

Buffalo Area Chamber Of Commerce

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The Members' Messenger

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Character Ed Word For October: Responsible

Responsible: (1) expected or obliged to account for; answerable, (2) involving obligation or duties, (3) able to distinguish between right and wrong, (4) dependable; reliable, (5) the cause of something. **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.**

October Meeting Will Recognize Super 4-H Students

The October meeting of the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce is an annual opportunity for our business community to honor the accomplishments of some of our most industrious young people. **If you have sponsored a student, PLEASE be sure to attend the meeting or have someone there to represent you.**

The meeting will be held at **Maple Street Grill** on **Wednesday, October 1 at noon**. Sponsors will pay for student's meal and are encouraged to sit with them and their family members. The luncheon menu will be: (1) *Meat Loaf Dinner* served with Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Biscuit - \$6.59, (2) *Soup, Salad & Garlic Toast* - \$5.99, (3) *Jumbo Grilled Cheese* served with Soup or Chili - \$5.99, and (4) *Bacon Cheese Burger* - ½ lb. Char-Broiled Burger, topped with American Cheese, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle Chips, served with Fries - \$6.99. Soup of the Day will be Chicken Tortilla. You, and anyone attending with you, **must make reservations prior to September 30**. Please contact the Chamber Office (345-2852) as soon as possible to let us know **who will be attending and their choice of menu item and drink**. Students, their parents and their sponsors are:

Sharon Daves
Stephanie Daves
Corey Edwards
Natalya Gathright
Edward Gathright
Elizabeth Gathright
Jeremiah Gathright
Nellie Ritzheimer
Zeb Ritzheimer
Seth Stewart
Lauren Stewart

Bryan & Shelia Daves
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Lori Edwards & Jerry Waite
Edward & Paula Gathright
Edward & Paula Gathright
Edward & Paula Gathright
Edward & Paula Gathright
Bob & Jean Ritzheimer
Bob & Jean Ritzheimer
Bob & Kate Stewart
Bob & Kate Stewart

O'Bannon Bank
Bank of Urbana
Hogan Land Title
U S Bank
U S Bank
U S Bank
Herb & Rosie Troutman
Holt Monument Company
Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home
O'Bannon Mortgage Company
The Cutting Edge

Rack-It Billiards & Pub To Feature Local Artist



Rack-It Billiards and Pub welcomes a favorite hometown artist, Lyal Strickland, to the stage Friday, October 24th at 8:00 p.m. Lyal, a Buffalo High School graduate, has opened for SheDaisy and Tracy Lawrence and has played a variety of high profile clubs, community festivals & charity events where he has become a favorite of music lovers in the Ozarks. Expanding into surrounding states, he has rapidly developed a dedicated following. Stop by Rack-It at 212 South Maple Street in Buffalo to enjoy Lyal's performance. Admission is free.

Don't forget, Thursday nights at Rack-It are APA League nights. Sign up Now! Pool Tournaments are held every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Come in to watch MLB Playoffs or KC Chiefs and Mizzou Tiger Football and get 1/2 price pool.

Come by for an enjoyable evening of good food and quality entertainment Buffalo style with Lyal Strickland.

"Let's Talk Trash"

A community wide campaign is emerging to address recycling awareness for both businesses and individuals. More information will be available soon, or contact Buffalo City Recycling Center at 345-5049 for hours of operation and types of materials accepted.

“Local Makes Cents”

Dallas County Betterment Association is partnering with the Chamber to build a "Local Makes Cents" campaign. A meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Simm's Restaurant. This is a critical time in our local economy, not only for our small business community, but for every entity that depends on sales tax dollars for all or part of their revenue.

Your input and support is needed, please plan to be there. If you simply can not attend, communicate your thoughts on the subject and they will be shared during the meeting. Once the foundation of the campaign has been formulated, it will be shared with the community through social, civic and service groups and the media. Please contact the Chamber office if you plan to attend so that Simm's can have an approximate count prior to the meeting.

Fair Board Update

Dallas County Fair Board and the City of Buffalo are working toward a new set of restrooms for the fairgrounds. Any money, supplies or donations will be very much appreciated. Contact John Crawford at 345-2958 for more information. Fair dates for 2009 are June 24 through 27.

STEM Committee To Focus On Environment

Last year, teachers at Buffalo Prairie Middle School formed a STEM committee to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. They held a family "STEM Night" in the fall, focusing on engineering. The event was so successful that they decided to make it bigger and better this year with a new focus on the environment. The "Green STEM Night" will take place on November 4, 2008, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Buffalo Prairie Middle School. Seventh and eighth grade students and their parents will be invited to attend. There will be parent and student sessions running concurrently, stations for "meet and greet" opportunities with colleges, universities and businesses, freebies and hands-on fun. Three hands-on sessions are scheduled for students. They are anticipating approximately 100 students from BPMS as well as some from Skyline and Halfway.

The committee has a very small budget and needs groups to provide promotional and informational materials about the environment and "being green", set up a display for the "meet and greet" session, or provide free give-away items, door prizes, etc. Any business or individual who would be able to assist with the event should contact Patsy Viets or Debbie Wallace at 345-2335.

Job Fair Set For October 15

Local officials, the Chamber and the Missouri Career Center have scheduled a job fair for October 15 in the O'Bannon Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Approximately 300 employees will be affected by the impending closing of the Petit Jean plant, a skilled and dependable work force with experience in production, warehouse, forklift and maintenance operations. These workers will be entitled to education assistance through the Career Center and may look at changing vocations. In addition, some apprenticeship programs may be available and a representative is being invited to participate in the job fair. Entities who are interested in participating in the job fair should contact Connie Kronholm as soon as possible at 417-887-4343, extension 355, or by e-mail at connie.kronholm@ded.mo.gov.

October Events

- 1st** Chamber Membership Meeting – Maple Street Grill – Noon – Super 4-H Recognition
- 7th** Relay For Life Committee Meeting – A-Cut-2-Dye-4 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9th - 10th** Garage Sale – Grace Community United Methodist Church – 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 11th - 12th** Habitat For Humanity Turkey Shoot – 539 State Rd H – Saturday 10 to 4 - Sunday noon to 4
- 11th** DAV Christmas Bazaar – Hwy 73 North – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 15th** Job Fair – O'Bannon Community Center – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 18th** Senior Fest – O'Bannon Community Center – 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 21st** Meet The Candidates Forum – Simm's Restaurant – 7:00 p.m.
- 24th - 25th** Optimist Club Dinner Theater – O'Bannon Community Center – 6:00 p.m.
- 25th** Kiwanis Parktacular – Old City Park – East Ramsey Street – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

November Events

- 4th** Rotary Fish Fry – Maple Street Grill - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 5th** Chamber Membership Meeting – Hip Pocket Pizza – Noon
- 7th** 1st Christian Church Chili & Soup Luncheon – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 8th** Veterans' Day Parade – 10:00 a.m.
Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Breakfast – Engles Senior Center – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- 11th** Veterans' Day – Honoring All Veterans ~ Past and Present
- 14th** Luncheon & Holiday Bazaar – Buffalo United Methodist Church – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

24th

Thanksgiving Dinner – Engles Senior Center – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

27th

Thanksgiving Dinner – Maple Street Grill – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Donations Accepted
Sponsored by Buffalo Optimist Club & Habitat For Humanity