

BUFFALO SHORES GAZETTE

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Rural Pearl of the Month: "The best gifts of all aren't things." Dale Evans

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Business Spotlight: brought to you by Angie Gadzik St Peter's Catholic Church



Drive down 4th street any Sunday morning between 8:30 and 11 am and the multitudes of cars lining the street between Jefferson and Washington tell you



something special is happening inside St. Peter's Catholic Church. Since the 1850s a small but deeply committed congregation has been coming together every week at St. Peter's to create a deeply spiritual atmosphere that is also somehow comfortable and mellow, warmly welcoming new comers who may have never attended a catholic service, mingled with extended families who have been attending this church for 5 or more generations. Sunday services last just about an hour, and include hymns, prayers, readings, a message from the priest and communion, followed by Sunday School at 9:30 for the kiddos and visiting over coffee and treats for the "grown-

ups". Regularly scheduled Bible study and social activities build on the congregation's commitment to fellowship and a prayer network helps keep parishioners connected in times of need. The church building itself has been in use since 1867 and still has the original stained glass windows. Many aspects of the sanctuary have been renovated and modernized thanks to the talent and commitment of many church-goers. The house next door, traditionally for priests to live in, has also been beautifully renovated and is now used for Sunday School, meetings and social activities, including their annual



Christmas cookie sale.

Everyone is welcome to join the congregation for worship any Sunday. The church extends a special welcome for the Holidays for anyone looking for a place to celebrate the reason for the season this Christmas.

Services will be Christmas Eve at 4:00 and Christmas Morning at 8:30



The Christmas fire truck will be driving through the town again this year.
Watch for Santa!

Buffalo Historical Society Museum



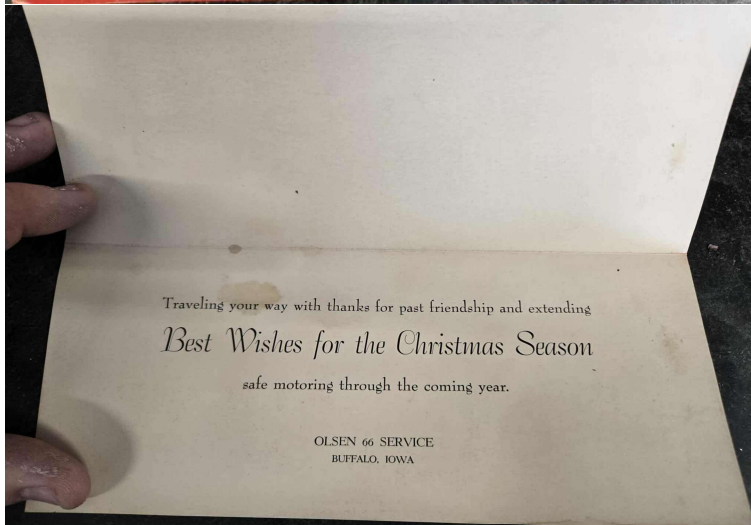
Merry Christmas from the Buffalo Historical Society. Meetings resume in March!

We do have a cleaning day scheduled on Feb 21, 2026 at 9 am. Come help us!

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

Interesting Find!

Josh Davis found this interesting piece of advertising in the wall of a remodeling job. It is from the old auto service station that once was on the west side of Buffalo, where DocSide is now.



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Best Wishes for the Christmas Season
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He also purchased this old coin tool which is engraved with "Buffalo Savings Bank". Does anyone know how this is used?



BUFFALO TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What "novelty" was placed in Capt Clark's log cabin built here in Buffalo?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION:

Buffalo Township, in its early days, and probably even today, has more timber than any other township in Scott County, making it attractive to those wishing to build.

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These precious items showed the respect and reverence the Wise Men had for the Son of God. Christians likewise bestow presents on family members, friends and the needy as a way of remembering the Three Wise Men honoring of the Christ Child. It is also recognition that Christmas is Jesus' birthday, therefore, people give gifts to each other in celebration of the day.

