

## Riverwork's Ferris Wheel



Artist's rendition of the ferris wheel coming to Riverworks this summer.

Buffalo Riverworks is planning a new Ferris Wheel that may be here as soon as early summer. The structures before it was known for holding a large 200 ft. silo. As a result, the inspectors of the project are positive it can withstand the ride's weight. The fast winds from the river's current are also a consideration. That's

why the base of the wheel will be stabilised with over million pounds of solid concrete. Engineers estimate the ferris wheel to be over 100 ft. tall and there will be ziplines on boths sides for added stability. When Bill Casale, General Manager of all proper-ties of Buffalo Riverworks, was asked why the wheel

couldn't have been built larger, he said that the city's building codes would not allow it to be larger than its neighboring structures. The staff at Riverworks hopes it will bring new life to the area after the pandemic's hardships. For more information, check out buffaloriver-works.com.

## Independent Health Hosts Virtual Kids Fun Run

Following the success of having more than 4,600 participating in the popular event done virtually for the first time last year, the Independent Health Foundation will again host a virtual Kids Run at Home in 2021. This free annual event encourages families to start summer in a fun, healthy way by map-ping out and running or walking a 1.8-mile route in their neighborhoods any-time between June 4 – 6. Registration opens on April 26. Parents of younger chil-dren are encouraged to make their own Mini-Dash.

Presented by Wegmans, the Independent Health Foundation's virtual Kids Run registration deadline is May 21, 2021 to receive an official race bib, activi-ty sheets, race tips and more. Those who register after May 21 will receive a PDF file to print their race numbers. Participants who submit their times to re-ceive a free Running Bag courtesy of Project Play WNY while supplies last. More than 4,600 reg-istered individuals from throughout WNY and be-yond participated in the first-ever virtual Kids Run in 2020. Ninety-seven per-

cent of those surveyed stat-ed they would participate in another virtual Kids Run in the future. This race and registra-tion are free! New this year, you can purchase an op-tional Kids Run Fun Pack for \$5 per child to keep the fun going all summer. Each pack includes a Kids Run pennant, shoelaces, sidewalk chalk, beach ball, a medal, and more! Fun Packs can be purchased at any Rolly Pollies location or online and shipped for an additional fee. To register for the 2nd virtual Kids Run at Home, or for more information, go online at www.KidsRun-Buffalo.com.

## Three "Teen Vaccine" Clinics Planned For May 1<sup>st</sup>

After securing a supply of Pfizer COVID-19 vac-cine late last week, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) has sched-uled three COVID-19 vac-cina-tion PODs especially for 16- and 17-year-olds and their families on May 1. Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be avail-able for teens ages 16 and 17; Moderna COVID-19 doses will be available for anyone age 18 and older. Sites will be SUNY ECC North in Williamsville, SUNY ECC South in Or-chard Park, and McKinley High School in Buffalo. "We reached out to local pharmacies and New York State Department of Health after initially hearing that local health departments would not receive more Pfizer vac-

cine until early May," said Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein. "Each vaccinated person gets us one step close to the end of this pandemic, and with 16- and 17-year-olds eligible for Pfizer vac-cine, we are very eager to coordinate these special PODs for these teenagers and their families." "This is a crucial ser-vice for our department to offer before events like proms, graduations and other celebrations this spring and summer," Dr. Burstein continued. "Vac-cination for these high school students also pro-vides another layer of pro-tection against COVID-19 in school, sports, work and household settings." ECDOH will commu-nicate Pfizer COVID-19










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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



North Buffalo Rocket day at Fun and Games Park on Young street and the Colvin Extention. Mid 70's. More photos of that day in the *Buffalo Rocket Archive Group on Facebook.*

Local Weather						
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## Hertel Spring Clean Up

What a beautiful day in the neighborhood! After months of rollercoaster weather, I think we can finally take a sigh of relief and say Spring is finally here. This past weekend, North Buffalo residents and volunteers joined together to get the neighborhood back into Spring-time shape during the annual Hertel Spring Clean-Up.

The sun was shining and the birds were singing as positive energy and attitudes filled the avenue. It was really great to see everyone working together, especially since we have not been able to gather for such a long time. Although masks were worn, I know there were smiling faces beaming underneath because of the success of the event.

