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Holiday Display Winner



Experience "Christmas in the Village" This Weekend

This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 12th -14th, the Elmwood store receptions all week-

Village becomes holiday central with events and in-



Kids of all ages can meet Santa Claus during this weekend's "Christmas in the Village" event.

end long. All are welcome as more than 100 Elmwood businesses, area residents, and the Elmwood Village Association come together to spread some holiday cheer and have some fun with the holiday shopping season.

The schedule of events will be continuously updated on the Elmwood Village Association website, www.elmwoodvillage.org.

For more information please contact the Elmwood Village Association at 881-0707.

Christmas Tree Lighting on December 14th

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery will hold its annual Christmas Tree lighting this Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm in the museum's Sculpture Court.

The tree will feature the Albright-Knox's rare eighteenth-century Neapolitan crèche, donated in memory of Helen Northrup Knox.

This set of figurines is one of only three in the United States; the other two are in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the White House. During the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, the White House set was a focal point of the holiday display in the East Room. There are thirty-three pieces in each set, with the largest ranging from fifteen to twenty inches high. These figurines were made exclusively in Naples, Italy, during

the hundred year period between 1730 and 1830.

The ceremony will begin at 3:00 pm in the Sculpture Court of the 1905 Albright Building and will include a performance by the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus. There will be a reception following the tree lighting in the AK Café for visitors to enjoy. Admission to the museum will be free for the entire day.

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery is recognized as one of the world's leading collections of contemporary and modern art. With more than 6,500 works in its Collection and a dynamic series of exhibitions and public programs, the Albright-Knox continues to grow and to fulfill its mission to acquire, exhibit, and preserve art in an enriching, dynamic, and vibrant environment.

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arrival are as follows: December 15th for

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Mailing and Shipping Deadlines: The Postal Service is suggesting these remaining



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Fast Stop Food Mart	326 Military Road
First Niagara	201 Amherst Street
M&T Bank	788 Tonawanda Street
Nickel City Bottle Return	2209 Niagara Street
Northwest Buffalo Comm	unity
Center	155 Lawn Avenue
Riverside Cafe	Tonawanda Street
Riverside Marketplace	740 Tonawanda Street
Roland Cannizzaro	
Insurance Agency	432 Amherst Street
Tops Market	
West Hertel Liquor	699 Hertel Avenue

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M&T Bank

M&T Bank: I was all set to write a scathing column about the experience I am having with M&T Bank. They have charged our business account over \$5,000 in service charges in less than two months. Most charges were totally unnecessary. Fortunately, this morning I was able to get through to someone and they said they would look into it. So we shall see where it goes from here. If it is not resolved, the full details will be in next week's column. For two reasons. One, I have the capabilities to do that, and second, if during this week I find that what they did was unethical, customers should be aware of their methods. Stay tuned.

Bills, Denver: In case you missed it there was a controversial video going viral this week after the Buffalo Bills Denver Broncos game. The video showed two referees fist bumping after a Denver touchdown. Kind of out of sight and went mostly unnoticed. Not by one Bills fan who videoed it. It was clear that the two were congratulating each other for one reason or another. It appears they were doing it for the Denver score. Now why would two officials be happy to see a certain team score? That is not the way it is supposed to be. The NFL said it was because the one helped the other make the proper call. Well, you can take that to M&T bank. The calls all day were horrible and mostly against the Bills.

Now we all expected the Bills to come out on the short end of the score against Denver in Denver. It was almost a given, but did they really need the help of the officiating? Let us take for example one of the calls on the field. The ruling on the field was that Denver intercepted and ran it back for a score. That was what the officials. on the field, in clear view of the play called. Fortunately, it was a touchdown and all

TD's are reviewed. Good thing as the replay showed the ball bouncing off the turf before the interception and it was reversed. This makes the fist bump seem more suspicious. Are they told to lean one way or the other for television purposes? Or do they bet on the game. Yes we are biased and see things in favor of our home team. But a fist bump after an opponent's score? That does not cut it! We would be playoff bound by now if not for some very, very controversial calls against the Bills.

Trivia: We have had a lot of positive feedback from our trivia questions. I started it a while back as kind of a fun thing with the street names. We contin-

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ued it one for a while and it seems to have become a favorite of the paper. I try to keep the questions inside the city limits and most have been that. It is becoming a bit harder to come up with the questions but we will do so until we have exhausted the source. It has been fun, and what we are doing is competing with each other. I try to stump you with some of the more difficult, or should I say fringe questions. Sometimes I do it and sometimes I do not. Trying to figure a way to award prizes for the first correct answers but that seems impossible with the internet. What we may do is allow the correct answers on a post card and at the end of the week draw a card. Have to come up with some decent donated prizes to make it worthwhile. At least it would be worth something to do all that thinking. Let me know what you think.

