

# Buffalo Area Chamber Of Commerce

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## The Members' Messenger

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### **Character Ed Word For June: Cooperation**

**Cooperation:** (1) an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit; (2) more or less active assistance from a person, organization, etc; (3) willingness to cooperate; (4) activity shared for mutual benefit. Character Ed is a Chamber-led community wide initiative working to create a "culture of character" by focusing on a new word each month. **Please include the monthly *Character Ed* word in any media opportunities.**

### **June Meeting At Saltbox Tea Room**

The June membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, June 04, at **Saltbox Country Tea Room**. Vickie Stepp will be the guest speaker and will discuss the proposed YMCA.

The lunch specials for Wednesday, June 04, will be Cheese & Bacon Quiche, served with a house salad or soup for \$6.25, or a Ciabatta Sandwich made with Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Grilled Onions, Swiss Cheese, and a Basil Spread on a Stone-Baked Ciabatta Roll, served with your choice of Chips, Soup or Pasta Salad for \$5.95. Soups include: Broccoli Cheese, Potato, or Cheddar Bacon. Fresh Desserts are available daily. **Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service. Saltbox' phone number is 345-7667.**

### **08 ~ 09 Fiscal Year ~ May 01 through April 30 ~ Membership Renewals**

Membership investment renewal requests and information update forms are included. Please talk with a non-member business or individual – share with them your reason for supporting the Chamber and encourage them to become an investor. The more supporting investors the Chamber has, the more we can accomplish in supporting Dallas County businesses. Membership investment amounts are based on the number of employees: **1-10 at \$125, 11-30 at \$150, and more than 31 at \$200. Individuals (non-business), Civic Clubs and Churches are \$50.**

### **The Great Wheelchair Race of 2008 ~ Pushing For Awareness & Accessibility**

In order to raise awareness of the need for sidewalks in the downtown area, Lawrence Holt 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. Line-up in the race is according to when entry forms are received. For more information, call the Chamber office or contact Lawrence at 345-7562.

### **Woods Supermarket Looking For Employees**

Woods Supermarket has several openings at the Buffalo store. If you know of someone that is looking for a job, please suggest that they apply in person during regular business hours. A flyer is included. Please post it if you are able to.

### **City Wide Garage Sale ~ June 7**

All of the reserved spots around the courthouse have been taken for this year's City Wide Garage Sale. A map of the sale locations is not being produced because of a lack of interest in sponsoring ads. Sales can, however be listed for free at [www.buffaloreflex.com](http://www.buffaloreflex.com) and will be published in the Edge and all of the internet sites for Neighborhood Newspapers.

Fashion Flip Boutique, which will open soon at 116 S. Cedar, on the East side of the square, will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 to accept leftover garage sale items. They will also take consignments and donations by appointment once they officially open. Contact owner, Tammy Billings, at 417-733-2249 for more information.

### **Kiwanis Bike Fair ~ June 21**

Buffalo Area Kiwanis will sponsor a bicycle and safety fair at the old city park on East Ramsey Street in Buffalo from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 21. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend, whether or not they bring a bike. The event will include an obstacle course and one boy's and one girl's bike will be given away.

Buffalo Police Department will do fingerprinting, Buffalo City Fire will teach fire safety, Dallas County 911 will teach kids when, how and who to call in case of an emergency, and Highway Patrol will teach road safety (how

to ride on busy streets, hand signals and where to stop at intersections and cross traffic). Dallas County Sheriff's Department and St. John's Ambulance will also participate. Kids can bring their bikes and have maintenance done; including adjusting seats and tire pressure, and making sure screws are tight and secure and can register their bikes in case of theft.

### **Business Spotlight ~ Hogan Land Title of Dallas County**

**Hogan Land Title of Dallas County** was established September of 2006, after being purchased from Hogan Land Title Company of Springfield by BBB Investments. The office has three employees, **Denise Reed**, hired October 2000, **Michelle Mayfield**, hired October 2001, and **Fern Patten**, employed by Wib & Dorothy Smithpeter in 1973, when the business was known as Dallas County Abstract.

