

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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

Rural Pearl of the Month:

“We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.”

Our paper can be viewed online at <http://echobluffranch.com/buffalo-shores-gazette/>

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2023/2024

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MONTHLY



BVFD Notes



We spent 55.25 man hours responding to 33 Emergency calls in

November,

We responded to: 19 - EMS Calls

3 - Structure Fires

1 - Vehicle Fires

1 - Grass Fires

1 - Vehicle Accidents

0 - Boat Rescues

8 - Misc. Calls

356 - Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 6 members spent 24 man hours doing regular crew duties.

18 members spent 2 hours training on Driving, Communication, and Maps.

The BVFD would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

The Christmas Fire truck will be out driving thru the streets of town starting Saturday December 23rd till Christmas night starting at dark.

Meet & Greet with Santa at the Fire Station on December 23rd 4:30-7:30pm.

You will be able to take your own photo with Santa, look at the fire trucks, eat Hot Dogs, drink some Hot cocoa and have cookies.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chief Doug Anderson

Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department

MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA AT THE BUFFALO FIRE DEPARTMENT

122 East Front St.
Buffalo, IA 52728



SATURDAY DEC. 23RD FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

BRING THE KIDS TO THE BUFFALO FIRE STATION AND MEET WITH SANTA AND HAVE A WALK THRU OF THE STATION TO LOOK AT THE MANY TRUCKS AND TOOLS THAT HELP SERVICE THE COMMUNITY.

PICTURES WITH SANTA
HOT DOGS, COCOA AND TREATS FOR ALL
GIVE THANKS LATER

Community Christmas Celebration

17 December from 2-4 at the
Buffalo Community Center

Buffalo Business Spotlight:

The Buffalo Community Center

New epoxy floor with inlaid glitter, new bar, LED party lights, new awnings, chip sealed black top parking lot, new raised stage... Over the past several years the Buffalo Community Center has been undergoing



a building-wide make-over, taking on a new role in our community as a stylishly updated, highly utilized event venue for everything from craft fairs and wedding celebrations to bags tournaments and baby showers for

families and organizations from as far away as Muscatine, Silvis and beyond. Let's just say this is not your grandma's bingo parlor any more.

The Community Center has operated as an extension of the City of Buffalo since it was built in 1985, however the Center is financially self-sufficient with all monetary profits continually reinvested in onsite improvements.

As a functional non-profit the Center is also able to offer extremely reasonable, community oriented rental fees. All Buffalo residents receive a \$50 discount on rentals and many local organizations from throughout the area regularly use the facility for fundraising events because the rates are so competitive. Not to mention the professionally staffed, fully stocked cash bar add-on for \$75 is an unbeatable bonus. Still to come - long awaited bathroom and kitchen renovations are now next on the list of improvements to make the Community Center even more appealing for local celebrations and festivities.

Keep an eye on the Buffalo Community Center Facebook page for upcoming events throughout the year.

Not to be missed this weekend - **The Annual Community Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17th, 2-4 pm.** Hot dog lunch, cookie decorating, goodie bags for the first 100 kids, candy and squad car tours by the Buffalo Police Department, a special appearance by the Grinch, even photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus - all free of charge courtesy of the Buffalo Days Team and Buffalo Elementary PTA.

Friday, December 29 - "New Year's Eve Eve" Comedy Show Fundraiser for Ben Wallace, an area veteran who recently suffered a severely life-altering spinal cord injury

For more information on renting the Community Center call 563-210-5982 or check out the Community Center information page on the City's website for full rates and guidelines



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
DECEMBER 17TH, 2023 - 2-4PM

**Come visit Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus
and the Grinch!**

Snacks & crafts for the kids!

Buffalo Community Center, Buffalo, IA

THIS IS A FREE EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AT:



BUFFALO PTA AND THE BUFFALO POLICE DEPT.



Buffalo Historical Society

Meetings will
resume on

March 21. Even though we will not
resume meetings until March, visitors
to the museum are still welcome by
contacting any of our members, and/or
calling Chris at 563-579-3588.

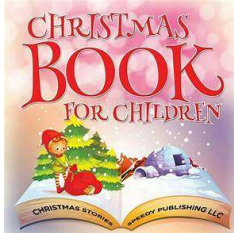
Buffalo Library News

Events:

Crafternoon

Buffalo

December 18,
2023



Story Time

December 20, 2023

Adult Coloring

December 23, 2023

Closed December 25 and December 26

December 25, 2023 to December
26, 2023

Adult Coloring

December 30, 2023

Tara Plies

Sally Snyder

Library hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 2-7 pm

Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm

Saturday 9am to 1 pm

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Sunday

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Buckaroo News



After a search and help from my reenactor
friends for a quality new Cavalry horse,
here is Thunder Bolt. He is an 18 year-old
Quarter horse that is about 15 hands. He is
very smart and rides very well. However,
he still needs to be trained to gunfire,
which is what we have been working on.
He has some big shoes to fill, as Ricky Bob
is one of the best Cavalry horses. He
always gets compliments from others in my
unit when they see how he loves to go into
battle reenactments. I have been
spoiled with Ricky Bob, but Thunder
Bolt will eventually be a good battle
horse with some more de-sensitivity
training to gun fire. Merry Christmas!

