

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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

Rural Pearl of the Month: "Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." Stanley Horowitz

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Business Spotlight: **Buffalo Pumpkin Farm and Market**

COME VISIT THE BUFFALO PUMPKIN FARM AND MARKET! Hello Farm Friends! The Pumpkin Farm is Open for our 26th Season and we can't wait to see you!



The Buffalo Pumpkin Farm & Market runs through **October 31st**. We are open Tuesday – Sunday, from 10 am – 6 pm.

Spend a day at the Pumpkin Farm! No Admission Fee — Cash / Check Only. There are so many activities for the kids! The Buffalo Pumpkin Farm has venues available for groups and parties! We are located on the west side of Buffalo on Hwy 22.

Mums, Mums and more Mums...

- Fancy Pumpkins, Giant Pumpkins, Warty Pumpkins, Pretty Pumpkins, Mini Pumpkins - Corn Stalks and Straw Bales for Decorating - About Our Farm

Established in 1864, the Kautz family farm has been home to the Buffalo Pumpkin Farm since 1999. Many people still remember when the hills of this beautiful homestead were full of apple orchards, draft horses, and dairy cows.



Pumpkin Bob Kautz sitting on a hay bale

Pumpkin Bob Kautz loves sharing the land his family has farmed for generations with young people. Getting children out on the farm has been his inspiration to provide this scenic environment for families to make

lasting fall memories. Ask him about how he used to drive the team of horses with his father through the apple orchards! "As fewer and fewer families have access to their own family farm experiences, the Pumpkin Farm becomes even more important for kids to get to experience interacting with farm animals and the outdoors in special ways."



Many families now have multiple generations building memories and traditions at the farm, which is also available for small parties and gatherings. Being open 6 days a week also allows the farm to be a destination for many school field trips.

Pumpkin Patch Activities

There's something for every age and interest.

Hayrack Ride to Pumpkin Patch – 3 tickets (age 2 and under free)

Straw Castle*,** – 3 tickets

Giant Fun Slide*,** – 4 tickets

Bounce House* – 4 tickets

Prairie Maze** – 3 tickets

Kids' Fun Train* – 4 tickets

Petting Zoo** – 3 tickets

Twisted Terror – 5 tickets

Laser Tag (weekends only) – 4 tickets

Haunted Maze (weekends only) 4 tickets

Pony Rides (weekends only) – 6 tickets

Face Painting (weekends only) – 3-6 tickets

Pumpkin Painting – 7 tickets

Each ticket = \$1

*12 years old & under

** unlimited time.

We can even host your birthday party / church outing / office gathering in one of our party venues!

Looking forward to another year of memories and farm fun!

1500 Front Street, Buffalo, IA 52756

Contact Angie at 563-209-6305, BuffaloPumpkinFarm@gmail.com

St Peter's Cookie Walk



December 6

Starting at 9 am

St Peters Catholic Church

406 4th street

Buffalo, Iowa

Boxes of all homemade cookies will be \$12.

Santa will be there with treats from 9:30 to 10:30.

The holidays are in the air!



Buffalo Historical Society Museum



Join us for our
ANNUAL WEENIE ROAST!

Thursday, **October 16** at 5:30.

Visitors to our museum are welcome by contacting any of our members, and/or calling Chris at 563-579-3588.

BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What was the biggest annoyance to farmer James M Bowling in 1837?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION:

N.H. Cass was known for doing a land office business in the lumber trade in Buffalo in 1881. At one point, he received orders amounting to several thousand dollars from farmers that intend building in the spring. Such staunch tillers of the soil as G.W. Robinson and Philip Baker of Muscatine county and Gheater and other citizens of Blue Grass have given our energetic dealer orders ranging from \$300 to \$800. He can furnish you with all kinds of building material from a shingle to a stack of timber 43 feet in length. But, then, this increase of business is necessary, for a short time ago a lady boarder, weighing fully 9 pounds, was taken to be cared for until 18 years of age.

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EURO MOUNTS

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Submissions to the paper should be emailed to chrisc2865@msn.com

Or call Chris at 563-579-3588

By the 10th of each month!

Papers come out on the 15th.

