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Knights BINGO



Knights of Columbus on Kenmore Avenue in Buffalo plays host to many hopeful players as they take their chances in the Progressive Bingo jackpots.

"BINGO!" There is nothing more exciting than seeing your last number called on your board when you can shout out that you have won that round of Bingo. The Kenmore Knights of Columbus, 1530 Kenmore Avenue, hosts a progressive bingo game three times a week.

Progressive bingo is a unique way to play a classic game and possibly win a lot of money.

Unlike regular bingo in which numbers are drawn until someone wins, progressive bingo has a limited number of balls and then ups the jackpot ante every round when there is

no winner. The longer the game goes on, the higher the grand prize.

The games are played Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Fridays at 7:30 pm and on Sundays at 7:00 pm. Refreshments are available. For more information call the Kenmore Knight of Columbus at 875-5780.

Rock Out Hunger

The 13th Annual Operation: Rock Out Hunger is happening now through 9:30 am Wednesday, November 21st, at a new lo-

cation this year: the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital parking lot, 1540 Maple Road in Williamsville. 97 Rock's DJ Jick-

ster will live on a Food Bank of WNY trailer for the entire week as he collects donations of

frozen turkeys, nonperishable food items and funds to benefit the hungry families, children, seniors and veterans who depend on the Food Bank and its partner agencies. This year, Operation:

Rock Out Hunger has set a goal of collecting 3,000 turkeys for those in need.

"For the 1 in 8 individuals at risk of hunger in the

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Food Bank's service area, a bountiful holiday meal is not a given. The Food Bank works tirelessly to ensure our neighbors in need have enough to eat during the holiday season and through-

out the year – but we need the community's help," Tara A. Ellis, President and CEO of the Food Bank of WNY, said. "We encourage the

Western New York community to come out and support this drive to benefit our less fortunate neighbors."

In addition to the collection at Operation: Rock Out Hunger, donations of food and funds can be

dropped off at the Food Bank at 91 Holt Street, Buffalo, from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. Donations also can be made online at www. foodbankwny.org.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives

Politicians... How many do you know?













Joel Giambra, former Erie County Executive Anthony Masciello, former Mayor of Buffalo Brian Higgins, acting State Senator Robin Schimminger, acting State Assemblyman David Manz, Judge Gienevive Starociak, former Erie County Legislature

Turkey Donations Needed

The Buffalo City Mission is currently in need of donations, having only one week left to collect 2,000 turkeys for Thanks-

2,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving. The
Mission's Turkey Drive is
driven solely
by individual donations,
therefore they

really do need your help. Last year they fed more than 250 people at their Thanksgiving Community Meal and delivery upwards up 5,500 meals to the elderly, poverty-stricken, and homeless on the actual holiday. The Buffalo City Mission is located at 100 East Tupper Street. Drop-offs are welcome Monday through Friday,

between 8 am and 4 pm. They will be accepting donations through Monday, November 19th.

If you would like to volunteer, or know of someone in need that needs assistance this year, you can reach the mission at 854-8181, or visit buffalocitymission.org/turkey-express.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21



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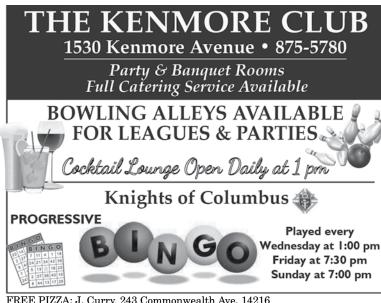
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Skinner, Hutton Push Sabres Up The Standings

Mark it down on your calendar, the Sabres are now tied for third place in the Eastern Conference. Two major reasons for the teams rise from last place in 2017-18 are newcomers Carter Hutton and Jeff Skinner.

Hutton stopped 31 shots against the number one team in the East, the Tampa Bay Lightning. The Sabres needed to find a way to win when they did not play their best and Hutton got the job done. His save on Nikita Kucherov late in the third period left the Tampa Bay star slamming his stick into the corner glass after Hutton tracked a pass across the slot and stretched to the far post to grab the shot with his glove.

bench with Tampa Bay firing away in vain late in the third period.

The Sabres were 3-0 over the past week with a 4-3 come from behind win against Vancouver at home on Saturday November 10th. After falling behind 3-1, Buffalo pulled the goalie for an extra attacker with three minutes remaining and scored twice to send the game to The Keybank overtime. Center was rocking during an exciting scoreless over-



Jeff Skinner scores against Tampa Bay.

