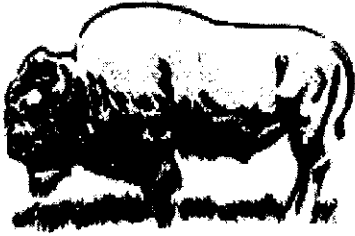

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Rural Pearl of the Month: Nothing in Fine Print is Ever Good News.

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CLERK'S CORNER

SEE OUR NEW BUFFALO OUT FRONT!



Council Actions:

Council met on July 7 and took the following actions:

Approved the liquor license renewal for Biscuits.
Authorized the first payment for the West End Curb and Gutter Project
Discussed the problem of Storm Water infiltrating into the Sanitary Sewer system. There are many solutions, but all cost a fair amount of money. City Engineer Leo Foley was directed to analyze alternatives.

Council also approved the 1st reading of 3 ordinances – 1 deals with doors at taverns, the second with minors in taverns, and the 3rd regulates outdoor service areas.

Council will meet July 16 to discuss the State Financial Audit.

The garbage guys will start an hour earlier starting July 15 through the end summer. People should have their trash out at 6 am.

Bill Bowers
The Guy in the Office
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BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 593 man hours responding to 38 emergency calls in June. We responded to 19 EMS calls, 1 Structure Fire, and 18 miscellaneous calls for a trash fire, dumpster fire. Diesel spill and 15 flood related calls. The members also performed 22 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crews.

Like many of the citizens in the lower part of town, the BVFD spent most of the month of June, preparing, battling and cleaning up from the flood of '08. We spent 450 man-hours on official flood related calls and countless additional hours off of the clock (so to speak). We pumped approximately 65,000 gallons of water from basements and behind sandbag walls and an additional 102,000 gallons for cleanup after the waters went down. I would like to personally thank the members of the BVFD for their dedication and tireless efforts during this unfortunate event dealt by mother nature.

According to the National Weather Service, a river stage, at Lock and Dam 16, of 22' or higher is considered the 100 year flood level. I must be getting old, because this was the fourth one I have been through (1965, 1993, 2001, 2008). Maybe now that it is over we can get life back to normal and enjoy the rest of the summer months.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society Meetings are the third Thursday of the month, next meeting July 17th, 6:30 pm.



The Museum will be open on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS NEEDS MENTORS IN BUFFALO, IOWA

The children of Buffalo need your

friendship and guidance.

At the present time, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley has a school-based mentoring program in Buffalo Elementary.

In school-based mentoring, the mentor and child meet two to four times a month at the child's school during lunch. They eat together, play games, read books, do puzzles, or just sit and talk.

"The best part about school-based mentoring is that it's easy for busy people to fit into their schedules," says Big Brothers Big Sisters' School-based Program Director Emily Jepsen. "After all, you've got to eat lunch. Why not help out a local kid at the same time?"

Just half an hour a week is enough to bring about dramatic and long-lasting changes in a child's life. Studies have shown that one-to-one youth mentoring can improve a child's self-confidence, school performance, and relationships with others, while reducing delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, and teen pregnancy. "We are especially in need of male volunteers," Jepsen says. "So many boys in our area are growing up without fathers. All that each of these boys needs is a man to spend some time with – someone who will take an interest in his life."

For more information about how you can make a difference in a child's life, call Emily Jepsen at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, at (888) 822 - 2447.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Supper Club will be held on July 24th, 4-7. We will be serving Maid Rites, Jumbo Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, baked beans, with desserts, and beverages. Come join us!

Buffalo Library News

July 2008

Summer Fun: Eighty-six kids are reading their way through the summer in the Summer Reading Program, "Catch the Reading Bug"! There's still time to sign up – see Cindy soon!



Tuesday, July 15, is BUILD-A-BUG day. Create your favorite bug, or invent one. Come check it out.

Come by the Library anytime to have fun with the Great Bug Hunt! Every Wednesday, there's a new bug of the week. Search for it in the Library. Find it, and win a prize. Fun for all ages!

Resource: Check out another great library bonus: The BookPage tabloid. This monthly 'newspaper' is full of reviews, articles, author interviews and publishing news. Find out what your favorite author has coming out. Browse sections like Romance, Whodunit, Children's Books, or Cooking to discover new things to read. Scan the "Book Clubs" column for reading-group material. The July issue features an interview with author Joyce Carol Oates, a review of six new books about China, and a 2-page spread of books for 'summer reading'. If you like to read, pick up a new copy of BookPage every month at your Buffalo Library. Of course it's free!

Thank You! A huge 'thanks' to the Yoder family, for their donation of several dozen beautiful children's books and puzzles! They are greatly appreciated.

Always available:

Story Hour, every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Stories and a craft, for preschoolers and up.

Books, magazines, CD's, DVD's – from any library in the area.

