

### QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Jan/Feb/Mar 2025



# Legacy Partner & Community Leaders



The Independence Chamber of Commerce is grateful for our Legacy Partner & 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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# Commity Leaders













A GREAT AMERICAN STORY







# **Doug Cowan** Community Services League INCOMING

From the Chair

My fellow Chamber members –

I am so grateful to be serving as your Chamber Board Chair in 2025. By serving in this role, I follow the patient and thoughtful leadership of 2024 Chair Yvonne Hall, who helped the Chamber grow and thrive this past year. We are grateful for Yvonne, and thank her for years of commitment and dedication to the Chamber!

Every step forward our community takes is important. In April 2025, our Independence voters will be asked to consider a general obligation bond to improve public safety, upgrade transportation, and enhance our parks and historic sites; all of which are critical for business. The Independence Chamber of Commerce is a trusted source of information for Independence residents, and we must raise our voices in support of this long-overdue effort. Successful and prosperous cities must invest in themselves, and it is time for Independence to make a generational investment to pave the way for a brighter future.

In my professional role as President & CEO of Community Services League, our work intersects every day with business. We train workers for better careers, help neighbors access housing, create access for lending and financial products, build stability for a strong future, and much more. When our local business climate is strong, neighbors are strong. That is why I'm thrilled to serve as your Chamber Board Chair.

I have lived in Independence for the last 40 years, and am looking forward to our bicentennial celebration in 2027. I am at a stage of my life where I ask, "What about my kids?" My sons are 13 and 10 years old, and I want to help create a community that they will be proud to call home when they are adults. Let's work together to build a strong and resilient community.

As you are planning for 2025, I hope you will consider being an active member of the Chamber. We are stronger with you.

Sincerely, Doug Cowan 2025 Board Chair, Independence Chamber of Commerce Let's work
together to
build a strong &
resilient
community



#### **IANUARY 15**

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 11:30AM - 1:00 PM The City House 14300 É US Hwy 40



Zach Walker Independence City Manager

Plan to attend the January Membership Luncheon, where attendees will have the opportunity of hearing insightful remarks from Independence City Manager, Zach Walker, as he presents the highly anticipated State of the City address.

> **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

Please contact Mikealene Evans if you are interested. Email: mikealene@ichamber.biz -or- Phone: (816) 607-8827

#### **JANUARY 17**

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING and LEGISLATIVE HEARING 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM **Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom** 

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

### **LEGISLATIVE**

#### **JANUARY 22**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP **BOARD MEETING** 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Chamber of Commerce** 

WEBINAR UNDERSTANDING PROP A: HOSTED BY THE MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce is hosting a webinar on January 29, 2025, at 11 a.m. to provide essential information on the state's new minimum wage and paid leave law, outlining what employers need to know and how to comply. During the webinar you will hear from John Marino, a St. Louis-based attorney with McMahon Berger, as he breaks down the key provisions of Proposition A. John will discuss employer responsibilities and explain how the new law will affect workplace policies.

#### **IANUARY 31**

**RIBBON CUTTING** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Musketeer Home Care, LLC** 1206 W Truman Road

### FEBRUA

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANOUET 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Hilton Garden Inn 19677 E Jackson Drive



**Experience the Chamber Banquet like** never before. Join us for Chamber Night Live where laughter, music, and camaraderie collide. Jeff Houghton takes the stage as our host for an unforgettable night honoring Chamber businesses and individuals who stood out in 2024!

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#### **FEBRUARY 4**

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

#### **FEBRUARY 5**

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

#### FEBRUARY 6

TASTY THURSDAY Networking from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Summit Pizza** 3010 South M291

#### **FEBRUARY 11**

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

#### **FEBRUARY 12**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Chamber of Commerce & Online via Zoom

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#### **FEBRUARY 25**

**EJC CHAMBERS DAY AT THE CAPITOL** 7:30 AM - 7:00 PM Jefferson City, Missouri

Join the Independence Chamber and other regional Chambers for our legislative advocacy day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. During the day, we will hear from various state departments, the legislative staff from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce as well as House and Senate leaders.

#### **FEBRUARY 26**

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Featured Speaker

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#### **FEBRUARY 27**

NEW MEMBER HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Chamber of Commerce Boardroom 210 W Truman Rd.

