

## Signs of the Times



Due to the coronavirus epidemic, we have had to adjust to the new world of social distancing. For most of us, a life without daily human interaction is an entirely new situation. Empty parking lots, like this one at Hertel and Sterling, are an example of the times we are now living.

### COVID-19 Resources

Visit [uwbec.org/coronavirus](http://uwbec.org/coronavirus) to access a resource page with up-to-date information and resources for community members and nonprofit organizations.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, dial 211. The 211 helpline provides health & human service refer-

als 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has the most up to date information on available resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



You can also visit their website, [www.211wny.org](http://www.211wny.org).

**WAYS TO GIVE BACK**

Show your appreciation for our essential workers and send them a digital thank you card. United Way has partnered with local businesses, hospitals, and

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### Works, From Home, A New Mural Project

The Albright-Knox announced that the museum's Public Art Initiative has partnered with sixteen artists throughout Western New York to create a mural, painted in sections in each artist's own home or studio, that will be displayed after the COVID-19 crisis subsides. Each artist will work in their own space with materials provided

by the museum and will document their progress on their personal social media channels using the hashtags #AKPublicArt and #WorksFromHome. The location of the fin-



ished work is yet to be determined.

The Public Art Initiative has assembled small kits containing mural supplies from the museum's inventory, including pre-cut sections of primed material called Polytab, and

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### EPIC's Family Support Line

These unprecedented times are taking their toll on all of us, and at EPIC, we are committed to standing by our families in times of need.

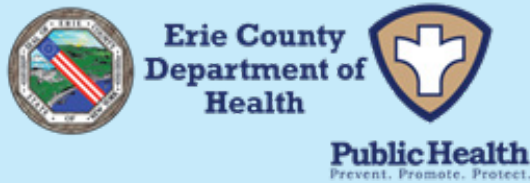
That's why last week, we launched our Family Support Line, available Monday through Friday for ANYTHING you need. Whether it's stress management, positive discipline techniques, motivating your kids to do assignments or anything in between, an EPIC team member will be standing by to help.

So call us at 716-332-4111 - we know it takes a village, and we're honored to be part of yours.

You can also continue to check out our Coronavirus Resource page - it's constantly being refreshed with updates for you regarding unemployment pay, health information, policy changes and more, as well as new homeschool ideas for kids of all ages.

From the EPIC family to yours, we wish you continued health and peace in these ever-changing times.

## Support Local Restaurants during these uncertain times



### ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ECDOH, COVID-19 Information Line: (716) 858-2929 – 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Erie County Department of Health, COVID-19: <http://www.erie.gov/covid19>

Erie County online map of confirmed cases: [www.erie.gov/covidmap](http://www.erie.gov/covidmap)

New York State Department of Health Hotline: (888) 364-3065

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## This Day In Buffalo Sabres History

On April 2nd 1989, the Buffalo Sabres beat the Quebec Nordiques 4-2 as Clint Malarchuk returned to action for the first time since his neck injury. This day in hockey history, April 3rd 1977, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the St. Louis Blues 7-3 as Rene Robert scored three goals and an assist, and Jocelyn Guevremont who had a goal and three assists. April 3rd 1980, 1980, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the the Quebec Nordiques 8-3 for their 12th consecutive game (6-0-6). without a loss. Craig Ramsay led the scoring with a goal and three assists. On April 3rd 1988, the Sabres tied the Montreal Canadiens 4-4 as, Mike Foligno scored his 200th goal as a Sabre. On April 4th 1976, the Buffalo Sabres beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-2 at the Aud as Danny Gare scored three times for his third career hat trick to become the second player in team history to score 50 goals in a season. On April 5th 1975, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 at Maple Leaf Gardens. Rene Robert picked up an assist, to become the first 100 point scorer in Sabres history. This It was the only 100 point season of his NHL career. On April 5th 1987, the Sabres defeated the Hartford Whalers 6-0 at the Aud, to end a six game winless streak (0-5-1). Tom Barrasso recorded the 11th shutout of his

career.

