



Palmyra Chamber of Commerce

# Chamber News

Your Daily Dose is Served...

FEATURED BUSINESS

## THE REBEL PIG SMOKEHOUSE & GRILL

Barbecue lovers, get ready to lick your fingers when you visit The Rebel Pig! When you dine at The Rebel Pig for lunch or dinner, you'll get the best choice of meats that are smoked daily. Pair your BBQ with homemade sides for a satisfying dining experience. Visit daily for the special all-you-can-eat lunch buffet, a steal at \$7.99, drink included. Tuesdays it's a taco bar, Wednesdays fried chicken, Thursdays hand-breaded country fried steak, Fridays hand-breaded catfish.

The Rebel Pig has only been open a few months, but it's already making quite a name for itself. Owner and manager, Doug Dry, opened his business in the same location as the former Kerley's Restaurant, a place Dry managed for several years. We wanted a "unique, fresh, fun and different name," said Doug, and he and his staff certainly came up with one.

"My dream since high school has been to be a restaurant owner and chef," shared Dry. Not afraid of hard work, Dry traveled the country as a salesman for three years, a position that taught him to appreciate home. He served as the general manager at the Hannibal McDonald's for 9 years, becoming an advocate of the chain's "systematic success" maxim. Doug explained, "McDonald's taught me that although every food business serves burgers, shakes and fries, you focus on how to do it better than anyone else." He cooked at the former Lullabelle's Restaurant in Hannibal after job shadowing with Mike and Pam Ginsberg as a high school student; Mike not only was a mentor for what took place in the kitchen but also helped Doug "learn the ropes" of the business.

Believing "Nothing is impossible," Dry now has his own place. He's converted the interior of the former Kerley's to create a warm family atmosphere, replete with Americana décor, televisions mounted on the wall, and inexpensive games for kids. Carry-out is available. The back room can be reserved for private parties and will seat 60.



*"Great BBQ, Great People, Great Times"*

*Doug Dry and the staff at The Rebel Pig this past summer.*



On and off-site catering for special business events, holidays, weddings, reunions and company parties is available. "No party is too big or too small," Dry added.

The Rebel Pig Grill & Smokehouse always has the smoker going in front of the establishment. What might be cooking? Baby back ribs, freshly pulled pork, smoked chicken, turkey, beans, brats... The Rebel Pig is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Supper hours are 4 – 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Doug Dry and his staff look forward to serving Palmyra and the surrounding communities in many ways and are very excited to serve for many years to come. The Rebel Pig - You won't eat there just once.



**HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday-11 am – 2 pm  
Tuesday-Saturday-4 pm – 9 pm

# ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year and Volunteer of the Year are now being accepted. Nominations for Educator of the Year don't have to be for a teacher but may be for any individual who positively guides youth or trains others.

To assist you, nominating criteria and guidelines are available at [> Click Here <](#); they are also available in print form at the Chamber office, the Palmyra Spectator, and City Hall. Recipients will be announced at the Palmyra Chamber's Annual Banquet, January 5, 2017.

Without you, a deserving candidate may go unrecognized! Although the deadline for nominations is Tuesday, December 27, why not submit your application before the holidays take up all your time?

As in the past, the Palmyra Chamber Board of Directors will select the recipients for the Business Hall of Fame and the Paint Brush Award, the latter for a business that has really improved its looks and added that "something extra" to our community. Send your nominations to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 446, Palmyra, MO 63461 or email [>Click here<](#).

## JOIN US! TASTE OF PALMYRA

Taste of Palmyra celebrates its tenth anniversary October 17. The event will be held on Main Street from 5 – 9 p.m. and include crafts, entertainment, informational booths, and, of course, a lot of food options. Enter or simply enjoy the Car Show and the Antique Tractor Show.

Bring your children and grandchildren for trunk-or-treat beginning at 5 pm, trick-or-treat, the B&S pedal pull, preschool activities provided by the Palmyra Parents As Teachers Program, vendor games, a Spooky Tour at the old Marion County Jail, and a meet-and-greet and book signing with author Mary Casanova and illustrator Ard Hoyt at the Marion County Library.



Vendor forms are available online, Click [>Here<](#); the deadline is October 7. Businesses that would like to become corporate sponsors may contact the Chamber office (573-769-0777; email [>Click here<](#)) or Michelle Merkel at HOMEBANK, 573-769-2001, ; email [>Click here<](#)

# KUDOS! 2016 MARION COUNTY FAIR

Two Palmyra Chamber members took home awards for their ribs at Hannibal's second annual Ribfest on Saturday, September 10. The judges awarded Doug Dry and his staff from The Rebel Pig first place in the competition. The People's Choice for best ribs went to Ed Dent and the crew at Palmyra's Country Butcher Shop. Congratulations!

Proceeds raised will benefit the Hannibal Free Clinic.



Ed Dent and his staff from the Country Butcher Shop were awarded the trophy for People's Choice at the Ribfest to benefit the Hannibal Free Clinic.

