



Buffalo Rocket

COMMUNITY NEWS

Distributing to North Buffalo, West Side and Riverside • Established in 1969

www.buffalorocket.com

Publishers of North Buffalo Rocket, West Side Times & Riverside Times

Vol. XLIX ISSUE No. 48 • Thursday, November 29, 2018

O Tannenbaum!



The tree lighting is the official kick off of the holiday season on Hertel Avenue. Be sure to visit during the 23rd annual Hertel Holidays on December 7th and 8th when merchants have extended hours and welcome visitors with treats and specials.

Council Member Joel Feroletto will kick off the holiday season on Hertel Avenue (1391 Hertel Ave.) with a ceremony to light a 45 foot Holiday Tree on Saturday, December 1st, at 6:00 pm. Councilman

Feroletto coordinated with the Hertel Business Association to present this event.

This year there will be a barrel for food donations that will be given to the Food Bank of WNY.

The night will also include photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. There will be a holiday performance by the Buffalo Seminary, Semachords immediately following the lighting.

Continued on page six.

HEAP Outreach Sessions

Erie County Legislator Peter J. Savage, III announced two HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) outreach sessions for the third legislative district.

The first outreach session will be held at the Northwest Buffalo Community Center, 155 Lawn Avenue in Buffalo on Thursday, December 27th, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The second outreach

session will be held at the North Buffalo Community



Center, 203 Sanders Road

in Buffalo on Wednesday, January 30th, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

HEAP is a federally funded program to assist Erie County Residents with their heating bills. The HEAP outreach will be administered by the Erie County Departments of Social Services and Senior Services and is open to all income eligible households. For more informa-

Continued on page six.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



Back in the seventies, Sunshine's Supermarket occupied the corner of Hertel and Parkside. It is now Walgreens. Pictured in this photo taken in the 70's is Joe Sunshine in the middle, his two sons Mel and Seymore on the left, former Mayor Stanley Makowski, and at the time, Councilman Tony Masciello in the back. Joe Bortz is in the striped jacket and Paul Downing on the right.

D District Chief's Monthly Meeting

This month Chief Barba of D District will conduct his monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:00 am. The meeting is open to the community and everyone is welcome. Block clubs and members of neighborhood associations are



especially encouraged to attend. Keeping the lines of communication open between law enforcement and community residents is an important tool in fighting crime.

Do your part and come to a meeting at D District Station, 669 Hertel Avenue.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	MONDAY, DECEMBER 3	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
Cloudy High 34° Low 29°	Rain/Snow High 35° Low 32°	PM Rain High 42° Low 40°	Thunderstorms High 51° Low 37°	Showers High 38° Low 30°	Snow Showers High 32° Low 27°	Snow Showers High 30° Low 24°

THE KENMORE CLUB
 1530 Kenmore Avenue • 875-5780
 Party & Banquet Rooms
 Full Catering Service Available

BOWLING ALLEYS AVAILABLE FOR LEAGUES & PARTIES
 Cocktail Lounge Open Daily at 1 pm

Knights of Columbus
 PROGRESSIVE **BINGO** Played every
 Wednesday at 1:00 pm
 Friday at 7:30 pm
 Sunday at 7:00 pm

FREE PIZZA: B. Price, 27 Hartwell Rd. 14216

Elegance Optique
 SHERIDAN-DELAWARE PLAZA
 1754 Sheridan Drive • Buffalo, NY 14223
 874-4600

Eye Exams ♦ Contacts ♦ Eye Glasses
 FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

BTF • Community Care • Davis Vision • Eye Med
 Spectera • NVA • VSP • Community Blue • Univera

"Your Eyes Are Precious - Give Them The Best"

FREE MOVIE PASSES: S. Duncan, 21 Cecil St. 14216

NORTH PARK THEATRE
 NOW SHOWING
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
 Fri 11/30: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00
 Sat 12/1: (1:30), (4:25), 7:20, 10:10
 Sun 12/2: (1:30), (4:25), 7:20, 10:10
 Mon 12/3: (1:00), (4:00), 9:45
 Tue 12/4: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00
 Wed 12/5: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00
 Thur 12/6: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00

LIZ AND THE BLUE BIRD
 Sat 12/1: 11:30am
 Sun 12/2: 11:30am

1428 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216, (716) 836-7411

If your name is found in the BUFFALO ROCKET to win a FREE PIZZA, take proof of identification to BOB & JOHN'S LA HACIENDA at 1545 Hertel Avenue to pick up your FREE PIZZA (Takeout only, must be redeemed within one week). If your name is listed for NORTH PARK THEATRE PASSES, call 861-3304 to have two free passes mailed out to you.

FREE PIZZA: A. Cretacci, 24 Homer Ave. 14216

ROCKET COMMUNICATIONS
 PO Box 271 • Buffalo, NY 14207 • (716) 873-2594

David Gallagher..... Publisher
 Dennis Gallagher..... Managing Editor
 Joe Bortz..... Columnist
 Barbara Gilboy . Editor/Advertising Sales
 Kathy Kraft..... Graphic Artist

Renee Kline..... Office Assistant
 Robert Wright..... Web Press Operation
 Daryl Gallagher..... Production Director
 Bill Snyder..... Sports
 Charles Wilson..... Distribution

© 2018 Rocket Communications, Inc. • Buffalo, New York
 PRINTED BY: GALLAGHER PRINTING, INC.
 PO Box 271 • BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207
 (716) 873-2594 email: editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com



Sabres Win Streak Reaches Ten

The Sabres hit the repeat button on their formula they have worked to perfection in putting together a nine game winning streak. Get outplayed with their goaltender holding the opposition at bay then score a timely goal and skate off the ice with another victory.

The San Jose Sharks were a formidable opponent Tuesday night at the Keybank Center. With the twin towers Erik Karlsson and Brent Burns on defense, the Sharks can always present a game controlling, Norris Trophy caliber, attacking defenseman on ice for the 60 minutes, sometimes both at the same time when needed.

