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Italian Cultural Center



Italian Cultural Center plans on opening their doors early this summer.
By Bill Snyder

The corner of Delaware and Hertel in North Buffalo has always been the beginning of an area of the City rich in history and tradition. Since 1910, a small, L-shaped building has stood welcoming visitors to a place that for many years

served as a branch of the Erie County Library system for North Park. Motorists heading north on route 487 encounter a sign firmly in the ground, welcoming all to North Buffalo.

Now the building will still serve the Community later this year when it re-

opens as an Italian Cultural Center, a place where a proud heritage of people can offer history and instruction to families wishing to learn and display the many achievements of the Italian American immigrants that settled here
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Clear Walkways and Areas Around Mailboxes of Snow and Ice

Winter storm watches and advisories have been issued across the Northeast for what is shaping up to be potentially a significant winter storm, potentially affecting Western NY as well.

Postal officials are asking for the public's cooperation in keeping mailboxes, steps, and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, so letter carriers are able to provide the safest, most efficient delivery service possible.

In an extraordinary year of unprecedented challenges given the COVID-19

pandemic and record of mail and package volumes this holiday season, the Postal Service encourages customers to send their holiday gifts and cards as soon as possible.

The Postal Service is asking customers to help keep their letter carrier safe this winter through the following actions:

- Clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail and

to drive away from the box without danger of the need for backing.

- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice and allow enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.

- Steps should also be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair so as not to cause injury to the letter carriers or others who visit the customer's home.

- Overhangs should be clear and free of snow and ice to avoid injury.

Residents who receive delivery to roadside
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UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



May 2012 - North Buffalo Boy Scout Troop 5 Life rank scouts, Zachary Brigham, Aaron Markel, Samuel Scheiten and Benjamin Sterns, passed their boards of review and earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Library by Mail Program

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is pleased to announce the Library by Mail program, a free service that sends library materials including books (regular and large print), audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs and in-

ternational language materials to the homebound through the mail. This



service is available to any
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Join the RMHC Meat Raffle to benefit Charities of WNY!

The Young Professionals Committee is back at it again with their Annual Meat Raffle to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York and this time around, it will be Virtual!

Join us and special guest star Rob Lederman LIVE from the comfort of your own home on Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm via our interactive Zoom Broadcast.

Tickets \$50 each which includes:

- ONE entry for the Meat Raffle - Your ticket contains 3 numbers
- Each ticket gives you access to all 12 rounds of the Meat Raffle -each



round has 3 spins, plus the final bonus round

- You also receive one entry into the 50/50 drawing But wait...there's more!

Try your luck in our 50/50 Draw or our Grand
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Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4



Mostly Cloudy-
High 35°
Low 30°

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5



Snow Showers/Rain
High 40°
Low 24°

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6



Mostly Cloudy
High 27°
Low 19°

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7



Snow Showers
High 24°
Low 12°

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8



Partly Cloudy
High 17°
Low 9°

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9



Mostly Cloudy
High 21°
Low 13°

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10



Mostly Cloudy
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Recipe's
From the McCormick Kitchen

Super Bowl Game Day Cajun Buffalo Wings

INGREDIENTS

6 Servings

2 pounds chicken
wing pieces

1 teaspoon Zatarain's®
New Orleans Style Creole
Seasoning

1/4 cup Zatarain's® Ca-
jun Hot Sauce
3 tablespoons melted
butter

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 450°F.
Place wings in large re-
sealable plastic bag.
Sprinkle Creole Season-

10m

PREP TIME

• 45m

COOK TIME

• 239

CALORIES

• 4

INGREDIENTS

ing over wings. Seal bag
and shake to coat evenly.

Arrange wings in sin-
gle layer on foil-lined
15x10x1-inch baking pan
sprayed with no stick
cooking spray.

Bake 35 to 45 minutes
or until wings are cooked
through and skin is crisp,
turning halfway through
cooking.

Mix hot sauce and
melted butter in large
bowl. Add hot wings;
toss to coat well. Serve
wings with blue cheese or
ranch dressing and cel-
ery sticks, if desired till
bell peppers are tender.
Sprinkle filling with feta
cheese. Bake, uncovered,
12 to 15 minutes longer



Cajun Buffalo Wings

or until cheese is lightly
browned.

