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Fireworks Schedule For The 4th Of July



Firework display are scheduled in and around the City of Buffalo to commemorate Independence Day.

The 4th of July is coming up and local communities are all set for their Independence Day festivities.

All fireworks displays begin at dusk unless otherwise

noted:

June 29

Clarence, Clarence Town Park

Kenmore Days, Mang Park

July 1

Fort Erie, Friendship Festival

Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, ON

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Italian Festival Begins August 1st

The all new 2013 Galbani Italian Heritage Festival sponsored by the North Buffalo Community Center, the Hertel-North Buffalo Business Association and the West Side Taxpayers Association will be held on Hertel Avenue, from Delaware to Colvin Avenues, starting Thursday August 1st to Sunday, August 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

The Galbani Italian Heritage Festival will transform Hertel Avenue into a Buffalo version of "Little Italy" with more than 100 vendors

selling a variety of mouth-watering delicacies and other Italian-related items. This year the Ilio DiPaolo Italian Heritage Tent will feature our traditional authentic Venetian gondola for a unique photo opportunity, St Anthony statue for devotees of this popular saint, daily Sicilian marionette shows for young and old alike, visitors from our sister city of Torremaggiore (Foggia) Puglia who will be selling their local specialties of olive oil and olives, displays of family trees with the return of our genealogy

experts to help with family tree research, live broadcasts of "Casa Rico", America's longest running ethnic radio show with host Lenny Rico, a special section dedicated just to children called "Centro Bambini" which through the help of the Centro Culturale Italiano will be a popular spot for the young to create some special Italian arts and crafts. Also, we will have expanded on our very popular Grape Stomping event to allow more participants as several participants will

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Family Fishing Day At Broderick Park

Buffalo United Front in partnership with Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is sponsoring Family Fishing Day on Saturday June 29th and Sunday June 30th at Broderick Park, Buffalo, NY. This family friendly event draws fishing enthusiasts and anglers from the City of Buffalo and all over Western New York to enjoy



our fresh water resource. Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER will have outreach stations to promote healthier ways to eat locally caught fish. Representatives will have fish consumption information materials available, and conduct demonstrations about fish cleaning.

At the event RIVERKEEPER will be introducing "Catch of the Day," a mobile messaging campaign for anglers sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo. Through this campaign, anglers will be able to celebrate their "Catch of the Day" and learn how to get instant access educational materials about fish consumption in Western New York. Celebrate summer by casting a fishing line from the shorelines of Broderick Park and enjoy Buffalo's waterfront!

JUNE 29-30 are free fish-

ing days in New York state. As part of Governor Cuomo's NY's Open for Hunting and Fishing initiative, New York residents and visitors may fish for free without a fishing license in any of the state's 7,500 lakes and ponds or 50,000 miles of rivers and streams

during the weekend of June 29-30. state. "Getting more people involved in the sport of fishing is an important component of the Governor Cuomo's NY's Open for Hunting and Fishing Initiative," Commissioner Martens said. "This is the perfect time to introduce someone to the sport of fishing or invite a friend or relative from out of state to enjoy the great fishing the state has to offer."

The Free Fishing Days program began in 1991 to allow all people the opportunity to sample the incredible fishing New York State has to offer. New York's sport fishing industry generates an estimated \$1.8 billion in economic activity annually, supporting nearly 17,000 jobs. For a listing of free fishing events, refer to the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html.






"Bark for Life" At Delaware Park

On Saturday, July 13, 2013 the American Cancer Society will hold the first annual "Bark For Life" event on the ring road in Delaware Park. "Bark For Life" is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

Beginning at 9:00 am, the event will commence with a walk around the ring road and then continue with a number of demonstrations, contests, and games for people and pooches alike.

So bring your best canine friend for a fun-filled day! For More Information: buffalobarkforlife@gmail.com

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 27	FRIDAY, JUNE 28	SATURDAY, JUNE 29	SUNDAY, JUNE 30	MONDAY, JULY 1	TUESDAY, JULY 2	WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



The Muckdogs Survive

The future is clear for Batavia baseball. Not bright, but clear. The Muckdogs opened at home last week certain it wasn't the first notes of their swan song. Presence through 2014 seems assured.

Thereafter, the road may well take them home to West Virginia. The New York-Pennsylvania League itself has announced that it will place a franchise in Morgantown, home of West Virginia University just south of Pittsburgh, in 2015. It's a done deal. The league says it selected the franchise for the move. They've got a secret.

Batavia, last in the league in attendance, seems the likeliest candidate. Some say Jamestown. Conspiracy theorists suggest that the Jammers' new affiliation with Pittsburgh sets that franchise up for a move into Pirate-infested waters, and Rich Baseball, which operates Jamestown, did move its Class AA operation from Wichita to Arkansas some years ago. This year those Arkansas "Naturals" will play host to the Texas

League All-Star Game.