HOW BEAUTIFULLY LEAVES GROW OLD. HOW FULL OF LIGHT AND COLOR ARE THEIR LAST DAYS.

- JOHN BURROUGHS

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Saturday, November 1, 2025, 7 to 10 AM

Pancakes**Scrambled Eggs**Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy**Omelets
Fried Potatoes**Cinnamon Rolls

Juice**Milk**Coffee

Adults: \$10 Children 4-12: \$5 Under 4: FREE



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Veterans Day

Pork Loin Supper

** Open to the Public**

106 South Juniata Street
TUESDAY -November 11, 2025
4 to 7 PM
Adults: \$14 (Dessert: Included)
Carry out available

Quilt Raffle

Chances: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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Legion Auxiliary Holiday Gift Boxes



Boxes

At the November
20th, 2025
Auxiliary meeting
we will be

packing boxes of home baked
items and snacks to send for the
holidays to active-duty military
members. If you know of any
military personnel currently
serving on active duty in the
Armed Forces from the Blue
Grass and surrounding area,
please call Donna Kraft at (563)
326-4670 no later than Monday
November 10th with their names
and current addresses. You can
also e-mail, the information to
lalegion.post711@gmail.com. If
you would like to make something
to put in these boxes, we would
like 30-36 wrapped items, and
these can be brought to the
Legion Hall the night of November
20th by 5:00 PM. If you have any
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NOV 8, 2025
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Packet Pickup:
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November 7th
& Morning of Race

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Mass at 8:30 am.
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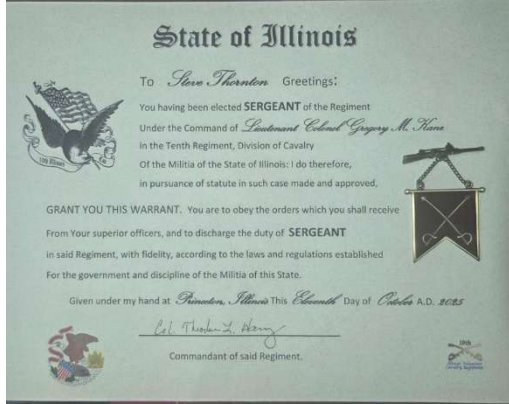
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Buckaroo News

Last weekend (Oct 11-12), I was honored to be promoted to Sergeant at the



Civil War event held in Princeton IL.

Rowdy and I will be travelling to Oklahoma soon for our next major event:

Battle of Honey Springs Reenactment

November 7, 8, and 9, 2025

Honey Springs Battlefield offers a

biennial multiday event, which begins with an Education Day for school groups on Friday. Activities continue on Saturday and Sunday with self-guided tours through the Union, Confederate, and civilian camps, and a reenactment at 1 p.m. Visitors can experience military drills, demonstrations, and living history programs, and take a walk through Sutler's Row, which features a number of vendors selling clothes, books, souvenirs, and reproduction nineteenth-century military equipment. Visitors from around the state come to see special presentations and watch the battle unfold.

The Battle of Honey Springs reenactment shows the largest of approximately 107 documented Civil War military engagements in present-day Oklahoma. The engagement took place on July 17, 1863, just two weeks after the famous Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Approximately 9,000 Union and Confederate troops, mostly American Indians and African Americans, were involved in the Battle of Honey Springs. Of those, approximately 200 total casualties were suffered. After a decisive Union victory, Confederates lost control of Indian Territory north of the Arkansas River. The Union victory also ensured Federal control of Fort Gibson in Indian Territory and Fort Smith in Arkansas.

