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Taste of Buffalo

Celebrates 30 Years!



The Taste of Buffalo again will circle around Niagara Square and up Delaware Avenue.

The Taste of Buffalo celebrates its Thirtyith birthday this summer and everyone is invited to the two-day culinary party.

Expect a birthday party like no other, complete with delicious cupcakes, cookies, chocolate and ice cream, as well as a large smorgasbord of the region's most scrumptious culinary delights including barbecue, seafood, Asian and vegetarian, that have become favorites of the country's largest annual two-day food festival.

The summer event, which attracts approximately 450,000 hungry folks annually, returns Saturday, July 13 from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. along Delaware Avenue and Niagara Square in downtown Buffalo.

This year's Taste features 50 restaurants, three food trucks and seven wineries as well as a culinary stage, musical entertainment, and plenty of special offerings from a host of national and local sponsors. take your picture popping out of Taste's oversized cake, and enjoy complimentary birthday cupcakes and Birthday Cake Oreos beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, while supplies last.

Throughout the weekend,



sample the diverse array of more than 200 food items from restaurants across the Queen City and surrounding Western New York communities. No single food item is over \$4, making it affordable to try a large sampling

of items individually or for the entire family.

Wine enthusiasts can enjoy a variety of delicious vintages. New this year, two beer tent locations will include a winery, making it easy to relax with a glass of wine and beer in one loca-

"Since 1984, the Taste has grown into one of the many great outdoor festivals in our city, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to downtown Buffalo each year, while enhancing the quality of life that adds to the great progress that's underway in our city."



These three young ladies stopped for an ice cream break during last year's Taste of Buffalo.

Brothers Benefit After Becoming Eagle Scouts

With today's busy family schedules, parents need to choose the best way to spend their time & select the best mix of activities for their kids. Sports & music lessons & school & regular playtime are usual items

on the list. But Boy Scouts should be one of the top choices.

For youth, advantages of scouting include making new friends. learning new skills, building confidence through achievement, having fun at camporees & summer camp & klondikes (that's

winter camping). You get to wear a cool uniform & earn patches & badges for all kinds of things.

With over 130 merit badges to choose from, boys can focus on water sports like rowing/canoeing/kayaking/ small boat sailing/swimming/whitewater rafting or physical skills like pioneering/wilderness survival/camping/orienteering. Scouts can also earn badges in topics that may point the way to a future career, from aviation to space exploration to medicine, not to mention drafting/surveying/ engineering.

For parents, scouting should be considered a building block for developing sons into responsible, competent adults who will be good citi-

zens and potentially grow into leadership roles in their community. What do astronaut Neil Armstrong, former President Gerald Ford, film maker Steven Spielberg & news anchor Walter Cronkite have in common?



Dan and Tim Van Oss

They all earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Although only 2% of boys who participate in scouting achieve that lofty goal, since 1929 when Parkside Lutheran Church became a charter organization, 71 Troop 5 scouts have become Eagles.

Scouting can give boys the tools & training to help them be successful in school & in their careers. For instance, recently Troop 5 had 3 sets of brothers who were highly motivated, becoming role models for younger scouts: Sean & David Pegado, Tim and Dan Van Oss, Benedict & Simon Wolfling. All 6 brothers in turn became Senior Patrol Leader and all earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. All of these

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HNBBA To Hold Monthly Meeting

The Hertel North Buffalo Hertel Avenue starting Business Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, in their office at 1510

promptly at 6:00 pm. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Local Weather SUNDAY, JULY 7

THURSDAY, JULY 4

FRIDAY, JULY 5

SATURDAY, JULY 6

High 81° Low 68°

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MONDAY, JULY 8

TUESDAY, JULY 9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10



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'Meep Meep'

Rocket Man's getting honked at so much, he thinks he's in a roadrunner movie.

Motoring mavens advise that when a driver's attracting much such noise, he should consider amending his driving techniques or perhaps hanging up the ignitor. You be the judge.