Love and Affection

Christmas presents are a time to surprise and delight those we love. People enjoy finding that perfect gift. Once wrapped and delivered, the giver watches the recipient's happy face as he or she unwraps it.

50 Years Together!



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!



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Christmas Tip: Wrap empty boxes and place them under the tree. When your child acts up, throw one in the fireplace.

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Or call Chris at 563-579-3588

By the 10th of each month!

Papers come out on the 15th.

Buffalo History 101-



In the season of 1835-'36 Captain Benjamin Clark erected a hotel at Buffalo, dimensions being 40x50, two stories high, the pine lumber for finishing being brought by steamer from Cincinnati, Ohio, at the expense of \$60 per thousand feet. During the winter of 1838-'39 Capt. Clark was robbed of a large sum of money, the robbers carrying the secretary containing the money out of the house, down under the shadow of the river bank, and forcing the locks. This was the first occurrence of that nature in the county. No positive clue was ever obtained of the perpetrators. The lands of this district were advertised for sale in the fall of 1839, at Burlington.

THE BEACH PUB



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"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." —

Calvin Coolidge

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Buckaroo News

Cleaning stalls and caring for livestock in this weather is brutal on this cowboy. Let's talk a little Civil War history. As the Civil War erupted, the federal government faced two challenges concerning the Regular Army. The first was its size, the United States' Army was small, disjointed, and largely unprepared for wage war, especially when 270 officers and a few hundred enlisted men resigned to join the Confederacy. The other was its roll. After briefly considering using Regular Army veterans to train and lead volunteer units, the decision was made to keep the Regular Army units together to maintain trained, experienced reserves.

The fall of Fort Sumter in April 1861, prompted President Abraham Lincoln to use the 1795 militia statute to raise volunteers.

Lincoln called for the states to raise 75,000 troops, initially for three-month enlistments, the legal limit at that time. Two weeks later, he asked for another 42,000, though the repeat was



not authorized by statute. He also asked for the expansion of the Regular Army. Congress retroactively approved the second call-up and authorized the Regular Army to grow to 41,000 men, but the latter never expanded beyond 26,000. By the end of the war, Regular Army regiments were so depleted that many were disbanded. The Confederate Army was organized in a similar fashion, with a small, experienced veteran force and a large volunteer force. In March, even before the fall of Fort Sumter, the Confederate States of America called for 100,000 volunteers, serving one-year enlistments. The initial turnout outpaced the new government's ability to equip the volunteers. One month later, a second call solicited 400,000 volunteers for three-year enlistments, though the Confederacy was no better able to equip this force.

From my Saddle, Senor Esteban

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**MOTHER'S COOKBOOK
 HOLIDAY DROP COOKIES**

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 2 tsp. soda 1 C. ground dates
 1 tsp. cinnamon 1 tsp salt
 1 C. shortening 8 Tbl. sweet milk
 5 C. flour 1 C. nuts
 1 C. ground raisins 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar, eggs, shortening and milk.
 Then add the rest of ingredients.
 Bake at 350 degrees until done.
 Frost with powdered sugar frosting or leave plain

Gladys Granzow.
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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- Holli Thornton December 16
- Catherine Spies December 21st
- McKenzie Moeller December 22
- Rowan Brozovich December 22
- Jordyn Veal December 23
- Nathan Hansen December 23rd
- Tom Spies December 25th
- Rick Teel December 25
- Katherina Van Tuyl December 26th
- Mercedes Mendez December 27th
- Bob Vick December 28th
- 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
- 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
- Martin & Lisa Buffington December 23
- Earl & Judy Mead 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

We have a new member of our farm. Welcome "HUGO", our new Livestock Guardian. He is such a doll. He is very smart. Our old guy Bear is still here, despite it being harder for him to get around. We are hoping Bear can teach him the ropes, so he can spend more time napping, as he is doing above! This weather is not very conducive to potty training, but Hugo is doing great! He is very smart, and Bear will be a good teacher!



Merry Christmas!

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



It's ok, they will just think Santa ate them.

