



Buffalo Rocket

COMMUNITY NEWS

Distributing to North Buffalo, West Side and Riverside • Established in 1969

www.buffalorocket.com

Publishers of North Buffalo Rocket, West Side Times & Riverside Times

Vol. XLV ISSUE No. 16 • Thursday, April 17, 2014

US Army to Host 54th Annual Armed Forces Week



Western New York Armed Forces Week, hosted by your United States Army, in tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Sponsored by the Western New York Armed Forces Week Committee in cooperation with Military, Industrial, Civic, and Veterans' Organizations.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the

sacrifices and successes made by our service members - past and present.

Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S.

Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country.

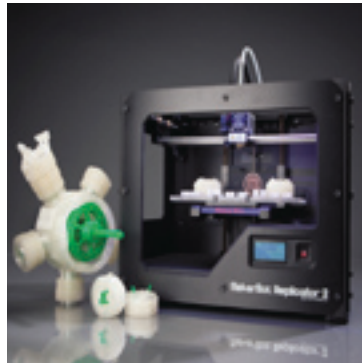
Armed Forces Week is a week-long celebration, this year hosted by your Army,

Continued on Page 4

Green Tech - 3D Printers

The Green Technology program at Frederick Olmsted High School is an engineering-based Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculum that combines the creative factor of the Olmsted school with the design process that engineers must use to solve problems in the world. The program has been steadily growing over the past couple of years towards a goal of maximum student en-

rollment capacity in the 2015-2016 school year.



We have received new equipment, in part, due to the CTE department's

recent award of a nearly \$200,000 grant through NYSEDA to put towards

the development and improvement of energy-efficiency-based programming like Olmsted's Green Technology. We're very excited to share the addition of two rapid prototyping machines to the resources available to students.

These "3D printers", as they are called, offers stu-

Continued on Page 3

Farmers Market Opens May 10th

Several new vendors, talented local entertainers and two Wellness Weekends, held in partnership with the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo, will highlight the 2014 season at the Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market. The selling season kicks off on Saturday, May 10th, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 29th. Hours at the open-air venue in Buffalo's Elmwood Village are 8 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

The market, a program of the Elmwood Village Association, now features nearly 40 vendors selling fruits, vegetables, baked goods, organics, fresh meat, cut flowers, wine, craft beer, eggs, dairy, honey, cheese and much more. Products available at the market are always fresh, seasonal and local.

Elmwood-Bidwell is a producer-only market, meaning that all vendors grow or produce what they sell — no middlemen and no compromises. Patrons know they are dealing directly with the source, helping to create a diverse and healthy local economy.

This season the market will feature local entertainment groups every Saturday, weather permitting. Two community groups will also host informational tables each week.

Two Wellness Lane events — sponsored by the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo — will be held on July 19th and Aug. 23rd. Visitors are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of free health-related activities.

The Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market would also like to congratulate local artist Jasmine Fiscus, winner of the market's annual poster competition. Her poster is on display in stores and restaurants throughout the Elmwood Village, and will be featured on signage at the market.

For a complete list of vendors, entertainers and special events, please visit www.elmwoodmarket.org. Frequent updates are also available by following the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ElmwoodBidwellFarmersMarket.



Local Weather

THURSDAY, APRIL 17	FRIDAY, APRIL 18	SATURDAY, APRIL 19	SUNDAY, APRIL 20	MONDAY, APRIL 21	TUESDAY, APRIL 22	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
 Partly Cloudy- High 56° Low 37°	 Cloudy High 58° Low 36°	 Mostly Sunny High 48° Low 32°	 Partly Cloudy High 56° Low 42°	 Mostly Cloudy High 60° Low 45°	 Partly Cloudy High 59° Low 40°	 Mostly Sunny High 57° Low 41°

Rocketman Shines in “The Sunshine Boys”

In one of Neil Simon’s best plays, “The Sunshine Boys,” the creaky, cranky ex-Vaudeville stars (played by Rocketman Doug Smith as Willie Clark and Bob Lohr as Al Lewis) are teaming up for a TV comedy special.

The problem is they haven’t even SEEN each other in over a decade. Full of zippy one liners and inside showbiz jokes, this story flies along with a steady stream of humor. Good work also by Jay Wollin as the harried nephew, Alley Griffin as the nurses, Bob Putman as the TV commercial director and Rob Zahm as the floor director.

A hilarious Neil Simon comedy, directed by Jay Desiderio, evokes laughs from beginning to end. Doug Smith is the grouchy ex-comedian who is persuaded to join together with his ex-partner (Lohr) for a final reunion show, in the staging at Desiderio’s Dinner Theatre, 5827 Broadway,

Lancaster, NY.