Karlsson had been the NHL's dominant offensive defenseman for Ottawa, even rivaling Connor McDavid as the league's best player until his trade to San Jose this past summer. This game presented an interesting subplot as the Sabres Rasmus Dahlin would be competing against his Swedish countryman while apprenticing to be the heir to Karlsson as the games best defender.

In a cautiously played game, the Sabres held a 1-0 lead after two periods with the Sharks holding a 21-16 edge in shots and

a significant edge in play. The goal was scored by Rasmus Ristolainen who looked like Mario Lemieux as he rushed into the San Jose zone on his off wing pulling the puck between his legs before going around Burns like a hoop on a barrel before cutting



Jeff Skinner OT winner vs San Jose Sharks.

in on goalie Martin Jones and shooting the puck into the far top corner.

Early in the third period Nathan Bealieu beat Jones off a feed by Even Rodriguez to become the second Sabres defenseman to score on the night giving Buffalo a 2-0 lead.

San Jose got on the scoreboard when captain Joe Pavelski scored with 8:31 remaining in the third period. Pavelski scored again on a power play with 3:18 remaining to tie the

score 2-2 sending the game to overtime. With momentum on their side as well as the twin towers patrolling the ice in the 3 on 3 OT format it looked like the win streak was in jeopardy.

But the Sabres found a way to win again when Dahlin carried the puck to the Sharks' net before Jones poked the puck off his stick. Jeff Skinner picked up the loose puck and went to his backhand and scored his 19th goal with 1:41 left. The goal was Skinner's 18th in his last 18 games, tying Patrick Leine of Winnipeg for the league lead. Skinner is the first Sabre to con-

tribute two winning goals during the win streak. Nine different players had scored the winning goal during the first nine games of the streak. Carter Hutton blocked 26 shots for the win.

The Sabres go on the road for three games beginning in Tampa Bay Thursday, Florida Friday and Nashville next Monday before facing the Toronto Maple Leafs in Buffalo on Tuesday, December 4th.

PICK UP A COPY OF THE BUFFALO ROCKET at the following locations or online at www.buffalorocket.com

NORTH BUFFALO

- Affinity Salon.....3060 Delaware Avenue
- Bella Mia Chocolate Shop.....1096 Hertel Avenue
- Bob & John's Pizzeria.....1545 Hertel Avenue
- Caramici's.....1501 Hertel Avenue
- Caruso's Food.....1212 Hertel Avenue
- Century 21.....1705 Hertel Avenue
- Corner Store.....2815 Delaware Avenue
- Daddio's Pizzeria.....1247 Hertel Avenue
- Dash's Supermarket.....1770 Hertel Avenue
- Delaware YMCA.....2564 Delaware Avenue
- European Continental Hair Design...1129 Kenmore Avenue
- Evans Bank.....2670 Delaware Avenue
- First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
- First Niagara Bank.....1726 Hertel Avenue
- Frank's Sunny Italy.....2491 Delaware Avenue
- Gallagher Printing.....1249 Hertel Avenue
- Ginnane Funeral Home.....3215 Delaware Avenue
- Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street
- Gamma Mora's.....1465 Hertel Avenue
- Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue
- Hertel News & Tobacco Shop.....1416 Hertel Avenue
- Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....1631 Hertel Avenue
- Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue
- Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue
- Joey's Place.....1122 Hertel Avenue
- Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue
- Kenmore Bowling.....1691 Kenmore Avenue
- Kenmore Seafood.....3279 Delaware Avenue
- Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue
- Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue
- Lake Effect Diner.....3165 Main Street

- Lonestar Fajita Grill.....1857 Hertel Avenue
- Marco's Deli.....1744 Hertel Avenue
- Mustachio's Pizza.....2701 Elmwood Avenue
- North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road
- North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue
- North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue
- Painted Lady Consignment.....3147 Delaware Avenue
- Parker Pharmacy.....1388 Hertel Avenue
- Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
- Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
- Realty USA.....2427 Sheridan Drive
- Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
- Shadow Lounge.....1504 Hertel Avenue
- Taste of Thai.....1460 Hertel Avenue
- TC Jr's.....2941 Delaware Avenue
- Terries Workout Center.....1473 Hertel Avenue
- The Palms.....3054 Delaware Avenue
- Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
- Thrifty Treasures.....3163 Delaware Avenue
- Vanity Salon.....1413 Hertel Avenue
- Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard
- Western New York Dental Group.....1354 Amherst Street
- Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

- Concerned Ecumenical Ministry.....286 Lafayette Avenue
- Casa di Piza.....477 Elmwood Avenue
- Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
- Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
- Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
- Ferry Street Laundry.....277 West Ferry Street
- Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
- First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at W. Utica
- M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street
- Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street
- Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue
- Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue
- West Market.....1032 West Avenue
- West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo
- YWCA.....Grant Street

RIVERSIDE

- AmVets.....25 Review Place
- Black Rock Beverage.....538 Hertel Avenue
- Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue
- D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue
- Gambino's Liquor.....340 Amherst Street
- Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
- First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
- M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street
- Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street
- Northwest Buffalo Community Cr.....155 Lawn Avenue
- Riverside Cafe.....Tonawanda Street
- Riverside Marketplace.....740 Tonawanda Street
- Roland Cannizzaro Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street
- Tops Market.....385 Amherst Street
- West Hertel Liquor.....699 Hertel Avenue

WEST SIDE

- Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
- Bavarian Nut Company.....822 Elmwood Avenue
- Between Yesterday & Tomorrow.....88 Grant Street
- Buffalo State College.....1300 Elmwood Avenue
- Dibble Hardware.....262 W Ferry Street
- Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
- CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Ave

The Grapevine

Join the Burchfield Penney, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, for their Annual Holiday Gift & Art Sale More than 50 WNY artists are part of this very special three-day event. Friday, November 30th, 12-8 pm, Saturday, December 1st, 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday, December 2nd, 11 am - 4 pm. The event is free. RSVP on Facebook and invite your friends at www.Facebook.com/BurchfieldPenney



Buffalo Seminary Holiday Bazaar will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on December 8th from 10 am until 3 pm, at 205 Bidwell Parkway. The holiday market is a long-standing, family-friendly holiday shopping tradition. Find perfect gifts of jewelry, photography, art, fashion, bath & beauty, and housewares, a basket raffle and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the Buffalo Seminary Scholarship Fund.



