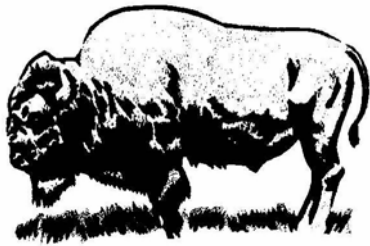

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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



Rural Pearl of the Month: When in Doubt, Don't.

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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Buffalo History 101

The City of Buffalo has never had the business of a Dentist, Lawyer, or Funeral home.



Buffalo Youth Baseball & Softball Sign-Ups

When: January 31st 2009

Where: BAC (gym)

Time: 12-2 p.m.

It is that time of the year again! We hope to see everybody at sign-ups. We will have shirts and pants for the kids to try on and hopefully get our uniform order in sooner. We also want to remind parents that the cut off to sign-up is MARCH 1st. See you January 31st.

Buffalo Youth Baseball

****ATTENTION****ATTENTION****

The 2009 Baseball and Softball season is Doug & Tara Anderson's last year. In order for there to be any Baseball or Softball in 2010 we need volunteers to step up to the plate and take over. We will have a meeting February 1st @ 12:00 p.m. in the gym. We would like to vote on new officers so we can show you what all needs to be done to make the season a success. If we don't get anybody to volunteer this year we won't be around to help next year. **Remember February 1st @ 12:00** in the gym. Hope to see you there!!!

Doug & Tara Anderson

Food Pantry

The Buffalo Food Pantry would like to extend a big Thank You to all those who have donated food or money to the Pantry. We are serving more families every month and it takes more to keep food available.



BVFD Notes



Well, 2008 is done and gone. As I look at the year end numbers, it was a pretty busy year around the BVFD.

We spent 1,627 man hours responding to 311 emergency calls in 2008. The members received 820 man hours of training, they performed 650 man hours of duty work and attended 432 man hours of regular meetings for a total of 3,529 man hours of community service. The call breakdown was as follows:

- 189 - EMS Calls
- 15 - Vehicle Accidents
- 16 - Structure Fires
- 10 - Grass Fires
- 10 - Boat Calls
- 61 - Misc. Calls

The Misc. Call category is a catch all for calls that do not fit in one of the other categories, such as Alarm Malfunctions, Assist citizens, Nuisance Fires, Power Lines Down, Flood Work, etc.

We have a number of projects we hope to get completed in 2009. Among them is the purchase of a new 1st response vehicle. This vehicle would respond on all EMS calls as well as grass fires and the other misc. calls. Also included in this project is the conversion of our current 1st response rig to an air supply vehicle that would respond to structure fires and rescue calls. The other big project we are currently working on is equipping Engine 2 to be a full fledged rescue engine which will carry all of the tools related to heavy industrial type rescue and vehicle rescue. These projects will be funded from our city budget, grants and fund raising events.

Happy New Year from the BVFD
Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Adams, Fire Chief

CLERK'S CORNER

It's still winter in Buffalo, but the days are getting longer! The Council discussed our existing disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant and decided to budget for evaluating and possibly replacing our existing chlorine system with an Ultraviolet system to remain in compliance with DNR requirements. Council is also considering purchasing an emergency generator to provide a central location for residents during power outages. Mid-American contracted Wright tree service to trim trees out of the electric lines and will be seen the next few weeks around town. Council approved Data Technologies to come back to the Clerks office to work out a few errors in the system. Last but not least the annual youth baseball donation was approved.

During the meeting we had public input about how ideal it is to rent the gym for family gatherings, birthday parties, or just to hang out and shoot some hoops. Remember gym rental is 10.00 dollars an hour plus a 20.00 clean up deposit that is refundable when the key is returned and the gym is clean. Availability of the gym is accessible on our City website or you can call Kim or me at City Hall.

There are some rooms available for rent at the BAC. They are 400.00 per month and that includes all utilities except phones. Most rooms are computer ready and would make great office space.

It is budget time again at city hall. So if you come in the office and see me tearing my hair out...do not worry that's just normal part of the budgeting process.

On January 19 City Hall will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on February 16 City Hall will be closed for Presidents Day. These days are NOT considered Holidays for garbage so pickup will remain on Tuesday.

Hope everyone has a great NEW YEAR!

Tanna Carter

City Clerk

clerk@buffaloioowa.org

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BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society will not have any meetings until the Spring, on March 19th, 2009. The Museum will be open by appointment only on Sundays 1-4. Telephone numbers are on the door of the Museum, or you can call Chris at 381-8074, if you would like to visit our Museum at another time. Check out the new sign on the front of the building!



BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In what year was Buffalo buried in 10 feet of snow?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

When the VFW was organized in 1946, it had 57 Charter members and the VFW Auxiliary had 20 Charter members.



Kelly Jeffers-Gray, OT

Eastern Iowa Physical Therapy in Wilton, Durant and Blue Grass welcome Occupational Therapist, Kelly-Jeffers Gray to their Staff. An Occupational Therapist adds a different dimension to the professional staff at EIPT. The goal of Occupational Therapy is to assist individuals by helping them return to their

previous level of function. This is accomplished through the use of functional activities, exercises and modalities. Occupational therapists help people perform their day-to-day tasks more easily and independently.

Kelly attended St. Ambrose University from 1996 until 2002 and graduated with a BS in Biology and a Master of Occupational Therapy Degree. She also played softball for 4 yrs at St. Ambrose University. During her senior year the team qualified for the National Tournament and placed 8th in the nation.

For the past 4 years Kelly has worked primarily with pediatric patients. She also enjoys older adults and working with patients with shoulder, hand and wrist injuries.

Kelly grew up on a farm in New Boston, Illinois. She currently resides in Muscatine with her husband, Jody; 1 year old daughter, Lilly and their dog, Woody. Hobbies include playing softball, volleyball and spending time with her family and watching her little girl grow before her eyes!

Kelly is available at the Wilton clinic Monday – Friday 8-5 pm and available at the other clinics by appointment.

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 6, 2009 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 Lecox @ 381-4602 or by mail to: Walcott PCN, 545 E. James, Walcott, IA 52773. Thank you for your support!

Tina Gipple
Walcott PCN

jazzercise Pay Nothing Until
1 DAY SALE March

**Register for class on Monday,
 January 26, 2009**

- Pay NOTHING until March with your EFT sign-up.
- Fill out EFT form (automatic withdrawal from credit card or checking account) effective March 1 and pay nothing.
- Minimum 2-month on EFT registration required.

January 26 Jazzercise Class Schedule

5:30 pm - Davenport Parks and Rec Wiese Building next to the IMAX and
 5:45 am - Prince of Peace Church 53rd Street, Davenport.

Bring a Friend on January 26!

Convenience – Isn't it great!

- Once you have signed up for Jazzercise, you may take unlimited classes with your Jazzercise EFT Ticket.
- Parks and Recreation
 Jazzercise schedule: Mon & Wed 5:30 pm – Wed & Fri 4:30 pm – Tue & Thu 6 pm – Saturday 8:30 am.
- Prince of Peace Church
 Jazzercise schedule: Mon – Wed – Fri 5:45 am

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Community Dinners have been postponed until
 March 19th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Janę Gadziek January 15
- Debbie Guenther-January 16
- Jolyn Ruden-January 17
- Amy Carlson-January 19
- Hunter Mullanack-January 19
- Kelly Sheffler January 20
- Jean Mead January 21
- Bonnie Cooley-January 22
- Robert Ruden-January 22
- Ryan Riedszel-January 24
- Harold.D. Clearman-January 25 (95)
- Leota Bollman-January 25
- Karen Hass-January 26
- Gene Meyer- February 27
- Richard Hawkins-January 27
- Bill Carson-January 29
- Cathy Stowe-February 3
- James Mathys-February 4
- Bud LaMar-February 4
- Betty Mangels February 6
- Chris Carson-February 8
- Viola Loyd- February 9
- Nancy Stalder-February 10
- Dwain Riley-February 12
- Glenn Carson-February 14
- Robert Lytle 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.

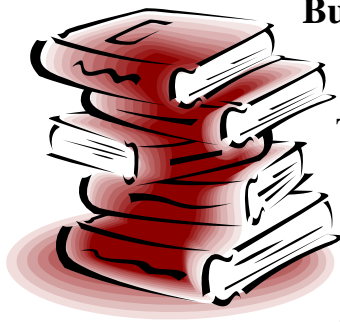


PICK UP THE POO!

Please be reminded that if you walk your pet, the City code requires you to pick up after him! Do not leave droppings for someone to step in!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BUFFALO SENIOR HOUSING

The holidays are over and quiet reigns again. Last Wednesday was busy with inspectors, service people, visitors and the musicians. John and Leroy have moved so usually its Charles, Larry and Ervin, but we had Mike Dierling was a fresh face, and they sure sounded good! Our local board has been upgrading our lounge. We have a new couch, larger TV, rockers. We sure appreciate all the volunteer help!