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Dr. Chris Kuehl Chief Economist Armada Corporate Intelligence

Featured Speaker

Join us to hear from Dr. Chris Kuehl as he shares his thoughts on the national and world economy and what it means for the local business community,

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#### MARCH 13

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

#### AND

DEI LEARNING SERIES 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber of Commerce 210 W Truman Rd



#### **MARCH 18**

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber of Commerce



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#### MARCH 28

FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION & AWARDS BREAKFAST Hilton Garden Inn 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM



Join us in honoring the men and women that protect our city every day. Annually, the Independence Chamber recognizes and gives thanks to our local first responders for the significant and highly valued contributions they provide to the businesses and citizens in the City of Independence.



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



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

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October 1, 2024 Independence Police Substation Independence Center

October 3, 2024 The Arc of the Ozarks Kansas City 500 NE Colbern Road Lee's Summit, MO 64086

October 8, 2024 Kingdom Recovery 10704 Westport Rd Independence, MO 64052

October 11, 2024 The Red Force Fire & Security 917 NW Jefferson Street Blue Springs, MO 64015

October 18, 2024 Mixed Mutt & Company 108 S Liberty Street Independence, MO 64050

October 25, 2024 Popeyes 15902 E US Hwy 24 Independence, MO 64050

November 6, 2024 The Gray Area 20001 E Jackson Dr, Suite B Independence, MO 64057

November 8, 2024 APEX Sports Hub LLC 19310 E 50th Terrace Independence, MO 64055

December 10, 2025 University Health Dermatology 19000 East Eastland Center Court Independence, MO 64055

### **Upcoming Membership Luncheons**

### State of the City



Featured Speaker Zach Walker Independence City Manager



**FEBRUARY** 

Wednesday

Featured Speaker Dr. Steven Norton

### Economic Insights



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**The City House** 14300 E US Hwy 40 Kansas City, MO 64136

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Wednesday **The City House** 19677 E Jackson Dr Independence, MO 64057 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

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### **LEGISLATIVE**

Interact with elected officials 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.

> **January 17, 2025** 8:30 AM



**February 21, 2025** 8:30 AM



March 21, 2025 8:30 AM





#### **JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM**





**Online via Zoom** Please register to receive Zoom information



Honoring the Men and Women that protect our city every day!

Friday, March 28, 2025

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Hilton Garden Inn

#### **NOMINATE NOW**





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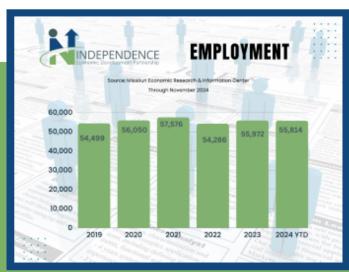


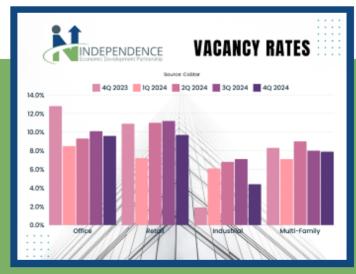
Our Legislative Agenda is developed by the Public Policy Committee and communicates the Chamber's positions on issues at the state, local and federal levels of government. Working together with various legislative organizations helps promote public policy decisions that reflect the priorities of the Independence business economy. Below is our stance on our economy's pressing issues, as of January 2025.

