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Merry Christmas!



A very merry Christmas to all from the Buffalo Rocket.

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of

the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in

the United States since 1870.

The iconic version of Santa Claus as a jolly man in red with a white beard and a sack of toys was immortalized in 1881, when political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew on Moore's poem to create the image of Old Saint Nick we know today.

Happy holidays and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Worship And Concerts At Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Westminster Presbyterian Church on 724 Delaware Avenue hosts:

The Longest Night December 21 • 4:44 PM in the Sanctuary and online At sundown on the longest night of the year, prayers will be offered for those we have lost during this difficult year.

Christmas Concert December 22 • 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and online Ring in the season with classical masterworks, congregational carols, and handbell favorites, presented

by the Westminster Choirs and Buffalo Philharmonic Brass.

Christmas Eve Family-led Service December 24 • 5 PM in the Sanctuary and online Rev. Leach and Rev. Nutter Dowling will read the Christmas Story as children assemble the crèche. The Westminster Schola offers Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

Eighty-Fifth Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols December 24 • 10 PM in the Sanctuary and

online The Westminster Choirs and Buffalo Philharmonic Brass lead the Festival of Lessons and Carols, with biblical readings and music anticipating the birth of the Christ Child.

Pastor's Christmas Message December 25 • Premieres at 10 AM, online only In his first Christmas at Westminster, Rev. Leach offers prayers and well-wishes for the season in an online message.

For a comprehensive list of sermons, go to <https://wp-cbuffalo.org/>

YMCA Buffalo Distributes Food For The Holidays

YMCA Buffalo Niagara's "Y on the Fly" program will be distributing fresh produce for families of program participants as part of our Holiday Giveaway this weekend in the City of Buffalo.

The Holiday Giveaway will take place on the second floor gymnasium at the Resource Council of WNY, located at 347 East Ferry Street in Buffalo from 10:00 – 11:30 am on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Media is invited to record video and interview opportunities will be available with YMCA representatives.

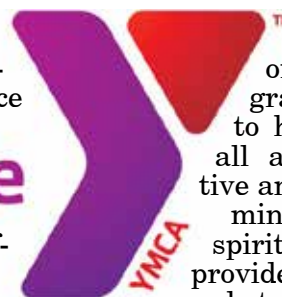
YMCA Buffalo Niagara will give away 10 bags of fresh produce for families. The bags will

include ingredients needed to make homemade vegetable soup. Additionally, kids participating in the giveaway can create craft ornaments and take part in the holiday relay race.

Y on the Fly is a mobile YMCA that visits neighborhoods and offers free programs aimed to help youth of all ages stay active and engaged in mind, body, and spirit. Y on the Fly provides healthy meals to children and families, educational enrichment, physical activities, games, and more.

More information about Y on the Fly can be found at YMCABN.org

Locally founded in 1852, YMCA Buffalo Niagara is a charitable, *Continued on page six.*



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



203 Colvin Ave, Buffalo NY. Joseph Pandolfino dressed as Santa Clause for over 20 years and handed out candy canes to the children passing by his house. It became known as the North Buffalo Christmas House.

Local Weather


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

 Rain
High 59°
Low 37°

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

 Mostly Sunny
High 41°
Low 33°

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

 Snow
High 36°
Low 27°

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

 Partly Cloudy
High 32°
Low 25°

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

 Partly Cloudy
High 38°
Low 32°

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

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Low 34°



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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

Parochial Baseball 100 Year

It's been a special year for Rev. Richard Zajac of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese. This year marked the 100th season of Parochial School Baseball here in Western New York and everyday he meets a man who once played in this grammar school program, reminding him of their play on the diamonds of Delaware, Cazenovia of Brighton Parks. Begun in 1921 as the Parochial Baseball Association, the Diocese offered the sport originally during the summer months. Schools like Mount St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Czestochowa and Corpus Christi won early Championships before 1960, when the league was changed to the fall Seasons. In 1971, the Church decided to end baseball for Catholic families. That's when Zajac came in. Known by his nickname now as the "Duke," he got the Father Baker Council Knights of Columbus to serve as a new sponsor. Then, with help from the Amvets Post #45 five years later, he watched as Jack Jerge from South Buffalo worked side by side with the Duke, to save the game for the countless boys who grew up to play in area Schools. North Buffalo is home to several area schools who have excelled in Baseball for boys at such a young age. The St. Marks' School on Woodward Avenue is just one of many Parochial Schools to have won several Championships in recent years. The program teaches boys between grades 3-8 the game of baseball every year from Labor Day to Columbus. Zajac has been a part of this League for 51 years and some credit him for keeping the game going for young boys. Presently, there's 15 teams for players in grades sixth through eighth and another 12 teams in a smaller, JV division for third to fifth grade. His love for the game is just as high as his chosen field of Ministry for the Catholic Diocese. "I've had plenty of help though, over the years,"



