

## Fireworks Lineup!



Throw on your best red, white and blue attire and head to the Buffalo Waterfront this July 4th! This family friendly event begins at 4pm with the arrival of the Basil Port of Call Tall Ships, a dance party with DJ Milk and DJ Yes, local food trucks and, of course, a beautiful fireworks display at 10pm!

There are so many opportunities to celebrate the 4th of July in our area! Looking for fireworks and other community celebrations? Check out our updated list of local happenings around Buffalo.

2019 List of Independence Day Festivities in the Buffalo Area:

**July 1 – 4 Lancaster Independence Days.** Head to the Village of Lancaster with your families to celebrate the an-

nual Independence Days Festival! Carnival rides, contests, music, delicious food, Cute Baby Parade, 4th of July Parade and FIREWORKS!

**July 2 Red, White and Boom at Seneca Niagara Casino** Join us for a must-see fireworks display at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel. Don't miss the dazzling display of bright colors, guaranteed to light up the night sky! Begins at 9:30 pm.

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**July 3 Akron:** \*\*Details unconfirmed for 2019\*\* Families will enjoy a parade, family activities, entertainment, food and FIREWORKS at the Akron Independence Day celebration! Just head to Veteran's Park.

**Town of Aurora Independence Day Celebration.** Fun for all with a parade, entertain-  
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## French and Indian War Encampment



At 2 p.m. daily, large-scale battle re-enactments will boom at Old Fort Niagara during the 40th anniversary of the French and Indian War Encampment, July 5-7.

Old Fort Niagara anticipates welcoming about 500 reenactors and close to 10,000 visitors over July 5, 6 and 7, as it readies for the 40th anniversary of the French and Indian War Encampment. This annual event recreates highlights from the actual 19-day British siege of the French fort in July of 1759 through large-scale battles, history tours, cannon firings, military music, living history camps of British, French and Native reenactors, sut-  
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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**Summer 1976 - Hard Times Cafe moving in on Hertel. Must have had hard times as they are no longer here.**

## Buffalo Stand Down 2019








The Veterans Administration hosted their annual Buffalo Veterans Stand Down on June 19th, the largest veterans event in Western New York state. The event was held at the KeyBank Center where an estimated 1,000 veterans attended. Byron Brown was also in atten-

dance and provided a few remarks at the start of the event.

The Stand Down was designed to honor veterans' selfless service to the nation by helping them connect with the numerous community resources available to them, from housing support and VA  
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Upwards of 1000 veterans attended VA Stand Down to learn about a number of local services and initiatives that are available to them.

Local Weather						
THURSDAY, JUNE 27	FRIDAY, JUNE 28	SATURDAY, JUNE 29	SUNDAY, JUNE 30	MONDAY, JULY 1	TUESDAY, JULY 2	WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
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## Sabres Draft Well but Have Mountains To Climb

It looks like the Sabres did very well at the 2019 NHL Entry Draft where they selected Dylan Cozens of the Western Hockey League's Lethbridge Hurricanes with their first round pick. Cozens is an imposing figure at 6'3" even as a still thin 183 pound 18 year old and stood noticeably taller than Sabres GM Brandon Bean and other team official on the stage.

Cozens finished 10th in WHL scoring with 34 goals and 50 assists for 84 points and a plus 32 in 68 games. His upside potential is huge as evidenced by the big jump up from his rookie totals of 22-31-53 and -6 last season. He is positioned to become a dominant player in the WHL next season if the Sabres choose to return him to junior for another season of development.

If Cozens shows that he has NHL immediate

NHL potential in training camp, the Sabres do have the option of playing him in nine games before they return him to Lethbridge without burning a year on its entry level contract. Cozens may need a bit more seasoning and some time to grow into his 6'3" frame before he is ready for the grind of playing in the NHL against 20-30 year old men. With his skill and soft hands Cozens has 30-40 goal potential as well as being a prolific playmaker.

While his impact next season will likely be minimal, Cozens will eventually fill the role of the second line center behind Jack Eichel. With the Sabres mired in an eight season playoff drought the team will need to add some significant pieces this offseason to compete for a playoff spot in 2019-20. Beyond the top line

there is very little depth at forward. Although it could be said the Sabres are deep on the fourth line as all of the teams remaining forwards are basically fourth line caliber. Lets hope the team signs Jason Pominville to a one year contract. His 15 goals were fourth best last season. He is much more valuable to the team than Tage Thompson.

