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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BUFFALO ROCKET



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS** from the staff at Gallagher Printing and The Buffalo Rocket. Pictured from left to right: Front row - Erin Lalley, Kathy Kraft, Saina Carlyon, Craig Sanderson. Back row - Daryl Gallagher, David Gallagher, *President and founder of Gallagher Printing and The Buffalo Rocket*, Michael Nowak, Dennis Gallagher, Tarek Barger and Charles Wilson. Not present - Megan DeNardin, Vince Philipponne, Bill Snyder and George Kuhn.

## “A Buffalo Messiah”

A global pandemic can't stop the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus from performing Handel's Messiah for the community as it does every year. A partnership between the BPC and WNED PBS brings the performance to living rooms across Western New York and Southern Ontario in an independent production just in time for the holidays. “A Buffalo Messiah” premieres on Monday, Dec.

21 at 9 pm on WNED PBS and airs again on Dec. 24 at 11 pm. It will be available for on-demand streaming at [video.wned.org](http://video.wned.org) from Dec. 21 to Jan. 21.

With the global pandemic making it difficult to gather together to enjoy annual holiday performances in person, BPC President and Board Chair West Richter, volunteers, and performers wanted to find a way to bring their traditional performance of Handel's Messiah to Western New York in a new

way. The production involved strict safety precautions, including distancing, COVID-19 testing, performers wearing masks while singing — and a lot of ingenuity.

“I'm really proud of how this came together,” Richter said. “It's as close to live as you can get right now.”

To keep all of the performers safe, small groups of singers were filmed separately and then the film and sound

were combined with four accompanists from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra who were filmed ahead of time at Kleinhans Music Hall. Singers were filmed performing “And He Shall Purify,” “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion,” and “Glory to God” at St. Joseph Cathedral, and “For Unto Us a Child Is Born,” and “His Yoke Is Easy” at the Elliott Square Building. Soloists include Soprano Madeline Harts, Alto Mariami

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## Shakespeare In Delaware Park

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## The Twelve Days of Shakes-Mas

Happy Shakes-Mas! What did “Dear William” give during the Twelve Days of Shakes-mas?

Watch the video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) for a teaser of our first five days and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram as we add another special guest each day until Shakes-mas!

## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



1980's, School 81 Christmas Play.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Snow Showers  
High 29°  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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Low 22°

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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Low 27°

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## Bills Improve

The Bills victory over the Denver Broncos was a good old fashioned beat down, a performance of such dominance that is rarely seen in the NFL. The outcome was never in doubt as Josh Allen produced four touchdowns in the first half, two by running and two passing.

The win clinched the AFC division title, which was expected this year. With the 10-2 Pittsburgh Steelers loss Monday night to the lowly 2-10 Cincinnati Bengals, the Bills took over as the number two seed in the AFC. That was unexpected from the team that finished 10-6 and lost its opening round playoff game to the Houston Texans after dominating the first 40 minutes before Josh Allen fell apart in the fourth quarter and the Bills lost 22-19 in OT.

How have the Bills managed to exceed even the wildest expectations for this season?

In the 2018 off season they acquired John Brown and Cole Beasley and upgraded their offensive line. These moves gave Allen two weapons and gave him more protection. Remember in the Houston playoff game that Duke Williams was the number one target after the Texans coverage took Brown out of the game. Williams failed to make some key catches and is now on the practice squad. It was obvious that the Bills needed to score more points if they wanted to be a serious playoff team. GM Brandon Beane knew that he needed to bring in

a legitimate number one receiver.

The Stefon Diggs acquisition this summer basically remade the Bills into a Super Bowl contender. Diggs contributions go beyond the tangible things, the league leading reception and targets and third in yardage. With Diggs as the number one receiver, Brown slides down to number two where he faces the second best pass defender, or third when Diggs is double teamed. If Diggs is covered, Brown is open. And vice versa. And if both Diggs and Brown are covered, then Beasley is there for a 12 catch game. There is simply no way opposing defenses can cover all three.

