



36th Annual Greek Fest!



The Greek Festival heralds the beginning of the festival season on the Niagara Frontier.

The Greek Community welcomes you to the 36th Annual Greek Fest! The Festival heralds the beginning of the festival season on the Niagara Frontier. This marks the beginning of many such events for the entire fam-

ily to attend and experience the beautiful diversity of the people of our area.

The festival runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd.

Acquaint yourselves with

the Greek Orthodox Church. Step into the culture and experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the birthplace of democracy – Greece. Enjoy the Greek food, feel the rhythm of the music, and dance a little!

Association Installs Baskets On Elmwood

The Elmwood Village Association installed hanging flower baskets on the light poles along Elmwood Avenue between Forest Avenue and Allen Street.

The hanging flower baskets have become a beautification tradition in the Elmwood Village and mark the coming of summer while adding to the life and vibrancy of the neighborhood.

The eighty-seven hanging baskets ordered by the Elmwood Village Association are paid for with the generous donations of residents and area businesses through the organization's annual Spring Appeal. The Association's Clean Streets worker – a position also funded through the Spring Appeal - focuses on caring for and watering the hanging flower baskets while keeping Elmwood Avenue's sidewalks and curbs free

of litter and debris, in turn making the neighborhood a safer and more pleasant place for walkers, cyclists, and drivers alike.

In addition to the hanging flower baskets, the Elmwood Village Association contributes to the comfort and beauty of the neighborhood through the purchase and installation of street-side banners, spin-bins, and decorative benches. Members of the community are encouraged to take part in the organization's beautification efforts by joining the Elmwood Village Association Neighborhood Committee. The EVA's corporate office is located at 1068 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222. For more information, contact: phone: 716.881.0707; fax: 716.881.0708; email: Carly@elmwoodvillage.org; website: www.elmwoodvillage.org.

Charming Winner Named At Korona Jewelry



Noreen Korona presents Pamela Frandina a sterling silver Rembrandt Charm bracelet.

On May 17th, Korona Jewelry presented "Dog Tales" winner Pamela Frandina of North Buffalo with a sterling silver Rembrandt Charm

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Rembrandt Charms sponsors "Dog Tales", a monthly contest which invites consumers to tell their most

charming dog tale through charms. Each month, Rembrandt Charms selects one lucky winner. The winner receives a free sterling silver bracelet and all seven charms from their story.

Pamela is a customer of Korona Jewelry. Looking at the Rembrandt website for more charms that are available at Korona's she noticed

the monthly Dog Story contest. She entered on a whim, and won!

Pamela's story of fate, friendship, and adopting her first German Shepard from the city shelter is definitely a winner!

Winners select their favorite local jewelry store to claim their prizes. Join the fun at rembrandtcharms.

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Korona Jewelry owners, Joe and Noreen Korona, have seen an increase in the popularity of sterling charms as gifts for graduations, communions, confirmations, and for members of wedding parties. A nice selection of these charms are always in stock.

Blessed Trinity Church Completes Concert Series

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church will complete its 2012-13 concert series of "beautiful music in a beautiful space" on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 P.M. with the impressive voices of the Arts Academy Choir in concert.

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ters, students of the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts under the direction of Frank Scinta, will present songs from a variety of religious traditions, opera, spirituals, African folk music and Broadway.

All are invited to join in

the toe-tapping and hand-clapping at this joyous event in the Landmark church at 317 Leroy Avenue.

A free-will donation will be taken and a reception will follow. More information at www.blessedtrinity-buffalo.org

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SUNDAY, MAY 26



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The Adventures of...
Rocket Man
 by Doug Smith


The Beauty of Beastly Baseball

Extending a scouting report by Woody Allen, bad baseball is the fourth best thing in the world. And Rocket Man enjoyed a lot of it last week on sabbatical to Buffalo's city series.

The players were Middle Early College and Buffalo Performing Arts, their stage the Cy Williams diamond at Delaware Park. Middle Early College is a downtown school affiliated with Erie Community College, striving to get good young people on an academic track; Performing Arts pretty much defines itself, although no ballet shoes or makeup were in evidence.

Middle Early College committed 11 errors, allowed 14 stolen bases, was out-hit 7-6 and won, 9-7. Rocket Man was consulted twice for affirmation of the actual score.

Pitchers were so un-

mindful of base stealers that several had reached their destination before the ball crossed the plate; once, the batter swung into a popup, resulting in a double play.

When Middle College's catcher suffered a thumb injury, it took 10 minutes to solicit a volunteer, gear him up and teach him the rudiments, all while the umpires, with infinite patience, bade the game slow down. Most blue will concede that a well-played game can umpire itself; in this one, they'd never have gotten out of the second inning.