Jay Wollin is Smith’s agent and nephew, and the two have just as much chemistry as Smith and Lohr. I loved Doug Smith’s grumpy character--he’s just the same as he always is, and yet also very different. The meal and the show are outstanding and it is an evening well spent.

Alley Griffin’s work has a lot of dimensions, literally. First she’s avauddville prop that the baggy-pants comedians used to call a “silentwoman,” 66 inches of female in a 33-inch dress. Moments later she enters as a home nurse, a “visiting angel” whom Willie keeps telling to go to hell. It is an astonishing transformation.

“The Sunshine Boys” will play every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday (two shows on Mother’s Day) until June 1, 2014. For reservations please call Desiderio’s Dinner Theatre at 716-683-7767.

If your name is found in the *BUFFALO ROCKET* to win a FREE PIZZA, take proof of identification to **BOB & JOHN'S LA HACIENDA** at 1545 Hertel Avenue and pick up your FREE PIZZA (Take Out Only – Must Be Within One Week of the Date That Your Name Appears in the Buffalo Rocket.) If your name is listed in the *BUFFALO ROCKET* to win **NORTH PARK THEATRE PASSES** bring proof of identification to the *BUFFALO ROCKET* OFFICE AT 1249 Hertel Avenue to pick up your 2 FREE PASSES.

PICK UP A COPY OF THE **BUFFALO ROCKET** at the following locations or online at www.buffalorocket.com

NORTH BUFFALO		
Affinity Salon.....	3060 Delaware Avenue	Marco's Deli.....1744 Hertel Avenue
Bella Mia Chocolate Shop.....	1096 Hertel Avenue	Mustachio's Pizza.....2701 Elmwood Avenue
Bob & John's Pizzeria.....	1545 Hertel Avenue	North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road
Cafe Allegro.....	1374 Hertel Avenue	North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue
Caramici's.....	1501 Hertel Avenue	North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue
Caruso's Food.....	1212 Hertel Avenue	Parker Pharmacy.....1388 Hertel Avenue
Century 21.....	1705 Hertel Avenue	Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
Corner Store.....	2815 Delaware Avenue	Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
Daddio Pizzeria.....	1247 Hertel Avenue	Realty USA.....2427 Sheridan Drive
Dash's Supermarket.....	1770 Hertel Avenue	Sandy's Sewing.....1440 Hertel Avenue
Delaware YMCA.....	2564 Delaware Avenue	Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
European Continental.....		Shadow Lounge.....1504 Hertel Avenue
Hair Design.....	1129 Kenmore Avenue	TC Jr's.....2941 Delaware Avenue
First Niagara Bank.....	2141 Elmwood Avenue	Terries Workout Center.....1473 Hertel Avenue
First Niagara Bank.....	1726 Hertel Avenue	The Palms.....3054 Delaware Avenue
Fitness 360°.....	2625 Delaware Avenue	Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
Frank's Sunny Italy.....	2491 Delaware Avenue	Vanity Salon.....1413 Hertel Avenue
Gallagher Printing.....	1249 Hertel Avenue	Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard
Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....	3242 Main Street	Western New York Dental Group.....1354 Amherst Street
Hertel News & Tobacco Shop.....	1416 Hertel Avenue	Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue
Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....	1631 Hertel Avenue	
Hertel Parker Liquors.....	1859 Hertel Avenue	WEST SIDE
Johnny's Meats.....	1191 Hertel Avenue	Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
Kenmore Bowling.....	1691 Kenmore Avenue	Between Yesterday & Tomorrow.....88 Grant Street
Key Bank.....	Delaware/Hertel Plaza	Buffalo State College.....1300 Elmwood Avenue
Knights of Columbus.....	1530 Kenmore Avenue	Dibble Hardware.....262 W Ferry Street
Korona Jewelers.....	1588 Hertel Avenue	Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
Lake Effect Diner.....	3165 Main Street	CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
Lonestar Fajita Grill.....	1857 Hertel Avenue	Concerned Ecumenical Ministry.....286 Lafayette Avenue
		Casa di Pizza.....477 Elmwood Avenue
		Corner Store.....Forest & Grant

BEWARE

Do Not Junk Your Car To An Unlicensed Auto Recycler or Tower!

There are many Environmental and D.M.V. issues that must be handled properly or you may be liable.

For a Professional Environmentally Safe and Licensed Auto Dismantler, Call:

M&M U-Pull It Inc.