The Legend of The Christmas Tree



Two little children were sitting by the fire one cold winter's night. All at once they heard a timid knock at the door, and one ran to open it.

There, outside in the cold and the darkness, stood a child with no shoes upon his feet and clad in thin, ragged garments. He was shivering with cold, and he asked to come in and warm himself.

"Yes, come," cried both the children; "you shall have our place by the fire. Come in!"

They drew the little stranger to their warm seat and shared their supper with him, and gave him their bed, while they slept on a hard bench.

In the night they were awakened by strains of sweet music and, looking out, they saw a band of children in shining garments approaching the house. They were playing on golden harps, and the air was full of melody.

Suddenly the Stranger Child stood before them; no longer cold and ragged, but clad in silvery light.

His soft voice said: "I was cold and you took me in. I was hungry, and you fed me. I was tired, and you gave me your bed. I am the Christ Child, wandering through the world to bring peace and happiness to all good children. As you have given to me, so may this tree every year give rich fruit to you."

So saying, he broke a branch from the fir tree that grew near the door, and he planted it in the ground and disappeared. But the branch grew into a great tree, and every year it bore wonderful golden fruit for the kind children.

Buffalo Memories



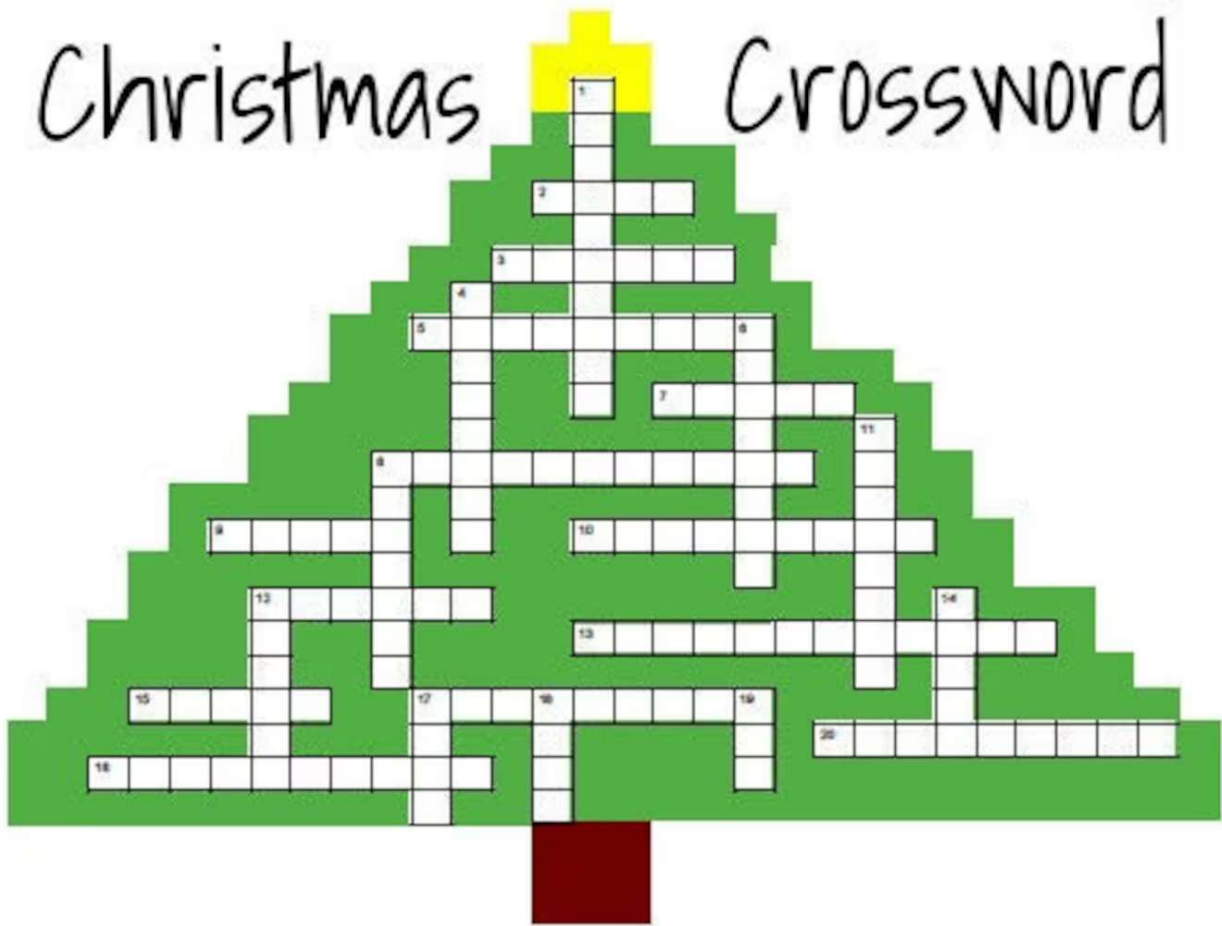
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Christmas Crossword



