

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Members' Messenger

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Character Ed Word For October: Responsible

Responsible: (1) expected or obliged to account for; answerable, (2) involving obligation or duties, (3) able to distinguish between right and wrong, (4) dependable; reliable, (5) the cause of something. **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.**

October Meeting ~ Super 4-H Luncheon

The October Chamber meeting is an annual opportunity to honor the accomplishments of some of this area's most industrious young people, the Super 4-H recipients from Dallas County. This year's luncheon will be held at Maple Street Grill on October 7 at noon. Those attending the luncheon should arrive by 11:45, if at all possible.

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Teri Anglen	Howard & Cindy Anglen	Carol Westfall, Westfall Baskets Bed & Breakfast
Devin Cannon	Thor & Faith Cannon	Georgia Hale, Bank of Urbana
Jeffery Cornelius, Jr.	Jeffrey & Christine Cornelius	Denise Reed, Hogan Land Title of Buffalo
Brittany Eagleburger	Jeff & Pam Eagleburger	Linda Portman, O'Bannon Bank
Asher Horn	Jason & Debra Horn	Kathy Foresee, Arbonne International
Silas Horn	Jason & Debra Horn	Jessica Caselman, American Family Insurance
Dakota Lorenz	Jeffrey & Christine Cornelius	Wayne Holt, Holt Monument Company
Braeden Mathews	Thomas & Kelli Mathews	Penny Morgans, O'Bannon Mortgage Company
Chloe Mathews	Thomas & Kelli Mathews	Terry Babcock, O'Bannon Mortgage Company
Jason Price	Brian & Amy Conard	Judy Hargis, New To You
Julia Price	Brian & Amy Conard	David Andrews, Farm Bureau Insurance
Nellie Ritzheimer	Bob & Jean Ritzheimer	Stacy Satterfield, Dallas County Recorder
Zeb Ritzheimer	Bob & Jean Ritzheimer	Megan Santomassimo, Buffalo Inn & Suites
Owian Ulven	Jason & Jennifer Ulven	Paul Campbell, Buffalo Reflex

New Member - Holly Aranda, Mary Kay Consultant

Holly Aranda is an independent sales director with Mary Kay Inc. She celebrated her 15th anniversary with Mary Kay this past June, and has been a sales director for 14 years. Holly is married to Rigo and they have three children, Naomi age 20, Austen age 17 and Noel age 8. The Arandas have lived in Dallas County since August of 2008, after moving from Emporia, Kansas. Holly loves the Mary Kay business, because she didn't have to give up her customer base or unit when she moved. The company does not have territories so she has customers and team members all over the country. Since she's a newcomer to Dallas County, she doesn't know a lot of people. But, growing a business in a new area starts with just one customer.

A project that Holly is currently working on in Dallas county, on behalf of Mary Kay, is called "Operation Soldier Care"-helping our troops as they protect us. To help with this project, send Mary Kay Care Packages to our troops. Every Mary Kay Care Package donated, to send to a soldier, will be matched by a second one donated by Holly, one for a man and one for a woman. If two care packages are purchased then four will be sent. The care packages will be shipped to the Soldiers' Angels charitable organization in Newbury Park, California. They will then ship the care packages to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Soldiers' Angels charitable organization has requested body products, sun protection products, men and women's skin care and Mary Kay's signature product, Satin Hands (for dry, cracked hands and feet). The average summer temperature in Iraq is 120 degrees Fahrenheit. We can all make a difference, show our appreciation, and give something back to the brave men and women of our military. If a business would like to make a tax-deductible donation, one care package is \$65. Any contribution will be accepted and appreciated. Holly will provide a receipt with a tax ID number so that businesses can write off the donation at the end of the tax year. Her goal is to generate 100 donations. She would like to thank O'Bannon Bank and Bank of Urbana for being the first two businesses to reach out and make a difference and she looks forward to networking and doing business with other chamber members as well. Contact Holly by telephone at 620-704-4409 or e-mail her at haranda@marykay.com. To shop on line, visit www.marykay.com/haranda.

Howl-O-Ween Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt October 8

The volunteers for the non-profit HFLCS have put their thinking caps on and will be hosting two fundraisers in October. A Ham & Beans/Chili Luncheon with all the fixin's will be held on October 8 in the O'Bannon Community Building located at 315 E. Ramsey in Buffalo. Choice of meal, drink and dessert for a donation to help support the care and placement of homeless & abandoned animals in Dallas County.

The second fundraiser will be a Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt on Halloween. Put the best team together and join them on the streets of Buffalo seeking the clues that will help to find treasures for a cash prize. Barbara Harris, at Harris Realty, is coordinating the scavenger hunt and says, "Come by bike, come by car, come by camel. Just come out and enjoy the fun!" Contact Barbara at 417-345-7259 for further details. The entry fee is \$20 per team, with a prize of \$100 cash.

