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Sabres Fall Into Last Place; Rebuild Not Going Well

With a recent stretch of six games against the NHL's weaker teams, the Sabres hoped that four victories would propel them closer to a playoff spot. While they opened that stretch with a pair of wins, four straight losses including two shootouts dropped them into the Eastern Conference basement. This was not the scenario expected after drafting Jack Eichel and Sam Rhinehart, trading for Ryan O'Reilly and Evander Kane and signing marquee free agent Kyle

Eichel ended a five game pointless streak with a goal and assist Tuesday at Detroit giving him 6-4- 10 totals in 13 games. While that projects to a very respectable 64 points over the full season, his impact has been much less than other recent top draft

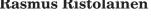
His 2015 draft mate Connor MacDavid leads the NHL in scoring and is challenging Sydney Crosby as the game's top player. Auston Matthews drafted first this year has 16 goals, the sixth highest total in the league while Parick Laine, drafted second has scored 19 times, the third highest total.

Sam Reinhart has shined in shootouts where he is the only player on the roster with a goal (two). While he has not had the impact expected from his lofty draft position he has been effective on the power play and has been hot lately with 2-4-6 totals in his last four games. His 8-12-20 totals project to 19-28-47 over 80 games, hardly what one expects from a third year pro drafted second overall. Laine's projected goal total goals as a rookie is 47.

After going without a goal in his first 12 games, Kane now has eight in his last ten games but needs to find consistency. The recently injured Ryan O'Reilly had one point in his last five games. Kyle Okposo has been solid but was scoreless in his last five games. The only player meeting or exceeding expectations has been Rasmus Ristolainen with 15 points in his last 12 games and some solid defensive play.

Following Tuesday's win at Detroit, the Sabres reside at the bottom of the conference with 34 points, only New Jersey with 33 has less. Eichel and Ristolainen cannot do it alone, the aforementioned teammates need to step up their play or the rebuild must be termed a failure.







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North Buffalo

December 23, 2016

St. Lawrence Ave. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) broke his rear window on his vehicle while parked on the street overnight.

December 23, 2016

St. Lawrence Ave. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) broke his side window on his vehicle while parked on the street overnight.

December 23, 2016

St. Lawrence Ave. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) broke his rear window on his vehicle while parked on the street overnight.

December 25, 2016

Main St. - Church of Buffalo reports that unknown person(s) forced their way into the office by breaking down the door. Once inside they located the offerings box and broke the lock off of it, taking contents, approximately \$500.

December 25, 2016

Hertel / Crestwood Aves. -Complainant reports that while he was leaving an establishment he was approached from behind and attacked. Suspect got keys from him and took his vehicle, without permission. Only description complainant can give is that the vehicle is a Ford.

December 26, 2016

Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports for retail store he manages that the defendant removed merchandise from boxes and concealed on her person. Defendant passed all points of purchase with \$628 worth of merchandise.

Riverside

December 23, 2016

Amherst St. - Complainant reports for store he manages that the defendant concealed \$160 worth of Red Bull and passed all points of purchase without paying.

December 24, 2016

Argus St. – Complainant reports that the defendant tore apart her living room, causing \$250 in damage.

December 25, 2016

Glor Ave. - Unknown Hispanic male was observed exiting a vehicle and fired multiple rounds of ammunition in the air. Four spent shell casings were recovered from the scene.

December 26, 2016

Niagara St. - Complainant reports for nightclub he manages that the defendant was asked to leave and escorted out by security. She proceeded to punch and kick the guard and attempted to pepper spray him, he turned it on her and sprayed her. When officers attempted to help her with decontamination she proceeded to punch him in the face and kick him in the chest.

December 26, 2016

Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports for store he manages that the defendant took laundry detergent and then passed all points of purchase without paying for merchandise.

December 26, 2016

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that she was walking down the street and was approached from



behind by two Hispanic males who jumped her and took her bag and jacket. Suspects fled in an unknown direction.

West Side

December 23, 2016 West Ferry – Complainant reports the defendant attacked her with a knife.

December 24, 2016

Bird Ave. – Defendant was operating a vehicle that was stopped for not using proper turn signal. Upon routine traffic stop it was discovered there were two outstanding warrants for the defendant's arrest.

