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“I Sapori D’Italia”



Hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers turn out every year to celebrate one of Buffalo's biggest ethnic festivals. This year's Galbani Italian Heritage Festival will be held July 16th - 19th, from 11 am to 10 pm on Hertel Avenue, between Delaware and Colvin.

Visitors to the festival will enjoy a vast variety of Italian food from over 100 vendors such as: cannoli, gelato, Italian ice, pasta dishes, pizza, Ital-

ian sausage, stuffed artichokes, peppers, carduni, eggplant, and bruschetta to name just a few, along with some American favorites as well.

The festival is organized by three non-profit groups: The Hertel Business Association, The West Side Business and Taxpayers Association, and The North Buffalo Community Center, where all proceeds from the festival are distributed and then used for com-

munity programs.

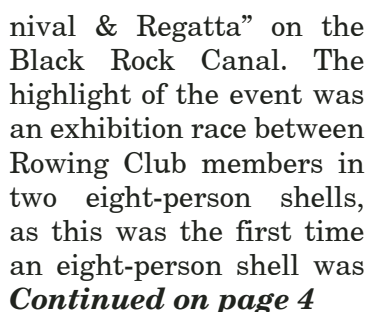
Special “not to miss” events are: Grape Stomping, Bocce Ball tournaments and exhibition play, Italian Family Genealogy Research, Italians Got Talent Competition, Galbani Cheese Building Contest, Italian Idol Competition, St. Anthony Procession, Cooking Demonstrations, Cultural Displays, the finest of Entertainment, rides for children and much much more!

West Side Rowing Club Hosting Annual Invitational Regatta

The West Side Rowing Club of Buffalo is hosting its 102nd Annual West Side Invitational Regatta on Sunday, July 12th. Events will begin at 9 am and continue throughout the afternoon.

On July 21, 1913 the

West Side Rowing Club held its first "Water Car-



2015 Italian Heritage Corridor and Tent

This year the Ilio DiPaolo Italian Heritage Tent is featuring a special tribute for the 50th Anniversary of festival sponsor Ilio DiPaolo's Italian Restaurant, and the late great Ilio DiPaolo and his family. Through their generosity over the years, Italian culture has been brought to the festival by featuring cultural displays, computers with researchers ready to aid in the search for one's Italian roots, Centro Bambini for children's

crafts staffed by the Centro Culturale Italiano and so much more.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of a Hertel Ave and Italian Festival landmark “Ristorante Lombardo”. Congratulations to the Lombardo family for their commitment to the festival and particularly the Hertel Avenue community for the past several decades!

Other cultural activities taking place are: "La
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Isabella Acosta Named Miss Italian Festival 2015

Isabella (Pecoraro) Acosta has been named Miss Italian Festival 2015. Bella is a 2015 graduate of Hutch Tech and will be attending Daemen College in the fall to major in Paralegal Studies. Bella enjoys soccer, tennis, dancing, reading, and - most importantly - spending lots of time with family and friends.



Parking Advisory for the Italian Heritage Festival

Free parking for the Galbani Italian Heritage Festival will be available at the 700 car LaSalle Street Station Park and Ride Lot on Main Street just north of Hertel Avenue. From there you can board an NFTA bus that will take festival goers directly to the festival.

Please be aware that Festival parking is prohibited on side streets along Hertel Avenue's festival grounds and is reserved for residents only. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced and illegally parked vehicles are subject to towing and/or fines.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 9		FRIDAY, JULY 10		SATURDAY, JULY 11		SUNDAY, JULY 12		MONDAY, JULY 13		TUESDAY, JULY 14		WEDNESDAY, JULY 15	
	Cloudy High 76° Low 58°		Sunny High 81° Low 60°		Partly Cloudy High 84° Low 62°		Mostly Sunny High 86° Low 67°		Scattered T-storms High 83° Low 65°		AM Showers High 84° Low 63°		Showers High 85° Low 63°

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



Bolt Out of the Black

This re-defined “break of dawn,” 3:38 a.m. on one of year’s longest days, burned into memory ‘though it stayed but an instant on the Time Warner clockbox.

The heavens had been throat-clearing for about 15 minutes. Then, “CRACKRACKRACK!” three distinct whacks, with no discernible pause. First Mate gasped. Rocket Man repented of sins he’s long been too old to commit. The nightlight called it a day. So did anything else dependent on an exterior power source.

They thought of their penpal Jeremy, who doesn’t make many jokes but recently had postcard-ed us that he felt sorry for the Amish children with no electricity. “Poor kids,”

he said, “they have to watch TV in the dark.”

