The Monthly Newsletter for the Waynesville ~ St. Robert Area Chamber of Commerce



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April 28th Regional Job Fair –
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February 24th Community

February 24th Community Leadership Awards Banquet



May 30th Memorial
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July 14th Leadership Missouri Class
Visit to Fort Leonard Wood



May 21st Taste of Pulaski County



June 3rd Chamber Tour of Fort Leonard Wood







June 27th Community Forum





November 11th Veterans Day Parade





June 30th June Social





October 1st Basket Auction & Casino Night

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~ Featured Business for December ~

Ozark Media

Ozark Media, Inc. is a multi-media company based in St. Robert, Missouri. It consists of several media outlets including KFLW "98.9 the Fort", The Fort Leonard Wood Patriot and Ozarks Media Travel Center and Cyber Café operating out of St. Robert and The Pulaski County Democrat and Richland Mirror based in Richland. Also operated under the Ozark Media brand is The Weekly Trader.

As a family of companies we serve multiple segments of the "local" and "regional" communities we're centered in. First, we provide information, entertainment, communication and marketing services to our listeners, readers and on-line viewers that make up the general public. Second, we provide those same services to the business communities that surround us. And third, are the military with our commitment to providing the information and communication they need to realize everything the Ozarks have to offer. In fact, part of our business goal is to bring these segments together as neighbors and as consumers and providers of goods and services.

Right now is a time of change at Ozark Media as we finally begin to realize our goal of a fully integrated multi-platform, multi-media marketing company. By offering broadcast, print and internet with our ability to cross promote each of these platforms, we can offer a more effective marketing campaign utilizing all elements of an advertiser's marketing capability in one coordinated campaign. Right now we're in the process of rebuilding our websites and will have interactive capabilities in addition to a lot of new content. Early December should see completion of the rebuild. KFLW has recently received FCC approval for construction of a new tower with increased height that will greatly increase "The Forts"

coverage area. The steps to begin construction are in process now. Not to be out done the" FLW Patriot" has increased distribution in Phelps and Laclede counties and has made plans for distribution into the lake area by late spring or summer. The Pulaski County Democrat and Richland Mirror have several exciting changes in the works that will please current readers and attract new readers. Our Cyber Café has been operational for some time and serves the civilian and military communities. We've decided to add a new element by incorporating a travel center and ticket outlet. Originally the plan was to begin selling tickets in August or September. Unfortunately the level of activities and change in other areas has forced us to delay the ticket outlet until spring but the Cyber Café is open daily. It is officially called Ozark Media Travel Center and Cyber Café...we'll let you know when the tickets arrive!

Even with the growth and change at Ozark Media and the increased presence we enjoy both locally and regionally, we still understand one thing very clearly...that is our responsibility to serve our listeners, our readers, our online viewers and our business customers. Quality information, entertainment and service are the commitment at Ozark Media, Inc. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!!!

OZARK MEDIA, INC

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THE FORT LEONARD WOOD PATRIOT
OZARK MEDIA TRAVEL CENTER & CYBER CAFÉ
PULASKI COUNTY DEMOCRAT
RICHLAND MIRROR
WEEKLY TRADER

Fort Leonard Wood Command Orientation No Orientation in December

Newcomer Materials are due at the Chamber office by January 11th.

If you are not currently participating in this

Free program you should be!

We handed out 21 packets on November 16th!

If you have any information for our community calendar, please email

chamberdirector@earthlink.net or fax to 573-336-5472.

January Newsletter Information or Inserts are due to the Chamber Office by <u>December 7th</u>.

~ Chamber & Tourism Updates ~



Chamber Chatter...

As you can see from the first page of the newsletter the Chamber had a successful year and provided several events for the community. I would like to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers that made these events possible. I appreciate all the support

you provide me and the Chamber throughout the year. Mark your calendars for the 2006 Chamber events provided on the last page of the newsletter.

The Chamber and Tourism Bureau are working together to make a master calendar for 2006. If you have an event scheduled for 2006 please e-mail chamberdirector@earthlink.net with all the details so it will be included in this calendar.

If you would like to become more involved in the Chamber we have a Committee for you. I am currently looking for volunteers for the Fundraising, Membership & Welcoming and Governmental & Military Affairs Committees. If you are interested in learning more please give me a call a 573-336-5121.

