

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For January: Courtesy

Courtesy: (1) consideration, cooperation, and generosity in providing something, (2) respect for and consideration of others, (3) a courteous, respectful, or considerate act or expression, (4) excellence of manners or social conduct; polite behavior. **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.**

Governor's Stimulus Task Force

Governor Nixon has formed a task force to plan and strategize how the State of Missouri can best utilize the stimulus money that President Obama is trying to get passed in Washington. The Missouri Finance Board is collaborating with the Department of Economic Development and several other experts to devise a plan.

The task force has asked for feedback from local communities all over the state to ensure they are making the best decisions for both rural communities and urban areas alike. Since the needs are very different in Dallas County, this is your opportunity to have your voice heard.

One area that Governor Nixon wants to allocate funding for is the Small Business sector. The task force would like to know what challenges Small Business owners are facing and what types of programs, incentives, financing etc. would be beneficial to help grow and sustain your business.

The Division of Workforce Development wants to share your ideas with the task force in hopes there will be some common themes around the state that result. If several rural areas are having the same challenges, there is a greater likelihood they will be addressed.

The Ozarks regional Workforce Investment Board is also planning a seminar in March to discuss this topic more in depth. The seminar will consist of panel discussions from members of the financial community, the Small Business Association, and Small Business Development organizations throughout the Ozark region. This is an opportunity to find out what kinds of programs are available locally to assist small businesses. If anyone would like to be a speaker at this seminar to educate the public about programs/assistance for small businesses please contact Connie Kronholm at 417-887-4343 or at connie.kronholm@ded.mo.gov.

New Member – Farm Bureau

David Andrews is the new local multi-line agent for **Dallas County Farm Bureau**, located at **214 South Maple Street** in Buffalo. Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance Services has been serving Missourians for over 50 years, providing quality products for a wide variety of insurance needs. They are recognized as one of the leading insurers in the state, ranking in the top 10 of overall market share, according to the latest statistics from the Missouri Department of Insurance.

Farm Bureau is the world's largest general farm organization and is the voice of agriculture. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation is part of the American Farm Bureau Federation with over 106,000 families statewide. Local offices can be found in 113 Missouri counties. **Dallas County Farm Bureau** organized in the late 1940's and currently serves 690 member families.

One phase of **Farm Bureau** is the services-for-members program which has resulted in sponsorship of Farm Bureau Insurance services, farm commodity marketing, discount pharmaceuticals, theme park discounts, motel discounts, an MFB credit card at no cost, and much more – all designed to better the farmers' standard of living.

Affiliated with the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation are the following companies which render service to the Farm Bureau members: Farm Bureau Town & Country Insurance Company provides automobile, farm owners, homeowners, crop hail and many other lines of insurance; Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company provides life insurance and annuities of all types; Farm Bureau Insurance Brokerage was started to try and place those unique and higher-risk coverage's; New Horizons Insurance Company is designed to accommodate risks not eligible for Town and Country; Missouri Agricultural Marketing Association allows farmers to have market and weather information and Ag news at their fingertips via the web.

David Andrews and his wife Julie, both Dallas County natives, live in the Long Lane area with their children Madison and Marlee. **Terri Winkler**, Secretary for the past 10 years, is also a native of Dallas County and lives with her two boys Coltin and Dalton in Buffalo. **Sam Dryer**, District Manager, is also a native and he and his wife Tammie also reside in Dallas County. Contact **David, Terri** or **Sam** at **417-345-7251**.

Business Spotlight – Signal Foods – Scrivener Oil Company

The **Signal Foods Store**, located at the intersection of Hwy 65 and Hwy 32 in Buffalo, opened in 1985 and is the fifth store in the **Scrivener Oil Company** chain. In 2003 the property was re-modeled and McDonald's was added. The **Signal** side of the complex has eight employees and offers a clean atmosphere and friendly service.