VFW Welcomes Guests And New Members

Buffalo VFW Post 4080 and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second Thursday of each month. Guests and new members are welcome. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is an organization of war veterans committed to ensuring rights, remembering sacrifices, promoting patriotism, performing community services and advocating for a strong national defense.

Those eligible for VFW membership include those serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in a foreign war or overseas operation recognized by a campaign medal, in Korea after June 30, 1949, and recipients of hostile-fire or imminent danger pay. Veterans of World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Iraq wars, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Afghanistan, and other expeditionary campaigns, as well as occupation duty, also qualify.

Those eligible for VFW Ladies Auxiliary membership include wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers (who have performed the duties of parent), grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to the age of sixteen and for whom the duties of parent were performed), sisters, half sisters, foster and stepsisters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Members must be citizens of the United States and not less than sixteen years old. Women eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be eligible for dual membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

“Bison Bits” - Dallas County R-1 Schools Update

Have questions for Dallas County Schools administration? Contact the Chamber office via e-mail at chamber@buffalococ.com or by telephone at 417-345-2852. The answers will be included in upcoming newsletters. Questions may be anonymous.

Hoopfest Tournament

Dallas County Area YMCA and Buffalo Parks and Recreation are planning a Hoopfest Tournament, which will be held October 24 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA Center, located in the 1st Baptist Church on West Main Street in Buffalo. All entries must be turned in no later than Monday, October 19. Younger divisions will play first and adult divisions will play afterward. Entry fee is \$10 per team member, with a minimum of three players per team and a maximum of four. Youth participants must be entering grades 5 through 12. Class of 2009 high school graduates must play in the adult division. Games will be played on a half-court, using official Dallas County Area YMCA 3 on 3 rules. These rules will be mailed to teams upon receipt of their registration form. First and second place teams of each division will receive trophies. For more information, contact Dominic Santomassimo at the Dallas County Area YMCA by telephone at 417-345-1116 or via e-mail at dsantomassimo@dallasymca.org.

2010-2011 Official Dallas County Map

Two years ago, the Chamber published 5000 copies of the official Dallas County map. They have been distributed through all of the City and County offices, Dallas County 911, the Chamber office, and included in information packets that have been mailed to several states. Volunteer firefighters, medical responders and ambulance personnel also use them when responding to emergencies. It is time to produce an update.

Rebecca Lynch Thompson, previously employed by Bryant Business Graphics, will be contacting local businesses during the next couple of weeks with this advertising opportunity. Ad costs will remain the same and a letter will be sent to Chamber member businesses explaining the different sizes, costs and copy requirements. For more information, contact the Chamber office.

Rotary Club Sporting Clay's Competition

Buffalo Rotary Club will hold a Sporting Clay's Competition fundraiser on October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held at #7 Fountain Lake Lane in Buffalo, one and a half miles west of Hwy 65 (just past Buffalo Livestock Auction) on the north side of Hwy 32. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division, and the winner of each round will receive their entry fee as the prize. For more information, contact Dave Willingham at 417-345-6129.

October Events

- 3rd** “Skinny Improv” - Shewmaker Center - 7:00 p.m. - Free - Call 417-345-2793 For Tickets
- 3-4** **Habitat For Humanity Turkey Shoot** - 539 H Hwy - Contact: Susan Loudembach - 345-5086
- 7th** **Super 4-H Recognition Luncheon & Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - Noon
- 8th** **HFLCS Ham & Bean/Chili Lunch** - O'Bannon Center - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 10th** **DAV Christmas Bazaar** - DAV Building - North Maple Street
- 15th** **Historical Society Meeting** - History and Building of Hwy 65 Program - 1:00
- 17th** **Dallas County Alumni School Carnival** - Buffalo High School - 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd** **Buffalo United Methodist Church Ham & Bean Dinner** - 5:00 to 7:30 - Family Life Center
- 24th** **Rotary Sporting Clay Competition** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - #7 Fountain Lake Lane
- 24.25** **Project Graduation Turkey Shoot** - Carmel Road - Contact: Don Schmied - 345-6687
- 31st** **Kiwanis Parktacular** - 6 to 8 p.m. - Old Buffalo City Park - East Ramsey Street

November Events

- 4th** **Chamber Membership Meeting** - Saltbox - Noon
- 5th** **1st Christian Church Chili & Soup Luncheon** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 7th** **Community Craft Show** - O'Bannon Community Center - Contact: Vicky Stepp - 345-7006
- 11th** **Veterans Day** - Celebrate Our Freedoms - Honor A Veteran
- 14th** **Veterans Day Parade** - Line Up 8:00 - Kick Off 10:00