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Honoring Our Veterans



Special programming and free admission for veterans and active duty military is being offered at Explore & More Museum this Veteran's Day.

Join Explore & More – The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum this Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 from 10am – 4pm as they honor those who have served our country with a full day of fun, hands-on activities. Thanks to the support of National Fuel, Explore & More will be

offering FREE admission for all active duty and retired military members with ID.

Throughout the day and the museum, there will be military appreciation and recognition activities, providing immersive and memorable experiences for children, while teaching them

how the military keeps us safe and why we celebrate Veterans Day. Children can make lap blankets for Veterans, thank you cards for deployed military members and dog tags for themselves. There will be entertainment by the Buffalo Dolls and surprise guests

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Vets & Pets Free Adoptions

To celebrate the men and women of the armed services this Veterans Day, the SPCA Serving Erie County offers "Vets & Pets," waiving adoption fees on most animals for individuals on active duty, reserves, and honorable discharge, along with service-disabled veterans and those retired from military service.

Vets & Pets begins Friday, November 1 and runs through Monday, November 11 at the SPCA's 300 Harlem Rd., West Seneca shelter and all SPCA offsite adoption

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More information to follow. Contact SPCA Adoptions with any questions: 716-875-7360, ext. 233.

Memories

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Holy Angels Alumnae 1979



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What Is Veteran's Day

What is a veteran, we will tell you on this day, Veterans Day is a legal holiday in the United States; formerly Armistice Day but called Veterans' Day since 1954. Happy Veterans day 2019 rejoices on every 11th November of Every year. You may have question that why do we celebrate veterans day ? On November 11, 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson give out a message to his citizens on the first Armistice Day in which he stated what he felt the day destined to Americans, so on 11th of November declared a legal holiday in each year, "a day to be devoted to the cause

of world peace and to be afterward celebrated and known as 'Veterans Day'." why is veterans day important, i guess that's why it is important for today's generation. whens veterans day celebrated is a common question to ask among people, it is a day to exhibition your gratitude, honor and remember those, who endangered their lives for the betterment of our country. In the Past time, it was not fixed on which date for the year we should celebrate the Veterans Day but now it celebrates on 11 AM of the 11th day of the 11th Month mean on 11th November we celebrate the Veterans Day.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7



Snow
High 37°
Low 25°

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8



Partly Cloudy
High 34°
Low 23°

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9



Cloudy
High 37°
Low 34°

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10



PM Showers
High 44°
Low 29°

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11



Snow Showers
High 33°
Low 24°

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12



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Sabres Stumble Before Heading To Sweden

With one regulation win in their last five games the Sabres early season success has faded into the rearview mirror. They have been outscored by a wide margin 16-7 in their last five games, losing 6-2 at the New York Rangers, winning 2-0 at Detroit, losing to Phoenix 3-2 in overtime at the Keybank center, then losing 6-1 against Washington and 1-0 to the New York Islanders in Buffalo.

Their frustrations extend to both sides of the puck. Their defense was unable to stop the offensive power of the Capitals. The Sabres have failed to score more than two goals during this stretch. Their offense was unable to penetrate the stifling defensive play of the New York Islanders in a 1-0 loss in downtown Buffalo. After the Isles took an early 1-0 lead on a fluke goal, the Sabres consistently shot wide against the visitors because the shooting and passing lanes were defended by perfectly positioned opponents.

The offense has dried up because the team has not put forth the defensive effort like they did during their first ten games. Their strong defensive play had directly led to of-

fensive success. Against the Rangers Buffalo had five blocked shots against 22 for New York so it's easy to see which team wanted the win more. In the win against Carter Hutton was strong in the nets as Detroit outshot Buffalo 41 - 25. Phoenix outshot Buffalo 44-26. You will not win many games in the NHL when you give up more than 40 shots.

