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GRO Buffalo May 2022 Newsletter

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**The FUTURE is looking
Bright for GRO Buffalo**



Noah Maddux, GRO Intern
(front row, right)

GRO Buffalo welcomes a second Buffalo High School Intern: Noah Maddux

Noah Maddux is enrolled in High School and the Dallas County Technical Center. He is involved in Student Council, Interact, Youth for Change and Inclusion (YCI), Band, Choir, Theater, National Honor Society (NHS), Future Health Professionals (HOSA), Scholar Bowl, and Family Career and Community

Leaders of America (FCCLA). He joins the GRO Buffalo OUTREACH team of Joy Beamer, Volunteer and Kailyn Smith, Intern.

“I wanted to join GRO Buffalo to make a difference in my community. Buffalo is a growing community that has lots of positive aspects that affect students and adults alike. Through this program I want to assist Buffalo in being an extremely appealing community to outsiders and highlight all of the amazing benefits Buffalo has to offer”.

--Noah

Offices Maddux Serves In at Buffalo High School

Band- Section Leader & Activities Chair

Choir- Section Leader & Vice President

Theater- Booth Director

Student Council- Student Body Publicity Chair

Youth for Change and Inc

lusion- President

Interact- Vice President

Scholar Bowl- JV Captain

Family Career and Community Leaders of America-Lifesmarts Team

National Honor Society

Future Health Professionals

Prom Committee



Graduating BHS Seniors

“My plan is to attend Mizzou and get my bachelors degree in Food Science. Eventually during my junior or senior year of college I will do an internship with food corporations.”

- Serenity Gann



“For my future I plan to attend Missouri State for three years then transfer to Mizzou law school to complete my law degree. I then plan on coming back and starting a family here in Buffalo.”

-Bella Young





“In the future after high school I would like to get a job at Prime and then proceed to work on getting my real estate license.”

- Damon Sprague

VOTING IS NOW OPEN!

Missouri Humanities 2023 Small Town Showcase “Featured Five” communities

GRO Buffalo needs your help to choose five of these nominees to be our "Featured Five" for next year.

An individual may only vote once but may vote for up to 5 communities.

**Missouri is not a flyover state;
we are the heart of America.**

**Help Buffalo showcase why small town
Missouri should not be overlooked,
overshadowed, or under-appreciated.**

VOTE NOW

<https://mohumanities.org/2023-featured-five/>

*Voting ends at 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2022,
with winners announced by August 1.*

May DIVAS

*Missouri Senator
Sandy Crawford
Speaks in her hometown.*

**May 25 • 8 a.m.
Buffalo Family Event Center**

FUTURE Leadership of Buffalo

This group of Buffalo High School students was honored by the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce for their leadership in the extracurricular activities at school. Watch them start serving our community. They are the FUTURE.



Leadership Buffalo - Class of 2022

The Leadership Buffalo Class of 2022 graduate recently bring more positive vibes to the FUTURE of Buffalo.

Back row: Tracy Strickland, facilitator, Kathy Banks, Andrew Behrle, Buck Shockley, guest speaker, Matt Boggs, Duane Hamilton, Brad Cooksey. Front row: Shelby Sechler, Joy Beamer, Marsha Copeland, Jade Williams and Faith Burgett.



GRO Buffalo host a

Cross Community Event

Visitors from across the state visit the GRO Buffalo meeting highlighting achievements since adopting the program. The leadership from other communities spent the day learning how the school bond and county tax passed with the cooperation of the GRO leadership, pushing for the betterment of the Dallas County communities. Tracy and Jeff Strickland presented the Leadership Buffalo class format and how the community is planning for succession leadership in the afternoon.

Growth In The Rural Ozarks (GRO) program was adopted in Buffalo in 2017 to help Missouri towns design and launch community and economic development initiatives to help make sustainable local prosperity.

Hrishue Mahalaha and Miles Baker from Innovation Economy Partners have facilitated the program for GRO through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. These two men had met a couple of people at Bennett Spring the day before for a bit of relaxation before the event. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had a different idea. Rains poured in that night and left the men stranded in their cabin in the park. They caught a ride on a boat from the cabin to the dining lodge. Eventually, the Conservationist let them know the water was down enough to grab the car. A window opened up to let them travel into Buffalo, about thirty minutes from the end of the event.

Several core leaders from GRO attended the event filling in as facilitators. In addition, many local leaders dropped in to greet the visitors, including alumni from the Leadership Buffalo classes who took questions about the program in a panel interview setting.

Axtreme Ax Throwing hosted the luncheon and afternoon events, with some ax throwing. In addition, GRO community leaders from other cities and Missouri government, CFO, and organization representatives participated in the day-long event.



What's Ahead for GRO?

- May 17, 9am (CST): Cross-Community Meeting: Rural Health
- May 24, 9am (CST): Cross-Community Meeting: Chamber Consortium



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