I hope you have Safe and Happy Holidays





Tourism Notes...

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our Chamber friends. We wish all of you a blessed holiday season. While Mother Nature and an unsteady economic atmosphere have caused our industry to be cautiously optimistic, we have plenty to be thankful for. The Tourism Bureau has seen steady growth this year from group tours and military reunions. A new hotel has

opened and another is being built as you read this column. Visitor Center traffic is at an all-time high, the website visits have increased dramatically and we continue to process thousands of inquiries from our Fall advertising campaign. Our first venture into the Sports Marketing arena was met with much success and several contacts have already been received for additional information on hosting a sporting event in our area. We continue to learn and grow each day and are thankful for the support we receive from all of you.

As we tie up loose ends for 2005, we look forward to even more success in 2006. We will be attending several outdoor travel, group travel and military reunion marketplaces throughout the winter months and are preparing for an exciting spring advertising campaign along with several exciting new programs that will be available for local business to participate in. Look for more information coming in the next few weeks.

The Visitor Center is now operating under winter hours. The Center will be open Monday – Friday 8:00-5:00. If you start to get that cooped up feeling and need to get away for a weekend, stop by and see the latest brochures on fall and winter activities throughout the state.

See you at the Visitor Center!!! Andy

Executive Director Pulaski County Tourism Bureau (573) 336-6355- www.visitpulaskicount.org

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~ President's Message ~



My wife really loves the holidays. At our house you can feel the excitement in the air. The day after Thanksgiving almost feels like the day before Christmas. The Christmas tree and all the decorations are put in place but only after she has finished her early morning shopping adventure and had lunch at one of our local dining establishments. She goes

through all the sale papers the night before and makes a list of which stores to hit first. Regardless of whether she's after anything on sale she's got to just be out in the excitement. There is so much energy in the air.

What do the winter holidays mean to you? To many, they mean cherished traditions, fun and celebrations. To others, they are times of kindness, love and generosity. For educators, such as myself, the winter holidays can be full of "teachable moments."

They provide all sorts of positive opportunities to teach kids about caring for others, the meaning of peace, the importance of reflection, or the roles of heroes in our lives.

May the holidays season bring love, laughter, and prosperity to each of you. Remember to help those less fortunate this time of year and may our hearts and prayers be with those military families who might be separated during the holidays. Thanks for another great year with the Chamber and I'll see you at Christmas on the Square in downtown Waynesville. Happy Holidays!

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Bob Chapman

~ Welcome New Members ~

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~December 2005 ~



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gonverment and Military Affairs Noon Economic Development 2:30pm		3
4	5	6 Fundraising Noon	7	8	9	10
11	12 Membership and Welcoming Noon	13	14 Chamber Luncheon Adonia's	15 Board Meeting Noon	16	17
18		20		22	23	24
25 _{Christmas} Day	26 Chamber Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

Monthly Events

Every Sunday ~

American Legion Breakfast 6:00 - 10:00 a.m. Disabled American Veterans Bingo 1:00 p.m.

Last Monday ~

Planters Garden Club 6:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday ~ Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 p.m.

First & Third Tuesday ~

St. Robert City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

First Tuesday ~

Old Stagecoach Stop Meeting 5:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting 6:30 p.m. Cave State Cruisers Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday ~Masonic Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.
FLW RCGA Meeting 1:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday ~

Lions Člub Meeting 6:30 p..m. Pulaski County Investment Club 7:00 p.m. First State Bank

Fourth Tuesday ~

Friends of the Library 12:00p.m.

Every Wednesday ~

Story Time at the Library 10:30 a.m.

Third Wednesday ~

ASYMCA Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Club Meeting 6:45 p.m.

First Thursday ~

Genealogy/Historical Society meeting 12:00 p.m Traveler's Square Dance Lessons.6:00 p.m. Free

Second Thursday ~ Waynesville Park Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Traveler's Square Dance 7-9:30 p.m.

Third Thursday ~

Waynesville City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Thursday ~

Traveler's Square Dance 7-9:30 p.m.

Third Friday ~

Pulaski County Shrine Club Meeting

Second Saturday ~

AGLOW Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Third Saturday ~

Cave State Cruisers "Cruise In" 1-5 p.m.