Rocket Man looked on the bright side, sorta. “It’s OK, the sun’ll be up soon.” To the east, the sky was grumbling, the longest lasting thunder they ever had heard. “Good thing we brought the flowers in,” said First Mate, who had taken a tip from Don Paul. “Good thing we left an orbiter out,” said Rocket Man, for they had a morning mission to a medical officer, vulnerable to hatch failure.

Despite the fright, they did return to the land of nod, the sunshine beating them to the observation port by at least two hours. Two National Grid trucks hummed hopefully on the street. Within an hour the lights came back, the re-

frigerator resumed and a test run on the garage door produced the desired results. Like the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the linemen didn’t even stick around for thanks. We still lacked phone, TV and internet, but for some reason, Rocket Man had filed his weekly report a day early before he turned in.

So they were feeling fairly blessed when Rocket Man stepped out for real - and let out a shout that echoed the explosion at 3:38. Most of a 50-foot tree lay lengthwise across a lawn diagonally from ours. Shards littered the exit ramp, and, they would later discover, the backyard with its eight-foot fence. Rocket Man went to see if the chap needed help, although he is admirably self-reliant, with an awesome woodpile by the garage.

“Thanks,” he said, “we’re fine. Got my grandson with me, we’ll take care of that in 20 minutes. Sure glad I put the car away, though.” As Rocket Man departed, he noticed a round red robin perched on a fallen limb, nodding as if to say, “Man, I KNEW I oughta go on a diet.”

Presently the chainsaw came out and by the time they got back from the doctor’s, there was hardly a twig in evidence, except that his woodpile was twice the size it had been when they left.

Rocket Man only wishes he’d get his wood delivered by truck, like everyone else.

Fire back to Rocket Man at pollyndoug@hotmail.com

BUFFALO TRIVIA

by Joe Bortz

Can you find the answers?

- Where did Miss Italian Festival 2015 graduate high school?
- Where is it recommended that you park for the Italian Festival?
- What is the predicted high temperature for July 13th?
- When is the Port of Entry Flea Market to be held?
- What is the answer to #1 down of the crossword puzzle?

Last week's winner: JANET KELLER

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.

Last Week's Answers:

- Joe Bortz's Bisons season tickets are in the 3rd row behind the Bisons dugout.
- The Screaming Pineapples take the stage on July 8th.
- "The Natural" played at the North Park Theater on July 4th and 5th.
- Mail service resumed normal operations on July 6th.
- Baby Back Pork Spareribs at Johnny's are \$3.99 a pound this week.

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Dibble Hardware.....	262 W Ferry Street	D District Police Station.....	669 Hertel Avenue
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D District Police Station.....	669 Hertel Avenue	Riverside Marketplace.....	740 Tonawanda Street
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First Niagara.....	201 Amherst Street	West Hertel Liquor.....	699 Hertel Avenue
M&T Bank.....	788 Tonawanda Street		

SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

The Natural in Shoshone Park

While the North Park Theater was showing the 1983 Tri-Star Pictures release of the movie *The Natural* this past weekend, just down the Avenue in Shoshone Park, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League was playing host to real-life Naturals.

Three North Buffalo baseball teams competed against as many as seven other Leagues from across the area in WNY State Championships as a part of Cal Ripken Baseball. Cal Ripken Baseball is a division of Babe Ruth League, Inc, one of the best organizations nationally for amateur athletics that North Buffalo has been a part of since the mid 1980's. Hosting a tournament of such competition is evidence of North Buffalo's commitment to Youth Baseball and the amount of work volunteers do to bring something like this together and have it be successful.

"You have a tremendous core of individuals here in North Buffalo led by your president Don Morris," said local Babe Ruth Commissioner David Franknecht, "who have come together repeatedly to be a worthy opponent and support the Babe Ruth program here in Western New York. All visiting teams into this City of Buffalo in Shoshone Park know of the class and sportsmanship you bring to the Baseball diamonds."

In Opening Ceremonies held on Saturday, Morris proclaimed over a live microphone "that all the players, (as many as 260 boys) are all considered champions of the baseball diamonds and urged all boys to turn around and thank their coaches and then their parents for taking the time

to help their careers."

Trophies were handed out to winning teams as well as medallions around a players neck and new caps to wear.

Lou Gehrig from Amherst won the 12 and under Championship, their third year in a row. The League is located in Amherst and was coached by John Armento and for him, the victory was extremely gratifying for the 40 year old man who was born and raised here in North Buffalo and learned to play baseball in Shoshone Park with his older brother Tom.

"Mr. Morris was my coach in 1990 when we went to the State finals," he said afterward. "I learned a lot from him as well as Murph (Mike Murphy), Carl Panzarella and Bob Ryan. This is still a great Park and I'm glad

some people are still around helping the next generation."

This past Monday, the League picked right back up again after the holiday with make ups and in-house Tournament games in all divisions. The green and gold colored Blaze and the purple and black Wild Cats continue their schedules against all opponents who dare to enter Shoshone Park.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Scashed

4 "Kasow!"