Clear Walkways and Areas Around Mailboxes of Snow and Ice

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mailboxes also must keep
the approach to, and exit
from, the mailbox clear of
snow or any other obstacles,
like trash cans and other ve-
hicles. The carrier needs to
get in, and then out, with-
out leaving the vehicle or
backing up. Customers with
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Riverside Marketplace 740 Tonawanda Street
Roland Cannizzaro Insurance Agency 432 Amherst Street



The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo

January 31, 2021

Kenmore Avenue – Victim reports that the rented vehicle for unknown suspect for a period of three weeks plus a four-day extension has failed to return the vehicle. The vehicle belongs to Alamo Rental Car Buffalo Airport.

January 31, 2021

Main Street – Complainant states for business Simply Hair that unknown suspects did turn power off by means of power breaker behind building. Suspect(s) then did enter building without permission by means of breaking the glass on the front entry by unknown means (total value over \$250.00.) Once inside suspect(s) did take without permission property approximately value exceeding \$3,000.00. Inventory sheet given to complainant to complete accurate inventory. Detectives arrived on scene.

January 30, 2021

Hertel Avenue – Victim states unknown person did enter and remain unlawfully inside victim's apartment and did so by breaking down the door by unknown means. Victim states a 30" TV (\$100.00) was stolen, and the entry door was damaged (\$200.00.) Victim believes to be the downstairs tenants. Tenants in the lower have been an ongoing issue for both the landlord and police. Subject 1 is information for landlord. Total damage \$200.00. Total value loss \$100.00.

Riverside

February 1, 2021

Clay Street – Victim states an unknown suspect did approach her at the corner of Clay and Austin streets while on her way to work. Suspect did display what appeared to be a black handgun and demanded she give him her purse. Suspect did forcibly take the complainant's Michael Kor's purse valued at \$300.00 which contained (4) credit cards (Key Bank, PayPal, EBT and Chime,) (2) Social Security cards that belonged to complainant and complainant's juvenile child. Purse also contained \$500.00 in miscellaneous U.S. currency.

February 1, 2021

Jasper Parish – Officers responded to a shot's fired. Witness states she saw a male shorter with dreads shoot rounds in the air then took off south bound on LaFarce. Officers found 3 casings of the same caliber and 1 casing of another casing were p-10'd and the complainant did not wish to speak to officers. There is a BMHA camera where it could have caught the shooting.

February 1, 2021

Grote Street – Victim reports that unknown suspect(s) did steal I-Phone 11 and TV (65"). Victim reports brother possibly did when he moved. Only wants report for civil court.

January 31, 2021

Ontario Street – Vehicle was recovered parked unlocked. Vehicle was returned to owner.

Victim reports that above vehicle was taken without permission with keys while running outside. The complainant was bringing a child into the house and left the vehicle running. There is footage that shows vehicle drive by then drive back around again parking up the street. It is unclear if on of the vehicle's occupants took the vehicle. Complainant was issued a summons for unattended vehicle.

January 31, 2021

Butler Avenue – Victim states that persons unknown did take without permission vehicle. Victim states that the vehicle was not running but did leave keys inside vehicle but was standing approximately 8 feet away from the vehicle. Vehicle missing passenger side mirror and has bumper flap on rear bumper.

January 30, 2021

Beverly road – Victim states that person(s) unknown did take without permission his vehicle. Vehicle was parked in front. Doors were unlocked but owner did state he had key fob with him. Camera footage is available from International Wine and Spirits. Owner states vehicle has a Batman symbol sticker in the rear window and that the front passenger headlight is out.

January 30, 2021

Albert Street – Victim states that known suspect (neighbor) did smash passenger side mirror with a hammer on his vehicle. Victim has video of said incident on cell phone. Suspect was no longer there when officers arrived. Amount of damage is approximately \$260.00.

West Side

February 1, 2021

Niagara and Potomac Ave-

nue –Vehicle was recovered at Niagara and Potomac. Victim was notified and picked up his vehicle. Victim no longer wishes to pursue any charges at this time.

February 1, 2021

West Avenue – Victim reports unknown suspect(s) did take SC plates off her vehicle without permission.

January 31, 2021

West Avenue – Victim reports that unknown suspect(s) did take vehicle without permission. Victim did state that the keys were left in the vehicle as vehicle was running. Victim stated vehicle was parked in street. Summons issued. Victim did state he did see camera footage and did see male wearing a white/black coat in the video. Vehicle did flee westbound on Auburn Street. Victim did state vehicle does have a Buffalo Bills sticker on the rear bumper and a crack

on driver's side front bumper.

