

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For June: Cooperation

Cooperation: (1) an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit, (2) able to be trusted, (3) the combination of persons for purposes of production, purchase, or distribution for their joint benefit, (4) the process of working or acting together. **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.**

June Meeting Will Be At Abuelitas

The June membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, June 3**, at **Abuelitas**. **Mary Jane Newton**, a volunteer working to improve the city pound, will be the guest speaker. **Abuelitas** is located at **117 North Cedar Street** in Buffalo, former location of Solid Rock Coffee House. Their phone number is **417-345-4444**.

Business Spotlight ~ Country Folk Furniture

Larry and Sandra Peters, owners of **Country Folk Furniture** and **Country Folk Flea Market**, are Buffalo natives who have been actively involved in the growth of the area for many years. They married in 1964 and soon after opened a dry cleaning business on Franklin Street, next door to Buffalo Locker. In 1972 they sold the cleaners and bought Bison Camper, which they ran until 1985.

Before opening **Country Folk Flea Market** at 1047 West Blaine in 1997, they built miniature golf and batting cages at that location and the local Dairy Queen store. They also were partners in the Bolivar and Lebanon Dairy Queen stores and opened one in Springfield, across from Sam's. **Country Folk Furniture**, located at 1104 West Blaine, was built in 2001. **Larry** has been selling real estate in Dallas County since the 1960's. He started developing Westwood Estates in the late 60's and also developed Meadow Crest, Lake View and Cedar Creek subdivisions.

Larry and Sandra travel to Las Vegas every year for the ASDM Trade Show to re-stock their booths in the **Flea Market**. The trade show features anything that Wal Mart, K Mart, Target, and Army Surplus would carry, as well as antiques and collectibles. The **Flea Market** has a little over 100 booths and more than 60 vendors. **Country Folk Flea Market** is open from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 on Sunday.

Country Folk Furniture carries a full line of name brand furniture. They are open from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday. Trade-ins and used furniture are also available through the **Flea Market**, including a wide variety of sofas, chairs and kitchen tables.

Larry and Sandra have three daughters, Gina, Angie and Marla. Gina lives in Kansas City and Angie and Marla live in Springfield. Each of the girls has a son and a daughter. Larry is Past-President of the Chamber and the Buffalo Optimist Club. He and Sandra help the community whenever and wherever possible.

Celtic Festival Sponsorships Available

Please consider sponsoring this year's Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games at some level. *"In-Kind"* sponsors are definitely welcome. Levels and the benefits are:

Tartan Level (\$2,000 or more) ~ Free Vendor Site, Four Patron Parking Passes, Eight Adult Gate Admission Tickets, Inclusion in All Festival Advertising and Marketing Materials (Posters, Website, Programs, etc.)

Corporate Level (\$1,000) ~ Free Vendor Site, Four Patron Parking Passes, Eight Adult Gate Admissions, Inclusion in All Festival Advertising and Marketing Materials (Posters, Website, Programs, etc.)

Corporate Level (\$500) ~ Two Patron Parking Passes, Four Adult Gate Admissions, Inclusion in Festival Advertising and Marketing Materials (Posters, Website, Programs, etc.)

Patron Level (\$250) ~ One Patron Parking Pass, Four Adult Gate Admissions, Listing on Website and in Festival Advertising.

Patron Level (\$100) ~ One Patron Parking Pass, Two Adult Gate Admissions, Listing on Website and in the Festival Program.

Friends of the Festival (\$25) ~ Listing on Website.

Make checks payable to DCBA (Dallas County Betterment Association) for full (501c3) tax credit.

Dallas County Fair Update

The Dallas County fair received a grant from MFA Oil Company for \$2,000. This brings them to within a little less than \$1500 still needed to finish the new bathrooms, which are progressing very nicely. The city has made some marked improvements to the park that has helped the aesthetics and helped to level the walking areas.

Help is needed from Chamber members on Friday, June 26, from noon to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, June 27, from noon to 3 p.m. in the O'Bannon Building. As it stands now, they could also use some help at two gates for the Tractor Pull on that Friday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There are many booths that local charities and groups will be in charge of and if any one wants to do a booth, Cindy Rose has all the trinkets for prizes and the games that someone can use. The only cost will be to buy the trinkets for the cost of the items used. Again, that's Cindy Rose with the Buffalo PTO at 345-6805.

A flyer for the Heritage Tractor Exhibit and Tractor Drive is included. Please help the Fair Board to promote the event by making copies and posting them wherever possible.

Free Buffalo City Website Advertising

D.M. Xander and Buffalo City Mayor Jerry Hardesty are providing free advertising for Dallas County businesses on the City of Buffalo's website. This is a one time listing on the site and can include two pictures in jpg format. Contact Mr. Xander via e-mail at bmhp.mo@gmail.com to take advantage of this opportunity. Anyone who does not use the internet can contact the Chamber office at 417-345-2852 for assistance.

Branson Ticket Give Away

Four Branson ticket packages have been donated to help in raising funds for this year's Celtic Festival:

- #1 Dinosaur Museum & Haunted House (2), Veterans Memorial Museum (2), World's Largest Toy Museum (2)
- #2 Titanic Museum (2), Great Passion Play (2), IMAX Theater & Entertainment Complex (2)
- #3 Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Theater (2), Branson Variety Theater (2), Wild Animal Safari (4)
- #4 Grand Country Music Hall (2), Dutton Family Theater (2), World's Largest Toy Museum (2)

Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. They are available at the Chamber office and from planning committee members. Winners will be drawn for each of the four packages during the Chamber meeting on June 3 at Abuelitas.

June Events

- 1st Summer School Starts** - Dallas County R-1 Schools
- 3rd Chamber Membership Meeting** – Abuelitas Restaurant - Noon
Guest Speaker: Mary Jane Newton, Working to Improve the City Pound
- 6th City Wide Garage Sale** - City of Buffalo - Concentration Around The Courthouse
Relay For Life Survivors' Dinner - Buffalo High School Cafeteria - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th Dallas County R-1 Vision Committee Meeting** – Dallas County Career Center - 6:30 p.m.
- 9th Relay For Life Bank Night** - O'Bannon Bank South - 6:00 p.m.
- 12th Relay For Life of Dallas County** - Buffalo High School Track & Football Field - 7:00 p.m.
- 14th Open House For Herb & Rosie Troutman's 60th Anniversary** - Saltbox - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- 20th Kiwanis Safety Fair** - Dallas County Fairgrounds & Old City Park
- 24-27 Dallas County Fair & Jr. Livestock Show** - Dallas County Fairgrounds & Old City Park
- 28th Celebration of God & Country** - Calvary Chapel Church

July Events

- 1st Chamber Membership Meeting** – Abuelitas Restaurant - Noon
Guest Speaker: Robin Ritchie, Dallas County R-1 Superintendent
- 23-25 Old Settlers Reunion** - Louisburg Lions Club Park