On April 5th 1989, the Buffalo Sabres scored four power play and two shorties against the Boston Bruins in a 6-0 playoff series opening win. Jacques Cloutier getting the shutout in his first ever playoff start. Kevin Maguire and Bruce Shoebottom dropped the gloves twice throwing their fists at each other with such speed that they were barely visible. Pierre Turgeon scored one goal after stripping b's defenseman Glenn Wesley from behind and added three assists. On April 5th 1977, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Minnesota North Stars 4-2 at the Aud to win game one of the Stanley Cup preliminary round. The Sabres swept the series in two straight games On April 6th 1989, the Buffalo Sabres took a 3-0 lead, scoring the first nine goals of the series, before vanishing from the game as the Boston Bruins scored five consecutive goals for a 5-3 victory. Michael Thelven had three assists to lead the Bruins scoring. The goals seemed like a side show to the fights as Bruce Shoebottom, Keith Crowder, Kevin McGuire, Mike Hartman

and others tangled in a rough game. The B's win tied the series at 1-1. April 6th 1983, the Buffalo Sabres beat the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 at the Forum in Montreal. Bob Sauve was in the nets for his third career playoff shutout, to win game one of the Stanley Cup division semi finals. The Sabres went on to sweep the Canadiens in three straight games. April 7th 1974, the Sabres defeated the St. Louis Blues 5-2 at the Aud in Buffalo. Rick Martin led the way with three goals to become the first player in franchise history to score 50 goals in a season. April 8th 1973, after falling behind 3-0 in games to the Canadiens, Gilbert Perreault scored two goals and an assist to lead the Sabres to a 5-1 victory to stave off elimination in game four of their Stanley Cup quarter finals. April 8th 1976, the Sabres beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 in game two of their Stanley Cup preliminary round series, at the Aud in Buffalo. Danny Gare scored the game winning goal at 11:43 of overtime On April 8th 1979, the Buffalo Sabres' tied the Colorado Rockies 5-5 at the Aud. Jacques Richard scored his first career hat trick and Danny Gare had three assists. April 8th 1994, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 at the Aud in Buffalo. Dominik Hasek was in the nets and recorded his seventh shutout of the season



Perreault vs Habs Aud.

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# Families Who Have A Loved One In A Nursing Home Need To Ask These 6 Questions

The NYS Department of Health (DOH) strongly encourages nursing homes and other adult care facilities to implement communication protocols for both residents and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic including when the facility learns of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. According to Governor Cuomo's office, at least 1,064 New Yorkers have died in nursing home facilities since the onset of this Pandemic.

Asking the right question and establishing effective communication is extremely important to the well-being of your loved one residing in a long-term care facility. After consultation with leading experts on nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care facilities, AARP urges families with loved ones in nursing homes to ask these six key questions of nursing home administrators and staff.

1. Has anyone in the nursing home tested positive for COVID-19? The NYS DOH recommends that long-term care facilities report this information; however, it is not a requirement so families must ask this question specifically.

2. What is the nursing home doing to prevent infections?

How are nursing home staff, residents and others being screened for COVID-19, especially when they leave and re-enter the home?

What precautions are being required of residents, including covering of noses and

mouths when staff is in the room, and how is the nursing home helping them to comply?

Is the nursing home assigning special staff or units for the care of residents who have tested positive for Covid-19?

3. Does nursing home staff have the personal protective equipment (PPE) – such as masks, face shields, gowns, gloves—that they need to stay safe, and keep their patients safe?

Have nursing home staff been given specific training on how to use this PPE?

If not enough PPE is available, what is the plan to obtain personal protective equipment?

4. What is the nursing home doing to help residents stay connected with their families or other loved ones during this time?

Does the nursing home help residents call their loved ones by phone or video call?

Will the nursing home set up a regular schedule for you to speak with your loved one?

5. What is the plan for the nursing home to communicate important information to both residents and families on a regular basis?

Will the nursing home be contacting you by phone or email, and when?

6. Is the nursing home currently at full staffing levels for nurses, aides, and other workers?

What is the plan to make sure the needs of nursing home residents are met—like bathing, feeding, medication management, social engagement—if the nursing home has staffing shortages?

"New Yorkers need to communicate with their loved ones in nursing homes on a regular basis and to be aware if the virus is present in the facility," said AARP New York State Director Beth Finkel.

