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## PREPARE FOR WINTER



North Buffalo resident Elson Turner of Tacoma Ave. prepares for work by warming his car and brushing snow off the windows.

The December 1-3, 2009 snowstorm left incredible images on all of us. Every time it snows, our minds are filled with images of the hundreds of motorists left stranded on the New York Thruway. What if you were among those stranded, would you have been prepared? Would your car have been prepared?

As the representative for WNY motorists, I would like to offer simple steps you can take to

stay safe and keep your vehicle in good working order for winter driving.

- Get a Checkup – the better shape your car is in, the safer you are.

- Have the ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts checked.

- Change and adjust spark plugs.

- Change the air, fuel and emission filters and the PCV valve.

- Check the battery.

- Check the tires for air, sidewall wear and tread

depth.

- Check the antifreeze level and freeze line.

- Have a tune up to ensure your best gas mileage, a quick start and a fast response.

What to keep in your Trunk:

- Spare tire, properly inflated, a wheel wrench and jack.

- Shovel.

- Jumper cables.

- Tow and tire chains.

- Salt or cat litter.

- Tool kit.

- Working flashlight and batteries.

- Brightly colored cloth.

- First aid kit.

- Ice scraper and snow brush.

- Mittens, socks, a hat and blankets.

- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container.

- Non-perishable, high energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy.

- Case of water, which also adds weight to the car.

- 12 volt charger for cell phone or electronic devices.

What to do if you become stranded . . .

- Stay in your vehicle – walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You can lose your way, wander out of reach, become exhausted, collapse. Your car can be a good shelter.

- Avoid overexertion.

Attempting to push your car, trying to jack it up or shoveling snow takes great effort in storm conditions and can cause injury. Don't work enough to get hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation making you more susceptible to the effects of hypothermia.

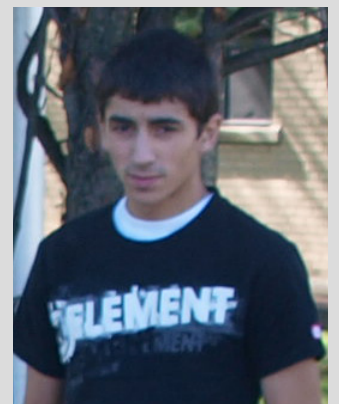
- Stay calm and think

- Keep fresh air in your vehicle. It is better to be chilly or cold and awake

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### TROOP V IN NORTH BUFFALO, TURNS OUT IT'S 67TH EAGLE SCOUT

Alexander J. Elia, of Boy Scout Troop V in North Buffalo, earned Eagle rank on October 16, 2011, which is the highest rank a boy scout can achieve. He will be celebrating his Eagle Court of Honor on January 8th at Parkside Lutheran Church, the chartered organization for his troop.



To attain this rank, boys must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, serve in positions of leadership in their troop and complete a project of benefit to their community. His eagle project was at the Matt Urban Hope Center where he totally revitalized the exterior landscape by cleaning up existing foliage, building stone walkways and benches along with bringing the flagpole area back to life with painting and ground work. The Matt Urban Hope Center, located on Paderewski Drive, is a community resource cen-

ter for the homeless and disadvantaged.

Alexander has served his troop in many leadership positions over the years as a Boy Scout. Since the earning of his Eagle rank in October, Alexander has turned 18 and is now attending Alfred State College where he just completed his first semester with a 4.0. He is a resident of the Town of Tonawanda and a past graduate of Kenmore East Senior High School. He is proud to join his brother Michael, also an Eagle Scout from Troop V.

### HNBBA ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY PARTY

The Hertel North Buffalo Business will hold its Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm at Canvas 1206, 1206 Hertel Avenue. Members and potential members of the association are invited. Admission is free with

complimentary food and a cash bar. Come mingle with local merchants and get information on our association and our involvement in our community. For more information call 877-1776 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

### Local Weather

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PM Snow Showers High 33° Low 30°	Cloudy High 40° Low 35°	Rain/Snow Showers High 38° Low 30°	AM Clouds/PM Sun High 34° Low 28°	Few Snow Showers High 34° Low 30°	Partly Cloudy High 38° Low 30°	Mostly Cloudy High 36° Low 30°



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The Adventures of...  
**Rocket Man**  
*by Doug Smith*



**'Killing O'Reilly'**

Bill O'Reilly's "Killing Lincoln" topped Rocket Man's Christmas list. He worships the 16th President and, for all his faults and bluster, admires Fox News' bombastic Factor, who reminds him of Mayor Griffin.

