

May Meeting ~ Annual Leadership Luncheon

The May membership meeting, the Annual Leadership Luncheon, will be held in the Buffalo High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 7, at 12:45 p.m. Zach McMillan will be the Keynote Speaker. He is the son of Robert and Charlotte McMillan and a graduate of Buffalo High School and Drury University. He is employed by Heim and Young in Springfield.

The most outstanding senior will receive a \$1000 scholarship. Those being honored and their sponsors are:

Virginia Atchley - Jim Sort and Georgia Hale, Bank of Urbana
Elizabeth Bierer - Eric Otterness, Cantlon Otterness Funeral Home
Ashley Browsers - Penny Morgans, O'Bannon Mortgage
Rachel Brown - Teresa Babcock, O'Bannon Mortgage
Meagan Burns - Christine Dutcher, Dallas County Care Center
Brittany Canole - David Beltz
Kelsey Carey - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Frank Clark - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Tyler Compton - Brian Ainley and David Beltz, ABC Motors
Allyson Counts - Brian Ainley and David Beltz, ABC Motors
Ryan Crouch - Wayne Holt, Holt Monument Company
Jessica Dryer - O'Bannon Banking Company
Tielle Gallion - Buffalo Reflex
Krista Galowski - Eric Otterness, Cantlon Otterness Funeral Home
Dusty Haynes - Bill and Chris Bryant, Bryant Business Graphics
Jerica Hicks - Becky Schofield, Dallas County Treasurer
Jerica Holt - Wayne Holt, Holt Monument Company
Amber King - Doyle Nimmo and Devona Allen, Nimmo Insurance
Kristin Knapp - Kathy Foresee, Arbonne International
Hunter Lehr - Buffalo Reflex
Thomas Matthews - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Aaron Meyer - LeAnne Nutt and Brandon Coffman, US Bank
Amber Miller - Robert McMillan, Colonial Springs Healthcare Center
Markus Moore - LeAnne Nutt and Brandon Coffman, US Bank
Katie Olson - Cheryl Eversole, Dallas County Health Department
Levi Osborn - Denise Reed, Hogan Land Title Company
Adam Paul - Jim Short and Georgia Hale, Bank of Urbana
Lynn Phillips - David Willingham, American Family Insurance
Rebecca Rumfelt - David Willingham, American Family Insurance
Rebecca Sharp - Buffalo City Mayor Jerry Hardesty

Brandy Skinner - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Sara Spoering - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Kelsey Turner - Kathy Mankey, Solid Rock Coffee House
Kyle Whetsten - Buffalo City Mayor Jerry Hardesty

Wheel Chair Race

Lawrence is asking that all of you participate in this year's Wheel Chair Race, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, starting at the Engles Senior Center. I have attached his information sheet and the entry form. Please let me know if you are not able to open it and I will try to send it in a different format.

Woods Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening

The Chamber will host a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening ceremony for Woods Supermarket in Buffalo on Friday, May 9, at noon. Chamber members will be treated to lunch, customers will celebrate with cake and Coca-Cola products, and balloons will be available for the kids. Prize items will also be given away.

For more than 60 years, Woods Supermarket has been an integral and vital part of the Buffalo area and our economy. Don and Bertha Woods, their family, and their staff have supported more activities and groups than they can even begin to remember. Please show your support for their most recent accomplishment by attending the ceremony and participating in the festivities.

Buffalo Day at the Cardinals - May 30

Buffalo Day at the Ball Park, Hammons Field, will be May 30, a Friday night, and will feature fireworks. Ticket and t-shirt packages are \$20 per person or \$70 for a set of four. Stop by the Chamber office to reserve your seats. The deadline is May 23.

First Pitch Draft - Chamber members can pick a draft from their employees or families. Donation jars for the candidates will be located in the Chamber business which nominated them. The candidate who raises the most money will throw out the first pitch and will be published in the Buffalo Reflex on May 28. Money collection deadline is May 22 at noon. Call the Chamber Office at 345-2852 or e-mail to chamber@buffalococ.com with your draft choice prior to May 12.

City Wide Garage Sale - June 7

Spaces are available, for \$5 each, around the Courthouse on the square in Buffalo for this year's City Wide Garage Sale, which will be Saturday, June 7. Anyone interested in reserving a space should stop by the Chamber office.

Lawrence Holt

Promoting Sidewalks for Safety and Accessibility

719 South Elm Street P. O. Box 1262 Buffalo, Missouri 65622 417-345-7562

May 1, 2008

This is an invitation for your organization to participate in the third annual wheel chair race at 10:00 AM Saturday June 7, 2008. The purpose of the race is to bring attention to the conditions that people confined to wheel chairs face as they try to be productive and helpful citizens on the streets, sidewalks and in buildings in Buffalo. The race will start at and end at the Engles Senior Center on the west side of the square. In our last race we had nine teams. This year we are shooting for fifteen.

