

## Independence Day



Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as “the Fourth of July”. Patriotic displays and family events are organized throughout the United States.

Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate)

to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades,

barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of

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### 4th of July Grill Safety



With the right grilling safety tips, you can keep yourself and your family safe while enjoying all those summer barbecues.

The New York Propane Gas Association (NYPGA) wants to help consumers keep 4th of July safe with these key grilling tips:

**Safety for Kids** – The grilling area should be designated as a “No Play Zone,” keeping kids and pets away from the equipment. To help kids learn about gas grill safety, the Propane Education & Research Council has launched the fun in-

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



Postal workers at the old post office located at 1264 Hertel Ave. back in the 1980's

## Spark Hertel



More than 100 cars and motorcycles showed up for the Spark Hertel Cars, Tunes & Two Wheels last Saturday on Hertel Ave. between Delaware to Virgil. The event was a fundraiser for Hertel beautification and Beat Nb, a childhood cancer foundation in memory of Melina Riniolo and partnered with The Garage Café, Spoke & Dagger Co., and the Hertel Business Association.

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## Sabres Finally Bring Jimmy Vesey to Buffalo

With the acquisition of left winger Jimmy Vesey from the New York Rangers, Buffalo Sabres GM Jason Botterill completed the process begun years ago by his predecessor Tim Murray. Vesey had been selected by the Nashville Predators in the third round, 66th overall, of the 2012 NHL Entry Draft. He won the Hobey Baker Award in 2016 as the best player in college hockey.

Nashville guaranteed Vesey a roster spot at the end of the 2015-16 regular season and playoffs. But Vesey informed the Predators he would not be joining their team. He wanted to choose his team as an unrestricted free agent which he would soon become as any college player unsigned four years after they are drafted became a free agent. This was in accordance with the NHL's Collective Bargaining Agreement, which gives teams four years to sign college draftees and thus allows for the drafted player to move to free agency after his senior year.

On June 20, 2016, Murray and the Sabres swapped a third a third round pick in the 2016 NHL Entry Draft to the Predators for Vesey's rights. The trade gave the Sabres a few weeks of exclusive negotiating rights with Vesey before he became a free agent. Despite

this, Vesey's agent informed ESPN that he had still intended to become a free agent. While discussions with the Sabres continued, a deal was not struck and Vesey became an unrestricted free agent on August 16. On August 20, 2016, Vesey signed with the New York Rangers. In three season with the Rangers Vesey tallied 50 goals and 90 assists for 140 points 240 games. The New York Post described his career so far as "Underwhelming."

The Sabres sent another third round pick in the 2021 draft for Vesey while the Rangers erased his \$2.275 million salary cap hit as they cleared cap space to sign top free agent winger Artemi Panari. Vesey is an average NHL winger who knows how to get the puck to the net in 5 on 5 play as shown by

averaging 17 goals in his three NHL seasons. Of course an average winger is an upgrade among the Sabres bottom nine forwards where the team has been woefully inadequate. A twenty goal season from Vesey would be welcome on a team where Jason Pominville's 15 goals was the best total after Jack Eichel, Jeff Skinner and Sam Reinhart. At age 26 Vesey's upside is limited but if he continues to produce 17 goals or more, his production he will be a welcome addition to the team. Interestingly this week the Stanley Cup finalist Boston Bruins declined a trade opportunity for Vesey who is a hometown boy.

Vesey comes from a real hockey family. His father Jim Vesey was an eighth round pick of the St. Louis Blues in the 1984 Entry Draft. He played 15 games in the NHL and was a goal scoring player in the minor professional leagues. He currently works as a scout for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Vesey's younger brother Nolan was drafted by the Leafs in the 2014 draft and was traded to the Edmonton Oilers in June 2018. He has played in the minors over the past two seasons.



Jimmy Vesey NY Rangers

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## Felonies

From "D" District

### North Buffalo

**June 28, 2019**

Lincoln Parkway – Complainant reports unknown suspect did key vehicle causing approximately \$5,000 in damages. Officers did note deep key scratches of entire driver's side passenger side and trunk of vehicle. Complainant believes suspect may be his ex-wife.

**June 28, 2019**

Hertel Avenue – Complainant states sometime throughout the night an unknown suspect did break the window. Estimated value at \$700.00

**June 28, 2019**

Hertel Avenue – Defendant arrested for attempting to sell prescription drugs to complainant. Defendant charged.

**June 28, 2019**

Delaware Avenue – Defendant did select items from store and did pass all points of purchase without paying for items. Items were recovered and returned to the store.