Walmarting mid-afternoon Dec. 24, Rocket Man fondled a "Killing Lincoln" in anticipation. "I was going to get that," said a gentleman bystander, "but they told me it's all lies and inaccuracies."

Rocket Man had heard this song before. "Who's 'they' and what lies?" he asked.

"Well, I don't know, but that's what they all say." The gentleman was decently dressed and well-spoken, not ranting, but firm in his unsubstantiated convictions. He could not name one source, or one criticism, withdrawing into the comfort of vagueness.

Bill O'Reilly is easy to dislike, even by people who share most of his viewpoints. He's condescending, annoying, occasionally fires without aiming and

suffers criticism petulant-ly. Two Christmases ago he said Irving Berlin had written "Silent Night," a blunder of Billy Fuccillo proportions for a proud and avowed Christian, then belittled those who "called" him on it.

None of this, though, affects or infects "Killing Lincoln," a sometimes breathless account of the final weeks of Lincoln's life, before second-rate actor John Wilkes Booth pumped a single pellet into his head as "Our American Cousin" regaled a throng at Ford's Theatre. As O'Reilly describes it, had Lincoln laughed more loudly, leaning forward, Booth could well have missed.

It is a terrific read. Rocket Man confesses to knowing this stuff cold, including the theory that War Secretary Stanton hatched the plot. O'Reilly, to his credit, tries to snuff this fire, but it rekindles with a vengeance.

"Tell me something I don't know," he would have demanded of O'Reilly in an interview. He does. Nearly 100 lawmen drowned

in Maryland swamps searching for Booth. The assassin and Lincoln had two degrees of separation through a comely society lady. Fascinating stuff, overwrought from time to time, but informative and instructive.

So what's wrong with this picture?

One grammarian flogs O'Reilly for saying Lincoln "furled" his brow, rather than "furrowed." He refers twice to "The Oval Office," non-existent until 1909. O'Reilly writes that Generals Grant and Lee never met after Lee's surrender. Evidently they did, to discuss prisoner exchange. And critics claim that convicted conspirator Mary Surratt was not treated as badly in prison as O'Reilly describes.

This seems considerably short of "full of inaccuracies." Even reporters of the time disagree on Mary Surratt. Rocket Man won't airily dismiss these nits but wishes that he, on the whole, were as accurate as O'Reilly, and as compelling. Compared to the likes of Michael Moore, who routinely flips chronology to make a point, O'Reilly is Gospelly true. In two years, Rocket Man will proudly bestow "Killing Lincoln" on his grandson.

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### West Side

December 30, 2011

Grant St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did break passenger window of vehicle and take laptop computer and camera valued at \$3,000.

January 1, 2012

Auburn Ave - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did kick open door on the south side of house and entered apartment. Once inside they did ransack and take \$565 in cash.

January 2, 2012

West Ave. - Complainant reports that person (s) unknown did pry open window on east side of residence. No entry made.

January 2, 2012

Putnam St. - Complainant reports that unknown suspect (s) did pry open inside apartment door and entered taking a 42" TV valued at \$1,000 and various pieces of jewelry valued at \$2,000.

### North Buffalo

January 1, 2012

Virgil Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) entered lower apartment by unknown

means - taken was a computer, valued at \$1,800.

January 3, 2012

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that defendant did enter store and fill her shopping cart with Red Bull and make up. Defendant then ran out of store without paying.

### Riverside

December 30, 2011

Evelyn St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did break front passenger window of vehicle and take the GPS system valued at \$2,500.

January 1, 2012

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that while waiting at a bus stop the suspect did approach and ask for a cigarette. When complainant pulled items out of pocket suspect did forcibly grab Bus Pass and \$20 bill. Suspect fled south on bike path.

January 2, 2012

Gallatin Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did enter her apartment without permission and did take two wooden end tables, a beige sofa and chair, a rug and a 64" flat screen TV. No signs of forced entry.

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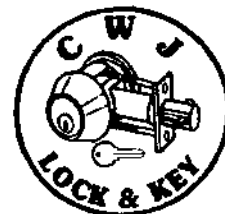
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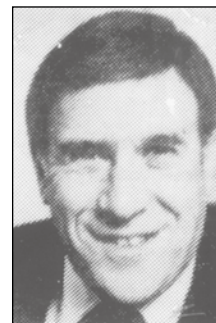
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than to become comfortably warm and slip into unconsciousness. Freezing-wet or wind driven snow can plug your vehicle's exhaust system causing deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your vehicle.

- Don't run the engine unless you are certain the exhaust pipe is free of snow or other objects. Keep the radiator free from snow to prevent the engine from overheating. Run the engine at 10-minute intervals each hour for heat.