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo's, 695 Elmwood Avenue at West Ferry, 10th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show to be held Saturday, December 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm, free admission. A Holiday shopping tradition that offers a wide selection of unique and eclectic handcrafted items and collectibles in one of Buffalo's historic church halls, a church of English Country Gothic design, a stunning example of early 20th Century Arts and Crafts aesthetic. For further information on the show, email uucraftshow@gmail.com.



Polka music fans are asked to bring winter, holiday, and personal items to benefit St. Luke's Mission of Mercy to the annual Christmas Sing-Along, hosted by Buffalo's Special Delivery Band. St. Luke's Mission of Mercy is an independent Mission in the Roman Catholic Tradition in the

inner city of Buffalo, New York. It does not receive money from the government or the Diocese. Its ministry depends on donations to continue its service to the community. Items needed by St. Luke's include:

WINTER NEEDS: Medications: Pain relievers, cold and allergy medications, cough drops, etc. for both children and adults. (Please, no prescription drugs).

EVERYDAY NEEDS: Clean and gently-used clothing, shoes and boots, linens, toys; candy; baby diapers; wipes and formula (Enfamil is preferred); toilet paper; paper towels; tissues and small-size personal hygiene products.

CODE BLUE NEEDS: Men's sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks, blankets, and sheets.

DONATIONS. Checks (no cash, please) made out to "ST. LUKE'S MISSION OF MERCY" with "HOL-

IDAY FOOD BASKETS" in the reference line.

This year's Christmas Sing-Along will be held Saturday, December 15 at Pott's Banquet Hall, 41 S. Rossler Ave., Cheektowaga, from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Doors will open at

6:00 pm. For table reservations, call Ted at 688-9101. To help St. Luke's Mission directly with a monetary donation, send check or money order to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, P.O. Box 448, Buffalo, NY 14215

ADOPT A PET

This Week's Featured Friend:

SUSIE

Susie is a beautiful young tabby with a gorgeous white bib. This young lady is sweet and friendly and is looking for a home of her own. Susie is residing at Petsmart on Elmwood waiting for her furrever. She's our longest stay kitty and has grown to adulthood during her wait. She is not great with cats, but may get along if she has her "own space." However, definitely no dogs as she is really scared by them. She is a very smart girl & listens to directions when given. She loves to snuggle next to her human. She has a reduced adoption fee since she really needs to find her favorite peep. She's been very patient while waiting so I hope you find it in your heart to take a chance on her. She is super playful since she is young and has been bored just sitting in a cage. She has a lot of energy and calories to burn. Come visit her at Petsmart on Elmwood Avenue in the Tops Plaza.



See the video on our Facebook page!

Pet ID 39141210

City of Buffalo Animal Shelter
380 N. Oak St. Buffalo
Buffalo_Shelter@yahoo.com

716-851-5694



To see more great pets, visit: <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NY341>

King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12						13			14		
15						16			17		
		18				19			20		
21	22			23				24			
25			26		27		28				
29				30		31			32	33	34
			35			36			37		
38	39	40				41		42		43	
44					45			46			
47				48				49		50	51
52				53				54			
55				56				57			

ACROSS

1 Woodsy home

6 Buddy

9 Lawyers' org.

12 Russian pancakes

13 "— -la-la!"

14 CSA soldier

15 Big name in porcelain

16 Expression of regret

18 Find

20 Flightless flock

21 E.T.'s transport

23 Previous night

24 Wherewithal

25 Tatters

27 Robin Hood's missile

29 Tiers

31 Big river

35 Helicopter part

37 Bygone times

38 Go around the world?

41 Wager

43 Table scrap

44 Gaucho's weapon

45 Antenna

47 Green field?

49 Amorphous masses

52 Reggae-like music

53 Tiny

54 Dutch city, with "The"

55 NYC hrs.

56 "Acid"

57 Secret rendezvous

DOWN

1 "NCIS" airtel

2 Jungfrau, for one

3 High school science course

4 — -European

5 Family girl

6 Straw hat

7 Lasso

8 Discoverer's cry

9 Scent

10 Started

11 Big canyon

17 Maneuvering room

19 Sailor's "Halt!"

21 Cyber-address

22 Air safety org.

24 Mid-May honoree

26 Soap opera, e.g.

28 Harder to find

30 Deteriorate

32 Fauna study

33 Bobby of hockey

34 Trawler need

36 Followed orders

38 Not just chubby

39 Ice cubes, slangily

40 Swell

42 Snug

45 Census data

46 Winged

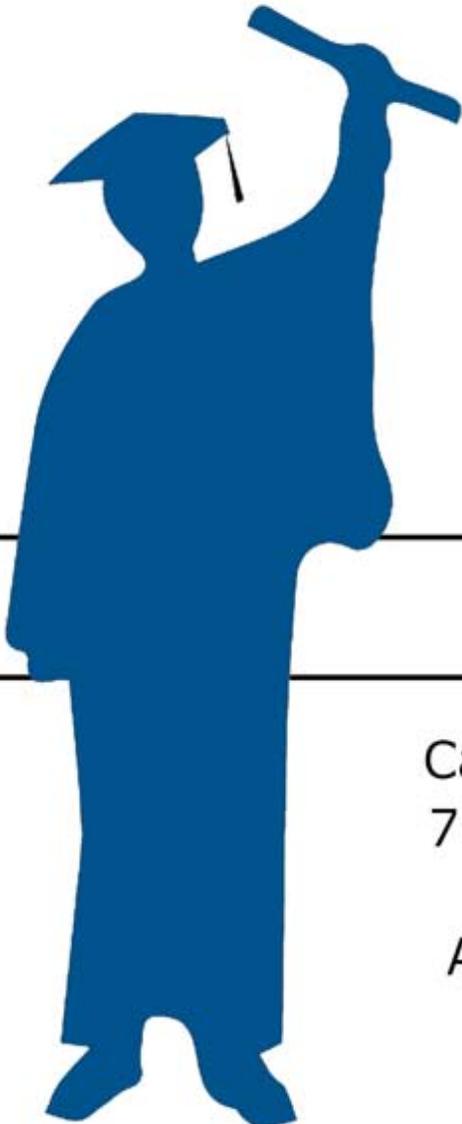
48 Fly-by-night?

