



# SIKESTON

Regional Chamber

and Area Economic Development Corporation

## Newsletter

May 2017

"WHERE SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY BEGINS"



We sincerely thank all of the volunteers, participants and businesses who supported the SRC Crawfish Crawl 5K-10K event. The following volunteers were a huge help: Michelle Reynolds, Jimmy Reynolds, Garth Fuchs, John Blakely, Dustin Care, Kristin Rhodes, Kayla Weingartner, SHS students, and SEMO Health Network staff.

We also thank the following sponsors: B&B Boats & Bikes, Aramark, Bluff City Beer Co., Bob Ralph Distributing, Burch Food Services, Sikeston Jaycees, Restart, Stratus Medical Group, Lions Club Sprockets in Spring, Ultimate Flooring, Sikeston Bowling Center & Trophy Shop, SEMO Health Network, Save A Lot, Cott Beverage, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Steward Steel, and Cricket Wireless

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## Workforce Development

The Workforce Development Committee achieved their goal of getting 100% of the requirements for Scott County to become a Certified Work Ready Community. We are waiting on the final certification from Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Committee is still working on getting New Madrid County certified. We thank the Workforce Committee, chaired by Larry Eby, and all member businesses who took the time to register and support this initiative!

### Workforce Survey

The SRC Workforce Development Committee is going through a strategic planning phase, with the goal of implementing new programming that will improve the Sikeston area workforce. Your participation in this survey will help tremendously. Please [Click here](#) to take the survey.

### Job Openings

The Sikeston Regional Chamber has an opening for the Director of Membership Development. Other employers in our area that are hiring include Do It Best, and Burch Foods. Click [here](#) to view these job postings from the SRC website. If your business is hiring, you can add the job to the Chamber website. Call Chamber staff for assistance, if needed.

## Thank You SRC Corporate Sponsors



## Networking Events

Join us on **Thursday, May 25, 12pm for the next SRC Luncheon**. We're planning an outdoor barbecue with all the trimmings, on the veranda of the Clinton Building, 501 Campanella St. Lunch is \$10 per person. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Click [here](#) if you would like to pay online in advance. For convenience you can register and pay with credit card, request an invoice or indicate that you will pay at the door. The May Luncheon is sponsored by First State Community Bank.

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The Vision Sikeston Leadership Class of 2016 will host a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Vision Sikeston Paw Park on Thursday, May 25 at 11:30am**. The park is located on Campanella Street (northeast side of the park, next to the Skate Park). Make plans to walk or drive to the SRC Luncheon at the Clinton Building after the Ribbon Cutting.



SRC Business After  
**HOURS**



Historic Downtown Sikeston will host an **After Hours Mixer on Thursday, June 8 from 4-6p.m.** at their new location, 215 N. New Madrid St. The organization has been busy working to revitalize the former US Post Office. Their plans for the building, aside from housing the organization, is to start a business-entrepreneurial incubator, and downtown meeting and event space. **The Mixer is sponsored by Century 21 Realty.** Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

## Welcome New Members

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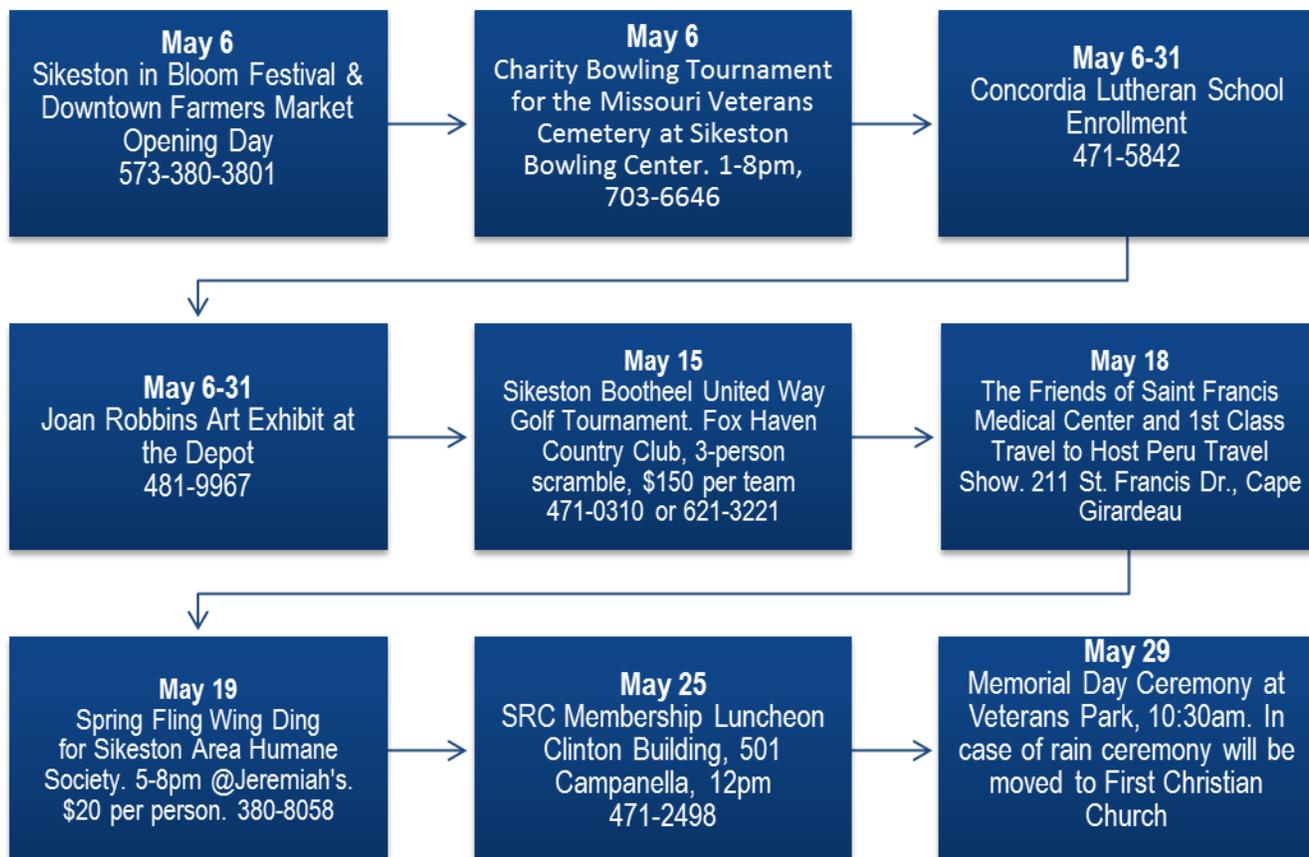
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## Events

See all upcoming events or add your event at [www.sikeston.net](http://www.sikeston.net).



## Member News

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Sikeston's Veteran's Park, May 29, 2017 at 10:30am. If it happens to rain, the ceremony will be held at The First Christian Church in Sikeston. The honorary guest will be Col Jeffery G. Pierce, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Northeast Region, based at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

### Passport Acceptance at Sikeston Public Library

We are very excited to announce that the Sikeston Public Library will be accepting applications for new passports beginning Monday, April 24. This has been a five-month process to qualify as an acceptance facility and for us to complete training as passport acceptance agents.

We are not able to process passport renewals. We will have the forms in stock, but applicants will have to complete the process themselves and mail in the application on their own.

Because we have so many businesses in town that take passport photographs, we decided not to compete with them. Applicants can have photos taken at Walgreens, the UPS Store, and Wal-Mart. If you have any questions, please let me know, and I will be happy to provide more information.

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