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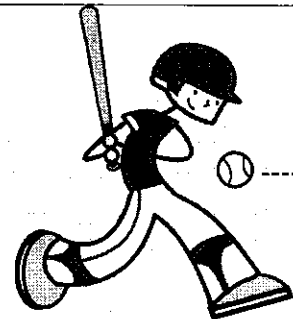
BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 42 man hours responding to 18 emergency calls in July. We responded to 12 EMS calls, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Vehicle Accident, 2 Rescue Boat Calls and a Miscellaneous call for wires down. The members also performed 22 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crews.

During August and September our Engine #1 will be going back to the factory for refurbishment. Engine #1 is 17 years old and the oldest rig in our fleet. It is in need of some minor repairs and technical upgrades. It will be taken to the Alexis Fire Equipment Co. in Alexis, Illinois. Alexis is the original manufacture and will be in charge of all of the repairs and upgrades. The cost of the refurb, which will be \$75,000, is about 25% of the cost of a new Engine. We are hoping that this investment will give Engine #1 an additional 13 years of service life, bringing it's total service to the community of 30 years. With the cost of new fire apparatus escalating to \$325,000 or more, we feel that this refurbishment meets our equipment goals as well as giving the community a cost effective alternative to fire apparatus replacement.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief



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With out the donation and support of our sponsors
our baseball league would not be what it is today.

Thank You all very much!

Also we had 6 great ball players make the All Star
teams.

Mike Lamar- 12 yr. old All Star

Skylar Kraft- 12 yr. old All Star

Andrew Bernauer- 11 yr. old All Star

Codey Pierce- 11 yr. old All Star

Zach Anderson- 10 yr. old All Star

Allison Ghrist- 10 yr. old All Star

If you see any of the kids around please
congratulate them, they all worked hard!

CLERK'S CORNER

Summer is coming to a close and the Bears are in training. Life is good!

It's been kind of a quiet month here at City Hall but like always, it's never dull.

Most of the kinks have been worked out of our new computer system. Thanks to everybody who have been patient while we make the transition complete.

Biscuits Bar and Grill was given their final approval to open and it seems that business has been pretty good. Their grand opening was August 11th and Council has given permission for Biscuits to have live entertainment and an outside area on Wednesdays and Saturdays through September 30. Biscuits expects to be opening their grill next spring.

The Skate Park is moving along although not at the pace our younger residents would prefer. Resurfacing of the tennis courts has been completed and the Park Board is working with DPW Director Dwain Bollman to get the park built. If you want to help put this together please contact us here at City Hall.

Council requested revised plans for the West End Curb and Gutter project as the initial project was too costly. Project scope will be reduced, bids requested, and Council should be in shape to authorize work late this year or early next.

We've been getting many requests from residents to review property for adherence to the Property Maintenance Code, and council approved a process to track these items. Should you wish to request a property review, forms will be available at City Hall and on our web page.

The Museum will be picking up some much needed green space, thanks to Dwain and the DPW department. DPW will remove the parking lot next to the museum and prepare the area for sod. The volunteers from the Historical Society will lay sod and use the area as an extension of the museum grounds.

Council approved Ordinance 417 which sets all penalties for delinquent utility bills at 3% per month. Previously some charges carried a penalty rate of 10% and others had none. This should be a fairer system.

City Attorney Bill McCullough has been reviewing old records to verify that the Railroad must maintain an adequate number of crossings. Council requested this inquiry because they are anxious to provide you proper access to the City beaches, which are being improved this summer with the addition of sand which is being dredged from the river.

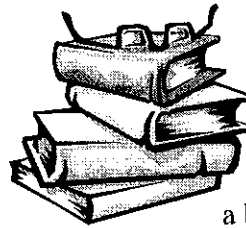
Have a great month and stay cool!

Bill Bowers

City Clerk

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Buffalo Library News

There was a lot of activity at the Buffalo Library in July. There were over 800 patron visits, and 1202 items checked out.

The Summer Reading Program was a big hit. A record 101 kids signed up, adding their names on "Library Detective" badges to our main bulletin board. Seventy eager readers finished their 10 hours of reading. Way to go!