2150 William St.

The Home of No Part Over \$99⁹⁵

896-1775

7 Days a Week

For Absolutely the Highest Prices Paid with the Same Day Service! DMV #7087578



King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Egyptian fertility goddess

5 Lingere ren

8 Go bankrupt

12 Less than b.

13 Started

14 Descend-ous

15 Many eBay sales

17 Geometry calculation

18 Speco-meter stat

19 Father

20 Hascay son

21 Lustrous back

22 Stok cut

23 - New Guinea

26 Starbucks employee

30 Luke Wilson's brother

31 Energy

32 Piece of work

33 Skirt slit

35 Pesky insects

36 Cowboy nickname

37 - de deux

38 Unadorned

41 Island neck

DOWN

1 Muscle VIP

2 First course, maybe

3 Part of the foot?

4 Drunkard

5 Become swollen

6 Tear

7 Commercial

8 One-half and three-fourths

9 Emanation

10 The same

11 Jump

16 Thought

20 South (Sp.)

21 Meeting place

22 Toast topper

23 Burst

24 Perching tool

25 Shell game item

26 Fence

27 Hot tub

28 Ancient boy king

29 Donkey

31 Irritate

34 Under-standing

35 Pace

37 Pie rule

38 Juror in theory

39 Enforcement

40 Saharan

41 Toy block name

42 Hawked

43 Oklahoma city

44 Catch sight of

46 Carpentry tool

47 Hockey venue

© 2014 M&M U-Pull It Inc.

Answers on page 6.

Wedding Invitations

15% OFF

(with this ad)

all wedding invitations from our extensive catalogs or online collection

Gallagher Printing • www.gallagherprinting.com

9195 Main St., Clarence, 716-632-0808

1249 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, 716-873-2594

BR

Free Movie Passes to North Park Theatre: T. Greico, 25 Knox Ave. 14216

NEED PRINTING? Call Gallagher Printing **873-2434**

Free Movie Passes to North Park Theatre: R. Jones, 170 Nicholson Ave. 14216

ROCKET COMMUNICATIONS

1249 Hertel Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216 • (716) 873-2594

David Gallagher.....Publisher	John Duke.....Columnist
Dennis Gallagher.....Managing Editor	Doug Smith.....Columnist
Joe Bortz.....Columnist	Renee Kline.....Office Assistant
Barbara Gilboy.....Advertising Sales	Robert Wright.....Web Press Operation
	Daryl Gallagher.....Production Director

© 2014 Rocket Communications, Inc. • Buffalo, New York

PRINTED BY: GALLAGHER PRINTING, INC. 1249 HERTEL AVENUE • BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14216 (716) 873-2594 email: editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

WINGATE MANAGEMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 3 & 4 BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Large units, located on the upper west side, including all utilities, appliances, 24 hr. emergency maintenance and a professional onsite management staff. Applicants must meet HUD Section 8 criteria, including income requirements. A thorough background check is required.

Please visit our rental office at 491 Connecticut St. for an application or call **881-2233**



Green Tech - 3D Printers

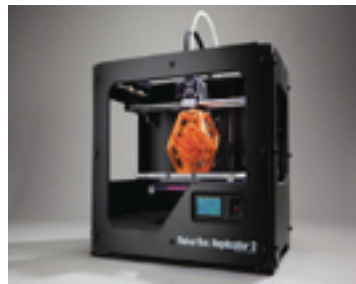
From page one

dents the ability to - quite literally - print out their design solutions in a form of bio-degradable plastic.

After a design is created in a 3D modeling program such as AutoCad or SolidWorks, students can send the specifications to the rapid prototyping machine, and through computer control - plastic will be melted and placed on a platform (just like a desktop printer places ink

on paper) until the solid model is complete.

The Makerbot Replica-



tors, have the capacity to produce an article roughly half a cubic foot in volume, and will be shipped with

multiple colors of plastic from which students can choose to print from.

The plan, at this point, is to use the machines in tandem with the senior-level CADD class, where students use computer modeling to solve engineering design problems. These additions will supplement the existing CNC mill and lathe, to produce physical models of the students' projects completed in class.

Digging soon? Dig smart!

The season of home improvements is upon us. Before you put your shovel in the ground, National Fuel reminds homeowners and professional contractors to Call Before You Dig. Prior to planning any excavation projects this year, call 811, the toll-free national Call Before You Dig phone num-

ber, or visit www.call811.com. New York and Pennsylvania state law requires residents to call 811 - a free service - prior to digging projects to prevent accidental damage to underground utility lines.

The national 811 phone number connects callers with local One Call Cen-

ters. Operators record the excavation locations and notify National Fuel of the callers' plans. National Fuel then dispatches professional locators to mark the approximate locations of its lines for free. It's a fast, easy way to protect against or harming yourself or those around you.