What a difference from 2017 when Zay Jones and Calvin Benjamin were here. Then throw in rookie Gabrielle Davis the Bills have the deepest receiving corps in the league. The Bills passing game is their identity. They are second

only to the Cardinals in running plays known as 10 personnel where the offense features one running back and four wide outs at 15% of their total snaps. The next best team is at seven %.

The second reason is the stunning improvement in Josh Allen. This season the Bills showed faith in Allen throwing the ball 40+ times per game. His off season commitment to technique has led to a 68.7 % completion rate, four selections as AFC offensive player of the week and third in the rankings by Las Vegas odds makers as the NFL MVP. Allen has 12 more TD's than all of last season with two games remaining. The Bills offense has improved from 19 to 28 PPG.

A lot of credit goes to the Bills defense and special teams play of late. The defense is getting pressure sacks and creating turnovers. They have scored TD's in each of the last two games. But the Bills are legitimate Super Bowl contenders because of Josh Allen and Stefon Diggs.

**Fun Facts:** Josh Allen has 4,000 passing yards. 2,000 at home and 2,000 on the road. Jerry Hughes has played 145 straight games, starting 65 straight games, the third longest streak of any non kicker or punter.



Stefon Diggs Buffalo Bills.

## "A Buffalo Messiah"

From page one. Bekauri, and Tenor James Judd.

As the pandemic worsened, plans for filming performances of the "Hallelujah" chorus and "And the Glory of the Lord" had to be cancelled. Luckily, the BPC had high quality audio recordings of their 2019 performance at Our Lady of Victory and had the creativity to make sure those essential movements were included in the program.

This program was made possible by the generous support of M&T Bank, a long-time sponsor for the BPC's annual Messiah performance.

The broadcast of "A Buffalo Messiah" is one program in a long list of programs and series that WNED PBS has broadcast throughout the pandemic to provide Western New York and Southern Ontario with local cultural performances in the safety and comfort of their homes. "On Stage with Buffalo Opera Unlimited," a series of three WNED PBS original productions featuring local opera performers that begins airing Dec. 28 at 9 pm, was born of a partnership with Buffalo Opera Unlimited to bring beautiful arias to the region. Additional partnerships brought

one-person plays "No Child," a WNED PBS original production, and "From Broadway to Obscurity," a Detroit Public Television original production, to WNED PBS. A partnership with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra brought previously recorded Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra concerts to radio on WNED Classical. That partnership also allowed WNED PBS to produce "BPO Musician Portraits," a series of solo and small ensemble performances of BPO musicians that premiered earlier this year. The series will be aired back-to-back Dec. 27 starting at 2 pm.



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*Dear Rusty: I've seen examples of how to maximize Social Security, but I've never seen an analysis for our situation. I'm 61 and my wife is 57, but she has been the primary breadwinner, while I just barely made eligibility. Our plan is for me to start at age 62 (\$500 a month) and then switch to my spousal benefit at age 74 when she starts her benefits at age 70 (her benefits should be \$2,500 a month). Are we missing anything? We are both in good health with an average life expectancy but there is a very good chance my wife will exceed the "average." Signed: Planning Ahead*

**Dear Planning:** Well first, be aware that Social Security's rules are "gender neutral" – that is, the rules are the same regardless of which of you is the higher earner. That said, you and your wife seem to have a good strategy, for with her as the higher earner with the highest benefit, maximizing her SS payment by waiting until age 70 is an excellent plan. Since her longevity outlook is very good, she should get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting. Your plan to claim at age 62 is also prudent if you will not be working full time. That's because if you claim before your full retirement age (FRA), you'll be subject to an earnings test, which limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits.

If you exceed the earnings limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit and take back benefits equal to that amount. For example, if you were collecting SS this year the earnings limit is \$18,240. If you earned \$25,000, you'd be \$6,760 over the limit and SS would take back benefits equal to \$3,380. And at your \$500 monthly benefit rate, they would withhold benefits for 7 months to recover what you owe. And that's true until you

reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit goes away (born in 1959, your FRA is 66 years and 10 months). At your FRA you would get time credit for any withheld months, but if you're planning on that SS income starting at age 62, and you're still working, the earnings limit could derail your benefit income plan. Of course, if you won't be working after you claim early benefits, the earnings limit doesn't apply. And for clarity, your wife's earnings from working don't count toward your personal earnings limit, and the limit goes up considerably in the year you reach your FRA. If you plan to continue working and the earnings limit is an issue, you might choose to wait until your FRA to claim your benefit. By doing so you would avoid the earnings limit, and you would also assure that you would receive the full 50% of your wife's FRA benefit amount when she claims.

