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## New North Buffalo Farmers Market



Fresh produce is just one of the many offerings found at the North Buffalo Farmers Market, which opens June 19th.

The North Buffalo Farmers Market will open for the 2014 season on Thursday, June 19th from 3 pm – 7 pm in the parking lot at Holy Spirit Church on Hertel Avenue near Delaware Avenue.

According to Market

Manager Patricia Banning, this will be a “soft” opening since it is still early in the season. A Grand Opening Celebration is planned for July with music and activities when more vendors will be available and fresh produce is in full season. The

market is scheduled to run through November 6th.

The market will feature vendors offering local produce, fresh coffee, homemade food, and more. Vendor applications are still being accepted.

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## Schoellkopf Inducted to Hall of Fame

Since its inception in 1990, the Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center (BTRC) and Buffalo Equestrian Center (BEC) have changed lives.

Spearheaded by Executive Director Susan Schoellkopf, a North Buffalo resident and native of Buffalo, the BEC and BTRC provide hundreds of children a unique opportunity to learn from horses and experience the love that stems and blossoms from being an equestrian.

The program exponentially grows with each passing year, doubling the number of students and serving the Buffalo community. The BTRC has four Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) instructors, who work to develop programs for mentally and emotionally impaired and learning disabled and developmentally challenged children from 6 to 16 years of age.



Photo: Emily Riden

L-R: Jennifer Alfano, Susie Blaisdell, Susie Schoellkopf, and Pam Keenan.

The

BTRC is the only

indoor riding facility uniquely located in the city of Buffalo, and has been the site of the therapeutic riding program for 14 years. Schoellkopf has dedicated her life to the BEC and the BTRC, providing children with the opportunity to ride, many whom may never have had that chance. The facility's location in Buffalo is ideal for many of the inner-city kids to take a bus for their riding lessons.

Four years ago, the BEC conceptualized a program congruent with the Inter-scholastic Equestrian. Continued on page 5

## Father's Day is June 15th

The necktie is such a popular Father's Day Gift that it has unofficially become the official Father's Day Gift. Some even take the necktie to be symbolic of Father's Day due to their history of association with the day in the same way as flowers are associated with Mother's Day.

Every year children vie with each other to give the most stylish tie to their dad. Retailers make the most of this traditional and emotional attachment of the necktie with Father's Day to sell latest designs and introduce new styles.

Happy Father's Day!



## Summer Fun Club

old, beginning June 30th and ending August 22nd. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and costs \$50.00 per week, per child for the eight week program. Additional hours for before and after child care will be available for a minimal fee.

Arts & Crafts, cooking,

gym games, gameroom activities, movies and much more are all part of the program, which is limited to 75 children.

Program applications may be picked up at the North Buffalo Community Center, located at 203 Sanders Rd., or call (716) 874-6133, Ext. 18 for further information.

The North Buffalo Community Center will be having a Summer Fun Club Program for children ages 5 to 12 years

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 12	FRIDAY, JUNE 13	SATURDAY, JUNE 14	SUNDAY, JUNE 15	MONDAY, JUNE 16	TUESDAY, JUNE 17	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
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The Adventures of...

## Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



## Oh Dear, a Deer

Keen for new playgrounds, Rocket Man roadtripped Tuesday to Allegany County and Houghton College's Kerr-Pegula Field, home of the New York State Collegiate League's first-year Genesee Rapids.

It's a lovely ride through rolling territory but when you get there, where are you? "Oh, yeah, it's over there and then you walk down the hill," advised one girl from her skateboard.

They had built it, but who could come? The climb down, behind the umpires, was so long and treacherous that Rocket Man feared he'd need a Sherpa to return.

A friend wondered at Rocket Man's frustrations. "You got lost coming to Houghton?" Rocket Man put it this way: "If this were a golf hole, I drove the green, then needed nine putts to get down."

