

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

Oldest Settlement in Scott County-----Buffalo, Iowa



Rural Pearl of the Month: Busy Hands are Happy Hands..

After you read your copy of the "Buffalo Shores Gazette", please pass on to a Friend, Relative or Neighbor to Enjoy.

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BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 80 man hours responding to 18 emergency calls in April. We responded to 14 EMS calls, 3 Structure Fires, 1 Alarm Malfunction and 1 Miscellaneous Call for a Power Pole Fire. The members also performed 22 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crews.

With springtime in full bloom around town, I have noticed a lot of people cleaning up their yard from the messes that ole man winter left. Along with that chore comes the dilemma of what to do with the sticks, leaves and grasses you have raked up. Many people choose to make a burn pile and dispose of those unsightly objects by burning them. This is perfectly legal, PROVIDED you do it by the rules. Here is a short version of Iowa's open burning law:

- 1) You may only burn objects grown on your property
- 2) You can only burn between dawn and dusk
- 3) You must attend the fire at all times
- 4) If any fire is deemed to cause a nuisance to neighbors it must be extinguished.

If you are in doubt if the weather is alright to burn call 326-7904 to find out if today is listed as a burn day or not. I hope everyone abides by the rules and we all have a safe spring season.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief

BUFFALO CITY WIDE CLEAN UP!

May 17th, 18th, 19th

The City will provide 4 roll-off dumpsters. They will be located in the lot next to the Historical Museum (the Old City Hall).
HELP CLEAN UP OUR TOWN BY PARTICIPATING. Bring all unwanted appliances, tires, building materials, etc. If you need help getting your junk from your house to the dumpsters, please call City Hall for a volunteer number to come help haul. If you would like to volunteer to help load, or make pick ups, contact City Hall, or show up down at the dumpster site to help. The City will be sending out Nuisance letters to property owners who have not cleaned up their property!
LET'S HELP CLEAN UP OUR TOWN AND MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

Dale's Body Shop

DALE STOWE

Owner



1016 Front Street
P.O. Box 556
Buffalo, IA 52728
Phone (319) 381-4028

CLERK'S CORNER

It's way too nice today to be inside... Finally! Council sure was busy this month. 3 public hearings were held on May 7th ~ the request to change the zoning for Buffalo Ridge (old trailer park), the request for an Urban Renewal Area for Buffalo Ridge, and the annual Budget Amendment.

The rezoning request garnered the most interest ~ the hearing lasted 50 minutes. An objection form was submitted which required a "super majority" (4 of 5 Council members) to approve the zoning change. Council denied the zoning change and the land will remain zoned Country Homes. Since the Preliminary Plat does not meet the zoning requirements for Country Homes, no action was taken and the developer must submit a new plat before any further action can be taken on the part of the City. Council also tabled the Urban Renewal Area request.

The annual spring cleanup is scheduled for May 17, 18, and 19. Dumpsters will be located by the Historical Society (409 3rd Street) on those days for your use. Council discussed property maintenance and wants to remind everyone that those properties that do not meet our zoning and nuisance standards, (weeds, accumulated junk, unlicensed vehicles, grass length, etc.) will be notified and given a short time to correct the problems. Should the abatement request be ignored, action will be taken to force compliance. Please help keep Buffalo beautiful by maintaining your property.

The current budget was amended to include money to resurface the tennis courts in preparation of the skateboard park, which means that the first phase of the park will be built this summer. We are still accepting votes from future users, so send your kids over to City Hall to vote of what they would like the park to contain. This amendment also reinstated the Buffalo Ambulance annual subsidy to \$7,000 and will remain at that level as long as the ambulance remains in Buffalo.

Finally, Council approved a pay increase for the 2 part time DPW employees, were offered a DPW ride along program so Council members could gain a greater understanding of the work that Public Works performs, authorized the Community Center to replace their HVAC unit, and approved the Low Water Crossing Bridge. We installed our new Accounting/Utility Billing/Payroll system on May 10. It's pretty exciting and will provide capabilities that the current system does not include. For example – the new software has cash-flow analysis which will allow us to maximize our investments. This is a big step forward for our office.

Have a great June and don't forget to enjoy Buffalo Day!
Bill Bowers
City Clerk
clerk@buffaloiowa.org

The Free Clothing hours are:

Wednesdays 9:30-12

And Thursday evenings 5-7.

