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Hertel Holidays Kicks Off December 7th



Santa and Mrs. Claus are ready to greet the many shoppers during the "Hertel Holidays" on December 7th and 8th.

7th from 5:00pm-9:00pm and December 8th from 11:00am-4:00pm, Hertel Avenue presents North Buffalo's premier holiday event district. From gourmet res-

On Friday December - Hertel Holidays! The gem of North Buffalo, Hertel Avenue has been revitalized in recent years into an exclusive shopping and dining

taurants to coffee bistros, there are infinite dining possibilities.

Unique shops and boutiques all along the Avenue also offer selections found nowhere else in all of Western New York. Antiques, home furnishings, books, jewelry, and giftware, are but a few of the offerings found here. And on Saturday, a horsedrawn wagon will visit these fine restaurants and specialty shops from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Hertel Holidays is the perfect time to find unique gifts, items to deck your halls, refreshments, Santa, and carolers that will put you in the holiday spirit!

Winter Preparedness

the season of snow storms approaching, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Commissioner Joan McDonald today reminded motorists to check 511NY before traveling in winter weather conditions and provided tips for driving safely.

"Winter storms can produce freezing rain, snow or ice, each of which comes with its own hazards for motorists," Commissioner McDonald said. "Motorists should refresh themselves with important safety tips and should remember that 511NY provides an extremely useful tool to help drivers know what to expect when traveling and to determine if conditions are safe for travel."

New Yorkers can access the free 511NY traffic and travel information system, which provides real-time travel informa-

With the air cooling and tion, by calling 511 or visiting www.511NY.org. The website features a winter travel advisory system to help drivers determine if travel is advisable. The system provides real-time snow and ice conditions for interstates and other heavily traveled roads, as reported by snowplow operators.

When using 511NY. drivers must be aware that talking on a cell phone and texting while driving are illegal and that distracted driving is particularly hazardous during snow and ice conditions. Users should consult 511NY before traveling, or have a passenger access the system for information.

Some of the most important tips for safe winter driving include:

Never follow a snowplow too closely or attempt to pass one. Remember that (con't on page 3)

Three North Buffalo Residents Graduate From Erie County Corrections Academy



County Basic Corrections academy. (from 1-r)- Jail Management Superintendent, Thomas Diina (a North Buffalo resident); Deputy Michael Parana; Deputy Meghan Saramak; Deputy DaJuan Brown and Erie County Sheriff Tim Howard. The new graduates will be assigned to the Erie County Holding Center in Buffalo.

What Am I Thankful For?

The Buffalo Rocket went searching for what people were thankful for this year at Thanksgiving. So, we decided to ask the students at School #81 on Tacoma what they were thankful for and here is a sample of how they responded.

Kindergarten

"I am thankful for my animals." - Amanda S.

"I am thankful for my family. My friends. Mom. Sister." - Jayson D.

"I am thankful for my sister." - Arman P.

"I am thankful for my Dad." - Skylar G.

"I am thankful for my family." - Ethon D.

"I am thankful for my brother." - Amir B.

"I am thankful for my house." - Aubrey P.

Grade 1

"I am thankful for my family. My family is kind and supportive. My family is also very sweet and caring. Including my pet dog, Probie. I am thankful for all my heart for them!" - Kristina P.

"I am thankful for my Dad and Mom. My Dad is fun. I love Mom and Dad."

- Joe G. (con't on page 4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Mostly Cloudy High 36° Low 31°

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

High 53°

Low 42°

High 50° Low 33°

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Mostly Cloudy High 34° Low 31°

Rain/Snow Showers High 37° Low 35°

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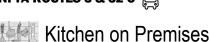
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'The Holiday Guys' **Return'**

Sometimes not even Rocket Man can beat the deadline. Here's a paragraph from a review written last December: "Take every Yuletide show you've ever seen, subtract the pretense and the profit motive, and what you're left with is Jeff Denman and Mark Kudisch's 'The Holiday Guys,' festive and frugal, gay in the old-fashioned way and, vitally, both entertaining and enlightening...."

But you're reading it for the first time. It never saw the light of print. By the time it was finished the show was gone, closed after a painfully short run at MusicalFare. Here's more: "There's a gleeful irony to 'Rich, Famous and Powerful,' sung by Denman with rueful belligerence. Neither Denman nor Kudisch would lay claim to any of these adjectives, and yet the show sold out two nights in a twinkling, hours before Christmas Eve, largely on word of mouth..."

See? The Holiday Guys had split in less time than it takes the chimney to upload St. Nick or, to keep the full Judeo-Christian spirit, less than the lifespan of a lopsided dreidel.

