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# alentine's Day!



Valentine's Day is Sunday and Buffalo is ready again this year. Merchants on Hertel and Elmwood Avenue have been preparing for this day and they are ready. With a wide variety of boutiques, antique shops, florists, gift shops, casual and fine dining establish-

ments. Mister Pizza, 1065 Elmwood Avenue,882-6500, is offering Heart Shape pizzas. Order early and they will deliver it piping hot! If you are looking for fine jewelry for your Valentine, then find the greatest gifts at Korona Jewelry at 1588 Hertel Avenue. Make your reser-

vation for a nice sit-down dinner at Bob & John's 1545 Hertel Avenue or next door at The Wellington Pub, 1541 Hertel for a romantic dinner. No matter what you decide to do for your Valentine's Day, you won't have to look far because Buffalo has got it for you!

### Residents Encouraged to Always Shut Off and Lock Vehicles

"Always turn your vehicle off and lock it, even if you're just leaving it 'for a minute' and want to keep it warm," said BPD Captain Jeffrey Rinaldo. "The majority of auto thefts in the City of Buffalo are vehicles stolen when keys were left in the ignition or inside the vehicle."

Leaving a vehicle unattended while running is a violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, but officers' priority is educating the public about the law and

the risk of having their car stolen.

Other tips include:

- Keeping the keys far enough away from vehicles that have keyless entry/start features, even when the keys are inside;
- Parking in well-lighted areas;
- Locking your auto's doors and closing windows;
- Installing a car alarm or anti-theft device;
- · Locking valuables in the trunk or keeping them somewhere out of

sight; and

• Hiding car keys when at home, as many stolen vehicles are taken by friends and family.

Especially of note, Buffalo Police reminds the public to never leave a child in an unattended car. A vehicle was stolen in Buffalo with a two month-old baby girl inside. The baby was inside an SUV, which was left running and unlocked outside a Riverside liquor store. Thankfully, the baby was dropped off Continued on page two.

### Calling For Artists!

Elmwood Festival of the Arts

The Festival is seeking artists, craftspeople, musicians, dancers, puppeteers, food vendors, non profit organizations and volunteers. The Festival was the first festival in WNY to recycle, compost, have solar powered stages and focus on local creativity. Come join us! All applications are here: elmwoodartfest. org/2021-applications COVID-19 PLANNING

We have decided to begin the preliminary planning for the event. The end of August is a long way off. We don't know if the State of New York will let us have the event or if we will deem



it safe for our artists, staff and over 250 volunteers. Safety is and always has been our top concern. We will not Continued on page six.

### **BCBS** Presents Healthy Fun for **Community During Winter Break**

BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York is presenting February Fun in 2021, a weeklong series of free, virtual and outdoor activities for families to enjoy during Winter Break from Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19.

The local health plan tapped into its most-be-



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## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



One of the features of the Italian Festival in July of 2012 was the stomping of the grapes. Fun times!

### **Local Weather** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 



Mostly Cloudy High 20° Low 18°



Snow Showers High 25°

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15** 



Snow Showers High 27° Low 14°

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16** 



Snow Showers High 27° Low 16°

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## Recipe's

### **Heart Cookies INGREDIENTS**

### FOR THE COOKIES

3 c. all-purpose flour, plus more for surface

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 c. (2 sticks) butter, softened

1 c. granulated sugar

1 large egg

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1 tbsp. milk

#### FOR THE BUTTER-CREAM

1 (8-oz.) block cream cheese, softened

1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, soft-

2 Dozen **YIELDS** 

30m PREP-TIME 239 **CALORIES** 

INGREDIENTS

4 c. powdered sugar 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1/4 tsp. kosher salt

Pink and red food coloring

Sprinkles

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. In another large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter and sugar until fluffy and pale in color. Add egg, milk, and vanilla and beat until combined, then add flour mixture gradually until totally combined.

Shape into a disk and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 1 hour. When ready to roll, preheat

oven to 350° and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Lightly flour a clean work surface and roll out dough until 1/8" thick. Using a heart shaped cookie cutter, cut out cookies and transfer to prepared baking

Bake until edges are lightly golden, 8 to 10 minutes.

Make frosting: In a large bow using a hand mixer, beat cream cheese and butter together until smooth. Add powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat until combined. Divide frosting into 3 bowls. Add pink food coloring to one bowl and red food coloring to another. Stir each bowl and add more food coloring until desired color is reached. Frost cookies using an offset spatula with each color of frosting, then top with sprinkles.