AARP resources are available online at [www.aarp.org/coronavirus](http://www.aarp.org/coronavirus)

New Yorkers concerned about the safety and well-being of a spouse, parent or other loved one who lives in a nursing home should contact the New York Long-Term Care Ombudsman's office at 1-855-LTCOPNY (1-855-582-6769) or email them at [ombudsman.aging.ny.gov](mailto:ombudsman.aging.ny.gov).

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**ACROSS**

1 Pythias' pal  
6 Try the tea  
9 Cleveland cager  
12 Memorable mission  
13 "— Little Teapot"  
14 Blackbird  
15 Make obscure  
16 "Material Girl" singer  
18 Bold alternative  
20 Check  
21 Dogtag wearers  
23 — good deed  
24 Founded (on)  
25 Love god  
27 Ill-suited  
29 Praying bug  
31 Tiny  
35 Vote for  
37 Prego rival  
38 Start a rally  
41 Moon vehicle acronym  
43 — Perignon  
44 Shaving cream additive  
45 Cut aid  
47 Insanity  
49 Free of frost  
52 Inseparable  
53 Bullring bravo  
54 Beetle  
55 Commotion  
56 Trawler need  
57 Hiker's route

**DOWN**

1 Slight touch  
2 Hearty quaff  
3 Wisconsin's capital  
4 Leave out  
5 Wanderer  
6 Ape  
7 Apple product  
8 Cushion  
9 Christmas candies  
10 Warbucks'

ward  
Tennyson  
11 Food item  
17 Speaker  
19 Grown-up nit  
21 Prized possession  
22 A Gershwin brother  
24 Morsel  
26 Spielberg or Soderbergh  
28 In the cards  
30 — -de-France  
32 Fortified Portuguese wine  
33 "But — on forever":

34 Summa — laude  
36 Storage area  
38 Pago Pago's place  
39 Savanna grazer  
40 Wild West show  
42 Interior  
45 Capri, e.g.  
46 Approach  
48 A billion years  
50 Movie trickery (Abbr.)  
51 Wet wriggler

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In partnership with the City of Buffalo, the following park maintenance priorities are effective immediately. The parks will remain open for passive use. There will be NO portable toilets available until further notice. Beginning Monday, April 6th, Delaware Park's Ring Road will be closed to vehicular traffic as part of Buffalo's continuing public safety effort to promote so-

cial distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As of Mar 20, 2020, NYS Gov. Cuomo bans all gatherings and outdoor basketball games. All park amenities such as playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, tennis courts and soccer fields are CLOSED. All public park facilities and buildings including restrooms, rental spaces, concessions, etc. will be CLOSED until further no-



tice. Trash and garbage collection in parks to continue as standard. Park users should exercise social responsibility by disposing their own trash and leashing and picking up after their pets. Golf, organized sports and major park events, festivals or gatherings in the parks are NOT allowed. Should you see any hazards or damage in the parks or trees that have hanging limbs near pathways or roads, please call the Conservancy (716-838-1249) or 311 immediately.