**June 27, 2019**

Delaware/Hertel Avenue – After assisting on a previous call, officers did see a wanted suspect at the bus stop located at Delaware and Hertel Avenues. After identifying the defendant, defendant was shown to have several warrants. The defendant did have a glass pipe with burnt edges in his right pocket which was recovered by officers.

**June 27, 2019**

Hertel Avenue – Complainant reports that unknown person did take his mail which contained a gift card (\$100). After checking with customer service, complainant was informed that the card had been used. Complainant was instructed to file a police report. Gift card was a birthday gift from his grandmother in N.C.

**June 27, 2019**

Parkside Avenue - Defendant did harass com-

plaining by pushing and shoving her causing minor pain and discomfort.

**June 26, 2019**

Cheltenham Avenue - Complainant reports that two unknown males in their twenties approached him in front of home and demanded that he give them his phone. When complainant refused suspects grabbed him by the shoulder and one male displayed an army green utility knife and threatened him. Suspects then attempted to take complainant's wallet. Complainant fought with suspects to prevent them from taking his property. Suspects then punched complainant in the right side of his head causing swelling and bruising. Complainant was disoriented. Knife was found at scene. Victim was transported to ECMC via AMR.

### Riverside

**June 28, 2019**

Janice Street – Complainant states her and the defendant did get into a verbal argument that turned physical when defendant did strike complainant in the head with an unknown object inside a white sock causing a lump on the left side of her head and a broken blood vessel in right eye. Complainant went to Kenmore Mercy Hospital via AMR.

**June 28, 2019**

Kenmore Avenue – Complainant who is an employee at Price Rite stated she parked her vehicle near the entrance door. Complainant stated that an unknown male approximately in his late 50's driving an older model white vehicle and did park next to her vehicle and broke her driver side window with an unknown object. Complainant stated that the suspect did take two packs of cigarettes and her grand daughter's blowup pool from the vehicle. Complainant stated the suspect then fled in his ve-

hicle. Complainant also state that the incident was caught on camera.

**June 27, 2019**

Ontario Street – Complainant reports that an altercation took place inside store which did cause damage. Video available.

**June 27, 2019**

Chaddock Avenue - Defendant did operate vehicle eastbound on Chaddock and did strike a gate and fled the scene. Witnesses tried to get him to stop. Defendant was apprehended on porch. Defendant submitted to a chemical test that did register a BAC of .19%.

**June 27, 2019**

Laird Avenue - Complainant reports suspect did violate protection order by showing up at her residence and threatening her and throwing rocks at residence. No damage.

### West Side

**June 28, 2019**

Harvard Place – Complainant states unknown suspect(s) did enter locked storage container without permission by means of cutting the locked causing an unknown amount of damage. Once inside suspect did take without permission (1) 3,100 ft of copper pipe valued at \$5,312.83 and damage (1) Storage Container \$1.00 (total value over \$3,000) Camera located on Harvard. Owner not home.

**June 27, 2019**

West Ferry Street – Complainant 1 reports unknown suspect did fraudulently cash three of complainant 2's checks from her account valued at \$3,310.50 Complainant 2's checkbook was in an unlocked safe in her home. Three home care aides were in the home during that time. There is a case filed with the bank.

**June 27, 2019**

Grant Street - complainant reports unknown persons did take without permission a NYS driver's license and registration and one insurance card from inside the vehicle. The suspect did also damage the driver side mirror of vehicle.



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**ACROSS**

1 Advertised heavily  
6 Bilateral  
12 South Dakota's capital  
13 Colored ring  
14 On the briny  
15 Funhouse item  
16 Use a sponge  
17 Author Wister  
19 D.C. fig.  
20 Long skirt  
22 Obtain  
24 Suitable  
27 Cacophonies  
29 — parmigiana  
32 5-ball desktop toy  
35 Exchange premium  
36 Former veep  
37 Vast expanse  
38 San Francisco's — Hill  
40 One of the Three Bears  
42 Sort  
44 The same, in a bibliography  
46 Approaching  
50 Elegantly groomed  
52 "Shoo!"  
54 Mammoth occasion?  
55 Room to maneuver  
56 Nun  
57 Brilliance

**DOWN**

1 Stereo setup  
2 Shrill bark  
3 Opening comment  
4 Historic period  
5 Rehab  
6 Domesticated  
7 Squeeze  
8 "— the ram-parts ..."  
9 Carpeting fabrics  
10 Medicinal plant  
11 9-Down

makeup  
12 Manhandle  
18 Endearing  
21 Big bother  
23 Mendes or Longoria  
24 Literary collection  
25 Cribbage  
26 Longtime Hostess product  
28 Mix up  
30 Hearty brew  
31 Michele of "Glee"  
33 As well