But when a curfew approached and they moved to end the game, giving Middle College the win after 5 1/2, it was Middle College that argued for play to continue. And as Arts rallied, its fans cheering in a United Nations cacophony of tongues, a ground ball was hit to

third, where the sore-thumbed catcher had taken refuge.

He clutched it like a football, eyes blazing eagerness and fear. Mighty Casey would have been more likely to let that ball go by again. Then he ran toward first, shot-putting a lob which bounced three times into the first-baseman's glove. Out. Mike Schmitt never completed a play with such intensity.

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Hertel, Then and Now

After starting in business over forty years ago, funny how we are now located just about a block from our original location. Our start was on Tacoma just a little west of Commonwealth and we are now on Hertel just a little west of Commonwealth. The new location is just as small as our starting store, but certainly more on the "beaten path" so to speak. Back then who would think a little print shop on Tacoma would not only survive but do well. We had to compete with the bigger printer on Hertel and Crestwood called Inkwell.

Still Tacoma is close enough to Hertel and with the founding of the Rocket weekly newspaper, we became a major player in North Buffalo. Even from our small location on Tacoma. Hertel was my stamping grounds and I knew just about everyone from Main to Elmwood. Selling ads for the Rocket and Printing work. Then go back to the shop and print whatever I hustled up. I was the chief cook and bottle washer for the Rocket. Sold the ads, and then spent the week taking pictures, writing stories and laying out the paper. All this besides going back and run the printing presses. Struggling to make enough

money to feed my eight children, who were my motivations. In fact my siblings were the first Rocket delivery people.

Getting back to Hertel and how it has changed over the last forty years. As I have mentioned before in this column, I am in the process of sorting the photographs we have taken since our inception and trying to frame them for display in the store on Hertel. It is time consuming and a small portion is done and in the window there. Needless to say looking at these photographs does bring me back to when I hustled Hertel. Came across a photo of Mr. Melrod the advertising manager at the Sample shop. Did not happen. Tried very hard to land them as a regular advertiser in the Rocket. That would have been a big nut to crack as they were the biggest retailer on Hertel. Seen photos of Maer and David Bunis, who owned the Sample along with their father Luis. Mike Molfese who worked at the Sample and became the first president of the newly re-organized Hertel North Buffalo Business Association back in the 70's. The Sample shop location is now the senior citizens apartment building located between Starin and Parkside

Fortunately I had peo-

ple like Joe Sunshine and his sons who took the back page every week. Sunshine's super market was on the corner of Hertel and Parkside and is now Walgreen's. Have pictures of many of the merchants in North Buffalo, the West side and Riverside. I knew most of them and needless to say many are no longer with us. The pizzerias kept us alive along with the grocery stores, Bob and Johns, Sammy's market which is now the dollar store on Hertel and Colvin, and my good friend Tom Passanisi and his grocery store on Hertel near Commonwealth.

I banked at M&T with Clayt Gerlock on Parkside and Hertel. At one point he had an assistant manager named Bill Swan, a very personal fellow and I enjoyed working with him. Mr. Swan later bought

a little bank down the street called Black Rock Savings and Loan which I believe is now a coin shop. Bill also purchase another bank called the Lockport Savings and Loan and with a bunch of mergers and acquisitions in now called "First Niagara". There were other banks on Hertel, Marine Midland, which became HSBC and is now part of First Niagara, Liberty on Hertel and North Park in now Bank of America.

One of the collages I made that I like most is that of the Hertel Post office back in the 70'. It was located between Colvin and Crestwood and not sure what it is now. I used to pick up my mail every morning and got to know all the guys that worked there. Yes, guys as there were few if any female carriers back then. These are photos of the people who

delivered the mail door to door in that era. Back when the mail was delivered in a timely manner. Nice people and got to know many of them by their first name. Unfortunately again some are no longer amongst us.

So I am enjoying my new experience on Hertel and look forward to seeing those of us who are left. Like I have said before I am working on displaying as many of the photos I can by the Italian Festival and hope some of my old friends stop by so we can reminisce. Most of the merchants now on the Avenue, I do not know unless they have been around forever, like Norm at the North Park theatre, Joe at Jimmy's shoe repair, or John from Bob and Johns. They were there then and are there now, I like that.

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The Blotter Felonies

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Jasper Parrish Dr. - Complainant states that upon arriving home, she found it had been broken into. Missing was a television set, miscellaneous jewelry, a laptop computer and a speaker system, total value over \$2,000. Both doors were unlocked upon her return. She adds that her daughter had left the home earlier that day, leaving at least one door unlocked. A second floor window was also found completely open.

May 15, 2013

Hertel Ave. - Complainant states that her son did take, without permission, her

blue ray player and a large speaker, total value over \$300, to give to his crack dealer, because he owed money to him.

May 17, 2013

Progressive Ave. - Officers responding to a domestic trouble call did hear defendant say "I want to kill you right now" as they approached the doorway of home. Officers entered and witnessed defendant holding a knife in a threatening manner and waiving it at her boyfriend. Defendant's child was within two feet of defendant with the knife. Officers restrained and recovered weapon from defendant.