# DONATION! PAWS PACK PROGRAM

Tav Brown, Board Member, presents a donation from the Palmyra Chamber to Lora Hillman, Palmyra Elementary Principal, for the Paws Pack Program. Photo courtesy of the Palmyra Spectator.



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**CYBERSECURITY**  
The Impact to Your Business

Is your business secure?

**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 5, 2016**  
HOMEBANK of Hannibal Community Room - Noon to 1PM

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# UPCOMING!

## CYBERSECURITY

RSVP by September 30<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place.

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# Chamber Briefs...

## HANNIBAL CHAMBER AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES PALMYRA CHAMBER

The Palmyra Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Tuesday, September 13, at The Rebel Pig. President Brian Caldwell welcomed all including speaker Mary Gibbons, member of the Board of Directors with the Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, and Tonya Stamper, Nurse Practitioner with the Blessing Clinic in Palmyra, a new member of the Palmyra Chamber. Teresa Smyser shared that planning for the 10th annual Taste of Palmyra, October 17, is going well.

### FREEDOM FEST

Freedom Fest will be held 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. October 29 at the Oakley-Lindsey Center in Quincy. In a presentation by Ed Dent of The Country Butcher Shop, members learned that the event will feature 4 bands and smoked ribs.

The event is an extension of the original Farm Bureau's contribution to local Food Pantries. The program has since expanded to help those in need statewide. Dent shared that last year alone the Country Butcher Shop processed 5,000 hogs and shipped 150,000 pounds of pork. A by-product of the processing is ribs. The ribs have become the staple of fund-raising events, raising over \$230,000 to date for a variety of organizations and needs. Freedom Fest 2016 will be the next fund-raiser licensed under the Wounded Warrior Project. All funds raised will go to Hannibal Regional and Blessing Hospital foundations, which have trusts established for veterans, and the Honor Flight. The event will feature live music, rib tasting and more. Tickets may be purchased at Ayerco, County Market, Abel's or the Country Butcher Shop. If you would like to assist in any way, contact the Country Butcher Shop at 769-2257.

### HANNIBAL CHAMBER AMBASSADOR

Mary Gibbons, Ambassador Committee Chair for the Hannibal Area Chamber of Commerce, gave an account of the Ambassador Program as used by the Hannibal Chamber. Ambassadors are "on the front line. They spread the word about new businesses," explained Gibbons. Forty volunteers from Chamber businesses work together on four teams to enhance the image of the business community and the organization. By attending ribbon cuttings and Business Before/After Hours, recruiting new Chamber members and securing sponsorships for and helping at Chamber events, Ambassadors earn points. By earning points, Ambassadors are not only actively helping the Chamber and the community but also competing for the chance to become Ambassador of the Year or contribute toward a team winning Ambassador Team of the Year. Monthly meetings also strengthen existing professional relationships which can translate into increased business and friendships.

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The next Chamber meeting will be held at noon, Tuesday, October 11, at the Sesquicentennial Building. Political candidates for local offices are invited to join us and make brief remarks. The public is invited to attend.

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# Palmyra Chamber of Commerce

*Working Together for a  
Stronger Future for the Palmyra Area*

## CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP:

You too can be a member of the Palmyra Chamber of Commerce. Businesses with only 1-3 employees can join for only \$75. Not-For-Profit and Non-Business Individual Membership is also \$75, while Retired Individuals may join for \$25. Membership runs January – December. An application and more information are available [HERE](#).

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[www.showmepalmyra.com](http://www.showmepalmyra.com)  
for everything Palmyra!

### UPCOMING MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS YOUR NEXT CHAMBER MEETING IS NOON

#### **Tu. Oct. 11th**

*Sesqui Building. Political candidates for local offices are invited to join us and make brief remarks about themselves.*

#### **Tu., Nov. 8th**

*El Nopal. A representative from the Christmas In Palmyra committee will update members on this year's event and how they can participate.*

#### **Tu., Dec. 14th**

*HATS. One or more members of the Palmyra City Council will join us with an update on 2016 accomplishments.*

#### **Th. Evening, Jan. 5, 2017**

*Msgr. Farischon Hall. Awards for Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Business Hall of Fame and the Paint Brush Award will be given at the Palmyra Chamber Annual Banquet.*

## upcoming events CALENDAR

**September 29-October 14**

*FFA Fruit Sales*

**October 1**

*City-wide Garage Sales*

**October 17**

*Taste of Palmyra ~ 5-9 pm,  
Main Street Palmyra*

**October 19-20**

*Palmyra R-1 Parent Teacher  
Conferences*

**October 31**

*Happy Halloween!*



**November 6**

*Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am.  
Remember to set your clocks back one  
hour before you go to bed on Saturday,  
November 5!*

**November 12**

*BLP Gift Show ~ 10 am-3pm,  
Palmyra High School*

**December 3**

*Christmas In Palmyra*

**January 5, 2017**

*Palmyra Chamber Annual Banquet ~ Social  
6 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, Msgr. Farischon Hall*

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