

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Members' Messenger

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Character Ed Word For February: Courtesy

Courtesy: (1) consideration, cooperation, and generosity in providing something, (2) respect for and consideration of others, (3) a courteous, respectful, or considerate act or expression, (4) excellence of manners or social conduct; polite behavior. **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.**

February Meeting Hosted By Hip Pocket Pizza

The February membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, February 1**, at **Hip Pocket Pizza**. Andrew Meade, Buffalo City Mayor, will be the guest speaker.

The lunch specials for **Wednesday, February 1** will be: (1) **Mini One Topping Pizza** - with salad and drink. \$6.49, (2) **Chicken Enchilada** - with a drink. \$6.29, (3) **Small Taco Salad** - with a drink. \$5.49, (4) **Turkey/Bacon/Jack Sandwich**- with one side and a drink. \$6.79. **Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service. Hip Pocket's phone number is 345-8649.**

Business Spotlight ~ Janice Uchtman

Janice Uchtman owns and manages rental properties in the City of Buffalo. She currently owns six houses and tries to maintain them in such a way that if she had to move into one, she would. Her belief is that if you have good tenants you are lucky, and you need to make every effort to repair a leak or take care of a problem for them. Also, even if the tenants are not so great, it is important to still maintain the property. She has been a member of the Chamber since 1995 and believes if you own any type of business in Buffalo, you will benefit from being a Chamber of Commerce member.

Janice has always lived in Dallas County. She is a graduate of Buffalo High School and the former Draughon's Business College, Springfield, Missouri. Since 1994 she has been employed by the Bolivar law firm of Douglas, Haun & Heidemann, P.C., and has served as the firm's real estate paralegal.

Janice and her husband, Randy, live south of Buffalo and have been married since 2002. She has one son, Lance Doty, who is engaged to be married to Kelsey Turner. She has three grown stepchildren and four grandchildren. Janice is a member of the Charity Christian Church, where she serves as one of the church pianists, prepares the weekly bulletin for the Sunday morning worship service, and is also a member of the church's program committee. She has been the Republican Committeewoman for her township since 1984 and is a member of the Dallas County Master Gardeners. She served on the board of directors for the Dallas County R-1 Alumni Association from 1978-2007 and spent three terms as a member of the Dallas County Extension Council.

New Member ~ Prairie Grove Baptist Church

Founded on March 27, 2011, Prairie Grove Baptist Church is a Family Integrated Church. They strive to honor and worship the glory and sovereignty of God by seeking out the truth in scripture. Their bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday with song service and preaching following at 11:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the morning services they have a meal and a time of fellowship. The meal is prepared by the membership, and guests are encouraged to stay and fellowship with the congregation. Prairie Grove Baptist Church is located at 243 Prairie Grove Road, just south of Buffalo. For more information about Prairie Grove Baptist Church, contact their Pastor, Jimmy Greer at 417-253-2635 or their Secretary, Kristie Horn at 345-5417 or "Like" them on Facebook.

St. Patrick's Celebration Fundraiser for Celtic Festival is March 17

A St. Patrick's Celebration Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the O'Bannon Community Center on East Ramsey Street in Buffalo. The fundraiser will begin at 5 p.m. with live music and a dinner consisting of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Bangers & Mash, Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, an assortment of Celtic Desserts, coffee and tea for \$10 per plate for adults, \$5 for ages 6 through 12, and \$9 for seniors. All proceeds will benefit the 10th Annual Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games.

An auction of Branson show and attraction tickets will follow the dinner and Celtic entertainment will begin at 7:00. Music will be provided by Jon Reneu, Sarah Hook, Irish music by Nancy Daily Green, and Irish dancing and bagpipes by Daryl Dickerson.

3rd Annual Dallas County Business Expo - April 14, 2012

This year's Business Expo is scheduled for **April 14 at Buffalo Prairie Middle School**. The show will run from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, with music, demonstrations, product sampling, food and fellowship with customers and potential customers of businesses located in Buffalo and Dallas County.

Based on the overwhelming success of last year's event, organizers anticipate that all of the vendor spaces will sell quickly. 105 spaces will be available this year, due to a large tent on the east side of the building. Chamber members in good standing will have priority status when making reservations, however, non-members will have the opportunity to reserve spaces beginning in February.

Single booth spaces are 8' x 10'. Exhibitors must supply all their own tables, display items, linens, skirting and accessories. Pricing will remain the same as last year, with members receiving a discount. Cost to Chamber members is \$50 for one booth and \$75 for two booths. Cost to non-members is \$75 for one booth and \$100 for two. Not-for-Profit entities may participate for \$35. Electricity is not included in a standard booth space, but is available for an additional fee of \$10.

Each exhibitor must sponsor a door prize, valued at a suggested minimum of \$20. As an incentive for show goers to circulate throughout the entire vendor area, stopping points will be posted throughout. Contenders for door prizes must be at least 16 years of age and have all of the spaces marked on their entry form.

Booth space locations may be requested, and every attempt will be made to accommodate those requests, based on a first come, first served, basis. Extenuating circumstances such as electricity requests and proximity to competitors may, however, dictate the need to negate a request.

February Events

- 1st Chamber Membership Meeting** - Hip Pocket Pizza - Noon
- 11th Bison Strikers Relay Team Sweetheart Bowl** - Buffalo Bowl - 9 p.m. to Midnight
- 14th Fightin' For Pink Relay Team Valentines Steak Dinner**- Shrine Club - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- 16th Relay For Life Meeting** - Alumni Building - 5:30
- 26th Relay For Life Trivia Competition** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.