

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For November: Caring

Caring: (1) liking or regard for, (2) protective, (3) responsible, (4) to feel concern for, (5) to look after, provide for, (6) to feel concern about or interest in. **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.**

November Meeting Will Be At Solid Rock Coffee House

The November membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be **Wednesday, November 5, at Solid Rock Coffee House**. The lunch special will be meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread/butter and your choice of lemonade, 16 oz. tea or house coffee for \$5.30. A menu is included. **Please call orders in prior to the meeting** for faster service. Their phone number is 417-345-4444. Guest speaker will be Matt Seiler, Assistant District Engineer and a 20 year veteran of the Missouri Department of Transportation. Buffalo City Police Chief, Sam Hartsell will also speak briefly.

Veterans Parade

This year's Veterans Parade is set for **Saturday, November 8**. Line-up will be in the Petit Jean and Superior Gearbox parking lots and will begin at 8:00 a.m., with judging at 9:00. The parade will kick off at 10:00, led by all branches of law enforcement who serve the county, and will follow the same route as last year. Anyone who has not turned in their entry form should do so immediately. Call the Chamber Office for more information.

"Local Makes Cents"

Chamber and Dallas County Betterment Association members are putting together a campaign to encourage Dallas County residents to buy local and to educate them about the actual and subsequent costs of spending their money anywhere else. Each dollar spent here turns over seven times within the community. Conversely, every dollar that is spent somewhere else takes away from services that are taken for granted and limits job growth. A Strategic Planning Committee has been working on the basic structure and will present their ideas during a meeting scheduled for November 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Maple Street Grill.

Rotary Donating Dictionaries

Buffalo Rotary Club is donating dictionaries for every 3rd Grade student in Dallas County R-1 schools, at both Mallory and Long Lane. Currently, there is only one dictionary per classroom and students must share it in order to learn how to use one. Tickets are still available for a Fish Fry Fund-raiser which will be held November 4 at Maple Street Grill from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal includes a Fish Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Chips, Drink and Homemade Dessert for \$6. Both dine in and carry out are available. Tickets are available at the Chamber Office. Call 417-345-2852 for more information.

Motorcycle Toy Run & Toys For Tots

The 9th Annual Dallas County Toys For Tots (DCTT) **Motorcycle Toy Run** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 23**. Line-up will be in the Wood's Shopping Center parking lot at noon. They will leave Wood's at 1:00, travel east on Hwy 32, pass through the Buffalo square, and continue north to the DAV building on Hwy 73. Last year 350 riders came with toys for Dallas County children. Please plan to show your support for the donors by attending the event as a spectator along the route.

Donor request letters will go out soon for the **Toys For Tots** program. Community support is critical for DCTT's success. Because of our current economy, organizers expect the number of children served to increase from last year's 364 to between 450 and 500. Anyone interested in making financial donations should make checks payable to Dallas County Toys For Tots and mail them to P.O. Box 202, Buffalo, MO, 65622. For information on donating toys or volunteering to help, contact Rosie Troutman at 417-345-2080 or Jennifer Berry at 417-345-7785.

Heart 2 Heart Outreach Ministries

Buffalo United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Pine and Benton Streets, will host a garage sale and bake sale fund-raiser to benefit Heart 2 Heart, November 6 and 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., both days. All proceeds will help needy families in Dallas County. Donations for the sale will be accepted at the church on Wednesday, the 5th, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Heart 2 Heart at 417-345-6200.

Long Lane Carnival

Long Lane Elementary School will hold their Fall Carnival on Saturday, November 8 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Activities will include games, a Country Store, a Sweet Shop, food, an auction and a raffle drawing. Crowning of the royalty will be at 8:15, with the raffle and auction following. Admission is free and there should be lots of fun for everyone.

November Events

- 1st Shoot Out Cancer** – Clay Shoot Competition - #7 Fountain Lake Lane – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 4th Rotary Fish Fry** – Maple Street Grill – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 5th Chamber Membership Meeting** - Solid Rock Coffee House – Noon
Guest Speaker – Matt Seiler, Assistant District Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation
- 6th- 7th Heart 2 Heart Garage Sale & Bake Sale** – Buffalo United Methodist Church – 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 7th Chili & Soup Luncheon** - 1st Christian Church – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Veterans Breakfast and Assembly – Buffalo High School – Breakfast at 7:00 – Assembly at 9:00
Guest Speaker – Sarah Steelman, Missouri State Treasurer
- 8th Veterans Day Parade** – Line Up at 8:00 – Judging at 9:00 – Kick Off at 10:00
Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Breakfast – Engles Senior Center – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Fall Carnival – Long Lane Elementary School – 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- 10th Relay For Life Committee Meeting** – O'Bannon Bank Main Branch – Buffalo – 6:00 p.m.
- 11th Veterans Day** – Honor all Veterans ~ Past and Present
- 14th Luncheon & Holiday Bazaar** – Buffalo United Methodist Church – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 23rd Toys For Tots Motorcycle Toy Run** – Line Up at Wood's at Noon – Kick-Off at 1:00 p.m.
- 24th Engles Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner** – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 27th Community Thanksgiving Dinner** – Maple Street Grill – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December Events

- 3rd Chamber Membership Meeting** – Solid Rock Coffee House – Noon
Guest Speakers – Gina Buxton and Middle School Band Students
- 13th Buffalo Christmas Parade** - Line Up at 8:00 – Judging at 9:00 – Kick Off at 10:00
“A Christmas Carol” Production - 1st Christian Church – 6:00 p.m.