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Fire Prevention Week



The Buffalo Fire Department reinforces National Fire Prevention Week for its 100th anniversary in their Fire House Open Houses, premiering October 22nd.

Buffalo Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your EscapeTM", reinforcing the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. In addition, this October represents the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the nation's longest-running pub-

lic health observance on record. To learn more, Mayor Brown also encouraged residents and families to attend one of the 5 scheduled Fire House Open Houses in Buffalo.

Below is a list of October 2022 Fire House Open Houses in Buffalo:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

ENGINE 36 / NOON -1:30 PM

860 Hertel Avenue

ENGINE 37 / 1:00 PM -2:30 PM

500 Rhode Island Street & Chenango

ENGINE 4 / 2:00 PM -3:30 PM

939 Abbott Road & Hollywood

ENGINE 23 / 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

3226 Bailey Avenue

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Buffalo, go to www.buffalony.gov or contact the Buffalo Fire Departments Fire Prevention Bureau at (716) 851-5333 extension 752.

Outdoor Spaces Are Humane Habitats Of New SPCA Service

The SPCA Serving Erie County is pleased to bring an all-new Humane Habitat program to our community.

The SPCA Serving Erie County's Humane Habitat program addresses the need to decrease negative between and wildlife and pro- SERVING nounced in 2023. motes kindness.

In a series of six classes, members of the SPCA's Wildlife Department will share ways to make participants' yards,

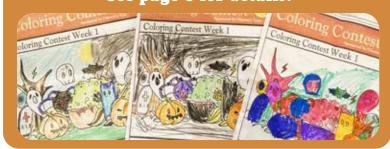
spaces, schools, or other outdoor areas more humane and wildlife-friend-

Fall classes will take place via Zoom on Thursday evenings October 20, 27, and November 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. interactions SPCA Dates for the spring humans SPCA classes will be an-ERIE COUNTY Classes are \$20 each and participants can

register for as many classes as they'd like.

For more information, visit YourSPCA.org.

Everyone entry receives a gift for entering contest. See page 6 for details.



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



1982. McDonalds comes to the West Side of Buffalo, NY.

Independent Health And Buffalo Bills Health & Wellness Challenge

The latest round of the community-wide initiative will run from Oct. 24 through

Dec. 4; Participants will be eligible to win a variety of prizes by adopting simple, healthy habits

Western New York-rs don't have to CHALLENGE train like a professional football player to accomplish their health and wellness goals. Instead, they can achieve healthier lifestyles and im-

prove their overall well-being by simply taking part in the Independent Health and

Buffalo Bills Health & Wellness Chal-

During this fall's Challenge, participants can earn Wellable points for tracking their physical activity, completing daily chal-

lenges – like drinking eight glasses of water or eating five servings of fruits and veg-

gies - and participating in weekly special activities that focus on emotional wellness, intellectual wellness, nutritional wellness, and more. Participants can automatically earn points for physical activity by connecting a compatible health and wellness or device to Wellable.

All those interested in taking part in the Challenge for the first time will need to create an account with Wellable www.buffalobills.com/ thechallenge.

Local Weather

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2TH** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH



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CREATURE DOUBLE FEATURE HOSTED BY GRAHAM NOLAN: ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN (1948) with THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD (1951) Sat 10/22: (11:30am)

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN (1948) Sun 10/23: (12:00 pm)

1428 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216, (716) 836-7411

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Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk Guest Columnist

Kearns To Host Annual Fall Disability Awareness Event

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns and the Erie County Office for People with Disabilities will be holding a special DisAbility Awareness Outreach Day on

Outreach Day on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 am -**ERIE COUNTY** 1:00 pm at AUTO BUREAU the Erie County Auto Bureau located in Ready | Reserve | Renew the Eastern Hills Mall. 4545 Tran- sit Road. Williamsville. Those interested should use the main entrance by Duff's and no appointment is re-

Individuals with disabilities and their families will be able to ob-

quired.

tain state issued picture identification through the Erie County Auto Bureau and be assisted with other matters pertaining to the Department of Motor Vehi-

cles. "October is National Disability Employment Awaren e s s Month," stated Kearns. "We want assist those with disabilities obtain government issued identification so when an employment opportunity presents itself they are prepared

ment and opportunities, I believe inclusion is within everyone's ability."

