



# Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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## St. James Chamber of Commerce To Honor A Soldier

The St. James Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon scheduled for 11:30, July 20, 2010 at the First Assembly of God Church, will include a salute to a Fort Leonard Wood soldier.

SPC Willie J. Sheppard serves as a gunner with 988<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon. SPC Sheppard has been in the Army for two years and 8 months and has served in and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom '08-'09. SPC Sheppard is Airborne Qualified and a Combat Life Saver. A native of Plant City, Florida, he is single and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in History at Columbia University. His interests are in the martial arts, paintballing, drift car racing, learning languages, and reading.

SPC. Sheppard, a team leader assigned to the 988<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, 4<sup>th</sup> MEB, was named 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Soldier of the Year on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sheppard has won numerous military boards at several different levels including: 988<sup>th</sup> MP Co. Soldier of the Month, 92<sup>nd</sup> MP Battalion Soldier of the Quarter, 4<sup>th</sup> MEB Soldier of the Year, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence—Soldier of the Year for 2010 and the 2010 Soldier of the Year for 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div., Fort Riley, Kansas.

The meeting will also include the introduction of the 2010 Grape and Fall Festival queen candidates.

The meeting is open to the public. Lunch will be catered by the First Assembly of God Youth and cost will be \$10.00 per meal. All proceeds from the lunch will be donated to the youth group.

Please email Jennie at [jennie@stjameschamber.net](mailto:jennie@stjameschamber.net) or call 265-6649 with your reservations by Thursday noon, July 15, 2010 for this July 20 luncheon.

September "Business of the Month" will be voted on at the dinner. If you know of a business deserving of this recognition, please submit your nominee to Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649).



## "Business of the Month" Selected

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Integrity Business Services for being selected July "Business of the Month".

Integrity Business Services, located at 109 West Eldon, is owned and operated by Terry D'Aria and her silent partner, husband, Dorian. In 1996, the business started with tax and bookkeeping services. Through the years, additional services were added including copy services, Charter payment services, and storage unit management.

Very much as the name implies, Integrity Business Services is dedicated to providing quality service to the community as they strive to serve their clientele based on the individual needs and budget of each one. Bookkeeping services can range from doing one area of bookkeeping for a business, such as payroll, to providing complete accounting services.

Both individual and business tax preparation is done. With tax season being the busiest time of year, temporary employees are added and extended hours are scheduled to allow the business to fulfill the needs of its clients.

Normal off-season hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Working with Terry on a full-time basis is her son, Justin D'Aria and Roben Griggs, office manager. (con't on page 2, col. 1)

Business of the Month *(con't from page 1, col. 2)*

Terry and Dorian are actively involved in their church and enjoy spending time with Justin, his wife, Emily, and their three young grandchildren.

Plan to attend the Chamber coffee honoring Integrity Business Services on Friday afternoon, July 23, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The business is located at 109 West Eldon Street, St. James.

## Kids' Wristband Donations Needed!

As the Chamber of Commerce continues preparations for the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape and Fall Festival on Sept. 9-11, 2010, they are now seeking individual and business sponsors for local kids to enjoy their day at the fair at a reduced rate. Normally, "wristband" time periods are established to allow carnival riders to ride as many rides as they want within that time period for one price. The carnival company sets the rates and this year, tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 the day of the event. The ticket is then turned in for a wristband during one of the wristband time periods that have been agreed upon between the Chamber and the carnival company.

The Chamber is now accepting donations in \$10.00 increments to go toward the purchase of advance sale tickets (\$15.00). This will allow our community kids to purchase tickets for the remaining \$5.00. In other words, each \$10.00 donation will allow one kid into the carnival to ride all the rides for \$5.00. Utilizing this fundraiser, a family needing to purchase four tickets for their children would pay \$20.00 instead of \$60.00. Every \$10.00 donation will go directly to the purchase of an advanced sale ticket and allow one child a reduce-priced ticket for \$5.00.

Location and time of reduced priced ticket sales will be announced in August. Families purchasing the reduced priced tickets will be limited to the number of children in the family with a maximum of four tickets per family.

Last year, 120 of our community kids were able to participate at the reduced rate thanks to the generosity of our community individuals and businesses. Donations may be sent to the St. James Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 358, St. James, MO. 65559.

## Tacony Promotes Vacuum Museum & Community— *How to be included!*

During the months of September and October, 2010, Tacony Vacuum Museum will be a stop for Mayflower Tours. One bus is expected every other day with approximately 60 people per bus. If response is good from tourists, Mayflower will make the Museum a permanent stop.

Tacony plans to give out approximately 1000 gift bags containing information on Tacony products, as well as any literature or brochures that Chamber members want to include.

Each tour bus will only have 15 minutes to get people through the museum. There will be no time for them to stop anywhere else, so it will be an excellent opportunity to get "reading material" into their hands and promote St. James as a great place to visit and shop.

