**Chalk on the Blackboard**

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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 closed in 1978 and in 2001 it became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has undergone many renovations and repairs to make it a viable and important part of our community once again.

Unpredictable weather slowed our progress in our flower gardens this year, but now they are looking beautiful. We want to thank our volunteers who helped us last week and finished planting a colorful variety of annuals. We are happy to report that white and pink and burgundy blooms are abundant in the Buffalo Cemetery where over 1000 peony plants have popped open and are an incredible sight to behold.

We have been busy planning lots of summertime fun and are very excited to announce the free entertainment for our Pearl Street Celebration on Saturday, July 20,starting at noon. Four outstanding musicians will perform all afternoon on the Pearl Street Stage with great vocals, guitars, mandolins, ukuleles, and maybe a few surprise guests. Bring your friends, family, and lawn chairs; and take time to relax and listen to fabulous music.

We are happy to have the very talented singer, songwriter, Marie Francis, return to our stage again after a two year absence. She will perform a selection of folk, new age pop, and old country for us. Rick, Miller, one of our Buffalo High School graduates, will sing favorite old time rock & rock and country, and keep us laughing with his audience participation. Back by popular demand is Sue Ann Bernston, an outstanding recording artist. She will amaze us with her rich vocal talent performing a variety of gospel, country, and patriotic music; and she may invite members of her own musical family to share the microphone with her.

Closing out the afternoon will be John Trelstad of Fargo fame performing for the first time on our stage in Buffalo. He is part of the magical trio *Tucker’d Out* who just celebrated more than a decade of music at the Sons of Norway. John will entertain us on his guitar and mandolin with Americana, bluegrass and folk songs, and will charm us with his story telling.

Enjoy delicious BBQ food from the Meat Wizard grill and cold refreshments at the Red Trail Vineyard wine bar. The GCA Thrive kids’ carnival will set up in the shade on the east lawn of the school from noon to 3:30 pm with games and prizes and lots of fun for our younger guests. Arts and crafts will be available from our specialty vendors and the Olde School Gift Shoppe will be open for your shopping pleasure. The evening finale will be the Second Annual Larry Zaun Memorial Car Show from 5 pm to 8 pm on Main Street at the Buffalo City Park.

We’re looking forward to entertaining you with music, music, music on July 20 in Buffalo, where everyone is welcome. For more information about our upcoming Annual Homecoming and Celebration, please contact me at 701-412-4485, connect on Facebook, or visit our website at [www.buffalond.com](http://www.buffalond.com).

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