34 Sleep phenomenon  
39 Spree  
41 Broadway backer  
42 Cow-headed goddess  
43 Places  
45 Antelope's playmate  
47 "The Music Man" setting  
48 Buzzing pest  
49 Attention getter  
51 Roscoe  
53 Common Mkt., once

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

## End the Day with a Bang

What would the Fourth of July be without fireworks? Ever wonder why we have fireworks on the day we celebrate the anniversary of our independence? Probably not as most just choose to enjoy the over 16,000 displays that will illuminate the skies over America as soon as darkness sets in. Happens to fall at a time of year when days are the longest and we must patiently wait for the sun to fully set before the show can begin. Seems each year new things are added to make firework displays even better than in previous years. More variety and color and the Grand Finale at the end of the display is longer and louder, followed by a big cheer from the crowd.

Back to the origin of the fireworks on the fourth. Independence Day was the day our forefathers chose to throw the biggest

party possible for the day. Filled with pomp and circumstance, outdoor feast, and music. Then end the day by illuminating the skies with fireworks imported from China. A display that people could see and enjoy from miles away. It was a special day to honor those who gave their lives for this country to break away from an imperialistic England. We still celebrate it on that day and the fireworks have remained a tradition.

There is a downside to the story. Unless it is controlled, fireworks remain illegal in many states to this day. New York is one of them. Possession of fireworks is a crime, believe it or not. You can be arrested by law for setting off private fireworks, unless the law has changed since I was a kid. Like many laws it is not stickily enforced. It used

to be and with good reason. You need fire to have fireworks. Fire could be extremely dangerous and even deadly.

I recall as a youngster on 14th street, the house three doors away burned down on the Fourth of July. The cause, careless fireworks by an individual. Someone was setting off Roman candles and a small rocket fell onto the roof and smoldered and eventually caught on fire and burned the huge double to the ground. That set off more enforcement of the law against out of control fireworks.

As a teenager though we still had to have our own little firework displays. Fireworks were not and still are not sold in New York. However, a mile over the Peace Bridge you can buy all you want in Canada. Problem is getting them through customs. Probably would not arrest you but they for certain would confiscate them. I recall back in High School at Grover Cleveland; we had a young entrepreneur who would go to Canada buy up a bunch of fireworks bring them back and sell them for a huge profit. How did he get



**Fireworks are gorgeous to look at, but they can cause fires, burns, and other injuries if you're not careful.**

them through customs? He walked over the Peace Bridge and walked back carrying his cargo. When he got to a certain point on the bridge, he would drop them down to a cohort waiting on the ground below. A drop of about 10 feet. Then sell them to his fellow students who were eager to be able to have their own firecrackers and cherry bombs. He did well and made a lot of people happy, illegally.

Personal fireworks are still dangerous as I can

attest to. Once in Canada I was holding a Roman candle and it misfired and went off on the wrong end, onto my hand giving me severe burns. You must realize you are playing with fire and fire can be dangerous. So, enjoy the many displays in the area and have a safe and sound forth. Remember to be proud you are American, and that you live in the greatest country in the world. God Bless America and Happy Birthday.

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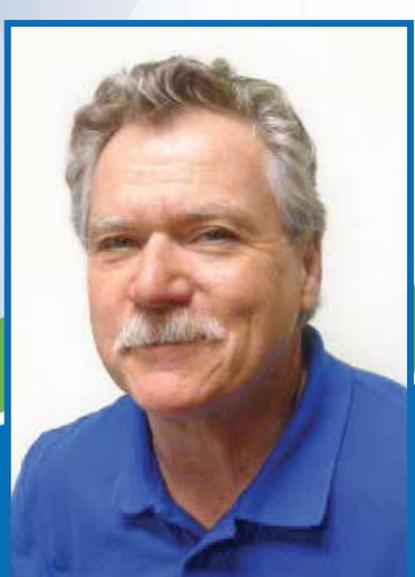
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Dear Kentucky Woman: Since your husband is already receiving his Social Security retirement benefits, you are eligible to collect spousal benefits at any time after you reach age 62, even though you are collecting Social Security Disability benefits (you don't have to wait until he's 70); however, if you start those spousal benefits before you reach your full retirement age they will be reduced. If you claim at or after your full retirement age (66+2 months) your spousal benefit would be 50% of your husband's full retirement age benefit; but if you start earlier

it would be less.