As the I-190 North exits onto Route 62 in Niagara Falls (some call it Niagara Falls Boulevard, others call it Pine Avenue, the whole street belongs in Witness Protection), heaven help the left-turner, headed downtown. When the light greens, about eight cars get through, maybe nine, perhaps five of them legally.

Rocket Man always leaves about 12 feet between his front boosters and the car ahead. Stuff happens in lines. Cars bump, people back up. The gap allows flexibility. This theory evaded the guy with the big SUV and the Florida plates last Thursday. He honked. He blasted. Smoke about came out of the roof. Second in line, Rocket Man was almost up to the lead car as the light changed and all made it comfortably.

Even at that, Florida SUV would not be calmed. Turn signal wrongly flashing, he hounded Rocket Man through four lights, veered out and passed him on a double solid and wheelied into the Sal Maglie Stadium lot first. He endangered life and limb to get to the ballpark four seconds sooner. Rocket Man was prepared to confront him but somehow he got to the stadium first. Hope he enjoyed the game.

Next day, Rocket Man approached the notorious Grand Island roundabout from the west while heading for home base. It's a tight little circle, no more than 100 feet in diameter, with what amounts to six approaches. Next to this square dance, Gates Circle is a waltz. Traffic within the circle has the right of way so the task for the new arrival is to figure out where anyone

already in the circle is going.

Here came a guy towing a boat, easing his way around, signal dormant. If he was heading toward Buffalo, he had the right of way, but instead he headed west, opening the gate for Rocket Man. But long before his intentions were known, the ratty sedan behind Rocket Man was blaring away, insisting he violate the vehicle code by intercepting the boat like a pirate.

Piloting the First Mate's cozy craft, Rocket Man did what he should never have done, started, slowed, and then crawled through the circle leaving the aggressor fuming. The First Mate later forgave him, but such agitation often ends badly.

Still, he had to wonder, not why everyone's in such a hurry, but what people think they can gain by such intemperance. A few seconds, maybe? Or are they right, it's time to cool his jets. He awaits your communique.

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The Longest Day

A little over a week ago, we had the longest daylight day of the year. June 21st is the summer solstice, when the sun is the closest to the northern hemisphere, creating longer days and shorter nights. If you are like me, you have to love it. This is my favorite time, as I enjoy the sunshine and the daylight. Daylight for 16 hours from 5AM to 9PM. And to add to it, the days are warm. Unfortunately, this year has been more than a little wet and a bit less sunshine, but it is still daylight and it is still warm. The rain makes the flowers and gardens grow. It is just the best season for being outdoors.

Some people like to sleep in no matter what time of year it is. Others, like me, wake up as soon as it becomes daylight. I find for some reason that my one eye opens when the room brightens. The dark night is over and a new day is beginning. So I am up and at 'em. So much to do, and now we have a long day to do it in. It has been that way since

I was able to walk, or probably I was born that way. It amazes me to see people "sleep in" 'til noon, or sometimes even later. What a waste of valuable sunshine and all that outdoor activity.

I recall when I lived on 14th and York on the west side of Buffalo, as a young boy I would rise early and walk. My favorite place, way back then, was the foot of Porter, where the mounted Buffalo Policemen kept their horses. Yes, many of the policemen rode horses, and some to this day still do. There were patrol cars and some motorcycle cops but horses were the way it was and it was lingering. The barn for all these beautiful animals was located down around the foot of Porter and I loved going down and feeding them grass. Found this cluster, just outside their fenced in compound, out of their reach. They sure seemed to enjoy it. The horses even began looking for me every morning as they would gallop over to the spot where I appeared.

It was so early I am not sure the people in charge even knew I was there. Most likely if they did they would have stopped me.

When we moved to Fargo and Massachusetts, the foot of Ferry became my early morning jaunt. Sometimes to go fishing and sometimes just to enjoy the smell of the water and the early morning air. Back then it was all open with no fences or safety barriers and few fishermen. You could walk out on the pier and easily be swept away with the rising tide. What was nice about it back then it was clean and natural with little sign of neglect and almost no litter. Not like today.