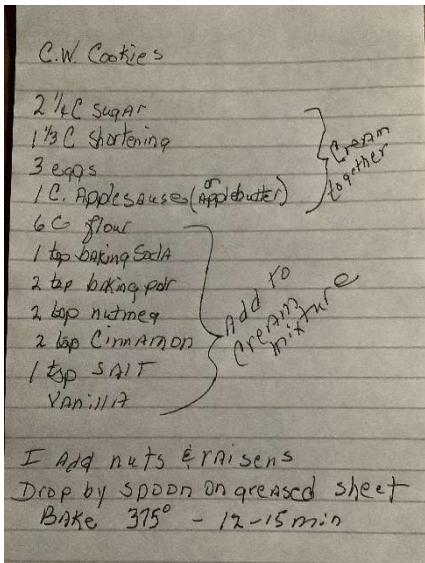
From my Saddle, Senor Esteban

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MOTHER'S COOKBOOK Civil War Cookies



This is an old Civil War era recipe
that is made at reenactment camp by
our cook.

Many of the vintage recipes are from an old Buffalo
women's cookbook, dated June 1921, which was passed to
me from my late grandmother, Virginia Carson. See
Jan/Feb 2013 edition for more info) Others were
submitted several years ago for a Church cook book.

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Food Pantry is OPEN!
Located in the city hall building on the north side
Tuesdays from 9-noon,
1st Thursday from 5-7

Buffalo History 101

OLD AMERICANA

Leila Pagel, a long past lifelong resident of Buffalo, remembered ice-skating on the Mississippi and the showboats that stopped at Buffalo in the years before World War I. She said, "When we heard the calliope, we rushed to the levee for the parade and to see dramas with vaudeville between the acts aboard the Cotton Blossom."

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THE ANSWERS YOU Need

The Milestones Information & Assistance (I&A) program provides a one-call destination to address the needs of older adults and adults living with disabilities. Assistance is a just a phone call away!

How Can We Help?
(855) 410-6222
www.milestonesaaa.org

Milestones
AREA AGENCY ON AGING



Saint Peter Catholic Church
 Please join us for
Mass at 8:30 am.
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 Fr. Ross Epping, Pastor

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Buffalo, IA 52728
Phone: (563) 322-0987



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 11-7pm on Sunday 😊
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Merry Christmas!



We have some exciting news for our amazing customers! Shortly after Christmas, we will be expecting the gift of a new little helper at the Floral Shop! We will be closed on Maternity Leave until February. Check our website and Facebook page for updates!

Submissions to the paper should be emailed to
 chris2865@msn.com
 Or call Chris at 563-579-3588

By the 10th of each month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Sydnee Collins December 16th
- Catherine Spies December 21st
- McKenzie Moeller December 22
- Jordyn Veal December 23
- Nathan Hansen December 23rd
- Tom Spies December 25th
- Kendra Sue Smith December 26th
- Ralph Stalder December 26
- Katherina Van Tuyl December 26th
- Mercedes Mendez December 27th
- Bob Vick December 28th
- Cindy Meldrum December 31st
- Jebediah Collins January 1st
- Shane Riley January 1st
- Martin Buffington January 2
- Tracy Buffington January 4
- Mary Kauffman-January 5
- Michael Lamar January 6
- Kathy Connelly January 6
- Steve Stebbins January 7th
- Faye Carson January 7th
- Evy Hutchison January 9th
- Judith White (Deierling) January 12
- Mike Deierling January 12
- Jane Gadzick January 15
- Ethen Teel January 15th

Happy Anniversary

- Frank & Kathie Connelly December 20
- Charles and Jeanie Buchanan December 23
- Martin & Lisa Buffington December 23
- Earl & Judy Mead 50 years January 3



Our Sincere Sympathy to all the families that have lost loved ones recently.

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News from
ECHO BLUFF RANCH

Buffalo, Iowa



Merry Christmas from Echo and Echo Bluff Ranch! Although there will be no house full of family this year, I do try to pick up some of the cooking my mom would have done to make it nice for my husband and my brother. I do not even try to compete with her decorating. She made sure every room and of the house was decorated for Christmas. She made it absolutely beautiful in every inch of the house! She was gifted in her decorating skill, and I was Blessed to have her and my dad as parents. **We LOVE our life on this little farm in Buffalo, Iowa**
Steve and Chris Thornton

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What Buffalo building burned in 1965?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION:



The Knights of Pythias Hall was originally built on the site of the old Buffalo High School in 1850 and used as a school until 1900, when the Buffalo school was completed. The hall then was moved to a new site (SE corner of Jefferson and 3rd). Chris Zogg, the Postmaster, sold patent medicines there, and the building was used as an early movie theater.