8 Crooner Jerry

12 Cinnabar or galena

13 major

14 Soul singer Redding

15 Magnolia oil

17 Cry

18 Vim

19 Terrieux milleu

21 Roulette bet

22 Grave

26 House on an estate

29 "Glee" network

30 Meadow

31 Wings

32 Grosse pointe

33 Opening day?

34 Omega particle

35 Emulate

41 Across

36 Filmmaker

37 Excluding all else

39 Grouping

40 Existed

41 Ms. Earhart

45 Prop for Dr. House

48 Grammatical slip

50 Culture

12 James Joyce's masterpiece

13 Macbeth

14 Feminist

16 Stobowatches

18 Basins

19 accessories

20 Comic

21 Soup

22 Talent

23 Gilligan's home

24 Pumps up the volume

25 Upper mit

26 Fast

27 Bristle

28 Eggs

1 Freight

2 necessity

3 Unyielding

4 Take out of context?

5 Br's

6 sausage

7 Harold of silents

8 Parnassus

9 Unger's sloppy roommate

10 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

11 Noshed

12 Recipe

13 Sixth sense for short

14 Fielder's wife

15 Courtney of "Cougar Town"

16 Desire

17 Under the

18 Repast

19 Houston acronym

20 Navigator's stack

21 Moreover

22 Hammer's target

23 South

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Peter T. Juliano, Esq.

Can you pass the Hertel Avenue Bar Exam?

1. What bar on Hertel did Kerner's become in 1973?
2. What is the only bar on Hertel where smoking is permitted by law?
3. What bar on Hertel was formerly known as Mac's City Bar?
4. What is the only bar on Hertel with a Clam Bar?
5. What Hertel Avenue bar has a backyard patio?
6. What bar on Hertel is named after a legal term?
7. What bar/restaurant used to house a frozen pizza factory prior to 1975?
8. The Allman Brothers played a bar on Hertel in the 1970s. After a money dispute, the owner of the bar was stabbed to death. Name the bar.
9. What Hertel Avenue hotspot did famous convicts OJ Simpson and Rick James hang out at in the 1970s?
10. Where is it "Always Great Bar Weather?"

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Answers: 1-f; 2-e; 3-j; 4-a; 5-g; 6-b; 7-h; 8-i; 9-d; 10-c

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8:00 Chef Marco Marco's Italian Restaurant

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2:00 Children's Galbani Cheese Building Contest
4:00 Folinari Wine Tasting
6:00 MaryAnn Giordano Gigi's Cucina Povera
8:00 Chef Marco Marco's Italian Restaurant

SATURDAY JULY 18TH

2:00 Children's Galbani Cheese Building Contest
4:00 Jeff Rexinger Artisan Kitchens & Baths
6:00 Sarah Mallare Village Inn
8:00 Chef Marco Marco's Italian Restaurant

SUNDAY JULY 19TH

1:00 MAIN STAGE Galbani Celebrity Cheese Building Contest for Charity
2:00 Children's Galbani Cheese Building Contest
3:00 Michael DiPaolo Ilio DiPaolo's
5:00 Jamie Dannemiller MAC's on Hertel
7:00 Chef Marco Marco's Italian Restaurant



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PRESENTS**

THURSDAY JULY 16TH

4:30 - 5:15 Opening Ceremonies
5:30 - 7:00 Buffalo Jazz & Swing Band
7:30 - 9:30 Franco Corso (HEADLINER)

FRIDAY JULY 17TH

4:00 - 5:00 The Joe DiAngelo Band
5:30 - 7:00 Formula Band
7:30 - 9:30 Big City Horns (HEADLINER)

SATURDAY JULY 18TH

4:30 - 5:30 National Trust
5:30 - 7:00 Sam & Jamie Mangione
7:30 - 9:30 The Scintas (HEADLINER)

SUNDAY JULY 19TH

1:00 - 2:00 Galbani Celebrity Cheese Building Contest for Charity
2:00 DiPaolo Family Presentations and the St. James Italian Heritage Dancers
3:30 - 5:00 Nova Band
5:30 - 7:00 Exit Band
7:30 - 9:30 Hit N Run (HEADLINER)

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DIUNUNZIO - Felix R. Sr. "Phil" Of Tonawanda, entered into rest July 5, 2015. Beloved husband; devoted father; cherished grandfather and great-grandfather; loving son; dear brother; also survived by relatives and friends. Arrangements by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

ORLANDO - Katherine A. (nee Marra) "Kay" Of Buffalo, NY, July 3, 2015, beloved wife; loving mother; cherished grandmother; daughter; sister; also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and many friends. Arrangements by JOSEPH

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