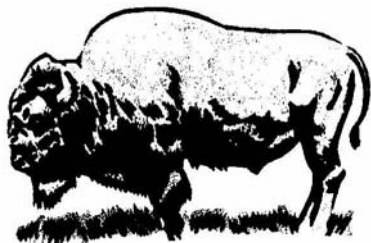


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Rural Pearl of the Month: Winning is Nice, if you don't lose your Integrity in the Process.

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BVFD Notes



Well, 2009 is done and gone. As I look at the year end numbers, it was a record breaking year around the BVFD. We spent 1,746 man hours responding to 323 emergency calls in 2009. The members received 825 man hours of training, they performed 850 man hours of duty work and attended 432 man hours of regular meetings for a total of 3,653 man hours of community service. The call breakdown was as follows:

- 239 - EMS Calls
- 17 - Vehicle Accidents
- 6 - Vehicle Fires
- 10 - Structure Fires
- 10 - Grass Fires
- 13 - Boat Calls
- 28 - 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 2010. Among them is the refurbishing of Engine 2. Engine 2 will be 15 years old this year and is in need of some upgrades and preventive maintenance work to keep it technically and mechanically ready to respond as our first due Engine. By refurbishing Engine 2 we hope to add an additional 7 to 10 years of useful life to this vehicle.

Happy New Year from the BVFD!

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Adams, Fire Chief

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Buffalo History 101

IN the Census of 1875, there were 453 persons reported in Buffalo: 220 male, 232 female, 1 colored male.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What year did the census exceed 1000 for the Town of Buffalo?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

The fire proof safe was purchased for the Town Hall from the Daily Times Co. in Davenport in 1911.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Community Dinner will be held

January 28th 4-6:30.

We will be serving

Meatloaf,, mashed potatoes, green beans, desserts, beverages.

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CLERK'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season with their families. I would also like to wish everyone a happy new year.

Council had their first meeting with new council members and Mayor. Over all it went very smoothly.

We received 10 bids for the 2010 mowing contract and they will be discussed January 14, 2010 with the park/cemetery board at city hall at 5PM. Mark Herman from Molyneaux Insurance discussed several ways to lower our work comp renewal rates in April. Council approved the purchase of new backhoe tires for the city backhoe. A new cell phone line was added for our newest full time employee. Chief Behning was granted permission to hire Gage Adams as a part time police officer. Resolution 1-2010 appointing council members to committees by the Mayor were passed. The second reading of Ordinance 431 pertaining to the adoption of 2009 International Building Code was accepted.

During the last power outage we were able to test the new emergency generator at the community center. It worked out wonderfully! Council will work with the Community Center members to create an emergency shelter plan.

Please check the Gazette next month to see the emergency plan.

On January 8 we had a water main break on Ash Street in front of the water treatment plant. Residents were without water approximately three hours. I want to thank the Public Works department for enduring the cold weather and getting us back up and running smoothly so quickly. Great Job! With all the snow plowing going on please remember the City's snow plowing ordinance. On even-numbered calendar days (example: December 4th), snow plowing will be done on the even-numbered addressed sides of the street. (Example is 402 Third Street.) Hereby designated even-numbered sides of the streets are the north sides and the west sides of all streets. On odd-numbered calendar days (example: December 5th, snow plowing will be done on the odd-numbered addressed sides of the street. (Example is 409 Third Street.) Hereby designated odd-numbered sides of the streets are the south sides and the east sides of all streets. These rules are in effect when a snowfall of two (2) or more inches occurs. 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.

Any vehicles not being moved may be towed by the city at the owner's expense.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

By setting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10%.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Tanna Carter

City Clerk

381-2226 clerk@buffaloioowa.org, www.buffaloioowa.org



Cold weather care for pets and livestock



Food Outdoor pets need more food, of good quality, in cold weather to produce body heat.

Shelter Outdoor animals need a dry shelter that's large enough for them to stand, sit, turn around and lie down comfortably, but not so large that its normal body heat is lost. Line the bottom with dry, nonabsorbent material that won't get wet, matted, and frozen. Marsh hay works well; leaves and fabric do not.

Water Don't make your outdoor pets rely on ice or snow for water, because the animal has to expend too much body heat melting them. Use an inexpensive heater that sits right in the water bowl to prevent freezing. If you can't do that, fill the bowl with fresh, tepid water at least twice a day.

Walking Keep your dog leashed. Snow and ice can make it difficult for dogs to follow a scent, so they may lose their way and be wandering in bitter cold. Protect their paws from sharp ice and salt, either with booties or by cleaning their paws thoroughly when they come inside. Short-haired dogs need sweaters outdoors in extreme cold weather.

Grooming Wet, dirty, matted coats cannot insulate against the cold, so be sure your animals are well-groomed, but not shaved. After bathing an animal, dry it thoroughly before letting it outdoors.

Cars Bang on the hood before starting the car on cold days to startle any sleeping animals that may have sought shelter there. And remember, don't leave your pet alone in a vehicle. It may freeze to death.

Sleeping Even indoor animals needs a warm place to sleep, off the floor and out of drafts, especially old or ill animals.