Your Ad Could Be Here! Advertise in the Buffalo Rocket. Call 873-2594

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK AT 11 AM

TC Jr's Pizza & Subs

Monday & Wednesday

Large Veggie or Large White Pizza

\$11.99 plus tax

Exp 5/10/14 TC Jr's

Tuesday

2 Medium Cheese & 1 Item Pizza

\$13.99 plus tax

Exp 5/10/14 TC Jr's

Thursday & Sunday

Large Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza

\$10.99 plus tax

Exp 5/10/14 TC Jr's

2941 Delaware Ave., Kenmore 874-1876 FREE DELIVERY!

**SAVE THE DATES MAY 2-3, 2014
PARENT ASSEMBLY**

MAXIMIZING PARENT ENGAGEMENT:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL

Learn how to empower yourself and other parents by building on your individual and family strengths

GUEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BRENDA THOMAS,

Senior Program Facilitator (National Network of Partnership Schools)

BUFFALO ACADEMY FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

450 MASTEN AVE.

MAY 2ND: 5-8P.M.

MAY 3RD: 9A.M.- 2P.M.

SPONSORED BY:

THE BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE

DISTRICT PARENT COORDINATING COUNCIL



Workshops
for Parents

School
Showcases

Children's
Performances

Free Health
Screenings

VISIT BUFFALOSCHOOLS.ORG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CHILD CARE, FOOD, INTERPRETATION, & TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED



West Side Pet Clinic

“We’re here to help.”

Providing walk-in, low-cost wellness visits and pet health care for cats and dogs in Buffalo's West Side neighborhood.

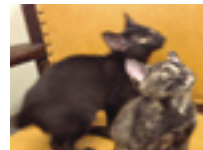
No appointment needed.

Mon-Wed and Fri: 8:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Thurs: 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.

1245 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14213 • 882-1245

WestsidePetsBuffalo.com



ADOPT A PET

This week's featured friend:

CUPID & VALENTINO

Cupid and Valentino are 5 month old siblings. Valentino is very bonded to his little tortie sister, Cupid, (the runt of the litter) who adores her big brother. This darling pair have to be adopted together. The kittens love to play with both people and other cats, This personality plus duo enjoys playing, wrestling and running after each other, but they also relish being cuddled and petted. Please contact their foster mom, Karen, at 716-848-1492 or visit them at PetSmart. Pet ID: Cupid 21668189, Valentino 21668186

City of Buffalo Animal Shelter
380 N. Oak St. Buffalo
Buffalo_Shelter@yahoo.com

716-851-5694

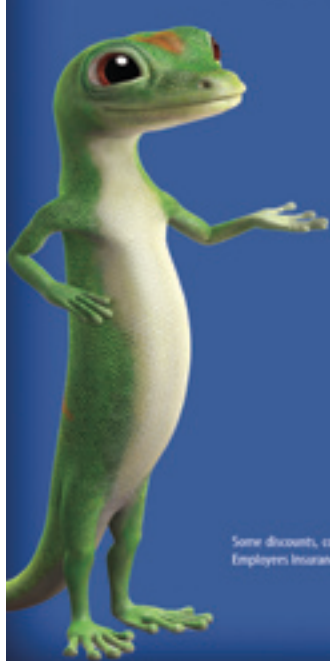


To see more great pets, visit: <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NY341>

Personal friend of the Gecko®.

Timothy C. Lynch
716-832-3253

1330 Niagara Falls Blvd, 14150 | Tonawanda
Across from the Boulevard Mall



Get a quote today!

GEICO
Local Office®

www.geico.com/buffalo-north

Some discounts, coverages, payment plans and features are not available in all states or all GEICO companies. GEICO is a registered service mark of Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. 20056; a Berkshire Hathaway Inc. subsidiary. GEICO Gecko image © 1999-2013. © 2013 GEICO

Senior Apartments



The
right
choice

You have many locations to choose from
But we're sure that TRINITY TOWER is the
BEST CHOICE for you to call HOME!

**CALL FOR AVAILABILITY ON
NEWLY RENOVATED EFFICIENCIES,
ONE & TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS
LOADED WITH AMENITIES!**

TRINITY TOWER

33 Linwood Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14209

716-882-4348

trintow@aol.com

www.trinitytower.org

Managed by Community Realty Management

Armed Forced Week

From page one

giving the community an opportunity to honor those men and women who have served in the armed forces. Here is the 2014 Western New York Armed Forces Week Schedule of Events:

Sunday, May 4th, 2014 WNY Armed Forces Week Opening Ceremony at the Erie Canal Harbor near the Naval & Military Park. Music 12:45 pm Ceremony 1:00 pm - The event is free and open to the pub-

lic.