January 30, 2021

Elmwood and Forest Avenues – Patrol responded to hit and run PDO at Elmwood and Forest Avenue. Patrol completed MV 104 and in investigated neighborhood where striking vehicle may be located. Patrol did locate vehicle on Amherst Street rear lot of PS 64 with heavy front-end damage to passenger car and no tire on left front. Investigation confirmed to be a steal out of Cheektowaga. Vehicle did also have switched plates (rear and front plates were different.) Vehicle recovered and transported to City of Buffalo impound lot at 166 Dart Street. Cheektowaga PD notified of recovery. Footprints from vehicle display suspect did flee scene south and walked through school grounds passing several city camera systems and most likely would have been seen fleeing area.

Senior TRIVIA

Guess the Star

Try to guess the star by their yearbook photo. Can you guess all ten?



1.



6.



2.



7.



3.



8.



4.



9.



5.



10.

Last week's answers: 1. Pear 2. Apple, 3. Lemon, 4. Prune, 5. Peach, 6. Plum, 7. Strawberry, 8. Blueberry, 9. Banana, 10. Cantaloupe

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This Week's Featured Friend:

GOLDIE

Goldie is a sweet, laid back kitty who is presently enjoying entertaining the customers at Daisy's Doghouse. She is such a sweetie who enjoys human company and just wants quiet love and snuggles. With her beautiful tabby markings and golden eyes this fun loving 2 year old would be a great addition for almost any home. Goldie can hardly wait for a house to roam with a family who wants to play. For more info contact Patty at 716-361-9452. To meet this darling girl visit Goldie at Daisy's Doghouse on Hertel Ave in N Buffalo.



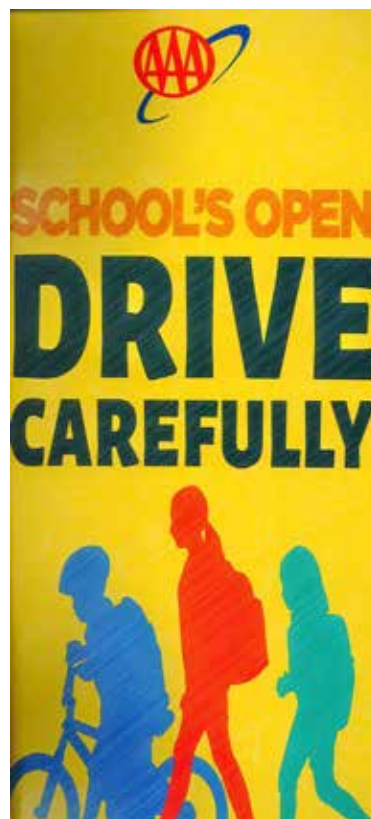
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Ask Rusty-About Social Security's "First Year" Rule

Dear Rusty: I am 63. My birthday is 10/23/1957. I currently draw a small pension of \$14K and a salary of \$75K. I'm contemplating retirement at the end of April this year and I'd like to start drawing Social Security beginning June 1st. I've been told by friends that I won't be able to start drawing it this year because I will already have exceeded the maximum Social Security allows me to earn in a year. Is this true? Should I postpone my retirement until the end of the year? Please advise. Signed: Confused by Friends

Dear Confused: Yours is a perfect example of why you should always check with a reputable source when receiving Social Security advice from friends.

Whenever Social Security (SS) benefits are claimed before reaching full retirement age (FRA), the so-called "earnings test" applies. This sets an earnings limit, which for 2021 is \$18,960 annually - an amount you will have exceeded by the time you start your SS benefits in June. However,

Social Security also has a special "first year" rule which applies to anyone who claims early Social Security benefits mid-year.


The first-year rule essentially waives using the annual earnings limit in your first year and, instead, applies a monthly earnings limit for the remainder of the year after your benefits start. The monthly limit is 1/12th the amount of the annual limit, so in 2021 the monthly limit is \$1,580. Provided you don't exceed the monthly limit after your benefits start and during the period from June 2021 through December 2021 (and if you're fully retiring from work you won't), you'll not exceed the earnings limit during your first year collecting benefits. Note, your pension and other "passive" income doesn't count toward the earnings limit; only earnings from working count. So essentially, using the "first year" rule means your earnings before you claim benefits won't count, including any final pay you receive in the month you begin your benefits.

Starting in 2022, should you decide to return to work, you'll be subject to the annual limit, which will be a bit more than the 2021 limit because the limit changes annually with changes to the National Average Wage Index. The earnings limit applies until you reach your full retirement age, after which you can earn as much as you like without jeopardizing your Social Security benefits. In the year you reach your full retirement age of 66 ½, your annual earnings limit will increase by about 2.6 times, further mitigating risk of exceeding the earnings limit in the year you attain FRA.