Buffalo Library News January 2009

The holidays are past, leaving us with these cold winter nights! Don't forget you can order newly-released DVD's (from any area library online, and have them sent to Buffalo

to pick up. Books, too. FREE.

Story Hour and the Daycare outreach are back up and running after a holiday break, too. Story Hour is every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Another Teens and 'Tweens Game Night! Wednesday, January 28, 5:00 to 7:00. Enjoy refreshments and video games on the big screen!

Check out the Friends of the Buffalo Library Book Cart.

Great used books and magazines, at terrific prices: magazines, 10¢, paperbacks 50¢, hardcovers, \$1.00.

Kids' books, too! Available everyday, near the magazine shelves. Proceeds support Buffalo Library programs.

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

— *Emilie Buchwald*

- 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

Phone: 381-1797

FROM THE DESK OF PUBLIC WORKS

We would like to remind everyone that parks a on the street during winter months, the City will observe the City Code, 2.1-2.1012, for snow removal of 2 or more inches of snow.

Basically, this says that if snow occurs on an even numbered date, the streets will be plowed on the even numbered side of the street first. Even numbered streets are the north and west sides of the street. On odd numbered dates, the street will be plowed first on the odd numbered side. Odd numbered streets are the south and east sides of the street. All vehicles must be moved from the side of the street that is being plowed, and not be returned to that side until the snow is plowed to the curb.

We would also like to remind everyone the City Code 8-1.0107 makes it unlawful for anyone to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways upon City Streets. As with any code if not followed, a penalty of a misdemeanor ticket could be issued and I believe that is a \$50.00 minimum.

Thank You
Public Works

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

What is stormwater, and why should I care?

Stormwater is water that flows on the ground after a rain storm or when snow melts. This runoff occurs on most land surfaces, but is greatest in urban areas where large impermeable areas such as roofs, driveways, roads, and parking lots don't allow water to percolate into the soil. Urban areas can generate five times the amount of runoff of a wooded area of the same size.

So why should I care? Urban stormwater runoff is a major contributor of pollution to lakes, rivers, and streams. Oils, grease, gasoline, and other pollutants can build up on paved areas. Rainstorms wash this accumulated debris into storm drains, where it ends up in rivers and other water bodies with no treatment. Runoff can also include heavy metals such as zinc and lead, which can cause health and reproductive problems. Typical urban runoff contains almost 10 times the amount of lead as allowed by law in drinking water.

Urban stormwater is not just from roads and parking lots, but also includes runoff from lawns. Overuse of fertilizers can lead to phosphorus and nitrogen runoff into water bodies. These nutrients can cause algal blooms, leading to unstable oxygen levels and fish and vegetation kills. Grass clippings and fecal coliform from animal waste also wash off lawns and into storm drains and waterbodies, leading to possible eutrophication problems.

In 1990 The Environmental Protection Agency started regulating large municipalities (pop. over 100,000) stormwater by implementing Storm Water Phase I regulations. Smaller communities were affected starting in 2002 with the introduction of Storm Water Phase II regulations. Construction areas one acre or more are also required to obtain a stormwater permit.

The City of Buffalo has been required to abide by the Storm Water Phase II regulations for stormwater discharges. The requirement was based on a number of factors such as the level of pollution in the stormwater outfalls, their impact on sensitive waters, contribution to surface waters, and growth potential of the community. As part of the requirements, the City must implement a stormwater management program designed to reduce the discharge of contaminants. By regulation, this program must consist of public education and outreach, public involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, and pollution prevention. The residents of Buffalo are critical in maintaining the quality of the city's stormwater outfalls. There are many things you can do to help prevent stormwater pollution:

- Minimizing the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on your lawn and garden.
- Xeriscaping, which is using low water consumption plants and trees. This will reduce the amount of irrigation needed. Xeriscapes also reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides that are needed, and help absorb rainwater into the soil.
- Using permeable hard surfaces for decks, walkways, and patios, even driveways. Wood decks and patios can let water through, as can gravel, stone, or sometimes brick walkways.
- Maintaining your vehicle and disposing of used oil and antifreeze properly.
- Properly disposing of household hazardous wastes, such as paint, paint thinner, computers, etc.
- Don't dump anything other than plain water into a storm drain. The city's storm drains go directly to the Mississippi River with no treatment. Buffalo residents can also report discharges of non-storm water to the storm water system by completing a Storm Water – Environmental Complaint Form available at City Hall, or by calling 563 381-2226.