Thursday, May 8th, 2014 WNY AFW Luncheon 11:00 am Cash Bar - 12:00 noon - Sit-down luncheon, Connecticut Street Armory, 184 Connecticut Street.

Saturday, May 10th, 2014 WNY AFW Ball - 6:00 pm - Cash Bar - 7:00 pm - Sit-down Dinner, Connecticut Street Armory, 184 Connecticut Street. For more information on these events contact: afw-ball@wnyafn.com.

Advertising Gets Results!
Call the Buffalo Rocket
873-2594

Free Movie Passes to North Park Theatre: T. Greico, 25 Knox Ave. 14216



St. Mark Parish Fish Fry

Good Friday, April 18th
All available dine-in or take out
from 4:30-7:00pm for \$10.
Grilled cheese available for \$4.

Clam Strip Appetizer \$6.
Clam Strip Dinners \$8.

399 Woodward Ave.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Home Ownership Fair

Join West Side NHS on
April 22, 6 to 8 p.m.
at First United
Methodist Church of
Buffalo (332 Baynes Street)
to learn all about the programs
available to buy, fix or stay in a home
in your neighborhood.

You'll also find resources for:

Home Security · Legal Services ·
Health Care · Taking Action In
Your Neighborhood



Visit www.WSNHS.org for more information!



West Side & Black Park-Northside
Neighborhood Housing Services



Platinum ELITE
**NIAGARA
METALS**
PREFERRED SUPPLIER
www.niagarametals.com

**THE BEST
Customer Loyalty Card
in the business**

Get Yours!

The Grapevine

P.A.L. Summer Basketball Team Registration Announced Coaches looking to register a team (s) for the 20th Annual PAL / Independent Health Basketball League may call PAL at 851-4615 to receive information / registration packets. Brackets include: Boys only 10 & under (\$250); Boys & girls 12 & under (\$275); 15 & under (\$275); Girls 19 & under (\$275).

League age cutoff is June 1st. Games are played Monday through Thursday 5:30 - 8:30 pm and Saturdays (10 & under boys and 12 and under boys) 9:00 am - 1 pm, starting the week of June 30th

at various City Park facilities.

The league will consist of approximately 7 weeks of game play with playoffs to follow. Citywide champions will be crowned at Delaware Park Courts in late August. Must register by June 1st. For more information call the PAL office at 851-4615 or Orv Cott at 812-7251.

What's Happening... Baseball...PAL /Independent Health Baseball League is looking for teams, 4 divisions: 8-10 (\$275); 13 & under (\$300); 16 & under (\$300); and 19 & under (\$300). Age cut off is Mary 1st. Games will be played during the day at

Cazenovia and Delaware Parks. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Deadline is June 1st, 2014. Team registration only. Call PAL office at 851-4615 or Orv Cott at 812-7251.

Central Park United Methodist Church will be hosting a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner (with our famous "Marilynn's Fruity Slaw"), Thursday, May 8th 4-7 PM. Dinner includes chicken, slaw, pasta salad and a brownie. Curbside Service or Dine In. Tickets are \$9.00. To purchase tickets, call the church office at 833-3193 (9-1, M-F) or Dru Hites @ 480-5151.

The Niagara Branch Library will hold a discussion of the book "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith at this month's ses-

sion of the Spring Evening Book Discussion. It will be held on Monday April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served. {Reading the book ahead of time is preferred, but not required.} For more information, contact branch manager Kathryn Galvin at 882-1537. The Niagara Branch is located at 280 Porter Ave. at the corner of Niagara St., with parking accessible at the lot on Prospect St.

Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, April 18th, 2014, by BW's barbecue, Main/Transit Fire Hall, (6777 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221) serving from 4-6 pm or until fish runs out! Fish dinner includes: Beer Battered Haddock, coleslaw, potato salad, lemon wedge, tatar cause, rye bread, beverage: \$10.00

