

Let's Play Ball!



More than 800 boys and girls from the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League will parade down Hertel Avenue on Opening Day, Saturday, May 2nd.

Over 800 boys and girls who signed up to play baseball and softball this summer are ready to take the field at Shoshone Park in North Buffalo. Opening day for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League is Saturday, May 2nd and will begin with a parade down Hertel Avenue.

Starting at Saranac Avenue, the parade will commence at 11:30 am and proceed east on Hertel Avenue to Shoshone Park. The players will be escorted by the Buffalo Police and Fire Departments through North Buffalo where so many of their sponsoring businesses are located.

The ceremony at the

park will feature league president, Don Morris welcoming all in attendance to the start of an exciting season of ball in North Buffalo. Council member Michael LoCurto and Legislator Peter Savage will be on hand to kick off the season and cheer for all of the players who will gain experience in good sportsmanship. This year, the City Honors Chorus will honor the tradition of singing their version of the National Anthem prior to the inaugural pitch of the season.

Games are scheduled to start at 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 pm on Saturday. Made up of 63 teams of boys and girls from age 5 to 16 years old, the league boosts 20 girl teams and 43 boy teams.

Check out the Buffalo Rocket throughout the season to catch up on scores and see how your favorite team is doing.

Mama Fest Comes to Hertel Avenue

Hertel Mama Fest, a day of shopping, dining and exploring Hertel Avenue with the important lady in your life, will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Look for the red balloons to find businesses that will be offering complimentary gifts or dessert to all the ladies.

Explore Hertel Avenue to find the participating shops, boutiques and businesses to receive a free

gift. Enjoy a great dining experience on Hertel Avenue and finish with a free dessert at participating venues.

Please support locally-owned businesses by shopping and dining on Hertel Avenue and by joining the Hertel-North Buffalo Business Association.

For more information visit www.hertelmamafest.com.



Delaware Y Recognizes Volunteer of the Year



Delaware Family YMCA Board Chair Lesa Loritts Antrum (left) congratulates Volunteer of the Year Margaret Latona at a recent branch board meeting.

Margaret Latona will be recognized for her volunteer service at YMCA Buffalo Niagara's Annual Meeting on May 7th. Margaret has been a Volunteer Branch Board member at Delaware Family YMCA for five years.

Margaret has served as the committee chair for the Program and Membership Committee. In 2014 she was a leading volunteer fundraiser for the Annual Cam-

paign in which her efforts helped Delaware Family YMCA raise \$40,738. She has been a great ambassador of the YMCA through her outreach in the community. She has also supported the Delaware Family branch as a volunteer at special events like Healthy Kids Day.








Thank you, Margaret, for all that you do to support the North Buffalo community.

Monthly Chief's Meeting on May 6th

The monthly Chief's Meeting will be held at D District Police Precinct at 669 Hertel Avenue on Wednesday May 6th beginning at 11 am. The meeting is open to the public and all

are encouraged to attend and keep up to date on what is going on in our community. For further information you can reach the D District Precinct at 851-4413.



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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



D'Youville's Downtown Stadium

All set for the big doings this weekend at the downtown stadium? Well, maybe it's not EXACTLY downtown, but you can see it from there.

D'Youville College, which within memory practically had to bribe teams to come visit because of its limited athletic facilities, has a gorgeous new ballpark at the foot of Porter Avenue. Perhaps you've seen it and driven right by, Rocket Man spent an anxious half-hour looking for it one chilly Saturday.

While the complex opened last fall for such rectangular sports as soccer, this weekend it comes into its own. By dint of winning the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference softball championship, D'Youville gets to host the tournament, the winner of which moves on to the

NCAA's May Madness.

It's probably just Rocket Man's preference for diamond sports, but softball simply seems like God's intended purpose for the complex, backed largely by a still-anonymous benefactor. It's an eye-catching little field, gleaming green artificial turf with a red-and-black scoreboard looming over a huge fence in right. The height of the "Spartan Screen" creates the illusion of a "short porch," but Athletic Director Brian Cavanaugh testifies that at 195 feet, it's jake with the NCAA.

Bleachers seat maybe 100, beneath a small but efficient pressbox. There's plenty of hanger-on space along fences beyond the dugouts. Buffalo's modest skyline looms beyond left field and Lake Erie provides permanent air-condi-

tioning, not always to the comfort of fans.

This will not be the complex's first invasion. About three weeks ago several teams, including Hamburg's Hilbert, had to concede that their own fields were unplayable. D'Youville played host to them all, including two from Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The AMCC has four big state schools from Pennsylvania, along with six largely Catholic institutions. Its teams frequently make it past the first round in the NCAA's Division III. Against this stellar opposition, the Spartans have won 23 games out of 30, with a roster of players all from within 100 miles of Buffalo. Hot-hitting Lydia Monin, related to one of Buffalo's pioneering women sports writers unless Rocket Man misses his guess, attended the Tapestry Charter. Hot-pitching Kalie McHenry – 19-4 with 136 strikeouts in 147 innings – went to high school at Sweet Home.

