

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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## *The Members' Messenger*

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### **Character Ed Word For July: *Integrity***

**Integrity:** (1) firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values, (2) an unimpaired condition, (3) the quality or state of being complete or undivided, (4) incapable of corruption, (5) honesty, sincerity. **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.**

### **July Meeting Will Be At Abuelitas**

The July membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, July 1, at Abuelitas**. **Robin Ritchie**, Dallas County R-1 Schools' new Superintendent, will be the guest speaker. **Abuelitas** is located at **117 North Cedar Street** in Buffalo, one block north of the square. Their phone number is **417-345-4444**. Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service.

### **Business Spotlight ~ Sharpe Motors**

Dale and Jenna Sharpe opened the doors of **Sharpe Motors** in 1957. At that time, they were located at the corner of the Hwy 65 and Hwy 32 intersection in Buffalo, where Signal Foods now stands. After a few more moves to new and bigger locations, they are now located at **846 South Ash** in Buffalo.

Dale retired in 1985 and **Kevin** and his wife **Robin** took over the business. They continued to sell used cars and new trailers, along with having the mechanics and body shop. In 1998, **Kevin** decided to turn full attention to the body shop repair business. It has continued to grow since then. They work very closely with all insurance companies to insure that quality repairs are made at a price that is fair to all concerned. **Kevin** says, "We have been very blessed over the years to have the following of repeat customers, along with new customers to serve. Dad always taught me to treat people right and they will come back."

**Kevin** is a member of the Buffalo United Methodist Church. He is also an active member of the Dallas County Shrine Club and is President of the Buffalo Lions Club.

When in need of collision repair, a quality used vehicle or a new trailer, stop by **Sharpe Motors** in Buffalo and see how they can be of service, or give them a call at **417-345-7712**.

### **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.

### **"Local Makes Cents" Planning Business Expo**

The Local Makes Cents committee is planning the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dallas County Business Expo**, which will be held this Spring. Tentative plans have the Expo being held at Buffalo Prairie Middle School on April 17, 2010. This is contingent on the 09-10 calendar for the school. The committee is asking that anyone interested in helping to plan the event contact the Chamber Office at 417-345-2852.

## **Community Awareness Event**

A Dallas County community awareness event, “**Fighting for Positive Change for Dallas County Youth**” will be sponsored by the Dallas County Juvenile Office and the Buffalo Optimist Club, and will have speakers to talk about their personal struggles and successes. This event will be **July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Dallas County Courthouse**, on the square in Buffalo. There will also be booths in the halls to provide information about local services offered in the Dallas County area for families and youth. Food and beverages provided during intermission. The guest speaker of this event will be Nate C. Rice. Mr. Rice will speak to the community about his personal story and the choices in life he made, both good and bad. Mr. Rice is currently a professional boxer and kick-boxer who has had prior juvenile and adult criminal involvement and is a retired gang member. This event is free to anyone interested in listening to inspirational stories, receiving information of local services, and being better informed of the services provided by the Dallas County Juvenile Office and Dallas County Children’s Division. Please call Dawna Beam, with the Dallas County Juvenile Office, at 417-345-6772 with questions or for more information.

## **Health Department Accreditation**

Cheryl Eversole is the Administrator of the Dallas County Health Department. The Department is a political subdivision, not a state or county or city office, a lowly island all alone.

Dallas County and Hickory County Health Departments teamed up many moons ago and started working on getting accreditation from the Missouri Institute of Community Health (MICH). They applied for 'dual' accreditation, which had never been done before. Missouri is one of the very first states to recognize voluntary accreditation.

The departments passed accreditation. They will be sending out a press release and having an open house in both counties at a later date.

Taking care of her community is very important to Cheryl and she takes her job very seriously. Give her a call at 345-2332 and let her know how much the community appreciates her efforts.

## **Branson and Cancun, Mexico Give Away Fundraisers**

A group of volunteers, working to raise funds to renovate the Buffalo City Pound, is selling tickets for a chance to win a four day, three night stay at a Wyndham Resort property in Branson. The winner will provide their first, second and third choice of dates and reservations will be subject to availability. The drawing will be July 4<sup>th</sup> and the winner does not need to be present. Tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) are available at Dog Gone Pretty Grooming on Maple Street in Buffalo, just south of the square, and at the Dallas County Fair.

They are also selling tickets for a chance to win a week’s stay in Cancun, Mexico, which will be given away September 7. An auction fundraiser is scheduled for August 7 at the Engles Senior Center, with the doors opening at 6:00 and the auction starting at 6:30. Concessions will be available.

Donations are currently being accepted for the auction. Contact Mary Jane Newton at 733-2965 or Joyce Bellenger at 345-2066 for tickets, to donate items for the auction, or for more information.

## **July Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chamber Membership Meeting** – Abuelitas Restaurant - Noon  
Guest Speaker: Robin Ritchie, Dallas County R-1 Superintendent
- 4<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations** - Long Lane Lions Club & Louisburg Community Park
- 7<sup>th</sup> Relay For Life Wrap-Up Meeting** - O’Bannon Bank South
- 11<sup>th</sup> OATS Bake Sale Fundraiser** - 8:00 a.m. ‘till it’s all gone  
**Car Show** - Tunas Christian Church - Registration Starts At 9 a.m. - Judging At Noon
- 13<sup>th</sup> Vision Meeting For Dallas County R-1 Schools** - Mallory elementary School Cafeteria - 6:30 a.m.
- 23.25 Old Settlers Reunion** - Louisburg Lions Club Park
- 30<sup>th</sup> Community Awareness Meeting** - Dallas County Courthouse - 6 to 8 p.m.

## **August Events**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Chamber Membership Meeting** - Saltbox - Noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> HFLCS Benefit Auction** - Engles Memorial Senior Center - 6:00 p.m.

**14<sup>th</sup>** **Jack Bowden & The Super Red Hawks Concert** - Chamber Fundraiser - 6 to 9 p.m.

**28<sup>th</sup>** **Edu-Fair** - Buffalo City Park - 9:30 a.m.