

Cherry Blossom Festival



Photo by Paula Hinz

Cherry blossoms line Mirror Lake around the Japanese Garden.

The 4th annual Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival will be held April 29th through May 6th

in and around the Japanese Gardens of Olmsted Park located in Delaware Park. The original goal

was to bring awareness to the Cherry Tree Grove inside of Delaware Park

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The Two Magic Words: "Play Ball!"

by Bill Snyder

Baseball is back in the hearts and minds of over 800 boys and girls in North Buffalo, ready to play in the Hertel North Park Youth League for its sixty-first season.

That's right, 61 years now that teams have been formed in North Buffalo to play in Shoshone Park, that Field of Dreams located near the intersection of Hertel Avenue and Main Street since 1957. Thousands of area residents have once played in the tiny park as children, growing up thirty or forty years ago and now, some have returned to watch their sons or daughters play during the summer months in North Buffalo's premier Park.

Presently, teams have

been gathering almost nightly to practice, getting ready for the season, which begins on Saturday, May 6th. There are over 60 teams ready to play with names like New York, Chi-



cago or Los Angeles emblemized across their chest in brand new jerseys and caps, just like the pros. Almost every Major League team is represented in the Park.

The League will start their season at the corner

of Hertel and Saranac Avenue under a police and fire escort. They will march in a parade up Hertel to their home field where games begin 1:30 pm. First, they'll have Opening Day ceremonies, where the first pitch will be thrown and the National Anthem will be sung. Then those two magic words will be yelled: "Play Ball!"

"We've got about 830 kids all registered for this season," said Board member Don Morris at a recent meeting. "We're a little above last year at this time. A few spots are still open in a couple divisions. Register your son or daughter today for what we hope to be a great season. Visit our website for all the details." www.hnpybl.com

Association Announces New Executive Director

The Elmwood Village Association has named Ashley Smith as the new Executive Director as of April 13, 2017.

Ashley Smith is a planner, analyst and consultant with experience in community and transportation planning, policy analysis, and nonprofit management. She joins the EVA from the NYU Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management where she acted as a research assistant.



Ashley Smith

Prior to joining the Rudin Center, Ashley worked for the EVA, producing the annual Elmwood Village Summer Concert Series in Bidwell Parkway and led the organization's volunteer activities in the role of Community Engagement Manager. She served briefly as the organization's Interim

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
Benefit for Ben Batcho

In July 2015, while on their way home from work, Ben and his wife were struck by an uninsured heroin addict. As a result of the accident Ben sustained serious injuries to his spinal cord. Due to these injuries it became impossible for Ben to work. Ben underwent major surgery to repair the spinal cord to hopefully heal the damage and stabilize the neck. Recovery is on-going and it is unknown what damage will be reversed, if any. He has been unable to work which has caused financial hardship for his family.

His family and friends would like to help relieve this hardship, and need your help.

The benefit takes place on Sunday, April 23rd from 2 pm to 6 pm at The Rockin' Buffalo Saloon, 1800 Union Rd, West Seneca. Benefit Tickets are \$20 and include admission, draft beer, drink specials, hot dogs, hamburgers, assorted side dishes, basket raffles, 50/50 split tickets, Chinese auction tickets and karaoke!! For more information or to donate cash or a basket for raffle, please call Colleen at 863-1972.

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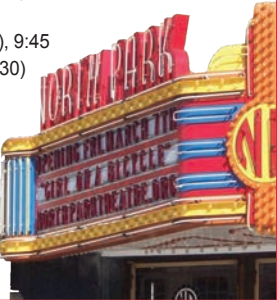
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Sabres Post Season Report: What Went Right

By George Kuhn

Lets start by acknowledging what went well for the Sabres in 2016-17. With strong play in February and March, Jack Eichel finally showed the upper limits of his potential. Coinciding with his retention of former NHL star Adam Oates as a personal hockey tutor, Eichel ripped off 32 points (11 goals and 21 assists) during a 25 game stretch. Over an 82 game season that extrapolates to 105 points. That's Connor MacDavid territory folks if Eichel maintains that pace.

The teams strongest area was goaltending finishing 5th in save percentage at .918. Goals against average was a not so good 2.82 for 19th overall. But considering that the Sabres allowed 2,813 shots on goal or 34.5 per game, more shots on goal than any other team in the league, it's easy to see that Robin Lehner and Frederk Anderson propelled that GAA ranking up 11 spots from the bottom.