If you have items to donate call 381-1571,
381-3578, or 381-1573.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

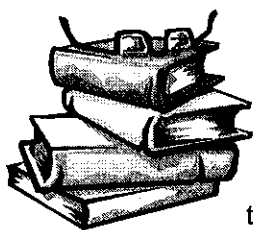
When did the Hawkeye Button Co. come to Buffalo?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Captain Blair built the freight house on April 11, 1903, and he removed it in Spring of 1911.

Buffalo Alumni-Student Banquet September 22, 2007

Plans are currently being made for the Alumni-Student Banquet. It will be held at the Buffalo Community Center on Sept. 22, 2007. Those graduating from or students that attended the school while it was local are cordially invited to attend. As usual, the Alumni and previous attendees will receive their reservations in the mail in early June. Those who attended the school but not the banquet in the past are encouraged to watch this paper for a reservation blank. The banquet is held every three years, for those that are not familiar with it. Supper will be served by reservation and a dance is held after supper. Those who were attendees of the first several years of Graduates will be honored, as will those classes that have attained their 50 Year Anniversaries since the Reunion in 2004. You are also encouraged to send along a biography that will appear in the Booklet for the attendees. This usually lists your name, address, occupation or retirement, spouse, children's names, and number of grandchildren. Attendance for this is not mandatory, but if you want a copy of the book; there will be a charge for it and postage to be announced later. Members of the committee are Annette Rickeberg, Helen Joiner, Bonnie Cooley, Margaret Bartels, and Betty Ann Upshaw. As stated the Banquet is in the planning stage and no information or reservations can be accepted until after the initial mailing of reservations and insertion of reservation blank. Thank you



Buffalo Library News

May 2007:

More new things:
Check out the new sign out front!
Thanks to David Davis for a terrific job.

Watch for the unveiling of our new outdoor furniture for the courtyard, coming later this summer. The bench and swing were part of the library refurbishing last Fall, and will be installed soon.

QuadLink, the system that links all Quad City Area libraries together, is now 'PrairieCATs', a library network that includes all of Illinois. This means you have access to even more books, all of which you can have delivered to your Buffalo Library!

Kids! The Summer Reading Program starts May 29. The theme is 'Get a Clue at Your Library'. Earn prizes by being a detective in your Library. Come by to sign up. While you're at it, sign up for "Books for Bikes", an area-wide program that offers kids a chance to win a brand new bicycle, or other prizes. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win. Last year, one of our Buffalo patrons won a bike, and appeared on Paula Sands Live. This year, it could be you!

Preschool Story Hour continues, every Wednesday, 10:00 am. Bring your youngsters, for stories and a craft.

Read to Succeed! Make the Library a part of your family routine! When you visit the park or the ball diamonds, include a stop at the Library, to see what's new.

Our hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, then 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to Noon

Phone: 381-1797

- Cindy Mosier, Branch Associate

SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT AT THE BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL CONNIE at 381-3967

OR Don 381-1730

RECEPTIONS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

ANNIVERSARIES

GRADUATIONS

FAMILY REUNIONS

BINGO EVERY MONDAY

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00

BINGO STARTS AT 6:00

Flea Market

2nd Sunday of each Month 9am-3pm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

C.W. & Delores Scott	May 29
Frank & Lila Deierling	June 1
Stan & Bonnie Cooley	June 2
Daryl & Leota Buffington	June 12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

John Edward Wiese	-May 16
Ferdinand Bald (93)	May 19
Teresa Plett	May 19
Terry Adams	May 26
Ryan Larson	June 5
Judy Hammons	June 12



BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, May 17th at 6:30. Check out our Historical Society link on the Buffalo Web Page! Visit our beautiful Buffalo ominously mounted outside Museum! Our Museum is open on Sundays from 1-4 pm.



Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Committee will be meeting the first Wednesday of each Month. If you are interested, call the City Hall at 381-2226 or email clerk@buffaloiowa.org for more information. We are planning a Community picnic in June. Come to our next meeting for more details.

FOOD VENDORS WANTED FOR BUFFALO DAY.

THERE IS NO CHARGE!

PLEASE CONTACT DANA AT 381-3245,
CHRIS 381-8074, OR CITY HALL 381-2226

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Supper Club will be held on May 24, 4-7. We will be serving Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, dessert, and beverage. The Cabinets are in the new addition. Countertops and plumbing are next to be done, this week. The Yard sale at the Church was a great success. The June dinner will be in the new addition. We hope everyone will come and celebrate with us. It will be a very special occasion for all of us!