50 Clear the tables

51 Collection

© 2018 King Features Synd., Inc. *Answers on page 7*

GET AHEAD



Let us help you earn your High School Equivalency Diploma (formerly GED®)

For FREE

Call for an appointment 716.888.7088 ext. 100

All WNYers Welcome

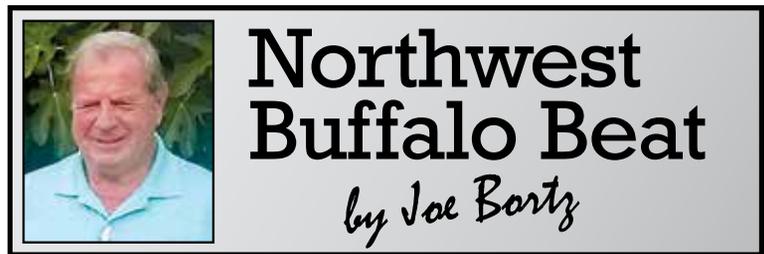
More information on

Buffalo Public Schools Adult Education Division

programs available at:

www.UpSkill.org or (716) 888-7088 ext. 100





Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Rats In The Cellar

The demographics of the City of Buffalo have changed dramatically since the early fifties. That was when I was a gas meter reader for the then Iroquois Gas Company. I have been in many homes in most of the city. North Buffalo, South Buffalo, East side and West side. Not actually in the homes but in the basements. Used to call them cellars. Yes, as a young lad one of my first full time jobs was working for the gas company reading meters. Good job and good pay, if you were willing to take the ups and downs, literally.

The gas meters were and still are in the basements of most homes. Every month the meters had to be read to see the usage for each consumer. Hence

the bill is issued. It is the beginning of what must be accomplished, no matter what, for the company to continue to exist. Important job. It was as well organized as one could expect giving the circumstances. Having to go into every basement or wherever the meter was located. Please remember now this was the early 50's. Basements were cellars and not what they are now. Many were entered by slanted outside trap doors. A dark, cob web, damp place where some people housed their dog or in too many cases the place where rats festered. In the years I worked there I saw most everything.

At the gas company, you began your day by getting a leather covered book. The 'book' opened

from the bottom and contained pages with the address of every house in a neighborhood. We received bus tokens to get to your route. Hundreds of meters had to be read every day. There were good books and bad books. Good books were easy, and you finished early, bad books were long, dirty, and even dangerous. The supervisor being aware of this would alternate the good with the bad. Seldom did you get two bad books in a row. Good books had lots of doubles, two meters every house and close together. Apartments with as many as ten meters in a row. Bad books had single homes and hard to get to. Like a trap door in the kitchen to get to the basement. Those usually had rats.

Getting back to the demographics we knew who was were. The West side was mostly Italian American, South Buffalo was Irish, East side was Polish and German American. North Buffalo was mostly Jewish. That was the way it was. William street and the connecting streets off of it was the Afro-Ameri-

can community. You kind of knew what to expect. Certain neighborhoods had bad dogs for protection. Ran into too many of them and bit too many times. Even worst than that were the basements loaded with rats. Turn on the basement light and see dozens of the little creatures scurrying for cover. Those basements I often refused to enter. I saw some rats as big as small dogs. No thank you. Dog bites hurt but I could handle that. Rat bites, not acceptable. We carried long three battery flashlights. To see with in the dark, and to use as a club if necessary.

Like many basements, they flood. Water in the basement was somewhat common. Water up to the trap door was like an indoor swimming pool. One basement that had flooded and receded left the stairs rotten. I stepped onto the rotted stairs and immediately ended up in the damp basement as they collapsed under my weight. With no stairs left I had to crawl up out and go off to the hospital for tetanus shots. Rusty nails.

There were some good things about the job. We liked the Polish section as they would offer us cookies and treats. Nice people. On the West side the basements had sauce boiling on the stove. What a great aroma. The basements were decorated with curtains on the windows and usually a big table for large gatherings. Occasionally we would be offered some home-made wine. That is what they pretty much drank. You could see the wine making equipment stored neatly in a corner. Clean basements but still cellars, not like the ones you see today. You would see so many different things as you went into so many homes. In the summer some people did not both-

er to put clothes on to answer the door. No problem unless they had other motives. I was a strapping six-foot young teenager and extremely shy. These stops I put down as "outs".

Outs were places for one reason or another you were unable to attain entrance. No one home, bad dog, rats, or just not accessible. So, we would put in the book they were out. Did not have to give a reason just "out". Too many outs were frowned upon, so you made every effort to make sure the meter was read. Sometimes we could read them through the window. That was nice. After the book was done, before returning you were supposed to go back and try to read all your "Outs".

One of the perks of the job was the good books. I was good and fast so could sometimes finish a book about noon. That left me with a free afternoon. In the summer I would pick up my girlfriend and head to Windmill Quarry across the bridge in Canada for a quick swim. Get back in plenty of time to return and turn in my book. Supervisor would ask why my hair was wet. "Sweat". It's hot out there.

My work ethics were so good they gave me a company truck to drive and try to read the more difficult "outs". Meters had to be read. I was also given the task of checking on the crew of meter readers. At nineteen I was a head honcho. Glad I did not last as if I did, I probably would not be writing this column today. Life would have turned out to be so different. I have no complaints.

