her clients at Ampersand, she realized that they needed websites, as well. Andrew, who was working with a software consulting firm, became an expert in WordPress, which is a somewhat complicated "Lego-type" building system for websites. In 2015, Matchstick Websites was born...a partnership that has embodied many aspects of Andrew and Kelly's life, both professional and personal. The Lightfoot's would be considered the technical and creative "Chip and Joanna Gaines" of the website world.

Kelly was raised in Troy, Missouri and Andrew's home was in Normal, Ill. They were both attending a local Lee's Summit church where they became friends and eventually were married in April 2011. Their professional partnership was established in 2015, when the couple began collaborating with the building of websites. Not only does Matchstick build websites, but they also provide ongoing security and maintenance for their clients...taking the stress away from the clients as they turn their website management over to the capable hands of Andrew and Kelly.



Most of Matchstick's clients are nonprofit and small business organizations. Andrew stated their key to success is to bring their personal touch to others, unlike many of the more commercial website creators, who may be located states away. Andrew related that he gained a new client simply by answering the phone! The client liked hearing a "live" voice on the other end of the line. Most of their clients are in the greater Kansas City area, however, Matchstick Websites also represents companies located in North and South Carolina, Illinois and South Dakota. One of their clients, Brent Wright of LifeNabled, has a nonprofit which creates prosthetics for adults and children in Third World countries. Andrew and Kelly manage over forty different client websites.

Faith has been an essential component of Andrew and Kelly's life journey. They strive to live out the "Golden Rule" in their business and personal lives. "Treat others the way you would like to be treated" is the hallmark of their success. People passing on their satisfaction "by word of mouth" has been a huge part of their business achievements, as well as being active in our Chamber of Commerce. One of the first websites they built was for Stewardship Capital, which led to a growing number of other local websites in Independence, including our own Independence Chamber of Commerce.

For fun, Andrew relaxes by playing several musical instruments and singing. Kelly has developed a new line of jewelry, The Lightfoot Collection. Their daughter, Mae, is six years old and in First Grade. They are thrilled to be able to work and share their business together. Kelly said: "Rough day, we shoulder it together and the good days, we celebrate together". Every year, the Lightfoots do an end-of-year review of their professional life, as well as their personal one. Last year, they were awarded the Non-Profit Connect's Philly Award, Gold in the Website Category for Wonderscope Children's Museum.

The personal touch, taking care of your customers when their needs arise. Kelly and Andrew believe this is the key to their business success. Together, with her creativity and his technical skills, they have built a successful company...entrepreneurs and partners...who live out their belief of serving others!

LEARN MORE ABOUT ANDREW AND KELLY BY VISITING THEIR WEBSITE -  
Matchstick Websites - <https://matchstickwebsites.com>  
The Lightfoot Collection - <https://thelightfootcollection.com>

Matchstick  
WEBSITES



# LEAD INDEPENDENCE

*LEAD Class 2023*



September 20th, 2022

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.



## Missouri Chamber of Commerce Workforce 2030 Conference

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting the Workforce2030 Conference Oct. 25-26, 2022 in Independence. The fourth annual conference will explore the many strategies and programs that Missouri's employers, educators and organizations can implement leading up to the year 2030 to make our state the home of a thriving, vibrant workforce. As a member of your local chamber, you are eligible for a registration discount! Use code MCF20 when registering to receive 20% off.

Visit [mochamber.com/workforce2030-conference](https://mochamber.com/workforce2030-conference) for more information and to register! If you have questions, contact Ashley Schwab, Director of Conference Development, at [aschwab@mochamber.com](mailto:aschwab@mochamber.com).



# Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

## 1-4 Years - October-December 2022

MVP Awards and Engraving  
Synago LLC  
Kim Connects KC Home Team  
Smoothie King- Bolger Rd.  
A.G. Spanos Companies  
St. Michael the Archangel  
Frisk Brothers Moving  
Worlds of Fun  
Konica Minolta Business Solutions  
Crown Staffing  
United Way of Greater Kansas City  
Aldi Inc. - 11605 E 23rd St  
City Theatre of Independence  
Monopoly Acquisitions, LLC  
Ochsner Hare + Hare the Olsson Studio  
Metro Ford  
Krete Construction  
Asphaltic Surfaces  
Hownd, Inc.  
Family Investment Center  
Holy Rosary Credit Union  
POAH Preservation of Affordable Housing  
Lunar Bowl  
Royal Lawn Service  
The Dugout Indoor Softball & Baseball Facility  
Res-Q Services Heating and Cooling  
Scott Davidson Ins Agency INC  
Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes  
On The Square Nutrition  
Horn Law Firm  
Spectrum Paint  
Stella's Clean Vines, Clean-Crafted Wine  
Rhonda Dolan  
Englewood Arts  
First Bank  
Site Worx Construction Inc

Community Access  
Salvus TG  
Red Equipment LLC  
CCR Roofing  
Regents Flooring  
Phillips Paving  
PCC  
Fine Cut Concrete Drilling & Sawing LLC  
DLR Architect Group  
North Point Boiler & Combustion  
Lippert Mechanical  
Total Body Fitness  
Preferred Asphalt & Concrete  
Auto Beauty Center  
Pollard Orf and Associates  
Elite Services & Repairs, LLC  
Omega Door  
JMH Pest Management LLC  
Control Printing Group, Inc  
Edward Jones, Andrea McMillin  
Xact Tax Services LLC  
Design Mechanical  
Commercial Doors  
KC Floorworx  
Martin Underground  
Mobility First Inc.  
Hirst Vox- Voice Productions  
Embrace the Grape Beverage Catering  
Thrift World  
King's Small Engine  
SBD Housing Solutions  
Brett Capital Group LLC  
The Law Office of Daniel S Hobart  
Starbucks Coffee Co.  
Habitat For Humanity ReStore  
Focused Forensic Solutions, LLC  
Tucker Appraisals  
Peterson Home Team

