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Rural Pearl of the Month: "Thankfulness is the quickest path to Joy."

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Business Spotlight: brought to you by Angie Gadzik Buffalo Community Food Pantry



Every little bit helps. For anyone struggling to get through rising utility costs,

layoffs, medical bills, insurance premiums, vehicle repairs and disruptions in the government (just to name a few), the impact of a stress-free load of groceries can make all the difference. Thanks to an all-local volunteer staff transforming cash and product donations from individuals, churches, organizations and businesses into a full array of groceries and hygiene supplies - from pasta sauce and fresh

produce to laundry detergent and toothpaste - the Buffalo Community Food Pantry has been that lifeline for thousands of local residents for over 55 years. The pantry actually started as a community garden behind Calvary Lutheran Church in the 1970s and has

taken a variety of forms throughout the years. It is now located in the Buffalo Activity Center (city hall building) and even serves any



resident of western Scott County (south of I-80 and west of I-280). Weekly bulk orders and shopping trips to area grocery stores and the Riverbend Food Bank maximize every penny donated and ensure pantry inventory is thorough and fresh. Household size and income bracket determine eligibility for participating (similar to regulations for SNAP support and free-reduced lunch programs). Participants can come once a month and are allotted according to their household size. Any and all support for the food pantry

is always welcome from anyone who wants to help out their neighbors in need. Financial contributions as well as items can be dropped off at City Hall (contact

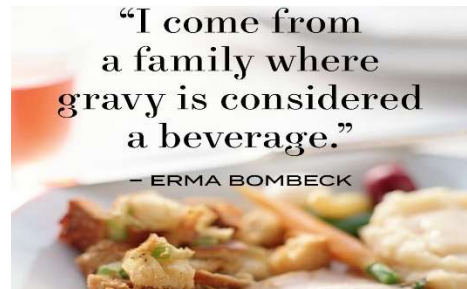
food and hygiene



663-381-2226 to arrange after-hours donations) or stop by the Food Pantry during open hours - every Tuesday 9 am – noon and every first Thursday of the month 5-7 pm. Every little bit helps!

"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage."

- ERMA BOMBECK





Join us in an open-house to celebrate **Frank and Kathie Connelly's** 50th wedding Anniversary. December 20th from 12-4 at the **Buffalo Community Center!** Come and celebrate their love and years of newspaper deliveries with good food and drinks! See you there!

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

Thursday, November 20 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 one thing that Buffalo township had more of than any other township in the county?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION:

James Bowling, from Virginia, settled in Buffalo, the 4th of July, 1895, at the mouth of Bowling's creek. He purchased the "claim" of one Orange Babbett, the quit claim deed to which has recently been presented to the State Historical Society by Mr. Bowling. This property now (later) belongs to Capt. Leroy Dodge. Mr. Bowling commenced farming, in 1835. That fall, he went back to Virginia, married, and returned, in 1836, with his wife and two sisters. In 1837, he had the prospect of a fine crop, but the Indians, who still loitered about the country, were encamped upon this creek. In June there were some five hundred Indians living near him, and very troublesome., They set fire to to the prairie and burned up the fence, surrounding his corn, which was at the time six inches high. The Indian horses then ate much of it, and he was compelled in the heat of summer to cut timber and make rails to enclose field again; but, notwithstanding all his misfortune, he succeeded in raising a very good crop. The Indians, however, were a constant annoyance to him.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED!

About the Humane Society of Scott County

For over a century, the Humane Society of Scott County has been a cornerstone of our communities in ALL of Scott County, working to make life better for both people and pets. While our mission has evolved to meet changing needs, one thing has remained constant: we are unwavering advocates for animals in need.

As the only open-intake shelter in Scott County, we're a critical safety net for lost, abandoned, and at-risk pets, no matter their age, health, breed, or behavior. But our work doesn't stop at intake. We believe that helping pets starts with helping the people who love them.

That's why we offer community-focused programs like low-cost vaccine and microchip clinics, TNR, a free pet food pantry, and more. These efforts not only keep pets in their homes but also reduce unnecessary surrenders and help families stay together.

Reducing the cat overpopulation crisis in our community through TNR.- Why TNR Matters



The free-roaming cat population in Scott County is **out of control**, and it's a problem that affects everyone. Whether someone considers themselves a cat lover or not, the impact of overpopulation is real, and it's growing.

The most humane, effective, and sustainable solution is **TNR: Trap, Neuter, Return**. With TNR, community cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their outdoor homes, often the only home they've ever known. This approach stabilizes colonies, prevents future litters, and improves the health of outdoor cats.

And let's be clear: dumping cats elsewhere is not a solution. It's illegal, inhumane, and completely ineffective. Cats are territorial, and removing one from a colony, or abandoning them in a new location, only creates a temporary gap that another unaltered cat will soon fill. If we're not altering cats, they'll continue to reproduce faster than we can count them.

