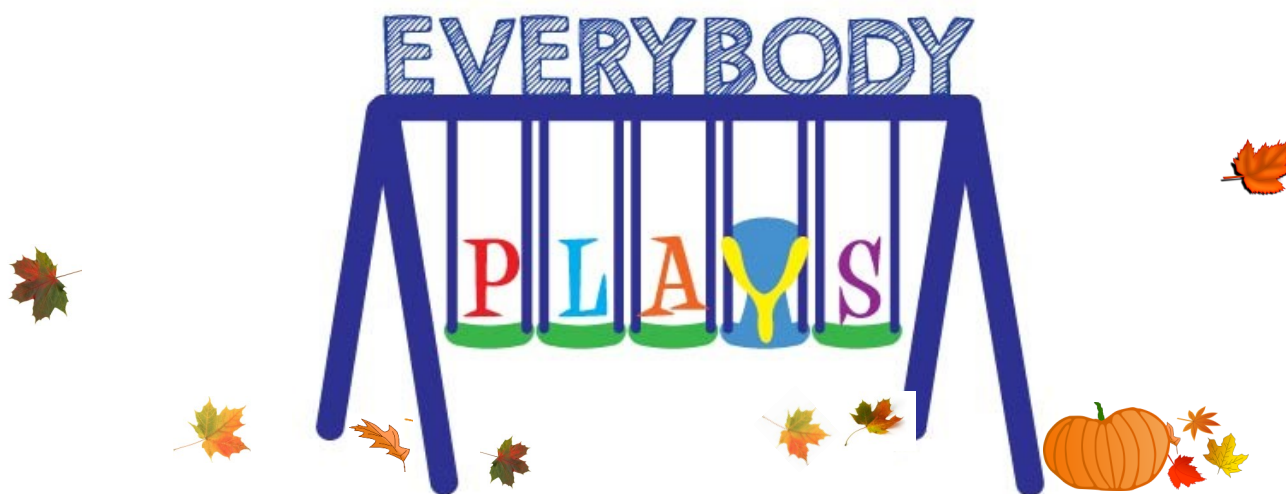




"WHERE SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY BEGINS"



The Vision Sikeston Class of 2017 is raising funds for the purchase and installation of handicap accessible playground equipment at the Sikeston Sports Complex. They are calling the initiative "Everybody Plays," because they believe that every child should be able to enjoy our city's parks. This will be the first handicap accessible playground equipment available in Sikeston's public parks.

The fundraising goal is \$25,000, which will cover the costs of purchase and installation of a four bay swing set with one inclusive handicap accessible swing, one tot swing, and two saddle swings. **An Everybody Plays Fundraising Party is scheduled for November 30 at the home of Charlotte & Randy York.** We hope you can join us for this fun event that is for a great cause!

If you are interested in donating towards this worthy cause or purchasing a ticket to the Fundraising Party, contact Marcie Lawson or any class member. This much needed expansion of our children's parks will ensure "Everybody Plays" for years to come!

2017 VISION SIKESTON CLASS

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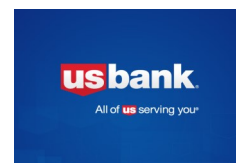
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STANDARD DEMOCRAT





The Sikeston Regional Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for SEMO Express to celebrate their new location at 409 Lynual, and 10 year anniversary. Cutting the ribbon is Angela Richards, owner of SEMO Express along with Dave Richards. Semo Express is a trucking company which does long haul, local and spotter services. Along with its sister company Transcon America, they employ around 87 people.



The Sikeston Public School Foundation celebrated the newly installed SHS Bulldog Walk of Honor with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 14. The walk is located in front of A Building at the high school. Cutting the ribbon is Lauren DeWitt, Foundation Director.

The SPS FOUNDATION raises money through various fundraisers to provide our teachers and students with financial assistance for their classrooms thru Teaching grants. This program is a great way to give back to the schools and also make a lasting impression on Sikeston. There are lots of different options for those who would like to purchase a brick... memorials, graduates, alumni, families, businesses, civic

organizations, and clubs. The deadline to order a brick for the Bulldog Walk of Honor is December 31. Contact [Lauren DeWitt](#) to purchase a brick or for more information.



Tuesday, October 10 at the Clinton Building, 9am-3pm

If you know of any job seekers please share the Job Fair information with them.

We have several Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours events coming up this month. We hope you take advantage of these networking opportunities, and also show your support for these businesses.

Friday, October 6

11:30 - Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Rhinestone Rooster. Join us at 124 East Front Street to help welcome this new business to our community and check out what they have to offer!

