

## **Chalk on the Blackboard**

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Here is the latest news and information from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School located at 303 Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota. The school closed its doors in 1978 and became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society in 2001 when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Properties.

The month of September was all about welcoming visitors to the school from near and far, including California, Florida, Minnesota, Montana, and Texas. Our September Celebration was a success and enjoyed by many people who stopped by for our huge sale in the Olde School Gift Shoppe. We were happy to share a Saturday afternoon with a young couple who is new to Buffalo as they hosted a baby shower with family and friends.

The next few months will also be busy as we prepare for several important events, but first we will be organizing and cleaning in the basement. The school will benefit from a ND Historic Preservation matching funds grant to remove the uneven flooring in the northeast room and install drain tile, pea rock and concrete. This is necessary to stabilize the floor and create additional space for other activities.

The Buffalo Historical Society has scheduled their annual membership meeting for Sunday, October 23, in the Carolyn Pfeifer Room on the main level of the school starting at 3 pm. President John Kringler and the Board of Directors would like to extend a special invitation to all members, supporters, volunteers, friends, and neighbors to learn more about our past, present and future. Please join us as we celebrate our many accomplishments and enjoy conversation, coffee and homemade pie.

The Historic 1916 Buffalo High School is proud to be involved with the Zeta Sigma chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) at Valley City State University. This international honor society in education was founded in 1911 and fosters excellence in education and promotes fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. KDP will be holding their annual initiation ceremony at the school on Tuesday, October 25, at 6 pm which will be open to the public. Anyone interested is welcome to attend to learn more about the opportunities provided by KDP, meet their members, and enjoy a dessert reception.

We are all aware that Christmas is just around the corner, so please mark your calendar for our upcoming Christmas on Pearl Street Vendor and Craft Open House on Sunday, December 4, from 11 am to 3 pm. Your holiday shopping will be made easy with cash and carry items, stocking stuffers and gifts for all ages; and will also support home based businesses and our local entrepreneurs. A delicious homemade lunch will be served and holiday treats will be available all day. Booth space is limited and any interested vendor should contact me as soon as possible at [jolistout@ictc.com](mailto:jolistout@ictc.com) for registration information.

To learn more about our historic school, our upcoming events, or how you can be involved with our future, please feel free to call me at 701-412-4485. Visit our website at [www.buffalond.com](http://www.buffalond.com) or connect with us on Facebook for more details and information.

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