

Tree Lighting Celebration



The Rotary Rink Tree Lighting is just one of many holiday festivities taking place throughout our area this weekend. Canalside will be hosting several events and Hertel Avenue will celebrate with Hertel Holidays.

On Saturday, December 3rd, Buffalo Place will present their 2016 Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. This annual event marks the official opening of the free ice-skating season in Downtown Buffalo, held

at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza (Main between Chippewa and Huron). The celebration begins at 5:00 pm with free ice-skating. At 6:00 pm, Buffalo Place representatives, as well as local elected officials, will count down the lighting of

the tree and fireworks display over Fountain Plaza. "We are excited to carry on the tradition of free ice skating in the core of Downtown," said Michael T. Schmand, Executive Director of Buffalo Place, *Continued on page 6*

Holiday Tips from the USPS

With the holiday season in full swing, the US Postal Service offers some

useful advice to make sure packages get to their intended receiver. The



There are a number of Forever holiday stamps for customers to choose from, including Holiday Windows (pictured), Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Madonna and Child, and Nativity.

Buffalo and Rochester Processing and Distribution Centers are projected to handle 75 million cards and letters. These facilities process all mail from and delivered to Western New York customers. The Postal Service is suggesting that all Priority Mail Express International and Standard Mail Post be sent out by December 15th to ensure *Continued on page 6*

Chorale Presents Winter Concert

The Canisius College Chorale, under the direction of Frank Scinta, will perform its 20th annual Winter Concert on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm in the college's Montante Cultural Center, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo. The concert will feature works of Vivaldi, Faure, Ticheli, Whitacre, Dawson and others. Admission is free. Now in its twentieth season, The Canisius College Chorale remains one of Western New York's most active collegiate music ensembles. Composed of 100 undergraduate and graduate members, the

Chorale regularly presents concert programs to school, church, and community audiences throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario. In recent years, the Chorale has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Chamber Musicians, Amherst Symphony Orchestra, Camerata di Sant'Antonio, Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, Vocalis Chamber Choir, Choirs or Blessed Sacrament Church and St. Louis Church and the Dave Brubeck Quartet. For more information call 888-2536 or visit canisius.edu








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Meet Anders Nilsson

It wasn't exactly a blockbuster when the Sabres acquired goaltender Anders Nilsson from the St. Louis Blues for a fifth round draft choice in 2017. The Sabres were in a bind after last seasons backup Chad Johnson signed with Calgary and Pittsburgh prospect Jeff Zatkoff reportedly reneged on a verbal agreement with Buffalo and signed with Los Angeles. It looked like the Sabres were in desperation mode, grabbing from the bargain rack with Nilsson who had mediocre stats last season, primarily with Edmonton with a 3.14 GAA and .909 save %.

Nilsson finished last season with St. Louis where he played only 80 minutes before the Blues moved him to the Sabres for a fifth round pick in 2017. The Blues had sent a prospect and a fifth round pick to the Oilers in exchange for Nilsson, then flipped him to Buffalo to regain a fifth

rounder thereby devaluing him in the process.

Since being drafted by the Islanders in 2011, the Sabres are Nilsson's fourth NHL team. adding a season spent with AK Bars Kazan of the KHL in 2014-15, he has been with five different organizations in his five year career. With this hockey vagabond, existence, it's safe to say that expectations were tempered for Nilsson's first season with Buffalo.

So far this season Nilsson has been a revelation

with a performance that has exceeded expectations. He has a 1.96 GAA and his .945 save % (through games as of 11/28) is the fourth best save % in the NHL.

Nilsson was particularly outstanding in stopping 46 shots for a 2-1 shootout win at home against Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins and a 33 save shutout against the Florida Panthers.

Nilsson is filling the backup role quite nicely with six games played. Nilsson fits GM Tim Murray's preference for large goaltenders, along with starter Robin Lehner at 6'4" 240 lbs. and Linus Ullmark on the farm in Rochester at 6'4" 198 lbs. All three are from Sweden and have provided the Sabres with a Swedish delight between the pipes.



Sabres goaltender Anders Nilsson



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The Grapevine

Western New Yorkers can complete their holiday shopping and buy local on December 3rd and 4th as the 22nd annual Yuletide in the Country Holiday Artisan Market returns to the Event Center at the Hamburg Fairgrounds.

Hours are 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The event will feature over 150 artists, including many local artisans.

In keeping with the tradition of all of Premier Promotions events, local charities will also be on hand raising money for their worthy causes. Among them, Hamburg/Eden Animal Rescue (H.E.A.R.T.) will hold a raffle of handmade gifts donated by participating artisans.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$5 per person with children under 12 free.

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Canisius College will host its 49th Annual German Christmas Mass at the college's Christ the

King Chapel on Sunday, December 11th at 10 am. The public is welcome. An Advent breakfast reception will be held in the Grupp Fireside Lounge and Regis Room of the Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center following the Mass.

Rev. Daniel P. Jamros, SJ, professor of religious studies and theology at Canisius, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass, which will be spoken entirely in German. The German American Musicians will perform a concert of German Christmas music at 9:30 am., before

the Mass, in the Chapel. For more information on the German Mass, call 888-2835.