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.

Personal friend of the Gecko.®

Timothy C. Lynch | 716-832-3253
1330 Niagara Falls Blvd Tonawanda, NY 14150
Across from the Boulevard Mall

GEICO
Local Office®

Some discounts, coverages, payment plans and features are not available in all states, in all GEICO companies, or in all situations. Boat and PWC coverages are underwritten by GEICO Marine Insurance Company. Homeowners, renters and condo coverages are written through non-affiliated insurance companies and are secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. Motorcycle and ATV coverages are underwritten by GEICO Indemnity Company. GEICO is a registered service mark of Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. 20076; a Berkshire Hathaway Inc. subsidiary. GEICO Gecko image © 1999-2018. © 2018 GEICO

Be a
CANOPY OF NEIGHBORS
Volunteer!!

Our non-profit organization, based in the city of Buffalo and adjacent surrounding neighborhoods, helps adults aged 62 and over age in place.

Enjoy rewarding volunteer opportunities.

- ◆ Give a ride to a vital medical or social event
- ◆ Lend a hand with simple technology tasks
- ◆ Provide simple help in the garden, flip mattresses...

716-235-8133

LET US HELP YOU FIND A REWARDING, FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY THAT FITS YOUR NEEDS.

wendy@canopyofneighbors.org
www.canopyofneighbors.org

FREE PIZZA: S. Marranta, 66 Lovering Ave. 14216

Wedding Invitations **15% OFF** (with this ad)

Gallagher Printing • www.gallagherprinting.com 9195 Main St., Clarence, 716-632-0808



Seniors Are Targets

Americans receive tens of billions of robocalls each year-- that's billions with a "B." And, you can make book on the fact that too many of them are not from telemarketers but from telescammers targeting senior citizens, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

"Technology is making it easier to place automated phone calls and while many legitimate companies use them to sell products and services, criminals are having a lucrative field day using computer generated calls to swindle innocent citizens," according to AMAC president Dan Weber.

The Federal Communications Commission says that the number one consumer complaint it consistently receives is for unwanted automated calls. In fact, during the first half of 2018, the number of robocalls increased by at least 50%.

Ethan Garr, an executive at TelTech, a company that makes one of the many call blocker apps on the market, says that robocalls are cheap. He says it costs just a penny a minute. And, the technology news Web site, Futurism reports that some phone carriers actually kick back micro-payments to telemarketers, and scammer.

Although such payments amount to just a fraction of a penny a call, it adds up considering the fact that the callers are making billions of calls a month. The Robocall Index, which keeps track of automated call frequency, says that more than 5 billion such calls were made in the U.S. just last month, more than double the number of calls made in the same period in 2017.

As for the scam calls, just last month police in Pennsylvania arrested a man in connection with a telescam leveled at senior

citizens. He was charged with swindling elderly in various parts of the country out of some \$400,000. What he allegedly did was to call seniors and tell them that a grandson was in trouble and needed cash immediately.

And then there was the Publishers Clearing House scammer who called a 90-year-old woman in New York earlier this month and conned her out of \$20,000 by claiming she had won a PCH prize.

"Both of these scams are fairly common," says Weber. "But, oftentimes the crooks get creative. For example, the IRS says some of them have found ways to alter their caller IDs to make it look as though the Internal Revenue Service is on the line. They'll then threaten stiff penalties if the victims fail to pay money that they allegedly owe."

The problem has gotten so bad that the Federal Trade Commission has created a scam alert that can help consumers avoid fraud, including telephone fraud. It also provides what some might call a "hit parade" of the latest cons.

Automated telephone calls may be annoying, but the statistics show that most of them are legitimate sales calls. However, NBC News recently reported that as many as 40% of robocalls in the U.S. are from scammers. That means telescammers are targeting more than 10 billion potential victims a year.

"It doesn't mean that all robocalling is bad. Such calls can serve useful purposes such as when they alert you to a life-threatening storm that may be approaching. Or when they alert you to potentially fraudulent use of a credit card, remind you of an upcoming appointment with your doctor or let you know that your prescription is ready for pick up at your local pharmacy," says Weber.

Senior TRIVIA

Below are early pictures of 10 Buffalo broadcasters. We are not going to give the names to make it a little more difficult. The answers will be in next week's Rocket OR find them on our Facebook page.



We know Medicare and we know Jean.

Since 2007, we've helped more than 260,000 Western New Yorkers one-on-one at our conveniently located Medicare Information Centers:

With an average of 14 years of experience, our RedShirtsSM are here to help you understand your options and make sure you are in the plan that is best for you.

Plus, you'll receive the benefits that matter most:**

- \$0 primary care physician (PCP) visits
- \$0 Tier 1 prescription medications
- Our exclusive Premier Wellness Package
- And more!

It's all part of the RedShirt[®] Treatment and exactly what you deserve.

Before you make a decision, speak with a RedShirt.

716-635-4900 or 1-800-958-4405

(TTY users call 711), Monday – Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

www.IndependentHealth.com/Medicare

★★★★★
4.5 Medicare Star Rating
for 2019***



Independent Health is a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract offering HMO, HMO-SNP, HMO-POS and PPO plans. Enrollment in Independent Health depends on contract renewal. Benefits vary by plan. *A sales person will be present with information and applications. **Does not include Independent Health's Special Needs Plans. For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings, please call (716) 635-4900 or 1-800-958-4405 (TTY users call 711). ***Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.

Y0042_C6088_1_M Accepted 10212018

© 2018 Independent Health Association, Inc.