The Cy Williams Cup has been awarded to the Championship winning team of the Parochial Schools Baseball League which this year celebrated its 100th season in WNY. Rev. Richard "Duke" Zajac has served as the League's Commissioner since 1971 and works tirelessly to keep the love of God and youth baseball alive in WNY.

says Zajac, recently. "Three men serve as a Director for different parts of Western New York. If not for Bob Ziolkowski, Jim Kelly and Pat Hanley taking care of certain parts of our area, we'd be in trouble. Our JV Program is strong with both George Kunz and Mike Talluto in charge. Two others have been with me the longest in Paul Riester and Ed Hoak." Former Buffalo Bison Hall of Fame Member and Buffalonian Cy Williams, who became a scout for the Detroit Tigers, was very helpful to Zajac during the early years. The winning trophy was named in his honor and Williams served as the evenings guest speaker for consecutive league banquets over the years. Notable Buffalonians who got their start playing in this League include Mike Buczkowski of the Bisons, former Major League pitcher Billy Scherrer and NBA star Christian Laettner. Zajac wishes to acknowledge whenever possible his gratitude to the Buffalo City Parks Department and to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy for maintaining the diamonds on City Parks. "I wouldn't have been able to do this without them." Riester, a long-time coach in North Buffalo, has watched the growth of St. Marks' School Sports over three decades and is responsible for getting the JV program started in 1992. "Some Schools didn't have enough boys in the sixth grade," he said. "We had to add younger boys to the League at a Junior Varsity Level, so they could all play." The growth of the Parochial School League in these 100 years has helped keep Baseball alive in the homes of Buffalo families. Fathers playing catch with their sons soon discovered various little leagues formed in certain areas of the City. In 1957, four youth baseball teams began playing in nearby Shoshone Park. It's been a celebration ever since.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
December 19, 2021
Delaware Avenue – Defendant did have a verbal altercation with the complainant over not having a mask on. Defendant did have a box cutter on her and did lunge towards the complainant and did then threaten the complainant. No box cutter was recovered.

December 19, 2021
Main Street – Complainant stated that the defendant did push him in the chest and face which caused the complainant to fear for his physical safety.

December 17, 2021
Hertel Avenue – On 12-3-21 at approximately 16:43 hrs. while at 1770 Hertel Avenue, defendant did damage back parking lot wall by means of spray-painting graffiti on it. Defendant has no permission to spray paint any part of business. Cost to repair damage is \$299.05. Appearance ticket issued.

December 16, 2021
Grider Street (ECMC) – Officers responded to accident with injury. Defendant observed by officers slumped and unconscious in vehicle. (1) needle observed in vehicle. (1) dose

of 1mg Narcan at 1400 hrs. by AMR. AIU notified. Patrol Officer from Amherst Police Department on scene at ECMC to administer field testing/DRE. Defendant consented to blood drain. Miranda by patrol officer. P-31 by officer.

Riverside
December 17, 2021
Elmwood Avenue – Officers responded to a shoplifting call at Top's Friendly Market located on Elmwood Avenue. The defendant did steal 2 smoked hams, valued at approximately \$20.00, 1 color reveal, valued at \$47.97, several Hallmark cards, and a chocolate Stroop, valued at \$196.00. The defendant did walk past all points of purchase with the items. The defendant also has a Buffalo warrant.

December 15, 2021
Elmwood Avenue – Suspect did without intent to pay take merchandise. Passed all points of purchase. When officers attempted to handcuff suspect, suspect did interfere by pulling away and fleeing on foot from officers.

December 15, 2021
Military at Grote Street – Defendant was oper-

ating vehicle with dark tinted windows and an expired driver's license. Upon traffic stop officers recovered a Polymer 80 "Ghost Gun" 9mm with a loaded magazine of 25 9mm rounds next to said handgun.

West Side
December 15, 2021
Plymouth Avenue- Officers did observe vehicle northbound on Plymouth with no front plate. Upon investigation plate found to be witched. Current plates suspended for no insurance. Driver's license also found to be suspended. Inventory search subject to impound, patrol officer did recover a Polymer P80 "Ghost Gun" 9mm with 0 in chamber, 10 in magazine from under driver seat. Also recovered spent shell casings in driver door and box of ammo from center console by patrol officer.