The Erie County Office for People with Disabilities will also be on hand to disseminate information and provide a thorough understanding of how the county can assist with identifying opportunities and services available to all residents who are disabled and their family members.

Individuals interested in obtaining a Driver's License, an Enhanced License, REAL ID or a non-Driver Identification are required to bring the following documents as proof of identification: original or certified copy of birth certificate, and original social security card.

A complete checklist of documents required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles can be found at erie. gov/clerk/autobureau or call the Erie County Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864. If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Erie County Office for People with Disabilities at 716-858-6215



with the required ID to

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added, "With encourage-

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states defendant climbed

into her house through the

upstairs window that was

broken and previously re-



The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

North Buffalo October 17, 2022

Hertel & Parkside Avenues While responding to a fight call defendant was actively fighting with sister as well as a security guard. When officer's separate parties tried to gain control of situation defendant did turn and spit on officer's striking side of face possibly entering officer's mouth as well as striking front of officer's vest.

October 16, 2022 Bidwell Parkway – Complainant reports that defendant did come on his property without permission and did damage property valued at \$3500.00. Complainant did ID suspect after show-

October 15, 2022

Parkside and Amherst Streets – Driver was involved in an accident. Vehicle was found driving in opposite direction of traffic. Driver had a suspended NY license. Driver failed the Field Sobriety test given to him by officer. Also blew a .20 on the breath test.

Riverside October 16, 2022

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LaForce Place – on 7/31/22 at approximately 2152 hrs. in

front of 40 LaForce Place the defendant did engage four juvenile males as they played basketball in the street (one being a victim/complainant). The defendant did come out on his front porch and did display what appeared to be a black handgun. Officers responded to the scene and the defendant did sign a consent to search his home. Officers did recover a black and red BB handgun in a drawer at the entrance of his home. Officers did recover a long BB gun behind the door of the rear bedroom. The weapons were seized for evidence to HQ. Detective has victim's statement.

October 15, 2022

Esser Street - On 10-15-2022 the defendant did engage in a verbal argument with the victim (mother of his child) and during the argument did block victim in the kitchen causing her to fear for her safety. The victim did sustain a cut to her right hand from a glass that broke during the argument. This argument occured in the presence of three juveniles. Victim extremely fearful of defendant.

October 14, 2022

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ported. Victim states defendant pushed her in the face and pulled out a gun (a black small handgun) demanding her to lie about previous do-mestic so that the charges could be dropped. Victim tried to call 911 when defendant took phone from her and broke it (1 phone value \$400.00, 1 silver \$500.00.) Victim stated she ran downstairs screaming to the

neighbors, but no one helped. After police arrived victim noticed defendant did break door to upstairs attic. Victim also stated she was going to use her aunt's phone to call parole officer. October 14, 2022 Grote Street – Victim states

during an argument with defendant he did push/shove her around. Victim states defendant did go on top of her in bed, put his hands around her neck and obstructed her breathing. Officers observed scratches and bruising on the left side of her neck. Victim and defendant's child (three years) was on the bed and present for the incident.

October 14, 2022

Philadelphia Street - Defendant was a suspect in a shot's fired call. Officers located suspect on Philadelphia. No weapon was located but a small clear plastic bag containing a white powered substance was recovered from his front right pocket. The patrol officer submitted.



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Ask Rusty - How Do Social **Security Survivor Benefits Work?**

Dear Rusty: Social Security is confusing in itself and gets even more confusing when you receive multiple answers to the same question from multiple sources. During my research I came across your organization, and I hope you can assist me in making educated choices regarding my Social Security benefits.

