

Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from all of us the Buffalo Rocket! From Left to Right: Daryl Gallagher, Craig Sanderson, Joe Bortz, Mike Nowak, Bobby Wright, Dennis Gallagher, Tarek Barger, John Raymond, and Charles Wilson.

Christmas is upon us again Buffalo and the time to spend the holidays with family and loved ones is almost here.

Here is the complete schedule of Christmas Masses for St. Margaret's, St. Mark, St. Rose of Lima, Assumption, and Holy Spirit:

December 24th, 4:00pm - Assumption with Friar Rich and All Saints with Friar Ange. 4:30pm - St. Rose with Friar Tom and Holy Spirit with Friar Chris. 5:00pm - St. Mark with Friar Dave. 6:00pm - St. Margaret with Friar Joe. 12:00am - Assumption with Friar Chris.

December 25th, 7:30am - St. Rose with Friar Joe. 9:00am - St. Margaret with Friar Chris. 10:00am - St. Mark with Friar Dave. 10:30am - All Saints with Friar Ange. 11:00am - Holy Spirit with Friar Rich. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

"Into The Woods" Comes To Shea's Theatre

The hugely acclaimed and much beloved Broadway production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony Award®-winning triumph, *Into the Woods*, will play a series of exclusive engagements across the U.S. in 2023, including two performances in Buffalo. Starring Montego Glover as The Witch, Stephanie J. Block as The Baker's Wife, Sebastian Arcelus as The Baker, and Gavin Creel as Cinderella's Prince/Wolf reprising their



Broadway roles, the strictly limited engagement will run from February 18-19 at Shea's Buffalo Theatre with tickets available to the public beginning December 20. *Into the Woods*, which became the first Broadway hit of the 2022/2023 season after its sold-out run at New York City Center Encores!, is directed by Lear deBessonet, with music supervision by Rob Berman, and choreographed by Lorin Latarro. This production is

dedicated to the memory of Stephen Sondheim. The performance schedule for *Into the Woods* at Shea's Buffalo Theatre is: Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m. Sunday, February 19 at 1 p.m. Tickets for *Into the Woods* start at \$45.00 and will be available starting Tuesday, December 20 at sheas.org or visit the Shea's Box Office, 660 Main Street, Downtown Buffalo. For more information please visit <https://www.sheas.org/>

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Chili Cook-Off

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is looking for chili contestants for their annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, January 22. Sign-up to be a contestant for Ten Lives Club's Chili Cook-Off! By entering the contest, you have a chance to win a money prize for Best Professional Chili, Best Amateur Chili, Best Vegetarian Chili, and Best Decorated Table! Everyone who participates will receive a gift

and their entrance into the event is free as well as one guest per contestant. Each contestant must bring their own crock pot filled with their chili. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm and will be held at Woodlawn Fire Company, located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. For more information on how to enter this event, email marketing@tenlives-club.com or call their shelter at (716) 646-5577.

COLORING CONTEST

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



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



December, 1993. The staff of the Buffalo Rocket sincerely wish their readers a happy and safe holiday. Pictured above are (from left to right): Dean Gallagher, Pam McDermott, Daryl Gallagher, Margaret Pascale, Bob Wright, Cindy Longbine, Mark Wingerter, David H. Gallagher, Publisher, Alisa Colatarci, John Wingerter, Amy Kaye, Pete Turner, Bette Spero, Debbie Bill, Mary Ellen Tobias, and Dennis Gallagher, Managing Editor.

Local Weather						
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Shoshone Park Football

Christmas is that magical season that brings families together from near and far to a place that's called home. Where a fireplace is lit while the meals are prepared and talk is of memories growing up in North Buffalo.

While the Buffalo Bills have our attention in pursuit of winning a Super Bowl, many families today still have thoughts of the Little League teams that used to play in nearby Shoshone Park from late August until mid-November. Those were the days of the Shoshone Junior Football League in the late 1970's and through the 80's.

The tiny Park on Hertel Avenue near Main Street was once the site for youth football games in the Erie County Junior Football League, playing as many as four games on Saturdays from September through early November. For just as strong as the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League was back in those early days, the Shoshone Junior Football League Program offered young boys from the age of eight or nine years old all the way up to fifteen or sixteen, a chance to play another sport in the neighborhood Park.