December 26, 2016

Grant St. – Complainant reports that the defendant passed all points of purchase while concealing merchandise on his person. Confiscated from defendant was two Hershey candy bars, two Reese's cups, two 32 oz. cans of Molson along with narcotics found in coat pocket.

December 26, 2016

Elmwood Ave. - Complainant reports for retail store she manages that sometime overnight unknown person(s) gained entry by forcing the door, breaking the lock. They rummaged through files and other paperwork, disconnected the security cameras and tore them off the walls. Nothing is missing at this point. Inventory will be taken to determine.





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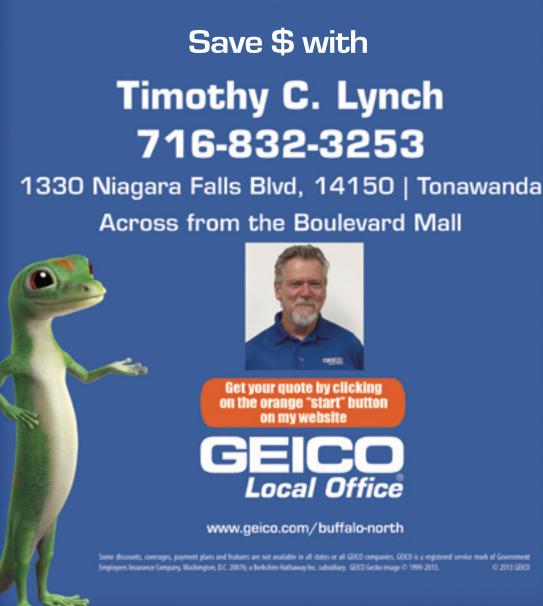
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Are Your Auto Rates Going Up?



Elmwood Kiwanis Helps Families

The Elmwood Kiwanis Club is helping make important and life enriching programs available to its neighbors in need through a gift of \$1,000 to the Delaware Family YMCA's 2017 Annual Campaign.

According to Delaware Family YMCA Branch Executive Michael Garcia, "The Elmwood Kiwanis Club and the YMCA share a common belief that when we all work together we help make our community stronger. We are grateful for this long standing partnership which has and will continue to play an important role in helping the Y fulfill its charitable mission to turn no one away due to an inability to pay."

The Delaware Y's 2017 Annual Campaign, which officially kicks off on February 14, 2017, will seek to raise \$43,000 to support the local YMCA's financial assistance program. One hundred percent of all gifts received support members of our local community who are experiencing financial hardship, making it possible for them to take part in and benefit from the Y's many program offerings.

This year alone, over 320 families were able to access quality child care, fun filled and academically enriching summer camp experiences, and important health and wellness programs as well as instructional and recreational sports, swim lessons and numerous family activities thanks to funds raised through the Y's Annual Campaign. The life enriching impact this campaign helps to achieve could not be possible without the support of community partners such as the Elmwood Kiwanis Club.

To learn more about the YMCA Annual Campaign and to help support the organization's charitable mission to serve all, please contact Michael Garcia, Delaware YMCA Branch Executive at 875-1283 or visit YMCAB.org.



From left to right: Brittany Lowe, Elmwood Kiwanis; Kimberly Fix, Elmwood Kiwanis; Marcus Moses, Elmwood Kiwanis; Dorothy Sands-Carboni, Elmwood Kiwanis; Michael Garcia, Delaware Family YMCA; and Dennis Gallagher, Elmwood Kiwanis President.



"Now in its 29th year, the 'Buffalo Ball Drop & Fireworks' has become an annual tradition that keeps getting bigger and better and Downtown Buffalo is ready to celebrate the best New Year's Eve yet," said Mayor Brown, noting the many new and existing restaurants located within blocks of Roosevelt Plaza, along with skating at Rotary Rink and First Night Buffalo at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

The evening is produced by Mayor Brown and the City of Buffalo, the Police Athletic League of Buffalo and Buffalo Place.