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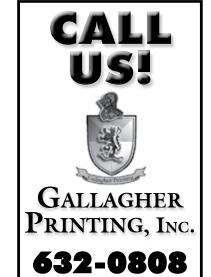
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at a hospital in Niagara Falls, but the mother was charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

This effort is part of the Buffalo Police Department's ongoing auto theft and insurance fraud prevention efforts, made possible partly through a grant from the New York State Division

of Criminal Justice Ser-

"Keeping a car warm isn't worth the very real chance of having it stolen," Captain Rinal-do concluded. "It's not worth the risk, and it's definitely not worth the fine or jail sentence, so please shut your car off, lock it, and take the



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## The Blotter

From "D" District

### North Buffalo February 8, 2021

Colvin at Linden Avenues Owner reports unknown person(s) did take without permission the vehicle while the complainant left the vehicle running and unattended with the door unlocked in the parking lot at Colvin and Linden. The complainant is still in possession of the key fob. Security footage shows a black SUV drive into the parking lot and a male exiting the passenger side of the SUV and then entering the complainant's vehicle. The suspect(s) then fled the scene with both vehicles eastbound on Linden Avenue. Footage can be obtained from store owner.

### **February 8, 2021**

Russell Avenue – Victim states unknown suspect(s) did take without permission her 2017 AUDI from her driveway by means of vehicle left running without keys

### **February 8, 2021**

Delaware Avenue — Complainant states that while he was at the Speedway gas station, four unknown males attempted to carjack his vehicle while it was running at the gas pump. Complainant forcibly removed one of the suspects from his vehicle and attempted to pursue on foot at which time the four suspects got into a black Chevy Trail Blazer and tried to drive away. The four sus-

pects did slam the car door on the complainant's right arm causing minor injury to the same.

### **February 7, 2021**

Parkside Avenue — Victim reports he left his vehicle running and locked with key fob inside pocket while at 7-11 store. Unknown suspect(s) did enter and take vehicle without permission and left in unknown direction. Victim will pursue charges. Store manager may have surveillance footage of incident.

### **February 7, 2021**

Amherst Street – Victim reports unknown suspect(s) did take his vehicle without permission. Victim reports running into Allentown Music and when he returned vehicle was gone. Summons issued.

### **February 6, 2021**

Hertel Avenue – Victim states that persons unknown did take without permission his vehicle. Victim did leave the car running with keys in the ignition and unlocked. Video available at Colvin Market and will be saved for four days.

#### Riverside February 8, 2021

Jasper Parish – Victim reports after a verbal altercation with suspect which escalated. Suspect did slap the 8 year old juvenile son directly in center of face with

left hand and did throw a Tide gallon container at the 8 year old juvenile son. Domestic incident report filed. Child protection services and paperwork filed. Juvenile not injured.

### **February 6, 2021**

Baxter Avenue - Victim reports her vehicle was taken without permission by unknown suspect. Vehicle was parked on the street running with the keys in the ignition and left unattended. Victim states she was on the porch when she saw a male driving off with her vehicle. Vehicle was last seen heading eastbound on Roesch Avenue. VTL summons was issued to owner of the vehicle. No cameras were observed surrounding the incident.

### West Side February 8, 2021

Delaware Avenue — Complainant states that vehicle was taken without keys from parking lot of his workplace. No information on suspect but business does have operational cameras.

### February 8, 2021

Fifteenth Street - Officers observed vehicle traveling southbound on Fifteenth Street with no lights on. Upon stop, driver admitted to not having a license. Upon further investigation, defendant 1 was found to be in possession of two clear plastic bags of white powder and one clear bag of tan powder recovered by patrol officers from defendant's right hand. Patrol officer did recover one clear plastic bag of white powder substance from between the front passenger seat and middle of console directly next to where the passenger, defendant 2, was seated. Open container of Corona beer in plain view in center console. All narcotics submitted to CPS lab.

### **February 7, 2021**

Bird Avenue – Complainant states four teenage males did knock at the back door. When opened one male did push him to gain entry into his house. Once in the hall-way the male did spray him with what he believed to be pepper spray. The complainant was able to pull him back out of the house. The male fled west on Bird with three other males who did not enter the home.