If we truly want to get to the root of the issue, TNR is the **only research-backed, proven method to reduce cat overpopulation over time.**

Cities like Cincinnati and Kansas City have led successful large-scale TNR efforts. Today, their shelters often don't have enough local cats to meet adoption demand. They even transfer in cats from other shelters, including ours. That's the kind of future we're striving for here in Scott County.

It can work, but it **requires time, commitment, and a community willing to invest in long-term solutions.**

We're always happy to share what's worked, what we're learning, and how others can get involved.

Thanks again for your SUPPORT!

Celina



Celina Rippel

Development Manager
Humane Society of Scott County

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Where was the first Thanksgiving?

Colonists and the Wampanoag tribe shared an autumn harvest feast in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts that is widely acknowledged as one of the first [Thanksgiving](#) celebrations. But some historians argue that Florida, not Massachusetts, may have been the true site of the first Thanksgiving in North America.

In 1565, nearly 60 years before Plymouth, a Spanish fleet came ashore and planted a cross in the sandy beach to christen the new settlement of St. Augustine. To celebrate the arrival and give thanks for God's providence, the 800 Spanish settlers shared a festive meal with the native Timucuan people.

What did they eat at the first Thanksgiving?

The Thanksgiving meal in [Plymouth](#) probably had little in common with today's traditional holiday spread. Although turkeys were indigenous, there's no record of a big, roasted bird at the feast. The [Wampanoag](#) brought deer and there would have been lots of local seafood (mussels, lobster, bass) plus the fruits of the first pilgrim harvest, including pumpkin. No mashed potatoes, though. Potatoes had only been recently shipped back to Europe from South America.



When did America first call for a national Thanksgiving?

America first called for a national day of thanksgiving to celebrate victory over the British in the [Battle of Saratoga](#). In 1789, [George Washington](#) again called for

national day of thanks on the last Thursday of November to commemorate the end of the [Revolutionary War](#) and the ratification of the [Constitution](#). And during the [Civil War](#), both the [Confederacy](#) and the Union issued Thanksgiving Day proclamations following major victories.

When did the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade start featuring balloons?

The first oversized balloons debuted in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in 1927. The brainchild of Anthony Frederick Sarg, a German-born puppeteer and theatrical designer who also created Macy's fantastical Christmas window displays, the first balloons were filled with oxygen, not helium. That year they featured Felix the Cat and inflated animals like elephants, tigers and a giant hummingbird.

Which president tried to move the date of Thanksgiving and why?

Concerned that the Christmas shopping season was cut short by a late Thanksgiving, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt decreed in 1939 that Thanksgiving would be celebrated a week earlier. "Franksgiving," as it was known, was decried by Thanksgiving traditionalists and political rivals (one even compared FDR to Hitler) and was only adopted by 23 of the 48 states. Congress officially moved Thanksgiving back to the fourth Thursday of November in 1941, where it has remained ever since.



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Legion Auxiliary Holiday Gift 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. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry is OPEN!
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Buckaroo News
 Our Civil War reenactment schedule is winding down, with one last event this year. December 5-7 - The Battle of Pea Ridge, AR. This event is held on beautiful private land in Southwest Missouri (1717 Buzzard Glory Rd. Washburn, MO 65772) with NO modern intrusions or farbishness.



SCHEDULE:

Friday: December 5

- 10:00 am - School Day - drills by soldiers, cannon firing every hour till buses leave, Speakers from the Military Park and Sons of Confederate Veterans
- 5:30 pm - Dinner / Chili in the Tavern for Reenactors

Saturday: December 6

- 6:00 am - Start making apple butter
- 10:00 am - Camps open
- 2:00 pm - Battle
- 6:00 pm - Dinner / Pulled Pork and Beans in the tavern for Reenactors
- 7:00 pm - Dance

Sunday: December 7

- 9:00 am - Breakfast / Biscuits and Gravy for Reenactors
- 10:00 am - Camps open / Church service
- 1:00 pm - Battle
- 2:30 pm - Event ends

In the meantime, I will be getting the winterization of the farm completed. There is always work to do!

From my Saddle, Senor Esteban

stevet82260@hotmail.com

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Good mashed potato is one of the great luxuries in life."

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MOTHER'S COOKBOOK

SWISS AND TURKEY CASSEROLE (for leftover turkey)



- 1C. Miracle whip
- 1/2 C. milk
- 2 C. croutons
- 1/4 C. chopped onions
- 2 C. sliced celery
- 4 C. chopped chicken or turkey
- 2 C. shredded Swiss cheese

Mix all ingredients.
 Spoon into 2 quart casserole.
 Sprinkle with extras croutons if desired.
 Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until thoroughly heated. makes 6 servings
 Norma Greiser.