Buffalo Place Executive Director Michael T. Schmand stated, "Buffalo Place is excited once again to participate with the City of Buffalo, the Police Athletic League, and the sponsorship family in celebrating a great Downtown Buffalo tradition, the 2017 New Year's Eve Ball Drop."

Once again, the New Year's ball will descend from atop Iskalo Development's Electric Tower, carefully in synch with the ball in New York's Times Square.

Local singing sensation and Buffalo's own Caitlin Koch will headline the show, kicking off at 10:30 pm, concluding with the Buffalo Ball Drop and Fireworks at midnight. Koch grew up in Orchard Park.

This year, D.J. Jickster from 97 Rock will co-host the event with The Eyewitness News Team, including Anchors Keith Radford and Ashley Rowe, with Elizabeth Lewin serving as the evening's roving reporter. Coverage of the "Buffalo Ball Drop & Fireworks" will begin with "Eyewitness News at 11pm" followed by the television special "Countdown to 2017" that includes "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest" on ABC-TV.

The Police Athletic League of Buffalo (PAL) helps produce the "Buffalo Ball Drop & Fireworks" and benefits from sponsorship proceeds. "The Police Athletic League of Buffalo is honored again to be part of the 29th annual Ball Drop," said Nekia Kemp of PAL. "To all the sponsors - thank you for helping us, help our children."

Video walls set up by Indigo Productions will offer digital images of the Buffalo and Times Square ball drops, including a presentation of the "Countdown to 2017" HD telecast presented by WKBW Channel 7, a co-sponsor of the Ball Drop events since the first one in 1988 - when 97 Rock offered it as a gift to the city.

The Ball will drop in synch with its sister in New York's Times Square, followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

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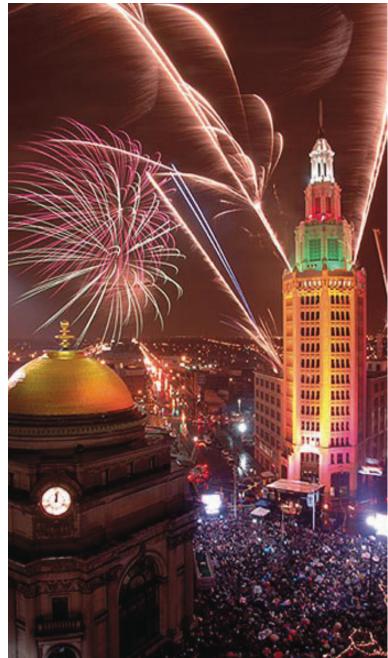
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New Year's Eve revelers in downtown Buffalo will watch the ball descend from atop the Electric Tower, in synch with the ball in New York's Times Square, followed by spectacular fireworks at midnight.

Winners are selected randomly from correct entries received. One winner per household.

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Sakari the polar bear makes his public debut on Sunday, January 1st, 2017, New Years Day at the Buffalo Zoo, 300 Parkside Ave., Buffalo. Gates open at 10 am.

In late November, the Buffalo Zoo announced the arrival of a new male polar bear named Sakari from the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, WI. Over the past month, zookeeper staff has spent countless hours helping Sakari settle into his new home. Sakari can be seen within the Garman Family Arctic Edge exhibit.



Gallery@BCAT, The the art gallery within the Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology is proud to present a public exhibit opening of What To Do In Buffalo On A Snowy Day... , an eclectic first ever show by well known Buffalonian Jean Knox on January 6th, from 6 - 8:30 pm.

Mrs. Knox, a prominent area philanthropist and art lover, has been a busy artist in her own right working in the mediums of photography, needlepoint, decoupage, collage, as well as Faux and abstract painting.

What To Do In Buffalo

LoTEMPIO - Joseph Vincent, Jr.

entered into rest December 25,

2016. Beloved husband: devoted

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On A Snowy Day... will run January 5th - 30th during BCAT school hours. Refreshments will be served on opening night January 6th. The gallery is located and is located at 1221 Main Street, Buffalo, next to the Buffalo Art Space Gallery and is open Monday - Thursday 10 am - 5 pm and Friday 10 am - 4 pm



The Buffalo Chamber Music Society's 93rd **year** continues on January 17th with a performance by the Horszowski Trio at 8 pm in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall and will include trios by Beethoven, Wuorinen and Mendelssohn. A preconcert talk with the artists begins at 7:15 pm.