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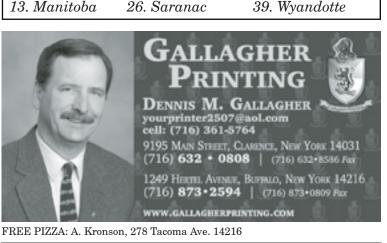
BUFFALO TRIVIA

by Joe Bortz

How many street names in Buffalo contain the word "Wood?" Can you name them all?

Last Week's Answers: How many streets in Buffalo have Native American names? Did you name them all?					
1. Cayuga	14. Minnetonka	27. Scajacquada			
2. Chenango	15. Mohawk	28. Seattle			
3. Chippewa	16. Mohican	29. Seminole			
4. Dakota	17. Narragansett	30. Seneca			
5. Delaware	18. Navaho	31. Shawnee			
6. Erie	19. Ojibwa	32. Shoshone			
7. Genesee	20. Oneida	33. Squaw Island			
8. Huron	21. Onondaga	34. Tacoma			
9. Illinois	22. Pawnee	35. Tioga			
10. Iroquois	23. Peoria	36. Tonawanda			
11. Mackinaw	24. Pontiac	37. Tuscarora			
12. Manhattan	25. Potomac	38. Winona			

13. Manitoba 26. Saranac





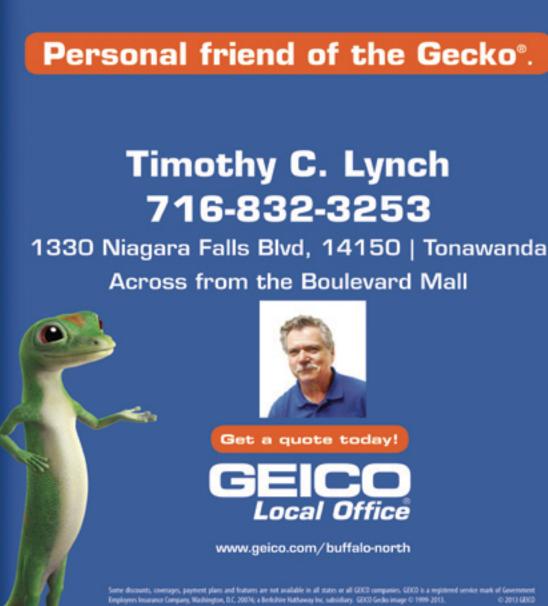


A Farmers Breakfast with all you can eat eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, French Toast, pastries, coffee, tea, juice, and milk will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 755 Erie Avenue in North Tonawanda on Sunday, December 14th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and kids 12 and up, \$5.00 for kids 6 to 11, and free for kids 5 and under.

Mike Randall stars at Charles Dickens in "Charles Dickens Presents: A Christmas Carol" on Friday, December 12th at 7:30 pm in the Sheridan-Parkside Community Theatre, 169 Sheridan-Parkside

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KENMORE





Drive, Tonawanda. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Senior Citizens Center, 291 Ensminger Road, and the Aquatic and Fitness Center, 1 Pool Plaza. For more information call 693-9641 or visit www. towneplayers.com.

Breakfast with Santa at the Richmond Summer Senior Center, 337 Summer Street in Buffalo, will be held Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 am to Noon. Admission is \$5 and includes pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa. All children ages six months to 85 years are invited! For more information call 885-3290.

Blue Christmas Service. The holiday season can be difficult for those who have experienced a loss, illness or hardship. The Church of the Nativity, 1530 Colvin Boulevard in Tonawanda, has chosen Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm to hold a special Blue Christmas service to acknowledge the "darkness" many people may feel during the holiday season. The service will emphasize the presence of God who comes as light into the midst of darkness, bringing comfort and hope. All are welcome, regardless of church background (or lack of it).

VA Western New York Healthcare System in coordination with Veterans Benefits Administration will host a town hall meeting on Monday, December 15th at 5:30 pm at the facility at 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo for veterans, family members and the public to provide feedback on VA operations and recommendations for VA programs.

The National Parkinson Foundation Western New York (NPFWNY) will host a holiday party for people with Parkinson's Disease, family members, and caregivers on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3512 Clinton Street, West Seneca. The

support group for people with Young Onset Parkinson's disease will meet before the party from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For more information call 218-1027.

A memorial service remembering Western New York's homeless who have passed away during 2014 will take place Sunday, December 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Lt. Colonel Matt Urban HOPE Center, 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo. Presented by the WNY Coalition for the Homeless.

