

# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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

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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 Hosted By Buffalo Inn & Suites & Brick House Smoked Meats**

The June membership meeting will be at **Buffalo Inn & Suites** on Wednesday, **June 2**, at **noon**. Guest speaker will be **Dawn Irvine**, Community/Membership Development Specialist for Girls Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. **Brick House Smoked Meats** will cater the meal, which will include Build Your Own Turkey & Ham Sandwiches, Cottage Fries, Cowboy Beans, Caesar Salad, and iced tea or lemonade for \$7.50 per person.

### **New Member ~ Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.**

When Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the USA, organized the first Girl Scout troop in 1912, she wanted to give girls an opportunity to serve their communities, explore the outdoors and support themselves. She put girls in leadership roles before women had the right to vote. They continue her work today, in pathways that suit the needs and wants of contemporary girls.

Today's girls often face problems such as drugs, eating disorders, physical abuse, cyber-bullying, and teen suicide. The good news is that today's Girl Scout programs help girls deal with the real problems they face. The programs promote positive leadership, health and fitness, civic responsibility, and community involvement.

Girl Scouts' age-appropriate programs give girls the skills they need to avoid dangerous behaviors and make responsible decisions that will help them overcome challenges throughout their lives. In fact, more than 60% of today's female corporate and civic leaders were Girl Scouts. In study after study, it is clear that girls who are involved in Girl Scouts are more likely to lead healthy, successful lives.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Inc. serves approximately 16,000 girls across 68 counties in central and southern Missouri, southeastern Kansas, and northeastern Oklahoma. With the support of approximately 5,000 adult volunteers, they are dedicated to helping girls develop the courage, confidence and character that they need to thrive in today's ever-changing world. Locally, Dallas County has 110 girl members and 31 adult members. They have been busy this past year with a lot of service projects. A Girl Scout Daisy troop of kindergartners planted flowers at the cabin in front of the Buffalo elementary school to earn the "make the world a better place" petal. This fall, some of the older troops helped serve dinner at the Optimist club play. Collectively, the entire service unit made and filled Easter baskets with candy and donated stuffed animals to give to all of the foster children in Dallas and surrounding counties; they also collected toiletry items for the House of Hope organization.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is excited to be joining the chamber, to help further provide the foundation girls need to become future leaders by helping them discover, connect, and take action to help make the world a better place. For more information about Girl Scouts in Dallas County, contact Dawn Irvine at 877-312-4764.

### **6th Annual Wheel Chair Race ~ June 5**

Lawrence Holt is inviting individuals, businesses and organizations to participate in the Sixth Annual Wheel Chair Race at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2010. The purpose of the race is to bring attention to the conditions that people confined to wheel chairs face as they try to be productive and helpful citizens on the streets, sidewalks and in buildings in Buffalo.

The race will start at, and end at, the Engles Senior Center on the west side of the square. A team consists of two persons for the manual powered chairs, with one pushing and the other riding. At designated stops the two will change places. There will also be two segments where the rider must propel their own chair. Plaques will be awarded to the top three places. Participants should provide your own wheel chair, if at all possible. A few chairs will be available, but must be reserved in advance. Teams are encouraged to have a sign indicating who they are.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 101 North Maple. Please return forms to the Chamber of Commerce Office by June 2, so that wheel chairs will be available. For more information, contact Lawrence Holt at 345-7562 or the Chamber of Commerce at 345-2852.

## **Dallas County Relay For Life ~ June 11**

In 2008 one hundred sixty six (166) Dallas County residents passed away, with thirty-six (36) death certificates listing Cancer as the cause of death, that's 21%. The Relay For Life of Dallas County will be held around the Buffalo square on Friday night June 11, 2010. A full night of activities will begin at 7 PM with the Survivors opening lap, and will conclude with the closing ceremony at 7 AM on Saturday. Dallas County Shrine Club will run a shuttle from the high school parking lots.

This is a community event and everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the entertainment or join in walking laps around the square. Attendees do not have to be a team member to participate and there is no admission fee. Spend the night or drop by for a few minutes or a few hours. There will be food concessions, an art, pie and basket auction, along with a variety of other items for sale. Attendees can have their hair painted or even get a massage! All funds raised are a donation to the fight against cancer through the American Cancer Society.