For awareness, if you were to return to work in any year between 2022 and the year prior to the year you attain FRA, and you exceed the annual earnings limit, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. In the year you reach FRA, if you were to work and exceed the increased limit, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$3 you exceed the limit by. However, at your FRA you'll receive time-credit for any months your benefits were withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, which will result in your benefit amount being increased slightly at your full retirement age. In this way, you may, over time, recover any benefits which were withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit.




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- Wordsworth work
- Spasm
- Billie — King
- Against
- Granada gold
- Sea eagle
- 500 sheets
- Chess piece
- Right on the map?
- On an angle
- Dines
- Donald Duck's outfit
- Birth-related
- "Exodus" hero
- Vitamin stat
- Prior nights
- Pvt.'s superior
- Grant basis, at times
- Seminary subj.
- Take to court
- Smartens (up)
- Produce aisle display
- Pan handler?
- Rookie
- Boyfriend
- Business mag
- Press
- Formerly, once
- French vineyard

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- Lyricist
- Monarch's spouse
- Army vehicles
- Test-paper smudges
- Reply (Abbr.)
- Court divider
- Chum
- Swiss canton
- Beer type
- Nantes notion
- Tiny amounts
- Soft ball?
- Say it's so
- Put on the air

DOWN

- Law firm aide, for short
- Till bills
- List-ending abbr.
- Brunch cock-tails
- "Only Love" actress
- Marisa

- Be enough
- Blockheads
- That lady
- Golfer Michelle
- Closes
- Full-length
- Party cheese
- Greek vowel
- Seth's son
- Wager
- Historic peri-od
- Big D.C. lobby



Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Bortz's Birthday

This coming Sunday is my birthday. Besides being the day I was born, it was also the day I opened Gallagher Printing on Tacoma full time 52 years ago. Yes, I am old and in the twilight of my years on this earth. I would like to hang around a bit longer but I do not determine what is to be. Just want to kind of reminisce a little.

I had bought a letterpress machine and had it installed in my basement. Now this is a cast iron press that must weigh close to 1000 pounds. Getting it into the basement was a chore but getting it back out was even greater. This was the extent of my printing abilities back in the 60's, business cards and small jobs done letterpress. Still it added to my income and I liked doing it. My day employment was working on the docks loading boxcars and driving a straight job truck making pickups

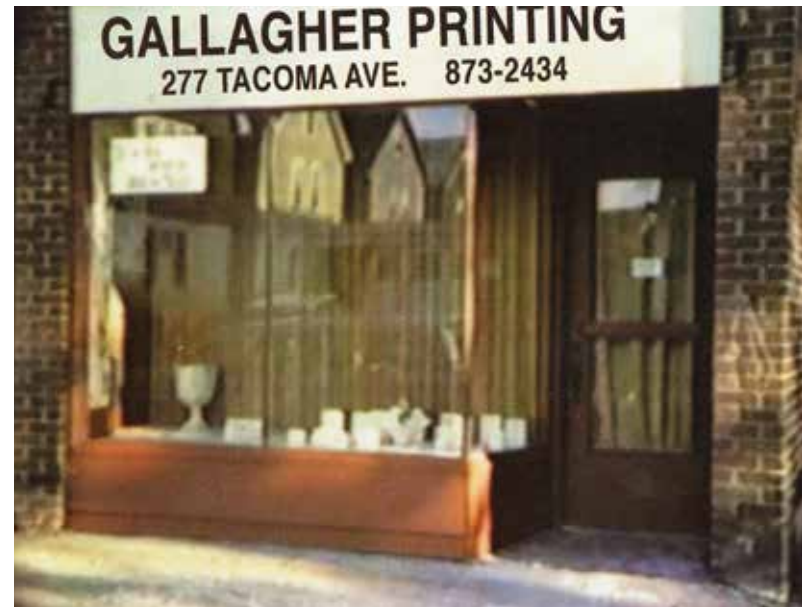
and deliveries. It was a fair paying job and really hard work. I did not mind it but I had this burning feeling to be in business for myself. That deep desire to be my own boss. The father in the company I worked at was a gem. The son was not of the same mold. We clashed on occasions as he was demeaning to the workers. I looked for the opportunity to hand in my resignation.

Having eight children to feed, changing jobs is not an easy thing to do. I knew what it was like to look for work and happy to have a good employment. Still my dream was in my heart and when the chance came upon me, I took it. One of the perks of the job I was working at was you were given the opportunity to either get paid double time or take the day off on your birthday. It was a Friday and I chose to take the day off.

