

## **Chalk on the Blackboard**

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Summer time greetings from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School located at 303 Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota, just three miles north of 1-94 at exit 314. The school became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in 2001 when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It's time! Alumni, classmates, family, friends, neighbors, and visitors are all invited to come for a visit! We will host our Annual High School Homecoming and Party on Pearl Street from 6 pm to 10 pm on Friday night, July 15. Enjoy great food, the beer garden, oldies music, and take time to reminisce about the past and plan for the future. We will dedicate a Flag of Honor for the school in memory of a 1941 Buffalo High School graduate, Jack Johnson, and all veterans of World War II. During the evening we will showcase clothing styles from our time at school, including basketball, baseball and band uniforms, cheerleader outfits, lettermen jackets and cardigans, poodle skirts, gowns, dresses, coats, hats, and so much more.

Make plans to join us on Saturday morning July 16 at 11 am on Main Street at the Veteran's Memorial Monument Book of Valor. John Halland, Commander of the American Legion Easton-Yanish Post #10, will conduct a Salute to Veterans which will include patriotic music by SueAnn Berntson and a special presentation by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Two local veterans will receive a quilt in appreciation for their military service and sacrifice; Ken Ronning who served in the Navy during World War II, and Bill Marcks who did 2 tours of duty in Vietnam while serving in the Army and recently retired as the Commander of Post #10.

There will be lots of summer time fun all day on the lawn of the old school. Enjoy the Arts & Crafts Fair, wine by Red Trail Vineyard, good food by Piglet Catering, ice cream treats, barrel train rides, kid's games, wagon tours, and an exhibit of old and new vehicles featuring a squad car from the Cass County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Manning and K-9 Kota will be visiting throughout the afternoon. The youth 3-D archery and air rifle shoot will be at the city ball park from noon to 3 pm, radio-controlled airplanes will be flying at the airfield 1 mile east of Buffalo, and the annual car show with music by DJ Steve will start at 5 pm on Main Street.

The highlight on Saturday afternoon will be the free entertainment on the Pearl Street Stage from noon to 4 pm. We will welcome five very talented performers. Rick Miller, a 1963 Buffalo High School graduate, will perform 50's & 60's rock & roll and country, and Deb (Peterson) Wald who graduated from Maple Valley in 1978 will do a tribute to Patsy Cline and a medley of Carole King songs. The Quarter Notes is a 14 piece band of retired musicians from the F-M area including Karen Tabor of Buffalo and two friends from Page who will entertain us with a little jazz, ragtime, blues, rock, pop, and even a polka. Marie Francis, a native of Jamestown now living in Valley City has been playing professionally for the past 5 years, will perform everything from country to folk to rock. A local favorite, SueAnn Berntson, will apply her rich vocal talents to her gospel and classic country music alike, and members of her musical family may join her on stage to amaze us with their talents too. Bring your lawn chairs, bring your friends, and expect to be entertained all afternoon with great music!

We're looking forward to seeing you in Buffalo July 15 and 16 for our annual celebration. For more information please contact me at 701-412-4485, or like us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.buffalond.com](http://www.buffalond.com).

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