A special thanks to the Hertel Business Association board members who hosted this great event. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers, including girl scout troops, high school students from both St. Joes and Nardin, the Delaware Soccer Club and many more. This year had the biggest turn out which made the work seem absolutely effortless.

The clean-up started at Delaware Avenue and continued its way down Hertel, ending at the Her-

tel Business Association office where pizza and water were provided to all that helped out. Everyone who was involved spread out and beautified the street (and parking lots) by mulching, weeding, and cleaning up trash. Not only did the volunteers and business owners donate their time, but they also brought their



This year's 2021 Hertel Spring Clean up.

own supplies such as trash bags and gardening tools to make this day triumphant!

Because of all the hard work that took place, future North Buffalo events will be even better. The upcoming Hertel Mutt Strut is happening on Saturday, May 29th and now that the street is clean, dogs and their owners can truly experience the walkability of Hertel Avenue.

I am constantly overwhelmed by the residents and business owners of North Buffalo. Events like the annual Hertel Spring Clean- Up make me even more proud to represent such a wonderful district in the City of Buffalo.

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## The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

### North Buffalo

April 26, 2021

Parkdale and Garner Streets – Victim reports he parked his vehicle in the driveway on Garner St one week ago. Victim reports when he came to check on his vehicle today, he noticed the vehicle had been moved on the street by an unknown suspect. Victim reports the suspect has also rummaged through the vehicle and broke the steering column. Victim believes the suspect was trying to steal the vehicle. There is a possible camera footage located on Parkside which back garage is located next to Garner where vehicle was damaged.

April 25, 2021

Greenfield Street – Complainant called station house and reported that her husband located her vehicle on Jewitt between Main and Crescent. Reported missing items were not in the vehicle. Complainant is now in possession of vehicle.

April 25, 2021

Greenfield Street – Victim states that unknown person(s) did take her vehicle from the driveway without permission. Victim reports inside vehicle was 1 HP work laptop (unknown value,) 1 Samsung work phone (unknown value,) 1 I-Pad (unknown value,) and 1 L.L. Bean gift card (value \$65.00.) Unknown if keys were left inside vehicle. No known video footage in area.

### Riverside

April 26, 2021

Philadelphia and Isabelle Streets – Officers on routine patrol did see TN dealer pull away from curb at Ontario and Philadelphia without signaling. Vehicle also made a left hand turn into parking lot at Ontario and Philadelphia without signaling. Upon stop driver found to have ID only and vehicle unregistered. Inventory search patrol officer did recover 1 clear plastic bag tied off with white rock like substance believed to be crack cocaine in center console. Narcotics submitted by patrol officer.

April 25, 2021

Roesch Avenue – Victim reports her vehicle was stolen after her daughter left the keys in the lock on the

house door. Victim believes someone then got the keys and took her car. Victim does with to press charges.

April 26, 2021

Granger Street – Victim states unknown person(s) did, by unknown means, enter and remain unlawfully inside apartment building located on Granger and did take without permission 1 Raleigh bicycle (teal and orange in color valued at \$1,299.00) from basement. Victim states all tenants in the building have access to basement but does not believe it to be another tenant. No known video footage.

April 26, 2021

Bridgeman Street – Officers did observe defendant operating vehicle traveling eastbound on Amherst Street at a paced 10 mph impending the normal and reasonable movement of traffic with his left turn signal on from Peter Street to Bridgeman Street. Officers did initiate a traffic stop on Bridgeman Street. Upon traffic stop officers did observe a strong alcoholic beverage smell imitating from the vehicle and the defendant's breath. Officer did observe defendant to have a droopy face, blood-shot and glassy eyes. Officers did contact language line via 911 interpreter who spoke Swahili did assist officers via speakerphone with the standard field sobriety test and explained to defendant everything officers were directing him to do. Defendant did fail horizontal gaze nystagmus. Officers and

the language interpreter did advise the defendant of his DWI warnings. Officers did transport defendant to West Eagle Street AIU office. Upon arriving at Accident Investigation Unit office, Accident Investigation Unit officer did contact the language line. The interpreter did advise the defendant of his Miranda rights and DWI warnings. Accident Investigation officer did administer a chemical breath test where the defendant did blow a 20 BAC. The defendant was transported to City Court booking.