Leading scorer Jack Eichel had only three points combined over these five games, a big dropoff as compared to 14 points in his first ten games. He now has 17

points in 15 games. The next highest scorer is Rasmus Dahlin with 11 points. The teams top scorers are all on the wrong side of the plus/minus stats, Eichel in -5, Dahlin -4, Sam Reinhart -3 and Victor Olafsson at -4. While many progressive thinkers scoff at the value of the plus minus stats it remains as a valid accounting of a players success during even strength play. Winning teams are loaded with plus players while losing team are replete with minus players. The Sabres are trending in the wrong direction here and need to re-establish their commitment to strong defensive play. Their two games against the Tampa Bay Lightning in Stockholm Sweden this Friday and Saturday as part of the NHL's Global Series present an opportunity to get back on track against a Tampa Bay team that has not been as strong as last season when they led the NHL in points.



Carter Hutton's 41 save shutout in Detroit earned him NHL's third star of the week.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
November 5, 2019
Bedford Road – Complainant reports person(s) unknown did enter her garage through the side door and once inside took without permission her Honda lawnmower (value \$500.00).

November 4, 2019
Hertel Avenue – Complainant reports, that while at bar, she put her wallet out of her purse to pay her tab did set her wallet on the bar. When she came back to grab it, it was missing. Stolen were (7) credit cards, NYS license, M&T bank card. Restaurant cameras were not working.

November 4, 2019
New Amsterdam – Complainant reports unknown came in fenced yard and threw a rock and damaged glass patio door.

November 4, 2019
Erb Street – Complainant reports that defendant did throw a brick at the front door window breaking same.

November 2, 2019
Delaware Avenue – Complainant reports that her boyfriend did violate protection order by following her home and screaming and throwing garbage.

Riverside
November 5, 2019
Hertel Avenue – Defendant arrested after verbal altercation with complainant, threatened her with a baseball bat and was found by officers standing in middle of roadway with baseball bat making threats.

November 4, 2019
Briggs Avenue - Complainant reports that unknown male suspect

wearing blue navy coat with hood up did enter vehicle and did take her purse. Purse contained personal ID's (SSI card, 6 SSN cards, NYS ID) and various credit cards. Vehicle was unlocked.

November 4, 2019
Tonawanda Street – Complainant reports that person(s) unknown did into corner store and did push him and take his cell phone. Complainant #2 was struck in the face by a female suspect. Suspects, two males and three females did flee scene in vehicle. Video available.

West Side
November 11, 2019
Linwood Avenue – Complainant reports that while asleep, unknown suspect(s) did enter apartment through glass door. Suspect(s) did take her black wallet containing M&T debit card, NetSpend pre-paid credit card and NYS drivers license. Complainant reports cameras are on location possibly catching footage.

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ACROSS

1 Lehar's "Merry" one

6 "Nonsense!"

11 In one's dot-age

12 Keyless

14 Squirm

15 Multitask, maybe

16 Before

17 Clio nominee, maybe

19 Antiquated

20 Dutch export

22 Customizable computer character

23 Diver Louganis

24 Doughnut, geometrically

26 Tell the tale

28 Scale member

30 Witness

31 Curve cutter

35 Diamond corners

39 Photog's choice

40 Fish eggs

42 Tick follower

43 Singer DiFranco

44 "Ivanhoe" author

46 "— on parole francais"

47 Word-finding

6 Sleepwear

7 Dazzle

8 Use unduly

9 Wool variety

10 Billfold

11 Saccharine

13 Sill

18 Hr. fraction

21 Indispensables

23 Wonderful

25 "Mayday!"

27 Civil War soldier

29 Theft

31 Dieters' targets

32 Film director

DOWN

1 Eccentric

2 Ready to roll

3 Understand

4 — podrida

5 Unwanted plants

6 game

7 Seek a bargain

51 Ape

52 Kitchen gadget

53 Having great scope

54 Monica of tennis

whose father was a painter

33 Baffler

34 Wine and dine, maybe

36 Elegantly maintained

37 Bk. after Prov.

38 Vacationer at Vail, probably

41 Group character

44 Metal refuse

45 Recording

48 Martini ingredient

50 Solidify

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center

Back when I was a member of the North Buffalo Kiwanis Club, NW division of New York state district, it was our goal to raise one million dollars to add a Pediatric trauma center to Buffalo's Children's Hospital. A lofty chore for a rather small group of dedicated people who had other obligations and lives to lead. I won't go into details here on how we did it, but one way or another we were able to do it. We raised half of the million and the other half was matched by the Wentz Foundation. We still were able to name it after Kiwanis

