

Geico Partners With Local DAV



From left to right: Giorian Davis, Gold Star Mother, Tim Lynch, Geico Local Office Insurance Agent, Diane Monte, current DAV commander, Ray Byers, past DAV commander and (rear) Alex Szewczyk, Junior Vice commander.

Geico Local Office in Tonawanda recently partnered with the Local DAV chapter at the American Legion, Milton J. Brounshidle Post No. 205, 3354 Delaware Ave, in Kenmore for a fundraiser for Disabled Veterans.

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization aimed at advocating patriotism across the U.S. through diverse programs and member benefits.

Together, they were

able to collect \$1,235.00 from donations received and Geico Local Office matched, dollar for dollar, the amount that was collected; totaling \$2,470.00 for 44 local families in need.

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Hospice Buffalo's Spring Bouquet Sale

Local companies, organizations and schools are invited to participate in the 33rd Annual Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale™, for the event's pre-sale phase held in January and February. Participants simply assign a coordinator from their organization to take their employees' bouquet orders. Coordinators are invited to attend a free breakfast on January 22nd and receive their kit, a free display bouquet and a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card.

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Annual Meeting Set For January

The North Buffalo Community Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the North Buffalo Community Center, 203 Sanders Road.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Board of Directors for 2019 and present the annual report to the membership. The public is welcome. For more information, call the Center at 874-6133, Ext. 101 or 102.

New Dean at St. Paul's Cathedral

The Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, under the leadership of Bishop R. William Franklin, will officially install The Very Rev. R. Derrick Fetz, as the New Dean at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Buffalo, this Sunday, January 13th at 3:00 pm. All are invited to attend this historic service at the cathedral, located on the corner of Church & Pearl Streets. A reception will follow.



Fetz was drawn to the position because of the Cathedral's commitment

to making a difference in the daily lives of those who call Buffalo home, including the homeless and marginalized, its implementation of a variety of worship styles, its diversity among parishioners, its focus on inclusion and social justice, and its appreciation for choral music.

The Cathedral in many Episcopal dioceses serves as the mother church and spiritual center of the diocese, holding many worship services and other events on behalf of the diocese. As a result, a *Continued on page three.*



The Very Rev. R. Derrick Fetz pictured here with his wife Jamie, and daughter Mari.

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Sabres Scoring Woes

During their 10 game winning streak, the Sabres outscored their opponents 36-24 (3.6 GF, 2.4 GA). They benefited from timely secondary scoring from their bottom nine forwards and their defensemen. Since then, the Sabres have gone 6-8-4 or 6-12 with four losses in overtime. The team has been outscored 45-50 in 20 games (2.25 GF, 2.5 GA) and scoring from the bottom nine forwards has dried up. Jason Pominville has not had a single point in since being replaced on the top line by Sam Rhinehart. Kyle Okposo has scored one goal since Thanksgiving.

Jack Eichel has finally blossomed into the elite franchise center he has been projected to be. He was ninth in scoring when he went down with an injury four game ago. Jeff Skinner has 29 goals, second only to Alex Ovechkin's league leading 30. He provided Eichel with a potent goal scoring winger. Whoever plays right wing on their line has been a potent scorer. First it was Jason Pominville. Then Sam Reinhart who has 24 points on six goals and 18 assists in 18 games since joining the top line.

The question has become what can be done to spark scoring from the bottom nine forwards?

The reality is that the organization simply does not have the depth of talent at forward to provide a bevy of forwards who can contribute 10-20 goals to support the efforts of the high scoring Eichel line. There are no players in Rochester who are ready for the NHL.



Lawrence Pilut Buffalo Sabres

The most likely candidate to bottom nine scoring would be Sam Reinhart dropping down to the second line where he could spark some scoring. Jason Pominville could go back to the right wing where he was productive earlier. The Sabres forwards are largely a group of perimeter players who do not occupy the prime scoring area in front of the opposing teams net. Reinhart is the lone exception. Coach Phil Housley has implored his forwards to follow Rhinehart's exam-

ple. With Eichel out of the lineup with an injury the lines have been shuffled. The five goals the Sabres scored in their win over New Jersey on Tuesday were half of the ten goals they totaled in their previous six games so maybe the Coaches message is getting through.