December 15, 2021
Deerborn Street – Defendant did go up victim's steps and take package off porch containing "Pandora" jewelry (value \$1,000.00.) Victim did identify defendant as rear neighbor from front porch security camera. Officers did locate defendant in rear apartment wearing same clothes as on camera. Defendant did admit to taking package. Officer recovered a purse containing stolen jewelry on floor of defendant's apartment.

December 14, 2021
Dewitt Street –

Defendant did get into a verbal argument with boyfriend and did grab a knife and did stab boyfriend in his left hand.

Knife was recovered and submitted by patrol officer. Boyfriend was taken to ECMC for treatment.

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Daddio's Pizzeria.....1247 Hertel Avenue

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Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue

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Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue

Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue

Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue

Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue

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Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road

Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street

Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue

Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue

West Market.....1032 West Avenue

West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

RIVERSIDE

AmVets.....25 Review Place

Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street

Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue

Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street

D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue

Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street

Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street

Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road

First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue

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House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street

M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street

Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street

Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street

Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue

Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street

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Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street

Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street

Roland Cannizzaro Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street

Sun Restaurant.....1989 Niagara Street

Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Earring site

5 Smack

8 Blog entry

12 Regrettably

13 Fuss

14 "May It Be" singer

15 Dealer's foe

16 Moving-day rental

17 Aviation prefix

18 Energetic person

20 Galley supply

22 Strikers' queue

26 Manhandled

29 Chemical suffix

30 Hobbyist's abbr.

31 Rue the run

32 German conjunction

33 Lavish party

34 — Paulo

35 Fuel stat

36 Devil's domain

37 Playgoer's souvenir

40 Writer

41 Short jacket brand

45 Gambling game

47 Jay follower

49 San —, Italy

50 Help a crook

51 Hosp. sections

52 Author Sheehy

53 Striped fish

54 Perched

55 Deco artist

6 Greek mountain

7 Ad nauseam

8 Oyster's prize

9 Biased

10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)

11 Eastern "way"

19 Central

21 Consumed

23 Monarchs

24 Evening, in an ad

25 Peepers

26 Bygone days

27 Exotic berry

28 "So what?"

32 Chimney pipes

33 Maker of ornate eggs

35 Gents

36 Coloration

38 Shoelace woes

39 Secret rendezvous

42 Dread

43 Send forth

44 Portrayal

45 "Terrif!"

46 Lawyers' gp.

48 Altar constellation

DOWN

1 Crow's-nest cry

2 Skin care brand

3 Hoedown site

4 Jailbreak participant

5 Mayhem

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Answers on page seven.



Ask Rusty - How Do I Apply for Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am a 74-year-old veteran enrolled with the VA. I have never had Medicare Part B. Should I? My only source of income is Social Security. **Signed: Retired Veteran**

Dear Retired Veteran: First, thank you for your service to our country. Like you, I use the VA for certain healthcare needs, but, unlike you, I am also enrolled in Medicare Part B. The decision

on whether to have both is a personal choice only you can make, but I'll give you some things to consider:

If you are 100% satisfied with your VA coverage, and if that coverage is conveniently available to you, and if the VA provides all the health care you will ever need wherever you happen to be, then enrolling in Medicare Part B may not be needed in your personal

situation. For me, the nearest full-service VA facility is about 40 miles away, while just about every imaginable private healthcare service is nearby. Thus, for convenience reasons, I am enrolled in Part B, so I can use any doctor or medical service provider I want within just a few miles of my home. I also travel a fair amount, and I like the convenience and flexibility of using any healthcare provider I happen to be near, without worrying about finding a VA facility or VA-affiliated private provider. So, for me, it all comes down to convenience and flexibility to use any healthcare provider I want. I use my VA coverage when it's convenient for me but otherwise use non-VA providers. But your needs may be different.

Your choice may especially be different since your only source of income is Social Security. There is a premium

associated with Medicare Part B (\$170.10 per month for 2022), which would be taken from your Social Security payment, thus reducing it. That may create a financial issue for you, which is obviously an important consideration when deciding if you should also enroll in Part B to supplement your VA coverage. But there's yet another concern if you enroll in Part B now.

