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## Halloween Safety



**There's nothing creepier than witches standing around a cauldron, black cats and human skulls to put you in the Halloween spirit like this front yard display at 17 Hoyer Place.**

A major celebration of autumn, Halloween, is nearly here. The Erie County Department of Health is offering recommendations in advance of Halloween as residents make plans for trick-or-treating, parties and other activities.

The Erie County Department of Health strongly discourages indoor Halloween activities, especially if they involve large groups of people or take place in enclosed areas like basements and closed garages.

Consider these alterna-

tives to trick-or-treating: Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household and put them on display. Carve or decorate pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends. Decorate your house, apartment, living space or vehicle. Coordinate a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance. Hold

a virtual Halloween costume contest. Host a Halloween movie night with your household members. Have a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going door-to-door. Visit a local orchard or pumpkin patch ([www.erie.gov/eriegrown](http://www.erie.gov/eriegrown)).

The City of Buffalo recommends that city residents find alternative activities to trick or-treating on October 31. A list of

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## PCA Halloween Re-Imagined



In response to COVID-19, The Parkside Community Association has decided to bring a version of their Annual Halloween Party to all the little Ghosts and Goblins who normally would have attended! If you live within the delivery zone, Parkside Community As-

sociation Board members will drop off candy on the 29th, 30th and on Halloween! Be sure to check the map online at [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org). Much like spooooky ghosts, you might hear them, but they will be gone before you know it. Contactless drop off mandatory.

## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**Marilyn Warren at Sample picking winners from the February Rocket coupon page. March 5, 1986.**

## 2020 Voting Options

Voting Options for the 2020 General Election New York State Law provides three options to registered voters to vote in the 2020 general election. The three options are: Vote during the early voting period. The early voting period will start on October 24th and will end on November 1st. To find where you can vote early, go to <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> Vote on election day, November 3, 2020. Poll sites are open statewide from 6 am to 9 pm. To find your election day poll site, go to <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> Vote by absentee ballot. Voters may request an absentee ballot using our online portal

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22



Cloudy  
High 59°  
Low 56°

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23



Mostly Sunny  
High 76°  
Low 44°

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24



Mostly Cloudy  
High 48°  
Low 39°

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25



Mostly Cloudy  
High 48°  
Low 46°

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26



Showers  
High 54°  
Low 46°

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27



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1 Manhandle

5 Kimono sash

8 Hollywood clashers

12 Otherwise

13 Paid athlete

14 Swindle

15 Glass made of lava

17 Small song-bird

18 Series of battles

19 Individual

20 Too thin

21 Prompt

22 Evergreen type

23 Happen

26 Andean vultures

30 Courts

31 Email alternative

32 Pedestal occupant

33 Panacea

35 Golfer's aid

36 Rowing need

37 Junior

38 Suspicious

41 Pal

42 Hot tub

45 Stereo hook-up

46 — bacon

48 Pod vegetable

49 Plant bristle

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

**DOWN**

1 Cat call?

2 Actress Jessica

3 Cold War abbr.

4 Muumuu accessory

5 Put one's two cents in

6 Highland hill-

7 Charged bit

8 Early era in England's

9 Mentor

10 File command

11 Transmitted

16 Gloomy

20 Card player's call

21 Janitor

22 Hounds' prey

23 Possess

24 Bill's partner

25 Trig ratio

26 Rotating part

27 Peculiar

28 Scepter

29 Like 22-Down

31 Bear hair

34 Shaft of light

35 Last few notes

37 Optimistic

38 Buy stuff

39 Woodsy walk

40 Frizzy 'do

41 Cry loudly

42 Portent

43 Law firm aide, for short

44 From the beginning

46 Upper limit

47 Mutt

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## Three Sabres Free Agents Elect Arbitration

The Buffalo Sabres have \$13.625 million in cap space available for the next NHL season, whenever that may be. Sam Reinhart, Victor Olafsson and Linus Ullmark have all elected to go to arbitration and all would receive big salary increases.