Please note too that your Social Security Disability Insurance benefits will automatically convert to regular Social Security benefits when you reach your full retirement age but will continue at the same amount you were receiving on disability (including the spousal portion). If your husband predeceases you, and you have already reached your full retirement age, you will get 100% of whatever Social Security benefit he was receiving, instead of any disability benefit or spousal benefit you may be receiving. If he passes and you claim survivor's benefits before you reach your full retirement age, those benefits will be reduced to something less than 100% of the benefit he was receiving. How much of a reduction depends upon how many months before your FRA that you start the survivor's benefit. If you were to predecease your husband, he would get survivor's benefits from you only if that benefit is higher than the amount he is already receiving from his own work record.

### Answers to Senior Trivia

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#### FAMOUS ROCKS

- 1) Little Rock
- 2) Dwayne Johnson
- 3) Plymouth Rock
- 4) Rock N Roll
- 5) Rock of Gibraltar
- 6) Hard Rock Cafe
- 7) Black Rock
- 8) Bedrock
- 9) Slippery Rock University
- 10) Loose Rock
- 11) Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary
- 12) War Memorial Stadium
- 13) Decorative Rock
- 14) Rock A Bye Baby
- 15) Falling Rock Zone

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## Senior TRIVIA

### Word Scramble

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- 1) eforkiws \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) aglf \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) rreicmaa \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ritoapt \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) cciinp \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) greurbs \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) dre itewh lbeu \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) errcckarfsie \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) mnthea \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) idyaloh \_\_\_\_\_

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## Independence Day

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the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Commit-

tee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to

the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far, he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

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**Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group and Certified Pest Solutions** are having a Summer Block Party on Saturday, July 13. Join in on the fun 9am to 4pm at 3741 Lake Shore Road in Blasdell. On this day, there will be a rummage sale, adoption specials, Sahlen's

hot dogs for sale, a can and bottle drive, a 50/50, a basket raffle, a bake sale, and Purina dog food and treats for sale. Unyts will be there with the Express Life Bus from 10am to 2pm for anyone willing to give blood and Ten Lives Club will also be drawing their summer raffle winner at 3pm.

Businesses can still set up a table at this event for a \$50 donation, but they must bring their own table, chairs, tent, and other necessities. To reserve a spot, call (716)-646-5577. The last day to reserve a spot is Tuesday, July 9. For more information on Ten Lives Club events, how to volunteer, adopt a cat, or to donate, visit their website at [www.tenlivesclub.com](http://www.tenlivesclub.com) or their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/tenlivesclub](http://www.facebook.com/tenlivesclub). At this time the organization is requesting gift cards/certificates of \$20 or more we can use to raffle off at an upcoming fundraiser in August. Please send any donations to Ten Lives Club PO Box 253 North Boston NY 14110 or drop them off at our shelter located at 3741 Lake Shore Road in Blasdell.



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## 4th of July Grill Safety

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 teractive website [www.propanekids.com](http://www.propanekids.com).

**Ventilation** - Always keep the lid open when lighting your grill. Don't close it until you are sure the grill is lit. Keep the grill in a well-ventilated outdoor area, at least ten feet away from the house—and at least three feet away from trees and shrubs. Never cover the bottom of the grill with foil - it can restrict air circulation. Always use and store propane cylinders outdoors in an upright position. After filling or exchanging a cylinder, take it home immediately. While transporting the cylinder, keep your vehicle ventilated and the valve closed or capped. Do not leave the cylinder in your vehicle.

**Firing Up The Grill Safely** - Never use

matches or lighters to check for leaks. And never use starter fluid with propane grills. Do not smoke while handling a propane cylinder, and keep all flammable materials away from the grill. If the grill does not ignite within ten seconds, turn off the gas, keep the lid open and wait five minutes before trying again. If the igniter fails to light the grill after two or three tries, turn off the gas and replace the igniter according to the manufacturer's instructions. Regularly check the tubes that lead into the burner for blockage from insects or food grease. Never attempt to repair, clean or clear blockages on a hot grill.

**General Safety Tips**  
 - Always have one person in charge of the fire at all times. Never leave

a hot grill unattended. Never attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See a propane gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person. Be sure to locate your model number and the manufacturer's consumer inquiry phone number and write them on the front page of your manual.

If you smell gas and you are able to, safely turn off the cylinder valve, turning it to the right (clockwise). Immediately leave the area and call 911 or your local fire department. Before you use the grill again, have a qualified service technician inspect your cylinder.

For more information on the value and safe uses of propane, visit [www.nypropane.com](http://www.nypropane.com) and [www.propane.com](http://www.propane.com).

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