

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, refreshments, etc., and wish to have it included in the Christmas Calendar, please provide the Chamber with your information by **November 12**. The calendar will be published in the Wright County Journal Press and Drummer before Thanksgiving.

Christmas In The Park

December 4, 2010 • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Enjoy two hours of sleigh rides, caroling, visits with Santa and fun by the bonfire. Bundle up the children and join us for this special holiday gathering (free admission to the public). The annual lighting of the Christmas tree will take place at 5:00 p.m. - don't forget your cameras if you are looking for the perfect picture for your Christmas cards!

Chamber's Expo

March 19, 2011 (New Date)

Please note the change of date, from February to March, for the Chamber's first event of 2011, the 5th Annual Community Business Expo. The Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, **March 19, 2011** at the Buffalo Community Middle School. Applications will be mailed in January. If you wish to guarantee a booth, please register upon receiving the application as exhibit space will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Quarterly Business Luncheon, November 4

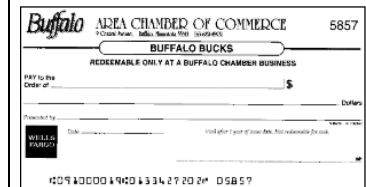
The next Quarterly Business Luncheon will be held at noon on November 4 at BryanJohn's Grillworks at Wild Marsh. Guest speaker is Aaron Weiche of Five Technology who will discuss the ins and outs of Facebook.

Please plan to attend. The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 763-682-4902 or via email to sally@buffalochamber.org.

Buffalo Bucks

A "Buffalo Bucks" certificate is the perfect solution for someone special on your shopping list. Buffalo Bucks are more personal than a check (and they won't bounce!).

Buffalo Bucks certificates can only be used at Chamber member businesses - they cannot be taken to a bank to exchange for cash. Purchase Buffalo Bucks at the Chamber in any amount you wish. If you would like to purchase Buffalo Bucks certificates, please contact the Chamber at 682-4902.



**2010 CHAMBER
MEETING CALENDAR
GOOD MORNING
BUFFALO**

*Third Friday of each month
7:30 am*

Nov 19 Commercial Realty
Solutions
3B Hwy 55 E

Dec 17 Country Inn—Several
Members Speaking

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS
LUNCHEON**

Noon - Cost \$15/person

November 4 - BryanJohn's Grillworks

2010 CHAMBER EVENTS

- **Deck the Halls**
December 2-4
- **Christmas In The Park**
Sturges Park
December 4, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

From left to right Carrie Parchem/Country Inn, Mary Lynne Wolfe/Excel Physical Therapy and Laura Jenkins/Buffalo Hospital celebrating at our recent banquet. See page 3 for more details.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

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763-682-4902

Hours: 9 - 4 pm Mon-Fri
 Sally Custer
 President

sally@buffalochamber.org

www.buffalochamber.org

Buffalo Tourism Bureau Website

www.buffalo-mn.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce is a business organization incorporated to promote the free enterprise system, work with other organizations to develop programs in response to community issues and provide leadership for improvement of the economy, environment and quality of life.

Annual Membership Banquet

The Chamber's annual membership banquet kicked off with a social at 5:30 p.m. at Huikko's Bison Creek Event Center on October 14. It was a lively hour with a new game being introduced whereby members had to seek out their team members in an unusual way and then piece together puzzles made up of information about our outgoing Mayor Fred Naaktgeboren. Awards were presented to the top three teams who completed their puzzles first.

The First Lady of Buffalo, Jan Naaktgeboren, and Mayor Naaktgeboren were guest speakers. Jan related to the members stories of their years of service to the City of Buffalo, presenting some humorous stories about the Mayor. The Mayor also spoke about his years in office emphasizing more of the humorous side. The Mayor thanked everyone for allowing him to serve our community in the position of Mayor for 17 years. Thank you Fred and Jan for making our community a better place to live and to do business. We wish you the best of everything in your retirement.



Dan Mueller, Wright County AG Society, once again did a masterful job taking charge of selling beads and making sure everyone had one or more strands around their neck for the always fun *bead game*. The winner is the person who can outsmart Dan when he flips the coins, and that would be Matt Burt, Valvoline Instant Oil Change.