**Any Chamber member who wishes to have their brochures included can drop them off to Tom Gasko at the Tacony Vacuum Museum by the middle of August to be prepared for the first Bus Tours starting the first week of September.**

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to Steelville Silkscreen Studio LLC. The silkscreen company also does embroidery, signs, banners, and promotional products. They are located at 84 New Home Road, Salem, Mo., phone (573) 743-6777. You can visit their website at [www.steelvillesilkscreen.com](http://www.steelvillesilkscreen.com) or email Kelly Stroh at [kelly@misn.com](mailto:kelly@misn.com).

Also welcome to Air Evac Lifeteam and their local Membership Sales Manager, Holly Watson. The local team is based at 4326 West Hwy. 32, Salem, Mo. and you can reach Holly by calling her at (573) 453-6202 or email her at [watsonholly@air-evac.com](mailto:watsonholly@air-evac.com).

Our membership continues to grow as we work to promote the community of St. James. THANK YOU to the individuals and businesses who unselfishly support the community through their contributions.

77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape & Fall Festival  
Sponsorship Opportunities

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN  
GFF BOOKLET: AUGUST 1, 2010**

Once again, the Chamber will offer a sponsorship program for the Annual Grape and Fall Festival. For further information, call Jennie at 265-6649, email [jennie@stjameschamber.net](mailto:jennie@stjameschamber.net), or website: [www.stjameschamber.net](http://www.stjameschamber.net).

Platinum – Event Host - \$2,000

1 Year Free Web Ad (\$120 value)  
Opportunity to address event attendees  
If event allows, awards in name of business  
Can display banner at the event  
Mention of your sponsorship in press releases  
100 words or less description of your business included in e-Newsletter prior to Festival  
Name recognition on web-site  
Listed on the sponsor page in program  
Can participate with a booth  
1/2 page ad in event program & included in major advertising of event  
1 GFF t-shirt  
6 Season passes

VIP - Corporate Sponsor - \$1,000

1 Year Free Web Ad (\$120 value)  
Name recognition on web-site  
If event allows, awards in name of business  
Listed on the sponsor page  
Can display banner at the event  
Can participate with a booth  
1/4 page ad in the event program  
1 GFF t-shirt  
4 Season passes

Corporate Sponsor - \$500

1 Year Free Web Ad (\$120 value)  
Name recognition on web-site  
Listed on sponsor page  
Can display banner at the event  
Can participate with a booth  
1/8 page ad in event program  
1 GFF t-shirt  
2 Season Passes

Gold Sponsors- \$250

1 Year Free Web Ad (\$120 value)  
Name recognition on web-site  
Listed on the sponsor page in program  
Can participate with a booth  
1/8 page ad in the event program  
1 GFF t-shirt  
2 Season Passes

77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape and Fall Festival  
Sponsors To Date:

*Thanks to the following businesses and organizations who have committed to participating as a Sponsor of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape & Fall Festival:*

Centurylink	Saint James Press
CM Archer Group	St. James Leader Journal
Columbia College	St. James Veterinary Med Ctr.
Golden Living Center	Tacony Manufacturing Co.
The James Foundation	U.S. Bank

What's Happening in Your  
Chamber & Community

- July 2: **Toot's Treasures - Opening Celebration/Ribbon-cutting – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
- July 3, 4: **St. James Americana Festival (4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Opening Depot)**
- July 16-17: **St. James Merchant's Sidewalk Sales Weekend**
- July 20: **Chamber Membership Luncheon – First Assembly of God Church - Youth Group – 11:30 a.m.**
- July 23: **Integrity Business "Business of the Month" Coffee 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Integrity Business, 109 West Eldon Street**
- July 28: **Summer Reading Program ends @ James Memorial Library**
- July 30, 31: **Summer Licking Basketball Camp**

August

- August 17: **Chamber Membership Meeting – The Depot – 5:30 p.m.**
- August 27-28: **Grape Jam – Friday – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday – 1:00 p.m.**
- August 28: **City-Wide Clean-Up Week Kick-Off**

September

- Sept. 9-11: **Grape and Fall Festival**
- Sept. 11: **Girls Gone Fishing @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Sept. 21: **Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 noon**

October

- Oct. 9: **City of Light & Life Ministries Harvestfest**
- Oct. 9, 10: **Maramec Spring Iron Works Day @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Oct. 19: **Chamber "Dinner on the Greens" – St. James Golf Course – 5:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 19: **Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 noon**
- Oct. 30: **Derby Day @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Oct. 30: **Campground closes @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Oct. 31: **Agriculture & Maramec Museums close @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Oct. 31: **Pick & Shovel Café closes @ Maramec Spring Park**
- Oct. 31: **Trout Season ends @ Maramec Spring Park**