In recent interviews GM Jason Botterill has said that he is not likely to trade draft picks for short term help. His vision of the team seems to be clear that the Sabres need to develop their young prospects.

Buffalo has four first round selections forthcoming in the next two entry drafts. They have the St. Louis Blues pick either 2019 or 2020 at the Blues option. That pick is lottery protected in 2019 but not 2020. With the Blues franchise floundering on the ice that could be a high pick in 2020.

The 10 game win streak was nice but even though they reached the top of the overall standings this is not one of the leagues elite teams. In the five weeks since the win streak the team has squandered away the points they accumulated in the win streak and are battling for the last wild card playoff spot.

A playoff spot this season was unexpected and would be a significant accomplishment for this team. The Sabres are building a young team and that process is almost half done. The next two drafts and the development of that young talent should produce a consistent playoff team. So don't despair over this teams shortcomings. The best is yet to come.

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

50 Years In Business

Next month on my birthday, February 7th, it will be 50 years since I opened Gallagher Printing full time. Easy to remember as the trucking company I worked for at the time, gave you your birthday as a day off. I used it to open the doors at 277 Tacoma to printing customers on a day other than Saturday. Wanted to see what would happen on a weekday. It had been something I had dreamt about, being in business for myself. Although I was making good money at the trucking company, it was time to quell the burning sensation I had in my stomach to be a businessman. Make it or break it, I had to do it.

Having worked at Moore Business Forms for ten years I had some experience with printing. Even though I had started there as a dock hand, moving skids, I eventually worked my way up and became a section leader in the imprint department. Not exactly printing as we know it, but it involved ink and a press. It did lead me to buying a press and putting it in my basement. I had a wonderful boss at Moore. He was instrumental in sub-contracting work to me that I was able to do on the press in my basement. Profitable and gave me the

experience to continue to learn the printing business. All things must end, and Moore was closing its Buffalo location. They transferred me to Niagara Falls to work as a pressman. Did that for two weeks but the commute back and forth in the winter and snow was not for me. Hence, working for the trucking company. Good pay, lots of hours, but hard work. With the extra money I made working lots of overtime on the docks, I invested in a building on Tacoma Avenue. Not exactly the most visible street in the neighborhood. Mostly as a rental. Two stores, two apartments, all rented. When one of the tenants moved out of the store on the right, I decided to move the printing equipment from my basement into that store. Made the big move, added a phone and spent Saturdays pretending I was a printing company. That was until my birthday, 1969.

That will be 50 years ago next month. Lots has happened since then. Back in the beginning, North Buffalo could have been Norway to me. Born and raised on the West Side of Buffalo I had never even been on Hertel Avenue. It was like a foreign country to me. Talk about starting out cold. I knew no one, and

to venture into a business on an off street in an unfamiliar neighborhood was insane. Especially in a predominately Jewish neighborhood. Let me say this now, if it were not for Al Rutstein of L.A. Grant real estate, the Sunshine family of Sunshine's market and the Bunis family of the Sample shop, Attorney Oscar Smuckler, things could have been much harder for this young entrepreneur. For their advice and guidance through those first years of business and the help in the founding of the North Buffalo Rocket, I thank them. Many more of my Jewish brethren who I became good friends with, will always be remembered for the help they gave me. Most of them have passed but their memory is still with me.

During the fifty years the neighborhood has since changed as more Italian Americans from the West Side migrated North. Lots of my goombahs joined me in what is now North Buffalo. The Zubin's, Alt's, Mastman's, became the Passinissi, Caruso, Shalala, Incardova and Leone. Things change in many ways over fifty years. I will try to remember the major things I remember in future columns. Look forward to sharing those memories with you.