Since you're 74 and have relied solely on the VA for your healthcare needs since turning 65, you'll be subject to a Late Enrollment Penalty if you enroll in Part B now, and that penalty may make Part B even more unaffordable for you. Your VA health care coverage isn't considered a "creditable" alternative to Part B, which means that a Late Enrollment Penalty of 10% additional premium will be assessed for each full year you went without Part B coverage. For example, instead of

the standard Part B premium of \$170.10, your premium with the late enrollment penalty could be about \$323 per month. And, unfortunately, that penalty lasts for as long as you are enrolled in Part B and will increase along with any increases to the Part B premium as time passes.

For your awareness, if Social Security is your only source of income, you may be eligible for your state's Medicare Savings Program, which can assist you with paying Medicare premiums and copayments. If your income falls below the required thresholds, you may be eligible for the Medicare Savings Program as described at this website: www.benefits.gov/benefit/4396.

Finally, the AMAC Foundation has a repository of helpful information for America's veterans, which you can browse at this link: www.amacfoundation.org/veteran-resources/.

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North Buffalo Community Development Corporation Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors invites you to attend the Annual Meeting of the North Buffalo Community Development Corporation (N.B.C.D.C.).

The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Hertel Business Association offices at 1599 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216.

The purpose of this

meeting is to hear reports of the Officers and to elect the Board of Directors.

For Members of the Corporation:

The N.B.C.D.C. strongly urges you to attend this meeting and to exercise your right to vote. Please complete and return the enclosed proxy ballot. To ensure your voting privileges, please remember

to PRINT and SIGN your name where required and return the ballot in the stamped and addressed envelope. The Bylaws of the N.B.C.D.C. state: If you do not vote for two consecutive years, your name will be removed from the Membership roll. It is important that you preserve your right to vote by returning your proxy.

Proxies must be received by January 5, 2022 by 5 p.m.

Mayor Brown Announces The Return Of Holiday Revelers To Downtown Buffalo On New Year's Eve

"Holiday traditions are important for families and children, and while we recognize things could change in the weeks to come, we are doing everything we can to prepare at this point for a great and safe New Year's Eve celebration in Downtown Buffalo on December 31st," stated Mayor Brown. "In 2021, we overcame many challenges, but we also celebrated many triumphs. Together, we proved that in Buffalo we are a strong, proud, and resilient people who know how to band together when faced with adversity. Let's stay on this

path. As a community, we have a lot to celebrate and on New Year's Eve, I ask revelers who plan to attend this great outdoor event to work with us by continuing to protect their own health as well as the health of their families."

Though the "Ball" did drop in 2021 at Roosevelt Plaza, most revelers had to watch virtually as festivities were closed to the general public last year due to the COVID-19 global health pandemic. The 34th annual Buffalo Ball Drop is brought to you by Presenting Sponsor M&T Bank – in partnership with Mayor

Byron W. Brown and the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Place, and the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Inc (PAL).

If all goes as planned, the City of Buffalo New Year's Eve Ball Drop and Fireworks display at Roosevelt Plaza will be a lot livelier this year. Today, Mayor Byron W. Brown, joined by event organizers, announced that Buffalo's 34th annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop & Fireworks brought to you by Presenting Sponsor M&T Bank is scheduled to take place with live and in-person festivities on Friday, December 31, 2021, at the Iskalo Development Electric Tower in Roosevelt Plaza, featuring a spectacular firework display and live music.

Senior TRIVIA

Merry Christmas Trivia

Tis' the season to test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
- 2) Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
- 3) Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."
- 4) In Charles Dickens's, "A Christmas Carol", what order do ghosts of Christmas visit Ebenezer Scrooge in?
- 5) What country did Santa originate from?
- 6) What is the best selling Christmas album of all time?
- 7) Who was the star of the movie titled White Christmas?
- 8) What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?





Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

Email



The national Oliver Hazard Perry Monument in Front Park of Buffalo, NY.

It is always nice to get emails and I do not get enough of them. Means someone is reading my column and makes it worth the effort. Especially when it refers to things in the past which is al-

ways good to visit. Found this email interesting and thought I would share it with my readers.

Dave/Joe,

Really enjoyed your column this week about football and especially your experiences as a high schooler at Grover Cleveland. I remember Mr. Misana being the prominent high school football coach in the area for years back then. I don't remember a high schooler being caught up in a mob hit though. Would sure like to know the details. There certainly was a major mob presence for years, as has been well documented. The hit on John Camilleri in front of Roseland's on Rhode Island Street comes to mind. That was my neck of the woods growing up.

