

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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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 Hosted By Maple Street Grill

The August membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, August 4th**, at **Maple Street Grill**. Lee Proctor, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, will be the guest speaker.

The lunch specials for **Wednesday, August 4th** will be (1) **Hickory Smoked Brisket Platter** - Hickory smoked brisket topped with Smoky BBQ Sauce and served with fries, plantation beans and garlic toast. \$6.99, (2) **Chicken Fried Steak** - Breaded Cube Steak, fried and topped with Country Gravy and served with fries, green beans and biscuit. \$5.99, (3) **Summer Lite** - Mixed Greens topped with Mandarin oranges, dried cranberries Gorgonzola cheese and glazed walnuts. (Add chicken for \$3.00). Served with Raspberry Vinaigrette. \$5.99, (4) **Chicken Quesadillas** - A flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, cheese, peppers and onions, then grilled to a golden brown for \$6.99, (5) **Turkey Club Wrap** - Smoked turkey, Bacon, Swiss Cheese, lettuce, tomato, ranch dressing in a tomato-basil wrap. Served with fries. \$6.99, (6) **Fried Shrimp Platter** - Butterfly Shrimp in an oriental breading, deep fried, and served with fries, coleslaw. \$4.99, (7) **Bacon Cheese Burger** - 1/2lb. char-broiled burger topped with American Cheese, Bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle chips. Served with fries. \$6.99. **Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service. Maple Street's phone number is 345-5045.**

Business Spotlight ~ Ground Source Systems, Inc.

Ground Source Systems, Inc. is located just north of Buffalo, Missouri, at the intersection of 73 Highway and county road DD. The privately held corporation was organized in 1989. **GSS, Inc.** specializes in the design and installation of systems using closed loop geothermal technology to provide an environmentally safe source of heating and cooling.

Ground Source is a central heating/cooling system that pumps heat to, or from, the ground. It uses the earth as a heat source in the winter or as a heat sink in the summer, taking advantage of the moderate temperature in the ground to boost efficiency and reduce the operational cost of heating and cooling systems. These systems have provided customers a return on investment window well under five years, due to the increased efficiency greatly reducing operating costs.

Early on the company was involved in residential installation, but has focused on commercial installation for a number of years. **Ground Source Systems, Inc.** currently has 45 employees. The experience of these well-trained employees, along with the experienced management, has made the company well known for quality workmanship. **GSS, Inc.** has installed systems in numerous area homes and businesses, as well as having an installed base of customers in other areas of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Nevada, Oklahoma, and South Korea.

Dallas County Area YMCA Update

Dallas County Area YMCA has their new weight equipment and now is a great time to join the YMCA. On July 29th Dominic Santomassimo, YMCA Director, will have their corporate membership director here in Buffalo. If any business would like to find out about corporate membership discounts they will be happy to stop by and chat. Contact Dominic by telephone at 417-345-1116 or via e-mail at dsantomassimo@dallascoymca.org.

Peacemaking Series Scheduled At College of Metaphysics

Learn lessons on the elements of peacemaking drawn from the wisdom of great peacemakers, cultures and faiths from around the world. Students, homeschoolers (field trip credit), and people of all ages and faiths are welcome. Monthly Peace Lessons will be presented at the Peace Dome at the College of Metaphysics in Windyville the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of these lessons is to understand what makes peace, why it's important, and how to develop peace in ourselves, our communities and our world. Classes will include *The Present Moment* on July 31st, *Surrender and Receptivity* August 28th, *Forgiveness and Commitment* September 25th, *Balance and Harmony* October 30th, *Vision* November 27th, and *Stillness* December 25th.

Tours of the Peace Dome will follow each lesson. To learn more or to register for a class, call 417-345-8411 or visit their web site at www.som.org.

Charity Golf Tournament At Dream Valley Golf Course

HFLCS will hold a golf tournament August 21 at Dream Valley Golf Course, with all proceeds to benefit the rescue of homeless canines and felines in the community. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a shot gun start. Two person teams and hole sponsors are needed. Please call to get pricing. There is a \$100.00 entry fee per team, which includes golf cart and lunch, (grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a drink). Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and a \$1000.00 Hole-in-One. To become a Hole Sponsor or to sign up a team, contact Mary Jane Newton by August 6th at 417-345-0144.

August Events

- 2nd CBCO Blood Drive** - 1st Baptist Church - Main Street - Buffalo - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 3rd Primary Elections** - Do Your Part! Remember To Vote!
- 4th Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - Noon
- 11-12 DAV Rummage Sale** - DAV Building - North Maple Street - Buffalo - 8:00 a.m.
- 12th Back To School Fair** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 8:30 a.m. to Noon
- 19th 1st Day of School For Dallas County R-1 Students**
- 21st HFLCS Golf Tournament** - Dream Valley Golf Course - 9:30 Shot Gun Start
Ice Cream Social & Block Party - Buffalo United Methodist Church - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 25th Deadline To Register For Youth Soccer** - Call City Hall - 345-2701
- 30th Ozark Empire Fair**

September Events

- 1st Chamber Membership Meeting** - Maple Street Grill - Noon
- 10-11 8th Annual Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games** - Old City Park & Fairgrounds - Buffalo
- 25th Buffalo Stampede Car Show** - Old City Park - East Ramsey Street