

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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## ***The Members' Messenger***

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### **Character Ed Word For December: Honesty**

**Honesty:** (1) uprightness of character or action, (2) a refusal to lie, steal, or deceive in any way, (3) an active or anxious regard for the standards of one's profession, calling, or position, (4) trustworthiness and incorruptibility to a degree that one is incapable of being false to a trust, responsibility, or pledge. **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.**

### **December Meeting Will Be At Solid Rock Coffee House**

The November membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be **Wednesday, December 3, at Solid Rock Coffee House.** The lunch special will be Frito Pie (Chili, Corn Chips, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Sour Cream and Salsa) 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 Gary Naylor, University of Missouri Extension and Livestock Specialist.

### **Christmas Parade**

This year's Christmas Parade will be **Saturday, December 13**, with a snow date of December 20. The theme is "A Story Book Christmas." 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 and will follow the same route as last year. Deadline for entry is December 8. Call the Chamber Office for more information or to enter via phone.

### **Business Spotlight ~ Dallas County Propane**

Dallas County Propane is locally owned and operated by Lee and Monica Garrett. The business is located at 904 W Dallas Street in Buffalo and has been serving Dallas and the surrounding counties since 1984.

Besides providing bulk propane to residential and commercial customers, the business also sells propane circulators, unvented heaters, gas ranges, water heaters and gas fireplace logs. Due to the devastating power outages in Buffalo during the ice storm of 2007, the business began looking into retailing propane generators. Dallas County Propane now sells and installs Generac generators and has become a certified service dealer for Generac. The business specializes in stand by units ranging from 8kw to 150kw and also has access to portable units.

Five generations of the Garrett family have been involved in the propane business. Lee's grandparents, the late Audren and Mary Garrett, opened Garrett's Propane in Springfield in 1956 with Lee's great-grandfather, Homer, working for them. Lee's parents, Lee and Patty Garrett opened Garrett's Propane in Pleasant Hope in the early 1970's. Lee and Monica's fifteen year old daughter, Kylee, continues the tradition, being the fifth generation to work in the business. Kylee has spent the past two summers working at Dallas County Propane. Her main job has been painting customers' propane tanks. Lee's brother Mark, and his wife, Shellena own Garrett's Propane in Rogersville. Dallas County Propane employees are Lee and Monica Garrett, Linda Nixon, DeWayne Howard, Jeff Allen, Chad Dearduff, Loren Clemmons, Brian Hoffman, Charles Denney, Vern Haslip and future employee, Paige Garrett, the Garrett's' ten year old daughter.

Dallas County Propane would like to thank all of their customers for their patronage and their friendships over the past twenty-five years. Call them at 345-7928 to discuss any of their products or services.

### **Business Spotlight ~ Main Street Realty**

Main Street Realty is happy to have served the local area for 4 years now! Broker/Owner, Laura Coots, has been selling real estate for 12 years and totally enjoys the many new friendships that have developed through her association here in Buffalo. Most of the agents are local (or have lived here for a long time) and know the area well. They are all well versed in selling both farms and homes in town and love doing so! It is important to each and every agent to work with the community to help it grow and thrive and are involved in many local activities. Main Street Realty wants everyone to know that even with the "down economy" real estate is still selling and they will help out in any way possible with real estate needs! There are still lots of financing options out there and these agents know how to help out with that and find the right bank to serve their clients. Located at 741 W. Main, in the wonderful Victorian home on the corner of Main and Hickory, Laura invites everyone to come by and take a peak inside to see what has been done to maintain the original integrity of this gorgeous home anytime they want! Doors are open from 8:30 to 5:00 (often later!) Feel free to stop by and chat for a while!

## Dallas County Toys For Tots

Applications are still being accepted for families in need of assistance this year from Toys For Tots. If you know of someone who needs help, please let them know that time is running out for them to register. They need to call the OACAC office at 345-7964. The absolute last day is December 4 until 2:30.

## Horses of Hope “Stuff Our Boots”

You have the opportunity to help children, adults and their families ride with therapeutic benefits by “Stuffing a Donation” into the boots of Horses Of Hope. The more boots filled, the more riders that can benefit from their services. Please remember, everyday both children and adults with disabilities face the challenges of daily living. Horses of Hope provides both respite to a complex daily life and HOPE for better moments in their future. Your “Boot Stuffing Donation” will support a current rider, or, help them move a rider from their waiting list. Mail your contributions to Horses of Hope, #55 Kelly Road, Buffalo, Missouri, 65622, or call them at 345-5210 for more information.

## Light Bulb Express Discount Offer

### **Attention Chamber Members**



**Chamber Members Bring This Card for an Extra 10%  
Off Your Purchases made between  
11/24/08 and 12/24/08**

The Light Bulb Express • 820 South Ash Street • Buffalo, MO 65622  
(417) 345-8580  
Light Bulbs • Ballast • Electrical Supplies

Robert Schwab, store manager for Light Bulb Express here in Buffalo would like to invite all Chamber members to take advantage of this discount offer for any purchases made between November 24 and December 24, 2008.

Light Bulb Express offers bulbs, ballast and electrical supplies to contractors, handymen and residential customers.

Contact Robert at 345-8580 or stop by the store at 820 South Ash to find out how he can fill your electrical supply needs.

## “Brighten Someone’s Christmas” Challenge

The employees at MFA Farm & Home have decided to spread the cheer! They are starting a Christmas challenge! They believe that it would be beneficial for the community to help one another. And what better way than a Christmas Challenge! This year, instead of their usual employee gift exchange, MFA employees are donating that money to adopting Christmas families. They are adopting ten families and want to provide them with a memorable Christmas dinner that everyone deserves. Any extra money they have, that doesn't go toward the Christmas dinners, will be donated to Toys for Tots. What's the challenge? They are asking you to do the same. They are challenging you to adopt as many families as you can, and provide them with a Christmas dinner. If every business in Buffalo accepts this Christmas Challenge, think of all the Christmas's that will be brighter! So please, accept MFA's challenge, and “Brighten Someone's Christmas”!

Please Contact Judy Hargis at OCAC (417-345-7964) or Candy King at MFA (417-345-2121) for additional information.

### *The Food Baskets Include:*

- 1 10lb Turkey.
- 1 Package of Stuffing
- 2 Packages of Mashed Potatoes
- 1 Can of Green beans
- 1 Can of Corn
- 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- 1 Can of Gravy
- 1 Package of Rolls
- 1 Pie



## December Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chamber Membership Meeting** – Solid Rock Coffee House – Noon  
Guest Speakers – Gary Naylor, University of Missouri Extension and Livestock Specialist
- 13<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Christmas Parade** - Line Up at 8:00 – Judging at 9:00 – Kick Off at 10:00  
**Relay For Life Kick-Off & Chili Cook-Off** – Buffalo Prairie Middle School Cafeteria – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Toys For Tots Fundraiser** – Pool Tournament & Chili Lunch – Rack it Billiards & Pub – 1:00 p.m.  
**“A Christmas Carol” Production** - 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church – 6:00 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Relay For Life Planning Committee Meeting** – O'Bannon Bank (on the square) – 6:00 p.m.