

## Youth Basketball Tournament



Tournament will be held at the Salvation Army and Gloria J. Parks Community Center.

North American Youth Sports announced that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in Buffalo at the Salvation Army, 960 Main St. & the Gloria J. Parks Community Center, 3242 Main St. on March 17th and 18th, 2018.

This tournament will feature

## Jazz Series Presents Monty Alexander

The 2017–2018 Art of Jazz Series will present legendary jazz pianist Monty Alexander with his trio at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery on Sunday, January 28th, at 3 pm. Series producer Bruce Eaton will host a pre-concert discussion, “The Importance of Ernest Ranglin,” about the seminal Jamaican jazz and reggae guitarist, at 2 pm.

More than fifty-five years after moving to the US from his hometown of Kingston, Jamaica, Alexander is an American classic, touring the world relentlessly and delighting a global audience drawn to his vibrant personality and soulful message. Cited as the fifth-greatest jazz pianist ever in The Fifty Greatest Jazz Piano Players of All Time (Hal Leonard Publishing), his career as a leader is highlighted by more than seventy recordings, as well as work with artists including Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie, Tony Bennett, Sonny Rollins, Clark Terry, Ray Brown, and Quincy Jones.

Now entering its eighteenth season as the most successful music series of its kind in Western New York history, the Art of Jazz has established the Albright-Knox Auditorium as one of the premier venues to experience live jazz in North America. The 2017–2018 series will continue with the Billy Childs Quartet (3/18/18), and the Melissa Aldana Quartet (4/21/18).

## Free Rabies Vaccination Clinics

The first of six free rabies vaccination clinics provided by the Erie County Department of Health will be on Wednesday, January 24th. The clinic will be held from 3 pm – 7 pm at the North Buffalo Community Center at 203 Sanders Road in North Buffalo. “In 2017, 1,129 cats, 3,335 dogs and 32 ferrets (total = 4,496) were vaccinated countywide through these clinics,” said Poloncarz. I strongly encourage pet owners around the County to take advantage of this valuable and mandated public health initiative.”

Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein added “We are pleased to continue working with our long-time rabies clinic partners. The invaluable assistance of the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, the SPCA serving Erie County, the veterinary

technology program at Medaille College, and volunteers from Erie County’s Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team truly help us provide this vital and popular service to our community.”

Any pet is at risk of being exposed to a rabid wild animal and rabies is always fatal in animals. Bats often find their way into homes, especially while seeking warmth in the winter. To date, ECDOH has identified 15 animals (bats, raccoons, skunk, sheep) that tested positive for rabies in 2017.

Senior Public Health Sanitarian, Peter Tripi added “Our goal is to have 100% of Erie County pets vaccinated to protect them from rabies. It is important that both “indoor” and “outdoor” cats receive vaccinations as a rabid

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## Chili Cook-Off



Is Your Chili a Winner? The 8th Annual Parkside Chili cook-off and Family Fun Night will take place on Saturday, February 17th, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Jewett Parkway.

Vote for your favorite Parkside Family Chili recipe! Cooks compete for awards and bragging rights including “Most Creative” and “People’s Choice”. This is a BYOB event . \$5 recommended donation at the door.

This event is sponsored by the Parkside Community Association, one of Buffalo’s oldest incorporated neighborhood asso-

ciations. All money raised helps support continuing non-profit programs of the Association—among them are the Summer Arts Camp for kids, Aging in Place, Crime Prevention, Housing Advocacy, Arts and Crafts Show, Traffic Safety, the renowned Tour of Homes and Garden And Architecture Tour, and the popular free summer “Movies in the Meadow” series.



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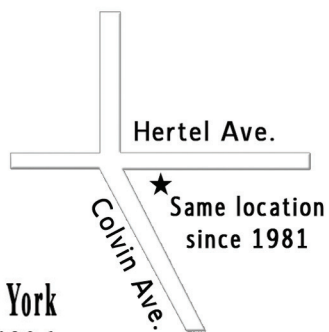
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## Sabres Hockey SPORTS

by George Kuhn

## Why Not Play Defense?

The Sabres moribund offense showed some life during a 7-4 home ice loss to the Winnipeg Jets as Jack Eichel, Ryan O'Reilly and Kyle Okposo each tallied three points. However, following the game coach Phil Housley called out his team saying that some players are cheating on defense so they can get their points.

"There's a lot of cheat in our game, I think they think that points are more important than playing solid defense and you can see the results that are coming," Housley said following the game. Buffalo has given up three goals or more goals in eight straight contests, winning just once in that span.

So who was Housley referring to? The aforementioned Eichel has been on a hot streak scoring 10 goals and 17 points in his last 11 games and now sits 28th in league scoring. Eichel's even strength scoring has been particularly noteworthy with 17 goals, the NHL's sixth best total. His 33 even strength points are seventh best. But Eichel is also a minus 13 so he is actually a liability at five on five.