Speaking of Class AA, there's the matter of the Class AA Eastern League, on the verge of granting a franchise to Ottawa for 2015, with either Erie or Binghamton moving in. Both cities lie well within the NY-P's sasquatch-sized footprint and it's generally felt that one of its less robust franchises would move there. Both cities have NY-P histories.

But for now, all is secure at Batavia, which rolled out the red carpet, however muddy, for the Niagara Power last Monday. In a week when virtually every other New York State Collegiate League game suffered a ppd., Muckdog management took off the tarp and bade the game so on. "What we had there," said Power President Cal Kern, "was a crew determined


to see that the game was played. They just plain made it happen."


In the pressbox, Base Paths heard one Hornell team official tell a cell caller from elsewhere in the league, "You won't believe it, but we're playing."

For the Power, a semi-home game at Dwyer Stadium Monday was necessitated because Sal Maglie had a semi-commitment as a high school "rain date." Kern decided months ago to forego all risk and simply book Dwyer.

"We'd play here again in an instant," he said, and in fact considered trying a last-second re-book as the June deluge continued. Look for Batavia to not miss a beat in sliding over to the NYCBL when professional ball departs. That's "when," not "if." But the present is now and the 'dogs offer 38 chances to reconnect with this most fundamental and joyous sort of play-for-pay.

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com





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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Old Photos

If you are a regular reader of this column, you are aware of my recent project. Sorting out thousands of photos taken and that have appeared in Rocket publications over the last 44 years. These photos were in some sort of order when we started in the 1970's. Then we moved from 277 Tacoma to 2507 Delaware. The photos were neatly placed in a box for the move. During our stay on Delaware from 1980 till 2010, the accumulated photos were moved from one spot to another. At one point in the basement, which experienced water damage

back before the new sewer systems were added to North Buffalo. With each move they became more and more disorganized and less and less important as the years passed.

The move from 2507 Delaware to across the street to 2522 Delaware was done in somewhat of a hurry as the building was coming down. Needless to say the now thousands of photos are in disarray. So now into our move from 2522 Delaware to 1249 Hertel, we had to decide to either keep or discard these many boxes of old photos. It was my wish to try to salvage

them at least for the time being. One of the reasons was that I was able to spot some merchants or residents that I knew and who are no longer with us. So without much fanfare I brought them to the families of the pictured people. They seemed overjoyed as in some case they had never seen the actual photo. One descendent was overwhelmed to tears as she had few pictures of her dad in his establishment.

With this I decided not to destroy these shots as to some these images would be priceless. Now it is impossible to do what I did with this first handful of photos. I could not bring them to each decedent's resident or place of business, as I said there are thousands. So what do I do with them? With the new location on Hertel, right in the middle of where most of the photos

were taken, it would be a perfect place to have them on display for people to see. So I started the task of sorting and framing these old outdated photographs thinking someone might enjoy seeing them. The new location is in the midst of the Italian Festival and my thought was to fill the walls with these images. During the Festival we would open the door to the neighborhood visitors, who either appeared or had someone they knew, appear in the Rocket over the years. Sounded good anyway.

The task has been overwhelming and time consuming. Not only that but there are so many memories of days gone by, friends who have passed away, it is sometimes very sad. I am beginning to wonder if it is worth it. Not only the time involved but the mess it has created as I try to sort them into piles of categories. Instead of individual pictures I am trying to make them into collages of individual schools or merchants or politicians, etc. At first I thought it was neat to see some of the people as they looked 30 or 40 years ago. Some of the shots of kindergarten kids taken back in the 70's are now grown adults. Some are just great shots and it would be a shame to destroy them.

So the dilemma is this. I am the only one that can do this as most of the pictures do not have captions or anything written on the back. So I have to go by

memory and cannot put any kind of identification other than perhaps the school or group. Like Holy Spirit or Mt. St. Joes for instance or pizza places, bankers, etc. Again many of the people are no longer with us as I know this for a fact. So who would find these shots of any interest? The families of most of these people probably do not live in the neighborhood anymore.