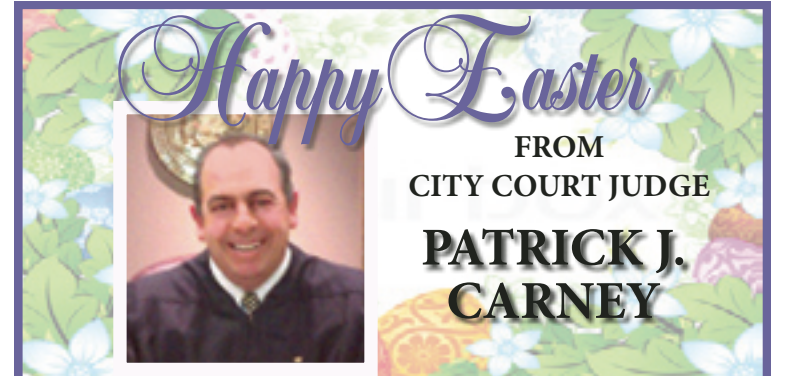
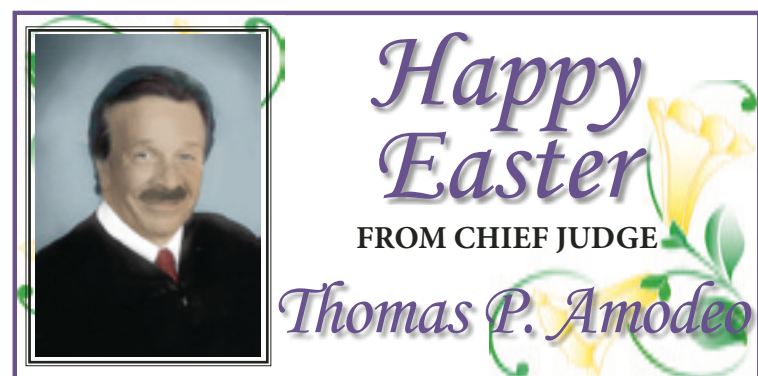
or Chicken Finger Dinner 2 Large chicken fingers, french fries, blue cheese, carrots, beverage \$7.00.

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!! Chinese Auction Drawings start at 6:00 pm. All proceeds to benefit Second Chance Shelter's rescued animals.

Join the volunteers of Precious Paws Rescue for a fun evening of Kitty Cat Bingo to be held at St. John's Grace Church, on 51 Colonial Circle (off Lafayette Ave.) in the Elmwood Village, from 4-7 pm. We will have lovely and useful bingo prizes and yummy refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the moms and kittens of Precious Paws Rescue.



Happy Easter from The Buffalo Rocket



SPORTS

The death of Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson recently at the age of 95 is still being felt here in Western New York and in the cities of 31 other clubs across the United States. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said as much during the league meetings last week in Orlando, Florida. A moment of silence in a room full of owners, turned the structured talks into a state of such emotion that one might have collapsed like someone has just thrown a flag.

Here in Buffalo, fans gave their thoughts about Mr. Wilson to anyone who might listen to their first experience with the AFL patriarch and gentle soul, who's kindness towards this City has been a lifelong mission since he bought the team in 1959 for just \$25,000 bills. Even though the team has been struggling to compete in the tough AFC East division in recent years, even the national media has expressed its condolences to a grieving city. "No one circles the wagons like the Buffalo Bills!"

That's been the opinion of ESPN broadcaster Chris Berman for years now, ever since he watched our team go to four straight Super Bowls. He holds up a specially made red, white and

blue Bills jersey with a circle on its back and the word "wagon" above it in a locally made film called "Almost A Dynasty: A Fan Story."

Berman is just one of the many local and national celebrities appearing in the 68 minute Buffalo film about the teams' four year run from 1991-94. Also included in the feature are such notables as former G.M. Bill Polian and Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy. Former players like Steve Tasker, Andre Reed, Scott Norwood, Steve Christie and Jim Kelly are just a few of the many Super Bowl team members who sat down and spoke to three local men, who decided to undertake such an ambitious project.

"We wanted to show the higher ups of Buffalo just what this team has meant to us, the die-hard Bills fan here in WNY," said Phil Gangi, one of the films' Executive Producers. He along with longtime friend Peter Tasca and Steve Butler began their quest in the fall of 2010 and in the span of two years, wrote, edited and distributed this awesome look at "the 12th man," a visual history of the team since 1960, and how this team was built for its Super Bowl run with the

blessings of owner Ralph C. Wilson.

Gangi, a Buffalo school teacher and baseball coach, found work upon graduation from Canisius College in Charlotte, North Carolina. While there, he was told by new friends exactly the way things looked from afar. He explains:

"They would say, 'You guys (in Buffalo) lost four Super Bowls in a row! Your team stunk! Between that and your weather, who would want to live there?'"