Eichel is particularly inattentive defensively when the opposition has puck possession in the Sabres zone. In one recent game he was trapped for 1:45 without being able to clear the puck. A typical shift lasts no longer

than 40 seconds so that is a long time to be on the ice where chasing the opposition tires a player out fast.

The modern NHL is a defense first league where shot blocking is a skill as important as skating. It was interesting to see Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning hustle on the back check to defend against a two on one break. The play ended with Stamkos, arguably the leagues top player and a former 60 goal scorer dropping and blocking a shot off his ankle. That's the same Steven Stamkos who missed

65 games last season with a knee injury. Obviously Stamkos has learned the price that must be paid to win in the modern gritty NHL from his boss GM Steve Yzerman, a three time Stanley Cup champion with the Detroit Red Wings. When was the last time Eichel or Sam Reinhart sacrificed their body to block a shot?

Stamkos scored 105 for the Markham Waxers mid-level team before graduating to the OHL juniors. I remember a scout saying that he's seen 50 kids playing minor hockey in the Toronto area who could score like young Stamkos but they never made it to the OHL because they didn't back check and he did. Until the Sabres players including Jack Eichel learn to put defense first and play hard the playoffs will be nothing but a dream and the team will continue to contend for the league basement.



Eichel can score but how about his defense?



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**Rocking Horse Productions will present Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class** (A One-Nun-sense Musical Event) at Ripa's Restaurant, 4218 Walden Avenue in Lancaster, from January 26th to February 4th, with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 pm and

Sundays at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, dessert, coffee and tea, tax and gratuity). A cash bar is available. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 683-1776 or on the web at [www.LancOpera.org](http://www.LancOpera.org).



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**Walk the Line: The Concert will be pre-**

**sented on Friday, January 26th** at the Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster. This concert is part of the Bank of Akron concert series at the Opera House. This Johnny Cash Tribute Concert features Gavan Rousseau (seen last season on the LOH stage in The Return of Buddy Holly) as the "Man in Black." Gavan will perform hits from the many genres that earned Cash his crossover appeal and induction into the Country Music, Rock and Roll, and Gospel Music Halls of Fame. Tickets are \$25 and \$10 (\*students with valid ID). The LOH Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and one hour before curtain at performances. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 683-1776 or on the web at [www.LancOpera.org](http://www.LancOpera.org).



**Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs presents Linda Franchell**, who spent 26 years working with the violent and criminally insane. She became a self-defense instructor and helped design a self-defense course for the U.S. Department of Travel Advisory. Linda will share her personal experiences in the field covering not only physical self-defense but also cyber-techno self-defense. Join us on Thursday, January 25th at 10:30 am for this free program. You are invited to stay for lunch and conversation with prior reservations & menu selection by calling Terry at 683-1621. The program & luncheon take place at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Road, Depew.

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- 5 Badly lit
- 8 Error
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- 14 Docket entry
- 15 In reverie
- 17 Anger
- 18 Dine
- 19 Sternward
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- 21 Firmament
- 22 Stop — dime
- 23 Augment
- 26 Firm
- 30 Needy
- 31 Hockey milieu
- 32 Concept
- 33 Get
- 35 Pry
- 36 Singer
- 37 Droop
- 38 Cut corners
- 41 Huge
- 42 Greek cross
- 45 Actress Gilpin
- 46 "... twilight's last —"
- 48 Privy to
- 49 Boxer
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 Chinatown gang
- 52 Witness

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- 16 Shark variety
- 34 Mischievous one
- 20 Modern-day evidence
- 35 Long story
- 21 Like some video on the Web
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 22 Praise in verse
- 38 Skewer
- 23 Spring mo.
- 39 Gambling game
- 24 Buck's mate
- 40 Press agent?
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 41 Sad
- 26 High card
- 42 Ocean motion
- 27 Commotion
- 43 In due time
- 28 Modern (Pref.)
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## The Blotter Felonies

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### North Buffalo

**January 8, 2018**

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission were several gift cards.

**January 9, 2018**

Beard Ave. - Complainant reports that she was assaulted by a unknown suspect. She was punched and jumped from behind. Suspect took off with her purse.

### Riverside

**January 10, 2018**

Peoria St. - Complainant reports that her residence was broken into by un-

known person(s) by forcing the front door and breaking lock. Taken, without permission was \$50 in cash, a gaming system and some prescription pills.

**January 10, 2018**

Esser Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her garage by unknown means. Taken, without permission, a snow blower and lawnmower.

**January 10, 2018**

Niagara St. - Complainant reports for store he manages that the defendant was not allowed back into the store after a prior incident. Defendant concealed merchandise on his person and

tried to pass all points of purchase without paying.

### West Side

**January 10, 2018**

Arnold St. - Complainant reports that three unknown youths approached him from behind and took his gold necklaces at gunpoint. Two of the suspects are Hispanic males, the other is a black male, all approximately in their early twenties.