Wednesday, October 11

4-6 p.m.—Sikeston Municipal Airport will host an Open House. Help us celebrate the new airport terminal at 160 Industrial Drive. Drinks and refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 17

4-6 p.m.—The City of Sikeston will host an Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the newly renovated Sikeston PAWS, located at 1900 Compress Road. Refreshments served.

Thursday, October 19

11:30 a.m.—Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for Hair Envy Salon, located at 526C S. Main.

Wednesday, October 25

11:30 a.m.—Ribbon Cutting for Margaret James Antiques & Gifts, 110 E. Front Street, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 26

5:30-6:30 p.m.—Business After Hours at Montgomery Bank, 1 Montgomery Bank Plaza. Refreshments served.

- ⇒ Oct—32nd Juried Art Show at the Sikeston Depot Museum, 481-9967
- ⇒ Oct 6—SPS Foundation Homecoming Tailgate, 5-7 p.m. ldewitt@sikeston.k12.mo.us
- ⇒ Oct 7—Kenny Rogers Children's Center 44th Annual Charity Walk Event, 472-0397
- ⇒ Oct 7—KRCC Day at Beggs Family Farm, 472-0397
- ⇒ Oct 7, 14, 21, 28—Beggs Family Farm Fall Festival, www.beggsfamilyfarm.com, 471-3879
- ⇒ Oct 10—Missouri Delta Medical Center Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, 471-1600
- ⇒ Oct 10—Kiwanis Annual Fish Fry at the Elks Lodge, 258-1338
- ⇒ Oct 11—Sikeston Job Fair at the Clinton Building, 471-2498
- ⇒ Oct 14—Downtown Cotton Festival at Legion Park, 380-3801
- ⇒ Oct 14—Cotton Ramble Bike Ride. Register at www.cottonramble.com, 888-309-6591
- ⇒ Oct 17—First Class Travel Show: Imperial Cities, 926 Broadway Cape Girardeau, 651-0088
- ⇒ Oct 18—First Class Travel Show: Shrines of Italy, 211 Saint Francis Drive Cape Girardeau, 651-0088
- ⇒ Oct 19—First Class Travel Show: Shades of Ireland, 300 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, 651-0088
- ⇒ Oct 21—Spread Hope Now Love Your Neighbor Community Day. Rally/Registration begins at Malone Park at 12 p.m. Community Picnic beginning at 4:00 p.m., hope@spreadhopenow.org
- ⇒ Oct 23—Southeast MO Food Bank Golf Tournament at Dalhousie, 11 a.m., hhamra@feedingamerica.org
- ⇒ Oct 27—St. Francis Xavier Annual Chili & Chicken Soup Day, 10am-1pm, 471-2447
- ⇒ Oct 28—MO Delta Hospital Ball at the Sikeston Armory, 471-1600
- ⇒ Oct 28—Bootheel Counseling Services 8th Annual Goblin Gallop, 471-0800
- ⇒ Oct 31—Sikeston Outlet Stores Halloween Trick or Treating, 4-6 p.m., 472-2222

**See all upcoming events
or add your event at
www.sikeston.net.**

Member Spotlight



Ben Thatcher, Sikeston Missouri Job Center

My name is Ben Thatcher. I recently relocated from Springfield Missouri with my beautiful wife and two children. Prior to relocating I directed a department with the non-profit agency Arc of the Ozarks. I worked there as a Developmental Disability professional specializing in helping adults with an Autism diagnosis achieve their professional and personal dreams. In addition to being a Chamber member, I am an avid book and music collector, amateur spelunker and enjoy kayak fishing. I am also a member of Miner Baptist Church where I volunteer with the youth and also enjoy attending Compassion Church here in town.

Upon arriving in Sikeston two months ago I was fortunate enough to become the Functional Manager at the Sikeston Missouri Job Center. Although I have been in this position for only a short time I am truly excited at the prospect of partnering with professionals in our area to enhance and continue to build our local economy.

Our Job Center provides services through the Department of Economic Development (DED) to Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi and New Madrid counties and the services provided are at no cost to employers. At the job center we are passionate about two things: 1) Helping our area employees build the skills necessary to find gainful employment or take their career to the next level and 2) Providing our area businesses with a skilled, trained workforce so they can compete in the global economy.

The Job Center has so much to offer to Southeast Missouri to help our area gain an employment advantage. Feel free to contact me to discuss how we might be able to work together with you to improve and build your workforce. Call me at 573-472-6905 or email bthatcher@mersgoodwill.org. Even better you can stop by and visit us at 202 S Kingshighway here in Sikeston. Hope to see you soon.



On behalf of the American Legion, Post Commander, Larry Roach, would like to thank the community for another extremely successful Cotton Carnival!