Library Quote: "The best of my education has come from the public library. My tuition fee is a bus fare and once in a while, five cents for an overdue book. You don't need to know very much to start with, if you know the way to the public library." - *Lesley Conger*

- Cindy Mosier, Branch Associate

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Eaglson July 17
Lila Dzierling (80!!)	July 18
Jan Heilmann	July 20
Karen Bernauer	July 20
Jan Carson	July 22
Joe Bernauer	July 27
Tara Anderson	August 1
Cindy Mosier	August 1
David Egger	August 3
Steve Teel	August 4
Lynn Kinkennon	August 8
Jim Rogiers	August 13

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Tracey & Jim Rogiers	July 20
Delores & Otto Olsen	July 24
Darrell & Jan Heilmann	August 1
Dwain & Leota Bollman	August 8

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Chad Pragracke and Living Lands & Waters Celebrate Eleven Year with Barge Party!

Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) will host its annual Barge Party at the Lake Davenport Sailing Club on River Drive and Oneida Street in Davenport on Thursday, August 14 from 5:30pm to 9pm. Tickets for this celebration are available now at \$35.00 per person on www.livinglandsandwaters.org. Chad Pragracke and his Living Lands and Waters staff and crew are celebrating eleven years of river clean-ups, environmental education workshops, river forest restoration projects and now the "Million Tree Project". Visit the website for more info.

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BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH


Where did the Buffalo Bank begin business before moving into their new building on July 28, 1909?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

A Council Meeting was held in Washington Hall to buy a grave yard on July 8, 1871.

Buffalo History 101

Work on public streets in 1898 was 15¢ per hour per man and a man and team of horses was 35¢ per hour.



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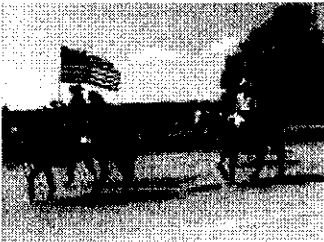
We celebrated our 175th Birthday this past July 4th and 5th. Many participated and had a great time!

1st Place Parade winners were:

- Category 1) Local Business- Negus Family
- Category 2) Youth Float- Sam Carlson Baseball team
- Category 3) Adult Float- David Novak
- Category 4) Theme Float- Dana Smith
- Category 5) Masonic Units- Kabba Temple-stunt car



- Category 6) Musical Units- Sue Stalder on bagpipes
- Category 7) Marching Units- Kimberly Sprague
- Category 8) Tractors/mowers- Buffalo Historical Society
- Category 9) Bikes/Skates/Skateboards- no entry
- Category 10) Pets- Dana Smith
- Category 11) Organization- Buffalo Friends Church
- Category 12) Classic Car- Jim Benes
- Category 13) Ind Equine Rider(youth)- Kimberly Sprague
- Category 14) Indiv. Equine Rider (+14) no entry
- Category 15) Equine Riding Group- Steve Thornton w/ Echo Bluff Ranch



- Category 16) Equine Driving Team- no entry
- Category 17) Equine Driving cart- Cheyenne Theissen
- Category 18) City Vehicles- Chuck Shreves



Unclaimed trophies are available at City Hall.



BAKING CONTEST WINNERS

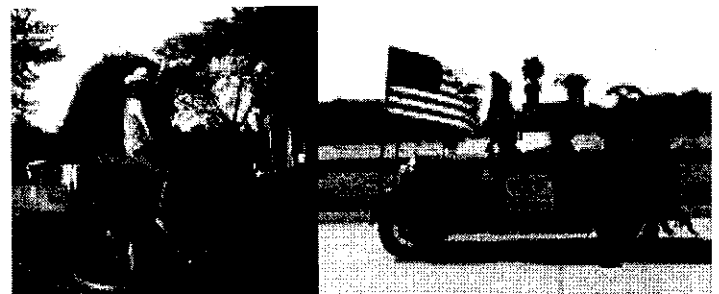
Stephanie & Missy Bozarth took first place in all three categories: They had delicious Apple Cinnamon Rice Crisp (pies), Rhubarb/Strawberry Cheesecake (cakes), and Blintze (cookies) Other delicious entries included Chocolate chip cookies from Lois Shreves, No-bake chocolate oatmeal cookies from Cheryl Meador, Pecan crunch apple pie and turtle bars from Anna Theissen, Dark Chocolate Amaretto cake by Cheyenne Theissen, and Cherry Tart by Bobby Freeman.



Above: baking contest judges hard at work

Many people won prizes in the raffle drawing: Jeff Moore won the small lying Buffalo, and Mildred Meador won the Eagle. There were many other prizes not claimed at the park. They are at City Hall. Winners have been called to collect. Unclaimed prizes will be published in next month's paper.

The Historical Tour was a big hit. This was provided by the Buffalo Historical Society.



Sherrie Scott Rides um' Cowgirl!