In later years we had a summer cottage in Evans, on Lake Erie. Needless to say, walking the beach at 5:30AM was almost a must. Probably have watched many more sunrises then sunsets. To me, vou haven't lived 'til vou see the sun come up over the water. The stillness of the morning is broken with the sound of gentle waves quietly breaking onto the shore. To breath in the clean, clear, fresh, non-polluted air. This is atmosphere that has had all night to rid itself of the daily grit and grim that is common during the day.

Just in case you were not aware of it, during the winter, the days are longer in Florida. The reason being, it is south, and the difference to a day in the North could be as much as an hour. Hence, my winters in later life are spent in Florida. Much for the same reasons, more daylight, warmer temperatures, and the aroma of clean, crisp morning air. We are not located on a beach, but the early morning walk is still a ritual. Getting to the age where the locations of rest rooms are a primary concern before going any distance walking.

So here we are, the early morning risers, and the "sleep ins" clashing over the desire for rain or sunshine. Not fun to walk any distance in the rain, but it sure is a fine time to sleep in. I do recall one morning in the rain, I slept 'til almost 8. Take advantage of these long days as they end so soon. Actually the days are already getting shorter and the darkness longer. However, we still have a long way to go before the summer ends. Lots to do, people to see, and places to go. Enjoy.

Joe Bortz,

I enjoyed reading your June 27th column regarding all the old Rocket photos collected over the last 44 years.

I hope you don't give up on sorting through the photos and displaying them in your business. I hope to get over there some day to check them out.

Your article brought back memories of the 80's & 90's when my wife Patty and I were Home School Presidents at Holy Spirit School and all the photos ,articles, ads, and announcements that the Rocket's staff were happy to publish, along with the many events you sent someone over to cover.

Even our son's were in several pictures along with all the hockey, baseball and soccer coverage. All this got me thinking.... taking all the photos, articles and general information about North Buffalo and it's history, the North Buffalo Businessman Association should established a North Buffalo History and Information Center.

This center would contain the photos, articles,

signs, posters, videos etc. placed on the walls and in photo albums.

The community could even share there photos.

The center would offer research for our families, friends, businesses and people considering moving here with family or business into our part of town. There could be trinkets / memorabilia /photos for sale along with a café . This center would be operated with all volunteers including researchers with the businessmen's association overseeing the entire operation.

The location of this facility should be at the entrance of the business section which is the old North Park library on Delaware & Hertel. The association and their network along with the help of our Councilman, could obtain the building for \$1.00 and seek grants etc. to spruce up the building with any repayments through the proceeds from the café (similar to Barnes & Nobile Café), along with renting out the basement room and memorabilia sold. The outside grounds would be spruced up with plenty of park-like benches and lighting and a NB greeting wall like Kenmore's on Delaware @ Kenmore. Burger King could offer with parking.

Architecturally, this building is a gem. As you know, from the air it looks like an open book. Personally I think the library should move back in.

I gotta stop talking...
I get carried away some times.

Again, keep up the good work in sorting and hanging up those photos and articles. If you run out of room, get some of our many restaurants to hang some up.

regards, Joe Rizzo





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North Buffalo Brothers Benefit After Becoming Eagle Scouts

From page one

boys participated in National Jamborees. Tim Van Oss also went to the World Jam-

bo in London, England.

Besides being competent and enthusiastic, all were hard workers and it helped that there was a bit of brotherly competition among them. In each case the older brother set

a high bar of achievement & in each case the challenge was welcomed by the younger brother.

Sean Pegado - Eagle 6/19/07 SPL 2006/2007-56 badges.

David Pegado - Eagle 11/24/09 SPL 2007/2008 - 68 badges.



Ben and Simon Wolfling

Tim Van Oss-Eagle 12/28/08 SPL 2008/2009 - 47 badges.

