

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

BACC PAGES**Holiday Calendar of Events**

If you are planning a special holiday event during December such as an appearance by Santa, carolers, etc., and wish to have it included in the Christmas **calendar for free**, please provide the Chamber with your information by **Wednesday, November 16**. You may email your event to Jill@buffalochamber.org. The calendar will be published in the Wright County Journal Press on November 24 and in The Drummer on November 27.

Deck the Halls in Downtown Buffalo

December 3, 2011 • 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.

For the past several years on the first weekend in December we have been trying to create an atmosphere in downtown Buffalo to get people in the holiday shopping spirit. Our hope is that during the entire month Buffalo businesses will continue to advertise *Come Shop Buffalo*. Please let us know of any holiday events you are having so we may include them in the large calendar we print in the paper.

This year we will have caroling, costumed characters and *Mrs. Claus's Christmas Cottage* in the old Hallmark building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bob and Thea Adams will be displaying a holiday model train. There will also be a bake sale, Farmer's Market vendors, Mrs. Claus and other characters that you may take your picture with and more. From 3 pm to 5 pm Downtown Wine & Spirits will be hosting a *Taste of the Season*.

**Christmas In The Park**

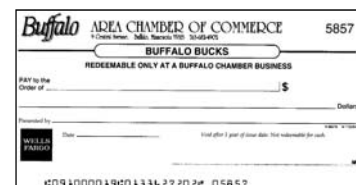
December 3, 2011 • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Bring your children to visit with Santa at the annual Christmas In The Park holiday gathering at Sturges Park. Enjoy hot chocolate while you warm your toes by the bonfire.

Don't forget to bring your camera so you may capture the excitement in your children's eyes when they tell Santa what they want for Christmas. The event concludes by lighting the Christmas tree at 5 p.m. There will be many opportunities during the event to capture holiday photos to send to loved ones. Remember, this event is free to the public!

Buffalo Bucks

Looking for a gift for the person that has everything or just not sure what to buy them? Buy Buffalo Bucks! Buffalo Bucks certificates may only be used at Chamber member businesses - they may not be taken to a bank to exchange for cash. Purchase Buffalo Bucks at the Buffalo Chamber office in any amount you wish. If you would like to purchase Buffalo Bucks certificates, please contact the Chamber at 763-682-4902. There is no cost to you other than the gift amount you want to give.



Third Annual Taste of Buffalo - A Total Success

For the hundreds of people who attended the Third Annual *Taste of Buffalo*, held on Thursday, September 22, at the Buffalo Civic Center, they tasted the best of the best the vendors had to offer.

Many vendors created a special dish just for this event and entered their food item into the *Most Creative Food Item* contest, which was awarded to Twisted Iron Grille for their autumn trifle. ***Pictured on the right is Darin and DeJonna Weaver, Owners with our Taste of Buffalo Chairperson, Rick Flaata of Coborn's.*** Twisted Iron Grille is located in Buffalo Heights Golf Course.



Another contest open to the vendors was the *Most Creative Booth*, which was awarded to Deer Lake Orchard. Below are the new owners of Deer Lake Orchard, Yuri and Jill Preugschas. The women in the middle is Jean Hafften. Jean is known for her huge apple pie. (See picture below.) Jean even added "Taste of Buffalo" in the crust. Not only was it beautiful it also tasted great.



The *People's Choice Award*, decided by Taste goers, was awarded to Hitching Post at Lake Center in Annandale for their barbecue ribs. Be sure to stop at these locations for delicious delicacies.

Fabulous autumn decorations provided by Utiedt and Buffalo Country Store along with the bedecked twinkling lights and autumn centerpieces in the Civic Center, transformed the room into an enchanting dining space.

During the evening, diners enjoyed music provided by accordionist George Jundt (see below) and guitar and vocals were provided by Bill and Jolie.

The evening concluded with our iPad drawing won by **Donna Anderson** of Buffalo. Congratulations Donna! One of our members, Al Hoekstra/Edina Realty bought Donna (his mother) the ticket. Needless to say, she gave Al the iPad. So congratulations Al!

Thanks to our TOB Committee -Rick Flaata/Coborn's, Jamie Baker/Functional Industries, Inc., Laura Jenkins/Buffalo Hospital, Tom Murel/Life Tree Church, Cathy Quady/Edina Realty-Quady Group, Mary Lynne Wolfe/Excel Physical Therapy, Jane Wurm/BankWest and Michael Zumbusch/Insurance Brokers of MN, Inc.

Mark your calendar for September 27, 2012 for the 4th Annual Taste of Buffalo!



THANK YOU 2011 TASTE OF BUFFALO CORPORATE SPONSORS

**BANKWEST • Buffalo Rock Winery, •
Charter Communications • Coborn's •
Michael Zumbusch/Insurance Brokers of
MN • KleinBank • Veolia ES Rolling
Hills Landfill, Inc.**

Annual Membership Banquet

The Chamber's annual membership banquet was held at Huikko's Bison Creek Event Center on October 13. The evening began with a social hour and complimentary wine provided by Rod Melgard, Buffalo Eye Clinic.

During the social hour attendees were to bid on our silent auction items and visit nine business sponsored tables that took part in our first annual table decoration contest. The competition was fierce and **Buffalo Country Store took home the traveling People's Choice Award for one year for "Best Decorated Table."** (See picture on right.) Second place was awarded to Buffalo Rock Winery and Commercial Realty Solutions came in third place.

After the business part of our meeting, members took part in more fun including our bead game, winner of \$225 was Paula Herda, HSI Metal Stamping, and our 50/50 raffle drawing for \$220 was won by Chereé Hoese, Commercial Realty Solutions.