From my Saddle, Senor Esteban

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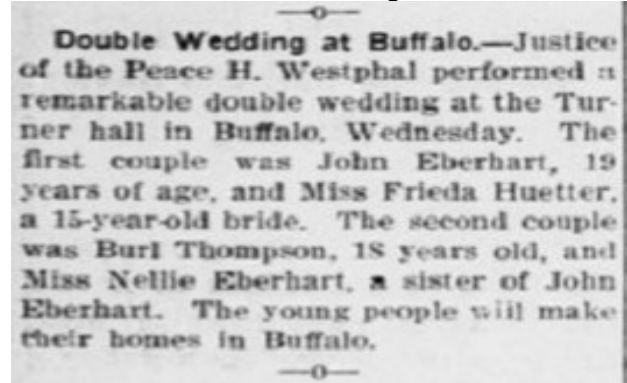
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Buffalo History 101

The Rock Island Argus- June 30, 1906:



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MOTHER'S COOKBOOK

APPLE CREAM COFFEE CAKE

1/2 c. oleo	2 c. flour
1 c. sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	1 tsp. baking soda
1 med. apple	1 c. sour cream

Directions: Cream oleo and sugar. Add eggs 1 at a time. Add vanilla. Mix till well blended. Beat alternately into above mixture, flour, baking pwd. salt, baking soda, and sour cream. Spread in greased pan. Top with thinly sliced apple. Then top this with english walnuts, 2 tsp. cinnamon mixed in 1/2 c. sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 min. **Anna Thiessen**

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Jim Rogers October 15
- Angelicia Villa October 15
- Ariana Villa October 15
- Alicia Carlson October 17
- Harold Egger October 17th
- Norma Buchanan October 18th
- T.J. Behning October 22nd
- Tanna Carter October 24th
- Dennis Awbrey October 26th
- Keven Bernauer, October 27th
- Bobby Bartelson October 27
- Sarah Teel October 27th
- Logan Rose October 27th
- Shane Meador October 27th
- Zach Bowers October 29th
- Kevin Conger October 29th
- Mariah Stebbins October 30th
- Delaney Bartleson November 2
- Dave Schurke November 4th
- Maleah Upton November 6
- Teddy Teel November 8th
- Brent Teel November 9th
- Samual Nissen November 10
- Alan Mosier - November 11
- Frank Connelly November 13
- Samantha Ott - November 14
- Erika Ott -November 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Karen & Brian Hass October 16
- Troy & Anna Manes October 24
- Steve & Chris Thornton October 26
- Carol & Kenny Bernauer October 27
- Jim & Debbie Wilson November 6



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



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 Monday – Friday 10am to 4pm;
 Saturdays 10am to 3pm

News from ECHO BLUFF RANCH, Buffalo, Iowa

Those who know me know that I work for the Army, and am currently on furlough. It was fun for the first couple days, but I am ready to get back to work. Hopefully this can be resolved soon, while settling on a sustainable funding level. There is more than enough to keep me busy around the farm, but in between working on those projects that NEED to be done, my mind wanders to the other dreams I



have of future retirement. One of my dreams is to open a little farm stand to sell eggs, beef tallow, pretty rocks, crocks, farm antiques,



old bottles, etc. I have always been a lover of ROCKS and pick them up wherever I go. I just ordered a rock tumbler to polish all the rocks I find. I cannot wait for it to be

delivered!!! I am so EXCITED! I have always wanted one! BEAR, our Great Pyrenees, is doing pretty good after the Adequan injections. He just turned 13. He is a sweet pup. Off to find more rocks!

We LOVE our life on this little farm in Buffalo, Iowa
Steve and Chris Thornton

Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

Across:

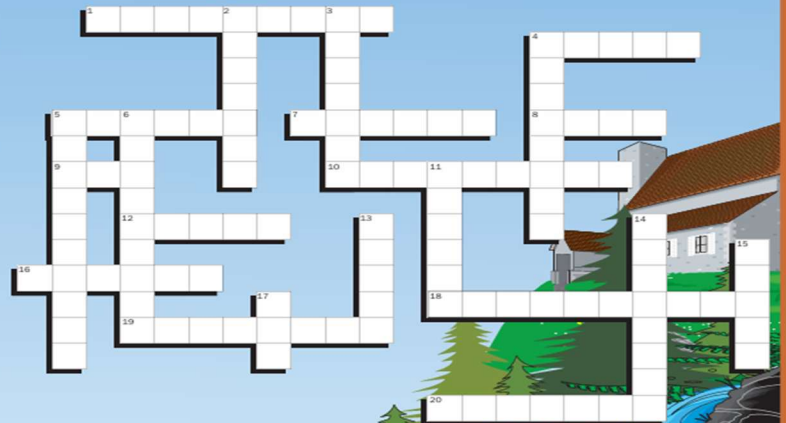
- 1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a _____.
- 4) The _____ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
- 5) Maintaining your _____ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
- 7) Wetland plants act like a natural water _____, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- 8) Leave your grass clippings on your _____ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- 9) A single quart of motor _____, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
- 10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain _____ that "feed" algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
- 12) Polluted runoff from both rural and _____ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
- 16) Storm _____ don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
- 18) Follow directions carefully when applying _____ on your lawn—more isn't always better.
- 19) Polluted runoff (also called _____ source pollution) comes from so many places that it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.
- 20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _____ pile.

