

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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Rural Pearl of the Month: It's hard to put a Foot in a Closed Mouth.

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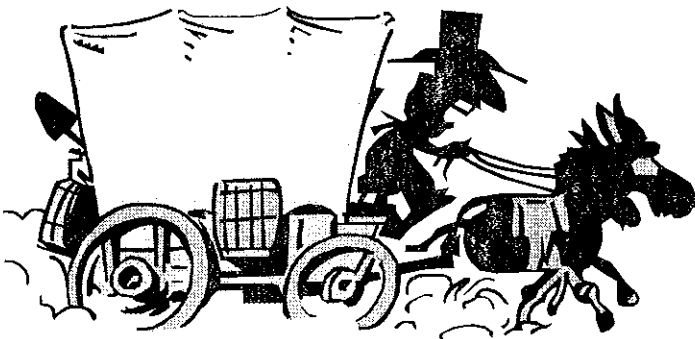
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MONTHLY

BUFFALO OR BUST!



Western THEME

The event will be TWO days this year to celebrate
Buffalo's 175th Birthday!

July 4th and 5th

Fireworks will be on the 4th!

Parade on the 5th?

If you have ideas of Theme related activities, or would
like to help in planning, please contact City Hall
381-2226

**Our Next Meeting will be held February 13
at 6:00 pm**

Please join us with your ideas!



BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 1,246 man hours responding to 246 emergency calls in 2007. We responded to 168 EMS calls, 26 structure Fires, 6 grass fires, 2 Vehicle Fires, 13 Vehicle Accidents, 8 Boat Rescue Calls and 23 Miscellaneous calls. The members also preformed 288 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crews.

Well another year has come and gone. 2007 was a busy year for the BVFD with our call volume 20% higher than our 5 year average of 222. We also had Engine 1 completely refurbished and took delivery of a new (used) aerial truck. We took on 3 new members in 2007, Louie Sheffler, Jake Moore and Dustin Gau.

As 2008 rolls in, we, at the BVFD, would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief

Buffalo Hair Design

Dodge St.

Buffalo, Ia. 52728

Mon. Wed. Fri. 9-6

Saturday 9-1

381-4484

Regina Guizar



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN THE
SPRING!**

CLERK'S CORNER

Brrrrrrrrr ~ wow its cold today. After that "heat" wave of the past week, I sure am spoiled and am ready for summer...

Council is taking another shot at the West End Curb and Gutter Program. Last year Council requested bids for this project, but all bids were higher than expected and Council did not want to spend money they did not have.

This project has been scaled back and should be affordable this year. The storm sewers have been engineered and sized for future expansion. The State of Iowa shares fuel taxes with the City for road maintenance. Engineering estimates for the WECGP are \$300,000 so this project has a great chance of being completed this summer. Bids are to be opened, the public hearing held, and the contract awarded at the March meeting.

Other Council action in January included approving the Community Center Liquor License for 2008, directing staff to review options for the sidewalk along Front Street, approved the Mayoral Appointments to Committees, and reappointed me as the City Clerk for 2 more years.

During the January meeting we had some residents appear during Public Input to discuss the snow plowing within the City. This conversation made me realize that I have not done a good job in helping our residents understand how Council, meetings, and agendas all work. Each month I'll try to explain more about how we operate (or don't) and the best way to communicate with us. Iowa has an open meetings law which states that Council must have an agenda prepared and can *only* discuss what is on the agenda. The reason for this is to allow all residents the opportunity to review what will be discussed to decide if they want to attend to make their feelings known. Buffalo also has a "Public Input" part of the meeting ~ the chance for residents to speak about anything with Council. Items may be discussed at this point in the meeting, but no actions may be taken.

The residents wanted action and discussion about the snow plowing but Council could not because it was not on the agenda. During the conversation with the residents, they expressed frustration that they did not know that items had to be on the agenda to be discussed. If you ever have an item you want to discuss with Council, please contact a Council member, the Mayor, or myself. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tanna or myself.

Bill Bowers

The guy in the office

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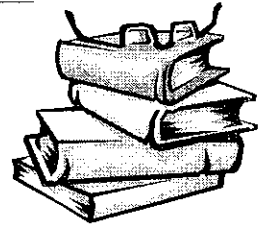
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Buffalo Library News January 2008



Story Hour and the Daycare outreach are back up and running after a holiday break! Cindy will visit Kountry Kidz on January 15, and Story Hour at the Library resumes January 16. Story Hour is every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Another Teens and 'Tweens Game Night! Wednesday, January 23, 5:30 to 7:30. Enjoy refreshments and video games on the big screen!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 9! It's time again for the popular Friends of the Library Open House and Book Sale: great used books at LOW prices, door prizes, a raffle, and more. Proceeds benefit your Buffalo Library. Watch for details.