Cold weather tips for livestock owners:



Shelter Generally, a 20-mph wind is about equal to a 30-degree drop in temperature. Make sure animals have a place to get out of the wind, even if it is just a windbreak or a three-sided shelter, and that other buildings don't

deflect wind and snow into the shelter.

Food Livestock kept outdoors will need more food than usual -- and good quality food. As a general rule, nutrient requirements increase about 1 percent for every degree that the temperature falls below 20 degrees F. Horses' nutrition requirements increase below 45 F.

Water Provide access to fresh water -- not frozen streams or snow -- daily. Stock tank heaters and frost-proof waterers will ensure that livestock get enough to drink.

Bedding Keep plenty of dry bedding to insulate udders and legs from frostbite.

Moisture Long hair or fleece insulates only when it is dry. Wet or muddy hair or fleece loses insulating ability and actually cools the animal as it dries.

Transportation When hauling animals, especially calves and swine, cover openings in the vehicle box to cut wind chill and keep rain out, but allow some air to pass over the animals for ventilation. Provide a deep bed of dry straw for calves younger than 4 weeks or for any swine. Be especially careful with animals recently brought in from warmer climates that may not be acclimated.

**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 5, 2010 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 Leacox @ 381-4602 or by mail to: Walcott PCN, 545 E. James, Walcott, IA 52773. Thank you for your support!

Tina Gipple
Walcott PCN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Ethen Teel January 15th
- Jane 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
- Leota Bollman-January 25
- Karen Hass-January 26
- Richard Hawkins-January 27
- Kim Tucker 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
- Leo 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.

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BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings will cease for the winter, but will resume on March 14. Historical Society will be open by appointment ONLY from Nov 29 through March 14. Telephone numbers are on the door of the Museum, or you can call Chris at 381-8074. Donate to our Museum and get your name in the paper!



American Legion Post 711, Blue Grass, Iowa

If you are a Veteran we would like to invite you to join American Legion Post 711. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month, 7 PM, at 106 South Juniata Street, Blue Grass. Some of our upcoming events are:

Legion and Auxiliary meetings- January 21st, 7 PM

Pancake Breakfast- February 6th, 6 to 9:30 AM

Wild Game Feed- February 12th, 4 to 7 PM

For a complete calendar of events and for additional information on joining the Legion, check out our website at: Sites.google.com/site/ialegionpost711



Courtyard Estates Of Walcott 510 Main Street

The employees, pictured left to right, in the front row are Angie Forari; Kim Kappeler, activities, housekeeping and transportation manager; Robbie Hinz, director; Nancy Stockwell, community relations coordinator; Julia Stegner, dietary manager; and RuthAnne Clapp. In the back row are Chelsi Henderson, Barb Sapp, Joe Frank and Kim Anderson. (Courtyard Estates of Walcott photo)

The employees of Courtyard

Estates of Walcott, an independent and assisted living community, have won four awards from their parent company, Petersen Health Care of Peoria.

The awards, which were announced Dec. 3 at Petersen's annual awards banquet, were for Outstanding Marketing Plan Submission 2009, Most Improved Admissions 2009, Most Improved Census 2009 (3rd place) and Assisted Living/Independent Living Division Facility of the Year (3rd place).

The company recognizes facilities for their achievements during the year at the awards ceremony. The awards that went to employees of Courtyard Estates of Walcott were in the Assisted and Independent Living Community category.

Courtyard Estates of Walcott is located at 510 N. Main St. Robbie Hinz, R.N., is the director. Nancy Stockwell is the community relations coordinator.

Courtyard Estates of Walcott, which features comfortable suites and villas, offers a bridge of independence between living alone and nursing home care. While independence and privacy are respected and maintained at Courtyard Estates, assistance is available whenever it's needed.

Petersen Health Care was founded in 1974. The company manages 16 independent and assisted living communities in Illinois and Iowa. In 2005, Petersen ranked 19th in Provider Magazine's Top 50 Nursing Home Chains in the United States and number 1 in Illinois.

Events for the Community

Wed. 13th 500 Card Party \$3 1pm

Thur 14th Live Musical Entertainment by Stan Muller 1pm

Thur 21st Bingo 1-2:30

Thur 28th Lunch & Learn: Active Lifestyles Series

Lunch @ Noon with presentation to follow: "Fit After 50 - everyday tips to stay active & healthy."

Presented by Eastern Iowa Physical Therapy.

RSVP by Jan. 25th to 563-284-4211

Feb 12th We are sponsoring CASI Valentine's Day Bingo... hope to see you there!

Feb 19th The First Annual "Snow Ball". An afternoon of wintery elegance, formal luncheon & dance. Luncheon at Noon (salad bar, gourmet entree, dessert bar) and enjoy "The Silvertones" playing from 1-3pm. \$8 per person or \$5 with the donation of a new toy. All proceeds & toys to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please RSVP by 2/15 to 563-284-4211.

Nancy L Stockwell

Community Relations Coordinator

Courtyard Estates of Walcott

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Where Does Your Food Come From?

With so much concern today focusing on unhealthy additives and preservatives being placed in foods, many people are now turning to organic products.