Rich Scrivener started **Scrivener Oil Company** in the early 1980's and has grown the business to a chain of ten store locations, employing approximately 100 people. The most recent addition is a Sub-Way store. **Scrivener Oil** transports from many suppliers through the pipeline and delivers to their own stores, while occasionally helping out other stores.

New Member – Ken Horn Electric, LLC

Ken Horn grew up in Kearney, Missouri and moved to the Springfield area six years ago. His wife is a Registered Nurse and is the ADON at Christian Health Care West in Springfield. **Ken** grew up working on a farm and got into construction as a young man. He started out as a carpenter. After several years, he decided to get into operating heavy equipment, after another six years he went to school for electrical wiring. In 1989 he decided to start his own electrical business, **Ken Horn Electric**, and has been doing it every since. **Ken** does new homes, remodels, service and repair and commercial wiring. He is trying to build more of a service-based business and focus on the needs within his community. As a hobby, he breeds and trains German Short Haired Pointers and sells puppies all over the country and enjoys competing them in field trials. Check out his dogs at www.germantowngundogs.netkennel.com. **Ken** thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve and wants to wish everyone a wonderful 2009. Contact him at **417-353-2803**.

New Member – Brick House Smoked Meats

Steve Kruger owns **Brick House Smoked Meats**, located at **260 State Road K** in Long Lane. As a child, **Steve** lived in the southern Kansas City area, where his father took him to all of the old time BBQ places and taught him the craft.

Brick House Smoked Meats specializes in mouth watering smoked meats, including pork ribs, spare ribs, turkey roast, hams, pulled pork, chicken, and beef brisket. Their newest addition to the menu is jumbo chicken wings, weighing in at ¼ pound each, which come with either Spicy BBQ or Old-Fashioned wing sauce. His special recipe for Cowboy Baked Beans rivals any other's.

Brick House Smoked Meats offers sandwiches, lunch and dinner plates, sides by the pint, meat by the pound and free delivery to the home or workplace. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., but **Steve** also caters parties, weddings and other special events. He also serves all-you-can-eat Rib Dinners, with an additional different meat each week, at the Corner Bar on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Corner Bar is located at the intersection of Hwy 32 East and H Hwy. Contact **Steve at 417-345-1274** for your next party or get-together or stop by for lunch or dinner.

Comfort Inn Valentine Special

Comfort Inn in Buffalo is offering affordable Valentine Specials for February 13, 14 and 15. Starting at \$49.99 plus tax, this offer includes a complimentary Valentine basket filled with candies, a long stem rose, and a bottle of sparkling juice from Hermitage Floral & Gifts. Amenities include an indoor pool and spa and a free deluxe continental breakfast. Call them today at 417-345-4000 for room availability.

Davies Chevrolet Special

Let Davies Chevrolet take the headache out of vehicle maintenance with free pick-up and delivery service inside the city limits of Buffalo on any service performed at their shop. They will gladly service your vehicle regardless of where it was purchased. They want to earn your business with fair and honest service. Contact them Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 417-345-2512. See the enclosed flier for 10% off labor charges over \$100.

February Events

- 13th OACAC Fundraiser** – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater – 7:00 p.m. - CMH Community Rm #2 – Bolivar
- 16th Relay For Life Meeting** - Planning Committee – 6:00 - Team Captain – 7:30 – Main O'Bannon Bank
- 18th CBCO Blood Drive** – Dallas County Career Center – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Louisburg
- 21st Relay For Life Chili Cook-Off** – Grace Community United Methodist Church – 11:00 a.m.

March Events

- 4th Chamber Membership Meeting** – Hip Pocket Pizza – Noon
- 8th Daylight Savings Time Begins**

April Events

- 1st Chamber Membership Meeting** – Hip Pocket Pizza – Noon
- 7th Rotary Fish Fry Fundraiser** – Maple Street Grill – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 7th Election Day** – Buffalo City Mayor & Aldermen – Dallas County R1 School Board