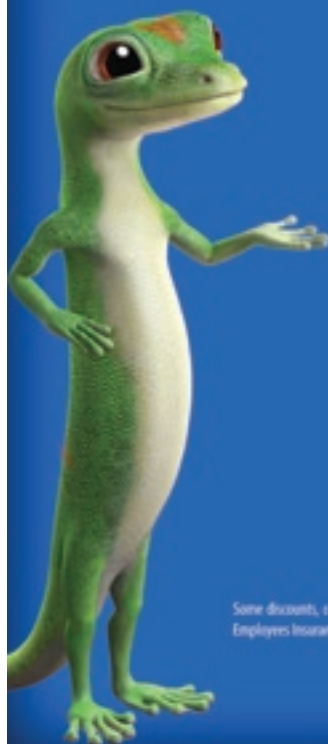
As I stop at garage sales looking for cheap frames, or sit glaring at these ancient photos of my friends and customers who are no longer with us, I have to wonder, why am I doing this? Is this a gigantic waste of my valuable time or is someone going to be glad I took the time to do it. From the limited response we have had so far with the pictures in the window at 1249 Hertel, it is enough to keep me motivated. Just hope what I want to accomplish, is done by the Italian Festival. 44 years of the history in North Buffalo, West Side and Riverside in photos, many of them on display. If you have ever appeared in any of these publications, you may just be on this wall of fame. Stop in and see if there is anyone you can identify. Would make me feel better about what I am doing and why I am doing it. Otherwise our next move may find these photographs nothing but land fill.

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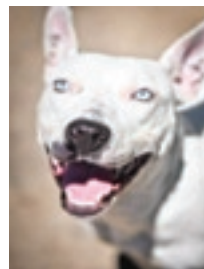


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FIREWORKS!

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July 3

Independence Eve, Coca Cola Field
Akron / Newstead, News-tead Town Park
Batavia, Dwyer Stadium (after the Muckdogs game)
East Aurora, Hamlin Park
Jamestown, Russell Dietrick Jr. Park (after the

Jammers game)

Olcott, Fireworks over Lake Ontario, (10 p.m.)

Salamanca, Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel

July 4

Amherst, UB North Campus

Batavia, Dwyer Stadium (after the Muckdogs game)

Bemus Point, Midway

Park

Buffalo, Erie Canal Harbor

Buffalo, Riverside Park

Cheektowaga, Town Park

Dunkirk, City Pier

Elma, Boys and Girls Club (rain date July 5)

Grand Island, Martin's Fantasy Island

Hamburg, Woodlawn Beach

Lancaster, Firemen's Park (10 p.m.)

Lewiston, Lewiston Plateau (spoils area)

Lockport, Outwater Park (rain date July 6)

Mayville, Lakeside Park (10 p.m.)

Niagara Falls, Hyde Park

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Queen Victoria Park

Olean, Bradner Stadium
Orchard Park, OP Middle School

Tonawanda, Niawanda Park

Wheatfield, Oppenheim Park

JULY 5

Niagara Falls, Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel

JULY 6

Buffalo, Riverside Park

Fireworks Handling Tips

1. Use fireworks outdoors only.
2. Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
3. Always have water handy. (A hose or bucket).
5. Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
6. Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
7. Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
8. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
9. Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
10. Do not ever use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives: They can kill you! Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community.

Fireworks Safety Advisory

Recently, the Consumer Product Safety Commission held its annual firework safety demonstration in Washington, DC.

Consumer fireworks even sparklers are illegal in New York State, but everyone should be aware of the hazards.

"Fireworks are mesmerizing displays that we all gather to watch each summer, but are first and fore-

most explosives," said Cynthia Quarterman from the Department of Transportation.

If you do plan to use consumer fireworks, keep these tips in mind: Always set them on a dry, flat surface. Never bend over devices while lighting them. Don't ever pick up a dud. Always have water on hand.

Illegally manufactured explosives are typically sold at

the same locations as consumer fireworks.

"The differences, again, will be there will likely be a fuse or waxy type item that leads towards the device itself. There will be less likely any type of manufacturing directions and consumers should avoid those," said an explosive expert with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.



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Wednesday July 3, 2013

5:00 PM Miss Friendship Festival Contest
5 -10:30 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price
6 -10:30 PM Live Band - Crash Cadillac

Thursday July 4, 2013

10 -Noon Kiddie Parade
1 - 2 PM Grand Parade
1-10:30 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price
2 - 5:30 PM Live Band - Speedy Parker Blues Band
6-10:30 PM Live Band - Davey Z

Dusk **Fireworks!!**

Friday July 5, 2013

1 - 4 PM Kid's Day - Games & Crafts
2-10:30 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price
2:30-5:30 PM Live Band - Derek Mediac
6-10:30 PM Live Band - Stealin'

Saturday July 6, 2013

11 AM - ? Patriot's Softball Game
1-10:30 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price
1-6 PM Car Show
2-5:30 PM Live Band - Steve Amuso Band
6-10:30 PM Live Band - JC Thompson

Dusk **Fireworks!!**

Sunday July 7, 2013

1 - 9 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price
1 - 2:30 PM Beautiful Baby Contest
5 - 9 PM Live Band - Black Widow



The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

West Side

June 15, 2013

Niagara St. - Complainant states that suspect tried to pay for gas with a counterfeit \$50 bill (which was verified with ink pen). Suspect was confronted by complainant who gave two different versions of where he got the bill. Suspect left in a newer gray vehicle, and the plates did not match the registration.

