

“Y”... are they moving?



The Delaware Family YMCA branch in North Buffalo would close if the YMCA goes ahead with plans to build a larger replacement.

YMCA Buffalo Niagara is conducting a market study of the North Buffalo community to determine community interest in a possible new YMCA branch to serve the area. The study will help YMCA Buffalo Niagara officials determine if a new YMCA facility is needed and where it could best be located. Several options and sites are under consideration,

including adding a brand-new facility to replace the Delaware and Ken-Ton YMCAs.

“As Buffalo evolves, it is our responsibility to adapt so we can continue to meet the needs of the community,” says John Ehrbar, President/CEO of YMCA Buffalo Niagara. “A new, modern YMCA would allow us to widen our mission impact and better meet the modern

day needs and interests of children, active older adults, and families in North Buffalo and adjacent communities.” Ehrbar sites the new YMCA branch in Lockport which opened last year as an example. The 52,000 square foot facility there has seen a fivefold increase in members since opening. The Delaware YMCA was built in 1927 and is home

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Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall... And Flu Season

It's that time of year again: flu season. The Erie County Department of Health is reminding residents of all ages that a dose of the seasonal flu vaccine can provide protection against strains of this year's influenza viruses.

“Just like putting a snow brush in your car or pulling out warmer coats for cooler weather, making sure you get the flu vaccine is an important part of preparing for

winter and flu season,” said Erie County Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein. “Right now – before the end of

ceive the flu vaccine.”

People six months of age and older can get the flu vaccine. Whether it comes as a nasal spray or as a shot depends on your age and other health factors.

FLU MYTHS

The flu shot can give you the flu.

This is false. Some people may have a mild reaction, as with a slight rash, soreness, tenderness or swelling of the

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



The Juicery located on the ring road in Delaware Park was a favorite watering hole for runners and horses.



25th Anniversary Gala Celebration








Join the Elmwood Village Association as we proudly celebrate 25 years of service with the Elmwood Village community.

The organization will hold its 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, November 1st from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue.

The gala will showcase the Elmwood Village As-

sociation's 25 year history with highlights on past initiatives, projects, and community events. Guests will find live and silent auctions, Elmwood Village trivia, live music and dancing, old photos and more! Cocktail attire recommended.

Tickets are available for purchase online or at the Elmwood Village Association office at 716-881-0707.

Local Weather						
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Olofsson Sets NHL Record For Power Play Goals

Sabres rookie forward Victor Olofsson has formed a lethal partnership on the Buffalo power play with fellow Swede Easmus Dahlin and Jack Eichel. And he has set an NHL record for power play proficiency. With five goals this season and two in 2018-19, he is the first NHL player to score his first seven career goals all with the man advantage. He has helped to make the Sabres power play the most dangerous in the league. With a league leading nine goals in six games on 21 opportunities the Sabres also lead the league with a 42.9% man advantage success rate.

With Dahlin manning the single point he will distribute the puck to either Jack Eichel or Olofsson at the face off dots on their respective off wings, Eichel to the left or Olofsson on the right. Teams are more familiar with Eichel who is in his fifth season in the NHL. So they tend to cheat to his side leaving a little more room for the pass to the lesser known Olofsson whose one timer has

been lethal to the Sabres opponents. While Olofsson and Eichel both have scintillating shots, Olofsson may have the better shot. He has five goals in six games this season while Eichel has three.

Olofsson is not the all around offensive force that Eichel is. He is not the speedy puck carrier and has not had much of an impact at five on five play with only two assists in six games and a -1 rating at even strength.

The Sabres lead the league with a plus 11 goal differential, scoring 24 times in six games for a

4.0 average while surrendering 13 for a 2.17 GAA. Eventually the power play will slow down, the best units function at around a 25% rate. Hockey games are not won by scoring goals, they are won by scoring more goals than your opponent. So as the power play slows down to historic levels, the Sabres will need to produce more goals in five on five play to maintain their winning ways.

Scoring at even strength is substantially different from on the power play. It involves more play in front of the net where congestion can get rather heavy. And it involves strong defensive play which is a necessary precursor to getting and maintaining possession of the puck. Since 75% of the league's goals are scored at even strength, Olofsson's production in these area will be of more value to the team in the long run than his power play proficiency.



