

Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce
111 S. Jefferson - PO Box 358
St. James, MO. 65559
Phone: (573) 265-6649 – October, 2008

Mark YOUR Calendar for these
Chamber Highlights:

October 17 – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Chamber Coffee
Wilson Lumber Company

October 21 – 11:30 a.m.

Members' Meeting/Luncheon
Matt's Steakhouse

October 30 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

"Business After Hours"
Meramec Winery

October Membership
Meeting/Luncheon Scheduled

The October membership meeting will be a luncheon at Matt's Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m. on October 21, 2008. Cost of the luncheon will be \$12.00 per person and reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 265-6649 before noon, on Monday, October 20.

The November "Business of the Month" will be voted on at the October meeting. Please call your nominations in to the Chamber office at 265-6649 by noon, Monday, October 20.

Join us for
"Business After Hours"

"Business After Hours" will be held on October 30, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Meramec Winery. Appetizers and a complimentary sample of a new wine will be included in the \$5.00 cover charge. Guests will be responsible for the purchase of additional drinks. Reservations are not required.



October "Business of the Month"

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Wilson Lumber Company for being selected October "Business of the Month". Members attending the August Membership luncheon voted on both the September and October "Business of the Month" as there was no September meeting.

Wilson Lumber Company in St. James will celebrate its 89th Anniversary of serving the hardware and building needs of contractors and homeowners this year. In 1919, the business began as Verkamp Brother Farm Implement and Hardware Store, when brothers Frank and John started operation in the building now occupied by Cardetti's Homegas Furniture & Appliance Store on North Jefferson Street. Shortly after opening they moved to West Springfield Street, and in 1921 they purchased the Drew-Seymour building. Today's main hardware showroom occupies the space of the old Drew-Seymour building which was built in 1869.

John passed away in 1931 and Frank discontinued the farm implement business and began concentrating on the building materials and hardware operation. Frank Verkamp Lumber Company, as it was then known, was one of two lumber yards in St. James, the other being the W.H. Powell Lumber Company. *(continued on page 2, column 1)*

Ira and Margaret (Verkamp) Wilson joined the business in the 1940's following Ira's return from the European Theater of World War II. Verkamp Lumber Company continued to expand under the family ownership. The 1960's saw a spin-off of Verkamp Ready Mix operated by Bernard Verkamp, Frank's son. In the 1970's, Ira and Margaret's son Bob joined the firm. Frank Verkamp passed away in 1978. In 1993, Judy Wilson Carney joined her brother Bob and their parents in the business. A name change took place in 1994, when the business became known as Wilson Lumber Company.

In 1996, in an effort to serve the equipment needs of the community, a full line of contractor and homeowner rental equipment was added, prompting the addition of Wilson Rental Center.

Bob left the business in 1999, assuming a position with Phelps County Bank. Dennis Wilson, then Principal of John F. Hodge High School, joined his sister Judy in ownership of the business. Dennis returned to education in 2004 at the University of Missouri at Rolla, and Gene and Judy Carney became sole proprietors.



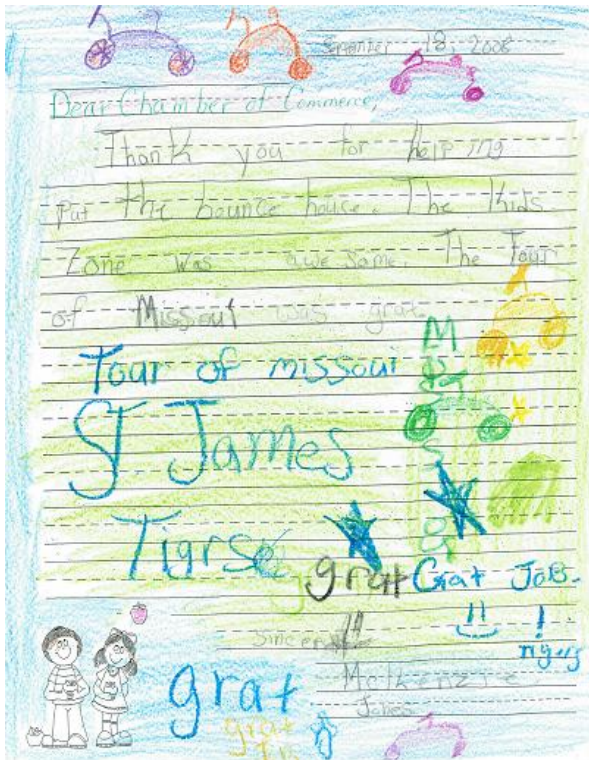
Plan to attend the St. James Chamber of Commerce coffee honoring Wilson Lumber Company on Friday, October 17, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Wilson Lumber Company is located at 126 East Washington Street in St. James.

What's Happening in Your Chamber

This is just a brief summary to let you know about some of the activities and events being scheduled that involve your Chamber and community. If you would like to schedule or add an activity, call Jennie at the Chamber to make arrangements to do so. Details on functions will be publicized as plans are finalized.

- Oct. 11 Harvest Moon Festival – Meramec Vineyards – Hayride and Beeker Street Band (573) 265-7847
- Oct. 11-12 Old Iron Works Days @ Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124
- Oct. 16-18 Plaza Fashions 25th Anniversary Celebration - Discounts, giveaways, refreshments!
- Oct. 17 SJ Chamber of Commerce Coffee – Wilson Lumber Co. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 21 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon – Matt's Steak House – 11:30 a.m. (573) 265-6649
- Oct. 25 Derby Day @ Maramec Spring Park - 265-7124
- Oct. 30 SJ Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" – Meramec Winery – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Maramec & Agriculture Museums Close – Maramec Spring Park - (573) 265-7124
- Oct. 31 Campground Closes - Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124
- Oct. 31 Trout Season Ends - Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124
- Nov. 01 Community Foundation Progressive Dinner – All proceeds benefit various projects in St. James – Call Candace @ (573) 265-7013
- Nov. 14 Winter Fishing Begins @ Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124
- Nov. 18 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon – SJ School Board Room – 11:30 a.m. – (573) 265-6649 - Catered by Celebrations Catering
- Dec. 06 St. James Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade – (573) 265-6649
- Dec. 06 - 25 Festival of Lights @ St. James Park – (573) 265-7124
- Dec. 07 Beautify St. James Christmas Parlor Tour – (573) 265-3671
- Dec. 07 Beautify St. James Christmas Craft Bazaar – (573) 265-3671

Just a sampling of letters received...
Tour of Missouri Kids Zone – 9/12/08



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September 23, 2008

Dear St. James Chamber of Commerce,

We are writing to tell you how very much we appreciated your support of the Kids Zone during our town's celebration of the Tour of Missouri. Our entire class had a chance to visit the Zone prior to being dismissed from school, and we had a great time playing on all the HI Stryker inflatables. Then many of us were able to return that afternoon to continue enjoying all the fun at the Zone. We think your money and time was very well spent. Your contribution helped to make our experience of the Tour of Missouri even more exciting and fun for kids in St. James, Missouri! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Orlando and her 4th Grade Students
Cody, Jordan, Cameron, Benjamin, Kenneth, Blake, Ariana, Jason, Mike, Alyssa, Jody, Nevada



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