Once the baseball and softball season ended in Hertel North Park, the players gave way to community leaders who began marking off an 80 yard football field right down the center of Shoshone Park. They used a building located near the Hertel Avenue sidewalk to

sell hot dogs or chili or soda pop and snacks to families who would come to watch the games. Most of the baseball players in Hertel North Park would also play football in the Shoshone Program.

Football was a different Sport for all boys, trying to learn the game and adjust to the physical blocking and tackling of another boy. Practices were held at least three times a week under close supervision and guidance. A young boy was taught early in his young life how to properly tackle another player without hurting themselves or the opponent.

In those early days, the teams were formed from smallest to biggest. If you were eight years old and your dad said you weighed about 60 or 70 lbs, you could play on the Chiefs, as long as you maintained that weight every week during the season.

By the time you were ten or eleven, you could move up to the Warriors, as long as you were under 85 lbs. Every week, your dad and your coaches had you stand on a scale to get weighed before games. There were times when some boys could not play because of this and it was heartbreaking to see.

After the Warriors game on Saturdays, the next Shoshone team, the Savages, would take the field and you had to maintain a weight of 105-110 lbs. all season. The fourth team in the Park was the 125lb Redskins and these boys were in local high schools as well and possibly

playing for them as well.

Buffalo Rocket has been there for most of the early years of the Shoshone League. Publisher David H. Gallagher took pictures of all the players every week in those initial years. This writer took over in 1981 and covered all games, interviewing coaches and players, taking notes and asking questions. It was an extremely great experience, writing stories about these young boys growing into young men.

Some of the Leagues that Shoshone played against in the Erie County Junior Football League were Lackawanna, Buffalo Vets, Hill/Butler, Evans, Kensington. Barnabus and Hamburg. Each team would play a home and away schedule and the best two teams from each weight division would play in the Championship games, usually held in late November in a neutral field.

Some of the finest players to ever play the game at such a young age have come through Shoshone Park. The list is long and lengthy. A few have even passed on to a better place. In the years when the Rocket was there to watch, players like brothers Kevin, Rob and Sean Ryan; Michael, Chris and Mark Falzone, Marty and Michael Mazzara, Chuck and Mark Carfley, other standout players like Reno Masecchia, Michael Acosta, Kevin Brinkworth, Dominic Fragale, Marlon Holt, William Middlebrooks, Eric Williams, David Scime, Jack Tracy, Lance Shotwell, Mike Shatzel, Michael Maiola, Phil Gangi, Michael Buttitta, Pierre Howard, Delray Neeley, Dane Hightower, Rocco Distillo and many many others have all helped the four maroon and gold Shoshone Junior Football League teams win games while growing up in North Buffalo.

Peaceprints Of WNY Named Buffalo Bills The "Highmark Community Hero"

Dr. Michael Edbauer, President, Highmark BCBSWNY (center-left) and Cindi McEachon, CEO, Peaceprints (center-right) and other representatives of the two organizations.

During yesterday's victory against the Miami Dolphins, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York and the Buffalo Bills announced Peaceprints of WNY as the Highmark Community Hero.

Highmark's Community Hero program shines a spotlight on influential non-profit organizations in the Buffalo community at each 2022 Regular Season home game. Organizations also receive a \$2,500 donation and two tickets to the

game.

Since 1985, Peaceprints of WNY has been providing housing to individuals reentering the community from incarceration, and offering rehabilitation and wrap-around support services aimed at increasing client independence and decreasing recidivism. Today, the organization has expanded to provide resources and services to individuals at every stage in the justice system with programs for youth 16-21, adults currently held in incarceration, and individuals who are returning to the community. Peaceprints also promotes advocacy and reform at all levels of government to change the way our criminal justice system functions.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo December 19, 2022
Blum Avenue – Victim stated that his father had struck him multiple times then got on top of him and put his hands around his neck holding him down on the ground. Victim then went upstairs and locked himself in his room. Victim then stated he jumped out of his second story window and ran over to neighbors for help. Officers did observe marks and cuts on victims’ arms.

December 17, 2022
Delaware Avenue – Complainant states that arrested did use a knife and pliers to cut the security cord to headphone games and did take without permission 2 video games (valued at \$59.98), Skull Candy Headphones (valued at \$21.99), and Hey-day Headphones (valued at \$79.99) and did pass all points of purchase without payment. Officers apprehended arrested and found headphones concealed in left pocket and games in front area of pants.