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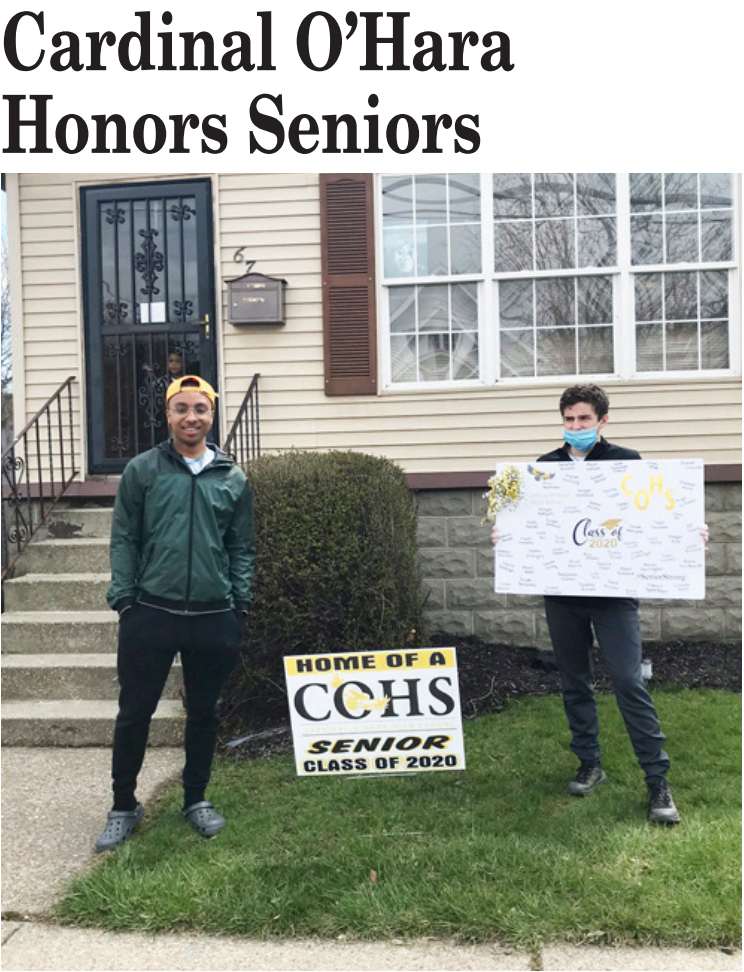
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**SIGN FUN:** On Saturday, April 11, a cavalcade of cars led by the two Cardinal O'Hara High School busses drove from Cardinal O'Hara to the home of every senior in the Class of 2020 from Buffalo to Lockport and all points in between. At each stop, a faculty member and a student jumped out, accompanied by the blare of car horns as well as clapping from drivers and students, and presented the senior at that home a lawn sign indicating that this was the home of a Cardinal O'Hara senior. Isaiah Viveerette, one of the many students from Buffalo and Student Council president, left, shows off the lawn sign during a "sign visit" with Steve Weiss holding up a second O'Hara sign. The event was sponsored by the Cardinal O'Hara Home School Association. One of the HSA parents commented that "This is how Cardinal O'Hara loves its students."

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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## Ask Rusty- Social Security for Children and Younger Wife

*Dear Rusty: I am 59. My wife is 48 and has been a stay at home mom for 15 years. We have children aged 13, 10, and 5. I know it makes sense to delay the start of benefits, but I understand that it's more complicated when small children are involved. Does it make sense for me to begin receiving benefits at 62 so I can also collect more for the children? Signed: Older Father*

Dear Older Father: Yes, the issue is more complicated when children are involved. Here's why: If you claim your own Social Security (SS) at age 62, your minor children would be able to receive child benefits, and your wife would also be able to receive "child-in-care" benefits, even though she is not yet age-eligible for regular spouse benefits.

Usually, a minor child is entitled to 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) SS amount, and a younger care-giving wife is entitled to the same. But when there are multiple dependents collecting on the same worker's record the Family Maximum applies.

The Family Maximum limits the amount of total benefits which can be received by the family to 150% to 188% of the worker's FRA benefit amount. Social Security determines the Family Maximum for each individual case with a complex formula that uses your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA," the amount you get at your FRA). Your PIA is broken into 4 parts and a different percentage of each part is taken and summed up to arrive at

your Family Maximum. Then your PIA is subtracted from the Family Maximum amount and the remainder is equally divided among your minor children and wife. Once a minor child turns 18 (or 19 if still in high school) that child no longer receives benefits and the Family Maximum is recomputed, with the new amount equally divided among the remaining dependents. When your youngest child turns 16, your wife will no longer be eligible for child-in-care benefits. But there's more to consider.

By taking your benefit at age 62, it will be cut by 30% from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age to claim, and that reduction is permanent. Plus that reduced benefit will mean your wife's benefit as your widow, should you pre-decease her, would be less than it might otherwise be if you waited until later to claim.

Until you reach your full retirement age, you will also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money you can earn before Social Security takes back some of

your benefits. The limit for 2020 is \$18,240 and if you exceed that amount, SS will take back benefits equal to half of the excess over the limit. They take back those benefits by withholding your SS until they recover what you owe because you exceeded the limit. And, if your benefits are withheld because you exceed the earnings limit, your children and wife will not get their benefits for any month(s) that your benefits are withheld. FYI, the earnings limit increases by about 2.6 times in the year you reach your FRA and no longer applies once you reach your FRA, but any dependent benefits not paid because you exceeded the earnings limit are lost and cannot be recovered.

