

Chalk on the Blackboard

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Warm summer greetings 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 its doors in 1978 the school sat empty until 2001 when it became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has undergone many years of renovations and repairs to make it an important center of our small community once again.

The Buffalo Historical Society has been busy planning our Annual Homecoming & Celebration on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. Everyone is invited to come for a visit and celebrate with us, and we can't wait to see you!

Friday evening we will enjoy our Party on Pearl Street with a catered picnic supper, Old 10 beer garden, and several reunions, including the Class of 1963 and 1973. At 7:30 pm we will have a special ceremony to honor two of our BHS alumni, Gary Grieve, Class of 1952, and Robert Von Bank, Class of 1956. The Quilts of Valor Foundation, a non-profit organization, will present patriotic quilts to Gary and Robert in appreciation and recognition of their military service. We will also have a few surprises for you during our program.

Please join us Saturday at the Pearl Street Music Celebration and Outdoor Market starting at noon. We are excited to showcase SueAnn Berntson & Family, Rick Miller, and the Myron Sommerfeld Orchestra, who will entertain us all afternoon. We are fortunate to be working with another non-profit organization, G.C.A. Thrive (Global Connection to Africa). Their volunteers will provide lots of fun experiences for kids with old fashioned carnival games, like the fish pond, ring toss, frog jump, rocket launch, glitter tattoos, and more. Of course there will be prizes and kid approved snacks.

The Outdoor Market will feature delicious barbeque lunch specials by the Meat Wizard, a selection of homemade sweet treats by Dakota Desserts, a wine bar by our local Red Trail Vineyard, and several unique shopping opportunities. G.C.A. Thrive will have handcrafted goods made by independent African artisans and your purchase will directly impact their lives. The Olde School Gift Shoppe will be open with a fresh new look featuring gently used items, tables of beautiful jewelry, framed art, and bargains galore.

We are pleased to announce the *First Annual Larry Zaun Memorial Car Show* will take place on Main Street from 5 pm to 8 pm. There will be a special tribute at 6:30 for Larry, the founder of our car show, who sadly lost his battle with cancer this year. We will honor Larry and remember him as we listen to his favorite music in the City Park by D. J. Steve.

We're looking forward to seeing you and invite you to visit us in Buffalo on July 14 and 15. To learn more please contact me at 701-412-4485, like us on Facebook or visit www.buffalond.com.

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