North Buffalo

May 16, 2013

Delsan Ct. - Complainant states that known suspect did repeatedly harass her

and threaten her by screaming outside her window, pounding on the door, trying to come in through the window by opening the kitchen window and removing the screen.

May 16, 2013

Parkside Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person did smash her vehicle's window and once inside, did take, without permission: purse, containing home Depot credit card, bank card, checkbook, license, and notary stamp.

May 16, 2013

Hertel Ave. - Complainant states he was cleaning his car in the park parking lot and did observe a large group of high school kids start to fight. Complainant told the kids to stop fighting and started taking pictures of kids fighting with his digital camera. Complainant was struck from behind with a closed fist to right side of jaw (possible broken). Complainant states that unknown male did take his digital camera, his flip phone and \$100 cash and fled on foot down the street.

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The Grapevine

North Buffalo Community Center is offering a four week series of Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Classes for community seniors.

Classes are offered on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am for four weeks beginning May 22. Participants are asked to contribute a small donation for each class.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is an evidence-based, CDC recommended fall prevention program for older adults. According to Monica Zucco, certified instructor, ninety percent of local students recently surveyed felt their balance had improved through the pro-

gram. This gentle exercise program can provide improvements in balance, posture, range of motion, core strength, and flexibility.

Register as a team for this year's 25th Annual Independent Health Foundation's Kids Run at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 1, at the Zoofari Courtyard at Delaware Park. The free event includes a mini-dash for kid's ages 2 to 5 and a 1.8 mile run/walk for all ages. In addition to registering as a team, participants can create custom shirts and purchase custom road signs to cheer on team/runner.

Trophies are awarded to the winning boys and girls

and each participant receives a medal at the finish line, while supplies last. After the race, all participants can enjoy the Buffalo Zoo with \$2 admission per person.

"Twenty-five years after Kids Run started at Delaware Park, it's become a fantastic tradition for many Western New York families," said Carrie Meyer, executive director, Independent Health Foundation. "We hope our Kids Run participants see the value of engaging in healthy activities, especially at an early age, and continue exercising as a family year round."

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Think playing in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League (HNPYBL) helps make it a great summer ? Well, countless numbers of boys and girls who have played in Shoshone Park before you, have gone on to have stellar careers in baseball and softball after summers end. Friday afternoon, City Honors High School won the Championship of the Buffalo Public Schools by defeating the defending champion Hutch -Tech Engineers 3-1 at the home of the Buffalo Bisons, Coca-Cola Field. The victory ended a four year reign by Tech as Champions and gave the Centaurs a perfect 12-0 undefeated season and their first Cornell Cup since 2005. But the best news of it all from this vantage point is the amount of players on both teams who played first in Hertel North Park. Yusef Burgos singled in two City Honor runs in the second inning, helping pitcher Tom Samar throw a complete game on the mound. Samar gave up just five hits and had nine strike outs, pitching against another former HNPYBL player Wesley Olmsted. Both Burgos and Samar were former Twins players in the Major division. Olmsted played for the Tigers as did teammate Mike Spero. Another teammate, Isiah Shadwick, played for the Dodgers. Great to see the guys take it to the next level. In Shoshone Park, Yankee pitcher Rob Maulucci took the ball in the bottom of the first inning just after the Opening Day ceremonies and made some magic with it, pitching a perfect game shutout of the Cardinals. The victory gave the defending champions a perfect start to their season and with two more wins since, the team looks for a dynasty in Major boys division. In Major Pony, Tasha Panepinto pitched five innings and made a great double play enroute to another Rockies win over the Cardinals. The Athletics defeated the Angels and in Minor Pony, Kayley Fell and Talia Mogavero kept the Yankees undefeated with a 7-3 win over the Giants. The Blue Jays gave the Reds their first loss, 5-4.

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Tim O'Rourke pitched three solid innings and teammate Alex "Gator" Johnson came in relief for the Cardinals in their first win over the Dodgers, 10-9. But the game was keyed by the play of second baseman Dontae Chimera, who was called up to play from San Jose. He ripped a pitch back up the middle for an RBI single and used his speed on the base paths to steal home for two runs. "I'm comfortable," he says "up there on the bigger diamond."

Ron Cauley hit a grand slam homerun, his first ever as San Jose beat Columbus, 13-8. Cole Boryszak, Jackson Alagna and Javy Rosa had big hits for Cooperstown in their first win, 4-3 over Louisville. New Haven defeated Springfield and Chattanooga wins two over the Braves and Monroe by the same score of 2-0. J.J. Flores, Adam Fuchs and Asher Boyer are hitting the ball well for the Red's team. Games continue each night and on Saturday 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30. See you there.

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