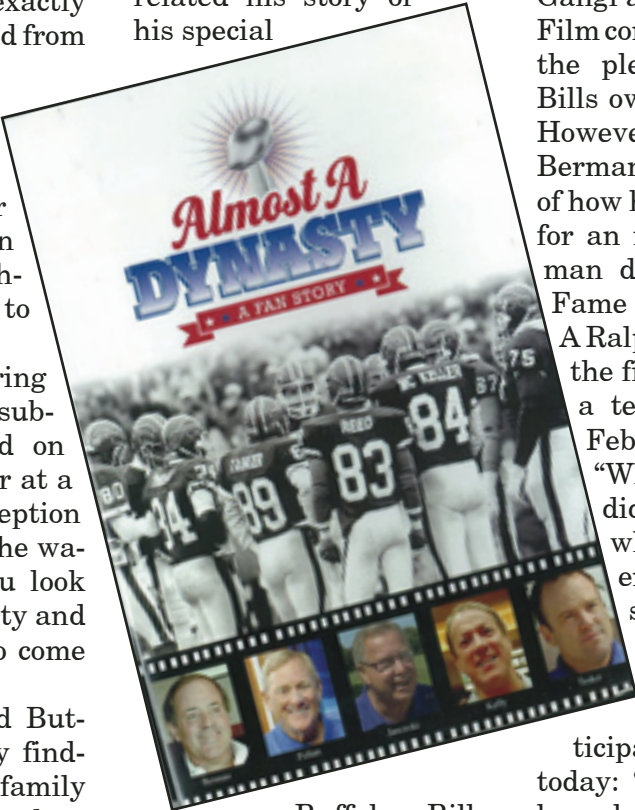
"So after hearing this, it's on your subconscious then, and on a trip home one year at a friend's wedding reception at a restaurant on the waterfront in July, you look out at a beautiful City and you say, 'It's time to come home.'"

Gangi, Tasca and Butler had no difficulty finding friends and family members who wanted to speak their minds about the Bills in front of a camera. The film is filled with local celebrities who also added their opinions like Van Miller, John Murphy, Jerry Sullivan, Mike Schopp, "Bulldog" Parker as well as former Bills players like Paul Maguire, Ed Rutkowski and Booker Eggeron.

"These guys graciously gave us their time once they heard what we were doing," said Gangi. "Lackawanna native Ron Jaworski remembered the seats his family sat in in the old Rockpile as a kid. Danny Gare gave us a perspective

from the Sabres and actor Kirk Cameron from 'Growing Pains' even chimed in."

Also prominent in the picture is the late Father Joseph Morino from St. Lawrence Church, who related his story of his special



Buffalo Bills stole made to wear during Mass on Sundays.

A North Buffalo native, Gangi and his older brother Jeff both played football, getting their start with the Junior League

Shoshone program in the early 1980's. In 1984, he helped lead the Shoshone Redskins to an Erie County Championship against a Kensington team.

In making of ALMOST A DYNASTY: A FAN STORY, Gangi and his new 1derful Film company, did not have the pleasure of meeting Bills owner Ralph Wilson. However, they have Chris Berman on film, telling us of how he became the voice for an introduction of the man during the Hall Of Fame Induction in 2009. A Ralph Wilson line from the film to Berman over a telephone on a cold February Day was this: "What do you think, I didn't think of this." when the broadcaster attempted to first say "no."

By the film's end, a question is asked to all participants and to fans today: "Would you rather have had the glory of the run or to have won? The debate continues until enough time has elapsed before we build another Super Bowl clinching Buffalo Bills team. It's a shame Ralph will miss it.

BUFFALO TRIVIA

How well do you know Buffalo?

by Joe Bortz

The following are clues to North Buffalo Streets. Each week 10 new clues will be listed.

Check your knowledge on how well you know the streets in North Buffalo

Example: Leap Over HERTEL.

- 1) School of hard _____
- 2) Long gaze _____
- 3) Famous in the Fall _____
- 4) Needed this winter _____
- 5) Building downtown _____
- 6) Between male and female _____
- 7) 15th President _____
- 8) Lucky gambler _____
- 9) European home _____
- 10) Morgan _____

Last weeks answers: Dangerous auto item - Blantyre, Last stand - Custard, Midnight ride - Revere, Chewy candy - Caramel, Western state - Dakota, President - Taft, Rose, tulip - Flower, Space object - Comet, Equal financial status - Commonwealth, Heckle, 2000 lbs - Taunton

Check next weeks ROCKET for the answers.

My Doctor Saved My Life
Just By Talking To Me



**DON'T BE SILENT
ABOUT SMOKING**
TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR
MyDoctorCanHelp.org

Funded by the Tobacco Cessation Centers of New York State

I couldn't afford help to stop smoking,
but my doctor told me my Medicaid covered it.