Library QuotEL "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

— *Emilie Buchwald*

Library 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



2008

Baseball & Softball Sign-Ups

When: January 26th
Where: BAC Gym
Time: 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

It is that time of the year again!!
Baseball, Baseball and more Baseball!!!
We hope to see you all at sign-ups.

Prices for sign-ups:

- Majors- \$35.00 = 11-12 yr. olds
- Minors- \$35.00 = 9-10 yr. olds
- Coach Pitch- \$30.00 = 7-8 yr. olds
- Tee-Ball- \$20.00 = 5-6 yr. olds

We will have shirts and pants to try on at sign-ups, hopefully this will help us to order uniforms sooner.

Also this year Southwest Little League has a cut off date to sign-up. That date is MARCH 1st. If your child is not signed up by that date he or she will go on a players list to fill other towns teams and may not play for Buffalo.

Hope to see you January 26th!

A Special Birthday wish to Harold Clearman. He will be 94 years old on January 25th. This submitted by Richard (son-in-law) and Gennie (daughter) Atkinson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Janę Gadzięk-January 15
- Debbie Guęnthęr-January 16
- Jolyn Rudęn-January 17
- Ray Farlęy-January 18
- Amę Carlson - January 19
- Huntęr Mullanęck-January 19
- Kelly Shefflęr January 20
- Jęan Męad January 21
- Bonnię Coolęy-January 22
- Robert Rudęn-January 22
- Ryan Riędęsel-January 24
- Harold.D. Clearman-January 25 (94)
- Leota Bollman-January 25
- Karęn Hass-January 26
- Genę Męyer- February 27
- Richard Hawkins-January 27
- Bill Carson-January 29
- Cathy Stowę-February 3
- James Mathys-February 4
- Bud LaMar-February 4
- Betty Mangęls February 6
- Chris Carson-February 8
- Viola Loyd- February 9
- Nancy Stalder-February 10
- Leo Riley-February 12
- Glęn Carson-February 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mikki & Jim Judge January 19th

If you would like to see yours or your loved ones' Birthday or Anniversary in here, please email the info to Chris at Chris2865@msn.com, or call 381-8074.

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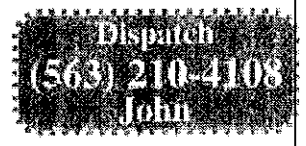


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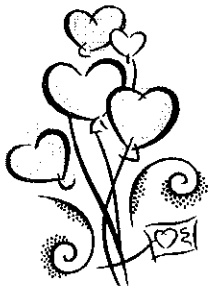
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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Supper Club will be held on

January 24, 4-7. We will be serving Fried Chicken, Green Beans, potatoes, with desserts, and beverages.

Come join us!

FROM WALCOTT SCHOOL PCN

(Parent Communication Network)

Walcott PCN is similar to PTA except that we provide activities for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from Blue Grass, Buffalo and Walcott that attend Walcott Intermediate School. On Friday, March 7, 2008 we are hosting a combination dance and activities night for our students from 6-8 pm in the school cafeteria in conjunction with the elementary school's Fun Night.

Some of the evening's activities include: dancing, games, food, drinks and door prizes!

Last year, we had almost 200 students in attendance and every student went home with a door prize! Our goal this year is to send every student home with a prize again! Some of the gifts were CD players, a wide variety of gift cards, movies or rental certificates, cash, West High School Spirit Wear and MUCH MORE!

We are extending an invitation to ALL Blue Grass, Buffalo, Walcott and surrounding area businesses and individuals to participate in this event for our kids. If you would prefer making a monetary donation, we will take care of purchasing the prizes for you. Please feel free to contact Tina Gipple @ 381-3731, Lynne Leacox @ 381-4602 or by mail to: Walcott PCN, 545 E. James, Walcott, IA 52773. Thank you for your support!

Tina Gipple
Walcott PCN

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Historical Society Reminder! The Buffalo Historical Society will be open by appointment only from December 16 to March 2, 2008. Appointments are available between the hours of 1 PM to 3 PM. You may contact

Annette Rickeberg 381-4096 or

Chris Carson 381-8074 to arrange appointments. Meetings will resume again March 20, 2008. We would love to see more residents purchase a membership! We would also like to see younger people get involved. There will be plenty of opportunity to take part in 2008 as we will be turning the former parking area to the east of the Historical Society into a green space. We have plans to make it an area the town can be proud of. Also, we have started discussion on how we can make the towns 175 th Birthday, which occurs in 2008 special, and we always welcome ideas; so do come and take part!

