

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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Rural Pearl of the Month: You can only peel one potato at a time!

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BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 90 man hours responding to 25 emergency calls in August. We responded to 18 EMS calls, 1 Structure Fires, 1 Vehicle Accident, 4 Rescue Boat Calls and a Miscellaneous call for a dumpster fire. The members also performed 26 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crews.

The last summer holiday is behind us, the kids are back in school and the 3rd quarter of the year is coming to a close. All these things let us know that Fall is just around the corner. With this season change, we will see the temperatures and the leaves dropping. When the temps start to drop, it will be necessary for us to turn on our home heating units. During this time of the year the BVFD gets numerous emergency calls for incidents concerning some of these units. We get Carbon Monoxide calls, chimney fires and general furnace electrical and fuel fires. Take some extra time when starting up your units for the first time this year. If you have wood burners, check for build up in the chimney. For furnaces, change your furnace filters and make sure you unit is in good operating order. As far as burning leaves this Fall, remember to call the "Burn no Burn" hotline at 326-7904. Also, be a good neighbor, check wind directions before lighting the fire, make sure that the smoke and embers will not have an adverse effect on your neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief

ELECTION TIME IS APPROACHING!

On the November 6 Ballot:



For Mayor:
Jack Carson

For Council (2 open seats):

Mitch Greer
Judy Hammons
Cathy Stowe

FALL CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

October 18, 19, 20 (1/2 DAY ON SAT)

Roll-Offs will be next to the Museum

(or in front of old fire station if torn up)

Please take this opportunity to clean up your property so we don't have to issue you a citation!

If you are elderly, or need help getting junk to roll-off location, call City Hall.

We will try to arrange for help.

381-2226

HOUSE NUMBERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY DISPLAYED FOR YOUR SAFETY, IN CASE OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY!
THE POLICE WILL BE COLLECTING ADDRESSES OF THOSE HOUSES NOT COMPLYING WITH THE CITY CODE REGARDING HOUSE NUMBERS. LETTERS WILL BE SENT. PLEASE HELP US OUT BY MAKING SURE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS ARE PROPERLY DISPLAYED!

CLERK'S CORNER

It's fall! We can *finally* turn off the air conditioning (of course by the time you read this it'll probably be 90°)... The Skateboard Park has been completed! If you haven't had an opportunity to see the crazy things the kids are doing with their bikes and skateboard, stop over and check it out. The park is in City Park back by the basketball court and seems to be a hit with our younger residents. I haven't had the guts to try it yet ☺

Council would like to remind you to remove your temporary signs (yard sales, election, etc) within 24 hours of the completion of the event. No signs may be placed on utility poles within the city.

The Police Department will be compiling a list of those homes whose address is not properly visible from the road. Your home must have your address plainly visible for emergency personnel. Letters will be written to those in non-compliance asking to place your home number in a visible location. Please help the Police, Fire, and Ambulance services by having your address properly visible.

The Fall Cleanup will be held on October 18, 19, and 20th (½ day). Roll offs will be once again located by the Museum (old city hall) for you to drop off your items. Council adopted Ordinance 418 at the September meeting. No semi-trailer truck, tractor-trailer, or recreational vehicle is allowed to park along the north side of Front Street between Clark and Franklin streets. Parking at the BAC will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Buffalo received a grant to fund ½ the cost of constructing parking along Dodge Street to include van accessible handicap spots.

The filing period has ended for those wishing to run for Mayor or Council this fall. John Carson is running unopposed for Mayor and Mitch Greer, Judy Hammons, and Cathy Stowe are running for 2 Council seats. There will be no primary and the election will be held on November 6, 2007.

That's pretty much it for what's going on at City Hall. Our next big project will be the budget. I expect to provide Council with a preliminary budget by November 1st. While we won't know the amount of property taxes we can generate, Council can begin to review the expenditures requested by each department once they receive the preliminary budget.

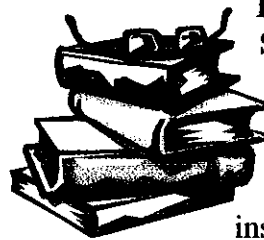
Enjoy the cooler weather and Go Bears!

Bill Bowers

City Clerk

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Buffalo Library News

September 2007

The swing is up! Thanks to the generosity of LaFarge, and the community spirit of LaFarge employees, the new swing is now installed in the courtyard. Come enjoy

it - there's still time for a little sunshine along with a book or magazine. Thank you!