AREA SENIOR CENTERS

NORTH BUFFALO
GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER
3242 Main St. Buffalo 14214
832-1010

NORTH BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER
203 Sanders Rd. Buffalo 14216
874-6133

RIVERSIDE
NORTHWEST BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER
155 Lawn Ave. Buffalo 14207
876-8108

KENMORE
KENMORE SENIOR CENTER
135 Wilber Ave. Kenmore 14217
873-0737

WEST SIDE
WEST SIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES
161 Vermont St. Buffalo 14213 884-6616
CONCERNED ECUMENICAL MINISTRY (CEM)
286 Lafayette Ave. Buffalo 14213 882-2442
FATHER BELLE COMMUNITY CENTER
104 Maryland St. Buffalo 14201 845-0485
RICHMOND-SUMMER SENIOR CENTER
337 Summer St. Buffalo 14222 885-3290

GALLAGHER PRINTING, INC.

Daryl K. Gallagher
 9195 Main Street
 Clarence, New York 14031
 (716) 632-0808
 (716) 632-8586 Fax
 daryl@agallagher@aol.com
 www.gallagherprinting.com
 www.buffalorocket.com




FREE MOVIE PASSES: T. Rolle, 37 Colton Dr. 14216

RAFFLE TICKETS!

- Design Your Own!
- Choose from 43 different ticket options!
- Fast Turnaround!
- Starting at \$25!

FREE SHIPPING



Whatever your fundraising needs, **EHPTickets.com** is your complete source for Raffle Ticket Printing. Visit our site today to find out what we can do for you!

ehp tickets.com

Our quality tickets are printed in the U.S.A. by Union Printers

632-0808

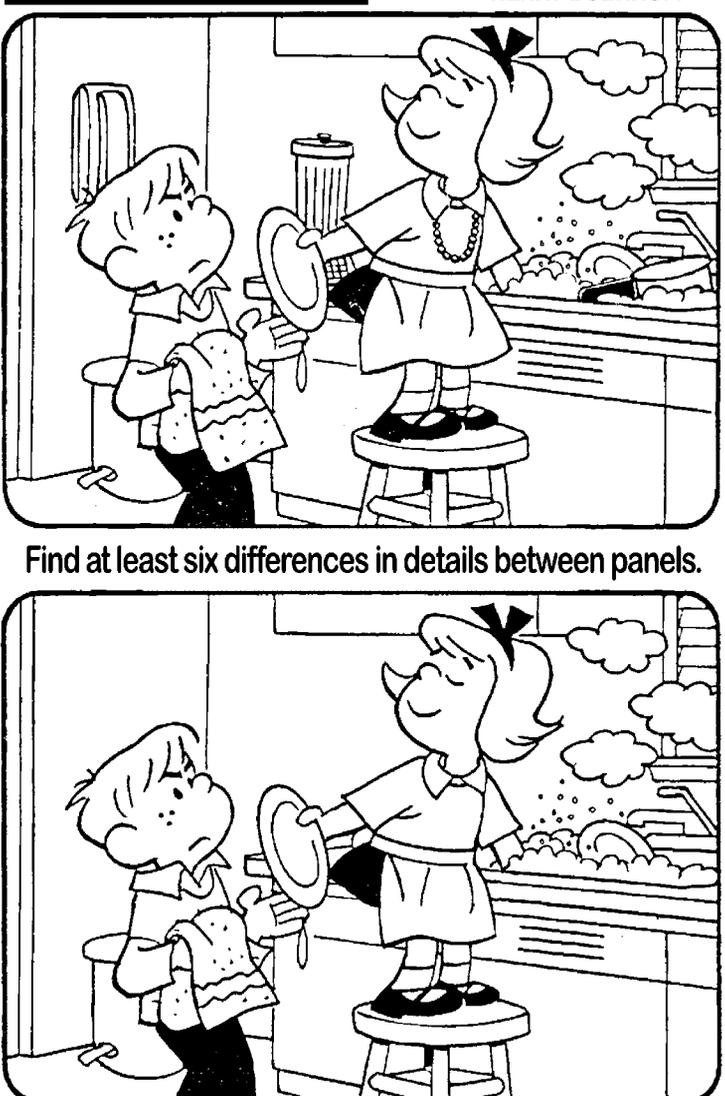


FREE MOVIE PASSES: T. Kto, 568 Parkside Ave. 14216

GET NOTICED!
 with a DISPLAY AD in the ROCKET
Starting at \$10 per week!
 Call **Barbara Gilboy** at **861-3304**



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing. 4. Beads are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.

©2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

The Blotter
 Felonies
From "D" District



North Buffalo

November 21, 2018
 Vorhees Ave. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) damaged the south side of his house with unknown objects.

November 21, 2018
 Hertel Ave. - Dispatch call regarding a possible DWI. When officers arrived on scene the vehicle was parked on the street, protruding into traffic lane. Defendant tried to drive off before officers stopped him. Defendant failed all

field sobriety tests.

November 23, 2018
 Wellington Rd. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry into the residence by unknown means. Nothing missing at this time, will take inventory and report back.

West Side

November 21, 2018
 Breckenridge St. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) did break his rear window to gain ac-

cess to his vehicle. Once inside, several tools were taken, without permission.

Riverside

November 21, 2018
 Elmwood Ave. - Complainant reports that while inside a store someone scratched a nasty message in the side of his car that was parked in the lot. Store might have video of it.

November 23, 2018
 Germain St. - Complainant reports while arguing with the known suspect he displayed a black pistol causing the complaint to fear for her life and the life of her two children, who were with her.

Package Theft Safety

We're entering the biggest shopping season of the year. The Buffalo Police Department reminds you as you're making online purchases over the next few weeks, follow these tips to avoid becoming the victim of package theft.

1. Sign up for delivery

alerts so you know when your delivery is scheduled - and when the package has been delivered.

2. If you're not able to be home when a package will be delivered, ask a trusted neighbor to hold it for you.

3. If possible, require a signature for all deliver-

ies.
 4. Consider shipping packages to your place of work or use the ship to store option.

5. Be a good neighbor! If you see a package on your neighbor's doorstep, reach out and ask if they would like you to hold it until they are home.

O Tannenbaum!

From page one.
 "Hertel is thriving, and this is just another reason to visit the neighborhood and support the unique businesses you can only find on Hertel. I am honored to help make this happen for the second year in a row," said Council Member Feroletto. "We want to show Western New York that North Buffalo is the place to spend a day with family - to shop, eat, and enjoy all it has to offer".

