

Chalk on the Blackboard

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We are happy to share the latest news and information from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School which has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2001. The school is located at 303 Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota, just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314.

The month of May has been a busy month of celebrations at the school. Sunday, May 1, was a great day even though the weather wasn't very cooperative. Our many guests who came for a visit, enjoyed coffee and conversation and the beautiful teacups filled with tiny succulent plants. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this fun, fundraiser so successful.

On Saturday, May 14, we celebrated our first big birthday bash for a happy one year old boy. His mother, Shana, is a new member of the Buffalo Historical Society, serving as secretary. Family and friends were treated to a picnic lunch, root beer floats, and birthday cake; and enjoyed games and prizes. It was a wonderful time with children and families making new memories in our historic school.

The school will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 30, in conjunction with the annual Memorial Day program by the Buffalo American Legion Easton-Yanish Post #10. The Salute to Veterans begins at 10 a.m. at the Buffalo Cemetery followed by a program at 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Area Emergency Service Center. Their special guest speaker is Joe Wiegand, a professional impersonator, who will portray Teddy Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States. Lunch will be served by the Buffalo Legion Auxiliary for a free will offering.

Visitors to Buffalo are welcome to stop by the school in the afternoon. We will have displays honoring veterans and a new exhibit "North Dakota Women at War" featuring local women who served in the military or worked in defense jobs on the home front. A Flag of Honor will be presented to the school by members of the Johnson family in memory of John "Jack" Johnson, a 1941 Buffalo High School graduate who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and in remembrance of all World War II veterans.

We want to remind everyone to mark their calendars for Friday, July 15, for our Annual High School Homecoming and Summer Party on Pearl Street as part of the 2022 Shuffle off to Buffalo on Saturday, July 16. There are so many reasons to get together and remember our time at the school when it really was our home away from home. It is a special time for reunions with classmates, family and friends. A picnic supper of grilled burgers, salads and desserts will be available and our popular beer garden will be hosted by the Old 10 Saloon. There will be lots of conversation, oldies music, special presentations, and so much more.

As always, we are excited to showcase the improvements and important changes at our Historic 1916 Buffalo High School. Please call me at 701-412-4485 for more information about our upcoming activities and special events. Like us on Facebook or visit our website at www.buffalond.com.

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