- Turn on the dome light at night but only when running the engine

- Keep your blood circulating freely. Loosen any tight clothing, change positions, frequently, move your arms and legs. Huddle close to one another. Rub your hands together or put them under your armpits or between your legs. Remove your shoes occasionally and rub your feet.

- Don't expect to be comfortable. The challenge is to survive until you are found.

- Make yourself visible to rescuers. Tie a bright cloth to your antenna or door handles.

Winter Driving Tips...

- Get the latest weather

forecast before you leave – check [www.weather.gov/buf](http://www.weather.gov/buf)

- Keep a full tank of gas at all times.

- Be sure you have fresh antifreeze in your car.

- Clear snow and ice from windows, lights, hood and roof before driving.

- Brake early. Brake correctly as it takes more time and distance to stop in wintry conditions.

- Be aware that exit ramps usually have less anti-icing material than the main line and extra care should be taken when exiting.

- Don't use "cruise control". The slightest touch of your brakes to deactivate the cruise control can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

- Don't get overconfident in a four-wheel drive vehicle which may help you get going quicker but won't help you stop any quicker.

- Look further ahead in traffic than you normally do as a split second of extra reaction time can make a difference.

- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows and stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right.

This was submitted by Erie County Clerk, Chris Jacobs. For more information, visit our website at [www.erie.gov/clerk](http://www.erie.gov/clerk).

# The Grapevine

**Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Presents** the 34th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please join us for a community celebration featuring reading, music, poetry, storytelling and presentations. Thursday January 12, 1012 from 12-1:30pm at the Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Ring of Knowledge. RSVP to Joy Testa Cinquino at 858-7182 or [testaj@buffalolib.org](mailto:testaj@buffalolib.org).

## January Events at the Performing Arts Center at Rockwell Hall

The following will be performed at Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. Henry and Mudge on Thursday, January 26 at 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and must be reserved in advance. For every 20 paid tickets, a school or organization receives one free one. All payments must be made by a school check, money order or credit card. No personal checks from parents will be accepted. Black Girls' Anthem, on Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35, or \$30 for groups of 10 or more. Super Scientific Circus, on Monday, January 30. There will be two performances at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and must be purchased in advance. For more information: (716) 878-3600 [pustelda@buffalostate.edu](mailto:pustelda@buffalostate.edu)

## Buffalo Championship Wrestling at Town Boys & Girls Club

On Saturday night January 14th, 2012, one of WNY's premier wrestling organizations, Buffalo Championship Wrestling will be appearing at the Town Boys & Girls Club. The club is located at 54 Riverdale Ave. in Buffalo. This is an all ages and family friendly event that starts at 7:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds for this event will benefit the Town Boys & Girls Club. The event will feature top professional wrestlers from around the Northeast and Southern Ontario. In the main event, Buffalo's own "Buffalo Bad Boy" Brian Jennings will take on his rival "Big Leauge" John McChesney. Both of these wrestlers have been seen on WWE and TNA T.V. Also on the card there will be a BCW Tag Team title match. BCW Tag Team Champions: The T-Rex Express (Troy Buchanan & Rex Atkins) will defend their titles against the team of Ron Falco & Frank "The Tank" Burlington. Other's scheduled to appear: "Big Rig" Brodie Lee, "Sik" Rik Matrix, and much, much, more. Tickets for this event are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Discount tickets are available for club members and their parents. Tickets can be purchased by e-mailing: [wearebuffalo2011@gmail.com](mailto:wearebuffalo2011@gmail.com) or by calling: (716) 218-9716. For more informa-

tion on this huge event visit: [www.bcwwny.com](http://www.bcwwny.com).

**University at Buffalo President Dr. Satish Tripathi** will be the guest at Rotary Club of Buffalo's weekly luncheon speakers series on January 12 from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. at Templeton Landing (2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo). The event is \$20 per person and open to the public. Rotary Club of Buffalo's weekly luncheon speakers series is a unique opportunity for the public and media to meet and talk with some of the community's most influential leaders in a relaxed and sociable business atmosphere. The Club also welcomes new members. The event will proceed as follows:

- 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m. – A buffet luncheon will be served.

- 12:30 p.m. – The Rotary Club of Buffalo meeting will begin.

- Approximately 1 p.m. – Guest Dr. Satish Tripathi will begin his presentation, followed by questions from the audience.

- 1:30 p.m. – The event will end.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Rotary Club of Buffalo at 716-854-3397. For more information, please contact Marian Hetherly at 716-308-9649 or [hetherlym@gmail.com](mailto:hetherlym@gmail.com).