Also happening that evening is the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza. This annual event marks the official opening of the free ice-skating season in Downtown Buffalo. The event begins at 5:00 pm with free ice-skating. At 6:00 pm, Buffalo Place and Five Star Bank representatives, as well as local

elected officials, count-down the lighting of the tree and fireworks display over Fountain Plaza.

"We look forward to carrying on the tradition of free ice-skating in the heart of Downtown Buffalo with Presenting Sponsor Five Star Bank," said Michael T. Schmand, Executive Director of Buffalo Place, Inc. "In cooperation with Rotary Club of Buffalo and the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Place has managed the operation of this outdoor ice-skating rink for 20 years. Renovations to Fountain Plaza, and the completion of the Cars Sharing Main Street project in this block, continue to provide residents and visitors with an enjoyable and affordable outdoor winter activity."

Distinguished guest speakers at the event will include Byron W. Brown, Mayor of the City of Buffa-

lo and others. The guests will speak briefly and then lead a countdown to the official lighting of the tree followed by a fireworks display over Rotary Rink. Anthony J. Colucci III, President and Vice Chairman of Buffalo Place Inc., will serve as emcee for the evening.

Immediately following the fireworks and tree lighting, the fun will continue with visits with Santa, free trips on kiddie amusement rides, holiday gifts, and more. Duke's Donuts will be on-site with hot, freshly made doughnuts available for purchase. Ice-skating is free and ice-skate rental is available; \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Guests are encouraged to bring their own ice-skates and avoid waiting in the ice-skate rental line. Santa will visit with children from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

HEAP Outreach Sessions

From page one.
 Emergency Services department has re-located from 478 Main - 1st floor to 460 Main St, second floor, effective October 15, 2018. Clients are to report to this new HEAP location via the

Main Street entrance. For regular benefit assistance, customers can request an application be mailed to them by calling the application request line at 858-1969.

CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED

WANTED: Hard working individual to do basic labor work. Some computer background helpful but not necessary. Indoor print shop, no press work or heavy lifting. Opportunity to learn a new skill. Email Buffellow27@aol.com

SERVICES

MSR SERVICES
SNOWPLOWING
 15 Years Experience
 N. BUFFALO-KENMORE
 COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
 FREE ESTIMATES * LICENSED & INSURED
633-7842 560-7807

LETTERPRESS PRINTING EQUIPMENT - WANTED -
 [Anything Related to Letterpress Printing]
Call Dave 866-6825

Winter Vehicle Storage
 Call 716-874-1101-x135
 10/13/18 through 05/11/19
\$400.00 per Vehicle

WE DO PAINTING JOBS CHEAP
 CALL JOHN **553-7365**

THE BUFFALO CO.
REMODELING & CONSTRUCTION
ROOFING
444-ROOF
 WWW.BUFFALOROOFING.NET
 ROOFING • SIDING • WINDOWS • GUTTERS • CHIMNEYS
 PAINTING • INSULATION • RESTORATIONS
 WE WORK WITH ALL INS. COMPANIES
 * FREE ESTIMATES *

CLASSIFIED ADS IN THE BUFFALO ROCKET GET RESULTS!
 Call Barbara Gilboy at 861-3304 for Rates & Special Promotions

FOR RENT

Apartment For Rent, 3 bedroom in North Buffalo. balcony and off street parking for 2 cars. remodeled kitchen with all new appliances. new carpeting throughout. Security deposit required. No pets. \$1,050 mo. 537-9446. 48

Apartment For Rent: North Buffalo - Hartwell Rd. 2 bedroom plus den upper, off street parking, immaculate condition. new carpeting, hard wood floors, laundry hookups. \$980. no pets. 875-8890, leave contact info. 48

Apartment For Rent: Upper West Side - 3 bedroom, front & back porch, air conditioning, hardwood floors, full attic and basement, garage. Call 634-6330. 48

Elmwood Village - Charming 1,500 sq ft, woodwork galore, 2 bedrooms + den, parking, laundry. No pets or smoking. \$1,000 + security. 352-4633. 48

FOR SALE

AT&T Trimline Telephone, Mint Condition In Box, \$10.00. Call 836-1913 48

Black & Decker Electric Sander. Works good. \$15 or B.O. 860-3510. 48

Velour Recliner rocker, reclines to sleep. \$99. 313-3305. 48

Set of five chairs, antique white, shabby chic, sturdy. \$99. 662-6190 48

Black & White Beatle Cards 1964 - near mint condition. 6 cards \$25. 836-1913. 48

4 truck tires. \$99 875-6298. 48

Newer Ikea Poang chair, maple frame, brown upholstery. \$80. 876-1816. 48

Trivial Pursuit (Genius edition), near mint condition. \$10. 836-1913. 48

Lady Victoria 20 pc Crystal Barware Set. Mint condi-

FOR SALE

tion. \$25. 836-1913. 48

Queen wooden headboard \$25 or B.O. 860-3510. 48

Straight Reese Hitch, brand new with 2 inch ball. \$40 or B.O. 860-3510. 48

PS-4 Blue Ray, EA Madden NFL 18. \$5. 860-3510. 48

LOST CAT

LOST CAT - Black with yellow eyes, no collar, very friendly, Colvin between Linden and Hertel. Call Gabriela 716-541-4989. 48

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 27 mins.

C	A	B	I	N	B	R	O	A	B	A
B	L	I	N	I	O	H	R	E	B	
S	P	O	D	E	A	P	O	L	O	G
L	O	C	A	T	E	E	M	U	S	
U	F	O	E	V	E	M	E	A	N	S
R	A	G	S	A	R	R	O	W		
L	A	Y	E	R	S	A	M	A	Z	O
O	R	B	I	T	B	E	T	A	O	R
B	O	L	A	A	E	R	I	A	L	
E	C	O	L	O	G	Y	G	L	O	B
S	K	A	W	E	E	H	A	G	U	E
E	S	T	L	S	D	T	R	Y	S	T

 Puzzle on page three

FREE CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE ITEMS UNDER \$99.00

If you have an item that you'd like to sell, you can run a FREE classified ad in the Buffalo Rocket if your item is priced less than \$99.