In addition to teaching at Columbia University and the Longy School of Music of Bard College the Trio's busy schedule includes concerts throughout the United States. Their debut recording of works by Faure, Saint-Saens and D'Indy was released in 2014.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the door or online at www.bflochambermusic.org. Students are FREE to all concerts.

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The North Buffalo Community **Center's** Board of Directors and staff will be hosting a benefit for one of our own. The benefit will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. here at the center.

Clare Rajewski, an employee of the center for the past 10 years as our recreation coordinator, became quite ill this past November. She had an infection which led to her losing a limb. Her leg was amputated from the knee down. As such, medical bills are accruing and funds will be needed for her prosthetic.

We know Clare has touched a lot of people's lives, especially our youth. As Recreation Coordinator she has taught classes in arts & crafts and cooking, handled 75 children daily in our Summer Fun Club, and assisted the parents in any way she could. She was always willing to help out whoever needed assistance.

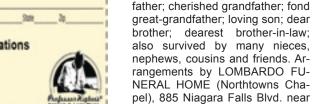
It is her time to need help, so please consider supporting this much needed fundraiser. Support is needed by purchasing tickets (\$25 per person), or donating a basket for a raffle, or food/beverages or whatever you deem appropriate.

Tickets may be purchased at the center and donations may be dropped off at the center. Any questions please call 874-6133, ext. 12 or 11.

PATTI - Joseph T. Of Amherst, entered into rest December 23, 2016. Beloved husband; devoted father; cherished grandfather; dear brother; also survived by relatives and friends. Arrangements by LOMBAR-DO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

CUMBO - Charles J. Of Tonawanda, entered into rest December 22, 2016. Beloved husband: devoted father; loving son; cherished grandfather; adored great-grandfather; dear brother; also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements by JOSEPH SPANO & SONS FU-NERAL HOME, INC., 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. (same location as Lombardo Funeral Home).

MAMBRINO - Yvonne A. (nee Carbone) Of Buffalo, entered into rest December 17, 2016. Beloved wife; devoted mother; cherished grandmother; dear great-grandmother; loving daughter; also survived by relatives and friends. Arrangements by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.



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To the Person Named as Defendant

Above: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED to appear in this action by serving a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff at 420 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 within 30 days after service is complete.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT should you fail to answer or appear, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded. The nature of this action is in tort: negligence. The relief sought is for damages suffered by plaintiff, punitive damages, cost and disbursements of this action against the defendant, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Should Defendant fail to appear herein, judgment will be entered by default for the sum of \$XXX.XX, with interest from the date of DATE and the costs of this action. Erie County is the place of trial based on the residence of the Plaintiff.

DATED: Buffalo, New York December 8, 2016

ANDREWS, BERNSTEIN, MARANTO & NICOTRA, PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff 420 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 Telephone: (716) 842-2200 50-1 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A BEAUTIFUL 3 BDRM UPPER for LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY rent. Kenmore Ave. near Delaware. The name of the Limited Liability \$900 per month, available now. Last month rent as security. Call Company is PEARCECO GROUP, LLC; its Articles of Organization 829-9113. were filed with the Secretary of

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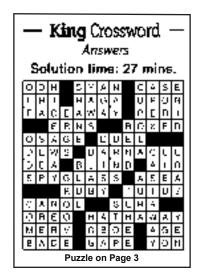
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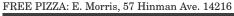


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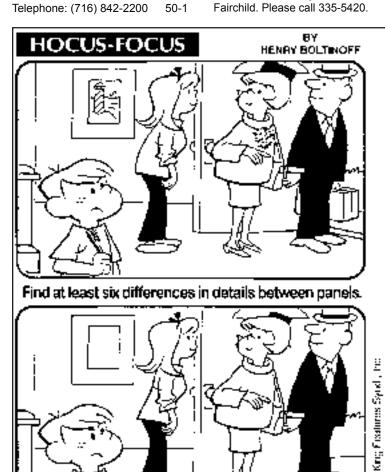




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