So, as you can see, there are many things you should consider. If you will be retired from working at age 62 and don't need to worry about the earnings limit, then claiming then, along with the dependent benefits, could be a prudent choice. But if you will continue to work and earn a significant salary, you might very well find that the benefits you and your dependents lose due to the earnings limit will overshadow any advantage you might gain by filing at that time. And, you might also find that the permanent cut in your own benefit because you claimed early, along with the reduction to your wife's future survivor benefit amount, will make claiming at age 62 less attractive.

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## COVID-19 Resources

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organizations to share these cards with the essential workers on the frontline serving and supporting our community during this challenging time. Visit [uwbec.org/thankyou](http://uwbec.org/thankyou) to get started.

Are you healthy and able to volunteer? Visit [VolunteerWNY.org](http://VolunteerWNY.org) to sign up for volunteer opportunities that address the COVID-19 pandemic. United Way has partnered with other local philanthropic organizations to launch the WNY

COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Visit [wnyresponds.org](http://wnyresponds.org) to learn more about the fund and donate.

April is National Volunteer Month. Visit [uwbec.org/share](http://uwbec.org/share) and enter code SRTPRM and follow the prompts to share your volunteer stories with us.

United Way's Community Baby Shower will kick off on Mother's Day (May 10). Now more than ever local mothers need our help. Visit [uwbec.org/babyshower](http://uwbec.org/babyshower) to learn more.

## LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

As an organization dedicated to the health and well-being of our community, we are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and taking steps to minimize the impact of an outbreak.

With that in mind, we are reviewing our calendar of events for the rest of 2020 and evaluating how to proceed. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events as it becomes available.

## Inside-Out Learning Launches Virtual Workplace Engagement Series

Inside-Out Learning, Inc. and Dr. Sharon Lamm-Hartman launch the inaugural Virtual Workplace Engagement Series: Where's the Water Cooler?.

In an effort to help leaders and companies stay centered during times of transition, Dr. Lamm-Hartman and her team of executive and transformative coaches decided to launch this innovative virtual program which is inspired by current events.

"During this time of crisis, leaders and professionals must know how to keep their teams engaged and how to connect virtually," said Dr. Lamm-Hartman.

Inside-Out Learning will host four facilitator-led modules via Zoom software that will provide an abundance of tips, strategies, and interactive exercises.

How to Maximize Technology to Make Virtual Meetings Interactive - May 7, 2020, 11:00

am PT

How to Stay Engaged and Collaborate as a Virtual Team - May 14, 2020, 11:00 am PT

Building Relationships Virtually During Challenging Times - May 21, 2020, 11:00 am PT

Become Authentically Centered During Times of Transition - May 28, 2020, 11:00 PT

For more information or to register, visit <https://insideoutlearning.com/vwe/>

## Works, From Home, A New Mural Project

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high-pigment, UV-resistant acrylic paints. Polytabs, when painted with acrylics, can be adhered to a wall using a clear acrylic gel, creating a resilient mural. The Public Art Initiative has previously used this method in the creation of Betsy Casañas's mural Patria, Será Porque Quisiera Que Vuelas, Que Sigue Siendo Tuyo Mi Vuelo (Homeland, Perhaps It Is Because I Wish to See You Fly, That My Flight Continues to Be Yours), 2017, on Niagara Street and Welcome Wall,

2017, on Fillmore Avenue by Keir Johnston and Ernel Martinez.

The artists participating in Works, From Home include Obsidian Bellis, Julia Bottoms, Tricia Butski, Fotini Galanes, Jay P Hawkins, Ashley Johnson, Jon Mirro, MJ Myers, Sarah Myers, Karle Norman, Omniprism, Chris Piontkowski, Jennifer Ryan, Jason Seeley, Rachel Shelton, and Adam Weekley.

"When thinking about the collection of the Albright-Knox, we're reminded that many of the

museum's cherished artworks were created in times of turmoil, upheaval, or challenge," said Curator of Public Art, Aaron Ott. "Artists often have an uncanny ability to channel an era, a cultural zeitgeist, and visionary truths in times like these. Many artists have found such times of turbulence catalysts to their artistic practice. In response to COVID-19, we hope to continue this creative tradition and use our own resources to help local artists produce timely work."

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