My husband of 20+ years passed away in 1998 and I have not remarried. I will be turning 65 next month (born in 1957), and my full retirement age is 66 years and 6 months. I work fulltime, have not made any specific retirement plans, and my current gross salary is over \$60,000. So, my questions are: Can I collect any of my late husband's social security? If yes, when, and how? Signed: Confused Widow

Dear Confused Widow: ovided, you are eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your deceased husband, but because you are working full time earning over \$60,000 you will not be able to collect those benefits at this time. Here's why:

Social Šecurity imposes an "earnings test" for any-

one who collects benefits before reaching their full retirement age. The penalty for exceeding the earnings limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (which is \$19,560 for 2022). With \$60,000 in earnings, you would be \$40,440 over the limit, for which SS would impose a penalty of \$20,220. That essentially means that your survivor benefit would be entirely (or almost entirely) offset by the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, leaving you unable to collect a survivor benefit at this time. The earnings test is in effect until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), after which your earnings will no longer affect your Social Security benefits.

There are also other nuances you should know about. Claiming any SS benefit before reaching your FRA will result in a permanently reduced benefit. If claimed at your FRA, your survivor benefit would be 100% of the amount your husband was receiving (or entitled to) at this death but claimed at age 65 your survivor benefit would be reduced to about 93% of his bene-

fit entitlement. Also, you will be eligible for your full widow's benefit at 66 years and 2 months of age because – in your specific case - your "widow's FRA" is less than your normal full retirement age. However, the earnings test previously described is still in effect until you reach your normal FRA of 66 years and 6 months.

In the year you reach your normal full retirement age, the earnings limit (for the months prior to reaching your FRA) increases by about 2.5 times. You'll reach your normal FRA in February 2024 and, at your current earnings level, wouldn't exceed the higher earnings limit in 2024. That means the earnings test shouldn't affect your SS benefits in 2024 at your current income level, so you could claim your full survivor benefit effective January 2024 without penalty.

You will also have the option, if desired, to claim only your survivor benefit and permit your personally earned SS retirement benefit grow. It would be wise to do that if your personally earned SS retirement benefit at maximum will be more than your maximum survivor benefit as a widow. After reaching your FRA, your personal benefit will grow by .667% for each month you wait to claim it, up to age 70 when your own benefit would be 28% more than it would be at your normal FRA. So, you could collect your full survivor benefit at your normal FRA, continue to work if desired, and switch to your higher personal benefit at age 70 (and collect that for the rest of your life). If you expect to achieve at least average longevity (about 87 for a woman your current age), and your own maximum benefit will be more than your benefit as a widow, that is an option you may wish to consider.





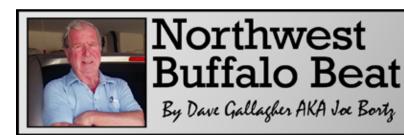






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Going To The Stadium.

The Buffalo Bills are big news in Buffalo these days. There is a strong chance they may bring a NFL championship to this town. The first ever after unsuccessfully trying for four years in a row. It sure looks like it could be our time to shine.

Living through all the years since the Buffalo Bills came to town in 1960, has been a great ride. Since being able to buy three-dollar seats in the open-end zone at the old rock pile to spending so many years trudging week after week to what was then the new Rich stadium. In the early days, sitting in the end zone at War Memorial Stadium was not only hard to see, the game was dangerous as well. Lots of fights. We used to move closer to the 50-yard line when empty seats were available. That changed as the team became more popular and the stadium got fuller; we had to buy season tickets in order to even get in.

When they built the new

stadium in Orchard Park in 1973, they transferred the season ticket holders from War Memorial to comparable seats. We got the second row of the upper deck on the 30-yard line.

This was good for me as I liked to see the pass patterns. So for fifty years when it was game day, we dressed in our zuba pants and trudged off to see our Bills do battle. It was exciting, it was exhilarating, it was fun. Every home game, we were there.