Story Hour is back in full swing again, every Wednesday, at 10:00 am. The current theme is "The Farm", with stories and crafts centered on farming and farm animals. Come glue a pig!

There will be a Teens and Tweens Game Night on Thursday, September 27, 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Kids can play Guitar Hero and DDR on the big screen, play board games, and enjoy a snack. Don't miss it.

Watch for news on Movie Nights, too.

School is back in session, and so is homework! 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. There are three public computers with Internet access and print capability. There are 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.

Library Fact: Andrew Carnegie, industrialist, was the richest man in the world during his lifetime (the Bill Gates of his day!). Carnegie was the founder of what would become US Steel. He also had a lifelong interest in education, and believed strongly in the importance of libraries. Between 1881 and 1917, Carnegie donated funds to build over 2500 public libraries worldwide. (The original Davenport Public Library was a Carnegie library.) Before he died in 1919, he gave away virtually his entire fortune to charitable works.

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sheila Riley-	September 15 th
Adriana Carlson-	September 17 th
Dana Jo Wiese (64)	-September 18 th
Dorothy Mosier-	September 19 th
Julie Plunkett-	September 19 th
Florine Thompson-	September 19 th
Noah Carlson-	September 20 th
Betty Kirkpatrick-	September 20 th
Betty French-	September 25 th
James Bernauer	September 26 th
Tim Carlson	-September 27 th
Linda Mullanack-	September 27 th
Shawn Lucas-	September 27 th
Jeff Carson-	September 27 th
Judy Needham	-September 28 th
Darrell Heilmann-	October 1 st
Corine Armentrout-	October 2 nd
Ben Garischer-	October 3 rd
Gale Carson	October 3 rd
Rich Derrickson-	October 3 rd
Dorothy Adams-	October 3 rd
Carol Abbott-	October 4 th
Betty Walters-	October 10 th
Margaret Moore	-October 11 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Robin & Debbie Guenther	September 20 th
Jeff & Ronda Coonts-	September 20 th
Dee & Gene Meyer-	October 3 rd
Jodi & Ted Teel-	October 5 th
Anna & Kenny Theissen-	October 6 th

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.



Buffalo Youth Baseball & Softball
 We would like to Thank
Buffalo Savings Bank for their
 donation for the 2007 baseball season!
 The editor of this paper inadvertently
 omitted them from the list of
 sponsors in last month's paper.
 We sincerely apologize.

HEALTH TIPS

- One study shows that micro waving food destroys up to 97% of nutritional content.
- There is mercury inside compact fluorescent light bulbs! Dispose of carefully!
- Plain Soaps work as well (or better) at killing bacteria as Antibacterial Soaps!

Group Hay Rides
 And Campfires



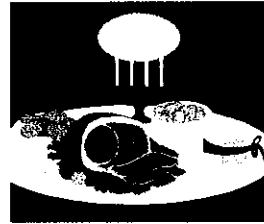
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www.BuffaloPumpkinPatch.com



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Supper Club will be held on September 27, 4-7. We will be serving Creamed Chicken over biscuits, mashed potatoes, green beans, beverage, and dessert. Come see the progress on our new addition to the Church! The dinner is free to the community, however, donations are accepted.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Calvary Lutheran Church, 404 Fourth Street, Buffalo, Iowa, will hold an outside ceremony for the Blessing of Animals on Sunday, **October 14, at 9:00 a.m.**, behind the new addition.



This event is free, nondenominational, and the public is invited to bring a pet or pets to a short worship service and blessing ceremony. We welcome all pets, as long as they are caged, leashed, or otherwise appropriately restrained. Each pet owner will receive a certificate of the blessing. Pet owners unable to bring their animal/animals, may bring photos for blessing.

All owners **SHALL** be responsible for their pets. For more information about this event contact:

Chris Swanson 381-3101
 Chris Carson 381-8074

ZIEGLER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ye Olde Country Store Bazaar, New Era Rd
 Wednesday, October 3rd
 Crafts 11-6, Food 11-7



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. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 6:30. Come Join Us!

On **Saturday, September 22nd**, the Museum will be open from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, in case any of those attending the **Buffalo High School Reunion** would like to visit the Museum. We will still maintain our regular Sunday hours of 1-4 pm.

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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.