Cozens and the Sabres other prospects will be on display this week at the teams development camp at Harborcenter. On-ice sessions from June 26 to 28 are free and open to the public. Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis and not guaranteed. The Fench Connection Tournament, an intra-squad 3-on-3 tournament, will highlight the final day of camp on Saturday, June 29, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The tournament will be a ticketed event. Tickets are available exclusively for 2019-20 season ticket holders. Wed., June 26, 1 to 2 p.m., 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thu., June 27, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Fri., June 28, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., 12 to 1 p.m., Sat., June 29, French Connection Tournament: 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Sabres draft Dylan Cozens, 7th pick.

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo

**June 24, 2019**  
North Park Avenue – Complainant reports unknown subject did forcibly enter dwelling through a first floor rear bedroom window by breaking through window screen. While inside bedroom, complainant further states subject did take one black Smith & Wesson handgun. Complainant believes subject did hear the dog running towards the rear bedroom and closed the bedroom door creating a barrier between the two and exiting the dwelling through the same window subject entered. Complainant does have an interior camera that did capture the dog running from the front of the dwelling to the rear. Detective was able to extract prints from the entry/exit point.

West Side

**June 24, 2019**  
Danforth/Forest Avenue – Defendant arrested and did push and strike complainant. Victim was pushed to the ground and did scrap her hands.

**June 22, 2019**  
Auchinvole Street – Complainant reports that persons unknown did dam-

age vehicle while parked on the street. Neighbor told complainant that an unknown male wearing a gray hoody over his face did use a crowbar to damage numerous vehicles causing over \$1,500 in damages. Complainant feels that incident was possibly a mistaken identity of vehicle where suspect was attempting to retaliate over a broken relationship.

**June 22, 2019**  
Lafayette Street – Officers responded to a call of loud noise. Upon arrival on scene officers did observe loud music and yelling. Upon speaking with defendants did become extremely argumentative and officers did warn defendants multiple time they would be arrested if they hit officers. Upon issuing the loud noise ordinance to person 1, defendants did grab officers and began pushing, shoving and striking officers with closed fists. Defendants refused to listen to multiple commands from officers to stop. Defendants did refuse to place hands behind back and continued fighting officers. Officers did assist with defendant and defendant did fight and thrash her body causing officer to injure her back and seek medical treat-

ment at ECMC.

**June 21, 2019**  
Lafayette Street – Complainant reports that suspect while moving out did take 7 large chandeliers valued at \$7,000, 7 medium chandeliers valued at \$5,600, 5 small chandeliers valued at \$1,500, 7 wall fixtures valued at \$1,050, total \$15,150.00. Complainant states that suspect was told by judge not to remove these items while complainant's lawyers was present in court and that she admitting to taking 6 of the chandeliers to the judge.

Riverside

**June 23, 2019**  
Elmwood Avenue – Complainant reports defendant did take without permission, passing all points of purchase two packages of ribs value in total of approximately \$28.23. Incident was witnessed by security and defendant was detained until police arrival. Defendant was arrested. When officers tried to obtain name of defendant after warning defendant it was illegal to give false information to police officers, defendant did give alias name and fake date of birth. Officers did run alias information and mug shot did not match that of defendant. Defendant then admitted to officers that he did give a false name stating individual was his cousin. Defendant gave officers correct name and date of birth stating he had warrants.

# French and Indian War Encampment

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lers (period merchants), games, dancing, councils, musket firings and more. "Forty years says a lot about our community of supporters," said Robert Emerson, Executive Director of the Old Fort Niagara Association. "To the thousands of local and regional visitors who have attended this event and our loyal and engaging community of reenactors, we say 'thank you' for all of the years of support and look forward to welcoming you back in July." Daily highlights at the French and Indian War Encampment include: morning tours (times vary) that provide historical background for what's going on each day; 1 p.m. kids drill programs, where kids will use wooden muskets and learn how to be a soldier

in 1759; 2 p.m. large-scale battle re-enactments between British, French and Native forces; and 4 p.m. artillery demonstrations. Please note that in-and-out access to the walled fort is halted 30 minutes before the daily 2 p.m. battles in order to secure safe crowd-control barriers. The full schedule of events is available at [www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org).