### West Side

April 26, 2021

Dewitt Street – Victim reports, who is director of Holy Cross Head Start, reports that unknown suspect gained entry into the building, unknowingly. Victim reports once the suspect was inside the building they went into the front office and pulled out the power cords to the building's alarm and camera system. Victim also reports the suspect had rummaged through the classrooms and as a result located keys to the building and had taken them. Victim reports suspect did also take a black medicine bag that contained an asthma inhaler before he fled and left in an unknown direction.

April 26, 2021

Herkimer and West Ferry – Officers did observe vehicle travel westbound on Ferry and turn southbound onto Herkimer with suspended registration for insurance lapse. Upon stop driver had suspended ID only. Search incident to tow for test. Yielded on black Smith & Wesson .45 caliber pistol recovered by patrol from the driver's side floorboard. Magazine contained 8 .45 ACP rounds made safe and clear. Weapon submitted to CPS lab.



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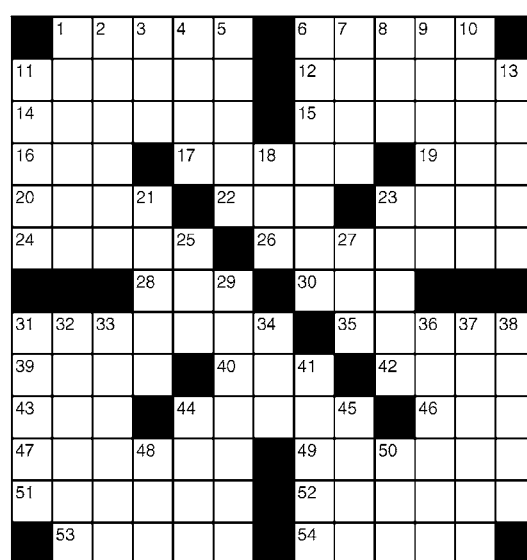
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- 1 Fashion
- 6 Cougars
- 11 Copier part
- 12 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
- 14 Sweatshirt variety
- 15 "The Raven" maiden
- 16 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 17 Burn with steam
- 19 Khan title
- 20 "Moonstruck" star
- 22 — -la-la
- 23 War god
- 24 "Praying" singer

- 26 TV actor
- 28 Business mag
- 30 Melancholy
- 31 Dagwood's lady
- 35 Chic again
- 39 Lariat
- 40 Neither mate
- 42 Actress de Matteo
- 43 — -de-France
- 44 Red Square figure
- 46 Last (Abbr.)
- 47 Sister of



- 6 Columns
- 7 Secondhand fan
- 8 Chess piece
- 9 On the train
- 10 Composer
- 11 Crude cabin
- 13 Rental contract
- 18 Canine cry
- 21 Bonn's river
- 23 Threw in
- 25 Moreover
- 27 Corn serving
- 29 Movie houses
- 31 Hat edges
- 32 Nabokov novel
- 33 Puccini works
- 34 Very long time
- 36 Plod
- 37 Counted (on)
- 38 Western flick
- 41 Sentry's weapon
- 44 Cannes milk
- 45 Linguist
- 48 Chomsky
- 48 Check-cashing needs
- 50 Sphere

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## Will Taking 401K Distributions Affect My Social Security Benefit? – Ask Rusty

*Dear Rusty: I'm 63 and retired from work, but not drawing Social Security. I have accumulated just over \$300,000 in my roll-over 401K IRA. My wife is still working full time, so we have medical, dental and vision coverage. I have a few questions:*

*1) When I take IRA distributions throughout the year, do those dollar amounts get reported to Social Security as income?*

*2) If not, will my SS benefit change (will I be penalized?) for not working and having zero income as I continue to withdraw investments and show no income?*

*3) If my benefit will drop because of the last few years of no income, would it be advisable to start drawing Social Security now? Signed: Planning Ahead*

**Dear Planning Ahead:** Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, they will compute your benefit amount from your lifetime earnings history. They will adjust your earnings for inflation in all years prior to the year you turned 60, find the 35 years in which you had the highest (inflation-adjusted) earnings, and use that “average indexed monthly earnings” (AIME) amount to determine your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA), which is your benefit entitlement at your full retirement age (FRA). From there, your age when you claim determines your final Social Security payment amount. Born in 1958 your FRA is 66 plus 8 months, and that is the age at which you will get 100% of your PIA. If you claim benefits before your FRA, your payment will be reduced; and if you wait until after your FRA to claim your benefit will be increased. If you wait until you are 70 to claim, your SS payment will reach maximum (about 27% more than your FRA benefit amount). Now, to your specific questions:

1) Distributions taken from your 401k or IRA are not reported to Social Security as “earnings” and do not count toward your Social Security benefit entitlement.

