

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For February: 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.**

February Meeting Hosted By Maple Street Grill

The February membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, February 3**, at **Maple Street Grill**. David Maggard, Youth Services Job Developer for the Missouri Career Center, will be the guest speaker. Lunch specials have not been determined yet. Please call **Maple Street** at **345-5045** prior to the meeting for specials and to place an order.

Business Spotlight ~ Heartland Highland Cattle Association

The **Heartland Highland Cattle Association** was founded in 1995 in Ava, MO by **Lee and Gloria Asmussen Wolfgang**. The founders moved to Dallas County in 2005, bringing the Association with them. It is a non-profit Association, which promotes and educates people to the cultural heritage and attributes of the Scottish Highland Cattle breed.

The **Heartland Highland Cattle Association** has been instrumental in displaying Scottish Highland cattle at the SW MO Celtic Festival in Buffalo since it began in 2002. It promotes the cultural aspects of the breed, as well as the beef, by having a concession stand at the Festival which only serves Highland beef. Everyone has the opportunity to eat like the Queen of England, as that is the only beef served on her plate. The Highland beef brisket is also served as corned beef for the dinner at the St. Patrick's Celebration on March 12 at the O'Bannon Center.

The HHCA attends other Scottish and Celtic festivals in Kansas City, Warrensburg, and St. Charles, MO. There are also Highland displays by members in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. Scottish Highland cattle are displayed at the Ozark Farm Fest in Springfield, Small Farm Today Conference in Columbia and the Heritage Festival in Warsaw, MO. The membership has grown to over 150 members in the Midwest and Southern states, with the majority of the breeders living here in MO.

A yearly Highland Seminar is held on the farm here in Buffalo each May and Highland farm field days throughout the summer. To learn more about the quality of the Scottish Highland beef and the animals' cultural background, please email highlandcattle@centurytel.net or phone (417) 345-0575 and an informational packet will be sent.

Business Spotlight ~ Davison TV & Electronics

Davison's TV is one of the oldest family owned servicing dealers in the Ozarks, opening their doors March 7, 1951, on North Maple Street, selling and servicing appliances, pumps, radios and then televisions. **Davison's** moved to the west side of the Buffalo square in 1967, phased out appliances, and added car stereo and musical instruments. At that time, televisions were just going color.

Now, **Davison's** sells High Definition t.v.'s by LG-Zenith, Toshiba, JVC, Mitsubishi and Sony. They can order any t.v. they don't have in stock, from three warehouses, and have it in one or two days. They also carry Yamaha and Sherwood surround sound systems. **Davison's** delivers and installs televisions, antennas and surround sound systems.

Davison's is a factory service representative for LG-Zenith and JVC for the TV's they sell and work on most analog table t.v.'s that they can still get parts for. They also have used t.v.'s, guitars, amps and video games and sell and install Dish Network, DirecTV and Wildblue High Speed Internet satellite systems. They match most specials, and have local service, which is the main reason to buy from **Davison's** - the installation and the service - they can fix a lot of problems over the phone. Before you buy, remember to ask, "Where is the service center?" And, keep in mind that we all need to support our local businesses in order to keep our hometown viable.

For more information about **Davison's TV & Electronics**, visit their web site at davisontv.com or contact

them by telephone at 417-345-2351.

St. Patrick's Celebration ~ March 12

Mark your calendars for an evening of great food and entertainment on Friday, March 12, when the St. Patrick's Celebration will be held at the O'Bannon Center in Buffalo. The Celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will include Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew, Bangers & Mash, Irish Soda Bread, Bread Pudding, Irish Whiskey Cake, and a beverage. During intermission, there will be an auction of Branson Show tickets. Entertainment will begin following dinner with music by Jon Reneau and Sarah Hook, Daryl Dickerson (bagpipes), Nancy Green (hammered dulcimer), Irish dancing by Heidi Reneau followed by the infamous Scotty the Fox.

Tickets for the event are \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased from the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce or contact Gloria Wolfgang at highlandcattle@centurytel.net. For more information, contact Kathy Kesler at the Chamber at (417) 345-2852 or email chamber@buffalococ.com

This celebration is a fundraiser for the Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games, which will be held September 10 and 11, 2010. Come join us for the fun.

Work Investment Act Youth Program ~ Work Experience Program

The Workforce Investment Act Youth Service Program provides year-round case management services to prepare youth for the 21st century workforce. This preparation comes in the form of education and training. Employers have the opportunity to make a difference in the youth of this community through work experience and mentoring. **The Missouri Career Center pays for the participants to work** (up to 25 hours per week – for a total of 240 hours) and provides workers compensation insurance for each. Employers establish the minimum requirements for their worksite (age, skills needed, etc.) and interview to decide if the participant is the right fit for their organization.

David Maggard will be discussing this program and answering questions about it, during the February Chamber meeting at Maple Street Grill. An information sheet is included in this mailing.

Business Expo Update

Several businesses have reserved their space for the 1st Annual Local Makes Cents Business Expo, which will be held April 10 at Buffalo Prairie Middle School in Buffalo. Some people have asked for a clarification of rates for the spaces. They are as follows:

Chamber Member Businesses	One 8' x 10' Space - \$50	Two Spaces - \$75
Non - Member Businesses	One 8' x 10' Space - \$75	Two Spaces - \$100
Not-For-Profit Entities	\$35 Per Space	
Electrical Hook-Up	\$10 Per Space	

Dallas County Community Guide

The 2010 edition of the Dallas County Community Guide is now available at the Chamber office, the Reflex, City and County offices, and at businesses that sponsored the publication by purchasing an ad.

VFW Post #4080 Sweetheart Dance

The Buffalo VFW Post 4080 will be collecting non-perishable items for care boxes for overseas personnel at their country music show and spaghetti supper on February 6th. Billed as a Sweetheart Dance since it's the week before Valentine's Day, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the Country Sunshine Band Reunion will entertain beginning at 6:30 p.m. The \$6 admission will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert, and beverages, and a chance for prizes, including oldest and youngest person attending, the lady who dances the most, the man who dances most, the couple married the longest and the couple most newly married.

For more information about this event or other activities at Buffalo VFW Post 4080 you are welcome to attend any regular meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., or you can receive an activity schedule by emailing buffalomo.vfwnews@yahoo.com.

February Events

- 1st CBCO Blood Drive** - 1st Baptist Church - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 3rd Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - Noon
- 6th Dallas County 4-H Dairy Fun Day** - Grace Community Methodist Church - 1:00
- 6th Benefit For McKenzie Willis Hicks & Miranda Willis Fulton** - Long Lane Lions Club - 4:30
- 6 - 7 Relay 4 Life 9 Pin Tap Tournament & Bake Sale** - Bison Bowl - 2:00 Saturday - 11:00 & 2:00 Sunday
- 12th Not-So-Newlywed Game Fundraiser** - Grace Community Methodist Church - 7:00 p.m.

13th **Chili Cook-Off, Music & Auction Fundraiser** - Engles Senior Center - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

19th **National Weather Service - Weather Spotter Class** - Shewmaker Center - 6:30 p.m.