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We have been very busy at the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School and we are ready to invite you to come for a visit! We are located on Pearl Street in Buffalo, North Dakota, just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314. The school closed in 1978 and in 2001 became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a viable and important part of our community once again.

Our big summer celebration will begin at 6 pm on Friday night, July 19, when we will host our 15th Annual Homecoming. Alumni, classmates, family, friends, neighbors, and visitors are all invited to join the fun at our Party on Pearl Street. Enjoy the Red Trail Vineyard wine and beer garden and a delicious picnic supper provided by the BBQ Meat Wizard. Homemade pies and old fashioned donut balls from Tower City Catering will be available for a freewill donation to benefit the school’s ongoing repairs.

We have two very important guests of honor this year, Beverly (Tabor) Jager and Virginia (Russell) Schobinger, graduates of the Buffalo High School Class of 1949, who are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee. We are also very happy to welcome members of the Class of 1974 who are celebrating their 50th class reunion. The last class trip in the history of Buffalo High School was taken by this group of thirteen graduates when they traveled by school bus to Winnipeg for three days, and celebrated the end of their school days together.

In addition to friends and family, food and drink, the evening will include oldies music and memories, and a special program to recognize several alumni who have made a difference through their contributions of time and energy in their communities. The highlight of the evening will be the dedication of our restored fire escape with special gratitude to the family of Pete Von Bank, Class of 1959, and a new addition to the fire escape will be unveiled in memory of Keith Nudell, Class of 1963.

Make plans to join us on Saturday, July 20, for our Pearl Street Celebration, from noon to 5 pm on the school lawn. Bring your friends, family and lawn chairs, and listen to free music all afternoon on the Pearl Street Stage featuring Americana, Bluegrass, Classic Country, Folk, Gospel, Old Time Rock & Roll, and New Age Pop. There will be lots of summertime fun for children of all ages. GCA Thrive from Fargo will provide a variety of old fashioned carnival games and prizes. Arts and crafts will be available from our specialty vendors and the Olde School Gift Shoppe will be open for your shopping pleasure. Enjoy BBQ, refreshments and sweet treats. Come for the celebration and stay for the 2nd Annual Larry Zaun Memorial Car Show on Main Street starting at 5 pm.

Everyone is welcome! The Buffalo Historical Society is always excited to showcase our Historic 1916 Buffalo High School and the many improvements and renovations. We look forward to seeing you on July 19 and 20 at our 15th Annual Homecoming and Celebration in Buffalo. 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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