2) If you have already retired from working, having zero earnings now won't further affect your final SS payment amount because your benefit will be based upon your 35 highest-earning years. However, if you have a recent benefit estimate from Social Security, that estimate assumed that you would continue to earn at the same level you most recently reported to the IRS until you reached your FRA. So, if you got the estimate while you were still working (or shortly thereafter), the estimate is higher than your actual benefit will be. If you received the estimate a year or more after you stopped working, the estimate is more accurate. In any case, your 401K withdrawals will not count as SS earnings.

3) Claiming now would result in a permanently reduced SS benefit amount because you haven't yet reached your full retirement age. But claiming now wouldn't be a hedge against your current lack of earnings, because your benefit will be based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime.

If you don't already have a full 35 years of SS-covered earnings they will still use 35 years in the benefit calculation, adding \$0 earnings for enough years to make it 35. If that is the case, you could offset some of those zero years in your lifetime history by returning to work now, thus increasing your benefit when you claim. If you already have at least 35 years of earnings, enjoy your retirement!

One last thing to consider: if you predecease your wife, at her FRA she will be entitled to 100% of the benefit you were receiving at your death (if that is more than her own). In other words, when you claim your benefit will affect the amount your wife can get as your widow. The longer you wait to claim, the higher your wife's survivor benefit from you will be.

## Senior TRIVIA

### Streets of Riverside

Can you guess these streets in Riverside, Buffalo, NY?

- Grassy area
- Running competition
- Fall hunter season
- Army, Marines, ect
- Casting factory
- Great lake
- Texas capital
- Wear at a wedding
- Not the shade side
- Sherlock
- Ulysses
- Turn, as in a book
- Artist molding material
- Jump over
- End of day

Last Week's Answers: 1. Detroit, Michigan, 2. 13, 3. Israel, 4. Algeria, 5. Wally World, 6. Cobra Kai





## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### When I Was A Kid Part Eight: Sex

Remember when I was a kid it was a long time ago. Things were way different than they are now. Sex was not even mentioned in any way. My Father and Mother never talked to me about sex. We were taught not only by our parents but by our religion that it was a bad thing for children to know too much about private matters. The only way to learn growing up as a young boy was to hear things on the street from other boys. Language was nothing like what it is now. If you said a bad word you got the old soap in the mouth trick. We thought sex was such a bad thing that I got into a fist fight in Grammar school with another boy who told me my Dad had sex with my mother. True story as I thought he was saying bad things about my parents. Thinking back on that incident I just remember he kept saying it was true. Poor guy was right and I was wrong.

I remember I was three and my mother came home with a new baby. We were told the stork brought babies and we believed it. Our parents would not lie to us, would they? I thought she went to the store and bought this new sister for

me. However by the time she had the third baby after me, I kind of knew what was going on. Even in the movies back then nothing was sexual. In those old movies they kissed sometimes but that was it. I recall seeing the first movie with cleavage. Jane Russell in the movie "The Outlaw". It was a hit and must see among my friends as she had to top of her breast showing. This was considered a "dirty" flick. So we all rushed to see it.

My two oldest brothers were in the service so they could not offer any information, and my older sister just would not talk about it. So sex education back in the forties was to learn on your own, literally. You are on your own and we learned how to hold our own as young boys do. It starts out when you are very young and you shimmy up a pole, you get this good feeling. It was a really nice feeling and no explanation as to why. I know other boys felt it as we would stand in line to shimmy up a pole. We wanted more of that good feeling. We soon discovered other ways of developing that good feeling. Most young men go through that stage in life.

Still we were taught not to have bad thoughts or do anything that we would not do in front of our parents. If we did it was a mortal sin and we can burn in hell. Had to go to confession and ask for forgiveness for doing this. We did it anyway, and of course did not tell our parents.

Then even at a young age that feeling sometimes happened when you were just with a female. Nothing really sexual however even in conversation if the subject went in a certain direction or a word would be said, it would make it happen. Not even talking about kissing or touching, yet. That came later. Even talking we had to get past the suggestive words that would trigger that feeling. That fuzzy warm feeling you get in your belly that usually spikes things to happen to certain parts of your body. It is due in part due to growing up with no direct education on this subject. They certainly did not teach it in my school. So it was learn as you go with the flow.

