

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, just three miles north of I-94 at exit 314. Our old school has come a long way since it became the property of the Buffalo Historical Society in 2001 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We had a very busy July with our Annual Homecoming and Party on Pearl Street Celebration on the 14th and 15th. We welcomed former staff, students, friends, and family, who had traveled from near and far to share their memories and create many new ones. High school graduates participated in special class reunions and reminisced about their school days together. This was an important reminder that it is the people who bring life back to the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School.

We are always happy to have visitors stop by on their travels through the area and learn about the history of our school, our town, and its people. This summer we have welcomed travelers from the local area and Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Washington, and Canada. Many were excited to discover their family histories recorded in our book, *Buffalo, Our Town on the Prairie*; a valuable legacy of the history of our people who were bankers, doctors, farmers, homemakers, lawyers, merchants, preachers, teachers, and early pioneers. This book tells the story of these people searching for new opportunities and the beginning of our community with the many changes that occurred through the years.

The month of August is a busy time for schools as they prepare for students to return to the classroom. We are planning our own Back to School Open House at our historic school on Tuesday, August 22, from 10 am to 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come for a visit and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. A cafeteria style lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 for a free will donation to benefit the school. Take time to shop in the Olde School Gift Shoppe for treasures old and new and tour the upper level which features military exhibits, historic photos, and school memorabilia. We encourage you to enjoy our beautiful flower gardens which continue to bloom thanks to our volunteers and to Mother Nature for some much needed rain.

We are always open by appointment, so please call me at 701-412-4485 to schedule a visit. The school is also available for private parties, celebrations and other activities. Any occasion can be special when surrounded by the character and atmosphere of the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School.

For more information please contact me, or visit the Buffalo website at www.buffalond.com , or like us on Facebook.

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