

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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

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### **Character Ed Word For August: Accountable**

**Accountable:** (1) subject to the obligation to report, explain, or justify something; responsible; answerable, (2) liable to being called to account, (3) responsible to someone or for some action, (4) worthy of or requiring responsibility or trust, (5) morally or legally responsible to a higher authority. **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.**

### **August Meeting Will Be At Saltbox**

The August membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, August 5**, at **Saltbox**. **Dominic Santomassimo**, Dallas County YMCA Director, will be the guest speaker. **Saltbox** is located at **1126 South Ash (Hwy 65)** in Buffalo, in the Kay Courtyard complex. The lunch special will be Spinach Chicken Ciabatta (chicken breast with provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion with spinach spread on a toasted ciabatta roll), served with choice of side (pasta salad, side salad, chips, cottage cheese 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.

### **New Member ~ Dallas County Real Estate LLC**

**Skyla Weeks** and husband Russ have 1 son, Tyler. Tyler and his wife Brittany are expecting in December and the little one will be Skyla and Russ' first grandchild. Skyla is looking forward to being a grandma. Skyla and Russ have owned Weeks Music in Buffalo since 1996 and both come from a long ancestry in Dallas County. Skyla is currently employed as a Parent Educator at the Dallas County R-I schools.

Skyla became a real estate agent in 2006 and was one of the first employees of **Dallas County Real Estate**, owned at that time by broker Clifton Gill. **Dallas County Real Estate LLC** is now housed in the Weeks Music Building at 1458 South Highway 65. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After becoming a broker in May, Skyla bought and now retains 100% ownership of **Dallas County Real Estate**. She is also affiliated with R & R Auction and is capable of providing complete turnkey liquidation of any estate. She is looking forward to providing quality, professional realtor services in this community for many years. Contact her at 733-2552 or 345-4140 ext. 14 or on the web at [www.dallascountyrealestate.info](http://www.dallascountyrealestate.info).

### **Celtic Festival Sponsorships Available**

Please consider sponsoring this year's Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games at some level. *"In-Kind"* sponsors are definitely welcome. Anyone who has not been contacted by Gloria Wolfgang, Festival Director, about sponsoring the Festival or placing an ad in the Festival program should contact her at 345-0575.

### **Super Red Hawks To Perform For Chamber Benefit**

**Jack Bowden and the Super Red Hawks** will perform at the O'Bannon Center August 14 at 6:00 p.m. in a benefit fundraiser for the Chamber. Tickets for the concert are \$5, with children under 12 getting in free. The Super Red Hawks perform a fun mix of vintage 50's and 60's Rockabilly, Rock and Roll and Country music.

Penny Morgans is coordinating an **All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner** for an additional \$5 per person. Children five years of age and younger can eat for \$3. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drink and homemade deserts.

For the past year and a half, Jack has been teaching K-12 music in Hermitage, MO while he pursues his masters degree from Missouri State. Before assuming his role as a full time teacher, he spent six years at Silver Dollar City where he performed in the show "For the Glory", was Joseph in the "Living Nativity" and performed outside the saloon and on various stages as "Banjo Jack." One of the best things about his time at Silver Dollar City was meeting up with the other members of his band, "The Super Red Hawks." Andy Holloway and Shannon Thomason were also Silver Dollar City performers.

### **Fall Youth Soccer**

Bobby Heard, City of Buffalo Parks and Recreation Director, is seeking sponsors for this year's Fall Youth Soccer program. Cost of sponsorship is \$50 and includes the sponsor's name on the front of the team's t-shirts. To sponsor a team, contact Bobby at 345-2701. He is also taking applications for boys and girls to participate in the program. Parents should stop by City Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up a form. Fall Youth Soccer is a five-week program that starts on September 19. Cost is \$20 per child. Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, August 26.

### **HFLCS Benefit Auction**

A Benefit auction will be held on August 7 at the Engles Senior Center for Home for Life Cat Sanctuary (HFLCS), which supports the Buffalo City Pound. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 6:30. Concessions will be available at a nominal cost and

there will be door prizes. More than 50 items have been donated by local merchants, including everything from savings bonds to homemade pies.

HFLCS is also selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a week stay at a Cancun, Mexico resort, which was donated by one of their volunteers. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Raffle tickets are available at Doggone Pretty Grooming Salon and Buffalo Heights Beauty Salon in Buffalo, All Creatures Animal Clinic and Cookin' From Scratch Deli in Bolivar. The winning ticket will be drawn September 7. Winner need not be present.

