



# Palmyra Chamber of Commerce Chamber News

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FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

## BUD'S PAINT & BODY SHOP

It all began in a garage behind the house on the north end of town, December 26th, 1945. Bud Englehardt had returned from WWII on Christmas Day and started his business the very next day. Bud had done body work on cars before he went into the service, and it felt like the right job for him.

A few years later he opened Englehardt Body Shop on North Main Street adjacent to his brother Claire's Gas Station. Sometimes Bud's dad would help him out in the shop. In 1958, Bud expanded and moved his operation to its current site. From an early age, Larry, Bud's only son, began to help out at that shop. Larry Englehardt took over the business in 1986, but Bud continued to stay involved until 2011.

Larry's youngest son, Chad, always interested in cars, spent quite a bit of time at Bud's Paint & Body Shop growing up. So, in May 2012, Chad became the third generation of Englehardt men to lead the business.

Those years of experience result in a more thorough job that is done more accurately and quickly. When you bring your vehicle to Bud's they'll take the time to fully answer all your questions. They'll go over the extent of the damage, the necessary repair procedures and the amount of time needed to complete the job. They'll work closely with your insurance company. You can expect a written estimate before work begins and a supplemental estimate if hidden damage is found. You can be confident that your vehicle will be restored to its original condition.

At Bud's Paint and Body Shop, they pride themselves in doing the best job possible – the first time. They pride themselves on adhering to the highest standards of repair and ethics and on treating all customers courteously and professionally. They keep up with the latest technical innovations and invest in time-saving equipment. Bud's skilled technicians stay current with their training, allowing the shop to do precision repair with the highest quality on-time results.

The staff of eight at Bud's, including Larry and Chad Englehardt, are all full-time and the owners are proud that employee stability is so much higher than most body shops. John "Yogi" White, for example, has been with Bud's for twenty-seven years! This employee stability means more experience, knowledge, and capability for customers. For this reason, their customer base extends beyond the Palmyra community.

The day after Thanksgiving 2012, Bud's broke ground for its new facility, just across the street from its current location. When it opens later this Fall, it will be almost four times as big as the present shop. "There will be more space to get cars in and out quickly," explained Chad Englehardt.

Bud's Paint and Body's new facility will have all new equipment. There will be a separate estimate room to ensure a more thorough and complete estimate. The facility will have the most modern painting and refinishing processing system. Plans are in place to hire an auto parts manager. "Everything about the new shop," said Larry "is designed for production."

Be on the lookout for Bud's Paint and Body Shop Grand Opening and Open House when the new facility opens soon! Until then... the staff at Bud's is hoping you don't "meet by accident."



▲ Chad & Larry Englehardt at the site of the new Bud's Paint & Body Shop to open this Fall.

◀ Bud's new painting and refinishing processing system.



Bud Englehardt's Garage on North Main Street in the late '40's. His brother Claire owned the adjacent gas station.

## BUSINESS INFO

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# Chamber Briefs...

PALMYRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013**

At its monthly meeting, September 10, President Michelle Merkel welcomed all members and guests including FBLA seniors Brock Butler and Katie Hinkle. She reminded all of the two fall Chamber events.

## **BOWLING FOR PALMYRA**

Bowling For Palmyra, the Palmyra Chamber of Commerce's annual benefit fundraiser will be held Saturday, September 28 at Pal Bowl. This year's proceeds will be split between the Palmyra Nutrition Center and the Paws Packs Program. Individuals or teams of five can register by calling Pal Bowl. Anyone able to donate raffle, silent auction or door prize items should contact Michele Hopson at 769-2086 or Leanna Delaney at 769-2001.

## **THE TASTE OF PALMYRA**

The Taste of Palmyra will be held Monday, October 21 from 5-9 p. m. This year's event will feature an Antique Tractor Show and a Car Show. Vendor information is available at [www.showmepalmyra.com](http://www.showmepalmyra.com) or by contacting Michelle Merkel at Palmyra State Bank (769-2001) or Susan Berti at the Chamber of Commerce Office (769-0777). The next Taste of Palmyra Committee Planning Meeting will be held September 19 at 7 p.m. at HATS; anyone interested in helping with the event is invited to attend.

## **AREA CHAMBER STEAK FRY**

Chamber members and guests are invited to participate in the Area Chamber Steak Fry at Hannibal Nipper Park on Saturday, September 21. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6. RSVP's can be made to the Hannibal Chamber at 221-1101 or [info@hannibalchamber.org](mailto:info@hannibalchamber.org). Lastly, next year's Chamber-sponsored fireworks have been booked for Saturday, July 5th.

## **CHAMBER GETS OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mark Bross and Steve Lewis, on behalf of the Palmyra R-1 Booster Club, gave an informative presentation on the proposed Palmyra R-1 Sports Complex. They explained that the idea of a complex in phases was born about 1 ½ - 2 years ago. Palmyra is one of a dwindling number of schools with an old style track and a football field dating back to the 1930's. A Sports Complex at the current high school facility would allow students to train, practice, and compete in one area.

In today's economy, the Booster Club did not want to approach the School District about money for this project, so private funding has been sought. Bross Construction has made a commitment and other donations have been secured, but no bond issue is being sought.

Plans were for Phase 1 of the project, the Track & Field Complex, to currently be underway. However, estimates proved to be under actual costs. The Booster Club is in the process of applying for grants and has just begun selling tickets for a Mega Raffle with the goal of raising \$100,000. Tickets will be sold at all school sporting events for \$20 each, 3 for \$50, or 7 for \$100. At ten events, the first of which was this past Friday's football game, one lucky individual will win \$100. The grand prize to be given away April 12, 2014: \$10,000.

The eight lane track would qualify Palmyra to host conference, district and sectional meets. Up to sixteen teams competing here at one time would bring a host of spectators into our community. The track would also be available for residents to use to walk, exercise and rehab. It is hoped that construction on the track can begin next summer.

To view the architect's 3D rendition of the completed Sports Complex go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHP2F0fzxBA> or go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com), key in "Palmyra School District" and look for the Sports Complex plans.

## upcoming events **CALENDAR**

### **Sat., Sept. 28th** **Bowling for Palmyra** **6:30pm • Pal Bowl**

Individuals or Teams of 5. 3 Games for \$15. Raffles, Silent Auction, Door Prizes. Proceeds go to Palmyra Nutrition Center and Paws Packs.

### **Mon., October 21st** **Taste of Palmyra • 5-9pm**

Downtown Palmyra. An evening for all with food, entertainment, and craft vendors. Applications to participate as a food or craft vendor are available on [www.showmepalmyra.com](http://www.showmepalmyra.com). Registration deadline: Oct. 17.

### **Sat., November 9th** **BLP Holiday Gift Show**

**10am-3pm Palmyra High School**  
To register as a vendor contact Kathy at [nicholsonk@palmyra.k12.mo.us](mailto:nicholsonk@palmyra.k12.mo.us).

### **Sat., November 23rd** **5k Christmas Run • 10am**

Flower City Park-Proceeds benefit the Food Bank.

### **Thurs., December 5th** **Christmas in Palmyra**

Wanted: Chairperson & Committee for this event!

## **REMINDER**

**YOUR NEXT CHAMBER MEETING IS AT NOON**  
**Tues., October 8, 2013 • VFW Hall**  
Guest Speaker – Ed Dent with an update on  
Downtown Revitalization & the  
Senior Housing Project