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF DAVENPORT

The Browns will be singing on June 17, 2007 at First Christian Church of Davenport located on 15th and LeClaire Streets. The singing family is from LeMar, Iowa. Their gospel music will inspire as well as entertain you. The family consists of Mom, two daughters and two sons. Dad runs the sound system and bus. If you were able to attend the Eastern Iowa Light & Power annual meeting last September, the Browns were the headliners for entertainment. They have performed at Branson, MO, Shipshewanna, IN, and many State fairs. Proceeds from the concert will benefit "Our House." This is a daycare center for children at risk sponsored by First Christian Church.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling Jane Bancks at 563-381-2694. See you there!

BUFFALO HISTORY 101

Buffalo purchased the huge safe in the former Town Hall from the Daily Times on November 6, 1911 at the cost of \$100.00. It remains in the Buffalo Museum today

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A DUNK TANK FOR BUFFALO DAY! IF YOU KNOW OF ONE (CHEAP) PLEASE CALL CHRIS 381-8074.

BUFFALO DAY

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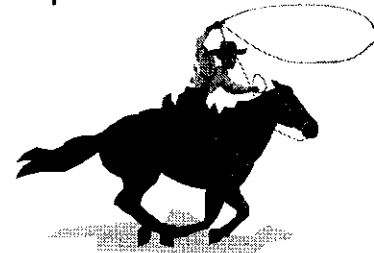
Saturday

JUNE 30TH THIS YEAR!

THEME:

How the West Was Won!
The Next Buffalo Day planning meeting is Wednesday May 16th 7:00pm

Get Roped in to Volunteering!



Call Chris at 381-8074 or Dana at 381-3245

Parade 10:00 am

Baking Contest

Mechanical Bull

Calf Roping Game

Bingo

Horse Shoes

Talent Show 1:00

Call Jinnie Riley 381-4889

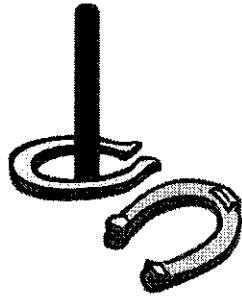
Dance 5-9

Fireworks at Dusk

ZIEGLER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NEW ERA

The Fiddler On The Roof will be presented on Saturday, May 19, Sunday, May 20, Friday May 25, Saturday May 26, and Sunday May 27 in the New Era Community Building at 3455 New Era Road in Rural Muscatine. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. They can be ordered by calling: Maxine Stark at 563-263-5255; Nancy Henke at 563-263-0881; or Maria Masi at 563-381-1161. Reservations are necessary.

HORSE SHOE
TOURNAMENT
ON
BUFFALO DAY



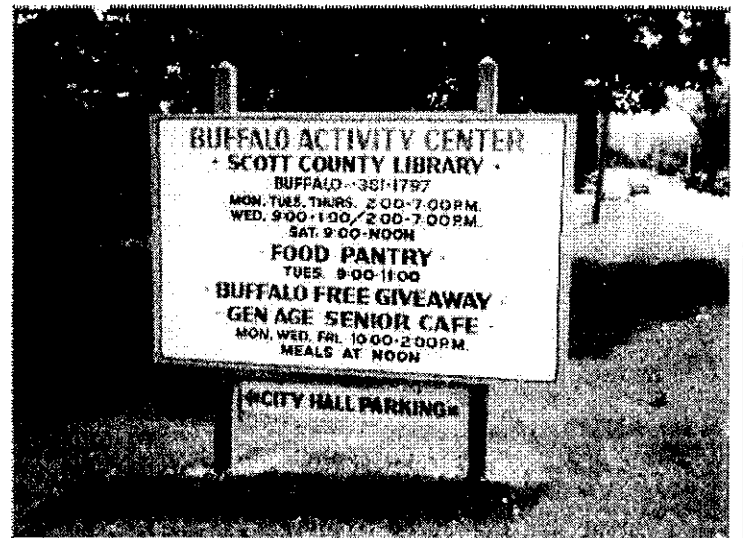
CONTACT DAVE STICKROD
ON OR BEFORE JUNE 27TH
TO SIGN UP
381-4814

ROLL OF HONOR

Joanne Weintraut of Blue Grass was honored as the 2006 Volunteer of the Year by the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities area at a luncheon for disaster volunteers March 19, 2007 at the Red Cross Chapter in Moline. She will be officially recognized at the annual Red Cross meeting held at Stoney Creek Inn in Moline on May 23rd.

