

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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

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### **Character Ed Word For March: Self-Discipline**

**Self-Discipline:** (1) regulation of oneself for the sake of improvement, (2) the power to control one's actions, impulses, or emotions, (3) orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior, (4) restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires. **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.**

### **March Meeting Will Be At Hip Pocket Pizza**

The March membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, March 4, at Hip Pocket Pizza**. Specials include their New \$5 (includes drink and tax) Menu: Mini 1 Topping Pizza, Small Taco Salad or Nacho Bowl in Supreme or BBQ Chicken. Other lunch specials (drink included) are: (1) Mini 1 Topping Pizza & Salad - \$6.19, (2) ½ Burrito Enchilada Style - \$6.09, (3) Ham & Cheese w/choice of Side - \$5.99, (4) Small Asian Salad - \$5.79. Please call ahead for faster service. Hip Pocket's phone number is 417-345-8649.

### **St. Patrick's Celebration Fundraiser**

Jon and Heidi Reneau, from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and special guest Sarah Hook will perform during the St. Patrick's Celebration fundraiser scheduled for March 13 at the O'Bannon Community Center on East Ramsey Street in Buffalo. The event will include music and dancing, a performance by Heidi's puppet, "Scotty Fox", and a full Irish dinner. Dinner begins at 5:00 and entertainment begins at 7:00. Tickets are available at the Chamber Office. A flier is attached for electronic recipients and is included for postal recipients. Call the Chamber Office at 417-345-2852 for more information.

### **School of Metaphysics Offers Fundraising Opportunity**

The **School of Metaphysics**, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 educational organization, presents a play, a theatrical production of *The Invitation*, on the third Sunday of each month, beginning in April and continuing through October each year. These presentations are given at the *Peace Dome* located on the campus of the **College of Metaphysics** in Windyville, Missouri, from 10 a.m. until noon. This year, they want to donate a portion of the proceeds from these presentations to local not-for-profit organizations.

*The Invitation* depicts the lives of eight Nobel Peace Prize Laureates who receive an invitation to read and study a document called the *Universal Peace Covenant*. This document was inspired by participation of teachers at the **School of Metaphysics** during the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Chicago, 1993. This document is a positive and beautiful statement of what peace is. Every word in the play is either from the Laureates' speeches on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize or from the *Universal Peace Covenant*.

Recently, in December, the cast of the play performed *The Invitation* at a pre-Parliament event to raise money for the upcoming Parliament of the World's Religions to be held in Melbourne, Australia, this December. It was well received. The **School of Metaphysics** wants to carry forward this thought of aiding others to abundance, particularly those like themselves who are dedicated to making the community a better place.

How can local not-for-profit entities benefit? Each month the **School** will give half of the proceeds for that performance to a not-for-profit organization in Dallas or Laclede County. Admission is \$10 for each adult and if a family wants to come, the mother and father give \$20 and the children attend for free. To be considered for participation, the organization needs to send a letter to the **School of Metaphysics** stating what the organization does, how it aids the community, and their mission statement. The cast members will consider all that apply. This letter should be mailed to: The Peace Dome, College of Metaphysics, Windyville, MO, 65783 by March 5.

*The Invitation* is an excellent way to experience the world's first Peace Dome and share the building of peace and love in our community and the world. For more information, contact Tad Messenger at 417-3458-8411.

## Mail Delivery An Issue For Some Local Businesses

Larry Davison, owner of Davison's TV & Electronics on the square in Buffalo, realized the other day that he wasn't receiving some of his regular postal mail. When he researched the situation, he found that the Post Office will no longer look up box numbers for incorrectly addressed items, as they have previously done. The following is an excerpt from the letter given to Mr. Davison from Jo Grove, Buffalo Postmaster.

"If you use a street address for people to find your exact location and a post office box to have your mail held in a secure location, we need to assist you by letting you know how to address your mail or how to layout your return address. You may choose to include your street address or not.

Your Name  
Your Street Address  
Your P.O. Box Number  
Buffalo, MO 65622

Any deviation from this will render your automated mail incorrectly sorted. With the increasing automation of our mail this could make your mail harder to deliver. There are times that your mail will be returned to the sender because there is no post office box number on it. Customers making payments will have their mail returned and be unhappy with both of us.

Your mail could also be detained in trying to find a box number for you. There are not work hours provided to us for looking up each box number for mail that arrives. It will be returned for a better address if you have a street address that has no mail receptacle."

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact the Buffalo Post Office at 417-345-7372.

## "Local Makes Cents"

The Chamber (in partnership with Dallas County Betterment Association, Dallas County Southern Commissioner Kenneth Bacon, Buffalo City Mayor Jerry Hardesty and several business owners and representatives) is creating a "Local Makes Cents" campaign which will focus on educating Dallas County residents of the importance of spending local dollars locally. Dollars spent locally are "recycled" approximately seven times within our economy and provide sales tax dollars that fund many services that are expected and are mostly taken for granted.

**Your input is needed.** Our economy desperately needs support and our local businesses depend on local patrons for their success. **We're asking you to be part of the solution.** Please consider what efforts would benefit our business community the most. What would *you* like to see this campaign focus on? Within the next few weeks, representatives from the "Local Makes Cents" committee will be visiting with business owners to discuss the current status and ask for input on the future goals of the campaign. Call the Chamber Office at 417-345-2852 with questions or comments.

## March Events

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Chamber Membership Meeting** – Hip Pocket Pizza – Noon
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 13<sup>th</sup> **St. Patrick's Celebration** – O'Bannon Community Center – 5:00 Dinner – 7:00 Entertainment
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Relay For Life Planning Meeting** – O'Bannon Bank - 6:00 Committee – 7:30 Team Captains
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Miss Dallas County Pageant** – Buffalo High School Field House
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Family Fun Night** – O'Bannon Community Center – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 28-29 **Kiwanis Bowling Tournament & Bake Sale** – Bison Bowl

## April Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Chamber Membership Meeting** – Hip Pocket Pizza – Noon
- 2 – 3 **Habitat For Humanity Garage Sale Fundraiser** – O'Bannon Community Center
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Rotary Fish Fry Fundraiser** – Maple Street Grill – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Election Day** – Buffalo City Mayor & Aldermen – Dallas County R1 School Board
- 12-18 **National Telecommunicator Week** – Say Thank You To A Dallas County 911 Emergency Dispatcher!
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Dallas County Betterment Association Meeting** – Maple Street Grill – 11:30 a.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Relay For Life Trail Ride** – Leadmine Conservation Area – 733-2897

## May Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Chamber Membership Meeting** – Location TBA
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Mother's Day**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Relay For Life Garage Sale & Bake Sale** – Lakeside Assembly of God – Pittsburg, MO
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Memorial Day**