Every Sunday ~

Traveler's Square Dance Lessons 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.



~January 2006 ~



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8	9 Membership & Welcoming Noon	10	11 Chamber Luncheon The Chopstix	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Command Orientation	19 Board Meeting Noon	20	21
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~ Upcoming Events ~

Christmas on the Square – December 1st from 6 pm – 9:30 pm at the Waynesville Downtown Square. This event kicks off the Christmas Season. Festive evening with crafts, food, live nativity, music and free rides. For more information call 573-774-5791.

Ribbon Cutting for Freedom of Road Riders Local 28 – December 2nd at 7 pm at the Shrine Club in Buckhorn.

Ribbon Cutting for Waynesville Education Association – December 5th at 4:30 pm at the Waynesville High School Library.

Ribbon Cutting for Rotary Club of Pulaski County – December 13th at 11:45 am at Ramada Inn in St. Robert.

Chamber Luncheon – December 14th at 11:45 am at Adonia's. Our sponsor is Ozark Media. Cost is \$10. Call or e-mail the Chamber office to R.s.v.p. by 9 am on December 13th.

Please note The Chamber of Commerce is excited to have such a large number of its members attend monthly luncheons. Unfortunately, due to the large number of last minute Chamber luncheon attendees a policy has been put into place by the Chamber Board of Directors. This policy started in April; anyone who responds after the R.s.v.p. cut-off time (9:00 a.m. the Tuesday before the luncheon) or shows up without an R.s.v.p. may be charged an additional \$10. If an R.s.v.p. is received and they do not attend the luncheon there may be a \$10 charged for the meal. The decision was made to charge this amount to compensate our Chamber member restaurants for the last minute adjusts they must make to their menus.

Ground Breaking for Mabong Properties LLC – December 14th at 1:30 pm following the Chamber Luncheon at Vernon Street in St. Robert.

Christmas on the Boulevard - December 17th from 6 pm – 8 pm in front of the Comfort Inn on St. Robert Boulevard. Enjoy an evening of horse drawn carriage rides, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Live Nativity with animals, Hot Cocoa & Cookies and Children's Entertainment. Sponsored by Ehrhardt Properties – Comfort Inn, Candlewood Suites, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn and MainStay Suites. Join them for a holiday celebration!

Chamber Office Closed - The Chamber Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday, December 26th and for the New Year's Holiday on Monday, January 2nd. The Chamber Staff and Board of Directors would like to wish everyone Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

**If you have any information for our community calendar please email chamberdirector@earthlink.net or fax to 573-336-5472.

~ Ribbon Cuttings ~

October 20th

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January

<u>30th</u> - Community Forum (High School Library at 6:30 pm)

February

2nd - Community Leadership AwardsBanquet (Pershing Community Center onFLW - 5:30 pm Social and 6 pmDinner/Awards)

15th - Chamber Day at the Capital

April

<u>1st</u> - Taste of Pulaski County & Basket Auction (St. Robert Community Center) <u>20th</u> - Parker Scholarship Winner decided at Board Meeting <u>27th</u> - Regional Job Fair – Operation Workforce (St. Robert Municipal Center at 1-6 pm)

<u>24th</u> - Community Forum (High School Library at 6:30 pm)

May

19th - Eggs & Issues Breakfast (Ramada Inn at 7:30 am)

2006 YEARLY CHAMBER EVENTS

<u>29th</u> - Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

June

2nd - Tour of Fort Leonard Wood (9 am - 1 pm)

23rd - Spring Golf Tournament (Fort Leonard Wood - 12:00 Shotgun) 29th - June Membership Social (Rockin R/Adonia's at 6 pm)



September

? - Community Pride Night (Waynesville High School Football Game) 25th - Community Forum (High School

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30th - 5k Run/Walk with Paw Paw Daze (Start and End at Old Stage Coach Stop in Waynesville at 8 am, check-in at 7:30 am)

October

6th - Fall Golf Tournament (Oak Hill Country Club in Dixon - 12:00 Shotgun) 25th - New Member Orientation (Chamber Office Basement at 8 am)

November

3rd - Veteran's Memorial Ball (Pershing Community Center on FLW - 6 pm
 Social & Auction and 7 pm Dinner)
 11th - Veterans Day Parade (Waynesville at 11 am)