Reinhart's current contract paid him \$3.75 million per season in the 2019-20 season. Andre Burakovsky of the Colorado Avalanche had a similar contract and stats last season scoring 20 goals and 45 points in 58 games and signed for two years for a \$4.9 million average annual salary.

Reinhart can expect a higher award in arbitration. Burakovsky has only had one 20 goal and 40+

point season. Reinhart has four twenty goal seasons, with 50+ points in three consecutive seasons including 65 points in 82 games in 2018-19.. He netted 22 goals and 28 assists in only 69 games in the covid shortened season. He could easily be awarded over \$6 million in arbitration which would take up almost half of the Sabres available cap space.

Linus Ullmark is the only goalie going to arbitration. His signing is imperative because he is presently the only viable NHL goalie in the Sabres organization. He posted decent numbers with a 2.69 GAA and .915 save percentage in 34 games. His expiring contract was

for one year at \$1.325 million.

As a comparable consider Alexandar Georgiev of the New York Rangers who had a 3.04 GAA and .910 Save percentage in 34 games last season. He earned \$792,500 in 2019-20 and was heading to arbitration before he signed a two year contract with the Rangers for a \$2.425 annual average salary, a nearly 300% increase. With better numbers Ullmark can expect an award in the \$3-4 million range.

Finally we have Victor Olafsson whose entry level contract had an annual average salary of \$925,000. He scored 20 goals and 42 points in 54 games which projects to 30 goals over a full season. Those are strong numbers and an arbitration award of \$3-4 million is quite likely.

So the cap situation is tight with expected awards of \$12-14 million in total. Of course these players could all signed before the hearings as most arbitration matters are. The team cannot afford to lose any of these players to unrestricted free agency.



Sam Reinhart

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# Halloween Safety

From page one. suggestions is available at <https://www.buffalony.gov/halloweenevents>.

Individual municipalities may issue restrictions or guidance for trick-or-treating or other activities on October 31.

Costumes, wigs and accessories should be: Weather appropriate, Fire-resistant, Highly visible – if wearing a costume after dark, attach reflective tape to costumes or bags, or carry glow sticks or flashlights, Allow children to see clearly and walk easily, and not cause tripping hazards, Make a cloth mask part of the costume. Do not wear a cloth mask over a costume mask (or vice versa). It can make breathing more difficult.

If wearing costume makeup or hair dyes, test on an area of skin first to check for irritation, and wash off thoroughly before children go to sleep.

Instruct trick-or-treaters to watch for traffic, especially vehicles entering and leaving driveways. Maintain a six-foot distance from other groups that are not part of your household. Young children should be supervised by a responsible adult. Review the routes of older children who go alone or in a small group of friends, and plan on a specific time for children to check in and return home. Trick-or-treat in familiar, well-lit areas, and leave

electronic devices at home – pay attention to walking, not text messages or emails. Drivers on the road should take extra care to watch for children on roads, curbs, sidewalks and driveways. Enter and exit roads, driveways and alleys with extreme caution. Watch for trick-or-treaters in dark clothing. And for new or inexperienced drivers – on Halloween night stay off the roads if you can.

Households that choose to participate in trick-or-treat activities should wear a cloth face covering – not a costume mask that covers the full face. Consider having a station with individually bagged treats, and distribute those treats outdoors.

Parents and caregivers can remind children before they start trick-or-treating that they can eat their candy after parents inspect it. Parents, discard candy that is a choking hazard, food items that look homemade, or ones that contain allergens, dyes or other ingredients that your child should avoid.

Children and supervising adults should carry hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol along the trick-or-treat trail. Wash hands thoroughly when returning home and before eating any treats. And, make sure everyone in the house brushes their teeth before going to sleep.