The fun begins Friday morning at 10, a double-elimination tournament continuing through Sunday. D'Youville plays its first game Friday at 4. Action resumes Saturday at 9, with games on two-hour intervals, and if darkness creeps over the Peace Bridge, the lights come on. Beautiful. Parking is easy. The concessions stands will be open, appropriate to the locale, at one time Ted's Hot Dogs.

Let the games begin.

*Fire back to Rocket Man via
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Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market to Kick Off 17th Season on May 9th

An enhanced EBT program, three new vendors, talented local entertainers and two Wellness Weekends will highlight the 2015 season at the Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market. The selling season kicks off on Saturday, May 9th, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 28th. Hours at the open-air venue in Buffalo's historic Elmwood Village are 8 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

A program of the Elmwood Village Association, the market features more than 40 vendors selling fruits, vegetables, baked goods, organics, fresh meat, cut flowers, wine, craft beer, eggs, dairy, honey, cheese and much more. Products available at the market are always fresh, seasonal and local. New vendors in 2015 include K&B Farm, Kindred Kreek, and Niagara Distilling Company.

Again this year, the market will act on its mission to provide increased access to fresh, healthy food by offering an EBT program and by participating in the "Double Up Food Bucks" and "Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables!" programs. The market's Electronic Benefit Transfer system allows individuals and families receiving public assistance to purchase products from eligible market vendors.

The "Double Up Food Bucks" program is back for a second season, and will be available at the market from July 4th through the end of October. The program provides low-income individuals who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits with a \$1 for \$1 match to purchase fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

The Food Bank of Western New York's "Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables!" program, coming to the market from July through September, is a federally funded SNAP-Ed program through New York State. The goal of this obesity prevention nutrition education initiative is to promote fruit and vegetable consumption. A Registered Dietitian will be present at the market each week to conduct nutrition education workshops with the public and provide nutritious recipes involving fruits and vegetables for participants to sample. The weekly recipes will utilize local seasonal produce and give participants "health bucks" which can be exchanged for produce from the farmers at the market. The program is free and open to any customers of the Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market.

"The Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market is the

perfect place to conduct group nutrition education," said Sarah Stimpson, RD, CDN, nutrition resource manager at the Food Bank of WNY. "The 'Just Say Yes' program is fun and interactive and will benefit both the customers and the farmers at the market. The Registered Dietitian will give customers new recipe ideas for the produce available at the market each week, which could also increase sales for the farmers. I am thrilled to be involved with such a great opportunity in Western New York."

This season the market will feature local entertainment every Saturday from 9:30 to 11 am and 11 am to 12:30 pm, weather permitting. Three community groups will also host informational tables each week. Two Wellness Lane events - sponsored by the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo - will be held on July 18th and Aug. 15th. Visitors are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of free health-related activities.

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by Joe Bortz

This Week's Category: 1870s Buffalo

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2. In 1870, the Sheriff of Erie County was the best paying and most difficult job in local government. What future president was elected to hold that post?
3. What year was the Buffalo Zoo established?
4. Delaware Avenue changed names in 1879. What was it previously known as?
5. What president died in 1874 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery?

How to enter: Send in your answers to the Buffalo Rocket by email: editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com or mail to **Buffalo Rocket, 1249 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216**. Winners will be randomly drawn from the correctly answered entries we receive each week, on the Wednesday following publication. There is no purchase required to enter. Winners are not eligible to win more than one time per month.

Last Week's Answers:

1. The Municipal Court System, along with the Buffalo Police Department and a full-time professional fire department were established in 1880.
2. Grover Cleveland was elected mayor of Buffalo in 1882.
3. Soldiers and Sailors Monument was erected in Lafayette Square in 1883.
4. The Buffalo Public Library was dedicated on February 7, 1887.
5. Assumption Parish was erected in 1888.

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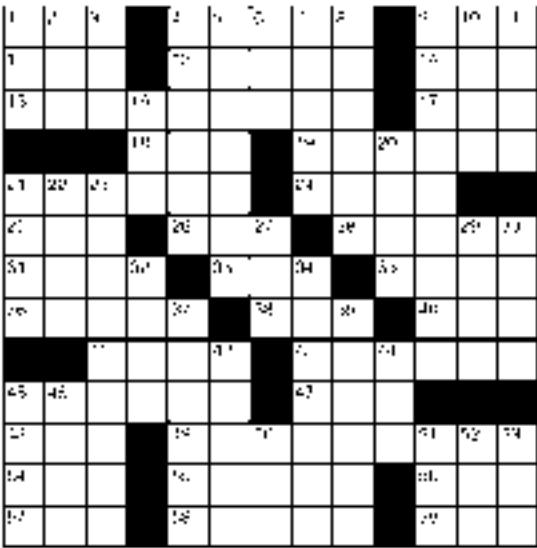
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The 8th Annual Just Desserts Event will be hosted by West Side Community Services, 161 Vermont St., on Saturday, May 8th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 and include three desserts and a beverage. Event will also feature a theme basket raffle and grand prize drawing. For tickets or information call 884-6616.