Down:

- 2) Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains. _____ it!
- 3) _____ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
- 4) _____ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
- 5) Marking "Do Not Dump, Drains to River" is one way to educate _____ about polluted runoff.
- 6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _____.
- 11) Polluted _____ is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
- 13) The cattail is one wetland _____ that helps purify polluted runoff.
- 14) Too much _____ in water can harm aquatic life.
- 15) Proper crop and animal management on _____ helps to control water pollution.
- 17) _____ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

Choices:

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| compost | nonpoint | sediment |
| drains | nutrients | septic |
| erosion | oil | storm drain |
| farms | plant | urban |
| fertilizer | pollution | wakes |
| filter | recycle | watershed |
| lawn | runoff | wetlands |
| low | | |



For more information, please visit EPA's Polluted Runoff web site at www.epa.gov/nps



Buffalo Memories



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 October	13	14 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	15 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	16 Free clothes 5-7 Historical Weenie Roast	17	18
19	20	21 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Recycle	22 FREE CLOTHES	23 Free clothes 5-7	24	25
26	27	28 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	29 FREE CLOTHES	30 Free clothes 5-7 Food Pantry 5-7 (1 st thurs of month)	31 Trick or Treat 5-7	1 November
2	3	4 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Recycle	5 FREE CLOTHES	6 Free clothes 5-7	7	8
9	10 Council Meeting 6:00	11 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Food Pantry 9-12 Veterans' Day	12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	13 Free clothes 5-7	14 *	15

CLERK'S CORNER

Council Meeting November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm
 Park Board Meeting October 22, 2025 @ 6:00 pm
 Free landfill use: October 18-25. Must have proof of residency. Please no construction or remodeling items! They are open Monday thru Friday 7:00 am – 3:30 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – 11:30 am.
 Cemetery Clean up will be October 15-22. Please make sure all items are off of the graves BEFORE October 15th. You can resume putting items back on the graves on October 23rd.
 The Free Giveaway is asking for donations. Everything and anything are needed.

Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2025 from 5-7pm.

Halloween parade will be October 26, 2026 at noon. Lineup will start at 11:30 am at Terry Adams Park. Anyone is welcome to participate in the parade. The more, the better!

City Hall will be closed on November 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day.

We would like to thank Troy Hass for painting the concession stand. It looks great! Also, thank you to Troy Hass, Sean Roman and Judy Blessing for painting the soldiers and howitzer. They look fantastic!

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CITY OF BUFFALO

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2025-2026 IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300

For households with more than eight members, add \$11,000 annually for each additional member.

Attention: Residential Customers
Need help with your heating bill?

The 2025-2026 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs during the winter heating season.

The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and type of housing. If you are not sure where to apply, dial 211 or visit hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/liheap.

WHEN TO APPLY
A) Elderly (60+) and/or disabled: Oct. 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
B) All other households: Nov. 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

WHAT TO TAKE

- ▶ **Proof of income** (for all household members age 18 and over): Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the last 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year — whichever is easier or more beneficial for you
- ▶ **Social Security numbers for all household members** (documentation required)
- ▶ **Most recent heating bill**
- ▶ **Most recent electric bill**

WAGE EARNERS
 Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

FIXED INCOME
 This income may include: Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program, veteran's assistance, unemployment insurance and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS
 Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

Note: Additional countable income and/or income verification not listed above may be required for eligibility determination.

15-531 8/12/25

“It is only the faithful farmer who plants seeds in the Spring, hoping to reap a harvest in the Autumn”