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Trivia Association Answer - "US State Names"

1) Lupino and garden tool - IDAHO	6) Major Thoroughfare - MAINE
2) Small soft drink - MINNESOTA	7) Peach - GEORGIA
3) Armstrong and Kendrick - LOUISIANA	8) Round on both ends - OHIO
4) In debt - IOWA	9) Five people's eyeballs - TENNESSEE
5) Yes___ there is a Santa Claus - VIRGINIA	10) Happy place - MARYLAND

## Senior TRIVIA

What do these have in common and can you get all fifteen ?

1) Red delicious	9) Hand part
2) Couple	10) Long for
3) Color	11) Pit free
4) Soft drink beer	12) Comes together right
5) Remains of Coal	13) Bad automobile
6) Part of Elmwood	14) Top of Sundae
7) Syrup	15) Upper body/crazy
8) Crying	

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The answers will be in next week's Rocket OR you can find them on our Facebook page.

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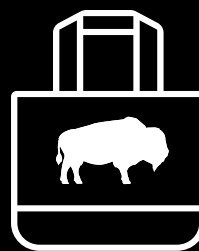
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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Barty

### Having a Drink With Ralph Wilson, Jr.

I attended the very first AFL Buffalo Bills football game in Buffalo in 1960 and every home game after that for 50 years. That initial game was held in the old Civic Stadium on Best Street against the Oakland Raiders. Attendance was 8000 and they were happy with that. Buffalo had a football team again. Most do not know that there was a Buffalo Bills team before this present franchise also called the Bills. That team played in the All American Conference that ultimately folded. The only team that survived was the Cleveland Browns who entered the old established NFL. For years the Browns with Jimmy Brown dominated the original NFL.

Buffalo was without a major sports team. When Ralph Wilson signed on to bring a professional team to the Queen city on the lake, Buffalo was overjoyed. It was not the NFL, but it was a competitive league. Had some holes that needed to be

filled but it was a start. Lamar Hunt who founded the league in Dallas had to move his team to Kansas City. The New York Titans became the Jets. Point is it was able to survive when most thought it was not going to happen. The all-powerful NFL would soon wipe out this upstart so called professional football league. As we know that did not happen.

Getting back to the early days of the Bills. End zone seats were \$3 and that is where I started, sitting in the end zone on what was then wooden benches. Did not matter, I was there in all the excitement that professional football brings. Back then the stadium was pretty much empty so you could move over to the sideline seats once the game started. I do recall once moving over and sitting next to Rick Azar, sports caster for channel 7. The press box was not big enough for him and the newspapers were more important. Image the Buffalo News being more desired

than television. That is the way it was in the beginning. So many things have changed since then.

I joined a club called the Buffalo Bills Booster Club. Had maybe a couple of hundred people but not all attended the meetings. I went to them all. The players used to also attend. Even Ralph Wilson would show up. I once had a drink with



Ralph Wilson, Jr.

him at one of those meeting and we talked football and his investment in our city. If I remember right I think he said the franchise cost him \$35,000. I looked it up and it was \$25,000. I remember telling him at the time it must be worth three times that much, about \$100K. Then, I did not think it was a big deal. Image that today? (Sold for 1 billion). He was

just happy it was working and he did enjoy being with the booster fans. It was fun to mingle amongst the players who probably were making less than \$50K a year. Usually the big stars were a bit aloof but I do remember meeting Jack Kemp with my daughter. I was holding her up to him with a pen to get an autograph. She was so close she put a blue freckle amongst the many brown ones he had on his face.

When the league did become legitimate and competition to the NFL, we had our first Super Bowl. The last thing in the world to think about was someday Buffalo being in a Super Bowl. It was like the wildest dream. The Buffalo Bills in a Super Bowl? Believe me it was unheard of to even think that. Even when we had super stars like O.J. Simpson. Then it happened, Jim Kelly and the K gun. Long story on how we got there, but we did. Not only once but four years in a row. My dream come through, my city, Buffalo, in the Super Bowl. Even though we were season ticket holders tickets to the super bowl were tough to get. I was fortunate enough to have a good relationship with then Jimmy Griffin who as mayor was allowed a certain amount of seats. He got me two for the first three super bowls and I will be for-

ever grateful for that.