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The Leaders Save Lives program encourages community-minded 16 - to 24 - year-olds to host blood drives to help maintain the blood supply over the summer months. Students who participate as a blood drive coordinator are eligible to win a scholarship up to \$2,500 for higher education and to earn a gift card.

For more information and to register to host a Leaders Save Lives blood drive, visit www.redcross-blood.org/leaderssaveives.



Coaches looking to register a team(s) for the 21st Annual PAL/Independent Health Basketball League may call the PAL at 851-4615 to receive information and registration packets. Brackets include: Boys only 10 & under (\$275); Boys and Girls: 12 & under (\$275); 15 & under (\$275); Girls 19 & under (\$275).

League age cutoff is June 1st. Games are played Mon-

day through Thursday 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturdays (10 & under boys and 12 & under boys) 9:00 am to 2 pm starting the week of June 29th at various City facilities. The league will consist of approximately 7 weeks of game play with playoffs to follow. Must register by June 1st. For more information call the PAL office at 851-4615 or Orv at 812-7251.



PAL/Independent Health Baseball League is looking for teams, 4 divisions: 8-10 Caz (\$325); 13 & under (\$325); 16 & under (\$325); and 19 & under (\$325). Age cut off is May 1st. Games will be played during the day at Cazenovia and Delaware Parks. Registration, first come, first served; deadline is June 1st. Team registration only. Call PAL office at 851-4615 or 803-5500.



The West Side Pony-tail Softball League and Boys Baseball League registration is now open for girls 8-10, 11-13 and High School 14-18 years of age; Boys 8-10, 11-13, 14-16 years old. T-Ball for boys and girls from 6-7 years old.

Registration at Royal Printing, 351 Grant Street (near Potomac) is from 9:00 am until 5:30 pm. No experience necessary. Players can play with a friend.

Registration fee is \$40 and covers a full uniform, accident insurance, trophy, team and individual photos. All games are played at LaSalle Park.

The league is in need of coaches and umpires, if interested, or for more information call Tovie at 885-7692.

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Hispanic Heritage Council Celebrates El Día del Niño

The Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY will celebrate the tradition of "El Día del Niño" or "Day of the Child" with special events at Buffalo Public School #64 Frederick Law Olmsted, 875 Amherst Street Buffalo, on Friday, May 1st from 8:30 am to 11 am. The event will focus on Literacy, Nutrition and Character. More than 30 readers representing community leaders and government officials will share stories with children in grades Pre-K thru 8th. A special assembly program is planned for students in grades 3rd to 6th, by Victoria Pérez founder & artistic director of Raíces Theatre Company. Mrs. Pérez will present a fun and highly energized inter-disciplinary, interactive and bilingual program. Adapted from the children's book *There's A Coqui In My Shoe* written by award winning author Marisa de Jesús Paolicelli, and retold by

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"El Día del Niño" which originated in Mexico in 1925 is celebrated each year on April 30th by many Latin American countries and in many cities across the Americas. El Día del Niño is a day that has been set aside to recognize the importance of children in society and support their health, safety and education. Beginning in 1996, several grass roots organizations, libraries, and universities worked together to link El Día del Niño with language and literacy as a way of supporting the wellbeing of children. On April 30, 1997, this idea culminated in the first "Día del Niño / Día de los Libros" was observed.

The goals and founding principles of this ob-

servance extend throughout the year and call for a daily commitment to: recognize and honor the importance of children and childhood; promote literacy and the importance of reading by linking children to books, languages, and culture in the home and at school; honor home languages and cultures by promoting bilingual and multilingual literacy in this multicultural nation, and global understanding thru reading and art; influence parents to become involved in the education of their children; encourage healthy eating habits for nourished bodies and healthy minds; and show our children the value of character, community, and good citizenship.

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NOTARO - Joseph C., Sr. Of Amherst, entered into rest April 27, 2015. Beloved husband; devoted fa-

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
INDEX NO. 806465/2014
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE

Plaintiff designates Erie County as the place of trial situs of real property

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

THE HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF LEIGH SANTOS, if living, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. MORTGAGED PREMISES: 504 Plymouth Street, Buffalo, NY 14213 Section: 99.5 Block: 6 Lot: 22

To the above-named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$37,800.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie on August 13, 2007 in Book 13365, Page 5882, covering premises known as 504 Plymouth Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Erie County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: January 30, 2015
RAS Boriskin, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff
By: Thomas Zegarelli, Esquire
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