

## **Chalk on the Blackboard**

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Here is the latest news and information from the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School located on Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota. The school has come a long way since 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 Properties.

During that same year the City of Buffalo Historic Preservation Commission (CBHPC) was established. This advisory commission was formed in order to qualify as a Certified Local Government (CLG) under the State Historical Society in Bismarck. The CBHPC is one of only eight cities in North Dakota to receive this status which provides eligibility to compete annually for designated grant funds. Thanks to this federal funding, the school has been positively impacted over the past decade. Last week we were excited to receive a letter of congratulations announcing the approval of the 2023 CLG Grant application for the ongoing project in the basement at the school.

Our 2022 grant awarded last year is still on hold due to the snow banks and wet grounds at the school. We have obtained an extension of time to complete this project and we plan to have both grant projects finalized by the deadlines. We are grateful for the funds provided by the State Historical Society through the CLG grant program. As always, the Buffalo Historical Society is required to provide a 40% match to the federal funding amount in order to participate and qualify.

In spite of the weather setbacks, we are busy planning for a successful year at the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School. Our first event is a bridal shower for one of our favorite young women, Sarah Biggers, on Sunday, April 30. Her grandfather, Frank, is a 1957 Buffalo High School graduate and a loyal supporter. We want to extend our best wishes to the happy couple.

We are looking forward to our Annual Homecoming and Celebration at the school on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. Everyone is invited, including all alumni, to our Party on Pearl Street Friday evening to enjoy a home style picnic supper, the Old 10 beer garden, and special class reunions. Saturday afternoon we will showcase local entertainment and great music on the Pearl Street Stage. Bring your family and your lawn chairs, enjoy an afternoon with neighbors and friends, and listen to the legendary Myron Sommerfeld & the Music of the Stars Orchestra, our favorite BHS alumni Rick Miller, and local recording artist SueAnn Berntson. The outdoor Pearl Street Market will feature delicious barbeque by the Meat Wizards from Enderlin, sweet treats by Dakota Desserts, a wine bar by Red Trail Vineyard, and more.

Please give me a call at 701-412-4485 for more information about our future plans, upcoming activities, and events at the school and in our community. To learn more, visit [www.buffalond.com](http://www.buffalond.com) or like us on Facebook.

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