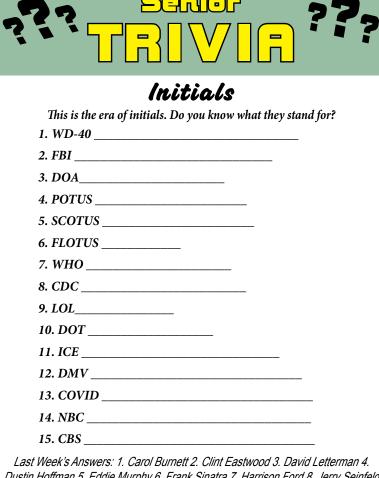
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Breckenridge Street – Complainant state that an unknown suspect did take several power tools from the

basement of his home. Valued at \$2,700.00. Unknown how suspect gained access to home.

### **February 7, 2021**

Lafayette Street - Victim states that her and offender were out to dinner when they had a verbal argument. When they arrived back home victim asked offender several times to leave and offender refused. Victim sat in her vehicle until police arrived with her daughter. Offender did come outside amd punched victim's car window (no damage) and then went back inside the house and punched living room window causing the glass to break. Offender was taken to ECMC for stitches to right pinky finger. Offender arrested and DIR completed.



Last Week's Answers: 1. Carol Burnett 2. Clint Eastwood 3. David Letterman 4.

Dustin Hoffman 5. Eddie Murphy 6. Frank Sinatra 7. Harrison Ford 8. Jerry Seinfeld

9. Joseph Namath 10. John Wayne



ting to know her. She is shy in her kennel but likes to go outside in the yard and sniff and watch things. She shows signs of being housetrained and is friendly with all the volunteers she's met so far. She's about 3 years old and has a beautiful feather soft brindle coat. She does love to go outside and would be happy to have a yard to run around in before snuggling in a warm soft dog bed. We have named her in honor of a loved and missed dog Porsche and she's sponsored with funds towards training in her honor.



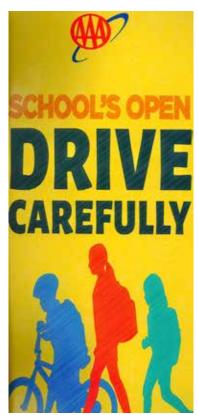
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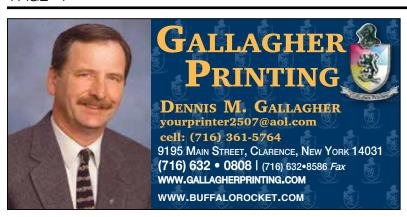
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Dear Rusty: I am 73 and receive a pension from my state's Police and Fire Pension Fund. I took a full pension, so my wife only gets a widow's pension when I die, and this is only a fraction of what my full pension is. I also get a small Social Security benefit, about \$95 a month, and that amount is pro-rated because of the amount of my state pension. My wife is 71 and receives a Social Security benefit of about \$600 a month. When I die, can she get a portion of my Social Security benefit? And will it increase since she will not be getting my full state pension? Signed: Retired Public Servant

Dear Retired: The state you live in is one of 26 which have opted for many state employees to not participate in the Federal Social Security program. As a result, your Social Security benefit, earned from work outside of your state

employment, is reduced by your state pension. The details of your state pension and what portion of that pension your wife will receive as your widow isn't what affects your, or your wife's Social Security benefit amount. Rather, the base amount of your current state pension is what affects your benefit, due to a rule known as the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

WEP is why your Social (SS) Security is only \$95/ benefit WEP applies month. to your personal Social Security retirement benefit (earned working outside of your state employment) and your Social reduces Security benefit due to your state pension, because neither you nor your state employer paid SS FICA taxes on your earnings. And since your personal SS retirement benefit is reduced by WEP, your wife's spousal benefit (not her widow's

benefit) from you would also be reduced, although from the numbers you shared your wife isn't entitled to a spousal benefit.

Your wife's own SS retirement benefit from her own work record is not affected by WEP because WEP applies to your benefits only. And neither will your wife's SS survivor benefit as your widow be affected by your state pension, should you predecease her. If you die first, your wife will be eligible to collect, as her survivor benefit, 100% of the amount you were entitled to before your WEP reduction, if that amount is greater than the SS benefit she is entitled to on her own work record. And that would, again, be totally independent of whatever she receives from your State pension. In other words, your wife's Social Security benefit - her own SS benefit or her survivor benefit - will not be at all affected by your state pension.recover any benefits which were withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit.