I had bought the building at 277 Tacoma and moved

my monster press there and opened the shop on Saturdays only. Not knowing the future I just called it "Gallagher Printing" as it seemed appropriate at the time. Had I of known it was going where it has, I would have come up with a more glorious name like Apollo Press or something space age related. So I figured that since I was opened on Saturday and my birthday was on Friday, I would be open two days in a row. Sounded cool so that is what I did. For some reason those two days made a decision for me. I like sitting answering the phone, writing some orders, running into the back and printing them. I loved it; I was in charge and did what I wanted when I wanted to do it. Those were two days that stand out in my life, my 34th birthday and my independence.

It took some time to really decide as I was taking a big chance. I had a steady job, making enough to feed my family with a roof over our heads. What would I do if it failed? Well, we know what happened. I called in to the trucking company on Monday and told Gary I would not be returning. I had a week's vacation so I was good for at least a week. He was not happy but I was. At least for now. I an-



Gallagher Printing 277 Tacoma Ave., 1969

nounced my decision to my wife and kids. My wife was a little bit apprehensive but the kids loved the idea. I told them we had to tighten our belts and all chip in, which they did. Two are still with me in the business. That following Monday I went in with a full head of steam, (I think all I have is steam for brains sometimes) raring and ready to go.

If I told you it was not a struggle I would be lying. It was tough in the beginning, the first year. Fortunately I founded the Buffalo Rocket in May of that year and we were off and running. Lot of water has passed under the bridge since then but we

live in America where all dreams are possible. I happen to know that for a fact. It has been a great ride, with great people coming and going over the last 52 years. So I am glad I got a few orders on that birthday, otherwise I would not be writing this.



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Italian Cultural Center

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Last week, a small group of City leaders, including former Buffalo Mayor Anthony M. Masiello as well as Erie County Legislator Lisa Chimera of the 3rd district, met with developers and the media to show what has transpired since a special ground breaking ceremony was held in October of 2019.

"We want this building to continue being a place where families can learn of the Italian American Community heritage here in Western New York for their children and grandchildren," said Dr. Francesco Giacobbe, a retired pediatrician here in WNY and the president of the newly formed Centro Culturale Italiano Di Buffalo, who spearheaded a plan to find a location for history and the Italian heritage. He met with the former Mayor and shared his passion for his Italian ancestry and a dream he wished to teach Italian families of their history here in Buffalo.

Masiello then called on Buffalo developer Rocco Termini for his assistance and the idea became a vision just five short years ago. Both men were on hand last Wednesday to share their story of a building rescued from demolition after the current North Park Library moved across Hertel Avenue into a North Buffalo plaza 12 years ago.

"It was dark and dreary inside when I first entered this building," said Toni Marie DiLeo, the executive director for Italian Cultural Center (ICC). "It was pretty depressing."

However after months of work by local businesses like M.P. Carroll and countless others, renovation and improvements inside and out are slowly starting to take shape. Once you enter the main door, a stairwell

puts you to the middle of both wings of the compact complex that envelopes you in comfort. To the right, a huge sitting room complete with a fireplace will be a setting for small tables arranged for a latte or beverage for meeting friends or family. A small boutique is nearby for Italian trinkets and information about the Center's many rooms that will be available for all.

Downstairs, a multi-purpose auditorium and community room can be the site for discussions, performance or meetings named in honor of Renata

S. Giacobbi, Francesco's long-time wife, who was as much a part of her husband's love for this vision about to come true.

Other plans for the Center include Italian cooking demonstrations, genealogy for families, artwork and displays, cultural programs of music and dance. Outside, a portion of the front lawn of the complex will hold a Bocce Ball court for play during Buffalo's pleasant seasons.

Buffalo's Italian Cultural Center has a new home, right here in North Buffalo. CIAO!



Left to right- Dr. Francesco Giacobbe, CCI President, Tommaso Briatico, Architect, The Lovely Lisa!, Toni Marie DiLeo, Education Director, Hon. Anthony Masiello, Campaign Chair, Rocco Termini, Volunteer General Contractor

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"The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is committed to providing free and equal access to recreational and infor-

mational resources," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "This means working to identify and eliminate the barriers that prevent Erie County residents from accessing valuable Library services. Launching the Library on Wheels Bookmobile in 2016 allowed us to reach rural populations that do not have physical libraries, and the Library by Mail service will help us provide enriching and entertaining materials to an often-overlooked part of the community."

To learn more and apply for Library by Mail service, residents should call 716-858-7156 or email librarybymail@buffalolib.org. This service is available to all Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders. For more information, including instructions for getting a library card, call the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System at 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

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