BUFFALO HISTORY 101

An election on whether to erect an electric plant was held in 1914:

89 votes

Men - yes 43, no 27

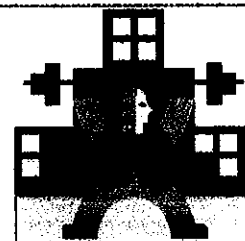
Women - yes 15, no 1

1 spoiled ballot.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH
What year was the Rail Road Depot built in Buffalo?
ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:
The Clinton, Davenport, and Muscatine Bus began service through Buffalo on May 6, 1929.

REMINDER ABOUT SIGNS

If you place a sign to advertise your sale or event, please make sure the sign is removed within 24 hours after the event! No signs are to be nailed or tacked to Utility Poles!



**BUFF TOWN FITNESS
GRAND OPENING
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 5-8 PM
TOUR THE FITNESS CENTER,
PERSONAL TRAINER SEMINAR 6-7,
FOOD AND DRINKS.
AT THE BUFFALO ACTIVITY CENTER,
329 DODGE STREET, ROOM 5
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 381-5210.**

Buffalo Alumni-Student Banquet

The Banquet will be held Sat. Sept. 22, 2007

Buffalo Community Center

Doors open 6:00 Dance 7:30

By Reservation Only

To make last minute reservations, Contact a committee member:

Annette Wrage-Rickeberg-Chairman, Helen Willich Joiner-Treas., Margaret Childers Bartels - Sec., Bonnie Cooley-Entertainment, Betty Ann Hudson Upshaw-Banquet

You are Cordially invited to

Don and Suneva Christ



Golden Anniversary Party

At the

Buffalo Community Center

October 27, 2007

From 5:00 -10:00

Refreshments and Food will be provided

R.S.V.P. to Don and Laura at

563-381-5066

(Please No Gifts)

"HOW THINGS GET PASSED DOWN"

Take time to read my story because it could affect your pocket book. This story is about how **Things Get Passed Down**.

In 1966 the Clean Water Act was passed by Congress. In the early 1970s the EPA passed the responsibilities of enforcing the Clean Water Act to the individual states. **Things Getting Passed Down**.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) looked at pollutants being dumped into its rivers and streams. The IDNR, working within EPA's guidelines, set up standards of what was allowed to be passed into rivers and streams. Buffalo was reviewed because of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit). Our levels of discharge into the river were higher than allowed. Iowa came to Buffalo and said we would have to improve our wastewater treatment plant. **Things Getting Passed Down**.

The wastewater treatment plant that Buffalo had at that time could not meet the standards set by IDNR or the EPA, so in 1983 Buffalo built a **\$1.2 million dollar** wastewater plant with state of the art technology. To this day we are within the every parameter the state and EPA has set.

In the mid 1990s, the EPA decided that our national rivers and streams could be cleaner if storm water and what it carried could be cleaned. You guessed it ~ **Things Getting Passed Down**.

EPA told the states to start cleaning up storm water. In 2004, the State of Iowa informed every city that they would have to get a permit for storm water discharge, called a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4s). In 2006, the Buffalo City Council adopted the rules and regulations for our MS4s Permit. These rules and regulations are outlined in Chapter 13, Storm water Utility, in our City Code Book. The regulations contain things that you normally wouldn't think could even be a problem. The most common rule violated in Buffalo relates to **MOWING GRASS AND DIRECTING CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREETS CURB AND GUTTER**. Many residents direct clippings into the street. I see this almost everyday and it has to stop.

Remember when I said this could affect your pocket book? The State has set some pretty hefty fines for violations; first offense \$200.00, second \$250.00, third \$500.00. Since the City is responsible for enforcing the code, the City would be issued the violation and fine. However, in the end, the homeowner would be responsible. **Things Getting Passed Down**.

Please make sure that whoever mows your lawn is aware of the rules about blowing clippings into the street. The City is just doing what is mandated to us by the State. Let's all work together and keep everyone out of trouble.

Everyone in town will not read this, so if you see someone blowing grass clippings into the street please remind them of the new rules (and fines). I hope that the City will not have to pass on any fines.

This story was about new rules, regulations and **How Things Get Passed Down**. I have reasons for stories like this one. If everyone follows the rules, life is easier for all of us. I don't like **Things Passed Down** to me from IDNR, and in turn, you're not going to like **Things Passed Down** to you.

Thanks for you time
Public Works Director
Dwain Bollman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

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OR DON 381-1730

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