Central Bank - Noland Rd  
Affordable Home Foundation Inc.  
St. Mark's United Methodist  
LandRock  
DuPree Consulting & PR, LLC  
LG Striping  
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LandRock  
City Credit Union  
I Noah Guy Home Improvements  
Eastland Face and Body  
Local Investment Commission (LINC)  
Triad Inc.  
Doug Goodwin  
Austyn Anderson Summit Lending  
Allen Garner  
Onin Staffing  
Chefs For Seniors  
1st Class Real Estate KC  
Marie A Hudson Farmers Insurance Agency  
Edward Jones, John Roberson  
Funny Bones Chiropractic  
RG Capital Partners, LLC  
Edward Jones, Michael Rowe  
Summit Pizza  
Park University  
Allstate Insurance  
FedEx Ground  
Mum's Here  
L R Case-Harmon & Co CPA, LLC  
Belle Nail Studio  
Cardinal Points Construction, Inc.  
Nature Med  
ShowMe Pension Group, Inc.

## 15-24 Years - Oct-Dec 2022

Auto Color & Equipment Inc.  
McDaniel Furnace & Sheet Metal Inc.  
Recognition Plus  
Red Carpet Service  
Silverstein Eye Centers PC  
V's Italiano Ristorante  
Hilburn Trucking Inc.  
Independence School District Foundation  
State Farm Insurance, Stacey Schell Newland  
Hereford House Restaurant  
ISA  
Rand Construction Co.  
BerganKDV  
Kansas City Public Library -Trails West Branch  
BeHereNow  
Cafe Verona  
Clinton's Soda Fountain  
Gilbert Whitney & Co  
Ophelia's Restaurant & Inn  
Square Pizza  
AAA Disposal Service  
Children's Mercy  
Studio on Main

## 25-39 Years - Oct-Dec 2022

Bank of Grain Valley  
Fort Osage R-I School District  
Harry S. Truman Library and Museum  
Downey Construction Inc.  
Greg's Lock & Key Service Inc.  
Cargo Largo  
Columbia College  
Glenn's Tire & Automotive Inc  
The Fountains at Greenbriar  
Independence Womens Clinic  
1st MidAmerica Credit Union  
Balanced Body Chiropractic Center PC  
Junior Service League of Independence  
Rotary Club of Independence  
Smokehouse Barbecue  
Gallagher Insurance & Risk Management  
Independence Housing Authority  
Midwest Machine Co. Inc.

## 5-14 Years - October-December 2022

Mother's Refuge  
Edward Jones, Chris Thiele  
Edward Jones, Adam Kliethermes  
Kansas City Mavericks Pro Hockey  
State Farm Insurance, Chad Mitchell  
Main Street Coffee House  
Mauer Law Firm  
Hope House  
UpDog  
Phoenix Home Care & Hospice  
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 23rd St  
Servpro of Lee's Summit, Raytown, East Kansas City  
Courthouse Exchange Restaurant & Lounge  
El Pico Mexican Restaurant  
Wild About Harry Men's Accessories & Furnishings  
Charlie's Car Wash  
First Federal Bank of Kansas City  
Newmark Grubb Zimmer  
New Diamond Bowl  
RE/MAX Elite, REALTORS - T. David Rogers

Allis Chalmers Industrial Park  
The Arc of the Ozarks  
My Place Hotel  
Blair's Foster Socks  
Kansas City Comets  
University Health Community Care Fairmount  
Twin Peaks  
I360 Insurance, LLC  
Kelly Freeland  
All Star Pictures  
Highway 7 Chiropractic  
Community Blood Center  
Independence Family Eye Care  
Speaks Chapels LLC- Suburban Chapel  
Speaks Chapels LLC- Buckner Chapel  
Jim Carter Truck Parts  
KJ Remodeling LLC  
Hap Graff  
Lotus Key Homes LLC  
Austin Conley Agency

## 40-49 Years - Oct-Dec 2022

Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co  
Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.  
L & C Meat Inc.  
Ted's Trash Service Inc.  
Scott King, Attorney  
Comcast  
City of Independence  
City of Independence Fire Dept.  
City of Independence Police Dept.  
City of Independence Power & Light

*Cheers for Success to all!*



# WELCOME

## New Chamber Members

July-September 2022

ShowMe Pension Group, Inc.  
The Krystal Venue LLC  
Three Oaks Hospice  
Nate Tate the Insurance Guy  
Blystone Insurance Agency  
The Cleaning Crew of KC LLC  
Enchanted CPR LLC  
Fort Nutrition

Out & In Moving  
Independence Manor Care Center  
State Public Safety & Investigations  
The Luxe Event Space  
Athletico  
Nirvana Coffee  
Silver Heart Inn  
Justin Garner Dentistry

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE BUSINESSES  
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[WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY](http://WWW.BUSINESS.ICHAMBER.BIZ/DIRECTORY)

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Saturday  
November 26th

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**Dr. Robert Jerome**  
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**Dr. Thomas Meyer**  
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**Dr. Jason Snodgrass**  
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**Zach Walker**  
City of Independence

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GEHA

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**Cindy McClain**  
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**CHAMBER'S ANNUAL  
BANQUET & CELEBRATION**  
**2.4.2023**  **6-9 PM**  
**STONE CREEK HOTEL &  
CONFERENCE CTR.**



## Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

~ John Quincy Adams ~



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## SAVE THE DATE

### Alumni Holiday Luncheon



Friday, December 2nd, 2022

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Carrabba's Italian Grill



### Caught on Camera