Before this, the nearest Pediatric trauma center was in Boston, Massachusetts. Pediatric trauma centers are geared for children. Emergency rooms before ours was built were for anyone, any age. What

this did was provide a trauma center designed for adolescents, without the long wait and equipment specifically made to address adults. In any case we accomplished it and had the first Kiwanis Pediatric Center in Western New York.

I had a personal interest in this project as being the father of eight children, the emergency room at the hospital was like a second home. So many times, we had the occasion to rush one of our little ones to the ER for one reason or another. The frustrating thing about any ER is the long wait, as we all know. It seems even longer when you have a screaming crying child to deal with. We had that happen more than once.

A few of the events I recall from my kid's young-

er years was the need for treatment immediately. I recall my eldest daughter having a bean in her ear. There was a song about someone not being able to hear as they had a bean in their ear. Kind of cute-sy. So one day she put a bean in her ear and sang the song, "I can't hear you I have a bean in my ear" We all laughed and thought it was funny till we found out she did have a bean in her ear. As we tried to remove the bean, it just went in further and further. It then became hurtful and she panicked and so did we. Off to the ER with her screaming in pain and crying. The doctor there used a water pick to somehow pop it out to the relief of everyone.

Another time my boys were playing baseball out back when the ball went on the roof of the garage next door. It was a concrete garage and the wall went straight up with a flat roof. The wall was higher than the roof so there was a lip. They decided to get the ball as we had no ladder, they needed a strategy. The decision was to tie a rock to a clothesline and toss it over the lip. Then climb up the rope. Good plan

but the rock would need to be heavier than the person climbing the rope. They managed to get the rock up over the lip and thought that it was secure. One tug on the rope and the rock flipped over the lip and came down on my son's head.

The boys panicked as there was a lot of blood. So, my one son goes in the house to tell my wife. He calmly told her his brother was not feeling so good. She goes out to check on him. The blood looks worse than it was but with that it was off to the ER again. It did look

worse than it was, and some stitches stopped the bleeding and some baby aspirin helped with the headache.

There were numerous other times with broken arms, deep cuts, and just plain serious illnesses. With that in mind, when the opportunity came to contribute some time to build this trauma center, I was all for it. It did take years to raise that much money, but we did it and accomplished something that helped the community. Unfortunately, it was completed after my children had all matured.



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Vikings vs Cowboys	Vikings



Ask Rusty- Should I Claim Benefits at Age 67 if I'm Working?

Dear Rusty: My wife and I were talking to some other senior citizens who say it would be more beneficial to start drawing social security when I turn 67 next year, rather than wait till 70, even if I work full time. Can I do that? Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Yes, you can do that, but it may not be your best strategy. Let's explore your options:

If your wife is already collecting Social Security on her work record, you might consider filing a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" and collect a spousal benefit from your wife, while continuing to delay your claim for your own benefit, thus allowing your benefit to continue to grow. You can do this because you were born before 1/2/1954, which is the cutoff date for filing in this manner. In this way you could collect 50% of the benefit your wife is entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) until such time as you file for your own benefit. If you wait until age 70 to file for your own, your payment will be 24% more than it will be when you are 67. But you cannot use this option unless, or until, your wife is collecting her Social Security benefit from her own work record.

There is no simple answer to when you should claim. It depends upon your current financial needs, your current health and your anticipated longevity (considering your family history). If you anticipate a long healthy life and don't urgently need the money, then waiting until age 70 to claim your benefit will not only give you the highest possible monthly payment but also the most in lifetime benefits (assuming you live to at least the "average" age (84 for a man today). Waiting until 70 will also ensure that your wife gets the highest possible survivor benefit, should you predecease her (at her FRA, your surviving spouse gets 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death).