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

New Dean at St. Paul's Cathedral

From page one. dean of a cathedral works closely with the diocese's bishop and his staff to plan and implement a variety of festivities, including major holiday services, ordinations, festivals, and lectures. In

addition, the dean oversees the day-to-day life of the Cathedral, its staff, and its programs. Fetz brought his passions to Buffalo. He is committed to interfaith and ecumenical relations. He strives to live in the

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman is added. 2. Boy's hat is black. 3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

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A total of 44 turkeys and 44 hams were purchased from these proceeds so these families, all with Disabled Veterans at home, had a dinner on both Christmas (2018) and New Years Day (2019).

The remainder of the funds have been turned over to the DAV #120 chapter at Brounschidle Post for future Holidays.



From left to right: Don Dubie, Auxiliary DAV Commander, Diance Montes, Current DAV Commander, Geico Local Office Insurance Agent Tim Lynch, Dave McHenry, Save-A-Lot Store Manager and Ray Byers, Past DAV Commander.

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2	1	5	4	4

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5	1	3	4
3	4	1	5
4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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4	4	4	5	1
5	5	2	3	3
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Affordable Housing Shortage

It's been widely reported that 10,000 American seniors turn 65 each and every day and that this rapid pace of aging will continue until 2029. And now, Harvard University tells us that more than half of U.S. households are headed by individuals who are over 50 and that a growing number of them have difficulty meeting their housing costs, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

A report recently released by Harvard's Joint Center For Housing Studies [Housing America's Older Adults- 2018] concludes that "Whether they own or rent, millions of older households struggle to pay for their housing and other basic necessities, and their numbers are rising. Householders in their 50s to mid-60s are especially at risk of having insufficient resources to manage rising healthcare and housing costs in their later years."

There is indeed a serious shortage of low income housing in the U.S. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that currently there is a nationwide shortage of 7.2 million low income rental homes.

AMAC president Dan Weber notes that the lack of affordable housing is a principal cause of homelessness, which is on the rise among the elderly. The statistics show that individuals age 62 and older experiencing so-called sheltered home-

lessness soared by more than 48% between 2007 and 2016.

Weber says, "Aging on the streets, if left unchecked, may reach epidemic proportions in the coming decades." He cites the Homeless Research Institute, which has projected that the population of seniors who are homeless could increase from 44,000 in 2010 to 95,000 by the year 2050. But, he adds that despite the "gloomy outlook" the issue is being addressed.

Nan Roman, President and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, recently put it this way in a report issued just last month: "Those working on the front lines of the homelessness system are actually getting more people back into housing every year. The increases of the past two years aren't because the homelessness system isn't effective; they are because more people are coming into the system than ever, and there are fewer homes to put them into."

Nonetheless, the fact that so many communities continue to reduce the number of homeless people is proof that with greater federal and local investments and a bigger commitment to affordable housing, the rest of the nation can do the same."

Roman points out that there was a decline in the numbers of homeless individuals and families in 31 states and the District of Columbia.

Answers to Senior Trivia - Buffalo Rocket Issue 1, January 3, 2019

TV Personalities

- 1.) Don Paul
- 2.) Barry Lillis
- 3.) Susan Banks
- 4.) Ed Kilgore
- 5.) Don Postles
- 6.) Mike Cejka
- 7.) Jackie Walker
- 8.) Clip Smith
- 9.) Scott Levin
- 10.) Mary Alice Demler

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- 3) Name the three states that have double letters twice?
- 4) Name the remaining five states that have double letters?
- 5) Get a pencil and paper and name the 21 states that end in the letter, "A"
- 6) Six states with the letter, "Y"
- 7) Eight states that start with "M"?
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CreativeMornings/Buf-falo is a volunteer-run, free breakfast speaker series for the creative community. The event takes place the second Friday of every month with speakers sharing their story as it relates to creativity and a global theme. This month's theme is 'surreal', by Chef Victor Parra Gonzalez. The event is from 8:30 am - 10:00 am Friday, January 11th in the Collections Gallery at the Buffalo Central Library, where the project will be in residence all year. Paula's Donuts will provide breakfast for these talks yearlong. Registration

is required, but free and open at creativemornings.com/buf.