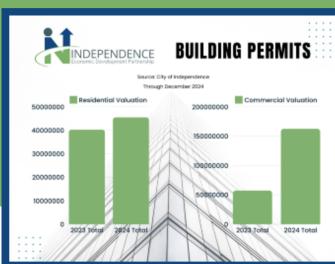
EDUCATION	PRIORITY	MONITOR & SUPPORT	ONGOING SUPPORT
Continue to support full funding of Pre-K education and the A+ program through the foundation model.		*	
Support legislation increasing the bond capacity of public-school districts from 15% to 20%.			*
Support continued full funding of education transportation and foundation formula.		*	
ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT			
Monitor discussion regarding improvements to the Truman Sports complex.		*	
Support an increase in funding for Missouri Technology Corporation.			*
Support reasonable tax credit programs for historic preservation, affordable housing, job creation, workforce development, youth services, and education as necessary incentives for the community.			*
Oppose any changes to economic development tools such as Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) that would hamper development and redevelopment.		*	
Support balanced economic development in partnership with the City and local taxing entities to ensure Independence can remain competitive in attracting jobs and capital investment.		*	
Support the release of ARPA funds as recommended to the Jackson County Legislature.	*		
Business owners recognize that accessible and affordable housing options are crucial to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. We support growing access to affordable local housing options through increased state appropriations for key housing and community development programs as well as other state and federal incentive programs for the creation of affordable local housing.		*	
NFRASTRUCTURE			
Support funding from any state and federal infrastructure program to provide funding for bridges, roads, transit, commuter rail, and pedestrian trail options in Eastern Jackson County including Missouri Hwy 7.			*
Support the City of Independence putting a general obligation bond issue on the April 2025 ballot.	*		
Explore new governance structure for Independence Power and Light and other City owned utilities.	*		
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	'		
Expand the MOABLE Program through supporting the ABLE Age Adjustment Act.	*		
Support for increased funding for mental health services in Independence and Eastern Jackson County.	*		
Childcare is a pivotal statewide workforce and economic development issue. Parents' entry or re-entry into the workforce is often hindered by childcare provider shortages. Missouri should increase the accessibility, availability, and affordability of high-quality childcare.		*	
GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS			
Support legislation that would reinstate municipal court's ability to enforce and assess fines for violations of minor traffic offenses including the suspension of licenses for offenders who fail to pay court fines and/or appear in court and to place the limit of the fine amount to \$500.00.	*		
Oppose election law changes that would alter election dates, filing deadlines, partisan municipal elections, and early voting/absentee voting.	*		
Support the streamlining process of health inspections between Jackson County, Kansas City, and the City of Independence.	*		
Support "Clean Slate Missouri" which would automatically seal or expunge the criminal records for certain non-violent offenses.		*	
Opposition to legislation that takes local control away from municipalities in regard to right-of-way management and pole attachments.		*	
Opposition to any reductions, caps, or altering of the local sales tax rate.		*	
A safer Missouri is a stronger Missouri. We support efforts to reduce crime and enhance public safety.  The state should dedicate adequate funding for public safety to address our law enforcement staffing shortage and enact innovative tools to help combat crime.		*	



### 4th Quarter Report









#### **INPACT AWARDS**









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FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES CONTACT:

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# Menter Spotlight



# Elevating Custom Engineering to New Heights



It has been my honor to interview some of the most dynamic, interesting, and business-savvy people in the Independence area! Today, I am thrilled to introduce you to Joe Davis, CEO and owner of Custom Engineering, who exemplifies these qualities perfectly.

As part of my responsibilities at the Independence Chamber, I visit our members to demonstrate our continual support for them and their businesses. From the first moment I met Joe Davis, I found him to be a gracious and kind business owner. His life story is fascinating, and it is this unique journey that ultimately led him to own Custom Engineering and expand the company to new heights.



Joe was born in Topeka, Kansas, but his military family moved to Oklahoma when he was ten. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, Joe was immediately hired by the 3M Corporation in Minnesota, where he worked in their technical services lab focusing on product development and testing. Over the years, Joe and his family moved several times, including to Denver, Colorado, and Kansas City.

In 1999, after thirteen years with 3M, Joe had the opportunity to purchase Custom Engineering, located in Independence, Missouri. He and his family relocated to the area, and he also pursued and earned an Executive MBA from the University of Phoenix. Joe shared that he always aspired to be a business owner, driven by a desire to have more control over his business destiny.

Joe's entrepreneurial spirit emerged early in life. At just six years old, he earned 30 cents per week by taking the trash to the curb for his neighbor. He calculated his fee based on the cost of a bag of candy—29 cents plus a penny for tax. This early venture taught him a valuable lesson when he was fired after asking for a raise to 50 cents per week. Undeterred, Joe continued to explore money-making opportunities, whether selling Matchbox cars, flower seeds, or mowing lawns. On his best day, he earned \$28 by mowing 14 yards at \$2 each!

Custom Engineering is a mechanical and electrical engineering design and consulting firm that specializes in "anything vertical." The company works on a variety of projects, including hospitals, schools, transportation centers, multifamily housing, wastewater treatment facilities, and designs for city, state, and federal agencies. Collaborating with architects and engineers, Custom Engineering focuses on systems for buildings, particularly HVAC and power distribution.

Joe's determination to own a business stems from his desire to have more control over his professional destiny. However, he recognizes that with this freedom comes great responsibility, especially in providing for the employees he has hired. Today, Custom Engineering operates from four locations: Independence, Columbia, and St. Louis, Missouri, as well as their newest office, which opened in Overland Park, Kansas, at the end of 2024.