Other activities related to the "Get A Clue" program included an "I Spy" game for the younger patrons. Each week, a different close-up photo of some object in the Library was posted on the bulletin board, and the kids could win a candy prize for locating the object. Thanks to Melissa Kordick for taking the photos and creating a colorful bulletin board display for them.

Older kids (and even a couple of adults!) solved weekly story puzzles to win a prize, and have their names entered into a drawing for the grand prize: a copy of the brand-new Harry Potter novel, supplied by the Friends of the Buffalo Library. The winner was third-grader Alex McClure. Congratulations, Alex.

Musician Andy Mason performed on July 24th, to 31 appreciative children and adults. Everyone had a good time singing and dancing along. Our thanks to LaFarge Corporation, for underwriting Andy's visit.

Story Hour has been on a brief break, but will begin again on Wednesday, September 5th, at 10:00 am. Preschool kids enjoy stories and a craft to take home.

The upcoming weeks will be just as busy: Teens and Tweens Game Nights will resume in September, as will movie showings on the drop-down big screen. Plans are to include a "grown-ups" movie night, too; your input and suggestions for that are welcome.

And as school begins, don't forget all the FREE resources your Library offers: Books, of course! A good selection is always on hand, plus, you can order books from dozens of libraries in Iowa and Illinois online and pick them up right here in Buffalo. Current magazines, DVD's, CD's, and audio books are all here. Three public computers with Internet access and print capability. Online databases, available ONLY through a library, to research that paper. And, if you're stuck on that Math problem, remember the Homework Hotline – free help for just about any age, on just about any subject, from a live online tutor.

Take advantage of your Library. Have some fun, and learn a little, too!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michelle Adams	August 19 th
Ida Roop	August 20 th
Sandy Meador	August 21 st
Steve Thornton	August 22 nd
Dorothy Bald	August 23 rd
Leslie Buffington	August 24 th
Dick Carson	August 23 rd
Ruby McCullough	August 26 th
Delores Olsen	August 29 th
Fern Sadd	September 3 rd
Rowdy Joe Smith	September 5 th
Darlene Mayers	September 7 th
Ruth Ferguson	-September 9 th
Hilda Macomber	September 10 th
Marie Derrickson	September 11 th
Sheila Riley-	September 15 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Richard & Joan Hawkins	August 15
Julie & Roger Larson	August 19 th
Carol & Dick Abbott	August 24 th
Cheryl & Olin Meador	August 28 th
Faye & Bill Carson	August 29 th
Dorothy & Loren Mosier	September 8 th
Tom & Maria Caudle-	September 10 th

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Supper Club will be held on August 23, 4-7. We will be serving BBQ Chicken sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Corn, beverage, and desert. Come see the progress on our new addition to the Church! The dinner is free to the community, however, donations are accepted.

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We hope to attract new members to come take part in spreading pride in the history of Buffalo. Have you been to our museum? It is open on Sundays from 1 to 4, hosted by our various

members. We would love for you to drop by and take a look at the history of the town. While our membership includes many former residents who live in other states, we want to gain more local members. And we would love for you to come join us!

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WEST END CURB & GUTTER

The City Council is considering installing curb and gutter in parts of the West End. At an earlier Council meeting the question was asked about the effect of this improvement on taxes. This question was posed to the County Assessors office and property taxes ARE NOT affected by a street improvement consisting of storm sewers, curbs and gutters. Should this project be approved by the council, it will improve your streets and the drainage in your area.

NEW WINDSOR RODEO

AUGUST 16, 17 & 18

New Windsor, IL

BUFFALO HISTORY 101

In 1912, the Town of Buffalo furnished 500 brick to assist in building a sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church at 404 4th Street. This is currently the Calvary Lutheran Church.

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HISTORY OF LEVSEN ORGAN COMPANY

Rodney Levsen, Founder

Levsen Organ Company started as a proprietorship with one employee, Rodney Levsen. Levsen's expertise in piano tuning and electronic organ repair evolved to concert piano tuning and servicing pipe organs and finally in 1954, Levsen Organ Company, a nationwide full-service pipe organ builder came into existence. Levsen Organ Company incorporated in 1980, purchased land and in 1981, moved to a new building located at 221 Maple Street in Buffalo, Iowa. Throughout the 1980's and 90's, the company operated with the main building and a small warehouse just to the south; but in 2003, business increased so measurably that the operations was expanded with a new 40 x 80 warehouse just to the north of the main plant.