Senior Moments.....

The monthly meeting for Gen Age Seniors is the 1st Monday of the month, but in a Sr moment & snow problems, we forgot. A lot has happened, so we'll get lots of updates for the next newsletter and try for the next meeting to be next Monday the 19th of January. Everyone is welcome. The Holiday Party with gift exchange was fun, along with BINGO. The Gen Age Café presented Virginia with a 35th year plaque. They then had drawings for 2 baskets full of good stuff! Judy Mead had a great surprise 50th anniversary party. Judy's Sr friend asked about it and gave Judy the newspaper article the week before. So much for the surprise. Seniors only have to pay \$1.00 to license their neutered pets. So let's all get our pets their Buffalo license so they can be returned if they get lost. The Mayor has his licensed, and 3 Chariot goats (Otis, Ruf & Rev) have theirs. Our President-elect will join thousands of people all across the country for a day of service, on January 19th. Take part in this national call for community service, called RENEW AMERICA TOGETHER. Visit www.USAservice.org/calltoservice for more info. You can participate by helping the many seniors in our town. Many would appreciate their walks shoveled, shopping, carrying in the groceries, etc. Sign up at City Hall if you have an hour or so to help a senior. If you are a senior needing help, let them know. Thanks so much for reading on. We have a wonderful community, and with the hard times to come, let's help each other.

Sincerely,
Dana Jo



Service Recognition Awards

The Courtyard Estates of Walcott is proud to recognize those staff members who in the first quarter of this year will have completed a year or more of service to their residents, local

community and the growth and stability of Courtyard Estates. Pictured from left to right are Facility Director Kathy Watt, Dietary Manager Melissa Boetger, Activities & Housekeeping Coordinator Barb Sapp. Resident aide Morgan Delay is not pictured.

Valentine's Day

There are many opinions as to who was the original Valentine, with the most popular theory that it was a clergyman who was executed for secretly marrying couples in ancient Rome. In any event, in 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine. Through the centuries, the Christian holiday became a time to exchange love messages and St. Valentine became a patron saint of lovers. In the 1840s, Esther Howland, a native of Massachusetts, is given credit for sending the first Valentine cards. The spirit of love continues as valentines are sent with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

Looking for Love

- 188 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second-most popular greeting-card-giving occasion. (This total excludes packaged kids valentines for classroom exchanges.)
- Over 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased in the six days prior to the observance, making Valentine's Day a procrastinator's delight.
- There are 119 single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) who are in their 20s for every 100 single women of the same ages
- There are 34 single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) age 65 or older for every 100 single women of the same ages. Corresponding numbers for the following race and ethnic groups are:

Be Mine

- 2.2 million marriages take place in the United States annually. That breaks down to more than 6,000 a day.
- 147,300 marriages are performed in Nevada during 2005. So many couples "tie the knot" in the Silver State that it ranked fourth nationally in marriages, even though it's total population that year among states was 35th.
- The estimated U.S. median ages at first marriage for women and men are 25.3 and 27.1 respectively, in 2005. The age for women rose 4.2 years in the last three decades. The age for men at first marriage is up 3.6 years.
- Men and women in northeastern states generally have a higher median age at first marriage than the national average. In Massachusetts, for example, women were a median of 27.4 years old and men 29.1 years of age at first marriage. States where people typically marry young include Utah, where women were a median of 21.9 years and men, 23.9 years.
- 4.9 million opposite-sex cohabitating couples maintained households in 2005. These couples comprised 4.3 percent of all households.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 January	12 BINGO GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC	13 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	14 GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC FREE CLOTHES	15 Free clothes 5-7	16 GEN AGE CAFÉ/	17
18	19 BINGO MLK Day GA CAFÉ	20 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	21 GENAGE CAFÉ FREE CLTHS 9-12	22 Free clothes 5-7	23 GEN AGE CAFÉ	24
25	26 BINGO GA cafe	27 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	28 Gen Age Cafe FREE CLOTHES 9-12	29 Free clothes 5-7	30 G.A. CAFE	31
1	2 G.A. CAFE BINGO CITY COUNCIL MTG 7PM	3 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	4 G.A. CAFÉ Free Clothes 9-12	5 Free clothes 5-7	6 G.A. CAFÉ	7
8	9 G.A. CAFE BINGO	10 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	11 G.A. CAFE Free CLOTHES 9-12	12 Free clothes 5-7 Lincoln's Bday	13 G.A. CAFE	14 Valentines Day

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!

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

Please have submissions to the paper to Chris NLT the 10th!

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