Joanne retired in 2002 as circulation manager of *The Catholic Messenger* newspaper and began volunteering for the buffalo Food Pantry before volunteering for the Red Cross in September 2004. The Red Cross Chapter, which serves six counties in eastern Iowa and western Illinois and has around 1,000 volunteers, recognized Joanne for giving generously of her time and talent. "She's very compassionate. She's very thorough. She does excellent follow-through," said Gary Shivers, the chapter's Emergency Services Director. She love her work with the Red Cross and has assisted with disaster relief from local fires and floods to tornadoes and hurricanes and has traveled to the southern states to assist disaster victims. In addition, Joanne volunteers for Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) serving as a link between families and the military in conveying emergency news. Joanne is married to Jim Weintraut and has four grown children. She is a longtime member of St. Andrew parish in Blue Grass and has served as a religious education teacher and director. Joanne has a twin sister, Joyce Lindle, known as "The Banana Bread Lady," who also has given generously to the Red Cross by baking and selling banana bread as a fund-raiser.

SEE THE NEW SIGN AT
THE BUFFALO ACTIVITY CENTER!



**Mobile Phones Blamed for
Mass Bee Desertion**

By Michael Leapman

Herald Sun, Australia, 4/21/07

Mobile phones have been blamed for the mysterious disappearance of millions of bees, and bees play a vital role in both agriculture and horticulture.

In the U.S, the commercial bee population has declined by about two-thirds because of an epidemic known as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), where nearly all the bees in a hive suddenly desert it.

The condition is spreading to Europe, with leading English bee-keeper John Chapple reporting that 232 of his 40 hives in the London area have been deserted.

The theory is that signals from mobile phones interfere with the bees' natural radar, the built-in satellite navigation systems that guide them home to the hive, however far they have flown in their quest for pollen.

A German researcher has found that bees refuse to return to their hive when mobile phones are placed alongside it.

Lost and disoriented, they die. The result is abandoned hives, a possible honey shortage and, most gravely, a lack of pollinators for our flowers and crops

So next time you are tempted to phone your partner from the train, announcing you will be home for tea at the usual time, you might be diverting a swarm of bees to their doom.



Dana Jo and Chad Pregracke
FROM THE BOTTOM UP:

One Man's Crusade to Clean America's Rivers

Since his boyhood staring at the Mississippi river through his kitchen window in East Moline, Ill., Chad Pregracke has had a symbiotic relationship with the Big River. As a teen he worked the Mississippi as a shell diver, and it was then that Pregracke noticed the garbage in the water and on the shore. From bottles to refrigerators, tractors to tires, the Great Mississippi was becoming a dumping ground for locals who discarded their trash and turned their backs. So Pregracke decided to do something about it—one piece of garbage and one river at a time. Now a book has been written to tell of his tales. Mark your Calendars for the 2007 Barge Party, to be held Thursday August 16 at Lake Davenport Sailing Club, River Drive & Oneida Streets in Davenport.

(the above is an excerpt written by Alison Reeves to be published in the National Geographic)



**TALENT SHOW
 ON
 BUFFALO DAY!**

Donations for prizes are requested from local businesses.

CONTACT Jinnie Riley for details: 381-4889

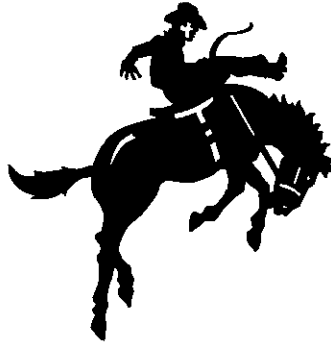
Wild West: 1865-1889

While the Eastern United States was beginning to experience the Second Industrial Revolution (which started around 1871), the frontier was beginning to fill up with people. In the early days of the wild west, a great deal of the land was in the public domain, open both to livestock raising as open range and to homesteading. Throughout much of the Old West, there was little to no local law enforcement, and the military had only concentrated presence at specific locations. Buffalo hunters, railroad workers, drifters and soldiers scrapped and fought, leading to the shootings where men died "with their boots on."

In the towns, state houses, dance halls and saloons catered to the Texas cattle drive trade. The historic Chisholm Trail was used for cattle drives. The trail ran for 800 miles (1,290 km) from south Texas to Abilene, Kansas, and was used from 1867 to 1887 to drive cattle northward to the railhead of the Kansas Pacific Railway, where they were shipped eastward. Cattle rustling was a sometimes serious offense and was always a hazard for the expeditions. It could result in the rustler's lynching by vigilantes (but most stories of this type are fictional). Mexican rustlers were a major issue during the American Civil War, with the Mexican government being accused of supporting the habit. Texans likewise stole cattle from Mexico, swimming them across the Rio Grande.