Skinner is the real deal as a two way player. He scored his 13th goal in Tuesday nights victory over Tampa Bay Lightning, the top team in the East. He is the second highest goal scorer in the league trailing only Boston's David Pasternak who has 16. Eventually he can be expected to cool off but right now his scoring projects to a 49 goal season. He is the Sabres leading scorer and ranks 20th in the league with 19 points. Perhaps more impressive is that he also ranks 2nd with a plus 12 rating. It's easy to see Skinner's commitment to defensive play as he blocked a shot with his foot and limped to the

time period with the Sabres eventually winning in a shootout.

The Sabres knocked off the Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Center in an exciting 6-5 overtime win on Thursday November 8th. The game saw frequent lead changes and much excitement but little defensive play. Jeff Skinner and Vladimir Sobotka led the way with two goals each. Rasmus Ristolanien had the game winner.

The Sabres are on the road for three games against tough opponents at Winnipeg Friday, Minnesota Saturday and Pittsburgh Monday. Winnipeg's power play is scoring at a frightening 34% clip, including 40% at home.



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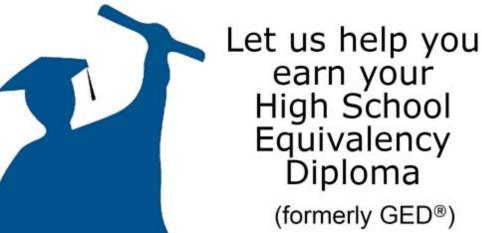
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Northwest Buffalo Beat by Joe Bortz

Who is this Joe Bortz?

Received an email from one of my regular readers asking the question where did the fictitious name Joe Bortz come from? As many of you know, my real name is Dave Gallagher, publisher of the Rocket. Many years ago, when I started writing this column, I chose to use a fictitious name, so the writings would not be an editorial. That way I could say what I wanted and blame it on an unknown identity. Not being a writer and sometimes using bad grammar and spelling, there was much criticism of Mr. Bortz. Used to get a chuckle out of the comments directed at him. Even asked if he was related to other Bortz families. The charade worked for a long time and even some of my employees did not know that Joe Bortz was

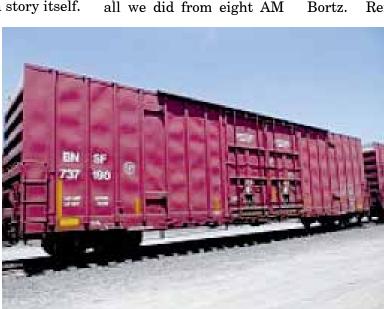
their boss.

Now where did the name Joe Bortz come

from? Like Remus, the email composer stated, that must be a story itself.

Had to think about it to recall all the events that lead up to Joe Bortz. Goes back to my years of hard labor workdriving ing a truck and loading box-cars. For a span of five years before my Printing and publishing days, I worked the Talk docks. that daily at

work. One day we loaded a boxcar with 80# bags. That is a boxcar and if you have ever been in one, you know how big they are. I became very strong and One year the Teamsters Union went on strike. No Truck drivers were working. Even though we were in the Teamsters, we were not on strike. With this strike, the only way things could be transported was by rail. That meant that



about working out? I did Railroad box car waiting to be loaded.

until midnight every day was load boxcars. We had two railroad legs that held five boxcars on each side. Twenty of these monsters had to be unloaded and loaded every day for the four weeks the strike lasted. My love life suffered those four weeks as I was so tired when I got home all I did was go to bed, and go to sleep. Not like me at all.

Now what does this have to do with Joe Bortz? The name became the villain on the docks. Whenever anything went wrong, we would blame it on Joe Bortz. Remember that

truck drivers and dock workers do not use the cleanest language. Sometimes you had to translate what was rebeing said between all the swear words. thing that clear was was Joe Bortz and how this non-existent person took the hit for ev-

erything. The name stuck with me even after leaving that employment to start my own printing company. That was a shock to the old wallet. Made good money working the docks, not so good working

for myself. Joe Bortz came with me. Joe Bortz called wife, Joe Bortz came up in the stories I told my kids, Joe Bortz was responsible for many misdeeds. Blame it on Joe Bortz. So, the name stuck.

After a few years of publishing the Rocket and The West Side Times, I decided I could write a column and not have to worry about being fired. I owned the paper! Now what other name would I use but Joe Bortz as a pen name? He has been a part of my life for many years now. Maybe someday if he ever retires, he will write a book. With the dozen or so people who read his column, it would not be a best seller, but it could be interesting. Would have to be a novel as the life of Joe Bortz does not really exist. I think down deep Mr. Bortz is really a good

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com.