Thank you all who donated, volunteered, bought raffle tickets, or whatever your contribution was to make Buffalo Days a Success! It couldn't be done without you!

Buffalo celebrates 175th birthday

By Tamara Fudge
QUAD-CITY TIMES

BUFFALO, Iowa — This small town of 1,300 on the northern banks of the Mississippi River can claim to be the "first settlement in Scott County."

At 175 years, no other town in the county, not even Davenport next door, can count as many years in its history.

Still cleaning up after major flooding last month, the town hosted its parade heralding the "Buffalo or Bust" 175th anniversary on Saturday.

Moving down Front Street, the parade included police and fire vehicle sirens, the wail of bagpipes from Blackhawk Pipes and Drums, horses and ponies, and children dressed in pioneer garb alongside a goat-driven cart. Candy was thrown to anxious young parade-goers and Iowa state Sen. David Hartsuch rode a Segway to greet the crowds.

The two-day Buffalo Days also hosted a flea market, children's games, a bake-off, fire-

TOUCHED BY TRAGEDY

■ In 1906, a freight train left the I&M Rail Link tracks that run through Buffalo, Iowa, hitting the train depot and killing a 6-year-old girl.

■ Buffalo school teacher Ora Pearl Vance was murdered by her jealous ex-husband, Edward Vance, who then drowned himself in the Mississippi River in 1924.

LEARN MORE

The Buffalo Historical Society museum is located in the Old Town Hall at 409 3rd St. and is open Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Source: Buffalo Historical Society

works Saturday night and even a buffalo chip tossing contest.

Residents have a lot to celebrate as Buffalo, Iowa, has a long and rich history.

Captain Benjamin Clark laid claim to the land there in June 1833 and began planning the town, a brochure at the Buffalo Historical Society headquarters says. The name "Buffalo" was chosen since a friend of Clark's was from Buffalo, N.Y.

"This was the first wooden building in the county," said historian Anna Marie Figg of a long building on Front Street between Jefferson and Main streets. Although it has been altered many times over the years, the initial structure was built in 1835 as the Clark Hotel.

Close by, Jack's Tavern was built in 1858. "My grandfather helped build it," said resident Ernest Schroeder. At first a one-story building, it now has a second floor and houses Biscuit's Bar and Grill.

By 1881, the town boasted a train depot and passenger train service.

"It was thought at one time that Buffalo might be the county seat," said Schroeder.

The river has always been important. "When I was a kid, you could see Andalusia (Ill.) across the water," said Schroeder. "On Sundays we used to row boats there to get beer."

"And we used to have showboats in the summertime," he added.

Schroeder said that up the

hill there was the James Coal Mine and an old post office. "The intersection was nicknamed 'Jintown,'" he said.

Over 100 years ago, Ferdinand Bald helped preserve history through his photography hobby.

"My grandfather was a painter and paper hanger," said historian Dorothy Adams, Ferdinand Bald's granddaughter. She explained that residents of the town would ask Bald to finish their houses and then he would take a photograph.

These glass negatives still exist, and resident Dick Abbott said that Augustana College put the images on a DVD.

At one time Buffalo had a brick factory, glassworks and seven button factories that mined shells and cut blanks to send to Muscatine, Iowa, for hole drilling.

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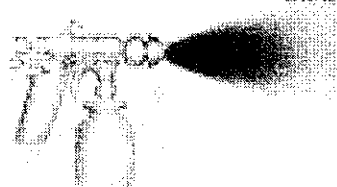
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20	21 BINGO GA CAFÉ	22 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	23 GENAGE CAFÉ FREE CLTHS	24 CLC dinner Free clothes 5-7	25 GEN AGE CAFÉ	26
27	28 BINGO GA CAFE	29 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	30 GEN AGE CAFÉ FREE CLOTHES	31 Free clothes 5-7	1 AUGUST G.A. CAFE	2
3	4 BINGO _ CITY COUNCIL MTG 7PM	5 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	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 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	13 G.A. CAFE Free CLOTHES 9-12	14 Free clothes 5-7 Barge Party	15 G.A. CAFE	16

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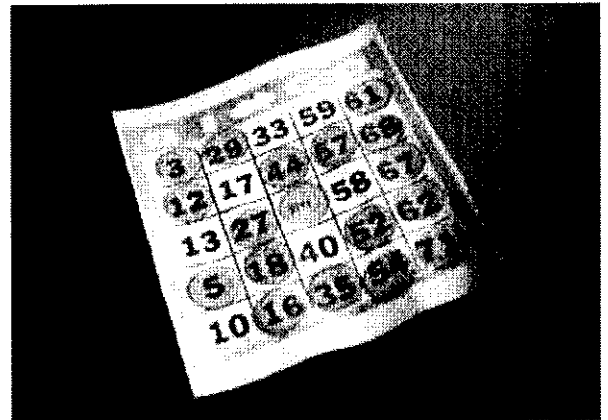
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