The Lancaster Opera House presents Pat Shea in a holiday concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 pm, at the Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Avenue in Lancaster.

Pat Shea came to the attention of fans across the United States and Canada when he triumphed over nearly 200

other competitors, week after week on the nationally televised "Star" talent search. Emerging as the champion and grand prize winner, Shea went on to appear numerous times as a guest on the popular television show "Nashville Now". He recorded his song "The Lord May Take Me," which was released to radio nationally and internationally.

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ACROSS

1 Timber wolf

5 U.K. television option

8 Lily variety

12 Opposed to, sangily

13 Always, in verse

14 Mimicked

15 Get bigger

16 Banner

18 "— Street"

20 Leads

21 Edges

23 Adam's male

24 Recklessly

28 Book after Joel

31 Spheres

32 "SAL" alumna Chen

34 Debt notice

35 Seniors' dance

37 Wexing situation

39 By way of

41 Use scissors

42 Offering a nice view

45 Illegal steroid use, e.g.

49 Vertical space

51 Birthright bartender

52 Not working

53 Generic stuff (Abb.)

DOWN

1 Trails behind

2 Shrek is one

3 Life stones, for short

4 Ahead

5 Huge monster

6 Spelling contest

7 Fugged cliff

8 Digestive aid

9 Widespread illness

10 Kelly or Hackman

11 Rhyming tributes

17 Payable

19 Venus de —

22 Old daggers

24 Bounce

25 Blunder

26 Especially

27 Ruby's thens, often

29 Partner of aah

30 Take to court

33 Personal (Pref.)

36 Paid heed to

38 Attraction

40 Almost nowhere

42 Thin wedge

43 Relinquish

44 Buffalo Bill's last name

46 Capri, e.g.

47 Siestas

48 Sudden rush of wind

50 Individual

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From "D" District

West Side

November 24, 2016

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November 24, 2016

Congress St. – Complainant reports that known person slashed her tires and wrote profanities on the windshield of her Mercedes Benz.

November 24, 2016

Baynes St. – Complainant reports that all four tires on her Cadillac were slashed by unknown person(s).

recovered heroin and a needle. Defendant transported to hospital for treatment.

November 25, 2016

Germain St. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry into the residence through an unlocked window. A large screen television, gaming system, controllers and games were taken from the residence without permission.

November 26, 2016

Gorton St. – Complainant reports being assaulted from behind while on the street. Assailant took off with complainant's prescription pills and \$175 cash.

North Buffalo

November 28, 2016

Shoshone Rd. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) entered the residence through an unlocked window. Taken, without permission, a computer, camera and laptop computer, valued over \$3,000.

Riverside

November 25, 2016

Ontario St. – Officers report that they came upon the defendant on routine patrol. Defendant was passed out behind the wheel while at a red light. Officers revived her and

November 29, 2016

Rand Ave. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) removed a shotgun from a rear bedroom closet. Complainant reports there are multiple nurses and aids that are at the residence at any given time.

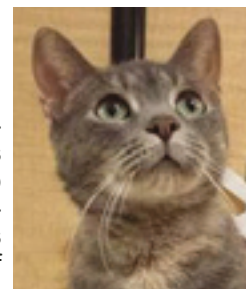
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

As a parent your ultimate desire is to make a better life for your children. A natural paternal instinct, to try to do what is best for your cherished offspring. Now with all the latest electronics, computers, cell phones, fast food restaurants, and the many comfort things available, it is a much easier task. We have the ability to “spoil” the little darlings with not only material things but expensive material things. We send them off to college with great expectations. The question is, does this make them better people? Is this easy life better for their mental and physical health? How was it back in the day when none of these perks were even considered?

I grew up a long time ago near the end of the great depression. Believe it or not, food was not as abundant as it is now. The comic strip Dick Tracy was the only place you could find a two way radio. That seemed so far-fetched that it was considered science fiction. There were no McDonald’s or Burger Kings, therefore no Big Macs, Whoppers, and French fries. Sometimes it was just good to have any kind of food. I come from a family of eight children, and even though my father had a job, our daily meals were based on what we could afford. Imagine, instead of butter (which we could not afford) we spread margarine on our bread. Yes, it was white margarine, although later they added coloring to make it yellow and look more like butter. We could never afford mayonnaise so we used salad dressing to spread on our sandwiches. I was married before I had my first jar of mayonnaise. If we did have a stick of real butter, my mom would put it in our coffee and we would dunk our toast

to get the taste. We were happy with that.

We always had a garden to grow vegetables and fruit trees, a pear, a cherry and a grape vine. My mom would spend the fall canning tomatoes and whatever grew out back. We had a room in the basement to store all these jars of canned good, mostly vegetables. She would make jams and jellies from the cherry and grapes. Pears were also sliced and canned. With the canned tomatoes she made spaghetti and sauce twice a week. My Mom made her own bread. So her pizza was her dough, canned tomato, sauce, onions, and oregano. But it was so good. Her bread was served with a little virgin olive oil and pepper. No butter. In case you did not figure it out, we were all thin and healthy. To have any kind of meat was a real treat. Once in a while we would have a chuck steak. Yes, the sauce had meatballs and we all got one. A real treat would be to go down to Dean’s bakery on Connecticut and 14th street for day old doughnuts for five cents. We were happy with that.