**\* Yellow Highlight indicates Chamber sponsored or assisted activities.**

<p>Absolute Electronics  Aging Made Easy  Air Evac Lifeteam  Alex's Pizza Palace  Alfermann Gray &amp; Company  Amazing Concrete Finishes  American Family Insurance  Ashby's Covenant Insurance, LLC  Award Source  Bauer, Donald  Baymont Inn and Suites Rolla  BC Spa &amp; Cosmetics  Bob's Country Cafe  Bowzer's BarB-Q Adventures  Boys-Girls Town  BPJ Insurance  Brown Veterinary Clinic  Brown, Sue  Camp Brim Shire  Cavender, Judy  Celebrations Catering &amp; Rentals  Central Federal Savings &amp; Loan Assoc.  Century Signs  Centurylink  City of St. James  CM Archer Group P.C.  Coldwell Banker - The Baker Group  Columbia College  Connell Business Dev. Consulting  Copeland Bus Sales  Copeland, Ellis  Corn, Mary Lou  Country Bob's Cafe  Country Mart  Cox, Tom  Crafton, Jack &amp; Jean  Crutiques Bed &amp; Breakfast  Cuba Area Chamber  Days Inn &amp; Suites  Delano Oil Company  Denny Ford Lincoln Mercury  Designs By Lisa  Diana's Diner  Didion-Orf Recycling  Donald Farm &amp; Lawn  Ellis Health Centre  Emerson, Jo Ann  Engine 51 Smokers  Fairground Auto Plaza  Farmers Insurance  FCNB Insurance  Flag Springs Full Gospel Church  Flooring Factory Outlet  Forest City Family Practice  Forest City Footwear  Forest City Pharmacy</p>	<p>Frazier, Vicki  Frisbee Mid-Missouri Realty, Inc.  Golden Living Center  Grellner Sales  HiStriker  Hoertel, Edward D., Attorney  Huffman Lawn &amp; Landscaping  Huffman's Flowers of the Field  Hutcheson Collision Center  Hutcheson Ford Sales  Intercounty Electric  Integrity Business Services  Interstate Motocycles  Investment Realty, Inc.  j. cardetti designs . . .  J. Rogers Architecture, Inc.  James Foundation  James-Gahr Mortuary  Jane's Fireworks  Jensen, Mickie  Jones Funeral Home  Kean &amp; Company LLC  Key Sport Shop  KMST Public Radio  La Cabana Mexican Grill  Leo Cardetti Distributing  Lynch &amp; Sons Plumbing &amp; Electric  MacPherson, Johanna  Matt's Steakhouse  Meramec Vineyards  Merle Music  Micom LLC  Mitchell Clinic  Miller, Frank  Missouri Veterans Home  MODOT  Morning Sun Gallery  MRPC  Mule Trading Post (The)  Murdon Corporation  Nappier Automotive  Oliver, Kathy  Our House  Ozark Actors Theatre  Ozarks Coca-Cola  Peaceful Bend Winery  Pepsi-Cola Bottling, Co.  Phelps Co. Regional Med. Ctr.  Phelps County Bank  Phelps-Pulaski Red Cross  Plaza Fashions  Poskin, Donald &amp; Betty  Reid Brick &amp; Block, LLC  Reid Fleming Industrial, LLC  Ray, Randall  Results Radio KTTR  Rock House Mall</p>	<p>Rolla Area Chamber  Rolla Shooting Club  Ron Moreland Construction  Saint James Press  Scissor Shack  Scorpio Consulting  Scotts Printing  SDC Group Stack Design &amp; Consulting  Shearmaster's Salon  Sheffield, Mary  Shelter Insurance  Sign Dimensions/Aero Graphix LLC  Sonic Drive In  Sooter, Clara  South Central Board of Realtors  Spurgeon's 66 Service  St. James Ambulance Service  St. James Elevator  St. James Eye Care  St. James Golf Club  St. James Industrial Development Corp.  St. James Leader Journal  St. James R-1 Schools  St. James Veterinary  St. James Winery  St. Johns Health Clinic  Staples Floor Covering  State Farm Insurance  Steelville Silkscreen Studio, LLC  Stratmann, Larry  Studio K  Stump Water Restaurant  Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce  Sunkissed Tanning Salon  Sybills Restaurant &amp; Gift Shop  Tacony Manufacturing  Tessaro, Robert and Mary  Three Squirrels Winery  Town &amp; Country Bank  Trinity Episcopal Church  Troutt &amp; Sons Inc.  Toot's Treasures  Underwood, Gene &amp; Gail  United Country Meramec Realty  University of Missouri  US Bank  USA Tours  Verkamp &amp; Malone, CPAs  Verkamp, Randy  Walmart DC #6069  Walker, Don &amp; Ruth  Watson, Cordell  Wiemann, John &amp; Susan  Wildwest Guns &amp; More  Wilson Lumber &amp; Rental  Wilson, Dennis  Wind Rush Farms</p>
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