

Executive Director: Sandra Williams

December 2009

First Choice was founded in Kirksville, Missouri in 2008 by its owner Ted Deininger. He has been in the field of orthotics and prosthetics for more than 30 years with experience from pediatrics to geriatrics. We can fill all your orthopedic appliance needs with compassion, understanding and respect. With an orthotic and prosthetic technician on staff we can quickly and efficiently provide patients with the custom appliances they are in need of.

We also provide the largest selection of diabetic footwear in Northeast Missouri along with our superior pedorthic care. Other services include wearable therapy with neuro muscular electrical stimulation for pain management and upper and lower extremity neuro prosthetics.

First Choice is now in two locations to more conveniently serve the clients of Northeast Missouri with offices in Kirksville and Hannibal, Missouri. Services include: Upper & lower extremity fracture bracing, cervical orthosis, custom and off the shelf spinal orthosis, ankle foot orthosis, custom knee ankle foot orthosis, state of the art upper and lower prosthetics with the latest technology including micro processor knees & myoelectric upper extremity prosthetics, post-mastectomy apparel, custom neuro muscular electrical stimulation garments for pain management and neuro prosthetics and compression garments. First Choice accepts Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurances and Veterans Orthotic Benefits.



DATE & LOCATION CHANGE!!!!
DECEMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, December 17th from 5-7 pm

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December 2009 Calendar of Events



Dec. 1	Governmental Affairs Comm. Mtg. 7:30 am; Chamber Office
Dec. 1	Kohlenberg Lyceum Series 7:30 pm; Yuletide Pranks with the Blanks Truman State Univ-Baldwin Auditorium
Dec. 4	Missouri Livestock Symposium: 4 pm Trade show; 6 pm Beef Dinner; 7 pm presentations & program
Dec. 5	Missouri Livestock Symposium 9 am- 5 pm Educational Programs; 7:30 pm Steve Holy concert. For complete details visit www.missourilivestock.com .
Dec. 5	Santa at the Courthouse 2-5 pm; Christmas Caroling 11am-4 pm; Downtown Kirksville
Dec. 7	Executive Committee Meeting 8 am; Chamber Office
Dec. 10-12	Miracle on 34th St. –Curtain Call Theatre Production 7-9 pm; Kirksville Arts Center
Dec. 12	Santa at the Courthouse 2-5 pm; Christmas Caroling 11am-4 pm; Downtown Kirksville
Dec. 13	Miracle on 34th St. 2-4 pm. Kirksville Arts Center
Dec. 14	Kirksville Community Chorus Fall & Winter Concert 7:30 pm, First Christian Church
Dec. 16	Economic & Community Develop. Comm. Mtg. ; 4 pm; Chamber Office
Dec. 17	Business After Hours 5-7 pm; Alliant Bank
Dec. 19	Santa at the Courthouse 2-5 pm; Christmas Caroling 11 am-4 pm Downtown Kirksville
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve -Chamber office will close early
Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve –Chamber office will close early

**Join us as we kick off the Kirksville Area
Chamber's 95th year!**

*Thursday
January 21, 2010
Annual Chamber Banquet
6-8 pm
Truman State University
Georgian Room
Invitations are forthcoming
Reservations Required*

Welcome New Members

The Greek Corner Gyros
301 S. Franklin
Kirksville, MO 63501
Steve & Voula Laberis
660-665-0300

A Note from Your Executive Director

It's been almost two months since I stepped into the Exec. Director position here at the Chamber and I can't tell you how pleased I've been by the support you've all shown me.

Many thanks to the Board and our Exec. Committee for their direction and assistance. A very special thank-you to our Chamber staff, Debi Boughton and Andrea Darwin, who have helped me make the transition from the role of Office Manager. They are always great team players, but they have really gone above and beyond what was required of them to help us keep things running. We added Vickie Dodson as our Office Manager on November 9th and barely gave her time to get her coat off before we were throwing projects and phone calls her direction. She's a gem and will be a great addition to the "Chamber Chicks."

A special thank-you to all our members who continue to support the Chamber and it's many activities—we truly couldn't do it without you and the volunteer support you provide. I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you in the new year. ~Sandra

Tourism Tidbits

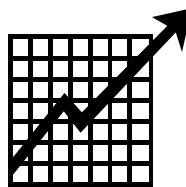
Each month the Tourism Advisory Board meet to give their time, energy and ideas to assist the tourism division of the Chamber. This month we thank those individuals for their contributions. Thank you to Board Chair, Craig Shorten, Vice Chair, Dondi Bates, and Treasurer, Mari Macomber. Thank you to Board members: Mac McCord; Cherie Bryant; Scott Jarvis; Heidi Templeton; Virginia Halterman; and Wally Trosen.

In January the Tourism Advisory Board will have a board retreat. We welcome suggestions and ideas. If you have any ideas to bring more visitors to Kirksville please email kvtourism@cablone.net with suggestions for 2010.

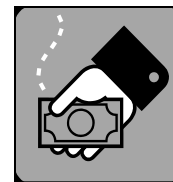
Happy Anniversary!

The Chamber wishes to thank the following businesses for reaffirming their belief in their Chamber of Commerce.

American Cancer Society
Blossom Shop Flowers & Gifts
Comfort Inn
D & J Enterprises
The Golden Ruler
Hidden Treasures
K-Life
Kirksville Rotary Club
Lawson Hill Antiques
Learning Opportunities, Inc.



Local Economic Trend\$



This year in the *Community Pride Newsletter*, the Chamber of Commerce will share with Chamber members information and trends from the local economy that may be of interest to you in business in the Kirksville area.

DECEMBER 2009

-October New City Business Licenses	10
-October New County Business Licenses	5
-New Residential Building Permits	5
-New Commercial Building Permits	1
Source: MERIC	
www.missourieconomy.org	
Source: Northeast Regional Medical Center	
October Births at NRMC	40
October '09 most updated	
-Missouri Unemployment Rate	8.9%
-Adair County Unemployment Rate	5.8%
-Adair County # of Unemployed	775
Source: Kirksville	
Gasoline prices Last month	
\$2.43	\$2.45
Essential Air Service/Oct	242
(local commercial passengers)	

New Office Manager Hired

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have finally filled the Office Manager position with a new friendly face. Vickie Dodson, a Kirksville native, began her duties on November 9th. Vickie has been working the past 6 years as a Tour Operator selling group travel. She and her husband Jeff reside at Novinger. Please welcome her the next time you call or stop by the Chamber office.

Mark Leake - Wire Co World Group—has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Glenda O'Brien on our Chamber Board of Directors.

We apologize for neglecting to mention his name in last month's newsletter. Thanks Mark.

Season's Greetings from Your Chamber Staff

Debra Boughton Tourism Director	Vickie Dodson Office Manager
Sandra Williams Executive Director	Andrea Darwin Project Manager



Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year!

Kirk\$ville Ca\$h Report

The Chamber staff are gearing up once again to meet your holiday gift giving needs. Last year the Chamber sold over \$27,000.00 worth of Kirk\$ville Ca\$h gift checks to area businesses for their employee Christmas bonuses. Thanks to local employers, that was \$27,000.00 that stayed in our community last year. Kirk\$ville Ca\$h can be spent at any Chamber member business. **Call us at 665-3766 if we can provide you with Kirk\$ville Ca\$h for your Holiday gift giving.**