Later, genial locals advised, "you should have come in by Chamberlain Street," but no highway

sign whatsoever pointed the way and no parking lot was visible from Kerr-Pegula's mini-bleachers.

Then a fan came in bearing a scrumptious-looking beef-on-weck. "Wow, where did you get that?" Rocket Man drooled. "Over there, by the soccer field," the diner gestured. "It's quite a ways. You'll work up an appetite getting there." Another seatmate actually offered to bring one back; Rocket Man settled for the home-made chips.

The field itself is a beauty, brand-new turf, so that playing the game was never in doubt although it had rained into the early afternoon. It occupies the crest of a disused ski slope and youngsters who'd lost interest in the game amused themselves by rolling down the hill.

Bleachers seat about 150. The sightlines are beautiful, naught but trees beyond the outfield walls, reminding Rocket Man of the Mountaindale home of the late Catskill Cougars,

minus the yarmulkes. At length he departed, pausing for breath four times on the tortuous climb.

On Route 236 stood a mid-sized deer, he observed moments before the crunch. Immediately a pickup truck stopped behind him to offer assistance, two travelling musicians who also owned a garage up the road. A trooper arrived, took notes. He and Rocket Man had a mutual friend, it turned out.

Advised by his spontaneous first responders, Rocket Man asked, "Do you want to see the fur on the car?" Said the lawman, "There's a dead deer in the ditch and you look like an honest man."

Two miles up the road, Rocket Man stopped at the musician-mechanics' garage, where they tore off a couple of dangerous parts. "How can I ever repay you?" he asked. "Pray for no rain at our concert June 27," one said. "That's my birthday," said Rocket Man. "It never rains on my birthday." Ninety minutes later his battered capsule docked at home.

He'll never forget Houghton. But he'll try.

Signal back to Rocket Man via [pollyndoug@hotmail.com](mailto:pollyndoug@hotmail.com)

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

## Dance Recitals Retirement

It is only natural for a parent to want to see their children do well. That is in most cases anyway. It seems now more so than ever and sometimes the motivation is money, sadly to say. That again is sometimes, and usually it is just old parental pride.

Over the years we have attended so many different events to watch our children's attempt to succeed in whatever they participated in. Sports, academic achievements, performances, awards, graduations, religious ceremonies, and dance recitals. We tried to be supportive and attend as many as possible. With eight children it was common to have conflicts, so we would have to split so at least one of us was there. We felt not only the pride but the necessity to support the endeavors put forth by these individuals in the different fields they chose to pursue.

Again in the course of the many years we did this, we did encounter children, sometimes extremely talented, with no one there to see their achievements. That was years ago and I believe that now with all the possible money to be made in performing, the parental support is overwhelming.

Take into consideration the money professional athletes are now being offered and making. Is it only the possibility of going on to greater things that motivate parental support in this venue? Then we go to stage performances like singing and dancing. You see beauty pageants for some as young as four or

five years old. Do you really believe that the kid has decided that that is what they want to do in life? We find that parents decide at an early age what they want their child to be and set out to achieve that goal. Not always at the discretion of the child.

Singing is a God given talent and you either have it or you do not. Lessons seldom do anything to make you a superstar in that field. But in dancing, you do not have to be as talented and with lessons and a lot of hard work, you could become a good dancer. Besides it could be a lot of fun and a good dancer is worth watching in any stage performance. If one could sing and dance, they are blessed. We see this in a lot of local talent right here in some of the theatres in Western New York.

We enjoy seeing the musicals at the Lancaster Opera House as usually one of our nieces performs in the cast. The other night we enjoyed seeing Les Miserable as the present show there. The musicals are well done and show the abundance of local talent in both singing and dancing. I personally had some problems with the casting in this one, but enjoyed the evening and the overall production was well worth the \$18 per ticket. Much better bang for the buck than my granddaughter's recital that cost \$20 per person.