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What year did the Town of Buffalo annex West to the Muscatine county line?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

The Church Bell that was rung every morning, noon, and evening in 1908 was the Church Bell of St. Peter's Catholic Church.



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SNOW

December was the 8th on record for the most snowfall in this area. Although there may have been some mornings with some slick spots, for the most part our public works employees did a great job keeping the roads safe. Please let them know you appreciate their hard work when you see them.



FREE CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The two-room free clothing shop at the Buffalo Activity Center has done a wonderful job for the community. They gave a record 41,646 items away in 2007. They have improved it to make the clothes, shoes, and many other items easy to find and user friendly. It is open 3 days a week now: Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 9-12, and Thursday 5-7 pm. The community is honored to have such devoted volunteers. This is one of the things that make Buffalo the great little river town that it is.

Thanks so much ladies,
Dana Jo

"BUFFALO OR BUST"

Buffalo Days are July 4th and 5th. This is our 175th year & we are looking into getting real Buffalo Wooden Nickels. We will have the band, fireworks, and other fun events. You do not want to miss this!

If you have a special design to submit for the wooden nickel, please come to the next meeting on

February 13 at 6:00 pm.

The parade will be the biggest and the best ever! The Pony Express Rider with the saddle bags used in the 90 mile Pony Express Race held in 1975-76 will be there. There will be many parade categories. Let everyone know.

COME TO THE MEETING!

Annette Wrage will be teaming up with Dana Jo to help organize the parade this year!

Watch this paper for more details.

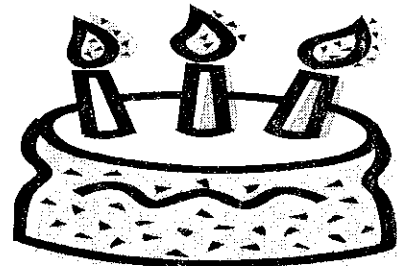
COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you see a problem, put it in writing and give it to a council member to be put on the council agenda. This way, anyone else interested in this topic can come to the meeting and voice their opinion. The agenda is always posted at City Hall, by Library, the Post Office, and the Bank. Please review it.

Thanks,
Dana Jo

BUFFALO HISTORY 101

Gil Wilhenson & Co. erected a glassworks in Buffalo in 1874. It was sold to a group of Buffalo men in 1876. It was then sold to DeSteiger & Co. of LaSalle, IL in 1880. Soon after, it was discontinued, as the grade of sand here was found to be of poor quality for glass making. The Factory stood between the alley and 2nd Street, West of Franklin Street.



Thank You

Bertha Hutchison would like to thank all that attended, or thought of her on her 90th Birthday.

Her party on Sunday December 30th was a fun time had by all!

VALENTINE FACTS

Cupid is a symbol of Valentine's Day. Cupid was associated with Valentine's Day because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine cards and gift tokens holding a bow and arrows as he is believed to use magical arrows to arouse feelings of love.

In America, the pilgrims used to send confections, such as sugar wafers, marzipan, sweetmeats and sugar plums, to their affianced. Lot of value was placed on these gifts because they included what was then a rare product, sugar. After the late 1800's, beet sugar became widely used and more available, and sweet gifts continued to be cherished and enjoyed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 JANUARY	14 BINGO GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC	15	16 GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC FREE CLOTHES	17 Free clothes	18 GEN AGE CAFÉ/	19
20	21 BINGO MLK GA CAFÉ	22	23 GENAGE CAFÉ FREE CLTHS	24 CLC DINNER 4-7 Free clothes 5-7	25 GEN AGE CAFÉ	26
27	28 BINGO GA CAFE Christmas Eve	29	30 GEN AGE CAFÉ FREE CLOTHES	31 Free clothes 5-7	1 FEBRUARY G.A. CAFE	2
3	4 BINGO CITY COUNCIL MTG 7PM	5	6 G.A. CAFÉ Free Clothes 9-12	7 Free clothes 5-7	8 G.A. CAFÉ	9
10	11 G.A. CAFE BINGO	12	13 G.A. CAFE Free CLOTHES 9-12 Buff Or Bust Mtg 6:00pm	14 Free clothes 5-7 Sweetheart's Day 🍷	15 G.A. CAFE	16

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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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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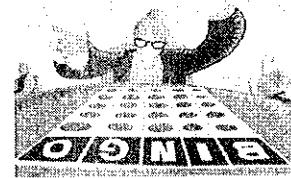
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