Wedding Invitations
Gallagher Printing • www.gallagherprinting.com

15% OFF (with this ad)
9195 Main St., Clarence, 716-632-0808
1249 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, 716-873-2594 **BR**

SHADOW
Lounge and Restaurant

Voted Best Lounge in WNY
Buffalo Music Awards
2007 - 2012

1504 HERTEL AVE., BUFFALO, NY (716) 835-3975
Monday - Saturday Open at 4:00 PM

★ **Appetizer: Beef on Weck Eggrolls**
Entree: Cajun Seafood Po'Boy

CHECK OUT OUR LENTEN SPECIALS - FISH FRY SERVED DAILY

★ **Live Music** ★

Friday, April 18th @ 10PM
De'Ja'Groove

Saturday, April 19th @ 10PM
JJ Swing

Dinner for 2 - \$29.95 Monday - Thursday
Includes 2 Entrees and a bottle of wine.
Gift Certificates Available.

www.shadowloungebuffalo.com

KORONA JEWELRY



Keith Jack

1588 Hertel Ave. 716-834-4755
www.KoronaJewelry.com

Knights of Columbus Kenmore

NEWLY
Remodeled Main Banquet Hall
Accommodates 250, Second Room 65

Plan Your Party or Meetings
Full catering is available

Plan A
Bowling Party
Friday Nights

**Bingo Wed. 1PM,
Fri. & Sun.
7:30PM**

1530 KENMORE AVENUE CALL 875-5780


NORTH PARK THEATRE

STARTS FRIDAY - ONE WEEK ONLY!

IN BLOOM
102 mins.

SHOW TIMES:
2:00 pm, 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 9:30 pm
(2:00 & 4:30) are matinee priced.

1428 Hertel Ave.



JOHNNY'S MEATS
876-2500

1191 HERTEL AVE.
Business Hrs: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5:30 pm; Sat. 7 am-5 pm
www.johnnysmeats.com

WE GLADLY ACCEPT
FOOD STAMPS

**ORDER NOW FOR
YOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES**

Easter Butter Lambs \$1.99 each	FULLY COOKED SEMI BONELESS Smith's or Sahlen's Hams \$4.29 lb. <small>No extra charge to slice and tie like a spiral ham</small>	SPECIALS 31-40 COUNT Cooked Shrimp \$9.99 lb.
USDA CHOICE Beef Tenderloin (Filet Mignon) \$14.98 lb.	OUR OWN FRESH Polish Sausage \$4.49 lb. and WARDYNSKI Smoked Polish Sausage \$4.69 lb.	Our Own PEA MEAL BACON \$4.99 lb.
OUR OWN SLOW ROASTED Cooked Roast Beef \$8.99 lb.	FRESH PLAINVILLE Turkey Breast \$5.69 lb.	GRADE A EXTRA LARGE Eggs \$1.69 doz.
USDA CHOICE AMERICAN Leg of Lamb \$6.99 lb.	OUR OWN Brasciole \$6.99 lb. Already Filled or Just the Meat	Kotino's X-Virgin Olive Oil \$8.95 750 ml
OUR OWN FAMOUS FRESH Italian Sausage with Cheese & Parsley \$4.49 lb.	FRESH Veal \$13.98 lb. Chicken \$3.99 lb. or Beef Cutlets \$6.99 lb.	

Visit Us Online: www.buffalorocket.com

Bob and John's LA HACIENDA

Delivery 11 am until Closing
FAX YOUR ORDERS 836-1165

Play All Your
NY State Lotto and
Quick Draw Games Here!

1545 HERTEL AVENUE ♦ 836-5411

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI Monday & Tuesday Dine In Only Starts 4 p.m. \$2.99	EVERYDAY SPECIAL (2) Regular 14" Cheese & One Topping Pizzas \$16.99	LARGE 5 TOPPING PIZZA Veggie or Meat Red, White or Bleu Cheese Sauces Available \$18.40
Wednesday Night Special All You Can Eat Soup, Salad, Pizza & Pasta Bar FROM 4-8 P.M. DINE IN ONLY! \$8.49	All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad Bar DINE IN ONLY! \$7.49 MONDAY - SATURDAY 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	ALL DAY MONDAY \$2.50 OFF ANY LARGE PIZZA

**EVERYDAY
SPECIAL
LARGE CHEESE PIZZA
& 20 WINGS**
\$3.00 OFF

Check out our website: www.bobandjohns.com

The Wellington Pub
NEXT TO BOB & JOHNS 1541 HERTEL AVENUE • 833-9899

**BANQUET ROOM
ACCOMMODATES
UP TO 45 PEOPLE**
Call for Reservations

Voted BUFFALO'S BEST
FISH FRY
by Artvoice
SERVED ALL DAY
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

**FULL MENU
AVAILABLE
FOR TAKE OUT**

