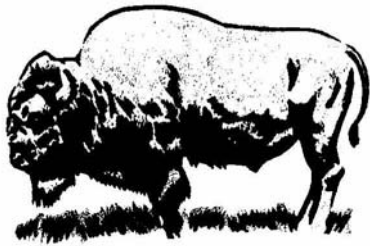

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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



Rural Pearl of the Month: Enough is as Good as a Feast.

After you read your copy of the "Buffalo Shores Gazette", please pass on to a Friend, Relative or Neighbor to Enjoy.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BUFFALOIOWA.ORG

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2009

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MONTHLY



BVFD St. Patrick's Dance
March 14th
At
The Buffalo Community Center

Buffalo History 101

The 1st criminal trial of Scott County took place in Buffalo early in 1836.

Buffalo Ambulance

Buffalo Ambulance is currently seeking volunteers for a rewarding experience in emergency medicine.

If you are an Emt, Paramedic, or Nurse or want to become an EMT and are interested in joining this service Please call Keith Ziegenhorn @ 563-381-1112 or email kziegenhorn@buffaloambulance.com



Early spring is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs! Temperature and soil moisture -- two of the three most critical factors affecting transplant success -- are perfectly aligned for about six weeks in spring.



BVFD Notes



The BVFD spent 38 man hours responding to 28 emergency calls in January. We responded to 24 EMS calls, 2 Vehicle Accidents and 2 Miscellaneous calls for an alarm malfunction and natural gas leak. The members also performed 20 man hours of monthly maintenance on the station and equipment in conjunction with their assigned crew. The members also completed nearly 600 (24 hrs. per member) man hours of Iowa State mandated structural fire fighting training in January.

With January gone and we are well into February, it is time for the BVFD's annual fund drive to get started. We conduct this drive each year to purchase needed equipment for the fire department. As always the finale of the drive is our annual St. Patrick's Day Dance. This year's dance will be at the Buffalo Community Center on Saturday March 14th. We hope to see you at the dance, but if you can't attend feel free to make a donation to help make this year's drive a success.

Respectfully submitted by:
Terry Adams, Fire Chief

Buffalo Students Lead The Pack

Mr. Zinn and the Vocational Welding Program would like to recognize Blane McCabe and Nick Bowers for their display of motivation and work ethic during the completion of the advanced welding class at Davenport West. These two young men finished at the top of their class and earned the crown of "Top Welder." The town of Buffalo can be proud of these two young men as their commitment to doing the job right and working hard was exemplary.

CLERK'S CORNER

The weather is breaking and we have had a few enjoyable days.

The Council discussed the possibility of advertising for job openings on cumulus broadcasting. River Action representative, Kathy Wine discussed possible projects River Action could help complete if the City became a member. Council donated money for the Walcott Jr. High dance and youth baseball. The current budget was discussed with department heads. Dwain discussed a 28E agreement that the state will be preparing for the repairs on Y48.

During the meeting we discussed the possibility of having a "Safe Room" for residents during emergencies. Dwain provided quotes for generators for the Community Center, the backup well, and the BAC. Council believes that the best and most economical place for a "Safe Room" would be the Community Center. A generator could be purchased for \$20,000.00 that would operate the building during a power outage. This would provide residents shelter and electric during ice storms, floods, or general outages. The City is currently over budget because of the flood and windstorm and we are considering having a few fundraisers to help offset the costs. If you think that your family would benefit from a "Safe Room" please donate a few dollars or join us for a fundraiser. The first will be a trivia night on March 28 at the Community Center. Please contact City Hall for more information.

The council and department heads are working on FY 09-10 budget and are more than half way completed. The budget must be submitted by March 15 and that will be when I am done pulling my hair out... I still have a few locks left!

On February 16 City Hall will be closed for Presidents Day. This is NOT considered a Holiday for garbage so pickup will remain on Tuesday. We do have a new recycle guy for our route, if anyone has any problems please call City Hall.

I want to apologize for the quality of last month bills. It is almost like we printed them with invisible ink, I know you wish we would do that on a regular basis. We are looking into the problem and hope to have it solved by next month.

I also want to thank the Public Works guys for doing a quick job repairing the water main break we had earlier! Good Job.

Tanna Carter
City Clerk
clerk@buffaloioiowa.org
www.buffaloioiowa.org

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society will hold their next meeting on March 19th, 2009, at 6:30.

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
Where was the Buffalo Post Office located from 1919 to 1932?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Buffalo was buried in 10 feet of snow in 1936.

ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS!

Trivia Night

Fund Raiser for Emergency Shelter Generator!

The City Council has been researching the feasibility of providing an Emergency Shelter for our Citizens in times of extended power outage, flooding, etc. A generator is needed that is large enough to operate a building such as the Community Center.

We will be hosting a Fund Raiser Trivia Night

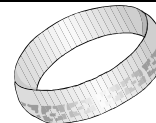
At

The Buffalo Community Center
March 28th.

The cost will be \$10 per person.
Teams can be up to 8 people.