Wild Bill Hickok

After the Civil War, Wild Bill Hickok became an army scout and a professional gambler. Hickok's killing of Whistler the Peacemaker with a long range rifle shot had influence in preventing the Sioux from uniting to resist the settler incursions into the Black Hills. In 1876, Calamity Jane settled in the area of Deadwood, South Dakota, in the Black Hills region where she was close friends with Wild Bill Hickok and Charlie Utter, all having traveled in Utter's wagon train. Jane later claimed to have been married to Hickok and that Hickok was the father of her child; however, this story is viewed with skepticism. On August 2, 1876, while playing poker in Deadwood (then part of the Dakota Territory but on Indian land), Hickok could not find an empty seat in the corner where he always sat in order to protect himself against sneak attacks from behind, and he instead sat with his back to the door; unfortunately, his previous caution proved wise, since he was shot in the back of the head with a double-action .45 caliber revolver by Jack McCall. The motive for the killing is still debated. It is claimed that, at the time of his death, Hickok held a pair of aces and a pair of eights, with all cards black; this has since been called a "dead man's hand".



◆**BUFFALO DAY PARADE**◆

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH 2007

10:00 am

PARADE PARTICIPATION WELCOMED

NO ENTRY FEE-INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

THEME- BUFFALO: HOW THE WEST WAS WON

Categories

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Local Business (Buffalo) | 12. Classic or Modified Autos |
| 2. Youth Float | 13. Individual Equine Rider (youth) |
| 3. Adult Float | 14. Individual Equine Rider (over 14) |
| 4. Theme Float | 15. Equine Riding Group |
| 5. Masonic Units | 16. Equine Driving Team |
| 6. Musical Units | 17. Equine Driving Cart (single) |
| 7. Marching/Walking | 18. City Utility Vehicles (Fire, Pol, Amb.) |
| 8. Tractors / Mowers | |
| 9. Bike/Skates/Skate Boards | - |
| 10. Pet | |
| 11. Organization | |

Participation Ribbons to all entrants. Wooden Buffalo Plaques for 1st Places.

Line up and Entry Numbers on **Oak St. Behind Shell at 9:30 am.**

Parade Route: East down Front Street to Dodge, then north to Park.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

PARADE UNIT ENTRY (KEEP PARADE MOVING)

RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

RETURN TO: DANA JO SMITH, 806 FRANKLIN ST. BUFFALO, IA 52728

PHONE: 381-3245, 381-8074 OR DROP OFF AT **CITY HALL**, OR SHOW UP ON PARADE DAY!

CATEGORY SELECTED _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PARADE UNIT _____ APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF UNIT _____

PERSON IN CHARGE OF PARADE UNIT _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 MAY	14 BINGO GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC P&Z MTG 7:00	15	16 BUFF DAY MTG 7:00 GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC FREE CLOTHES	17 Hist mtg 6:30 Free clothes Clean-up	18 GEN AGE CAFÉ/ Clean-up	19 Clean-up
20	21 BINGO GA CAFÉ	22	23 GENAGE CAFÉ FREE CLTHS	24 CLC DINNER Free clothes 5-7	25 GEN AGE CAFÉ	26
27	28 BINGO GA CAFE	29 MAY Comm Center mtg 6:30	30 GEN AGE CAFÉ FREE CLOTHES	31 Free clothes 5-7	1 JUNE G.A. CAFE	2
3	4 BINGO CITY COUNCIL MTG 7PM	5	6 G.A. CAFÉ Free Clothes 9-12 NHW 7:00 pm	7 Free clothes 5-7	8 G.A. CAFÉ	9
10 Flea Market	11 G.A. CAFE BINGO	12	13 G.A. CAFE Free CLOTHES 9-12	14 Free clothes 5-7	15 G.A. CAFE	16 SAT

If you have submissions to the paper, you may e-mail to: CHRISC2865@MSN.COM. Or call Chris Carson 381-8074, or Dana Smith 381-3245 Please use "BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE" as the subject line

ALL BUFFALO BUSINESS ADS WILL BE FREE!

WE WANT TO PROMOTE THE BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWN AND IN TURN PROMOTE OUR TOWN! WE WILL PLACE ADS IN PAPER AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE. IF SPACE RUNS SHORT, WE WILL ROTATE ADS. WE WILL BE AS FAIR AS WE CAN. Paper distributed on 15th of month.

***ALSO, please accept our apology for any errors that may appear in this issue.**

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BINGO EVERY MONDAY

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00

BINGO STARTS AT 6:00

Flea Markets Scheduled

For 2nd Sunday of each Month 9am-3pm

Call Don Ghrist 381-1730 for info.