Not for anything, but after seeing so many dance recitals, I am retiring from that scene. First you have to pay the 20 bucks to get in. Many years ago it was

free. Then if you wanted a program book, you had to pay another \$10. They also used to be free. Pay \$10 to see when my granddaughter was on? No way. It is topped off by a long show of what I thought were not so well taught children who looked like not only did they not want to be there, but had no desire to do what they were doing. Not all of them but the males especially in this recital had little to offer. They were awful! I can do the shuffle, ball, change better than that. I have seen kids off the street down in New Orleans with bottle caps on the bottom of their shoes, and no lessons, out perform this whole presentation.

Not fair to criticize the whole show and there were some good performances and some limited talented individuals. Realistically, a lot of parents are wasting their money.

Just my opinion and as long as the kids are enjoying it, go for it.

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-Dennis

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## The Grapevine

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The meetings are open to caregivers of Parkinson's Disease patients throughout the WNY area. They're open-ended meetings where you can discuss concerns that might be impacting your ability to manage and cope as a family member/caregiver; an opportunity to meet others experiencing similar concerns and help problem solve and reduce the stress you may be feeling. The group regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, although they will not meet in July and August. For more information contact Mary Ellen at 833-5389.

**Dog Days of Kenmore** will be held Sunday, June 22nd from noon to 4:00 pm in Mang Park.

This free family event, presented by the Kenmore Village Improvement Society, includes live music by Creek Bend Band, more than 80 dog-related vendors, K-9 and other demonstrations, clinics, raffles and more. Contests will include dog/owner look

alike, best costume, and best trick. There will also be a dog parade.

For the complete schedule of Dog Days of Kenmore events visit [www.dogdayswny.com](http://www.dogdayswny.com). For further information, visit the KVIS website at [www.villageofkenmore.org](http://www.villageofkenmore.org).

**Parkside Summer Arts Camp** provides quality arts education programming for children ages 5 to 11 during their summer vacations. The Association will partner with Young Audiences of Western New York for an array of programming. The artists on the roster of Young Audiences of WNY are committed to their art, and using it as a tool for learning. For the camp's 2014 program, they will lead campers in dance, juggling, kite making, drawing and more!

The camp is split up into two three-week sessions that will be held weekdays in Delaware Park from 9:00am - 3:00pm. The session dates are July 7th - July 25th and July 28th - August 15th. Registration for the camp is only \$350 per child per session, with significant discounts for PCA members and low-income families. More information can be found online at [ParksideBuffalo.org/SummerArts](http://ParksideBuffalo.org/SummerArts) or by calling the PCA's office at

(716)838-1240.

**The 57th Annual Allentown Art Festival** will take place on Saturday, June 14th and Sunday, June 15th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in the Historic Preservation District of Buffalo.

More information on the Allentown Art Festival can be obtained by visiting the official website at [www.allentownartfestival.com](http://www.allentownartfestival.com) or by calling (716) 881-4269.

**The 14th Annual Komen WNY Race for the Cure®** will be held on Saturday, June 14th, 2014, at 10:00 am in Delaware Park Rose Garden.

Those who are unable to pre-register can still register for the race and pick up their items beginning at 7:00 am at the Marcy Casino Building in Delaware Park on the day of the race.

Online registration for the 14th Annual Komen WNY Race for the Cure continues until 11:59pm on Thursday, June 12th.

The Komen WNY Race for the Cure raises funds for the local fight against breast cancer and cutting edge breast cancer research. The annual Komen WNY Race for the Cure also celebrates breast cancer survivors and honors those who have lost their battle with breast cancer. For more information about the WNY Affiliate of Susan G. Komen, visit [www.komenwny.org](http://www.komenwny.org).

**The 12th Annual Jalana Palma Benefit Motorcycle Run** will take place on Sunday, August 3rd, 2014. The run, which benefits the Jalana Palma Scholarship at Kenmore East High School, begins at the Panera Plaza (Sheridan Dr. at Delaware Rd. in Tonawanda) and ends at the Legion Hall at 535 Amherst St. in Buffalo.