# Buffalo Stand Down 2019

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enrollment to educational benefits and social security assistance. UnitedHealthcare, one of the event's main sponsors, was on site with a team led by Agent Manager Ken Sciarrino. The organization helped veterans by providing much needed assistance navigating the differ-

ent health care services available to them, including information on how to enroll in Medicare services. With the help of volunteers and service providers, many homeless and at risk veterans were also given access to valuable employment opportunities. At the event's successful job fair, veterans were able to present their resumes, interview with potential employers and even be hired on the spot. This year also saw the inclusion of services for women veterans, free pet care and a mobile food truck, among others. The Buffalo Stand Down concluded at 3pm with a special celebration on the USS Little Rock.



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**ACROSS**

1 Fruity spread  
4 Scrabble piece  
8 Tarzan's clique  
12 "The — Daba Honeymoon"  
13 Valhalla VIP  
14 Existed  
15 Troop group  
17 Release  
18 Is frugal  
19 Ostrich's cousin  
21 Cauldron  
22 Let up  
26 Photo book  
29 Evergreen type  
30 Pond carp  
31 Sudden shock  
32 Blue  
33 Desirous look  
34 Fuss  
35 Arctic diver  
36 Move laterally  
37 New  
39 A billion years  
40 Bearded beast  
41 Heavy hammer  
45 Overly proper one  
48 Dweller  
50 Mexican entree  
51 "Zounds!"  
52 Varnish ingredient

**DOWN**

1 Supermarket lineup  
2 Help on the sly  
3 Creche trio  
4 Long, narrow drum  
5 That is (Lat.)  
6 Jeremy of basketball  
7 Went in  
8 Terrible  
9 For one  
10 Preceding

11 Diocese  
16 Suggestions  
20 Kitten's comment  
23 — out (supplemented)  
24 Yuletide refrain  
25 Grow weary  
26 Open slightly  
27 Source of riches  
28 United nations  
29 Talk on and on  
32 Surgical stitching  
33 Queued (up)

35 Curry or Coulter  
36 Cubes, spheres, et al.  
38 Incite  
39 English composition  
42 Take out of context?  
43 Summertime pest  
44 Leave a lasting impression  
45 Bake sale org.  
46 Aries  
47 Lemieux milieu  
49 Swelled head

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### Got room for dessert?

Ever been asked, “how is your weight?” Most likely not, as that is personal and private. You may be asked by your doctor or your spouse but seldom, if ever, even by a good friend. Someone would say “looks like you put on a few pounds since I last seen you”. Followed by, “but you look good” just to deflate the un-flattering remark. No one wants to be made aware of a weight gain unless you are as skinny as a rail. On the other hand, if you have lost weight and it shows, someone notices, you are in heaven. “Are you losing weight, you look good”. This after eating salad for six months makes the effort seem worthwhile. That I personally have not heard in a long time. How about if you see someone you have not seen in a while and seems a little heavier, you politely ask, “are you with

child”? When they say no, I am not pregnant, it is one of those “wanna get away” moments. The epiphany of embarrassment.

Recently, my wife asked about my weight. I thought it was out of concern. Had no answer as I do not weigh myself daily or even weekly as I am afraid of what it is going to expose. Eventually I stepped on the scale and sadly watched the needle rise. My concerns were confirmed. I had an answer for my worried wife. Reported the findings, “Gained five pounds since we come back from Florida. Her response, “that’s because you eat too much”. Whose fault is that? I do not cook, except on the grill, so all my meals are prepared by chef Boyardee spouse. If you have a wife like I have, it is always is that enough for you, honey? I

think she still thinks she is feeding our eight kids. My cardiologist told her she is killing me with kindness. Even if we go out to eat I have to finish what she leaves. Well, I do not HAVE to but why waste it. I grew up in a family of eight and seldom was there scraps left for the dog. Five boys and we licked the plates clean. We did not waste an ounce of food. If you are used to an empty dish after a meal, it is hard to

we finally ended up at the Old Country Buffet where there is always plenty of room. Problem is it is all you can eat. It changes from breakfast to lunch at 11 AM. If you get there a little before eleven, you get to have breakfast and lunch. Some of the people in there look like they read the sign wrong. They thought is said eat it all instead of all you can eat. Looked like some of them made an attempt at eating it all. Not to put down

“got room for dessert?” just to make sure.