Another out-take:

"In an especially inventive segue, Kudisch, having defined the laugh-inthe-dark sadness of 'The Lonely Jew at Christmas,' drops a nutcracker into the slumbering Denman's lap, triggering his tap reflex. Sweet, any way you spell it..."

Well, you can't keep two good guys down, or a good review, either. "The Holiday Guys" are coming back, Dec. 5-9 at MusicalFare, 4380 Main St., Snyder. Five performances, including two Dec. 8. Tickets on sale now.

It's changed a little, Denman says, although to Rocket Man, that seems like putting a little mascara on the Mona Lisa or dusting the soot off Santa's

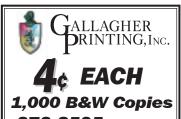
It's another homecoming for Denman, Kenmore native and St. Joe's grad who's become one of the most thoroughly employed people on Broadway.He and pal Kudisch - who, like Denman, has a warehouse of New York theater honors - dreamed up the show together, sort of a conversational counteroffer to the commercialization of the festive season. He wanted desperately to show it off for the home folks, wedging in the two days last December with the hope of bringing it

Now titled fully "The Holiday Guys in Merry Happy Hanu-Mas," sure to bring seasonal cheer to sign-makers, the show is being modestly billed by MusicalFare as a regional premiere. Sounds like a world premiere to Rocket Man, but then he's easily pleased, especially around the holidays. And even before it opens, the reviews are in: TEN ROCKETS (out of 10.) Signal back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com.



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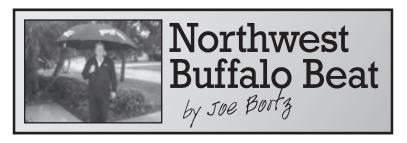


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"Handicap Parking"

Dear Mr. Bortz,

I was going to dinner last Friday night. I went into parking lot next to Greco on Hertel Ave. All 3 Handicapped spots were taken. None of the cars had Handicapped plates or tags. All the spots on Hertel Ave. were also taken up. This is sad for the Handicapped people trying to find a spot to park. Shame on these people who park in those spots that are not handicapped. Seems no one really cares. I enjoy reading your articles in the Buffalo Rocket. Could you write an article on who should park in Handicapped spots? Thanks, Cathy Lucas

It is with constant irritation I see someone who is not handicapped pull into a parking spot designated for handicapped people. It is usually young punks who think the world is made for just them. They are in fact breaking the law. Punishment is a \$250 fine. Problem is with any law, it must be enforced in order for it to be effective. As we all know, the Buffalo Police Department is overwhelmed chasing the bad guys and has very little time to chase after petty violators. Traffic enforcement is almost nonexistent and forgets about parking tickets at night.

There is a meter person on Hertel who dispenses tickets to overdue meters and if you are on Hertel you know they are doing their job. I imagine but am not sure, they would also tag non-handicapped people parking in handicapped spots. At least we would hope so. The problem with that is they work day hours and you do not see them at night. Here lies the non-enforcement dilemma. I am sure the people who are low enough to take these handicapped spots are aware of this and have no fear of a

Not to compare Florida

again but I just returned from three days down there on business. As you can guess there are lots and lots of handicapped spots. Seems some lots are half and half. Needless to say the restrictions are enforced. They have sheriffs that are the law and they do make sure you do what you are supposed to. If you do not have a legitimate tag or license you will probably get a ticket if you stay for any length of time. I love

At \$250 a crack, you could almost hire a person just for that duty. One a day would almost pay the expenses. Either that or have a non emergency 911 call for handicap violators, good source of revenue and a nice pay back for bad people.

Just one more mention of Florida. I could not help to notice that gas there, which is usually around par with New York, was substantially lower. Like fifty cents a gallon. Fifty cents a gallon!!! That my friend is a lot of money. Means a fill up is \$5 to \$7.50 a tank cheaper than us. Wanted to pass that on.

It astounds me that we keep voting in the same high tax political incumbents that are in office in this state, knowing this fact. Will we ever learn?

Winter Preparedness

(con't from front page)

the highway ahead of the plow is usually snow-cov-

Adjust speed for road conditions and maintain a safe distance from other vehi-

Schedule extra time for winter travel and be patient during ice and snow removal operations. Assume that bridge surfaces are slippery, as they freeze more quickly than road surfaces.

Watch for black ice, which can be difficult to see but makes conditions slippery when pavement temperatures are below freezing.

Have a cell phone handy, if possible, but do not text while driving. Distracted driving is illegal and becomes even more dangerous during storm events.