Riders and non-riders are welcome to participate. The cost per person is \$25. Sign-up for the event starts at 8:45 am and the run leaves at 10:00 am, rain or shine. The benefit, which includes a Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing, begins at the Legion Hall at 2:00 pm. Call Sandy Chortie for more information at 471-4797.



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# Buffalo Equestrian Center

an Association (IEA). This program has opened doors **From page 1** for riders who are unable to afford the equestrian sport, or who have little access to horses, while promoting the educational aspect of teaching horsemanship and team camaraderie. The team has proved unstoppable, taking riders to the regionals and zone finals.

Professional rider and trainer Jennifer Alfano described, "Many of these kids in the city would not have this opportunity elsewhere. Susie just wants kids involved with horses, they are all so important to her."

"Susie has a wide variety of students with many physical and emotional challenges, but the one thing that they all share is their love for Susie," Alfano shared. "Every Monday they come running through the doors screaming her name. She knows every child in that program. She knows their parents. She knows their siblings. She's there to cheer them on... Her devotion to that program is truly impressive."

Schoellkopf, who was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame (NSHHF) on May 27th, 2014, is also the Director of SBS Farms, Inc. For more information on the Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center and Susan Schoellkopf, visit [www.thebtrc.org](http://www.thebtrc.org).

# Farmers Market

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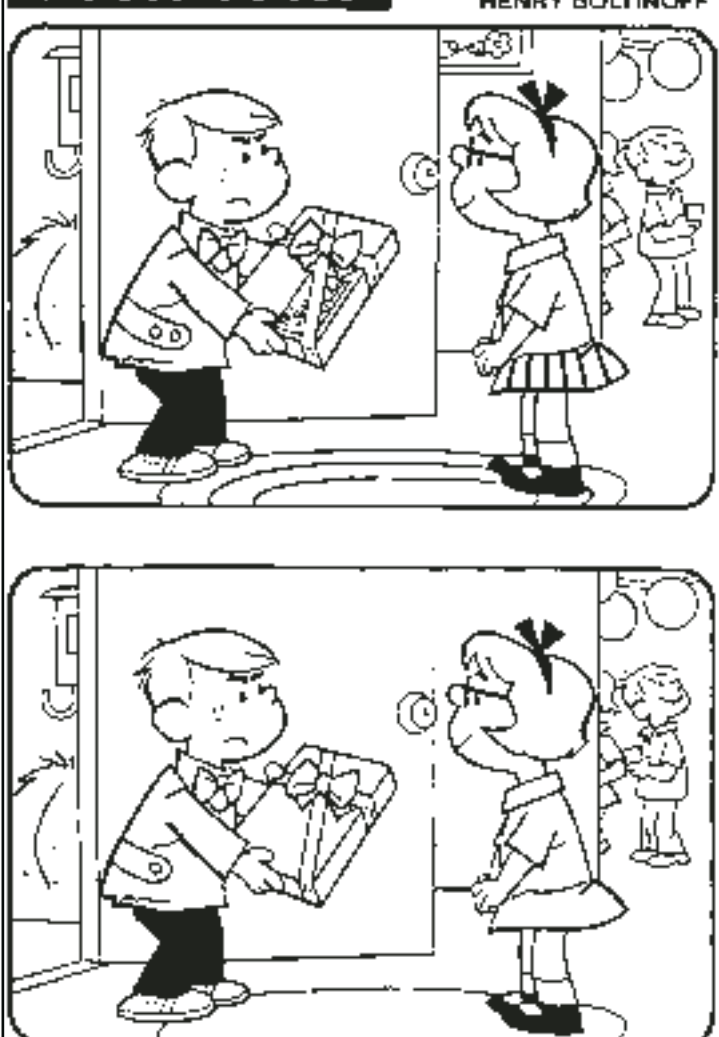
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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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# SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Let's get right out to Shoshone Park and get you up to date on all the baseball and softball games played in a "cool" Spring thus far for the Hertel North Park Youth League.