Our playground was the outside and we played ‘til it got dark. Remember no television, no computers, and the phone was limited and expensive so seldom used. So the only contact we had with our friends would be to go to their house or they came to yours. If you wanted to physically see them you went over and called them out from in front of their home. Friends were real friends and greatly appreciated. We made up our own games to play. It was always with a lot of running and jumping. Good exercise. When it was time to come in for dinner at night my Mom stood on the porch and called us.

Can you even imagine that today? Neighbors would think you were weird. The important thing is that when she called, we came. Never, ever any disrespect. We did not talk back and when our parents spoke, we listened. We were happy with that.

Question now is with all that our children have today, are they better for it? I see a lot of obese younger people that I do not recall seeing growing up. I see a lot of disrespect that was not even considered back in the day. It is great to have all the comfort life has to offer in today’s world. It is nice to be able to lay back and enjoy the good life. I think my parents did what they had to do with what they had at the time and it was always good. We did not end up feeling the least bit denied. My older brother is 92 years old and lives alone in his own home taking care of himself. So all those “hard times” we experienced back then, may not have been such “hard times”. We were always happy with that.

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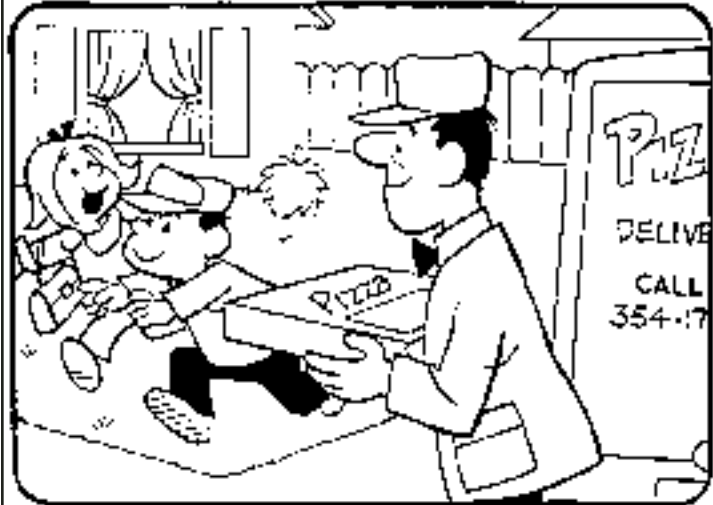
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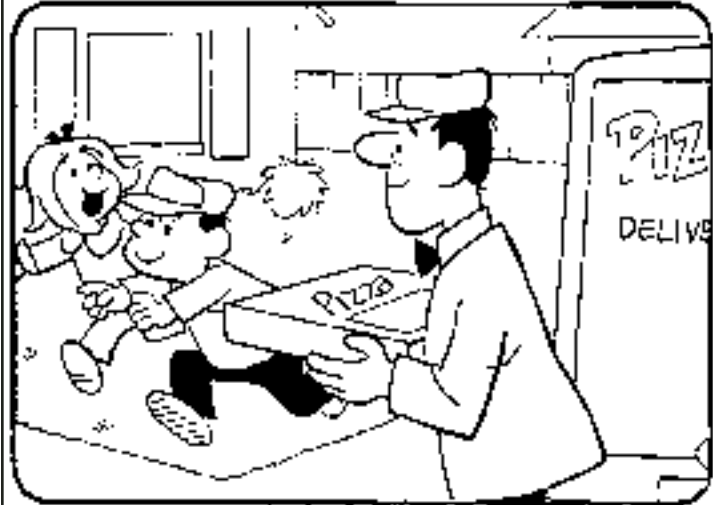
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Distinguished guest speakers at the event will include Byron W. Brown, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, and Paul B. Hurley, Jr., President of the Rotary Club of Buffalo. The guests will speak briefly and then lead a countdown to the official lighting of the tree followed by a fireworks display over Rotary Rink.

Anthony J. Colucci III, President and Vice Chairman of Buffalo Place Inc., will serve as emcee for the program.

Immediately following the fireworks and tree lighting, the fun will continue with visits with Santa, holiday gifts, carousel rides, Duke’s Donuts,

and Outback Kettle Korn. Bring your own skates to avoid the line.

Skating is free, however there is a \$2.00 skate rental fee for children and \$3.00 skate rental fee for adults.

Santa will visit with children from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.



Ice skating at Rotary Rink in downtown Buffalo is just one of the many family-friendly activities during the bustling holiday season in Western New York.

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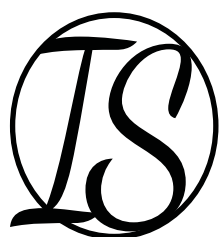
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