

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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### **Character Ed Word For September: Respect**

**Respect:** (1) to feel or show honor or esteem for, (2) to show consideration for, (3) show courtesy to, (4) deference to a right, privilege, privileged position, or someone or something considered to have certain rights or privileges, (5) proper acceptance or courtesy; acknowledgment. **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.**

### **September Meeting Will Be At Saltbox**

The September membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, September 2**, at **Saltbox**. **Saltbox** is located at **1126 South Ash (Hwy 65)** in Buffalo, in the Kay Courtyard complex. The lunch special will be their Honey Chicken Sandwich (chicken breast, provolone cheese, bacon and honey mustard spread, topped with lettuce, tomato and onion on a toasted ciabatta roll), served with choice of pasta salad, side salad, chips, cottage cheese, soup or fresh fruit for \$5.95. The phone number for Saltbox is **417-345-7667**. Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service.

### **Business Spotlight ~ Ozark Store Fixtures**

**Ozark Store Fixtures** is a family operated business owned by **Ron and Diana Miller**, located north of Buffalo on Hwy 65. They sell new and quality used store fixtures and supplies for new and existing retail businesses. They offer a personal atmosphere where one can shop their 30,000 square foot showroom and warehouse, order on-line, or order from their catalog by telephone.

**Ozark Store Fixtures'** primary supply of quality used fixtures is from store remodels, expansions, re-locations and over-runs from large chain retail stores. Whether a small store or a large chain, they provide an opportunity for new and existing businesses to purchase new and quality used fixtures at huge savings. Also available are custom-made fixtures, gondola shelving, backroom shelving and

pallet racking for retail and warehouse use. They ship daily to customers all over the United States with most catalog items shipping within 24 hours of receiving an order.

Two of the Miller's five children work in the business: **Scott Miller**, Manager, and **Susan Keith**, Accounting. Visit **Ozark Store Fixtures'** web site at [www.ozarkstorefixtures.com](http://www.ozarkstorefixtures.com) or call them at **417-345-5651** or **888-294-5651** for more information.

### **Business Spotlight - Shades To Shutters Plus**

Building, buying or remodeling a home? Let **Shades To Shutters Plus** help with every window treatment need. Whether it's wood or pvc, shutters to bamboo, or pleated shades, to verticals and everything in between. **Shades To Shutters Plus** carries the most innovative and up to date treatments from companies like Hunter Douglas, Kirsch, Graber, Levelor and many more. Don't worry about those hard to reach windows, many of the suppliers that **Shade To Shutters Plus** deals with offer motorization on most of their products. What about those arched, angled and specialty shaped windows? **Shades To Shutter Plus** has that covered too, with several options to choose from for those special and unique applications. **Shades To Shutters** is a competitive sales and full service company with professional installation. Not only do they service what they sell, they service all brands.

One of the nicest things about **Shades To Shutters Plus** is their showroom, it's mobile. They bring the showroom to their customers. This cuts down on overhead costs, saving their customers money. **Shades To Shutters'** service area is from Fort Leonard Wood to Bolivar and Springfield to Lebanon. Call **Greg Barnes**, owner, at **417-345-8933** or toll free at **800-226-1096**.

### **Buffalo Prairie Dental Celebrates 30 Years & Welcomes Dr. Ben**

On September 7, 1979 **Dr. Ed Pyatt** moved to Buffalo with his young family to open his first dental office. He never left! Now, 30 years later the practice is still going strong as **Buffalo Prairie Dental** and his son **Ben** has joined the team.

**Buffalo Prairie Dental** is proud to announce the addition of **Ben Pyatt, DDS**, to the office. **Dr. Ben** received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Missouri- Kansas City Dental School and received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology degree from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. While at William Jewell, he met his wife, **LeAnn**, and they are proud to be expecting a baby boy in November. **Dr. Ben** is a native of Buffalo, Missouri and a graduate from the Buffalo High School, class of 1997. The **Pyatts** relocated north of Springfield, and in July, **Dr. Ben** became an associate of **Buffalo Prairie Dental**, working alongside his father, **Dr. Ed Pyatt**. **Dr. Ben** enjoys the outdoors and watching the Kansas City Chiefs.

**Dr. Ben** is available for appointments Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. His services range from cleanings and fillings to more complicated procedures such as extractions and root canals. He is looking forward to many years of service to the community and reacquainting himself with the Buffalo community. For more information call **417-345-2793**.

To celebrate the 30 years of smiles that patients and the community have brought to **Buffalo Prairie Dental, Dr. Pyatt** and the staff would like to provide an evening of smiles in return. Saturday evening, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shewmaker Center, **Dr. Ed Pyatt** and **Buffalo Prairie Dental** will bring the "Skinny Improv" to town for a night of fun and frivolity. There will also be refreshments served in the High School cafeteria after the show. This will be free of charge and open to the community, but everyone must have a ticket to get in. Those may be obtained through the **Buffalo Prairie Dental** office at **1006 South Ash**, or by calling **345-2793**. The "Skinny Improv" is an improvisational comedy troupe based in Springfield. They have their own theater downtown and perform shows every Friday and Saturday. The show is interactive, so come prepared! Anyone could be a star!

### **Celtic Festival Golf Tournament September 11 At Dream Valley**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, September 11, that is the kick-off event for the Festival. Prizes for the golf tournament will be awarded Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, during the Festival and include a new golf cart and \$1000 hole in one prize and cash prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin, as well as first, second and third places in three flights. Tee times are available throughout the day, contact Bill Bryant at 417-345-4815.