To advertise your item under \$99.00 for FREE, fill out the form below (your address will not be published) and mail it to:

Buffalo Rocket/Free Classified
 PO Box 271, Buffalo, NY 14207

Buffalo Rocket FREE CLASSIFIED AD

- YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED -

Name: _____

Address (Street, Town or City & Zip Code): _____

Phone Number: _____

What do you want to sell? (title of item, like "Washing Machine") _____

Describe the item in a few words: _____

How much do you want for the item: \$ _____ or FREE (circle) or CALL (circle)

Phone Number where people interested in your item can reach you: _____

SHOP LOCAL!

Prepare Your House For Winter
Call Sam Terranova
563-0836
 ~ Quality Home Repairs
 ~ Honest Answers
 ~ Good Advise
 ~ Affordable Rates

L&C Lawn Care
 Cutting, Edging,
 Trimming & Clean ups
 Free Estimates
 10% Senior Discount
884-2935 or
553-1912

Buying Junk Cars and Trucks
 Paying the Best Rates
510-6179

ADVERTISE HERE!
 FOR ONLY
\$20.00
PER WEEK
 REACH 50,000 HOMES
 Call Barb for Details
 861-3304

\$5 OFF

A FOOD BILL

- OF \$20 -

NOT TO BE COMBINED WITH OTHER OFFERS, ONE COUPON PER ORDER • EAT-IN ONLY





COME TRY ONE OF OUR DAILY SPECIALS
ALL HOMEMADE FOOD!
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK FOR LUNCH AND DINNER

1122 HERTEL AVE. • BUFFALO, NY • WWW.JOEYSONHERTEL.COM
716.322.6209



GALLAGHER PRINTING

DENNIS M. GALLAGHER
yourprinter2507@aol.com
cell: (716) 361-5764
9195 MAIN STREET, CLARENCE, NEW YORK 14031
(716) 632 • 0808 | (716) 632 • 8586 Fax
WWW.GALLAGHERPRINTING.COM
WWW.BUFFALOROCKET.COM



PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS



Vital ICE The Custom Branded In Case of Emergency App

Free for download, this public safety app locally stores user medical information, emergency contacts and more, and can be easily accessed by EMS and first responders in situations where the user is unable to speak or is otherwise incapacitated. First responders are given access to our back office site, where they can send emergency communications and other alerts to local app users.

www.vitalboards.com/vitalice

Enter Sponsor Code: 4774

Sponsored by: **D. LAWRENCE GINNANE FUNERAL HOME**
3215 Delaware Ave • Kenmore, NY (716) 873-4774

KORONA JEWELRY



1588 Hertel Ave.

716-834-4755

www.KoronaJewelry.com

JOHNNY'S MEATS

876-2500

VOTED
BEST ITALIAN SAUSAGE IN WNY
-BUFFALO SPREE

WE GLADLY ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS

1191 HERTEL AVENUE

Business Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 8 am-5:30 pm
Saturday 7 am- 5 pm
www.johnnysmeats.com

MEAT SPECIALS		DELI & OTHER SPECIALS	
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast \$1.99 lb.	Slab Bacon \$3.89 lb.	X-Large Eggs \$1.29 doz.	KOTINO'S BRAND X-VIRGIN Olive Oil \$10.95 1 liter
USA Choice Sirloin Steaks \$5.99 lb.	Our Own Peameal Bacon \$4.99 lb.	\$75 MEAT PACKAGE 6-8 oz. Sirloin Steaks 4 lbs. Ground Chuck 3 lbs. Bacon or Pork Sausage 5 lbs. Chicken Legs 4 lbs. Italian Sausage 3 lbs. Sahlens Hot Dogs	
Fresh Whole Pork Butts \$1.99 lb.	Frozen Cooked Shrimp \$8.99 lb.		
Frozen Chicken Fingers \$14.95 5 lb. bag	\$90 MEAT PACKAGE 6-8 oz. Sirloin Steaks 5 lbs. Ground Chuck 3 lbs. Bacon or Pork Sausage 5 lbs. Chicken Legs 4 lbs. Chicken Breasts 4 lbs. Italian Sausage 3 lb. Pork Roast 3 lbs. Sahlens Hot Dogs		

Delivery 11 am until Closing

Play All Your NY State Lotto and Quick Draw Games Here!

Bob and John's

LA HACIENDA

Please Visit Our SNYDER LOCATION at 2071 Kensington Ave.

1545 HERTEL AVENUE ♦ 836-5411

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI Monday & Tuesday Dine In Only Starts 4 p.m. \$3.99	EVERYDAY SPECIAL (2) Regular 14" Cheese Pizzas \$15.99	LARGE 5 TOPPING PIZZA Veggie or Meat Red, White or Bleu Cheese Sauces Available \$18.90	EVERYDAY SPECIAL LARGE CHEESE PIZZA & 20 WINGS \$3.00 OFF
Wednesday Night Special All You Can Eat Soup, Salad, Pizza & Pasta Bar FROM 4-8 P.M. DINE IN ONLY! \$9.49	All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad Bar DINE IN ONLY! \$8.49 MONDAY - SATURDAY 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	ALL DAY MONDAY \$2.50 OFF ANY LARGE PIZZA	

Check out our website: www.bobandjohns.com

The Wellington Pub

NEXT TO BOB & JOHNS 1541 HERTEL AVENUE • 833-9899



BANQUET ROOM ACCOMMODATES UP TO 45 PEOPLE
Call for Reservations

Voted BUFFALO'S BEST FISH FRY by Artvoice SERVED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

FULL MENU AVAILABLE FOR TAKE OUT

visit us online! www.buffalorocket.com