December 12, 2022
FREE PIZZA: E. Jackson, 376 Parker Ave., 14216

Amherst Street - On 12/12/22 at the above location suspect was arrested at Wegmans for taking merchandise on 12/10/22/ Suspect had walked out without paying. Suspect had \$2,286.94 worth of merchandise on him. Suspect was also banned (9/3/22) from any Wegmans in Erie County.

December 12, 2022
Amherst Street - On above date, time, and location suspect was arrested at Wegmans for taking merchandise worth \$3,472.94 and passing all points of purchases without paying for them. Defendant was also banned (9/3/22) from any Wegmans in Erie County. Appearance ticket issued.

December 12, 2022
Hertel Avenue – On 11/17/22 at approximately 1626 hours at 437 Tonawanda Street the above defendant did attempt to use the complainants credit card to purchase goods at Dollar General. The transaction is on store video surveillance. Defendant was identified via BOLO by Erie County deputies.

Video collected by patrol officer. Appearance ticket issued.

West Side December 17, 2022
Grant Street – Defendant did punch two women in the face, breaking one woman’s nose, causing lacerations to bleed. Female one refused medical. Other woman did not have visible marks. Defendant was located blocks away on Auburn Street, walking, where victims said he would be. Defendant did have blood on his knuckles.

Riverside December 16, 2022
Glor Street – Victim did state that her and her son (defendant) did get into a verbal altercation which did lead to defendant pushing victim. Victim then stated as she was calling for emergency services defendant did attempt to grab victim’s phone to prevent her from contacting emergency services. Appearance ticket issued.

December 7, 2022
Progressive Avenue – Officers responded to a 911 call on 58 Progressive Avenue about possible female being held against

her will via Niagara County Sheriff. Officers arrived and found open door and defendant in apartment violating court order issued 2/24/22 by presiding judge.

ADOPT A PET

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This Week's Featured Friend: STORMIE

Meet Stormie! Stormie is a sweet, friendly girl who loves attention and affection...and who wants nothing more than a family to call her own who she can snuggle up with and watch all the holiday movies with this season! Stormie is about 4 years old and has been overlooked at the Shelter for months. She's currently in a foster home where she enjoys getting pets, playing with her toys, watching the snow fall out the window, and getting lots of love and cheek scratches from her foster family. If you're interested in Stormie please email her foster mom at laurenspoth@gmail.com, and check out more videos of Stormie on her foster mom's Instagram @laurenspoth.

If you would like to meet any of the adoptable dogs, please fill out an application online (if you are not already pre-approved), call the shelter, and leave a message with your name and phone number and the dog you're interested in. Have patience, and they will call you back when they can. From there, a time will be scheduled for you to come and meet the dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at <https://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

City of Buffalo Animal Shelter
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FREE PIZZA: E. Kavanagh, 173 Virgil Ave., 14216





King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Feedbag bit

4 Chilled

8 Theatergoer's souvenir

12 Show to a seat, slangily

13 Cleopatra's river

14 Poi base

15 Dance syllable

16 Fabric fastener

18 Klum of "Project Runway"

20 Hide-hair insert

21 Early birds?

24 Apple intruders

28 Wind-driven toy

32 Tidy

33 Altar affirmative

34 Fussess

36 Log chopper

37 Region (Abbr.)

39 Flag-shaped blazer accessory

41 Pago Pago's place

43 Sleuth Wolfe

44 Sphere

50 Yankee uniform pattern

55 Squeak stopper

7 TV chef Paula

8 "Sophie's Choice" author

9 Spigot

10 Swiss canton

11 "— voyage!"

17 AAA job

19 Morning moisture

22 Earth sci.

23 Auto style

25 Harvest

26 Extra-long

27 British gun

28 Plum centers

29 Notion

30 Standard

31 Easy gait

35 Eden tempter

38 Perches

40 Privy

42 Illustrations

45 Telly watcher

47 Earring site

48 "Star Trek" captain

49 Medicinal plant

50 Prof's degree

51 Three, on a sundial

52 Away from SSW

53 "— Little Teapot"

54 Standard

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Obituary

Stevin L. Carroll

1-8-00 / 12-12-22

Stevin L. Carroll Of Amherst, entered into rest December 12, 2022. Loving son of Jeramy (Laura) Carroll and Rachel Kutas (Remy) Piazza; dear brother of Alexander Piazza and future sibling baby Carroll; cherished grandson of Sallie (Samuel) Mancuso,

Charles Randall Carroll and Susan (late Thomas) Kutas; adored nephew of Amy Biddlecombe, Amanda Carroll, Randi Carroll, Dalton Carroll, Aaron Kutas and Adam Kutas; dearest cousin of Kaitlyn and Jaime Biddlecombe and Louise and Joanna Long; also survived by many other cousins, extended family, bandmates and friends. Relatives and friends held service at the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME, Snyder Chapel, 4614 Main St., on Sunday, December 18th. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church, 500 Parker Ave., Buffalo on the following Monday morning. Memorial donations may be made in Stevin's memory to Villa Maria College, 240 Pine Ridge Rd. Buffalo NY 14225, attn: Office of Development. Online condolences may be made at www.lombardofuneralhome.com.