Sponsorships are available for the golf tournament. A \$250 Tournament Sponsor will receive a full color sign at one hole for the tournament, inclusion in advertising fliers and posters promoting the tournament, and entry fee for one team in the tournament. A \$100 Hole Sponsor will receive a full color sign at one hole for the tournament. To become a sponsor or register to play, please fill out the registration form on the Tournament flier and return it to the Chamber office or to Bryant Business Graphics. To ensure full tax credit, make checks payable to DCBA (Dallas County Betterment Association).

### **Habitat Fundraisers ~ Stud Sale and Bake Sale**

Habitat for Humanity – Dallas County Affiliate is holding their 1<sup>st</sup> ever "Stud Sale". The lumber sale will be held at Meek's in Buffalo on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until noon. Stop by Meek's and purchase one or more pieces of lumber (as low as \$1.59 each). The lumber will be used in the current home being built at 409 E. Benton Street in Buffalo. Meek's will transport the lumber to the work-site for Habitat. People making donations are encouraged to sign their names or write good luck wishes on the boards.

Habitat will also hold their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bake Sale on Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the **Woods Supermarket** Parking Lot in Buffalo. Support Habitat by purchasing some delicious sweets and homemade breads. A selection of sugar free items will also be available. Donations of baked goods are welcome. For more information, contact Habitat at 417-345-5086.

## **HFLCS Giving Away Cancun Trip**

Last Chance! Don't miss this opportunity to help support the local no-kill animal shelter, HFLCS, a 501(c)3 organization and sponsor of the Buffalo City Pound. The winner of the HFLCS Cancun fundraiser raffle will be chosen on September 7. Someone will be spending a week on the sandy beaches of Cancun, Mexico and staying in a donated timeshare. Will it be you? Raffle tickets are being sold at Buffalo Heights Beauty Salon & Doggone Pretty Groomery in Buffalo and at Cookin' from Scratch Deli, All Creatures Animal Clinic, and Galini's in Bolivar.

## **"Bison Bits" - Dallas County R-1 Schools Update**

Each month, the Administration of Dallas County R-1 Schools will be asked to answer at least one question that has been posed by a Chamber member. This is a new addition to the newsletter and will continue as long as there are questions submitted. To pose a question for inclusion in upcoming editions of the newsletter, call the Chamber office at 417-345-2852 or e-mail them to [chamber@buffalococ.com](mailto:chamber@buffalococ.com). Submissions will be anonymous.

**What is the current drop out rate and what is the district doing to improve it?** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education releases the dropout rate for a school district around November of each year. This delay in the release in data is due to the fact that if students return to school at the start of the year that they have dropped out; they are removed from the dropout percentage. In the 2007-2008 school year the dropout rate at Buffalo High School was 4.0%, which is .2% lower than the state average. This was the first time that the Buffalo High School dropout rate was below state average since the 2003-2004 school year. Buffalo High School has implemented a number of programs over the last few years to help reduce the dropout rate. These programs include: the student mentoring and tutoring time called "Bison Time" provided for all students, the creation of an alternative education program at Dallas County Career Center, programs designed to smooth the transition from the middle school to the high school, and this school year the school district has added another social worker to our staff to help provide individual attention to our students. We are hoping, and are confident, that when the state releases the dropout rate for this last school year in a few months, that we will continue to see a reduction in the dropout rate and that it will remain below state averages. With that said, we are very serious about pushing the rate even lower in the future by providing more support for our students.

**What steps is the district taking to train and educate workers and students about a possible swine flu outbreak?** The school district has developed a detailed web site concerning the H1N1 flu at [www.dallasr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.dallasr1.k12.mo.us). We would encourage persons wanting to know more about what they can do to help prevent H1N1 to visit this site. At the elementary schools we are providing lessons to students called Germ Stoppers that were developed by the CDC that encourages students to regularly wash their hands and to demonstrate good hygiene. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in nearly all classrooms and bathrooms within the district and the school district has installed an emergency

phone calling system called AlertNow that will allow the school district to contact families in a matter of minutes if there is important information that needs to be shared with parents. While we cannot prevent H1N1 from coming to Dallas County, we feel that we are prepared to deal with the situation if it arises.

## **September Events**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>**            **Chamber Membership Meeting** - Saltbox - Noon
- 5<sup>th</sup>**            **Habitat Bake Sale** - Woods Parking Lot - 8 a.m to 2 p.m.
- 4 - 5**            **Stud Sale For Habitat** - Meek's - 8 to 3 on Friday - 8 to Noon on Saturday
- 11<sup>th</sup>**            **Celtic Festival Golf Tournament** - Dream Valley Golf Course - Tee Times Throughout  
The Day
- 11 - 12**            **Celtic Festival & Highland Games** - Dallas County Fair Grounds and Old City Park
- 12<sup>th</sup>**            **Historical Society Open House** - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Hwy 65 South

## **October Events**

- 2 - 3**            **OATS Garage Sale** - Location To Be Announced
- 3<sup>rd</sup>**            **"Skinny Improv"** - Shewmaker Center - 7:00 p.m. - Free - Call 417-345-2793 For Tickets
- 7<sup>th</sup>**            **Super 4-H Recognition Luncheon & Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill  
- Noon