Walk-ins are welcome
(we will place you on a team)
refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact
Tanna at City Hall 381-2226, or Chris Carson 381-8074



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Buffalo Library News February 2009

It's still a little chilly, but
Spring is in the air.

And that means... tax time.
Need an extra copy of a tax
form? The Library has copies of

federal tax forms on hand. And, you can print out state
and other forms online. Sorry – no tax advice – just
forms!

New! Game Day for 4th and 5th Graders! Wednesday,
February 25, 3:00 – 5:00. Tell your friends. Come play
Guitar Hero and other games, and enjoy a snack.

Looking ahead: Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm,
“Information Security Awareness – Keeping Your Data
Safe at Home and at the Office”, a free presentation on
computer security. Learn about the threats to our
important information, and pick up some tips for
protecting your personal data. Presenter will be Don
Mosier, Assistant Professor, Black Hawk College.

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.

Are you on the Bestsellers List? Fill out a form with
your favorite authors, and when new books by those
authors are released, they will automatically be put on
hold for you. You'll get a call when the books arrive here
in Buffalo. Be among the first to read those new titles!
And of course, it's free. Ask your Librarian.

As always, Story Hour is every Wednesday at 10:00 am.
Preschoolers have fun hearing a story and making a craft.

Library Quote: "There are many little ways to enlarge
your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." —
Jacqueline Kennedy

- 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

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The next Community Dinner will be held March
19th 4-7. We will be serving Ham, corned beef,
cabbage, carrots, potatoes, green desserts,
beverages. This is free to the community.

Donations are welcome.

There will be Ash Wednesday services on
February 25th at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anna Theissen- February 17

Brian Hass- February 19

Danny Sprague February 19

Jim Judge February 21

Madeline Bear- February 23

Kevin Guizar- February 23

Jacob Smith- February 23

Dorothy Mosier February 24

Gene Meyer- February 27

Maverick Teel February 28

Linda Rogers February 29

Julie Larson- March 1

C.W. Scott- March 4

Leota Buffington March 6

Sydney Lobdell – March 8

Clara Jordan- March 8

Das Martinez- March 9

Dick Abbott- March 10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kim & David Kauffman- February 19

Linda & Jim Rogers February 26

Audrey & Art Remly March 7

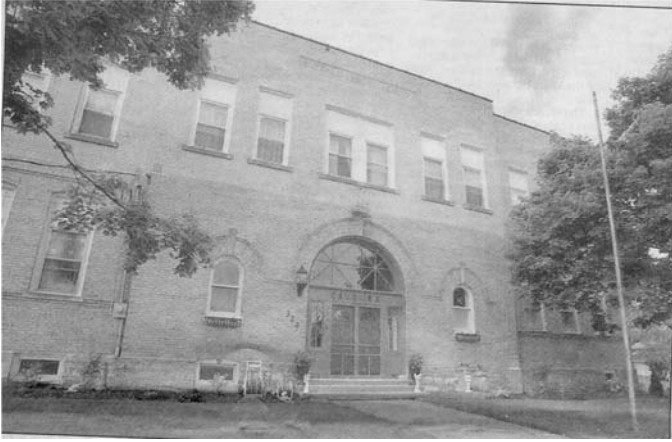
Penny & Ben Gerischer March 13

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 Alumni-Student Banquet 2009



September 12, 2009

6:00-11:00 p.m.

Buffalo Community Center

Buffalo, Iowa

Mailing with more details will come out in June!

Free Clothing Giveaway

They have given away 49,649 items
this year!

This exceeds last year's record by
8000 pieces!

They Greatly Appreciate all the
Generous Donations. They kindly
remind that donated items be clean
and odor free.

Please give a big hand to these
volunteers who bring joy to those
less fortunate!

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

There are many scammers out there trying to take your money. Avoid Rapid Tax Refund Loans. These loans typically add anywhere from 40% to 700% in fees. There are also many Mortgage Foreclosure "Rescue" Scams. They take your money, but do nothing to help. If you think you have been approached by a Scammer, contact the Consumer Protection Division at 515-281-5926 or 888-777-4590.

Consumer advisories are available at: www.IowaAttorneyGeneral.org. Click on "Protecting Consumers". For questions or to report a scam, email consumer@ag.state.ia.us.

Senior Moments.....

Senior housing wants to congratulate and THANK CASI and Virginia for their Achievement of 35 Years. Also Thanks to all volunteers, past and present, for their help. Not much news here, except one resident was hospitalized last week and hopes to have her home soon. Another resident went to Arizona for a family wedding. The musicians will not be here for 2 weeks now as one of them will be traveling. Don't we wish winter was traveling away from here!! Have a great day.

We had the Jan meeting on Feb 2nd and decided to have a Valentine Party on Friday the Thirteenth. Bring an old Valentine to Show others and we will have Fun remembering the Good Ole Days. Our Feb meeting was held Feb 9th, to put us back on schedule. If you have any Ideas, projects, or want to enter the MVF, let us know. Our March meeting will be Mar 2nd after lunch. It is the same day as our council meeting so bring info you may want to bring up at the meeting. The sirens for the city are TESTED at 6PM the 1st Mon of each month to remind you to come. Consumer Advisories were read about dangers of TAX FAST REFUNDS AND FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SCAMS. Phone numbers to get Alerts or Help will be enclosed. Old Business, New Business, and Monkey Business were discussed.