The power play finished at number one, scoring on 24.5% of their chances. While the power play was

fantastic that success also presents a problem. Great power plays are like fools gold. Teams that live by their PP also usually die by their PP. Opponents figure out how to stop it and when it dries up you can't replace those goals. A big reason why the Sabres slumped down the stretch is that their opponents game planned against the PP by not taking penalties. With only one or two opportunities per game the power play wasn't as productive as it had been and the Sabres

went 1-5 in their last six games scoring an anemic nine goals.

Considering that 75.6% of all goals scored in the NHL in the 2016-17 season were scored at even strength and that power plays have been decreasing in recent seasons due to fewer penalties being called, it's easy to see that a teams ability to score at even strength is increasingly vital to their success. The Sabres ranked last in the league scoring only 69.9% of their goals at even strength. They are trending in the wrong direction. To further prove my point consider that among the last seven Stanley Cup champions, their highest regular season power play ranking was 14th overall.

Next week: What went wrong



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Felonies

From "D" District

West Side

April 8, 2017

Niagara St. - Officers initiated a routine traffic stop for not signaling a right hand turn. Observed on the floor of the passenger side was a foil packet with white residue, which was found to be crack cocaine.

April 10, 2017

Auburn Ave. - Complainant reports that while his vehicle was parked on the street overnight it was broken into. Taken, without permission, a backpack, a laptop computer, total valued over \$2,200.

April 10, 2017

Garner St. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) cut the screen on a back bed-

room window to gain access. Taken, without permission, a machete, a baseball bat and a bucket full of cell phones.

Riverside

April 8, 2017

Ontario St. - Officers responded to a call of breaking and entering to find the suspect fleeing the scene. suspect was being questioned and ran away and gave chase to officers. Suspect was apprehended while hiding in the bushes.

April 8, 2017

Mayer Ave. - Complainant reports his vehicle was broken into while parked in the driveway overnight. Taken, without permission, a wal-

let, containing \$20 and a credit card.

April 10, 2017

Lawn Ave. - Complainant reports that he got into an argument with the mother of his child. The argument escalated and the defendant threw a wine glass at the complainant while he was holding their child. The child was hit in the head, suffering a laceration.

North Buffalo

April 9, 2017

Kenmore Ave. - The defendant threatened the complainant saying she had a gun. Officers did not recover a gun. Defendant was taken in to custody and threatened to urinate in the police vehicle, which she did. Defendant lied about her name to avoid being arrested for an outstanding warrant.

April 10, 2017

Kenmore Ave. - Complainant reports the defendant concealed \$66.20 worth of merchandise on her person and passed all points of purchase without paying.

April 13, 2017

Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports the defendant concealed \$8 worth of merchandise on his person and passed all points of purchase without paying.



The North Buffalo Community Center will host the 15th annual Chinese Auction at their center located at 203 Sanders Road on Saturday, April 22nd from 6 pm until 10 pm.

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Come join your friends and neighbors in supporting your community center that supports you. All proceeds will benefit youth and senior citizens programs right here in your community. For more information or to donate a raffle item, please call the center at 874-6133 ext. 11 or 12.



Shakespeare in Delaware Park is looking for a young boy who can play between the age of 6 to 10 years old, for the role of the McDuff child, in this sum-

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The Buffalo State Philharmonia Orchestra and Choirs will have its final performance May 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center at Rockwell Hall. The concert will celebrate women in music with "Symphonic Masterworks" in a joint performance with the college's Chamber and Chorale choirs. Winners of the Young Artist Competition also will be featured. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and free for students with ID. For more information call 878-3005 visit <http://music.buffalostate.edu>.

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The Canisius College Chorale

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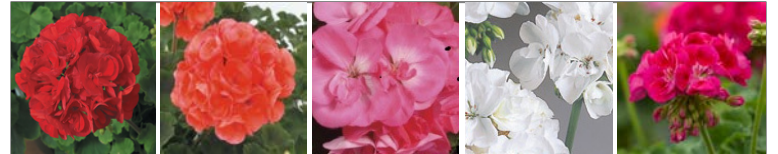
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Association Names New Director

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 Executive Director in 2016.