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Join Thurman and Patti Thomas at the Buffalo History Museum, One Museum Ct., for an intimate discussion of football, their life, and their love of Buffalo. John Di Sciullo and Steve Tasker will be co-moderating the event on November 16th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Event includes a cocktail reception, a program discussion, and closes with coffee and conversation. Tickets can be purchased online at buffalohistory.org or by calling 873-9644 x 320.



The Elmwood Village Farmers Market will extend its season by seven weeks with its annual indoor Holiday Market on Bidwell. The Holiday Market will take place inside St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, 51 Colonial Circle, Buffalo. Market hours will be 9 am to noon on Saturdays, from Nov. 17th through Dec. 29th.

Holidays music and refreshments will also be featured during the market. For more information on the Elmwood Village Farmers Market, please visit www.elmwoodmarket.org.



Westminster Presbyterian Church will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer, and contemplation on Sunday, November 25th at 4:00 Ppm in its historic sanctuary located at 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. A Taizé service is a style of Christian worship characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, interspersed with readings and prayers. Singers and instrumentalists worshipers in this meditative service of song and prayer. For more information, call 884-9437



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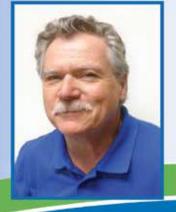


On Sunday, December 2nd from noon to 4:00 pm, St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst, will host a Soup & Chili Cookoff during the Bills vs. Dolphins game which will be displayed on 3 large HD screens in the St. Leo the Great Parish Center. To enter the cookoff, bring a crock pot of soup or chili to the parish center or call Michele at 261-8171. Prizes will be awarded to winners and no admission will be required for those who enter the contest. Call 835-8905 for tickets.



American Cross is facing a severe blood shortage after a significant shortfall in donations in September With the and October. holidays right around the corner, which historically bring a further decline in donations, blood and platelet donors and volunteer blood drive hosts are urgently needed to avoid delays in medical treatments now and throughout winter. For more information please visit redcrossblood.org.

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Ask Rusty – Will I Get Spousal Benefits?

Rusty: Whatpercentage, if any, should I be able to collect on my husband's Social Security benefits? He started his at full retirement age and I'm turning 62 in 3 months (born 1957). I did work and am eligible to collect on my own work record. Half of his benefit would be approximately \$300 more a month than I would collect with my own benefit. I am not currently working and do not have plans to go back to work. When I called the SS office to make an appointment, I asked this same question and the person I spoke with said I couldn't collect on my spouse. I have a friend who told me his wife did get some extra benefit from his Social Security and she also worked. Signed: Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring: Not everyone is automatically entitled to spousal benefits, and everyone doesn't get 50% of the higher earning spouse's benefit amount. Whether or not you are eligible depends upon how much your benefit on your own work record is at your full retirement age, compared to half of your husband's benefit at his full retirement age (FRA). And if you take benefits at age 62, both your own benefit and your spousal benefit will be reduced. Born in 1957, your benefit at age 62 from your own work record will be reduced by 27.5% from what it would be at $66 \frac{1}{2}$ (your full retirement age). Because you're taking the spousal benefit early (you'll be deemed to be filing for spousal benefits when you

claim your own) you won't get 50% of your husband's FRA benefit, rather it will be reduced. Here's how you can figure out your total benefit at age 62, and whether you will get a spousal benefit in addition to your own.

First, find out what your benefit amount would be if you wait until your full retirement age to claim (you can get this from Social Security or by creating your own "My Social Security Account" online at www. ssa.gov). Since you say your husband claimed at his FRA, compute one half of his current benefit, and then compare your FRA benefit amount to one half of his benefit amount. If half of his is less than your FRA benefit, you won't get a "spousal boost." If half of his is more than your FRA benefit, you will get a spousal boost, but it will be reduced because you're taking it at age 62 instead of at your FRA. At age 62, rather than half of your husband's benefit you would get about 34% of his benefit, and the difference between that amount and your own reduced age 62 benefit is your spousal boost. That spousal boost, if any, will be added to your age 62 benefit amount to arrive at your total Social Security benefit at age 62. And that total amount will be less than 50% of your husband's benefit. Since Social Security has already told you that you aren't entitled to a spousal benefit, it's probable that your own FRA benefit amount is more than 50% of your husband's FRA amount.

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- 3. Henry Winkler
- 4. Ed Sullivan
- 5. Jackie Gleason
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November 7, 2018

Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports for department store he manages. Defendant concealed \$194 worth of merchandise on her person and passed all points of purchase without paying.

November 8, 2018

Taunton Pl. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) used his debit card without his permission for purchases totaling over \$1,000.

Riverside

November 7, 2018

Amherst St. – Defendant entered the store, and passed all points of purchase without paying for \$100 worth of items.

November 8, 2018

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