What was It like the day of the game? It took a lot out of you. We parked in a private home a mile away and walked. In the beginning, parking in the parking lot was a disaster. Took hours to get out, forget that we found a place that we could maneuver out, down the shoulder and home in twenty minutes to a half hour. However, it was a hike to the stadium and through one end of the huge parking lot to the other. If you want to see pandemonium, you need to see the parking lot before a home game. Thousands of tailgaters having the time of their lives. Grills cooking, beer drinking, fires burning, flags flying, shouting, yelling, and footballs flying all over the place. The smell of the food, the smoke, the crazy things people were doing; it was a show before the game. We did it every game. There were even opposing team fans in the lot and usually they were okay. Maybe not so in the stadium. Lots of fights.

I have only been to two stadiums outside ours. Shea's stadium in New York and in San Diego to see Doug Flute play Rob Johnson. Flute played for the Chargers at that time and beat the Bills. In both of those stadiums you would not believe the difference in tailgating compared to the ones in Buffalo. In San Diego, they are so laid back. Table with tablecloths and sipping wine. At the other end of the parking lot were the Bills fans. Loud, obnoxious, beer drinking and really having a fun time. That is where we wanted to be. With our people. The San Diego fans acted like they were at an opera or some other cultural event. Quiet and we had no problem. Not like in New York with Jet fans.

We have opposing team fans at our stadium like

most do. The larger fan bases come from Cleveland and Pittsburgh as they are the closest. Next are New York Jets and the Boston fans. The Boston fans are by far the worst as I recall. The fights in the stands are sometimes more entertaining than the football game. Especially in the years when the Bills were so bad the only time we cheered was when they made a first down. Those were lean years, but it did get better. The fights in the stands did decrease and I do not know how it is now as it has been a while since I have been to a home game. That is one of the things I miss about being there. Many things happen that are not shown on TV. It is nice to watch

the games in the comfort of your home but believe me, you miss a lot of the action. That is why people pay the big bucks to be there, there is nothing like the excitement.

I mentioned the Boston fans. Maybe some can recall at a Sabre's Boston Bruin hockey game, a huge fight broke out in the stands. Not only did the fans participate but the Boston players went into the stands and got into it. I was there and saw it. It was a small riot. Boston fans and Buffalo fans do not mix well. Just adds to the been-there-done-that experience. As long as no one is seriously hurt. It was simply great being there, and I miss it.



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Ribbon-Cutting For Newly Updated Market Square

The BRRAlliance will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly-updated Market Square Park on Friday October 2 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM celebrate the completion of improvements on the park that began in 2 0 1 9 . Overthe past three years, the BRRAlliance has secured over \$52,000 worth of grants and donations to make this park a usable user-friendly community green space and a beautiful gateway into the historic community of Black Rock.

The new features added to the park include a concrete stage and wooden benches for seating which will enable the park to be a performance venue and host community events. The BRRAlliance has also added a pollinator

BRR|Alliance garden filled with native

plants that will provide for the wildlife in the area as well as beautify the park with flowers during the spring and summer months. These windows were funded by a public art grant from North District Councilmember Joseph Golombek.

This year, the BRRAlliance was the recipient of a Lowes Hometowns Grant,

a program that provided 100 grants to hometown improvement projects nationwide. This grant was the primary funding source for this year's enhancements to the park. Lowes also helped to support this project with their Red Vest Days, which brought Lowes employees from their Niagara Falls Boulevard store location to the park to do the installation of the benches and seating area as well as prep and prime the walls for the new mural addition and do some general clean up and maintenance on the property.

For more information about the updates to Market Square Park or other BRRAlliance programs or projects visit www.brralliance.org or follow them on social media @BRRAlliance – Black Rock Riverside Alliance.

Allen Hurdles Hertel



This photo sent to the Buffalo Rocket shows Annie Striecher and her dog Coco displaying Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen hurdling through North Buffalo as he passes Imagine Salon on Hurdle Avenue.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE, BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL J. MCGRATH A/K/A MICHAEL MCGRATH A/K/A MICHAEL J. MCGRATH, SR., IF LIVING, AND IF HE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Amended Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on July 16, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the first floor closing room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY on November 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., premises known as 376 Downing Street a/k/a Downing, Buffalo, NY 14220. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, Section 133.73, Block 4 and Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment is \$76,523.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #806547/2018. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

E. Carey Cantwell, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Firm File No. 222718-1

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