Dan Van Oss - Eagle 5/1/10 SPL 2009/2010 - 55 badges **Benedict Wolfling** - Eagle 8/17/09 SPL 2010/2011 70 badges

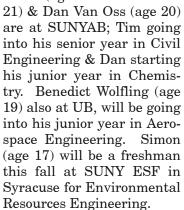
Simon Wolfling - Eagle 1/1/10 SPL 2011/2012 86 badges.

All of these young men added traditions and adventures to the troop: from the "impossible gift" at the holiday party in December, to white water rafting; from carrying over the popular cub scout cake auction to adding a Halloween lock in. The creativity and passion displayed by these brothers enriched the scouting experience for everyone in the troop.

Sean & David both graduated from Nichols school, Tim & Dan from Canisius, Benedict & Simon from City Honors. During their high school careers, each had other interests than boy scouting (incredible though that may seem) from crew to yearbook to jazz band to fencing to Science Olympiad. Sean

Pegado, (age 23) graduated from Willams College with degrees in Math & English

and is working in New York City. His brother David (age 21) is attending St. Lawrence College studying Bioinfomatics. Both Tim (age



These young men and others like them, are well positioned to make a difference in their community, their

country & their world. They can take the high ideals and values learned from older

scouts

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leaders
and apply them
to their
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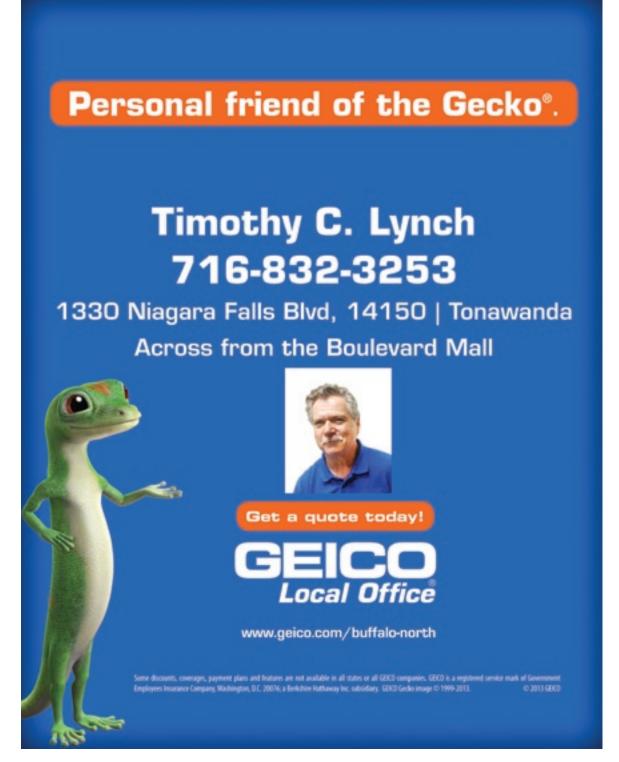
Sean and David Pegado

d Pegado

developm e n t.

Who knows which local kid will one day become the next national figure, an inspiration to all who know him?

North Buffalo Boy Scout Troop 5 meets at Parkside Lutheran Church every Tues. evening from 7:00 – 8:30pm during the school year. The new season for the 2013/2014 year starts up on 8/27. Any boy between 11 & 17 years of age is welcome to join. Feel free to contact scoutmaster Ian Walters at 238-6535 or icwaltersjr@yahoo.com for information.







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Bird Ave - Complainant reports that during an argument defendant did display a box cutter, making complainant fear for her safety.

June 20, 2013

West Ferry - Complainant reports suspect did break complainant's window and was attempting to enter when he was chased away by neighbors.

Riverside

June 20, 2013

Skillen Ave - Complainant reported his vehicle missing, officers had a separate call of an abandoned vehicle in the driveway of a vacant house. Officers recovered it in damaged condition and returned it to the owner.

June 21, 2013

Niagara St. - Defendant was driving on the wrong side of the double yellow line. Defendant was found to be intoxicated. Defendant was unlicensed, vehicle was unlicensed and not inspected.

June 22, 2013

Hoffman Pl. - Complainant reports that person (s) unknown did enter his home by forcing window open and while inside did take, without permission, laptop, camera and other personal papers.