As we all know they lost all four of them. The closest being the first with the wide right. Besides sitting with the mayor we were amongst the player's wives. One was Mrs. Scott Norwood, the field goal kicker's wife, need I say more? One thing about the super bowl and watching games at the stadium with other season ticket holders. At home we are all pulling for the same team. At the super bowl you have to sit with fans from the opposing team. We were with New York Giant fans. Yuk!! I needed to be escorted out of the stadium by a sheriff. My disappointment was overwhelming.

It did not get any better for the next three. Thurman Thomas said the anthem singer, Harry Coniff Jr. kicked his helmet under the bench in our second super bowl. He missed the first series of downs. It went downhill after that in that game and the super bowls to follow.

Have to say great memories and wanted to share some of them with whoever reads this. Have not attended a game since 2010 as the old legs cannot do the ramps and steps. Not that I do not miss it. You can see so much more when you are there. Maybe this is the year. Could be number five is going to be the one. We can only hope.



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**Join the Hertel Business Association** for a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. Pre-order online (paper tickets available as well) before October 27th. Curbside pickup at the Garage Cafe on November 3rd from 5-7. Hertel needs your help now more than ever! Help the Hertel Business Association give back.



**Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group** is hosting their first ever Cutest Pet Contest. Only one pet can be pictured in each submission but people can submit more than one pet into the contest. The submission period ends October 31 and voting starts November 1. The last day to vote is

November 15 and it costs \$1 per vote. All proceeds raised will go to helping the cats and kittens in their care. There will be five prizes including the grand prize of a complementary photoshoot from Moto Pet Photos. There will be four more runner up prizes, two for cats and two for dogs, of a gift card to Clyde's Feed and a theme basket. To enter the contest, visit <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/tlccutestpetcontest>. Ten Lives Club wishes everyone to read all the rules before they submit a photo to the contest. For more information on events, adopting, volunteering, or donating, visit their website at [www.tenlivesclub.com](http://www.tenlivesclub.com) or by calling (716)-646-5577 ext. 1.



**Kenmore Lions Club** Special Bottle and Can Drive Day on Saturday November 7, 2020 from 10:00 am thru 6:00 pm. Bring in your bottles and cans for refund at the X-TRA DIME BACK redemption store located on the corner of Englewood and Belmont Avenues and you can tell the attendant that you wish to have your refund given to the Kenmore Lions Club. All refunds will be used to further projects to benefit

the Kenmore - Tonawanda Community. Thanks for your support.



**Pet Connection Programs Inc.** is having a Chicken BBQ Drive Thru on Saturday November 7 at The Variety Club located at 6114 Broadway in Lancaster from 3pm-6pm.

\$10 chicken dinner includes pasta salad, corn bake and dinner roll.

Presale information can be found on our website and facebook <https://www.petconnectionprogramsinc.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/PetConnectionProgramsinc>.

Proceeds go directly to save the lives of the current sheltered animals and future rescues.

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Chucky is a 4 month old mixed breed boy who came to the shelter as a stray and was never claimed. This guy is a typical fun loving pup who is playful and energetic, but cuddly and sweet once he gets his zoomies out of the system. He has been in play groups with other dogs at the shelter and done well. During his temperament assessment, Chucky displayed some food guarding behavior, which surprised us because of his young age. For now, we think he would be best **not** in a home with very small children until this issue is dealt with. Food guarding can be an issue that is easily worked with, but we would recommend a trainer to show his future family how to work through it, so it doesn't get worse as he gets older and larger. As puppies tend to be adopted quickly, check this guy out ASAP! PET ID 45855919

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