I never played organized football as a kid, but we would get a bunch of us together and go down to Front Park near the Peace Bridge entrance in the shadow of the Oliver Hazard Perry monument and play "touch" among ourselves or against anybody else who showed up. One of our guys was trying out for the team at Hutch Tech, my alma mater, and showed us the training exercises and some plays. No helmets or pads, but I remember putting on as many layers of sweat-

ers as I could, no matter the temperature, just for the padding. Lots of cuts, bruises and a few loose teeth, but nothing serious.

At one of our get-togethers, a big Cadillac convertible pulled up in the parking lot next to our field and this huge guy in a red buffalo plaid shirt got out. He had a big brown paper bag and proceeded to make himself comfortable sitting on the front fender of his Caddy. Yukon Eric, a celebrity on the professional wrestling circuit at the time, which was huge in Buffalo, spent his lunchtime watching a bunch of kids beat the hell out of each other while he devoured a whole fried chicken. We didn't get offered any chicken but did get a greasy autograph.

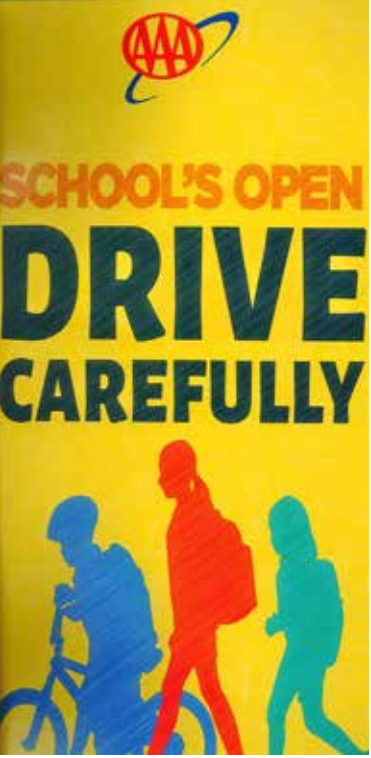
As far as Little League football goes, my brother was coaching when his son was a player and I followed them to some games. The last game I attended was at some field in the City of Tonawanda where at half time the opposing team, who were losing, was gathered under the stands where I was sitting. The yelling and foul language aimed at those little kids by their coaches and PARENTS was disgusting. I'm no prude. I know all the words and use them often, usually while watching

the Bills, but that was ridiculous.

Thanks again for a good article. And yeah, the Bills make me wanna shout.... AT THEM!

Dennis Aures

For the record the player I mentioned was Tony (football) Palestine who was tortured and killed mob style in 1961. Nine years after Grover. He seemed like a decent guy in school and there were a lot that were far worst. Lots of mob killings in Buffalo in the fifties and early sixties. Look it up on Google. DG/JB



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Mini Pak	38.50
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Thirty Pak	45.75
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Family Pak	61.25
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Party Pak	72.50
Sheet Pizza or (2) Large Pizzas with Cheese & One Item with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Personal Specialty Pak	17.10
Personal Specialty Pizza with Five (5) Wings and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$.70 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Small Specialty Pak	28.50
Medium Specialty Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.40 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Mini Specialty Pak	42.00
Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Thirty Specialty Pak	49.25
Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Family Specialty Pak	64.75
Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Specialty Party Pak 1	76.00
(1) Large Cheese and One Item Pizza and (1) Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Specialty Party Pak 2	79.50
(2) Large Specialty Pizzas with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	

All Paks come with Bleu Cheese, Celery and Carrots. Price Does Not Include Tax.

The Grapevine

Buffalo Dream Center: Boxes of Love, toys and food for families. Pastor Eric Johns at the Buffalo Dream Center, 286 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. toys and clothing / 2:00 p.m. large food distribution Contact: Pastor Eric Johns 716-602-3006 / Victoria Shurr 716-951-9402



The Buffalo Holiday Market Series at 223 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY on Fri, Dec 24, 2:00 AM. Loaded Lumber is bringing the magic of a European Christmas to Buffalo! This 4 week shopping series will showcase an exceptional mix of artisan crafters and holiday foods from Western New York. (and Special Guests, Santa) What will be the envy of every Hallmark Christmas Movie, you won't want to miss this. Head on over to Buffalo Holiday Market for more details or visit: www.buffaloholidaymarket.com



Central Park United Methodist Church at 216 Beard Ave, Buffalo, NY on Fri, Dec 24, 11 AM. Swing into Christmas with Buffalo's best "Little Big Band," Serendipity Swing. Hear the story of the First Christmas told in scripture and song, with a set list featuring all your holiday favorites! Designed to get your toes tapping and your spirits soaring. You've been

extra good this year, so treat yourself to something special before your guests arrive!



