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 that was listed on the National Register of Historic Properties in 2001. The school is located at 303 Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota, just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314.

The calendar says the month of April is coming to an end but the weather continues to be difficult. To help lift our dampened spirits we are inviting you to a May Day celebration on Sunday, the first of May, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Carolyn Pfeifer Room. The room will be decorated in bright spring colors and you can sample delicious treats including quiche, lefse bites and handcrafted fruit filled scones by Michele's Table in West Fargo. Please come for a visit, take time to relax, and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with friends.

A beautiful assortment of vintage tea cups and unique pottery pieces filled with fresh green succulent plants will be available for sale as a fun-fund-raiser. These beauties will make a great gift for mothers, friends, family, and especially you. The Olde School Gift Shoppe has an exceptional variety of treasures old and new, including a collection of "Sassy Ladies" note cards from original sketches by the late Carol Beilke who was a very talented artist and friend. We are grateful for our supporters who continue to amaze us with their generous contributions and their enthusiasm for shopping.

We will host an Open House on Monday, May 30, in conjunction with the annual Memorial Day program by the Buffalo American Legion Easton-Yanish Post #10. We will have exhibits honoring veterans and a special display of North Dakota Women at War featuring local women, whether in military service or on the home front working in defense jobs. We will dedicate a U.S. flag and stand topped with a gold eagle in honor of all World War II veterans and in memory of John "Jack" Johnson, a 1941 Buffalo High School graduate who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

We are excited about our Annual High School Homecoming and class reunions scheduled for Friday night, July 15, from 6 to 10 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School for a great party on the lawn with a picnic supper catered by the Tower City Bed & Breakfast and a beer garden hosted by the Old 10 Saloon. There will be music, prizes, special presentations, and so much more.

Saturday, July 16, will begin at 11 a.m. with an American Legion Salute to Veterans at the Book of Valor Memorial on Main Street. There will be many activities for the entire family including an arts & crafts fair, radio controlled airplane demonstration, kid's barrel train rides & play land, 3D youth archery shoot & air rifle shoot, musical variety show on the Pearl Street Stage, wagon tours of Buffalo, and lots of good food & sweet treats. The annual cruise to Buffalo car show will start at 5 p.m. and feature golden oldies music by DJ Steve. Plan to join us for a day of summer time fun in Buffalo.

We're looking forward to seeing you again at the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School. For more information about our activities and special events please contact me at 701-412-4485, like us on Facebook, or visit our website at <u>www.buffalond.com</u>.