In Major Boys, the Reds have their undefeated season end with 10 wins after losing to the Cubs 3-1 Saturday. They have played some awesome ball up until this point led by Christian Torres, Jeremiah Chapman, Elliott Widener, Martin Espinal and Ian Schillaci. They're in first place with just three games remaining followed by a strong Yankee team at 8-2, who have lost both of their games to the Reds. This past week they topped both the Dodgers and Twins on strong pitching by Connor McKendry and Santino Turello.

The Cubs are led by Javiar Rosa, Jackson Alagna and Fred Pagan. Another Pagan, cousin Ed, has helped the team to a 7-2 record at this writing and on a five game win streak, including the win over the Reds.

Santino Hernandez hit a solo homerun over the fence in left centerfield in extra innings to tie a game at 3-3 and two batters later, Tim O'Rourke knocked

in teammate Zack Bradshaw from third base with the go-ahead run for the Cardinals 4-3, come from behind victory over the Athletics Saturday morning. The Cards have won three of their last four and stand at 6-5. The Dodgers, Twins and Tigers round out the division but on any given day, an upset might happen before the playoffs start.

In Major Pony, the girls were back in action after a two week layoff. The Cardinals are undefeated at 5-0 as they defeated the Athletics. But watch out for the Rockies, led by pitcher McKenna Horne who came in relief for three innings and ended a 16-12 victory over the Angels Saturday. The Rockies are an even 4-4 and have won four of their last five games.

In Minor Pony, the Giants have gotten some great pitching from Isabela Nieves, Tatiana Boyd and Emma Vargas on the mound for a 5-1 record to lead the division. They got back on the winning track Saturday over the Jays while the Reds were taking care of the Yankees. Like Major Pony, they too have had plenty of time between games so a win streak may not happen soon.

In Second Minors, Lincoln is undefeated at 7-0 with a 9-3 victory over Division champion Dallas last Tuesday. Dallas took an early lead but an RBI single by Mike Cambria scored the go-ahead run midway through the game and pitcher Kendall Wood came in and pitched two innings of one-hit ball to preserve the win.

The Tigers got back on their winning ways with a big win over Charleston as Gavin Cline hit two homeruns, his first of the year and teammates Justice DaCosta, Zane Schenk and Christopher Honardo hit and pitched well for an 8-2 record. Madison upset Carson City, 5-4 while Nashville's Joe Salemi hit a big triple and played well at second base to lead the Yanks over Sacramento.

In Senior Pony, the Yankees' bottom of the order helped the pinstrippers beat the Athletics June 3. Alicia Thompson went four for four, Natavia Simmons made a great catch in RF and had three hits and Sydney Merz went two for four at the plate, scored two runs and played well at second base. Friday, the Pirates defeated the Angels led by YaYa Navarro and Phoebe Elardo.

In First Minors, Quinn Mahoney and Nathan Sommer both homered to lead Denver to a big win over San Jose. Cooperstown gets two homeruns from James Evangelos while teammate Nick Gee hit two doubles and pitch-

ers Hunter Potts and Cole Boryczak combined each to throw two scoreless innings in a win over Montreal. Newark leads the division but Denver, Cooperstown and Louisville will make it interesting in the end.

In Senior Boys, the Orioles have won three in a row after losing their opener to the Tigers. Both are tied with 3-1 records at this writing. Antwan Chivas laid down a perfect bunt to help the DBacks defeat the Tigers, 6-5. The Dodgers shut out the Mets, 10-0 as pitcher Leo Hertzberg scattered just two hits in the complete game victory. Adam Bardak hit a two run homerun over the fence on the Senior Diamond and pitched a complete game on the mound for the Pirates in a win over the DBacks, 5-3, May 31st. More games next time.

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