Today, Rodney Levsen, President, and his staff of 14 employees provide maintenance and tuning services for 160+ organs throughout the Midwest. They take extreme pride in building new organs from scratch as well as selectively rebuilding existing organs, normally with all new windchests and consoles built and fabricated in their own plant. Their operation is mainly woodworking; and they have a well-equipped wood shop. The new warehouse holds an ample stock of basswood, oak, walnut and veneers for the building of organs. Levsen Organ Company has 11 Sales Representatives strategically located across the United States to assist with projects located in their respective territories; and their Production Schedule usually reflects a 14 - 18 month backlog.

Levsen has a deep interest in preserving organs that have musical and historical value and has restored many of those organs. Rodney Levsen is a member of the Organ Historical Society (OHS) and a charter member and officer of his local chapter, Eastern Iowa Organ Historical Society. He has been a sustaining member of the American Guild of Organist (AGO) since 1965, a member of the American Institute of Organ Builders (AIO) and an active member of the International Society of Organ Builders (ISO) since its beginning in 1957. As an active member of the ISO, he and his wife have toured hundreds of organs while attending ISO Congresses in Germany, England, France, the Baltic States, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Spain.

Levsen created the burning mandrel, a tool that revolutionized chest-building procedures that is now being used domestically as well as in many foreign countries. Levsen Organ Company also developed software used in organ design and building that has taken scaling and pipe designing to new levels of accuracy and quality unheard of in the past.

Levsen Organ Company is inclined to build in the American Classical tonal design, a design that yields an eclectic instrument that is flexible as a worship organ should be. Levsen Organ Company believes in building affordable organs with the finest quality materials and state-of-the-art technology. They build both high quality slider pallet mechanical action and electric action instruments.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH
 When did the Clinton, Davenport and Muscatine bus begin service through Buffalo on what was then U.S. Highway 61?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:
 The Second Railroad track was laid through Buffalo in December 7, 1901.

IOWA HORSE TRAILS UPDATE



The new trails on Telegraph Road, Sunderbruch Park, were opened earlier this summer and a good showing of horse folks showed up to help celebrate that opening: only to be met with rudeness and "closed to horses" trails, due to a local bike club placing signs up throughout the park. Thanks to further exploration, it has been learned that ALL of the trails at the park are open to horses, bikes and hikers. Any signs saying different, have been put up without authorization, and should be reported to park officials. Just remember, the city of Davenport planned for horses to use this park, so you should go and ENJOY it!



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Names -----

I am making ----- reservations. I am enclosing \$20.00 for each reservation. Please make checks payable to BHS Alumni Association and return by August 31, 2007 Mail to Helen Joiner 3811 Kelling St. Davenport Iowa 52806.

If you wish to have your resume entered in the Alumni-Student Book, we need this information by July 16, 2007, regardless of making reservations or not. If you are not attending the banquet, and would like a copy of the book mailed to you there is a fee of \$4.00 payable to BHS Alumni Fund and sent to Helen Joiner, 3811 Kelling St., Davenport, IA 52806 for each copy desired. Attendees will receive their copy at the banquet. Resume questions are for each person desiring their information in the book.

Name----- Spouse-----

Address-----City-----State-----

Zip-----Email-----2nd Address-----

City-----State-----Zip-----When-----

Years Attending Buffalo-----Graduated from-----Year-----

Names of Children-----

Number of Grandchildren-----Great Grandchildren-----

Jobs or Careers-----

Places you have resided since leaving school-----

Booklets will be mailed after the Banquet Thank you, Committee, Annette Wrage-Rickeberg-Chairman, Helen Willich Joiner-Treas., Margaret Childers Bartels -Sec., Bonnie Cooley-Entertainment, Betty Ann Hudson Upshaw-Banquet

This 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. If you can't make the Banquet, don't miss out on your copy of the book!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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