June 15, 2013

Claremont Ave.- Com-

plainant states that unknown suspect (s) did enter her apartment by unknown means and did take social security card, 55 inch television set and play station.

June 16, 2013

Niagara St. - Complainant states that defendant did enter convenience store and did take, without permission, four energy drink shots. Defendant gave arresting officer false name and date of birth to avoid being arrested under his real name.

Italian Festival

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compete daily for the coveted grape stomp medal.

Again this year we are having the Italian Idol Contest, Bocce tournament and Dancing Under the Stars. As always, a children's section at Commonwealth will be featuring rides and games to occupy those less than 10 years old, Ron Carnevale is

in charge of our Jazz Stage. Frankie Scinta will be booking our acts for our Main Stage which this year is located at Hertel & Delaware Avenue.

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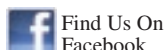


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June 18, 2013

West Delavan Ave. - Complainant states that person(s) unknown did enter home and take, without permission, three bicycles.

June 21, 2013

Bird Ave. - Defendant did loiter, was drinking in public and did possess crack cocaine over 1/8 ounce dropped out of his pant leg upon pat down. Also recovered was marijuana from his underwear.

Riverside

June 16, 2013

Niagara St. - Officers were dispatched to a call of a man with a gun. Defendant started pulling a gun from his waistband, in a crowded bar, as officers approached him. Officers lunged at suspect, grabbing him and pulling him to the ground. Defendant was ordered to drop the gun to the ground several times before he dropped it. Gun was reported stolen in 2000. Gun was loaded with

three rounds. Defendant also had a rolled up \$1 bill with cocaine in it.

North Buffalo

June 15, 2013

Nottingham Ter. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) did smash and break the driver's side window of his vehicle and did take from the vehicle his wife's wallet containing her Driver's License, debit card, credit card insurance card and checkbook.



It was picture day in Shoshone Park Saturday. Photographers were on hand to shoot team photos and individual shots of players just before their games. Whether or not your son or daughter has made new friends here in Hertel North Park Youth Baseball (HNPYB), a picture "speaks a thousand words."

Arriving at the park, one can't escape the fact that the Shoshone parking lot fills up fast. Some even venture to pull their vehicle into "grassy" areas near the Beard Avenue entrance. Patience is a virtue as traffic bears to the right once inside. You might find more spaces available behind the La-Salle Station of the Light Rapid Rail Transit system off of Main Street. There is a stairway into the park

between the Rookie Boys diamond #7 and the Murphy diamond #5 to end any frustration.

Here are how some divisions are shaping up so far before playoffs can start. All records are as of Saturday, June 22nd games. In Major Boys, the Yankees are 10-1, Reds 10-3, Athletics 8-4, Dodgers 7-4, Twins 5-7, Cardinals 3-9, Cubs 2-9 and Tigers 2-10.

Connor McKendry allowed just two hits in pitching a complete game on the mound for the Yankees 3-0 win over the Reds on June 18th. The Twins needed extra innings to defeat the Cubs 8-7, and the Dodgers have won five of their last six games to turn their season around, with a big win over the Athletics, 12-8.

In Major Pony, the Athletics and Rockies are tied with 7-1 records atop the division. But the Angels and Cardinals are not going down without a fight. Gabi McDuffie homered and scored three runs, going four for four at the plate to lead the Angels over the Cards. Tori Miller went three for three while Iris Kahris and Val Wales each scored three runs in the 15-8 final.

In First Minors, San Jose leads the division with a 10-1 followed by Omaha 8-3. Louisville is 7-6, Columbus 6-5, Mon-

treau 5-5, Cooperstown 6-7 Denver 5-8 and Newark. Victor Mazzara, a call up from second minor Madison, got the winning hit, scoring Sal Genco as Montreal rallied for a 9-8 win over Omaha in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday. Genco's RBI single knocked in teammate Aidin Ballotin, just before Mazzara's big hit, a part of the three run rally.

Columbus got by Denver 7-6, Louisville beat Newark 8-5 and San Jose beat Cooperstown.

In Second Minors Carson City won their first game last week over Charleston, 4-1 and then went out and put another W on the board with a win over Nashville Saturday. Seamus McDevitt hit two three run homeruns for a total of six RBI's and teammates Nathan Komenda and Christian Hackbush both hit doubles to lead the offense for the Cubs. With two make up games to play and a game against Madison, anything's possible.

In Senior Pony, the Yankees have won three of their last four, including an 11-10 win over the Angels on a double by Nativia Simmons. This past week, Brianna Christopher had the game winning hit in a 4-2 win over the previously unbeaten Pirates. Allison Johnson scored two runs in support of winning pitcher Mikayla Souter. Then Saturday, it was the same triumvirant again in a win over the Braves. The standings look like this: Pirates 6-1, Athletics 3-1, Yankees 3-2, Braves 1-4 and the Angels 0-5.

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