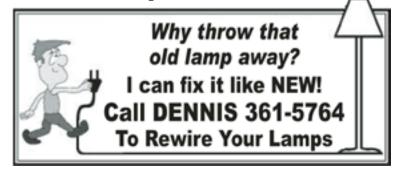
Never venture from your vehicle if snowbound.

Equip your car with emergency supplies including sand, shovel, flares, booster cables, rope, ice scraper, portable radio, flashlight, blankets and extra warm clothes

Inform a responsible person of your destination, intended route, and estimated time of arrival.

Keep calm and do not panic in case of a vehicle breakdown, accident, or if you become snowbound.

In addition to following these safety tips, motorists can visit the Department's www.dot.ny.gov/ website, programs/driver-safetyfor informative safety applica-



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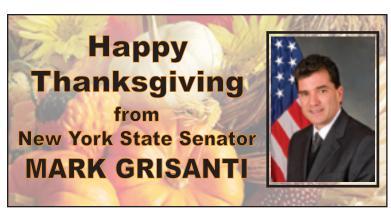
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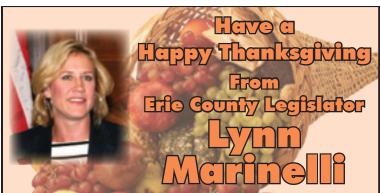
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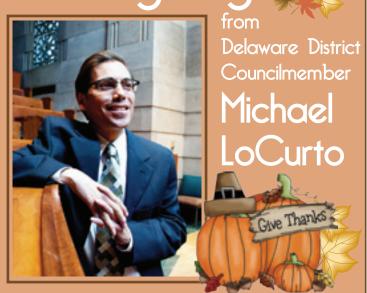
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Happy Thanksgiving from North District Councilmember Joe Golombek Jr.

What Am I Than

(con't from front page)

"I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. They are my family. I love them. My Mom and me are best friends." - Holly K.

"I am thankful for my class. They are nice. - Hapler S.

"I am thankful for my Mom. I like my Mom. She likes me. She hugs me and she gives me a dog. I was good in school"

- Jayceon A.

"I am thankful for my friend named Zack in the whole world." - Trevor S.

"I am thankful for my toys that my parents buy me. My parents are nice to me. I am thankful for my Dad. He makes me laugh! I love my Dad and he loves me. I am thankful for my school." - Lucy M.

"I am thankful for my Mom. I help my Mom with my bed. I help my Mom with my TV." - Zachary H.

"I am thankful for my Mommy because she cares for me even when I'm sick." - Dominic H.

"I am thankful for my baby sister. She helps to pick up her toys. She is nice to me. She loves me and I love her! - Ferdous R.

"I am thankful for my Dad. He gets a turkey and I help my Mom. I'm thankful for Mrs. P. - Arielis D.

"I am thankful for my Nana G. She is always there for me. I help her every time she is at my house. I love her every day. I love her so much. She is the best gramma ever!

- Isabella C.

"I am thankful for my Mom. And I love my Mom. I love my step Dad too." - Anelisse T.

"I am thankful for School 81 because I can learn. I amthankful for my grandma. I am thankful for Mrs. P. for being nice. I am thankful for Mommy and Daddy." - Juliana G.

"I am thankful for my Mom. She is the best Mom. She helps me to put on my socks. I love my Mom and she surprises me. I am thankful for my teacher. She helps me read. My friends are nice. My Dad helps me. He reads to me a bedtime story.

- Thomas G.

"I am thankful for my Dad. Because he helps me go to bed. I know my Dad and I like my Dad."

- Jackson H.

"I am thankful for my Mom! My Mom is by best friend! I love my Mom! I am thankful for my Dad! My Dad is my best friend! I love my Dad! I am thankful for my sister! My sister is my best friend! I love my sister! - Issrort P.

Grade 2

"I am thankful for Carlos. He picked up my eraser." - Annie J.

"I am thankful for my family because if I didn't have one I would be all alone." - Carlos C.

"I am thankful for my friend because he helped me move into a new house. I am also thankful for y friend because he helped me move the couch into the living room." - Adam R.

"I am thankful for my family because they love me and they care about me. they are with me."

- Keidra H.

"I am thankful for you mom so I clean the house for her every day. I clean the dishes. I clean their room and I Clean the stairs."- Jaden S.

"I am thankful for my parents because they feed me, buy me toys, and buy me my favorite books. They take good care of me."

- Jasmi R.

"I am thankful for helping my family to clean the whole house if people come over. I am thankful for helping my sister by making my sister's bed." - Jannatul N.