June 23, 2013

Guernsey St. - Officers responding to a fight call, did observe defendant running into a backyard. Defendant was apprehended

and after search, officers found a plastic baggy containing a white powder substance in the right rear pocket of the defendant.

June 25, 2013

Isabelle St. - Defendant was questioned by officers with open bottle of liquor next to him. When asked if he had any drugs on him, he produced a small bag of marijuana.

North Buffalo

June 19, 2013

Villa Ave - Complainant states that unknown person (s) did enter unlocked garage and did take without permission, several items, approximate value \$150.

June 20, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Defendant did take a case of DVDs, a charger, a calculator, an all in one charger and concealed them in his backpack and passed all points of purchase without paying.

June 21, 2013

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Congressman Brian Higgins announced a new schedule of Congress on Your Corner stops in Western New York. Congress on Your Corner provides satellite office hours, at locations throughout the district, for residents to gain assistance

with federal issues. "We work hard to be accessible and provide that link between the public and federal agencies," said Congressman Higgins. "While we can always be reached through telephone, email and at the district offices, this program provides opportunities for residents to interact with the Congressional office at a location closer to home."

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During Congress on Your Corner, residents have the opportunity to talk directly with someone from Congressman Higgins' office about issues related to Social Security, the Veteran's Administration, passport issues, federal student loans, the Small Business Administration, or any other federal matters they may need assistance with. Residents are invited to reach Congressman Higgins' office anytime by calling 716-852-3501 in Erie County.

The 11th annual Jalana Palma Benefit and Motorcycle Run will take place on August 11th. Sign up begins at 8:45 am and the run leaves the Panera Plaza on Sheridan & Delaware at 10:00 am. The Run will end at the Legion Hall at 535 Amherst Street, Buffalo, where the Benefit will start at 2 pm. There will be great food and fun, with Chinese Auctions, 50/50 drawings and more. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased in advance by calling Sandy or Justin at 471-4797 or 930-7174. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. You don't have to

be in the ride to be a part of the benefit and all the fun. All are welcomed! Event is Rain or Shine.

The family of Lori Rounds, a longtime employee of Village Laundry on Elmwood Avenue, is hosting a benefit to help pay for her medical bills after Lori was injured in a car accident. The benefit will be held July 20, 2013 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Polish Cadet at 927 Grant Street in Buffalo. Your \$20 donation for a ticket is worth food, beer and pop. The benefit will feature raffles, a 50/50 drawing and a Chinese Auction. If you would like to donate, please call Karen Davis, Lori's mother, at (716) 935-7458 or mail donations to "Benefit for Lori, c/o Karen Davis", 285 Bird Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213.

Appreciate Your Rights As A Citizen

Watching New Americans Become Naturalized Reminds Me of Our Precious Rights.

President Theodore Roosevelt may have said it best when he said, "My fellow citizens, no people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours..." Today, it is more important than ever to appreciate the rights and privileges we all enjoy as American citizens.

On June 27th, I addressed a group of 50 people in a Naturalization Ceremony on the decks of the historic USS Little Rock and as I saw them become U.S. citizens, I was reminded that with this title come rights and privileges so many people across the globe do not enjoy. To see firsthand the excitement on their faces and to speak with them about the new rights they now possess as Americans is truly inspiring. It's valuable to remember how precious our rights as citizens truly are and that we should never take them for granted.

Each month, the County Clerk's Office participates in these ceremonies and offers passport services to the new citizens. We have processed passport applications for new U.S. citizens from all over the world. At the USS Little Rock ceremony, 50 people from 29 countries, including Canada, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, joined generations of immigrants from

every corner of the globe to become Americans.

This year on July 4th we celebrate the 237th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence which may well be the most cited yet least read or understood document in American history. Why not take the occasion of the Nation's birthday to read the Declaration of Independence? I still marvel at the American story - a string of 13 colonies and a few dozen delegates defying the mightiest empire in the world to declare "these colonies free and independent".

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