A fifty-year-old company, Custom Engineering has been under Joe's leadership for twenty-five years. He has built the company on core principles: putting the client first, respecting the client's budget, simplifying the client's experience, and assembling the most talented team to meet each project's demands.

loe's family includes his wife, a special education middle school teacher in the Blue Valley School District, and two grown sons, ages 27 and 30, who both work in the healthcare field and reside in Atlanta, Georgia. Joe credits his perseverance and practical mindset, honed during his studies in electrical engineering, as keys to overcoming challenges and continuously improving. Even as a child, he embraced the thrill of problem-solving, a passion that remains central to his approach today.

Joe has also dedicated himself to combating prejudicial stereotypes by working harder and achieving success. Custom Engineering has been recognized for the past twenty-five years as one of the top minority-owned businesses by both the Kansas City Business Journal and In-

gram's Magazine. While honored by such accolades, Joe is humble about his achievements, emphasizing that he wants Custom Engineering to be recognized for its excellent, professional work and the exceptional service it provides to its clients.





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- Advertise your business, products, or services
- Hyperlink to your website or social media page
- **Affordable rates**
- Interactive, mobile-friendly digital version will be published on our website, sent by email, and shared via social media
- 3,600 Print Readership
- 15,000 Digital Readership

Reserve a space in your favorite section to promote your business to fellow members, consumers, as well as businesses seeking to relocate.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE **YOUR AD SPACE** 

Contact Chamber member Tammie Easson at 417-629-7935 or teasson@tspubsdigital.com to secure the best placement in this annual directory.

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# Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

#### 1-4 Years - January-March 2025

**Alscott Surety Inc Andy's Frozen Custard Apex Business Advisors** ARROWHEAD ELECTRIC, INC **Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club Bridget McCandless Builders Financial Service LLC** By George PR Chicago Title City Wide Facility Solutions CommunityAmerica Credit Union- 40 Hwy HyVee **CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Blue Springs** Outer Rd. CommunityAmerica Credit Union- Hidden Valley **Complete Lawn Professionals** Control Service Company. Inc. CThrough Window Cleaning D Cheryl Bradley CPA LLC **Daikin TMI Diaz Painting Company LLC DJHP Broadcasting** 

DonutNV Independence Engle Motors, Incorporated **Expert Flooring Solutions** Fastsigns **G&G Property Care** Gilmore & Bell, PC Independence Community Teacher Association, an independent affiliate of MSTA Independence Police Department Foundation Interior Landscapes Kings Trucking LLC MetroMedia **Nabholz Corporation** NorthPoint Development **Oak Ridge Memory Gardens** PennTech, Inc. Premiere Outdoor Enterprises, Inc. Pro Roofers, LLC **Queen City Baseball Association** Restoration 1 of Kansas City **RNS Private Duty Care** 

Santa Fe Tow Smoothie King- Noland Rd. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc **SUMNERONE** Taste of Aloha **Terry Snelling Construction** The City House Tropicana Paleteria **Turkey Creek Properties** Uni Floorunc **Unlimited RV** VFW Post 1000 Whataburger Winchester LCAAP **Wise Choices Financial LLC** Your Chamber Connection

#### 5-14 Years - January-March 2025

**Foster Adopt Connect** 

3 Trails Brewing Co. **Acrisure ACS Services Adventure Oasis Water Park** Albonée Country Inn and Vineyards LLC Anita's Home Team, REMAX Premier Prop-**Associated Audiologists** Baker Bros. Contractors, Inc. **Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More Bingham-Waggoner Estate Black Bear Diner Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City Budget Blinds of Concordia/Blue Springs** Candlewood Suites Chicago and Alton 1879 Depot Church of the Four Corners Clayton Paper & Distribution Inc. **Drury Inn & Suites Independence** Family Wrench LLC

Frannie Franks Coffee Cakes **Game Cafe LLC GOAD COMPANY Good Shepherd Hospice Harbor Hospice Hathhorn CPA LC** Jackson County Historical Society Jackson County Public Health Jackson Creek Post Acute Kansas City Zoo Kinetic **Lakewood Oaks Country Club** LDS Independence Missouri Visitors' Center Marr and Company, P.C. McAlister's Deli **McClain Brothers Real Estate** Nancy K Eppert **National Association of Parliamentarians National Association of Parliamentarians** 

RDS Equipment, Inc. Resource Health Sarpinos Pizzeria Sibley Orchards and Cider Mill Sonshine Sports Apparel, LLC **Sterling Plaza Apartments Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center** Sunterra Springs Independence Truckmovers.com **University Health Independence** University of Central Missouri Victorian Society of the Vaile Mansion and **Dewitt Museum Village Heights Community of Christ** Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care WIL-PAV, INC **Wyatt Violin Shop LLC** Zarda Bar-B-Q and Catering Co. **Zucca & Daughters & Sons Roofing Co., Inc.** 

#### 15-24 Years - Jan-Mar 2025

Cruise Planners - Mary House
Developing Potential, Inc.
Edward Jones, Jon Klassen
Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store 40 Hwy
Nativity of Mary School
Office Products Alliance
Sonic Drive In - 4001 S Jackson Drive #5482
The RED Force Fire & Security
Vance & Associates, Inc.