Down

1. Mexican red flower
4. Gifts
6. To give and receive gifts
8. Long greenery hung for decor
11. Chop this to keep you warm
12. Cold season
14. Attend one of these during the season
17. The First ____
18. Elves build these
19. The night before the big day

Across

2. White precipitation
3. Santa's vehicle
5. Christmas cake
7. "Hot ____"
8. Building project but most of it get eaten before it's finish
9. Wrapping ____
10. Type of tree used for Christmas
12. Decor hung on doors
15. Do this on a frozen lake
16. A popular Christmas ballet
17. Where Santa lives
20. "O ____"

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WE WANT TO SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST AND PARTNERSHIP THIS YEAR.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 December	15	16 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Recycle	17 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	18 Free clothes 5-7	19	20
21	22	23 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	24 FREE CLOTHES Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30 Food Pantry 9-12 Recycle FREE CLOTHES 9-12	31 FREE CLOTHES New Year's Eve	1 January New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 December	6 Food Pantry 9-12 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	7 FREE CLOTHES	8 Free clothes 5-7	9	10
11	12 Council Meeting 6:00	13 FREE CLOTHES 9-12 Food Pantry 9-12 Recycle	14 FREE CLOTHES 9-12	15 Free clothes 5-7	16 *	17

CLERK'S CORNER

Next Council Meeting January 12, 2026
 We would like to thank all the council members for their service. We will be welcoming back next year: Mary Moore, Trent Adams, Sean Roman and Rachel Teel-Vanderpool. Welcome to our new council member, Jesse Leonard.
 Also, welcome back Mayor Sally Rodriguez for another 2 years. The city would like to thank the residents for their co-operation on the snow emergency. We only had a few vehicles that were not moved. Please remember that there are people in Buffalo with no driveways. They are exempt from moving their vehicles, but it is always appreciated if they can find some place else to park. The city is not responsible for multiple vehicles at one resident, so if your driveway isn't long enough to house them, try the park or community center.

With the holidays coming up, please recycle responsibly! 'Tis the season for holiday wish lists so WasteCom made a list of what they'd like to see in your recycling cart and what should be disposed of at one of their other facilities!

See our Holiday Recycling Guide:

YES, Goes in the Bin

- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Plain wrapping paper
- Empty wrapping paper tubes
- Plain paper (no glitter) gift/shopping bags
- Tissue paper
- Greeting cards & envelopes (even photo cards)
- Newspapers, magazines & catalogs
- Popcorn and cookie tins

NO, Does NOT go in the bin

- Rechargeable batteries
- Glitter or metallic foil wrapping paper
- Ribbons & bows
- Styrofoam (even if it has a number on it)
- Plastic bags and films
- Artificial Christmas trees
- String lights
- **Electronics of any kind**

Learn more at <https://www.wastecom.com/holiday-recycling-guide/>

Thank you for recycling right this holiday season!
 City Hall will be closed on December 24, 2025 and December 25, 2025 in observance of Christmas.
 City Hall will be closed on December 31, 2025 and January 1, 2026 in observance of New Years.

Everyone have a safe and happy holiday!

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