Tumbles Gymnastics will perform at 6:00, prior to starting. Grace Community Praise Band will play after the opening. Stefanie Rae will be on stage at 8:00. Her band will be opening for Candy Coburn, the following week. Relay Princess contestants will be introduced at approximately 8:30 and the winners crowned. The emotional Luminaria Ceremony will begin around 9:00 or at dark and close with the silent lap featuring 2 bagpipe players and our hush angels. There will be Karaoke and other fun and games the rest of the night. The Fight Back Ceremony is held at midnight.

## **OACAC Participating In Price Cutter Charity Golf Tournament**

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) is participating in the Price Cutter Charity Championship Golf Tournament to be held August 12 – 15 at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield. OACAC will marshal hole 14, which is being sponsored by Springfield Grocer Company. As a participating charity, OACAC will share in the proceeds of the tournament.

To encourage attendance at the tournament and to raise funds for OACAC, Board Members are selling sweepstakes tickets for just \$25. Those who purchase the \$25 tickets will receive an admission pass for all four tournament days, plus a 1 in 4,000 chance to win a 2010 Ford Mustang, \$10,000 and more! Best of all, 100% of the proceeds from tickets sold will go to OACAC. Tickets are available now, but only a limited number will be sold.

OACAC will offer an Interactive Booth (located near the clubhouse) with games for kids and information about OACAC programs that provide opportunities for families living with low incomes. Plan to join OACAC at the 14th hole for the opportunity to purchase food and fresh squeezed lemonade, and receive a number for a chance to win a prize during their drawing on Sunday. Proceeds from food sales will go to OACAC.

For more information about OACAC contact Alice Wingo at 417-864-3448 or [awingo@oacac-caa.org](mailto:awingo@oacac-caa.org) or visit [www.oacac-caa.org](http://www.oacac-caa.org)

## **Farmers Market Open In Buffalo**

The Buffalo Community Farmers Market is now open and will celebrate their Official Grand Opening on Saturday, June 5th, with events that will include English Country Contra Dancing, live music and singing, games, and prizes. Some of the games will include a Cake-Walk, Chicken Poop Bingo, and a raffle.

The Farmers Market is organized and managed by the Buffalo Area Christian Homeschoolers, a not-for-profit organization that receives no city, state, or federal funding. It is funded entirely through vendor fees, the generous support of market sponsors, and many hours of volunteer time.

Organizers' goal is for the Farmers Market to blossom into something great for the entire community, but they will need the support of community members to reach that full potential. Sponsors will play an essential role in the success of the Market, and only with their help will the group be able to develop outreach and educational projects, promote the Market through advertising, and provide family-friendly events that will bring shoppers back to the Market week after week. Sponsor donations will help improve the health, economy, and social well being of Dallas County, helping the community provide its people with fresh, locally grown food. Sponsorship packages can be tailored to the business.

At this time, the Market has more than ten vendors and receives over 200 visitors each week. Items currently offered are seasonal, such as flower and vegetable plants, rhubarb, spring onions, and radishes. Other items will be offered all season, including homemade granola, fresh baked breads, cookies, pies, and other baked goods. Later in the season they expect to see a lot more fresh garden produce, as it becomes available.

The Market is open every Tuesday from 3pm to 7pm, or dusk, from April through November and, starting in June, also on the first Saturday of each month from June through October. Contact Faith Cannon at 345-4487 or 459-5014 or by e-mail her at [thornfaithc@yahoo.com](mailto:thornfaithc@yahoo.com) to become one of their valued sponsors.

## **June Events**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chamber Membership Meeting** - Buffalo Inn & Suites - Noon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Community Wide Garage Sale**
- National TV Customer Appreciation Day** - 110 South Cedar Street, Buffalo
- Buffalo Community Farmers Market Grand Opening** - East Hwy 32 at Cherry Street
- 11th Relay For Life of Dallas County** - Around The Square - 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 12th
- 23-26 Dallas County Fair & Jr. Livestock Show** - Carnival & Entertainment - East Ramsey Street