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Gamma Mora's.....1465 Hertel Avenue

Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue

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Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....1631 Hertel Avenue

Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue

Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....3106 Delaware Avenue

Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue

Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue

Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street

Joe's Panini Grill.....3024 Delaware Avenue

Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue

Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue

Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue

Marco's Deli.....1518 Hertel Avenue

North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road

North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue

North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue

Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street

Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue

Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue

Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue

Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue

Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue

Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue

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Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue

Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue

Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard

Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street

Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road

Santasiero'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

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First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue

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Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street

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

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Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street

Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street

Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street

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Ask Rusty – Can I Get Survivor Benefits While Still Working?

Dear Rusty: I lost my wife several years ago and I qualified for Social Security Spousal benefits. Unfortunately, because of my income, I have not been

able to take advantage of this benefit. I am currently 64 and still working. I believe I have until the age of 70 to receive this. Is there any way to claim any of this before I start taking my Social Security in a couple of years? Signed: Working Widower

Dear Working Widower: Your entitlement to surviving spouse benefits from your wife actually never expires so, you can wait until you stop working full time, or until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), to claim your benefit as a widower.

Social Security’s “earnings test” lasts until you reach your full retirement age which, for you, is 66 years and 8 months. That is the age at which your earnings from working will no longer affect your Social Security benefit. So, you can simply defer claiming your survivor benefit until you reach your FRA, or until you stop working full time and won’t exceed the annual earnings limit (the earnings limit changes yearly; for 2023 it is \$21,240). But there is no way to avoid the earnings test if you’re collecting SS benefits of any kind before you reach your full retirement age. If you collect your surviving spouse benefit early and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by), and if your work earnings are high

enough it can temporarily disqualify you from receiving SS benefits. The penalty for exceeding the earnings limit is also less severe in the year you reach your FRA.

You might take some comfort in knowing, anyway, that taking your survivor benefit before your FRA would mean it would be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year early) but waiting until you reach your FRA to claim it would mean you’ll get 100% of the survivor benefit you’re entitled to (the same amount your wife was entitled to when she died). And you can claim your survivor benefit (only) first and collect that, while allowing

your personal SS retirement amount to continue to grow, up to age 70 if you wish. You should strive to maximize whichever benefit will be highest – your own, or your survivor benefit – and collect that benefit for the rest of your life. If you choose to claim your survivor benefit at your FRA and switch to your own higher amount at 70, your personal SS retirement benefit at 70 will be almost 27% more than it will be at your full retirement age. That would be a good way to avoid the earnings test, maximize both benefits, and secure the highest possible Social Security benefit for as long as you live.

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The Grapevine

Saint Nicholas: Dni-pro Ukrainian Cultural Center. If you're looking for a quick VO or even VO/SOT on a Friday night, this one is happening close to downtown tonight at the Dni-pro Ukrainian Cultural Center at 562 Genesee Street in Buffalo. At approximately 7:30 PM tonight (Friday, December 16th), Saint Nicholas is stopping by their Friday night CYM (pronounced Soom) Ukrainian school for children. Kids will be given presents, similar to Christmas morning. Children at CYM are taught Ukrainian culture, songs, and our native language. There's also an upcoming Malanka (New Year's Eve) celebration taking place on Saturday, January 14th, at Dni-pro, that benefits CYM and the children's Ukrainian programming. Please call Adia (Ahh-Dee-Yah) Moroz (More-Osh) at 716.983.9132 for any further information.