Foods grown without pesticides in naturally enriched soil is healthier for your body. Many people are moving out of the crowded cities into the suburbs, starting organic gardens and learning to live naturally, using products that will not harm the environment or their bodies.

Livestock that is raised organically avoid many health problems. Cows, chickens and other livestock that we use for our food should be allowed to roam large parcels of land. They should not be penned up in small containment pens, pumped full of growth hormones, or prophylactic antibiotics to prevent the spread of disease. There is research linking many of these additives injected into commercial livestock, and unnatural diets (grain fed vs grass fed) to **cancer** and **other diseases** plaguing our population. Organic raised meats also provide better living conditions for the animals, even if only short-term. Healthier, organic food can be obtained from your local "Family Farm" as opposed to the commercial "Factory Farms" that supply your grocery store chains. At a minimum, when you go to the grocery store, look for "free range" on the label. If you see "free range" on the label, you can *hope* that the animal was raised in uncrowded, natural conditions. These organic animals are not allowed to be injected with growth hormones or antibiotics and the land they graze on is not treated with commercial pesticides or fertilizers.

Due to increasing concern over the health issues created by commercial farming practices and the inhumane treatment of animals, many larger cities, such as New York and Iowa City, have amended or are working towards amending their ordinances allowing citizens living in non-agricultural zoned areas to raise a small flock of chickens for fresh 'untainted' eggs and personal use.

The animals enjoy a life (no matter how short) that is relatively stress-free, free-grazing on the land and not being manufactured in crowded and deplorable living conditions.

Organic farmers use less energy, less water resources, and NO pesticides. Organic farmers rarely have to burn their fields, because their soil stays rich in content, moisture and nutrients due to careful management of land and using only natural organic matter to cultivate and grow their crops.

When industrialized agriculture (union farms) arrive in farming communities, many farmers are forced out of business. Great expanses of farm land are swallowed up and a way of life that has sustained humans for centuries vanishes. Gone too, is the regard for animals. Placing the animals in crowded living conditions, not allowing them the freedom of movement, fed enriched grains and additives to promote quick growth, and all for what? **All for Greed.**

Each month dozens of new pesticides, cleaners, fertilizers etc... show up in local supermarkets and stores. These products, advertised heavily are purchased and used and thus the destruction of the earth continues slow and steady.

Organic farmers, live cleanly. Free of pesticides and toxins. They do not clutter up the landfills with toxic waste or subject their bodies to unhealthy foods. It is a conscious choice. One made in order to survive right along with the planet that sustains them. For mor info, google healthy farm

Senior Moments.....

Do YOU want to SEE the River and Visit the Riverview Park? E mail the council about your views. Snail Mail would be great also. It would be nice to have wide trail from road near Buffalo Shores to beach and the Gazebo and read the Memorial that faces the river. Watching the tugs and barges is neat since we have one named City of Buffalo. We need to get the brush along the tracks down and the weeds ddragged out and trash picked up before long. Re;member to LOOK BOTH WAYS FOR TRAINS EVEN IF YOU CROSS AT A CROSSING. It is OUR park and we should keep it up and be Proud to show family and visitors. Mayor Gluba of Davenport said we could have a trail thru it and keep it up.

Mitch and I attended the Radison event Monday from 5 to 7 to meet new and old city elected officials and employees of the Quad Cities. They made everyone feel welcome.

We had our first new council meeting with plenty of people present. There were posters of storm water and culvert problems and the beach and a meeting set to review 10 bids for the mowing.

This winter so far had been cold and harsh. If you are a SENIOR and need to have your drive of sidewalk cleared, you can c all city hall at 381-2226 to get on a list to be helped.

With all the snow and upcomming rain, you might want to get ready for a flood or make plans. Better safe than sorry. Remember we have a new generator at the community center if there is an emergency.

The Gen Age Cafe is at Noon Mon, Wed and Fri. and only \$2.75 for a great meal with beverages and desertand great friends, ideas and even games. Try and call 24 hr before and JOIN us.

If you want to voleenteer or come to meetings, they are posted 24 hrs before at P.O., bank and BAC.

YOUR imput and ideas aare welcome.

Our free clothing and things is doing great and gave away 70,092 items in 2009 GREAT JOB . WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH GREAT HELP. THANKS SO MUCH.

Keep warm and safe.

Senior President and councilperson Dana Jo ...



**Happy Valentine's Day
From Dana's kittens!**

(See the shape made by the tales)



**Buffalo Library News - January
2010**

**Beat the after-the-holidays-blahs!
Stop in and order newly-released
DVD's (from any area library)
online, and have them sent to Buffalo
to pick up. Books & magazines, too,
of course. It's FREE.**

Upcoming Events:

Every Saturday in February, the Library will offer the "Make-It-Take-It Craft Activity." Kids of all ages can stop in anytime (9:00 to noon), and make a fun craft to take home.

Saturday, February 13 – stop in and make a Valentine!

**Wednesday, February 17: After-School Movie!
Come by the Library at 2:30 and enjoy a favorite kids' movie on the big screen. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.**

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.

As always:

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

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
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Look Who's Moving back to Buffalo!



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

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

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