**Chalk on the Blackboard**

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Happy New Year from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School located at 303 Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota, just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314. After closing in 1978 the school was listed on the National Register of Historic Properties In 2001, the same year it became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. The school has undergone many renovations and repairs to make it a viable and important part of our community once again.

We are starting this new year after successfully completing several major grant projects in the basement of the school during November and December. We have been busy cleaning dirt and dust from the construction work, as well as removing fallen tree branches and debris after last week’s ice storm. We are getting ready for a very important event.

The Buffalo Historical Society is excited to host an Open House to honor Carolyn Pfeifer and celebrate her birthdaywith a cake and champagne reception. Please come for a visit and stay for a story on Sunday, January 14, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the “Carolyn Pfeifer Room” at the Historic Buffalo High School. The large west room on the main level of the school was the home economics department during her teaching career at the school, and was officially renamed and dedicated in 2021.

An original watercolor by Carolyn Pfeifer has been professionally framed and will be presented to the school in her honor by Gary Lee, a 1963 BHS graduate. We are grateful to have a selection of beautiful note cards, prints, and 2023 calendars from her original artwork available for purchase to benefit the Buffalo Historical Society.

Everyone is invited to join us January 14 to recognize this outstanding woman who is respected and admired in our community. She has deep roots in Buffalo and has advocated social, cultural, and educational advancement for others, especially the students she encouraged during her dedicated years of teaching. Please help us show our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Pfeifer for her significant and important contributions that have impacted so many.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon. For more information and to learn about the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School, please visit [www.buffalond.com](http://www.buffalond.com), connect with us on Facebook, or call me at 701-412-4485.

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