As I grew a little older it was only natural to be inquisitive about how these things worked. I knew by this time how babies were born but still had many questions about how it happened. So I decided to play "doctor". I would do examinations only. I put up a makeshift tent in my backyard and invited neighborhood girls to come and be examined. Not all responded but enough did. Some were more than willing. No touching, just looking and seeing what the other half looks like. I was the looker



Poster for the 1943 film, "The Outlaw."

and the only looker usually. Do not recall anyone wanting to examine me. I enjoyed being a doctor and surprised in later life that other people also played "Doctor" when they were young. Certainly showed me a lot of things I had not seen before. Each time I got that nice feeling again.

Growing up with innocence is nice but it had its shortcomings. It would have been so much easier if things were explained way back when. Now everything is on the table. No questions about anything

regarding sex as it is all right there in front of you. There is plenty of sex on the television, movies and computers. Anything you want to know. You know, but still, I liked playing "Doctor".

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com.

### Three "Teen Vaccine" Clinics Planned For May 1

*Continued from page one.* vaccine availability to school districts and private schools at scheduled ECDOH clinics. In the future if additional Pfizer COVID-19 is available, ECDOH will consider planning PODs at school locations. Parental consent forms for 16- and 17-year-olds will be available before May 1 electronically and on site at ECDOH clinics. Erie County Department of Health "Teen Vaccine" PODs Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please note each site has different links for Pfizer (ages 16 & 17) and Moderna (age 18+). Individuals unable to access online registration can call the Erie County COVID-19 Information Line at (716) 858-2929 for an appointment.

McKinley High School  
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Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), COVID-19: <http://www.erie.gov/covid19>  
ECDOH, COVID-19 Information Line: (716) 858-2929 – foreign language interpretation available

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Vaccination Hotline: (833) 697-4829 (833-NYS-4VAX)  
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The event will begin at 12 noon and will continue until sold out or 3pm, whichever comes first! The site is at the Twin District Volunteer Fire Company, 4999 William St. (between Aurora St. and Lake Ave.), Lancaster.

For more information check out [www.comolakebarkpark.com](http://www.comolakebarkpark.com).



**Monday Night Community Bike Rides Return** as Slow Roll Buffalo, returns to its full schedule of Monday night rides beginning May 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Big Ditch Brewing Company.

All other dates and locations are as follows:

May 10th, The Terrace  
May 17th, The Zone  
May 24th, Central Park Grill

May 31st, Liberty Hound  
June 7th, Olivencia Center

June 14th, Irish Center  
June 21st, Je Ne Sais Quoi

June 28th, Community Beer Works

July 5th, The Cave  
July 12th, Groove Lounge  
July 19th, Five Points Bakery

July 26th, Kerns Bowling Center

For more information check out [slowrollbuffalo.org](http://slowrollbuffalo.org).



**Krolick's Fish Fry Fundraiser at Church of the Nativity** will be held Friday, April 30, 2021, 4:00-6:30pm, drive-thru only. Tickets at the door, \$13. Church of the Nativity is at 1530 Colvin Boulevard, near Sheridan Drive, Town of Tonawanda. Online at [NativityUCC.org](http://NativityUCC.org).



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**Sacred Heart's** honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year:

**Seniors**  
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**Sophomores**  
Caroline Butsch, Rylee Chamberlain, Gour Deng Gac, Grace Duggan, Paige Fortner, Rose Genco, Brooklyn Gordon, Emma Mahoney, Grace McDonnell, Cincere McMillon, Ella Murphy, Brooke Pollock

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## BPS Parent Centers Programming

# DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

### Purpose

- Buffalo Public Schools will receive COVID-19 relief funds through the American Rescue Plan.
- This meeting series will discuss the different types of funds as well as how they may be used.
- This District is seeking input on how to best use the funds to support our students. .

### Dates

- Thursday, April 29th, 4:00pm
- Saturday, May 15th, 10:00am
- Tuesday, May 25th, 5:30pm

### Where

- BPS Parent Centers Facebook Page - Live
- [www.facebook.com/BPSParentCenters](https://www.facebook.com/BPSParentCenters)



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