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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**ROTHERMELL DIVORCE SUIT
Claims Her Husband Spends His Coin
for Drink**

Mathilda Rothermell began suit for divorce yesterday in the district court. She alleges her husband, Isaiah Rothermell, has frequently threatened her life and is addicted to the use of too much strong drink. Mrs. Rothermell continues by stating that by thrift and economy she has become the owner of the business at 414 East 2nd street and that with her savings she also purchased a 12-acre farm in Buffalo, the deed of which was, however, put in the name of her husband. She claims she stocked this farm and Mr. Rothermell sold the stock and sunk the proceeds in the convivial bowl. Then the farm, which is underlaid with coal, was leased for seven years to Lewis Long and Mr. Rothermell has been collecting the rent and squandering it, according to his wife's story. Mrs. Rothermell asks a divorce and also wants to be awarded the place at 414 E Second street as well as the farm in Buffalo township. C.H. Hubbell is attorney for the plaintiff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Lilah Thornton November 17
- Roberta Carson November 18
- Richie Nissen November 19
- Jaxyn Hurtado November 20
- Bobi Carson, November 21
- Kay Willet November 22
- Joshua Hernandez November 24
- Abby Moore November 26
- Joseph Bartleson- November 28
- Kyle Guenther November 29
- Mallory Graves November 29
- Grant Carson November 30
- Trudy Buchanan November 30
- Randy Lamar December 2nd
- Debbie Wilson December 3rd
- Margaret Conger December 4th
- Michael Abbott December 6th
- Brian Conger December 7th
- Richard Peek December 7th
- Carleen Mendez December 7th
- Linda Nelson Moore December 7
- Mary Poulin December 8th
- Frank Deierling December 8th
- Zack Anderson December 8th
- Jean Ryan December 9th
- Doug Anderson December 9th
- Dave Willet December 10
- Holli Carson December 10th
- Jill Teel December 10th
- Brady Teel December 10th
- Carol Bernauer December 13th

News from ECHO BLUFF RANCH,

Buffalo, Iowa

I am back to work, Thank Goodness! Oh, and for the rock tumbling, it is a long process.....much longer than I anticipated. I was hoping to have some finished rocks to show, but they are still tumbling for the final polishing stage for 9 more days. This last month, I saw beautiful pictures Northern lights, but What are these "Northern Lights"? The lights are caused by the interaction between the Earth's magnetic field and charged particles from the sun's atmosphere that enter the earth's atmosphere. A solar flare (energetic particles from the sun) floats through space on the solar wind, eventually penetrating the Earth's magnetic field. Electrons in the magnetic field sideswipe oxygen atoms or nitrogen



molecules in the Earth's atmosphere. The bursts of colorful light—the northern lights—are colliding particles (usually electrons) and atoms; at collision, electrons can return to their initial, lower energy state, and in the process, release photons or light particles we know as aurorae. The northern lights are not a regular occurrence in Iowa and depend on strong geomagnetic storms, which happen during active solar cycles. The chances are best in late autumn and winter when skies are darkest. During a significant storm, the best viewing times are typically between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. away from city lights toward the northern horizon.

Off to find more rocks!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Eric & Jill Teel December 4th



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



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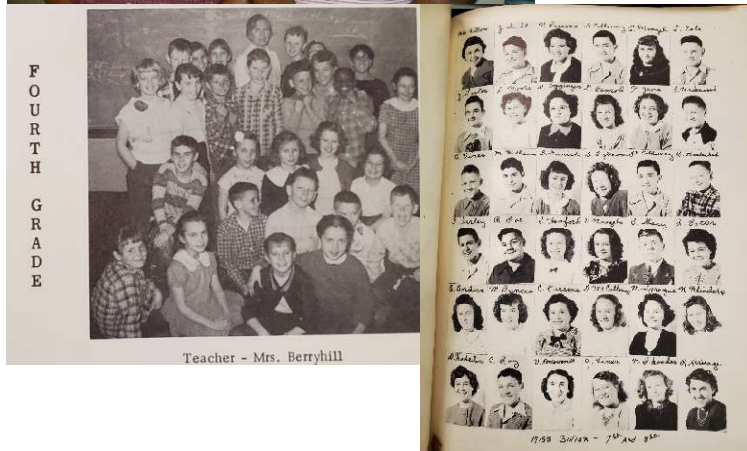
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"Gratitude, help us to see what is there instead of what isn't."

Buffalo Memories



The old Brick and Tile works where the fire station now sits



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 November	10	11 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	13 Free clothes 5-7	14	15
16	17	18 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Recycle	19 FREE CLOTHES	20 Free clothes 5-7 Historical Meeting 5:30	21	22
23	24	25 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	26 FREE CLOTHES	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30	1 December	2 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Recycle	3 FREE CLOTHES	4 Free clothes 5-7	5	6
7 14	8 Council Meeting 6:00	9 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Food Pantry 9-12	10 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	11 Free clothes 5-7	12 *	13

CLERK'S CORNER

Council Meeting December 8, 2025 @ 6:00 pm
 Thank you all for the donations to the Food Pantry and the Free Give-away. They are greatly appreciated and will go to good use. We would also like to thank everyone for your patience as we transitioned to the new utility billing system. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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INCOME MAXIMUMS

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.

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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

If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get."