In addition, this year members participated in several "minute-it-to-win-it" games. Winners included: Aimee Merten, KleinBank, for **Drop, Sink & Clink** (pennies in a goblet); Kari Benson, Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe, **Sticky Balls** (rolling marbles



onto duct tape); Stacy Peterson, Studio 299, **Rapid Fire** (rubber band shooting pop cans); and Ann Smith, Bed and Bone Too, for **Junk in the Trunk** (shaking ping pongs out of a tissue box tied to your backside). Each winner received a \$25 gift card to Coborn's. Thank you to all members for participating. View more banquet photos on page 6. Check out our Facebook page for more pictures and a hilarious action video.

Our members were generous again this year in donating items for the silent auction with over 50 items to bid on. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

A very special thank you to our sponsors: Buffalo Eye Clinic, CenterPoint Energy, Halagan Law Office, HSI Metal Stamping, and Veolia ES Rolling Hills Landfill, Inc.



Outgoing Board Members and Incoming Election Results

Five positions were open on the Chamber Board for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2012. Nominees Chereé Hoese, Commercial Realty Solutions; Shaun Corbin, First Minnesota Bank; Paula Herda, HSI Metal Stamping; Susie Meier, SM Website Solutions; and Lana Fabel, Thomes Insurance will fill these five positions. Congratulations and thank you for committing to serving our members for the next three years! **Their pictures are on page 4.**

The new 2012 board officers include Randy Latzig, Buffalo Country Store & Community Lawn Care, Board Chair; Rick Flaata, Coborn's, Past Chair; Sue Olmscheid, Lillians, Vice Chair and Carrie Parchem, Country Inn as Treasurer.



At the annual meeting awards were given to the outgoing board members Mike Zumbusch (left) with our board chair, Rick Flaata and Rob Ryan (right). Jill Thompson, Elegant Entrees could not be there. Sally thanked Rick for his role as her board chairperson and expounded on his great leadership skills and advice. Sally then finished the award ceremony by thanking Randy Latzig for being her best board volunteer for the year.



Annual Membership Banquet

Election Results

Welcome the 2012 New Board Members



Lana Fabel
Thomes Insurance



Cheree' Hoese
Commercial Realty



Shaun Corbin
First Minnesota Bank



Suzie Meier
SM Website Design



Paula Herda
HSI Metal Stamping

Auction Contributors

Thank you to the following businesses that donated items for our auction!

Bead Bar & Boutique by Something Savvy
Bed and Bone Too
BryanJohn's Grillworks
Buffalo Country Store
Buffalo Hospital Foundation
Buffalo Lions Club
Buffalo Rock Winery
Buffalo Transmission & Auto Care
Buffalo Wine & Spirits
Catie's Cakes & Catering
Christ The King Retreat Center
City of Buffalo
Coborn's
Commercial Realty Solutions

Country Inn by Carlson – Buffalo
Cub Foods
Culver's of Buffalo
Dairy Queen
Deer Lake Orchard
Excel Physical Therapy
First Minnesota Bank
Huikko's Bowling & Entertainment Center
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Lillians, LLC
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State Farm Insurance—Mark Olson
State Representative Bruce Anderson
Valvoline Instant Oil Change
Veolia ES Rolling Hills Landfill, Inc.
Wild Marsh Golf Course
Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe
Wright County Journal Press & Drummer
Wright Hennepin Cooperative Electric

**Thanks members
for another great year!**

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Annual Membership Banquet

“Minute-To-Win-It” Games



Table Decorating Contest

COBORN'S



LILLIAN'S



BUFFALO ROCK WINERY



COMMERCIAL REALTY SOLUTIONS



WISE PENNY THRIFT SHOPPE

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Buffalo Tourism Bureau Website
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CHAMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



Buffalo Chamber's Community Expo *March 24, 2012*

The Community Expo is a great way to market your business and services to local and area residents. Last year our exhibitor booth spaces were sold out and 64% of the attendance came from surrounding communities outside of Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose.

The 6th Annual Community Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, **March 24, 2012** at the Buffalo Community Middle School. Applications will be mailed in January. If you wish to guarantee a booth

space, please register upon receiving the application as exhibit space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. You may call the Chamber at 763-682-4902, or email Jill@buffalochamber.org for an application.

Buffalo Days Parade Applications *June 12-19, 2012*

Mark your calendar for 2012 Buffalo Days. It's an eight day event that always boosts lots of fun and excitement in our community.

New for 2012 will be the parade application process. Parade applications will be mailed out to businesses/service organizations in January 2012 and a reminder postcard will be sent in April. The cost is \$250 for a business and free to not-for-profit organizations. **The application deadline will be May 1.**



Applications are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and date stamped as they arrive to our office. Please remember our parade is limited to 100 units. After the May 1 deadline, ALL units (including not-for-profits) will have to pay the parade fee to participate in the parade, if space is available. Please do not assume that since you have been in the parade in the past we should assume you will be in again in 2012. You must fill out an application each year for our records. Parade applications affect many different facets of this event and establishing a firm deadline will help us achieve a smoother planning process.

Remember to look for your Buffalo Days parade application in January. If you have any questions about our application process, please contact Jill@buffalochamber.org or call 763-682-4902.

GOOD MORNING BUFFALO

Third Friday of each month 7:30 am
NOVEMBER 18

Bridging Hope Counseling

311 Brighton Avenue S.

**They are located in the USDA
building west of Target.**

Wild Scramble

**Golf
Outing**

May 31, 2012

Save the date for the Chamber's 13th Annual Wild Scramble Golf Outing on Thursday, May 31 at Wild Marsh.