It is not that way in Europe. I can only speak of Europe as that is the only foreign soil I have visited besides Canada. You can spot the visiting Americans right away. Europeans are relatively on the thin side. The restaurants do not serve large meals. They serve enough and that is it. I overheard an American in a restaurant in Paris say “is that it?” when she was served her food. I could tell she was American by her size and from California as she was rude. She spoke English so that helped in the identification process. Even in Italy the servings were light. If you order spaghetti you got a plate of spaghetti. That was it. No meatballs and very little sauce. I asked for grated cheese and they laughed at me. Cheese on spaghetti? Only in America. No cheese on spaghetti in Italy.

Some people are destined to be thin, the blessed ones. Bill Snyder who writes for the Rocket is one of those. No matter how much he eats, he never gains weight. Once we experimented with him. I owned the Avenue Soda bar and ice cream is supposed to be fattening. We fed him monsters, which is 13 scoops of every flavor we had, with every topping available and served it in a flower vase. He would eat them and never gain an ounce. Now is that not being blessed? Some, like me, just have to look at food and gain weight. My only consolation is that I was once thin. At least 30 pounds ago. I like food and I like to eat. However, I know for sure that 100 years from now I will be really thin and not concerned about food.



**In order to entice customers in to the restaurant, owners serve up large portions so people believe that they are getting good value.**

break free from eat it all habit.

If you do go to a restaurant, again you are overfed. Father’s Day we tried to go out for breakfast. After seeing long lines at four of our normal stops,

overweight people as I am one but unless there is an illness, there is a limit to what you devour. If you live in America, you are overfed which leads to overweight.

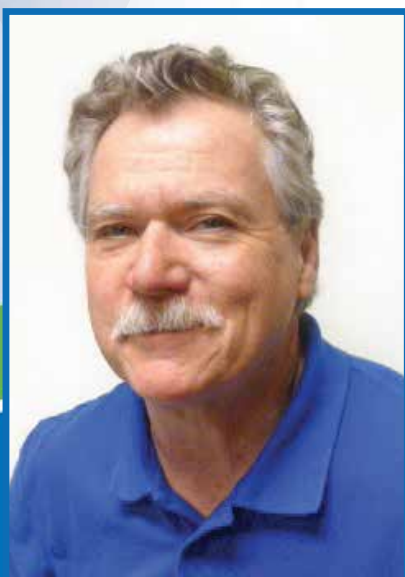
I sometimes stop on the way home and pick up one chicken souvlaki dinner with Greek potatoes. One dinner is enough for my wife and I plus lunch the next day. It is that big a portion and remember, I am a big eater. Last time I was at that restaurant, seen people order that same meal and eat most of it. How about Frank’s Sunny Italy. One meal there compares to our family dinners back in the 40’s. Restaurants nowadays need to please and one way is to make sure you do not leave their establishment hungry. Always after every meal,

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## The Grapevine

**Spark Hertel:** Cars, Tunes & Two Wheels is ready to blow your spark plugs off!!! Cars and Motorcycles of all kinds will be arriving just shortly after 10 am on June 29th to park for the event. Hertel Ave will be closed from Delaware to Virgil, from 10 a.m. til 8 p.m. Live music from several local bands, vendors from all across WNY and some real show-stopping vehicles will be present

at the event. This event is a fundraiser for Hertel beautification and Beat Nb, a childhood cancer foundation in memory of Melina Riniolo. Partnered with The Garage Café and Spoke Dagger Co., the HBA is super pumped for this one of a kind event to ever hit Hertel Ave! Get your motor running and head on down to the Avenue on Saturday, June 29th 1-7pm! VROOM VROOM!





Ask Rusty - Should I Claim Benefits Early and Invest Them?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 64 years old and my wife is 62. We both have good paying careers. Our original plan was to wait until we each turned 70 before drawing our Social Security benefits. But I was talking to a friend who is a very successful small business owner who told me that he started drawing his SS benefits at age 62. He puts the funds in a mutual fund every month. He has “run the numbers “ and he is convinced that he will come out ahead rather than waiting to draw at age 70. I was shocked to fear this advice since I had never heard any expert advocate this option before. What say you, Sir?  
*Signed: Questioning My Plan*

**Dear Questioning:** I, too, have “run the numbers” many times. Although Social Security will say that it makes no difference when you apply (they say you get the same in total benefits no matter which age you claim) with average longevity today being in the mid-80’s (84 for men; 87 for women) that may not be true. I have done numerous “break even analyses” and have found that if one claims at their full retirement age instead of at age 62, they will have collected the same amount of benefits at age 78 in either case. That means that by liv-

ing longer than age 78, you will realize more in total cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until your full retirement age to apply. Similarly, if you wait until age 70 to claim, you will break even (collect the same in total benefits) at age 82, and if you live beyond 82 you’ll get more in cumulative benefits by waiting until age 70 to apply. If you live well beyond those ages, the extra benefits can be very substantial.