If you claim at age 62, your spousal benefit (when your wife claims) will be less than half of your wife's FRA benefit amount because you claimed your own benefit early. Your spousal benefit will consist of both your own (reduced) benefit and a spousal boost to bring you up to your spouse benefit amount. When your wife claims at age 70, your spousal boost (the difference between your full FRA benefit amount and half of her FRA benefit amount) will be added to your own (reduced) early SS benefit, yielding a spousal benefit less than half of your wife's FRA benefit amount. The only way you can get the full 50% spouse benefit is to wait until your own FRA to claim your own Social Security and later get the higher spouse benefit for the rest of your life.

In the end, your health, financial need and life expectancy should be the primary factors considered when deciding when to claim.

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### Ebenezer Scrooge, A Christmas Carol

Not as much anymore, but the story, about Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol," has traditionally been a staple at this time of the year. Ebenezer Scrooge, the miser boss, Bob Cratchit his employee, and Bob's crippled son, Tiny Tim. The ending leaves you with a good Christmas time happy feeling. The novel has been done many times in many ways. Not only books, but numerous plays and movies. Assuming most know the story line, and the three Christmas spirits. Christmas past, Christmas present, and Christmas yet to come, have a big part in changing Ebenezer from a crotchety old man to a delightful person.

Unless you are not yet a one year old, you have had many "Christmas Past." The past holidays you have already enjoyed and experienced in your lifetime. The older you are the more you

have. I have had plenty. As far as "Christmas Present," we are there and still writing the history of this year. Now we look at Christmas yet to come. Who knows what is yet to come? Again, the longer you live the more you have of Christmas past, and fewer of Christmas yet to come. Just the way it is and what is, is.

This year the best way to celebrate this season is to recall or remember past Christmases and the joy and happiness they brought. We had eight children, so Christmas was a big, big day. Days to remember, trying to make sure each one had enough presents under the tree. Our house had two parlors and usually the room with the decorated tree had very little walking space it was so full of toys and presents. The many family Christmas dinners when my parents were still living

and spending it together. We are so blessed as I do not recall having anything but a Merry Christmas. Even attending Mass either on Christmas Eve or in the morning was holy and filled with the Christmas spirit. The decorations back then were nowhere near what we see today, but enough to get you into the mood. A little white snow always added to the ambience. The carols, the lights, the presents, the family, the friends, and the solemn holiness of the day is just awesome. I am so happy with the memories of my "Christmas Past."

Now we come to "Christmas Present." No question we have had a hard year with the pandemic restricting our lives and living standards. It is recommended that there should be no gatherings of family and friends for Christmas. That is a big part of this day just as Thanksgiving is supposed to be. That day was taken away and supposedly so is this Christmas. This is going to be an unhappy Christmas for many people who are suffering financially. We just must get through it and look forward to "Christmas yet to come." It can only get better.

As this year comes to a



Memories of a "Christmas Past" like this tree with presents for the kids, give you a wonderful feeling this time of year.

close, there is hope for next Christmas, "Christmas yet to come." Make a New Year's resolution to make up for "Christmas Present" with plans for a "Christmas yet to come" that will knock your Christmas socks off. Have the hugest gathering and get together with whoever will attend. Have more Christmas parties than ever before. I missed them

this year. Make up for their absence by making "Christmas yet to come," next year, the Merriest Christmas ever. Make it the most memorial "Christmas Present" and one to remember in your "Christmas Past" diary. And always remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas from Joe Bortz.



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6) Her other famous role?

7) Wife in Christmas story?

8) Played by?

9) Her other famous movie?

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11) Played by?


12) Another famous role?

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