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## Chamber Happenings

2012 is right around the corner and that means it's time to renew your membership in the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Visit our website and choose the "Join" tab to review the information. We will be sending out renewal forms soon or you may choose to print the membership form and mail it in with your payment or drop it by the Chamber Office. As an incentive to renew (or join) now, we are offering a 10% discount for all membership paid by 12/20/2011. Below are a just a few reasons to continue your chamber membership and to encourage others to join:

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We call ourselves a Chamber of Commerce because we seek to make commerce happen through business expansion and attraction, as well as the advocacy efforts that help improve business in our area.

Funded by your Membership investments, your Chamber works for a healthy economic climate of good jobs and capital creation. A Chamber's strength lies in the number and diversity of its Membership. Because a Chamber collectively embodies the vast experience of the many businesses and professional in its Membership, it has the knowledge and insight to identify issues of importance to the business community, and the combined means to devise and implement strategies to address them. Chamber members are the most responsible, innovative, and conscientious business and professional people in and around Madison County. The Chamber accomplishes collectively what no one business or professional can do alone.

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We appreciate your referrals to individuals, organizations and businesses because as our membership grows, so does our experience and knowledge that each member brings.

### Thank you to the following members that have already renewed for 2012:

- Black River Electric Cooperative - Premier Member
- Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center
- Big River Volunteers Missouri State Guard



## Shop Local Challenge...

Take time during this holiday season to visit your local merchants. You will find great items for all occasions: Christmas, birthdays, anniversary's and just to treat yourself to something special!

### *What about the challenge?*

You've already benefited by your finds, now take time to share your finds with others by visiting the Chamber Facebook page and posting where you visited and what great purchases you made!

Need some ideas on where to start? Visit the chamber website and view the "Member Directory" where you'll find business locations, phone numbers and a link to their website or Facebook page if it's available. Make a list of where you want to visit and then start your adventure. Below are two ideas that you might not have thought of for Christmas shopping ideas:

**Gifford Lumber** is currently having a Christmas Sale that ends this Saturday, 12/17. Check out their specials at: <http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1051897/f99d2a32d3/TEST/TEST/>

**Wards Farm Center** has a lot more than feed... check out their pocket knives, Muck boots and even local honey (in season).

## Chamber Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

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### Friday, December 16th

**Friday Night Movie at The Loft: Community Arts & Welcome Center - The Christmas Story**

Starts at 7 pm. FREE and open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Olympic Steakhouse - All You Can Eat Catfish!** - 573-783-2209 - 113 E. Main

### Saturday, December 17th

**Marquand-Zion Booster Club** presents "Christmas with the Cratchits" - drop by anytime from 5-8 pm at Homan Hall. Adults: \$7.00 Children 5 & under \$5.00, Chili, Potato Soup, all the fixin's, Dessert, and Drinks. A fun filled event with Old Time Christmas Sing-A-Long.

**Papas Fruit of the Vine (Winery & Bistro)** - Live Music: Andy Roose starting at 6 pm

### Sunday, December 18th

Trail Ride & More Fundraiser for Carter's Clubhouse (**Serenity Hospice**) at Hwy 72 W. Veterinary

Champagne/Piano Brunch at **Twisting V Grille** - 10 am - 2 pm

### Monday, December 19th

**Madison County Commissioner's Meeting** - 9 am

### Tuesday, December 20th

**Historic Madison County Jail Museum Open** - 1-3 pm

**The Loft: Community Arts Center- OPEN:** Noon - 4 pm

### Wednesday, December 21st

### Thursday, December 22nd

**Republican Club** meeting at Fredericktown Senior Center - 7 pm

### Friday, December 23rd

**The Loft: Community Arts Center- OPEN:** Noon - 4 pm

### Saturday, December 24th

If you have a meeting, event or special information that's not included here, please let me know and I'll add it to our Facebook page. To have future information included in chamber updates, on our website and on our Facebook page, please email the information to the chamber office at your earliest convenience: [chamberdirector@fredericktownmissouri.net](mailto:chamberdirector@fredericktownmissouri.net).

We also offer a section of our website for "Business & Community News" where both members and non-members can list information on meetings or events.

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**Visit our website and Facebook page for more and updated information throughout the week.**

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## **Madison County Chamber of Commerce Meetings**

**Chamber Luncheons** - 2nd Thursday at Noon at Follis Place. **Chamber Board Meeting** - 4th Tuesday at 8 a.m.

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