Members were particularly generous this year in donating items for the silent auction - over 50 items were bid on. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. And a very special thank you to Rod Melgard/Buffalo Eye Clinic for sponsoring the wine for the social hour and Event Sponsors State Senator Amy Koch and Veolia ES Rolling Hills Landfill, Inc.! *See banquet photos on page 6.*

Election Results

Five positions were open on the Chamber Board for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2011. Incumbents Jaime Baker/Functional Industries and Sue Olmscheid /Lillians along with nominees Laura Jenkins/Buffalo Hospital, Carrie Parchem/Country Inn and Mary Lynne Wolfe/Excel Physical Therapy will fill these positions. There were no other nominees, therefore, the incumbents and nominees are automatically seated on the Chamber Board. Congratulations and thank you for committing to serving our members for the next three years!



Jan and Mayor Naaktgeboren

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State Farm Insurance/Mark Olson
State Representative Bruce Anderson
Thomes Insurance Group
Veolia ES Rolling Hills Landfill, Inc.
Wild Marsh Golf Course
Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe
Wright County Journal-Press & The Drummer
Wright Hennepin Cooperative Electric Assn.

2nd Annual Taste of Buffalo

An autumn garden created by Tatanka Gardens provided a warm welcome to people arriving at the 2nd Annual *Taste of Buffalo* held on Thursday, September 23, at the Buffalo Civic Center. Over 300 people enjoyed sampling a variety of food creations and beverages provided by twenty-four local food and beverage vendors. The booth displays were awesome and very inviting.

Vendors were invited to participate in two contests - Most Creative Booth won by *El Molcajete Mexican Restaurante & Bar* of Buffalo and Most Unique Food Item won by *Classic Rides & Rods Hall* of Annandale for their presentation of "Walnut Meatballs." Congratulations winners! And thank you to all the vendors who participated in the 2010 Taste!

Mark your calendar for September 22, 2011 - the 3rd Annual *Taste of Buffalo*!



Most Creative Booth - El Molcajete



Most Creative Food Item - Classic Rides & Rods Hall

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2010 Taste of Buffalo Food Vendors

Angeno's Pizza & Pasta	Gold's Gym
Bj's Deli and BryanJohn's Grillworks	Huikko's Bison Creek Bar & Dining
Buffalo Bar & Grill	Little Caesars Pizza
Buffalo Rock Winery	Norm's Wayside
Buffalo Wine & Spirits	Rancho Grande Restaurant
Catie's Café & Catering	Red's Café & Catering
Classic Rides & Rods Hall	Sixth Street BBQ and Grill
Coborn's	Tastefully Simple
Cub Foods	Walmart
Custom Roasting	Waverly Café & Catering
El Molcajete Mexican Restaurant	Woodland Hill Winery
Elegant Entrees	
Finken Water Companies	

2010 Taste of Buffalo Committee

Rick Flaata, Chair - Coborn's
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 Jane Wurm - BankWest



Company Spotlight

“Company Spotlight” is a service to Chamber members. Throughout the year, businesses featured are chosen from a random drawing.



From left: Carol Grefsrud, Faith DeGroat, BJ Brengman - Owner, Andrea Grefsrud, Jane Bachand
Not pictured: Lisa Kretsch and Matt McDaniel - Owner

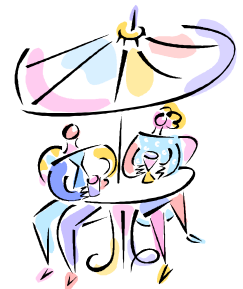
BJ's Deli
2 1st Avenue S
(763) 682-0140
www.bjsdeli.com

BJ's Deli had one employee when the deli was established in May 2002. BJ's now has a staff of 7. BJ's has been a Chamber member since 2002.

BJ's Deli provides from scratch home-made food for dining in, takeout, or to enjoy on our garden patio. “We don't skimp on portions - you won't leave hungry!” BJ's also offers catering services. Beer and wine will be returning on January 1, 2011!

We operated in 2002 with space for 19 diners. We expanded in the spring of 2006 and now are able to comfortably seat well over 50. We added a salad bar which is very popular. Matt and I opened BryanJohn's Grillworks at Wild Marsh in February 2009 with a full bar and an upscale menu.

When you are looking for a great meal in a wonderful setting, come see us - you will be happy you did! Thank you for eating at our establishments!



Annual Membership Banquet

October 14, 2011



Thanks members
for another great year!



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