A team will consist of two persons for the manual powered chairs, with one pushing and the other riding. At designated stops the two persons may change. There will also be two segments where the rider will be the person propelling the chair. This year we also hope to have a category using self propelled chairs. Plaques will be awarded to three places. In our last race the winners were David Beltz and Brian Ainley The team from ABC Motors; David Willingham and Robert Love the team from American Family Insurance, second place; Shawna Howe and Tracy Netzela, the team from Colonial Springs Healthcare, third. ,Please provide your own wheel chair if possible. If you do not have a wheel chair, a few chairs will be available. You are invited to have a sign showing who you are.

If you are a "relay for life team", use this as a fund raiser, with so much donation for your finish time or finish place.

Entry forms will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 101 North Maple that need to be into the Chamber of Commerce office by May 30, so we can have enough wheel chairs for those who do not have a chair.

If you respond by email or telephone, please bring a completed form with you to the race. Also we will try to have spares in the event of chair problems. For more information telephone Lawrence Holt at 345-7562 or The Chamber of Commerce at 345-2852

The wheel chair race in Buffalo, Missouri will start at 10:00 AM Saturday morning, June 7, during the city wide garage sale. The starting point will be at the Engles Senior Center on the west side of the square across from the courthouse. The teams will be lined up on the side walk in front of Engles in the order that their entries are received. To enter, Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 345-2852, or Lawrence Holt at 345-7562. Entry forms are available at the chamber office, or on line at buffalococ.com.

The route for this years wheel chair race will be as follows: south from Engles Senior center on the West side of the square in downtown Buffalo Missouri to Commercial street, east on Commercial to Cedar Street continue east to Main, [change rider] west on Main to Maple,[change rider] west on Main, to Cedar north on Cedar to Franklin, [change rider, rider only propel] west on Franklin to Pine, South on Pine to Main, [change rider, rider only will propel] West on Main to the library, east on Main to Maple, south to Engles. You must use sidewalks when possible, if you come to a curb with no ramp, go back to a ramp and use the street, obey all traffic laws. When circling the square, Use the sidewalk on the outside away from the garage sale booths; ie By Chapman's, the county administration building, Davies Chevrolet, O'Bannon Bank, and try to not run over anyone. Race ends at Engles with refreshments. Come cheer on your favorite team.

Saturday morning during the citywide garage sale, Buffalo Missouri was the site of the "The great 2007 wheel chair race" starting and ending at Engles Senior Center. Although it was raining lightly nine teams braved the weather conditions to race eleven blocks on the sidewalks and streets of the downtown area, with fans cheering them on. Eight of the teams were able to complete the course despite one team's having to drop out with a health condition, and another losing a front tire on their wheel chair. The problems occurred close together so they traded chairs and continued to finish. The participants were David Beltz and Brian Ainley, team ABC Motors first place; David Willingham and Robert Love team American Family Insurance, second place; Shawna Howe and Tracy Netzela, team Colonial Springs Healthcare third; last race winners Jim Hamilton and George Shaffer, team Eagle Squadron finished a minute later for fourth place; Cookie Hawkins and Sam Barclay, team Ground Source and Denise Reed and Michelle Mayfield, team Roller Queens tied for 5th place; J. J. Mooneyham and Paula Mabary, team Beautiful Adoptive Moms and City councilman Jamie George with draftee Chris Bearfield, tied for 7th place. Team OACAC Judy Hargis and Lisa Lee were unable to complete the race because of a health problem. The most often heard comment was "That was fun" followed "Boy that was hard, I will never look at getting around in a wheel chair the same". The racers used sidewalks when they could, sometimes backtracking to a ramp when the curb was too high to safely navigate, and often used the street because no usable sidewalk was available. Although they had assistance for seven blocks the person in the chair had to go around the outer side of the square away from the courthouse without assistance. One team has already declared for the next race. Thank you to all who helped, loaned wheel chairs and participated.

2008 Wheel Chair Race Entry Form

Team Name _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Need a Wheel Chair? Yes _____ No _____

I accept full responsibility for any accidents or injury and hold the organizers of the race free from any liability

Signed _____ Date _____

Time of race: 10:00 AM ~ Saturday, June 7, 2008
Starting at the Engles Senior Center
West Side of the Square
Downtown Buffalo, Missouri

Return to: Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce
chamber@buffalococ.com

Fax: 417-345-2852

P.O. Box 258 ~ Buffalo, MO 65622