"I am thankful for my Mom because she helps me



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with my homework." - Joyden O.

"I am thankful for my Mom. I am thankful for my Mom because she makes my breakfast."

- Isabella L.

"I am thankful for my Mom. My Mom is always there for me. The End." -Olivia V.

Grade 3

"I am thankful for have my family come and aspeily when we get to have food. I love seeing my family like my cousins. Thanks from pilgrims and Indians Thanks!" - Nadia S.

"I am most thankful for having freedom in our country. I am thankful for that because a lot of countries have people that are slaves." - Quinn M.

"I am thankful for my family because they raised me when I was a little boy and took care of me. I am thankful for my Doctor because he helps me with my health. I am thankful for my religion because it helps me to be a better person and to learn about God." - Michael L.

"I am thankful for my family and my cousins. The world I'm thankful for and the people that don't have TVs." - Nathan A.

"I am thankful for my house. I am also thankful for the money my Dad has. I am thankful for my Mom's car." - Hawar Q.

"I am thankful for my dog

because he's loving and caring and he protects me. I'm thankful for pizza because its so cheesey. I'm thanful for my life because I love to live."

- Lenajah R.

"I am thankful for my health because some people don't have good health. I am thankful for my house because many people don't have a house. I am thankful for friends because a lot of kids or ground ups don't have friends."

- Trenton B.

"I am thankful for school because we learn numbers, counting and letters. I am thankful for my family because there is my Dad, Mom, Uncle Gray and Uncle Brent. I am thankful for food because if we did not have food we would die." - Catherine W.

"I am thankful for for my Family because they take care of me. I am thankful for my friends because they are nice. I am thankful for the US Army because if they weren't fighting for us we sould all be in danger." - Kayla R.

"I am thankful for to have such a great family. I am also thankful to have a school to teach me new things I didn't even know. I am very very thankful to be who I am!"

- Angelina C.

The Buffalo Rocket would like to thank all of the children at School #81 who responded but were not published here. We appreciate your letters and drawings that were submitted. Happy Thanksgiving!



Hertel North Buffalo Business Association Member Spotlight Bertha⁹s Diner



Bertha's Diner is located at 1430 Hertel Avenue next door to the North Park Theatre

Although Justin and Joan Brandon bought Bertha's Diner at 1430 Hertel Avenue back in July, they will be celebrating a "Grand Opening" the first week of December.

"We have just been so busy," said Justin, "it took a while to decide on some changes!"

Justin and Joan bought the

Diner from Ken and Liz who were always closed on Tuesday. "There were so many things right about Bertha's when we bought it, we were reluctant to change anything.'

The Grand Opening will let everyone know that Bertha's Diner is open seven days a week with an expanded menu of flavored coffee, wraps, salads, soups and chili.

It has been said that food has been served at this location for over 70 years under different names. Bertha's Diner was believed to be named for a previous owner's Mother-in Law.

Located right next door to the North Park Theatre, Bertha's Diner is not hard to find.

They are open Monday through Saturday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 to 1:00 pm.

Breakfast is served everyday - all day. Lunch is served after 11:00 am. No lunch is served on Sunday.

Stop in for breakfast after church on Sunday. If you have to wait for a table, it will be well worth it.

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Amherst St. - Resident reports unknown person did kick and damage door on storage shed to gain entry. Nothing known taken at this time.

November 16, 2012

Starin Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown suspect did take from/off vehicle, while parked in the driveway overnight, all four tires and rims, valued at over \$2500.

November 19, 2012

Main St. - Unknown person(s) did steal five granite blocks, valued at \$530 each.

West Side

November 15, 2012

Forest Ave. - Manager of convenience store states that unknown suspect did hand him a note saying "I have a gun, give me the money" then walked to the back of the store and back to the counter. He took four packs of cigarettes and unknown amount of cash.

November 18, 2012

Niagara/ Farmer - defen-

dant did run from police and resist arrest and was also caught with 2 small bags and 2 tubes of marijuana.

Riverside

November 13, 2012

Amherst St.- Business reports unknown individuals did break right front door by forcible entry and then did take petty cash box located under register with approximately \$200.

November 14, 2012

Debra Ln. - Complainant reports that suspect know to her did climb to her rear second floor window and entered apartment. Once inside, damaged apartment by making holes in the drywall and damaging bathroom sink. There are no witnesses that saw him do the damage, but he was seen by neighbors in the vicinity. Also, suspect went to complainant's work and told her of his plans for criminal mischief.

November 19, 2012

Center Ln. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did enter residence through a window and took a washer and dryer.

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