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- Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on it's way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

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ing spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### 2012

Well the holidays are over and to a lot of us that is good. It is a great time of the year to share with family and friends, but it is nice when it is over and we can settle down to our more casual lifestyles. The only down side for us in Buffalo, January means the start of the real winter season. January, February, and March and even some of April are cold, dreary snow months with short days and long nights. Even if you are a winter enthusiast we all are all happy to see the warm sun shine again in the spring. The longer days and shorter nights. Daylight savings time when it is still light out at nine o'clock.

Hope all had a good Christmas or Hanukah or whatever you celebrate at the end of the year and let's hope it is not the last. Yup, the predictions are that the world as we know it will end in December of this year. Guess the exact date is December 21, 2012. That is according to the Mayan calendar, Nostradamus, and the ancient Egyptians amongst others. Something to do with the alignment of the stars in the Universe, I believe. Also, the Buffalo Bills making the playoffs may contribute to that being the end of the world.

So make your plans accordingly and enjoy each day as it comes as we really will celebrate the holiday season next year if we are still here on December 22nd. The year is only a couple of days old and already the media is jumping on the end of the world bandwagon. I am sure this year will be filled with that kind of rhetoric and will cause some people to panic. Remember 2YK when we were going into the twenty first century in 2000? Lots of panic when we were told the computers would crash and everything would come to a stand still. As we all remember, it did not happen and the transition was as smooth as Lake Placid in the summer.

Some may be old enough to remember the bomb shelters. In World War II it was just the basement that would be good enough and many took steps, just in case. Then, during the cold war with Russia and the threat of a nuclear

attack, some built bomb shelters separate from their main building. Concrete walls and food, water, and supplies to last 'til the threat of radiation would have passed. So I would imagine that some people will take steps, just in case, to live through December, 2012. Me, I am at the age where you are living day to day and just hope to still be here in December.

### KIWANIS CHRISTMAS

This year our Kiwanis club did something a little different. It has always been the objective of our club to seek out needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and try to make it a little happier than it would be ordinarily. For years we supplied toys to the children at School 36 on the West Side up until it closed. We have in the past few years looked for needy families and sometimes it is disappointing to find them not so needy. Seems the government takes pretty good care of immigrants. So this year we directed our attention to refugees. These are people who have, in some cases, escaped with only their lives and nothing else. These are people who are prosecuted for political or religious reasons that we in this country can not comprehend. In any case, these are people with almost nothing. Not even chairs to sit on and just doing their best to survive.

We found 37 children in a number of these families who do not really celebrate Christmas as such, but who have very little. Heck, no matter what the religion, it is the season. With some effort and some dedicated women in our club, we found out the needs of these 37 children. Then they went out and shopped for each particular child, wrapped them and our club delivered them to the families. We were assisted by an International organization as most would not answer the door to strangers.

Turned out to be a worthwhile project for our club and something we will do again next year, if we are all still here. Happy New Year, everyone.

Send your comments to [jbortze@aol.com](mailto:jbortze@aol.com)

# WHAT IS YOUR 2012 RESOLUTION?



"Open my new business." Bonnie English



"Continue as I have in the past until something significant shows up." Lillian Gondree



"Continue to do what I have been doing and ask the good Lord to help me." Reverend Albert G.



"Quit smoking." Sue Rozler



"Stop the violence!" Ed Wiley, 100 Mighty Men Ministry



"Live 'til next year." Michael Lyons

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## ANGIE BATTAGLIA PASSES ON



A long time West Sider has gone to her final resting place. Angie Battaglia (nee Runfola), mother of Peter (Ann) and the late Paul Battaglia (Vivian); grandmother of P.J., Traci, Jessica Battaglia, Elizabeth (Jordan) Silbert. Great-grandmother of Bridget and Paulie. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Margarets Church recently.

Angie lived most of her life on Buffalo's West Side. The last few years of her life were spent in North Buffalo. She was an active member of Nativity Church (in memory)

where her sons Paul and Peter attended Nativity School. All of her attention was given to raising her boys. She was extremely proud of their advancement in life, education and athletics. She was with them every step of the way.

Everywhere she went she was seen with her camera in hand. She must have taken three thousand pictures of friends and strangers alike. A very loyal fan of the Buffalo Bisons, she took joy in going to the games, making friends and taking pictures. She was a fixture at the games. Mike Butchkowski, and Bison officials attended her viewing.

She was also a loyal and enthusiastic fan of the Canisius College Basketball team, attending their home games. The full team, along with the coaches, paid tribute to Angie by attending her viewing as a group. She was remembered with a moment of silence before a recent game; an honor she was greatly deserving of.

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