**January 13, 2018**

Lafayette Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) entered his residence through a window. Taken, without permission, the complainant's wallet, containing credit cards and personal papers, a backpack, gym clothes, and headphones.

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# Tournament

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The entry fee for this tournament is \$225.00 and guarantees each team a minimum of 4 games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is March 2nd, 2018.

For additional information or an entry form, contact tournament director Jeff Burke at 207-6089 or go to the website at [www.northamerican-youthsports.org](http://www.northamerican-youthsports.org).

# Free Rabies Clinics

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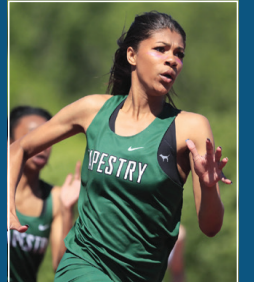
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*This will be an opportunity to update, communicate, collaborate and involve you and your organization on our collective work in support of our neediest students and families. We look forward to your participation. Agenda items include an update of Student Support Services.*

*Please register at:*

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*For questions or concerns please email Nicole C. Bycina, [ncbycina@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ncbycina@buffaloschools.org)*

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- January 25th: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Seneca Babcock Community Center 1168 Seneca St., 14210
- February 8th: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Belle Center 104 Maryland St., 14201
- March 3rd: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lafayette High Community School 370 Lafayette Ave., 14213
- March 8th: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Northwest Community Center 155 Lawn Ave., 14207

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# AREA DEATH NOTICES

**RADKA** - Donald A. of Amherst, entered into rest January 13, 2018. Loving companion; beloved father; cherished grandfather; loving son; dear brother. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME(Northtown Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

**CALZI** - Richard J. of Williamsville, entered into rest January 12, 2018. Beloved husband; devoted father; loving son; dear brother. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME(Northtown Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

**BERGER** - Kenneth E. of Amherst, entered into rest January 12, 2018; beloved husband; devoted

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**LIEBIG** - Stephen F. of Buffalo, entered into rest January 11, 2018; beloved husband; devoted father; cherished Papa; loving son; dear brother. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME(Northtown Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

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**BARBERA** - Russell J. of Tonawanda, entered into rest on January 9, 2018. Beloved husband; devoted father; fond father-in-law; cherished grandfather; adored great-grandfather; loving son; dear brother. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL

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**PATERNO** - Michelle M. E. entered into rest January 8, 2018. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME(Northtown Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

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**ANTHOLZNER** - George J. entered into rest January

15, 2018. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME(Northtown Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

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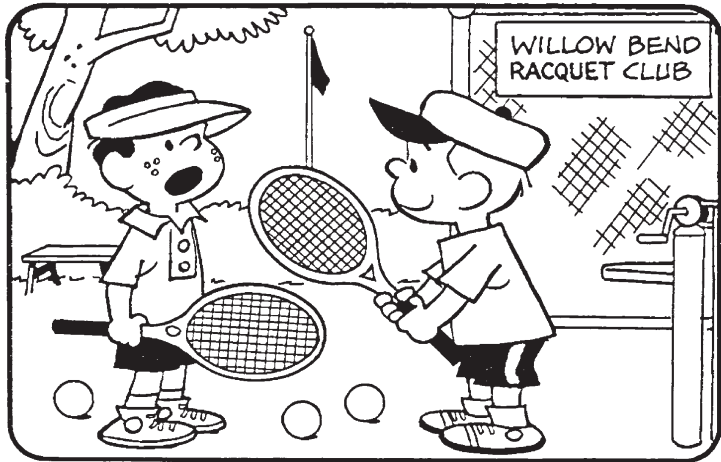
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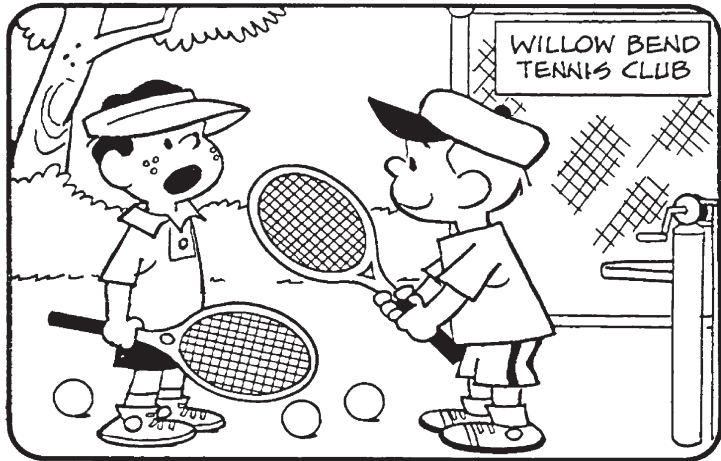
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