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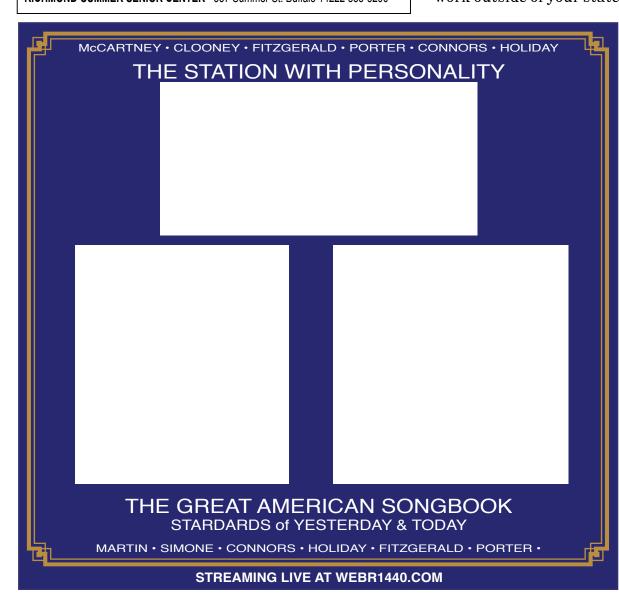
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## Northwest Buffalo Beat by Joe Borts

## Are we Better Off Now or Then?

I am old enough to remember back when. With all the technology and innovations that have come into frustration to make the quality of our lives better, we have to wonder is it really "better". No question it is easier to automatically have hot water than have to light a burner under a water tank with a match to take a bath. So many things are so much quicker and have the ability to make you more comfortable. Just take for example the family automobile. How much easier it is to drive than it was 60 years ago when all cars had stick shifts, regular brakes and steering. Now everything is automatic, shifting, windows, heating and A/C. seat adjustment, power brakes and steering, and so on. However there are some things that I recall that were nice, but are no more.

On Niagara Street near Forest there was a Hamilton gas station maybe 65 years ago. Gas was like 29 cents

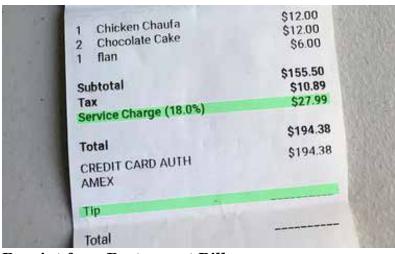
a gallon. Smaller gas tanks back then so you can fill up for 3 dollars. When you pulled in two men would come out in clean freshly pressed uniforms. One would pump your gas and the other would lift the hood and check your oil. Then he would come to the window and show you the oil dip stick so you can decide to add oil or not. After pumping the gas they would wash the windshield, the hub caps and the head lights. You paid cash {as there were no credit cards back then) and the attendants would give you coupons according to how much you spend. These were small dollar like coupons much like monopoly money. If I recall correctly with 5 cents printed on them. These were redeemable for merchandise only, on display in the window of the gas station.

The object was for customers to look at the display and see what you would like to save your coupons for. Mostly household items but some

were good enough to keep you coming back to this station. We lived on Fargo and Massachusetts so this was a drive just to get gas. They put the incentive out there to get the return business as all businesses were struggling for customers. We were able to get more than one of the display items there over the years. Almost like cash back today with credit cards. Kin-

If you went to the movies, the theatre would issue a dish just for attending. Each week it would be a different dish, so if you went every week you would make up a complete set. This was for free, no purchase necessary except the price of admission. Like 25 cents. My mom had a whole set from there as her and my dad went every week. Did not matter what the movie was, got to get that week's dish. Promotions like these were common, free water glasses, tickets to events, whatever it took to get you to come back.

One last thing and this may not go over well with some people, if you went to a restaurant, when you left if service was good, you left a tip. Usually a small token of thanks, like a nickel or dime and even sometimes a quarter. Depended on how well the server did. It was never a percentage. You left what

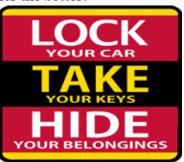


Receipt for a Restaurant Bill

you thought appropriate for what was done for you. It was always appreciated as it was in no way mandatory. Maybe some people did not leave tips and that is why things have changed over the years.