I wonder if your friend included in his analysis how the “earnings test” affected his early benefits. If you are still working and you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age, you’ll be subject to Social Security’s “earnings limit” (\$17,640 for 2019) which, if you exceed it, will cause Social Security to withhold benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. This applies to both you and your wife. The earnings limit doesn’t go away until your reach your full retirement age, so when contemplating whether to collect benefits before your full retirement age you should assess the amount of benefit loss you will incur if your earnings exceed the earnings limit. Although at your full retirement age (FRA) Social Security gives you time credit for any months you don’t

received benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit, it will take you years to recover any withheld benefits because they only slightly increase your benefit at your FRA to compensate for withheld benefits from over-earning (you need to live long enough to recover those lost benefits).

And did your friend consider this: your surviving spouse will receive 100% of the benefit you are receiving at your death. If you claim before your full retirement age, your surviving spouse will get the reduced amount; if you wait until after your full retirement age to claim, your surviving spouse will get the full amount of your benefit increased by delayed retirement credits. Benefits are about 76% more at age 70 than they are at age 62.

Of course, the question of when to apply must always take into account your current financial needs, your current health and lifestyle, and your expected longevity (considering your family history). Whether to claim early and invest those benefits or wait until later is a choice only you can make. But you should consider the above points and compare the guarantee of increasing your lifetime benefit amount by 6% to 8% for each year you wait to claim, against the interest or growth rate you might expect from investing in the securities market.

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## Fireworks Lineup!

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ment, food (pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, pizza, pie slices, cookies, drinks & ice cream), and of course, FIREWORKS!

**Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorus, Fireworks and the Buffalo Bisons at Coca Cola Field.** On Wednesday, July 3, join us for the Annual KeyBank Independence Eve Celebration with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus and the Largest Fireworks Show of the Season as the Bisons host the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs (6:05 p.m.).

**Olcott's Fireworks Over Lake Ontario.** 10 p.m. Best viewed from Lake Ontario Shoreline, Krull Park, and Olcott. The most spectacular fire-

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**Tonawanda Independence Day Ceremony and Fireworks!** The Town of Tonawanda Youth, Parks and Recreation Department will be honoring USA's birthday with a special concert at Kenney Field on Wednesday, July 3rd featuring the American Legion Band of the Tonawandas. The concert will begin at 7:30pm and conclude at approximately 9:30pm. At 10:00pm a spectacular fireworks display will be

presented by Pyrotecnico.

**The Clarence HollowFest** is a 3-day event over the Fourth of July weekend (4th Annual HollowFest will be Thurs., July 4 - Sat, July 6, 2015) which celebrates the Clarence Hollow, as well as our country's freedom. This annual event features amusement rides, games, children's activities, local food vendors, local miscellaneous vendors (such as massage therapy, clothing sales, jewelry, etc), a beer tent, local music each evening and fireworks on Thursday, July 4th!

**July 4 Cheektowaga 4th of July Parade and Celebration at the Town Park.** Annual Independence Day Parade from Walden Ave to Cheektowaga Town Park down Harlem Road. Step off is at 12 pm.

**Grand Island Independence Day FUN!** 9 a.m. Annual Dick Bessel Independence Day Run, Kids Run, and Parade along G I Blvd. A 1 1/2-hour, 30-unit parade in honor of Independence Day will follow the Dick Bessel Memorial Run at around 9:00 a.m. down Grand Island Blvd. from Staley Road to Baseline Road. During the event, traffic will be controlled by local law enforcement which will direct motorists to follow a detour route (starting at 8:30 am).

**Niagara Falls State Park Fireworks.** Shows begin at 10pm, so grab your chair or blanket and head for Niagara Falls State Park - then sit back and enjoy the show!