#### 25-39 Years - Jan-Mar 2025

Blue Springs School District
CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services of K.C.
City of Sugar Creek
Consultants in Gastroenterology
Drumm Farm Center for Children
Hawthorn Bank- 39th St
Hawthorn Bank- White Oak
K Martin Kuny Attorney
Kapke & Willerth LLC

**National Frontier Trails Museum** 

NorthWest Communities Development Corporation/ Fairmount Community Center NWCDC Residence Inn by Marriott Specialty Landscape Services LLC Stewardship Capital, Ltd. Truman Heartland Community Foundation United Consumers Credit Union University Health Lakewood Medical Center

#### 40-49 Years - Jan-Mar 2025

AT&T
Comprehensive Mental Health Services
Independence Center
Independence School District
Jeannie Colvin CPA PC
Republic Services of Kansas City
Spire Inc.
Unilever

#### 50 Years Plus - Jan-Mar 2025

Carpenter and Company, Inc.
Centerpoint Medical Center
Commerce Bank- Noland Rd
Independence Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
Speaks Chapels LLC
Stewart Cook Constance & Minton LLC
UMB Bank- Gudgell



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR ENGAGEMENT AND MOST OF ALL YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY! WITH MEMBERS LIKE YOU, WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT WITH MANY BUSINESS INITIATIVES.

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# Mew Chamber Members

#### October-December 2024

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**Gray Area** 

hd Architecture

**Insurance Agent** 

**Henderson Building Solutions** 

**Houston Richards State Farm** 

**IAKES** Industrial Inc Jill Underwood Your Mortgage Queen LLC II Muffler Joey Zarrillo, REALTOR at RE/MAX Heritage **K&L Concert Systems Kansas City Homebuilders Association KC Biz Tech** Kim Netz Kurt J Goeser Insurance Agency, Inc. LaMichoacana Plus **Lauber Municipal Law** LB POP KS (Popeyes) Live a Lil' Vacations **Lytle Construction MA Carpentry & Remodeling LLC Midwest Elevator** Music/Arts Institute **Nucor Rebar Fabrication** Olahrama 28 LLC **Penamon Property Group PGAV Architects** Phillips Site Work, Inc. **Project Advocates, LLC Reed's Plumbing and Remodel** ReStart Inc. **SBG Bonding Schneider Electric Shep's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary** SL USA Inc **Strategos International LLC Tattoos by Stephanie at Easy Rose Tattoo Texpat Properties, LLC** The Marinello **TrickBill's Authentic Gourmet Meats UCE Kitchen Wallboard Specialties Inc Weidenhammer New Packaging** 







# EXPERIENCE THE CHAMBER BANQUET LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

Join us for Chamber Night Live where laughter, music, and camaraderie collide!





SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2025
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
HILTON GARDEN INN

BRACE YOURSELF FOR A NIGHT FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND ENTERTAINMENT AS JEFF HOUGHTON TAKES THE STAGE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT



**Doug Cowan** 

Chair Community Services League

**Mary House** 

Treasurer Cruise Planners **Bret Kolman** 

Chair Elect 3.14 Catalyst

Yvonne Hall

Past Chair of the Board Blue Ridge Bank & Trust

Ex Officio /

Kelly Anders, J.D., M.L.S. Harry S Truman Library

Dr. Dale Herl

Independence School District

Dr. Robert Jerome

Blue Springs School District

**Dr. Tammie May** MCC - Blue River

**Dr. Jason Snodgrass** 

Fort Osage School District

Zach Walker

City of Independence

Band & Directory:

Michael Baxley Englewood Arts

**Patrick Farrell** 

NorthWest Communities Develop. Corporation/Fairmount Comm. Ctr.

**Charline Gray** 

The Cleaning Crew KC

**Angie Judy** 

McClain Brothers Real Estate

**Eric Knipp** 

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Truman Habitat for Humanity

John McDonald

Centerpoint Medical Center

Jeff McLaughlin

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