Dog Ears Bookstore. A new six-week session of the Adult Writers' Workshop is slated at Dog Ears Bookstore & Café, 688 Abbott Road, Buffalo. Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Jan. 26. All participants will present current writing efforts that will be gently critiqued. Light refreshments are included, and the cost is \$75 for all six meetings. To register for the Adult Writers' Workshop, which continues on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, please call the bookstore at 823-2665 or email John Schreier at jmarkschrei@aol.com. For more information on Dog Ears Bookstore, please visit <http://dogearsbookstore.org>. You can also follow Dog Ears Bookstore on Facebook for frequent updates.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park. Auditions for Shakespeare in Delaware Park's 48th season will be held on Jan 21, 22, 23 Saturday January 21st

9am to 1pm open call by appointment Sunday January 22nd 9am to 1pm call backs Monday January 23rd 5pm to 9pm call backs auditions will be held at: Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart 3860 Main Street (Clare Music Hall Building) Buffalo, NY 14226. Open call auditions are by appointment only. Everyone interested in being considered for the 2023 season must make an audition appointment. All ethnicities are encouraged to audition. To arrange an appointment, please call (716) 856-4533 on or after January 2nd (no audition appointments will be accepted before January 2nd). Actors should prepare one memorized, Shakespearean monologue, not to exceed 2 minutes. All actors are requested to bring a resume/career bio and a headshot to the audition. All ethnicities are encouraged to audition.

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Community Event to

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Senior TRIVIA

Christmas Quiz!

Test your Holiday prowess!

1) Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?

2) What comedy duo played the infamous "Wet Bandits" in the 1990 Christmas comedy, "Home Alone"?

3) What year was the original Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol" published?

4) Who wrote the song "Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer"?

5) What is the name of the third studio album by American entertainer and singer, Frank Sinatra?

6) What does "Noel" mean in French?

7) What state was the holiday of Christmas actually banned by Puritan Christians in 1644?

8) What is the name of the first Christmas movie ever made back in 1898?

9) The highest grossing Christmas Film as of 2022:

10) BONUS: What do you want this Holiday season?

Last Week's Answers: 1. House, 2. Led Zeppelin, 3. "The Golden Girls", 4. 1924, Clarence Birdseye invented the quick freezing process, 5. Pocahontas

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Michael P. Kearns
Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

A Happy Holiday Season Is A Safe Holiday Season

As Erie County Clerk, responsible for overseeing Auto Bureau operations, it is time to remind everyone this holiday season to not drink and drive or ride with anyone who is under the influence. If you have had too much to drink, for everyone's sake, please do not get behind the wheel of your car.

We all look forward to celebrating this time of year with our family and friends, but if those celebrations include alcohol, you, as a driver, need to plan ahead and arrange for a safe ride home. People who make

the dangerous decision to drink and drive will find that local law enforcement is serious about combating reckless and irresponsible behavior.

New York State imposes harsh driver license penalties for those with an impaired driving charge for either alcohol or drugs. If convicted of a misdemeanor DWI, your license will be revoked for a minimum of 6 months. Aside from the tremendous expense for an attorney, fines and insurance premium increases, there is total disruption of normal life, including possible loss

of job and jail time for repeat offenders.

We need to keep in mind that preventing drunk driving is everyone's business, and we all need to take a leadership role in this fight! Driving while impaired is simply not worth endangering the lives of innocent people, while ruining your own life in the process.

Every single day, impaired driving senselessly kills about 32 people in the United States in drunk-driving crashes. In every state, it is illegal to drive under the influence, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 45 minutes in 2020. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration more than 11,500 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths, which is a 14% increase from 2019.

A NHTSA National Roadside Survey found that more than 22% of drivers stopped by law enforcement tested positive for illegal, prescrip-

tion or over-the-counter drugs. Whether they are illegal, legalized, prescription or over-the-counter medicines all can affect your ability to drive safely.

I want to also remind everyone it really makes no difference whether the driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs. Those who choose to drive under the influence of drugs, whether obtained legally or illegally, pose a danger to themselves, their passengers, and other motorists and pedestrians. Drug-impaired driving isn't a mistake; just like a DWI, it's a crime. Impairment is impairment, no matter the substance, you can't drive safely. The facts are, if you feel different, you will drive different.

While celebrating the holidays, know the signs of when to hand over the keys and call a cab, a ride-sharing service or designate a sober driver before the party begins. Plan a safe ride home before you start your

holiday festivities. Drunk driving is no accident; it is a choice and a potentially deadly one.

Let's make sure we all do our part in making this a happy and safe holiday season for everyone on the roads and at home. Please don't drink and drive or drive under the influence of drugs.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal, and thank You for Your mercy towards me and mine.

(Say this prayer 3 consecutive days, after which the request will be granted. This prayer must then be published.)

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