### **School Of Metaphysics Aids Local Not-For-Profits**

At the beginning of 2003, faculty and students at the College of Metaphysics began studying the lives of Peace Prize laureates. They wondered what the laureates would think of the *Universal Peace Covenant*. And, were it possible for all of them to come together, they wondered what these men and women might say. This is how it came to be that they were sent... *The Invitation*.

Recognized as an experience in consciousness, *The Invitation* brings eight Nobel Peace Prize laureates to life, using only their own words from their acceptance speeches and phrases from the *Universal Peace Covenant*. Allowing their minds to touch your own, their thoughts to cast light on yours, brings the rich experience of reverence. College of Metaphysics thespians explore how history can change our future.

Local not-for-profit organizations are partnering with the School of Metaphysics and will receive half of all proceeds of the performance they sponsor. On Saturday, August 15 at 7 p.m. Home for Life Cat Sanctuary will be the beneficiary. For more information, contact Tad Messenger at 345-8411 or by e-mail at som@som.org. The School of Metaphysics is located at 163 Moon Valley Road (east off of State Road K) in Windyville.

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

Mrs. Robin Ritchie, Superintendent of Dallas County R-1 Schools, spent thirteen years as an elementary teacher, six years as an elementary principal and four and a half years as a District Superintendent. She is excited to be a part of the Dallas Co R-1 School District! During the first few weeks on the job she has had the pleasure of meeting many different people, including members of the community, parents, students and staff and would like to thank everyone for making her feel so welcome.

School is scheduled to begin August 20. The following items are a few changes that everyone will need to be aware of:

- All buildings in the District will be participating in "*late start Wednesdays*" to allow the staff to collaborate on instructional strategies and increased learning for students on a regular basis. On Wednesdays, buses will run approximately 40 minutes later and classes will begin approximately 40 minutes later than normal.
- Gina Hohensee is the new Elementary Principal at Mallory. Ms. Hohensee will also continue to serve as Principal at Long Lane Elementary as well.
- New Assistant Principals in the District this year are Wanda Johnson, Mallory Elementary and Long Lane Elementary Schools and Dwayne Wood, Buffalo High School.
- Renovations have been underway to the building located at 303 E. Ramsey in Buffalo. This building will be the new home for the Mallory Preschool Program
- Construction of the FEMA safe room will begin soon. This construction project will result in a facility that will function as an instructional area for physical education during regular school hours and will also serve as a shelter for staff and students in the district (particularly those receiving instruction in trailers), as well as the community, during storm season.
- The District is very proud to have a new emergency contact system called "*Alert Now*." This system will allow the school to contact parents by phone, cell phone, instant message, and email in case of any emergency at school. *Alert Now* may also be used to contact parents about weather cancellations and important school reminders.
- The District's school website will soon have a new look, thanks to the hard work of Assistant Supt. Jon Turner. The new website should be up and running for public viewing by the beginning of August.
- Both Mallory Elementary and Buffalo Prairie Middle School will be receiving a new mobile computer lab. Continued emphasis will be placed upon the integration of technology into the curriculum.

Educating the children in our community is an important job. Mrs. Ritchie looks forward to getting better acquainted with the staff, students and community during the coming school year. By working together, the achievements of our students are limitless!

### **Health Department Open House**

Dallas County Health Department, located at 1011 West Main Street in Buffalo, will celebrate their dual accreditation with Hickory County Health Department by holding an Open House on August 14 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Please join them for a tour of the facility, door prize drawings and refreshments.

### **Summer HoopFest Tournament**

Dallas County Area YMCA and Buffalo Parks and Recreation will hold their first Summer HoopFest Tournament on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Teams will be placed in brackets in the order their applications were received and are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Entry fee is \$10 per team member, with a minimum of three and a maximum of four. Winners in each division will receive a champions' shirt and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, individual trophies. All players receive an official YMCA 3 on 3 t-shirt. For more information, contact Dominic Santomassimo at 345-1116 or at dsantomassimo@dallasymca.org.

### **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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Ice Cream Social & Back to School Kick-Off** - Buffalo United Methodist Church - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Jack Bowden & The Super Red Hawks Concert** - Chamber Fundraiser - 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Health Department Open House** - 1 to 5 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Summer HoopFest Tournament** - Dallas County Community Park - 8 a.m to 6 p.m.  
**The Invitation** - School of Metaphysics - 7 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Edu-Fair** - Buffalo City Park - 9:30 a.m.