"I'm thrilled to serve the Elmwood Village community in this leadership role. The energy of the Elmwood Village drew me to move into Buffalo in 2009," said Smith. "It's an honor to return to Buffalo to lead the organization and community that

attracted me to the urban planning discipline in the first place."

As an independent planning consultant, Ashley has composed Complete Streets Policy Guides and reports for municipalities in the Western and Central New York regions. Ashley holds a B.A. in English from the University at

Buffalo, where she wrote her honors thesis on Ecology in modern American literature, and a Master's in Urban Planning from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Ashley received an AIANY Heritage Ball Award in honor of the Rudin Family in 2016.

Cherry Blossom Festival

From page one.

and to support the upkeep of the Japanese Gardens. The mission has grown over the years to include encouraging the planting of Cherry Trees throughout Buffalo to create a "Blizzard of Blossoms" after our winter blizzards.

The Festival kicks off

on Saturday, April 29th at the Buffalo History Museum on the Portico at noon. Entertainment will follow at 1 pm with Buffalo Opera Unlimited presenting various selections from Madame Butterfly along with other offerings.

Various activities and special entertainment

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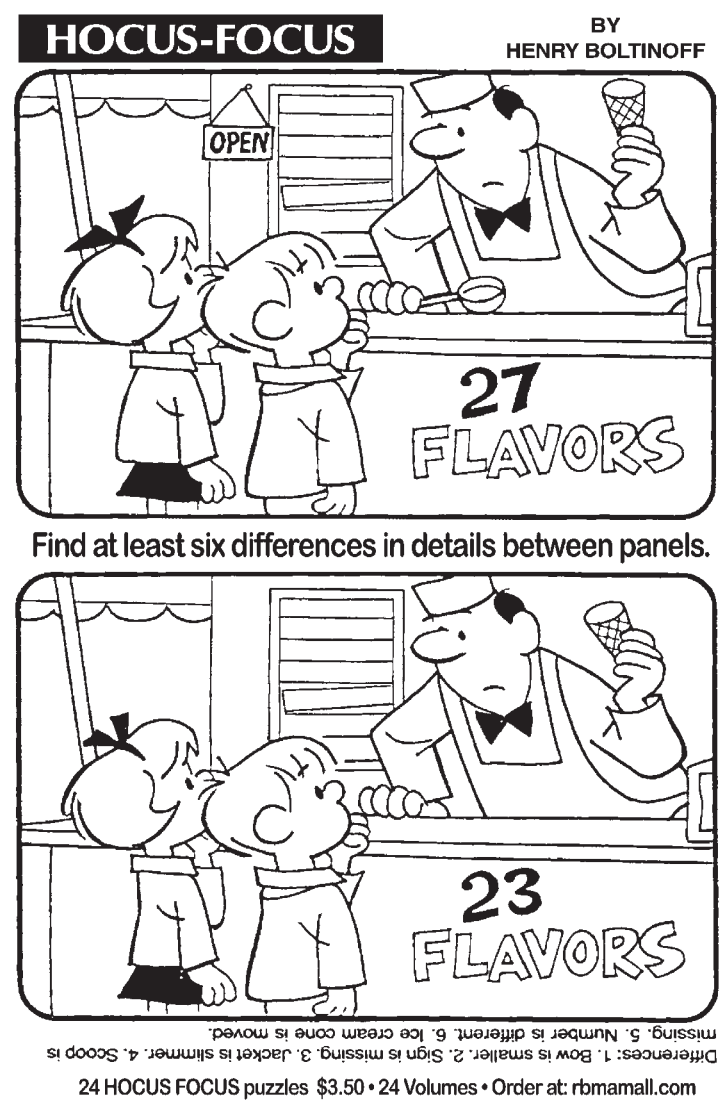
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SUOZZI, John G. of Amherst entered into rest on April 10, 2017. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

MACIEJEWSKI, John Anthony of Amherst entered into rest April 14, 2017. Beloved husband; devoted father; cherished grandfather; fond great grandfather and step grandfather; loving son; dear brother and brother-in-law. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Arrangements made by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

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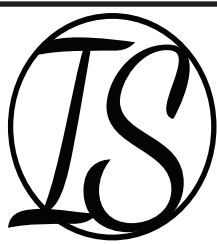
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