Keybank Center – One Spectacular Show Dec. 21 – 8:00 P.M. Trans-Siberian Orchestra Returns To The Road, Winter Tour Celebrates The 25th Anniversary Of The Multi-Platinum 'Christmas Eve And Other Stories' Album Multi-platinum, progressive rock group Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) will be bringing its highly-anticipated Winter Tour back for 2021 to Buffalo. This year's long-awaited tour celebrates the 25th anniversary of the group's landmark album Christmas Eve and Other Stories, the 3x certified platinum album that launched the group to superstardom and spawned the bring-the-whole-family rock holiday tradition that has now played to more than 17 million fans all across the nation. Reserved Tickets start as low as \$49.50! For more information go to <https://www.keybankcenter.com/details/2021-12-21/TSO> for more details.

Submit Your Community Event to

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YMCA Buffalo Distributes Food For The Holidays

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community based organization committed to providing programs designed to build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. The YMCA's focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility is reflected in the variety of programs that are offered to all ages and abilities. A not for profit organization, YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves over 100,000 people annually through six membership branches and four camps throughout Western New York, as well as at over 50 community based program sites. For more information please visit YMCABN.org.



"Y on the Fly" program distributing bus.

Food And Toys For Families Distributed At The Buffalo Dream Center

Rev. Eric Johns, pastor at the Buffalo Dream Center, and volunteers from the local area will distribute food, toys, and clothing on Saturday to families in need.

Boxes of Love will host one of its largest distribution sites on Saturday, December 18th at the Buffalo Dream Center, located at 286 Lafayette Avenue in Buffalo. Toys and clothing will be distributed from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A large food distribution will take place at 2:00 PM.

Boxes of Love, a Christmas campaign with a goal of giving food to 3,000 families and toys to thousands of children, has been serving thousands of people since the beginning of December. Pastor Johns brought attention to this campaign by living on the streets of Buffalo with the homeless in November and his mobile food pantry has

fed thousands of families during the pandemic.

"We have been able to help thousands of people this year. We are continuing next week as we plan on helping more families. We will also be providing food to the homeless," says Pastor Johns.

Those desiring to help support or volunteer for the Buffalo Dream Center's Boxes of Love program can go to www.buffalodreamcenter.org or call 716-854-1001. Those in need of toys and food can also visit the website to register their families.



Buffalo Dream Center on 286 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo.

Klubek Named Inaugural Women's Ice Hockey Coach At Hilbert College

Hilbert College President Michael S. Brophy, Ph.D. has named Cole Klubek the first women's ice hockey coach in Hawks' program history. Klubek brings a vast athletics background to Hilbert, of it coaching hockey at various levels.

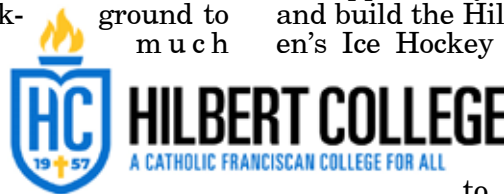
"I am confident that Cole Klubek has the experience and vision to successfully build and lead our women's ice hockey program to compete at the NCAA Division III level," Brophy said. "Cole has shown throughout his life

that he is dedicated to athletics and, more importantly, to the character-development that is vital for NCAA student-athletes."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to develop and build the Hilbert Women's Ice Hockey Program," Klubek said. "It is very exciting to have the opportunity to return to home to WNY while leading the talented and deserving NCAA Division III student-athletes at Hilbert." Klubek, a Hamburg High School graduate, is currently the Hockey Director at Kendall Ice Arena in

Miami Fla. As Hockey Director, he manages practice and game plans, new player recruitment, budgeting, USA Hockey compliance, and coaching. Prior to Miami, Klubek served as the head coach of the Laramie Outlaws (14U) in Laramie, Wyoming.

He spent his years after high school in the United States Air Force. As a result, Klubek moved around quite a bit, but one thing always remained constant, he was involved in athletics. It started in 2008 in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he began coaching youth inline hockey before being deployed to Iraq in October 2010.



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Name of LLC: 252 East LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: November 24, 2021 Date of Formation: November 24, 2021 Office of the LLC: Erie County Service: The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. Registered Agent: Becky Powell, 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213, is to be the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act. 1

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