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DECEMBER
BUSINESSES OF
THE MONTH

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&

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COMPANY

Illinois Sustainable Technology Center Seeks Businesses for Wood Heating Study

Project examines potential cost benefits of converting from propane and other fossil fuels to wood-fired boiler systems.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) at the University of Illinois invites businesses throughout the state to apply for a free engineering study to learn about the potential cost savings of using low-value wood residues as heat.

Illinois businesses have until December 31, 2017 to sign up for this offer

to evaluate the feasibility of switching from propane or other fuel sources to wood biomass. The ISTC is wrapping up a two-year wood fuel study made possible through a matching grant of \$249,328 from the U.S. Forest Service. Partners of the study include Western Illinois University's Value-Added Sustainable Development Center and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. So far, the ISTC has helped six greenhouse operations of various sizes gain insight into the costs of converting to wood heat, including the return on invest-

ment of installing a wood boiler system. Now the ISTC is expanding the scope of its study by offering the opportunity of a free engineering study to all Illinois businesses. Those selected to participate in the research project will receive assistance with project scoping, engineering and financial analysis. Small-value applications of less than \$10,000 may be provided direct cash assistance while larger applications will be provided in-kind support of engineering design and grant preparation.



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OLD LINCOLN COURTROOM & MUSEUM

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The Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum is closed for the winter months. They are opening on December 20th from 10 am to 4 pm for last minute shoppers who would like to purchase stocking stuffers, t-shirts, items specific to Beardstown or President Abraham Lincoln, etc.

As another season for the museum has come to an end it is a good time to take a look at what the OLCM means to our community. Over the last several months (since September) there have been 200 plus visi-

tors from all over the United States. Twenty of the United States to be exact, plus Illinois. There have also been tourists arrive from the United Kingdom and the Virgin Islands!

Beardstown is one of the stops for a group of people called Loopers. These individuals travel by boat up the East Coast, through the Great Lakes, and down the Illinois River into the Mississippi River, down to the Gulf of Mexico and back to their original starting point.

Many of them enjoyed

a trip through the museum and lunch at Rivertown.

The Old Lincoln Court Room and Museum is extremely valuable to Beardstown. Not only because of the amazing history of the building and the items inside of it, but because of the fact that it draws people to town who would not otherwise come and it makes us very unique. It gives those who come here for other reasons something to see and enjoy! The community should capitalize on its heritage and build on what the OLCM Commission

has established. Tourism and historical preservation is in itself and industry! Check out the Looking for Lincoln website at <http://www.lookingforlincoln.com>.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

RIVERTOWN COFFEE & WINE CORNER CAFÉ WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

WITH THEM ON DECEMBER 22ND FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM! THEIR SPECIAL IS OPEN FACED

ROAST BEEF SANDWICHES.

Troy Armstrong WILL Be DJing!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Beardstown Savings Bank would like to thank all of the Chamber members and guests who attended last nights Business

Lincoln Land Community College

LLCC-Beardstown offers morning, afternoon and evening classes in the spring semester which begins January

16. Call 323-4103 today to make an appointment with Brenda. LLCC is closed Dec 16 through Jan 1 and will reopen Jan 2. A list of classes offered at LLCC-B is available: <http://www.llcc.edu/explore-llcc/locations/beardstown/>

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**Merry Christmas & A Happy
 New Year!**

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Check out the Chamber
Website at
www.beardstownil.com

Upcoming Events

Beardstown City Council Meeting—December 19

Rivertown Christmas Party—December 22

Beardstown City Council Meeting—January 2

Beardstown Special Olympics 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament—January 6

Beardstown City Council Meeting—January 16

Mission Statement

“To identify and promote the common interest of our membership and our community, especially their commercial interests. Identification and promotion of common interests will be accomplished through education, information management, networking, public policy development, and civic engagement.”

Key Areas of Interest to the Chambers Membership

- Community Improvement
- Commercial Development
- Public Policy
- Zoning Ordinances
- Leadership and Workforce Development
- Public Relations
- Marketing Efforts
- ◆ Tourism

**These are the key areas in which the Chamber will be active.

Definition of Commerce: Commerce is the whole system of an economy that constitutes an environment for business. The system includes legal, economic, political, social, cultural, and technological systems.

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19*	20	21	22*	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2*	3	4	5	6*
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16*	17	18*	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			