As for you working,

since you've reached your full retirement age you no longer need to worry about Social Security's "earnings test" which takes back benefits from anyone whose earnings exceed a certain limit. But it would be wise to consider that Social Security benefits are subject to Federal Income Tax (and, depending upon where you live, possibly a State income tax), so adding your Social Security income to your earnings from work could be an important tax consideration for you.

Claiming your benefit at age 67 will give you a payment which is 8% more than you would have gotten at age 66. But if the factors discussed above suggest you should wait longer, then you'll earn an additional 8% for each additional year you wait to claim your benefit, up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. What is the downside to waiting? Well, only that your wife, if she will be eligible

for a spousal benefit from you, cannot collect that spousal benefit until you start collecting your own benefit. Your wife's spousal benefit would be half of your age 66 benefit if she claims at her full retirement age.

So, as you can see, there is no easy answer to whether you should claim Social Security at age 67, but with the above information you should be able to make an informed decision. And here's one final suggestion: don't take Social Security advice from "armchair experts" and don't be swayed by those who might say "collect now because Social Security is going bankrupt." It's not. It's true that Congress needs to fix some portions of the program soon, and it's also true they've been dragging their collective feet to do so. But, historically, Congress has always stepped up to the task when they had to, and I'm confident they will eventually do so again.

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From page one. (Sabretooth) throughout the day. At 12:30 we will have a brief (no more than 15 minutes) ceremony with a presentation from the WNY Maritime Charter School Color Guard, the national anthem from students from Mel's School of Music and Theater and words from some special guests. At that time, we

will be making a special announcement that will be very impactful for our active military heroes.

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tions are being gratefully accepted at the front desk of the museum, now through November 11, 2019. Explore & More also created an Amazon account with a wish list of items that can be ordered online. Those who are interested can go to www.exploreandmore.org and click on the Veterans Day link located at the top of the website.

American Ambulance Association Honors

American Medical Response in Buffalo will receive an AMBY Award tomorrow at the American Ambulance Association's Annual Conference and Trade Show Awards Reception in Nashville. AMR will receive an AMBY in the Employee Programs category.

AMR was recognized for the Earn While You Learn program, which started in September 2018. Born from a need to recruit qualified EMTs, the goal was to attract, hire and train 50 individuals. Since the first

program, AMR has held four academies and graduated more than 100 students. The Earn While You Learn Academy is an 11-week program, where students are paid to attend EMT school.

Thomas Maxian, president of AMR's northeast region, said he is proud of the Earn While You Learn program.

"We are honored to be recognized with an American Ambulance Association AMBY Award," he said. "The program has enabled AMR to create EMS career opportuni-

ties for people who, without the program, could not make this career transition."

The program was launched in partnership with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown's job initiative, and Maxian said the city helped the Earn While You Learn program to spread to every corner of the Buffalo community.

The program's success in Buffalo has created Earn While You Learn academies in Springfield, Mass., St. Louis, Mo., and Dayton, Ohio.

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Mr. Popper's Penguins – A Holiday Musical is on stage December 7 – 22, at Theatre of Youth, 203 Allen Street, Buffalo. Tickets, starting at \$15, are now available online at www.theatreofyouth.org or by calling 716-884-4400, ext. 304. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays (specific show times on website) at the historic, handicapped-accessible, Allendale Theatre, 203 Allen Street, Buffalo, NY 14201. Audiences will enjoy a special Talk-Back and Photo Opportunity with the Cast after all performances.

Mr. Popper's Penguins is recommended for ages 5+. Book is by Robert Kauzlaric, with music and lyrics by George Howe; based on the classic novel by Richard and Florence Atwater.

Answers to Senior Trivia Buffalo Rocket Issue 44 October 31, 2019 ITALIAN FOODS Word Scramble

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| 1. Pizza | 6. Lasagna |
| 2. Cannoli | 7. Ziti |
| 3. Ravioli | 8. Manicotti |
| 4. Spaghetti | 9. Antipasto |
| 5. Macaroni | 10. Meatballs |

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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