The event, free and open to the public, will feature guest speakers, music by the Buffalo City Mission Choir, a performance by Harvey Brice and a candlelight vigil, followed by refreshments. Information about local resources for the homeless will also be available during the event.

For more information visit www.urbanctr.org.





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It's the most wonderful time of the year at House of Olives, a Hertel Holidays display contest winner.



A youngster takes some advice from Santa Claus.



It's a sweet scene at North Park Florist, one of the winners of the Hertel Holidays display contest.



Cone Five Pottery kilned the competition in the Hertel Holidays display contest.



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Please Join The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) at the

NEW YORK GATEWAY CONNECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT to the US Peace Bridge Plaza

Community Open House

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 3:00 to 7:30 PM D'Youville College's Madonna Lounge Madonna Hall 334 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Project Staff will be on hand to answer residents' questions and provide information about the construction phase of the project, including the schedule and duration of anticipated ramp and roadway closures.

If you need a sign language interpreter or have special needs, please contact Mr. Craig Mozrall, NYSDOT, at 716-847-3214 before December 15, 2014.

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Departamento de Transporte de Nueva York (NYSDOT) en la actividad de

Puertas Abiertas a la Comunidad sobre el

Proyecto de Mejoramiento de las Conexiones a las Entradas y Salidas de Nueva York a la US Peace Bridge Plaza

> Miércoles, 17 de diciembre de 2014 De 3:00 pm a 7:30 pm D'Youville College's Madonna Lounge Madonna Hall 334 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Personal del proyecto estará disponible para responder a las preguntas de los residentes y proporcionar información sobre la fase de construcción del proyecto, inclusive el calendario y la duración de cierres anticipados de rampas y vías.

Si necesita un intérprete de lenguaje por señas o tiene necesidades especiales, contacte por favor al Sr. Craig Mozrall, NYSDOT, llamando al 716-847-3214 antes del 15 de diciembre de 2014.





North Buffalo

December 2, 2014

Meadow Rd. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her vehicle by breaking the window on the passenger door. Removed from vehicle, without permission, was the complainant's purse containing wallet and credit cards.

December 2, 2014

Crescent Ave. - Complainant reports for contractor working on house that a skid of roofing shingles was taken over night from the lawn.

December 3, 2014

Russell St. - Complainant reports that while his car was parked on the street overnight, unknown person(s) vandalized it.

December 4, 2014 Greenfield St. - Complainant reports that un-

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known person robbed him of his wallet at gunpoint. Wallet contained personal papers and \$45 cash.

Riverside

December 2, 2014

Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports that unknown male approached him while he was at the ATM. The suspect pulled out a gun and pointed it at complainant and demanded all of his money. Suspect ran off in an unknown direction.

December 2, 2014

Wyandotte Ave. - Complainant witnessed the defendant letting air out of the tires on her rented U-Haul truck.

December 4, 2014

Peoria St. – Complainant reports that her vehicle was broken into while parked on the street overnight. Taken from the vehicle, without permission, was a Vera Bradley

ID case valued at \$30 and 30 compact discs. **December 6, 2014**

Laird Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her vehicle by smashing the driver's window. Taken, without permission, was \$60 cash.

West Side

December 2, 2014

Manchester Pl. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her residence by unknown means. Once inside, took without permission, 15 pieces of costume jewelry, 75 Loritab pills and 9 iron pills.

December 4, 2014

Pooley Pl. - Defendant was found to be in possession of a crack pipe with fresh residue.

December 5, 2014

West Ferry St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry into his residence by unknown means while complainant was away. The whole house was ransacked and \$425 was removed from a bedroom dresser drawer.

U.S. Postal Service Holiday Mailing Tips

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Class Mail® and Priority Mail®; December 23rd for Priority Mail ExpressTM.

For a full list of domestic, military and international deadlines please go to www.usps.com/holiday.

Stamps: There are a number of Forever holiday stamps for customers to choose from, including Rudolph, Holiday Fun, Christmas Magi, Hanukkah, Global Evergreen Wreath, Kwanzaa, and Eid. Holiday stamps can be delivered to any address when ordered through usps.com, by calling 1-800-STAMP-24 or by completing a Stamps-By-Mail form (available from mail carriers).

Packaging Tips - How to Pack a Gift Like a Pro: • Pick a strong and sturdy box, and tape it closed tightly.

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tect them during transportation, and wrap glass and other fragile items with extra newspaper or packing material.

 Place wrapped gift boxes inside a plain larger box.

• Remove all batteries from electronics.

• Remember to place an extra shipping label inside the box, so the item can be returned in case the box or label gets damaged.

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• Check usps.com for the correct ZIP Code - never guess.

• Be sure to label a box as 'FRAGILE' if it needs to be handled with extra care.

• Never send cash.

map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

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