Many of our new menus have split meats so you need to Decide and tell Virginia which one you want Before hand. Our Seniors have many talents and know what is happening so I try hard NEVER to miss my Mon-Wed-Fri lunches to eat well, be healthy and visit Plus get and give HUGS.

The 2nd Wed of each month brings you Visiting Nurse with her blood pressure checks, and trinkets...and smiles. On Wed between 9-12 the Free Clothes shop is open so you can shop for something gently use but Neat before lunch, or bring some in you no longer need so someone else can enjoy it. This is also good for our Budgets.



*My Seniors are a Special Bunch
They always have lots to say.
They meet 3 days a week at Lunch,
And they never forget a Birthday.
They talk about the energy Crunch,
And things they did "Our Way"
They bring a special treat to Munch;
Keeping us current of events each*



She loves me, I can tell

*Day
So bring Your friends to GenAge
Lunch
With your ideas and stories to Say;
My final line I say with PUNCH.
Have a super Valentine Day!!!!*

If you have a poem or notes, please e-mail or bring to the GEN AGE CAFE to be in the next Senior Moments.

Sincerely,
Dana Jo

Q.C.B.A.
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ASSOCIATION

Saturday, March 14, 2009

1:00 - 5:00

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***PLENTY OF SEATING**

***COME EARLY TO SIGN UP FOR STAGE**

***TIME SLOTS LIMITED**

**STAGE TIME WILL BE FOR 15 MINUTES FOR EACH
PERSON/GROUP. IF THERE HAPPENS TO BE MORE
PERFORMERS THAN TIME SLOTS YOU WILL BE ASKED
TO DO ONLY 3 SONGS IN YOUR SET, SO THAT OTHERS
WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM. IF THERE ARE LESS
PERFORMERS, THEN YOU WILL PERFORM FOR THE
FULL 15 MINUTES OR LONGER. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF
14 TIME SLOTS, EACH FOR 15 MINUTES BEGINNING AT
1:00 AND GOING UNTIL 4:45. NO BACK TO BACK(PIGGY
BACKING) PLEASE, UNLESS WORKED OUT
WITH THE MUSIC COORDINATORS.**

For further information, contact:

Mike Beard (309) 230-2521

or

Kit Sayles (563) 381-2390

Mike Beard - QCBA President & Founder

SEE PICTURES FROM JAM HELD FEBRUARY 14TH IN BUFFALO!



Spring is Coming!

Melting snow and spring rains flow across impervious surfaces like our rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and streets and pick up a variety of pollutants along the way. Because storm sewers drain directly into the River we use for swimming, boating and fishing, polluted runoff can adversely affect aquatic plants, animals and people.

Sediment: Sediment can cloud the water, which makes it difficult if not impossible for aquatic plants to get the proper light to grow. It can also build up and destroy aquatic habitats.

What You Can Do: Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects. Collect sediment leftover on driveways and sidewalks in buckets rather than sweeping it into the street. The same is true for the sand on the street in front of your house.

Excess Nutrients: These cause algae blooms. When the algae die, they decompose and remove oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms cannot survive in water containing low dissolved oxygen levels.

What You Can Do: Use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers very sparingly, or **not at all** and use organic means whenever possible. Use detergents that are low in phosphorus and environmentally friendly.

Debris: When plastic bags, bottles, six-pack rings and cigarette butts wash into nearby waterways, they can choke, suffocate or disable waterfowl, fish, turtles and shoreline birds who live and feed there.

What You Can Do: Properly dispose of all waste in a secure trash receptacle. Compost or mulch your yard waste-including grass clippings and leaves.

Household Hazardous Wastes: Improper disposal of insecticides, paint, solvent, oil and other mechanical fluids can poison aquatic life and be harmful to people and animals who eat diseased fish or shell fish or ingest the polluted water.

What You Can Do: Dispose of household wastes properly-not in sinks or toilets. Repair leaks and dispose of auto fluids and batteries by dropping them off at designated areas. Wash your car at a car wash that recycles gray water rather than in your driveway.

General Landscaping Tips:

When it's time to replace your driveway or sidewalk, consider a flexible, permeable system. There are several new products that are designed to be laid down like a cellular structure and filled with rocks or grass. They are tough enough to drive on, yet will let water penetrate. Install a rain barrel to catch water or a rain garden to slow down run off and increase infiltration from rooftop stormwater.

Plant a "filter" strip of native grass or plants along roadways or streams. They trap pollutants as water flows across driveways and streets.

Plant a stabilizing ground cover in erosion-prone areas. Participate/organize a storm drain stenciling program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 February	16 BINGO Presidents Day GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC	17 FREE CLOTHS 9-12	18 GEN AGE CAFÉ-BAC FREE CLOTHES	19 Free clothes 5-7	20 GEN AGE CAFÉ/	21
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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.

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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