WARMEST WISHES

Wishing you and your family
a safe and joyful season.



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On Santa's Team



One Christmas, my sister told me that Santa was not real. I told my grandmother,

and she took me to the big department store. She handed me 10 dollars and the assignment to buy something for somebody in need.

I thought of a boy in my classroom who had no coat and bought a beautiful coat. We delivered it to his door with a secret note from Santa.

Since then, I have known Santa exists, and we are on his team.

“I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.”

The Postman Lifted Us From Depression

My father sat down outside our apartment, crying. He could not pay the bills for us anymore.

When the mailman came by, he asked him what he needed. My dad replied that he needed \$33 for the following rent. The mailman gave him \$50 without expecting him to pay it back. Then he looked at me and said to my father: “When someone in the future needs your help, help them as you can and tell them what happened today.”

The Set of Poe

Mr. Waterby wants to buy a set of Edgar Allen Poe books for Christmas. However, when he tells his wife, she discourages him from buying the set.

He starts to wonder why she does not let him buy the set. Does she want all money for herself?

Grumpily, he decides that he also will not buy anything for her. In the end, she gets him the Poe set as a gift. And he runs off at the last moment to get her a beautiful ring.

The Gift of the Magi

On Christmas Eve, a wife discovers she has only a few dollars to buy a present for her husband. So she sells her beautiful long hair and buys a gift: a pocket watch chain.

Her husband comes home, and she gives him her gift. Jim gives Della a set of combs and tells his wife that he sold his watch to buy the combs for her.

Both received gifts they could not use, but they felt deeply loved.

The above short stories are from [8 Short Heartwarming Christmas Stories for Adults \[with Videos\] | International Storyteller](#)



The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to express to you season's greetings and good wishes. We appreciate your business and hope that the holidays and the coming year will bring you happiness and success.

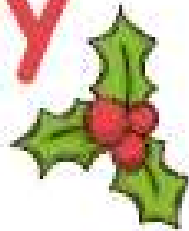
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Christmas Joy



DIRECTIONS: Fill in the crossword grid with the provided words.

4 Letter Words

- BELL
- SNOW

5 Letter Words

- ANGEL
- COCOA
- ELVES
- HOLLY

6 Letter Words

- LIGHTS
- SLEIGH
- TINSEL
- WINTER
- WREATH

7 Letter Words

- CHIMNEY
- GARLAND
- PAGEANT
- RUDOLPH
- SNOWMAN

8 Letter Words

- CAROLING
- DECEMBER
- EXCHANGE
- ORNAMENT
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER
- WRAPPING

9 Letter Words

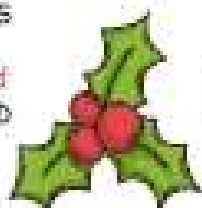
- CHESTNUTS
- CHRISTMAS
- EVERGREEN
- FRUITCAKE
- MISTLETOE
- NORTH POLE

10 Letter Words

- POINSETTIA
- SANTA CLAUS

11 Letter Word

- GINGERBREAD



The crossword puzzle grid consists of 30 numbered starting points for words. The numbers are: 1 (top right), 2 (top left), 3 (top left), 4 (top left), 5 (middle left), 6 (middle left), 7 (middle left), 8 (middle left), 9 (middle left), 10 (middle left), 11 (middle left), 12 (middle left), 13 (middle left), 14 (middle left), 15 (middle left), 16 (middle left), 17 (middle left), 18 (middle left), 19 (middle left), 20 (middle left), 21 (middle left), 22 (middle left), 23 (middle left), 24 (middle left), 25 (middle left), 26 (middle left), 27 (middle left), 28 (middle left), 29 (middle left), and 30 (middle left).

Buffalo Memories



Miss Morrissey - Grade 5-1

1st Row: Aletha Thornburg, Roxanne Meye, Mark Garcia, Paula Shore, Melinda Critten
 2nd Row: Lisa Neill, Todd Kauffman, Tom Harland, Daren Kelly, Lawren Cross, Richie Schutters, Kevin Russell
 3rd Row: Debbie Nissen, Betsy Otis, Julie Kallenberger, Tammy Washam, Pam Garlock, Gene McClellan, Tracy Hammons, Brent Sigler
 4th Row: Jeff Mokhtar, Tom Caudle, Tarmy Carlson, Becky Ashmore, Eliese Gardner, Beth Thiessen, Donna Estabrook, Vince Grisham, Kevin Kelly
 (Absent: Jim Lambert)