Title insurance is an often misunderstood product. It is unlike property and casualty insurance or life insurance. Whereas property and casualty insurance insures against future events with renewable premiums, title insurance identifies and removes issues prior to the purchase or refinancing of property, with a one time premium. **Hogan Land Title** meticulously searches land records to find each and every lien, deed of trust or any other matter that could affect the real estate. They also close refinance and purchases on land and homes, and disburse construction loans.

The next time you are thinking of purchasing a piece of property or refinancing or building a home, consider **Hogan Land Title of Dallas County** to do the work for you. Contact them at 417-345-2423 for more information or stop by the office at 117 West Main.

### **New Member ~ Ronnie Powell Productions**

The Missouri Ozarks is undoubtedly, as far as **Ronnie Powell** is concerned; a beautiful distinctive region where in part, lofty weathered limestone bluffs guides many of the rivers through the ancient hills to their tributaries. Bluffs that rise above the tree line and are custodians of many secrets of the past.

**Ronnie's** first inclination of the vast store of knowledge lying hidden in the hills, hollows, and bluffs along the creeks and rivers of this region came about early in life when finding a Prehistory stone knife. He began a journey toward a horizon that would last for many years to end at the summit of a Mayan Pyramid of the Sun.

Stories abound of places, people and events and although many are folktales or information gleaned from the distant past, they are important aspects of our heritage. "Fact Fiction and Folktales, A Journey across the Ozarks and Beyond," is the sub title of "South Through Bare Foot Pass," **Ronnie's** first book. The book consists of thirteen stories and three essays revealing his appreciation and love of the land, its people and the fragile remnants of Americana.

"Tiddleston, Son of Tiddle," **Powell's** second book, depicts tiny Irish Immigrants who fled Ireland to the Missouri Ozarks long before the coming of the white man and took refuge in an old cedar forest along the north bank of the Niangua River. The Amicus stand no taller than a dandelion stem. It is a delightful tale of their adventures, tragedies and joys. The book is a limited edition, illustrated and is strictly fiction, or perhaps not.

**Ronnie's** third book, "A Stranger in London Smoke," soon to be published, is fiction, based on the arrival of a stranger in London Smoke during the latter part of the 1800's inquiring about the location of a particular spring in the area. A few days later a curious lad went to the spring and discovered a huge stone had been moved aside revealing a rotted saddlebag and rusted cap lock Colt forty four. London Smoke has long since fallen to ruins and sits on a high ridge a little northeast of Buffalo, Missouri and is the threshold of entry into a story of adventure and one man's courage against the lawless. This book will also be a limited edition.

**Ronnie Powell's** books, woodcarvings and oil paintings respectively reflect in images and words old sailing ships, landscapes, country folks and Prehistory river scenes, intricate aspects of Ozark legacy. His work is displayed beautifully in a web site created by Kathy Foresee at [www.RonniePowellProductions.com](http://www.RonniePowellProductions.com). The front door is open, throw your hat and coat in a corner and visit awhile and let him know what you think.

### **June Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Relay For Life **Dodge Ball Tournament** – BHS Field House – 1:30 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup>** **Chamber Membership Meeting** - Saltbox Tea Room - Noon
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Dallas County **Historical Society Open** - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup>** **City Wide Garage Sale** – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup>** The Great **Wheelchair Race** of 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – Engles Senior Center
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** **Relay For Life** of Dallas County - 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** Dallas County **Historical Society Open House** – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Dallas County **Historical Society Open** - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup>** **Benefit Fundraiser** for Tornado Victims - Grace Community Church - 5:30 p.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup>** **Kiwanis Bike Fair** - Buffalo City Park - East Ramsey Street - 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>** **Dallas County Fair & Jr. Livestock Show** - Fair Grounds and Park - East Ramsey Street
- 29<sup>th</sup>** **Celebration of God & Country** - Calvary Chapel Church - 5:30 p.m.

### **July Events**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Chamber Membership Meeting** – Maple Street Grill – Noon
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** **Louisburg Old Settlers Reunion Picnic** – Louisburg Lions Club Park