This one restaurant we go to the "gratuity" of 18% is added to your bill. Even in this pandemic, if you pick it up the 18% is added, I do not have a problem with that except there is no incentive for the server to go a good job as the tip is a given. Now the bills come with the percentage suggested, starting at 15% and going as high as 30%. Not for anything but 30%? If the bill comes to \$40 you should leave a tip of \$12? Some may be able to do that. I had a birthday dinner for three of us. Bill came to \$200.

Nice place with good food but expensive. That is without drinks. Maybe I am too frugal but I thought in this case as she was serving five tables and really trying but most of the time we spent waiting. In any case I left a \$30 tip and kind of felt cheap as it was only 15%. Going back to my early days, I did not make \$30 in a week of hard work. Things certainly have changed but the question is, for the better?







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## City and Conservancy Partner on Tree Removal and Re-planting

The NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry Program has awarded a \$75,000 grant to support the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy's ongoing Ash Management Program. The City of Buffalo, as a supporting partner, will be planting replacement trees valued at \$18,750 as a matching component of the grant. Buffalo is one of only six communities in all of Western New York to be selected, spotlighting the ongoing value of the

City and Conservancy's partnership.

The removal portion of the program will focus on large dead Ash trees throughout the Buffalo Olmsted Park System. Since 2014 the Conservancy has been devoted to this cause by investing in inoculations to treat over 300 specimen Ash trees, removing dead trees, and in partnership with the City has planted thou-sands of diverse tree species to replace those lost to Emerald Ash Borer or other disease

and disaster. Bids for removal services will be solicited by the Conservancy, and the removals are anticipated to occur in late summer or early fall 2021.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced grant awards totaling \$1.4 million for urban forestry projects across New York State to help communities' inventory, plant, and maintain public trees. The grants are part of DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program, aimed to increase public awareness of urban tree values while communities helping and impledevelop comprehensive tree management plans to enhance quality of life for residents. The urban forestry grants complement DEC's ongoing initiatives to address invasive species, climate change, environmental degradation, environmental justice, and urban sprawl.

Only 38 projects from across New York State were selected from a total of 154 applications, each ranked by cost effectiveness, lasting benefits, use of partnerships, inclusion of outreach and education, and support from local stakeholders. Over the last nine years, New York State has funded more than \$11.4 million in grants to support projects with a total value of more than \$18.3 million.

For more information about DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program, visit DEC's

### **BCBS Presents Healthy Fun for Community During Winter Break**

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With something for everyone, families will have free access to virtual daily scheduled events, including kids' fitness classes; science demonstrations; story times; and inter-active field trips to the Buffalo Zoo and the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center. For those looking for more flexibility, BlueC-ross BlueShield is also providing activities that families can do on their own schedule, like downloadable coloring and activity pages, healthy recipes, and a guide to safe, outdoor winter activities throughout Western New York, plus opportunities to pick up complimentary creativity kits.

"We understand that families in our community are looking for new ways to keep busy while staying healthy during the pandemic, and especially during the cold winter months," said Ju-lie R. Snyder, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York. "As a community-based, not-for-profit health plan that has been serving the region for more than 85 years, BlueCross BlueShield is pleased to offer our community a broad variety of free, fun, and most importantly, safe activities this Winter Break."

Individuals interested in participating in any of the free virtual events are required to pre-register as space is limited. For more information about February Fun in 2021 and for a full list of winter activities, visit BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Additional information will also be available at bcbswny. com/februaryfun.



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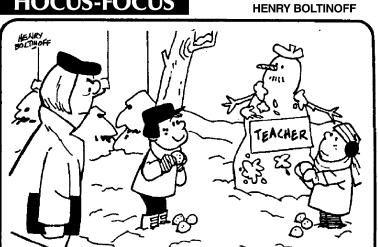
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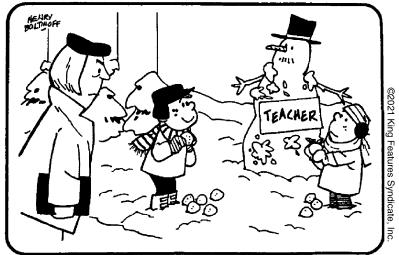
collect booth fees until we are very confident the festival will take place. If the festival has to be cancelled, you will have the option to carry over your application fee and application to 2022 or to get a refund.

If you applied for 2020 and did not request an application fee refund, your application has been rolled over to 2021. You do not need to reapply.

### **HOCUS-FOCUS**



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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