Congressman Brian Higgins announced the Congress on Your Corner schedule for January. Through the program, staff from Congressman Higgins' office are available at satellite sites throughout the district to better serve the needs of constituents. This month representatives will be on hand Wednesday, January 16th from 9:30 am-12:00 pm at the Gloria J. Parks Com-

munity Center, 3242 Main Street, Buffalo.

During Congress on Your Corner, residents have the opportunity to talk directly with someone from Congressman Higgins' office about federal matters. Residents can also reach Congressman Higgins' office in Erie County by calling 852-2501.



The Center for Study of Art & Architecture History & Nature Speaker Series continues on January 15th, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the Buffalo & Erie County Downtown Public Library 1 Lafayette Square.

Noon - 12:30 pm - America in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era: Trust Busting in the Progressive Era". The Great

Courses Video #17 by Professor Edward T. O'Donnell, Ph.D. College of the Holy Cross. 12:30 - 1:00 pm - Speaker - Stanton H. Hudson, Jr., Site Superintendent / Executive Director, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. Free and open to the public. For more information call 858-8900.



The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77 are sponsoring a "Spaghetti Night". The event will be held on Thursday January 24th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Tonawanda Senior Center 37 Main St., Tonawanda. Tickets available at the door - \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 12. A Chinese Auction will also be held in conjunction with the event.



Unity Art Gallery Exhibit, 1243 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, Sunday, January 20th, Noon - 2 pm. This show has a large variety of art: watercolor, oils, textiles, mixed media etc. Unity Gallery is open for viewing during hours when the church is open, Monday-Thursdays and Sunday afternoons. Please call the church office 882-0391. The public is invited.



FTMP Events presents The 6th Annual Burt Fest 2019 on Sunday, February 24th at 2:00 pm at Buffalo Iron Works, 49 Illinois St, Buffalo. For Tickets go to <http://www.purplepass.com/BurtFest022419>.

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Answers on page 7



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo

January 2, 2019
Dakota St. – Complainant reports that unknown person gained entry to his vehicle, not sure if he locked it or not. Taken, without permission, his wallet, containing personal papers, credit cards, identification and \$100 in cash.

January 3, 2019
Delaware Ave. – Complaint reports leaving a black briefcase in a coffee shop by mistake, when he went back the case was gone. Case included passport and \$1,500 in cash.

January 4, 2019
Lincoln Pkwy. – Officers tried to signal the defendant that his lights were not on by flashing the headlights at him. Defendant proceeded to speed away and left the roadway. Defendant pro-

ceeded to crash into an air conditioning unit and dumpster before coming to a stop. Defendant was in possession of 6 unmarked white pills without a container. There was a 2 year old toddler in the backseat.

Riverside

January 2, 2019
Ross St. – Complainant reports he left his wallet in his vehicle overnight and when he returned to the vehicle in the morning the wallet was gone.

January 3, 2019
Elmwood Ave. – Complainant reports for store he manages, defendant concealed \$140.05 worth of merchandise on his person and passed all points of purchase without paying.

January 4, 2019
Elmwood Ave. – Offi-

cers were called to a high school with reports that a 14 year old juvenile assaulted a teacher by body slamming him into a chair, causing bruising and lacerations.

West Side

January 4, 2019
Pooley Pl. – Complainant reports being approached by a black male with a black handgun that demanded all of his money. Complainant gave him \$180.

January 4, 2019
Linwood Ave. – Complainant reports his company is working in a building and sometime overnight unknown person(s) gained entry by unknown means. Taken, without permission, over \$3,000 worth of tools.

January 4, 2019
Claremont Ave. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry to the residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, 2 apple computers and a 50 inch television.

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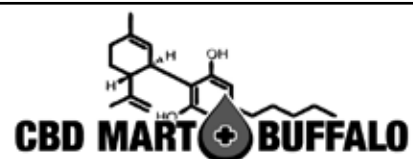
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