

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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Character Ed Word For April: Trustworthy

Trustworthy: (1) worthy of trust or confidence, (2) reliable, (3) dependable, (4) ethical. **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.**

Annual Meeting Hosted By Buffalo Inn & Suites and Brick House Smoked Meats

The April membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be held at **noon** on **Wednesday, April 7**, at **Buffalo Inn & Suites**. This meeting will end the Chamber's 2009-2010 fiscal year and will include the election of officers for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Melinda Keithley, Horses of Hope Director, will be the guest speaker. **Brick House Smoked Meats** will cater the meal which will include Hot Brisket, Smoked Ham & Turkey, Sandwich Fixings, Cottage Fries, Cowboy Beans, Caesars Salad, Iced Tea & Lemonade for \$7.50 per person.

Business Spotlight ~ Dallas County Recorder of Deeds, Stacy Satterfield

Dallas County Recorder of Deeds, Stacy Satterfield, has a multifaceted job. The duties of the Recorder of Deeds are keeping and maintaining land records, plats, surveys, military DD214, marriage records and passports. The Recorder's office has records dating back to 1867, with images of the land records starting at 1900, and marriage images since 2006. Stacy added the service of passports to the office in 2006. In 2007 E-Recording was added. Stacy is in her second term as the Recorder of Deeds. She has lived in Dallas County all of her life and graduated from Buffalo High School. She has been married to Claude for 30 years. Her parents are Frank & Ramadine Keith. She has been active in many community events, including Relay For Life, and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi, the Recorder's Association of Missouri and Iacreat. She is the Southwest District Chair for the Recorder's Association of Missouri.

Local Makes Cents ~ 1st Annual Dallas County Business Expo

The 1st Annual Business Expo is a free and fun community wide event that will showcase the many products and services available in Dallas County. The event is an effort to promote the idea of Dallas County residents purchasing as many products and services as possible from local businesses. Every dollar spent in Dallas County generates sales tax revenue that funds city and county services, including roads, law enforcement, 911 and the courts.

The Expo, which will be held at Buffalo Middle School April 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature 80 exhibits inside the building and several outside, weather permitting. The Kids Area will include inflatable games provided by Dallas County Area YMCA, face painting, friendship bracelet making, a mad science lab, and balloon animals.

A 32" Emerson LCHD TV donated by Wal Mart, valued at \$338, a 12' Perception Kayak donated by NRO Campground, valued at \$725.00, a portable XM Radio Receiver donated by the Buffalo Reflex, valued at \$200, and a transmission service from ABC Motors, valued at \$250, are among the Grand Prizes that will be given away by the end of the day. In addition, a wide variety of door prizes valued at \$20 to \$150 will be given away ever five to fifteen minutes throughout the day.

The Expo is sponsored by the Chamber's Local Make Cents committee and the Dallas County Betterment Association and is part of the "Dallas County Super Weekend." The weekend includes alumni reunions and the Miss Dallas County, Little Miss Dallas County and Mini Miss and Master contests at the Shewmaker Center on Friday evening, April 9.

A map and directory of exhibits, as well as information on seminars and detailed information on door prizes and how to win them will be featured in the April 7 issue of the Buffalo Reflex.

2nd Annual Hale's Shoot-Out

The City of Buffalo is looking for local groups to add to the activities during the 2nd Annual Hale's Shoot-Out, which will be held the evenings of April 23 & 24 in the new City Park at the north end of Hickory Street.

Groups can set up tents for games or concessions, or what ever activities they choose. If electricity is required, a \$15 fee will be charged. If no electricity is required, there will be no fee. The Booster Club will be running the concession stands up on the hill and at the soccer field, but others can have concessions as well.

Bobby Heard, Parks and Recreation Director, is available to speak with groups and organizations about the event. We would all like to make this a community event that grows every year.

Missouri Career Center Workforce Investment Board Survey

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB), from the Missouri Career Center in Springfield, is conducting a survey of the region's businesses to determine their needs. They will be emailing a number of businesses in the region, asking them to complete the survey; however, they want to make sure they have the message out to everyone. That request follows.

"The WIB has prepared a survey to gain a better understanding of how we can help area employers plan for the future. In order for your business to grow, what do you need? How can we help?"

Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey (or pass to the appropriate person). From the results, we will put together an aggregate report that reflects the employment practices of the region. This report will not only help us help you, but will also be a tool that can be used by the Region to promote economic growth. Please access this important survey by going to the following link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DK3BG3L> ."

For more information about the WIB, visit their web-site, <http://www.ozarksjobpath.org/wibpages/index.php> or contact Karen Dowdy, Executive Secretary, at 417-841-3392.

Family Fun Day at the Fair

The Dallas County Fair is looking for help to provide a morning of free family fun games. This event will take place on June 26 as part of the Dallas County Fair. They would like for this to be a time where families can come and participate in games at no cost. Currently, the Buffalo Optimist Club has committed to a watermelon seed spitting contest, a three-legged-race, and money in a haystack. They will also be providing a lunch for all participants. The Fair Board will appreciate any group or person who would be willing to organize additional games and activities. If you are interested, please call David Andrews at 733-2480 or 345-7251. You can also contact any fair board member - John Crawford, Kim Davies, Bobby Stewart, Cody Phillips, or Tracy Billings.

April Events

- 6th Election Day - Don't Forget To Vote!**
- 6th Annual Rotary Fish Dinner Fundraiser - Maple Street Grill - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**
- 7th Chamber Membership Meeting - Buffalo Inn & Suites - Noon**
- 8 - 10 Habitat For Humanity Garage Sale - O'Bannon Center - Thursday & Friday, 8 - 5 - Saturday, 8 - Noon**
- 10 Dallas County Business Expo - Buffalo Middle School - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- 11-17 National Telecommunicator Week - Thank A 911 Dispatcher For Their Service To Dallas County!**
- 12-15 DCR-1 Pre-School & Kindergarten Screening - Appointment Needed - 345-2350**
- 23.24 Hale's Shoot Out - New City Park**
- 27th Farmer's Market Plant Sale - Hwy 32 & Cherry Street - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
- 30th Horses Of Hope Benefit Auction & Dinner - 5:00 p.m.**