**July 4 - 6 Old Falls Street USA 4th of July Weekend Blockparty.** Independence Day on July 4th kicks off a 3-day street festival ... Visit Old Falls Street on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, or SATURDAY as we celebrate Independence Day with live music, great food and free activities for all guests.

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Some time has passed since our last visit to Shoshone Park for Buffalo Rocket. That doesn't mean the boys and girls haven't been hitting homeruns or striking out batters in this 2019 season. Lets take you right out to the diamonds, where great plays are made almost nightly.

Last Friday night, Hertel North Park League Baseball and Softball held its annual All-Star games for all teams playing inside the Park in nine separate divisions. Two of the games were played under the lights on diamonds one and two after 8:00 pm, Major Boys and Senior Girls. Team coaches on all 57 teams were asked to select their best players for a night of fun and friendly rivalry. Scores weren't available at press time but each child received a gold medal-

lion to wear after the game in recognition of their play.

Now that Summer is here, teams are anxious to continue playing without interruption from the rain that has been "striking out" the season thus far. Surprisingly, the regular season is coming to an end for some teams in all divisions but playoffs won't start until make-up games need to be played. In a letter to all parents recently, Hertel North Park (HNP) is hopeful for the post-season to start the week of July 8 for some teams and July, 15th for most others. That's incredible considering the amount of rain this area has experienced this Spring.

Recently, Leo Schult, a player on the Brewers in the Second Minors division and a part of the 8U travel team all went down to Sahlen Field to watch a

Bisons game. They all were introduced by the Stadium's public address announcer before the game and then, after the National Anthem, a microphone was placed in front of Leo Schult and he promptly yelled "Play Ball" to the crowd on hand. Nothing better than a child's voice to lead them.

A 12-2 Pirates victory over the Mariners last Tuesday in Senior Boys division may not mean much to the average fan of Shoshone Park. But for first year player Xavier Mann, it's a memory he won't forget. Playing on a 90 foot diamond for the first time, Mann stepped up to the plate and "grabbed ahold" of a Seattle pitch that travelled over the outfield fence around the Senior diamond to break open a close game. The victory was the teams third in a row after an 0-2 start and sent a message that a new team (Pirates) might be in the mix come playoff time.

In Rookie Boys, the Royals have been struggling this season under first year coach Chris Peterson with

just one victory in May. But that doesn't mean they haven't been trying. In a game against the Indians two weeks ago, Ryan Antonius, playing in his second year on the team, came up with an unassisted triple play at third base when he caught an infield fly off the bat from homeplate and quickly stepped on third to stop a runner coming from second and then ran to second for the third out, on a runner coming from first. Cole Shatzel hit a game ending grand slam homerun for the 14-13 victory.

Miles Bogdan hits two triples and teammates John Salerno and David Reyes knock in runs for a Padres win over the Brewers, 5-3. Christian Gill went two for three and four RBI's and teammate Michael Burke struck out five for an Orioles victory over the Angels, 7-5. Alex Glynn scored the winning run for the Reds in a 8-7 victory over the Cubs to keep their undefeated season going at 11-0 in Major Boys.

Here's a list of All-Stars from last weeks game.

In Rookie girls Madelyn Gholston, Reagen Hornung, Julianna Marino, Molly O'Sullivan, Madeline Wolasz, Ella Gray, Molly Kuwik, Lawson Terhune, Betsy Ware, Tessa Wolf, Aubree Skibinski, Penelope Derr, Isabella Roman, Alek Gaiter, Ava Haisch, Juliana Holiday and Olivia Lyons.

Boys All-Stars included Brayden Westfield, Vinny Majchrzak, Linus Ward, Mason Campbell, Joe Constantine, Henry Snyder, Amahd Clendening, Liam Conrad, Michael Eberz, Carter Horan, Samuel Freeman, Enari Patterson and Reed Lebeda in Rookie boys.

Baseball and softball continue nightly and on Saturday because of a small group of men who volunteer their time to get the diamonds ready, chalk the lines and measure the pitching distances. This season has been especially worse than others but the league headquarters is a place where the game starts. Refreshments are available but everyone must do their part to help our children learn and play the game.

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- 3) Cobblestone
- 4) Cornerstone
- 5) Rosetta Stone
- 6) Brimstone
- 7) Yellowstone
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