Victor Olofsson Sabres vs Dallas

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
October 15, 2019
Admiral Road – Complainant reports that unknown suspect(s) did enter his unlocked garage and took without permission 2 bicycles. A women’s stepthrough dutch bike, black with skirt fenders, valued at \$1,200.00 and a men’s Electra Townie bike with a bag of tools attached to it, valued at \$1,000.0.

Riverside
October 15, 2019
Hertel Avenue – Complainant states and unknown suspect did throw rocks through her vehicle windows causing \$500.00 in damages.

October 15, 2019
Tonawanda Street – Complainant states a group of juvenile males did take laundry soap off the shelf in Dollar General and spill it throughout the store. Suspects did then use spray paint and painted spots on the floors causing approximately \$1,000.00 in damages. Camera footage of incident is available.

October 15, 2019
Niagara Street/Bird Avenue – Officers stopped vehicle for illegal front driver window tint. Upon approaching vehicle one plastic torn off bag was seen in center console that defendant stated contained marijuana earlier that day. Upon search of defendant one plastic bag of crack cocaine was recovered from his front left pants pocket.

October 14, 2019
Amherst Street – Complainant while working as security for Wegman’s stated defendant did pass all points of purchase without paying for \$646.52 in merchandise from store.

October 14, 2019
Ontario Street – Officers did observe defendant in the parking lot in violation of stay away order. While being escorted to patrol vehicle, offender did pull away and did refuse to be placed in handcuffs and drop her backpack. Patrol officer did recover a glass pipe with crack cocaine

residue from offender’s backpack and did submit same to lab.

October 13, 2019
Wiley Avenue – Complainant reports that unknown persons did enter his home through an unlocked door and did take property.

October 13, 2019
Tonawanda Street – Complainant states for the third time his garage was broken into. Suspect breaks into garage and takes apart a vehicle motor.

October 13, 2019
Riverside Park – Complainant reports that juveniles, suspect one and two refused to leave park. While being escorted out of the ice rink, suspect one did kick the door glass, damaging it with no right to do so. Suspect’s parents agreed to pay for the damages.

October 12, 2019
Marion Street – Complainant states unknown suspects did cause dam-

age to vehicle by slashing all four tires by means of a razor blade. Total damages over \$250.00. No cameras.

West Side
October 15, 2019
Lafayette Avenue – Complainant reports that an unknown suspect(s) did steal a camera valued at \$700.00 and a hunting bow valued at \$1,200.00 from his vehicle while parked and unoccupied. No damage to the vehicle. No camera footage available.

October 15, 2019
Bradley @ Rees Street – Complainant reports at Bradley and Rees that a male in a white hoodie and a male in a black hoodie did display a black handgun at complainant and demanded complainant’s belongings. Both suspects fled west down Bradley towards Grant Street and got into a dark colored car and went in an unknown direction.

October 15, 2019
West Delavan – Complainant states that an unknown suspect did use an unknown object to scratch a line inter her vehicle while it was parked on the street causing approximately \$2,000.00 in damages.

ADD SOME PIZAZZ TO LIFE

Throughout the month of October, the **North Buffalo Community Development Corporation**, which operates the **North Buffalo Community Center** will host a membership drive with special events and parties:

- ✓ **Wednesday, October 2** will be a Potluck luncheon at noon
- ✓ **Wednesday, October 9** will be a Mexican feast
- ✓ **October 10** will be a trip to the deLago Casino in Syracuse
- ✓ **Wednesday, October 16** will be an Italian gala of lasagna
- ✓ **October 23** will be live music by Tom Bender

RSVPs kindly requested for all parties and trips.
Contact Carol Rainey at 716-874-6133 ext. 103
for more information or to RSVP.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Lord of the Rings" actor Ian

5 Spigot

8 Jet forth

12 Cruising

13 Court

14 Baserunner's goal

15 Locale for a 1920s "sitting" fad

17 Settled down

18 Kingdom near Fiji

19 Creators

21 "Carmina Burana" composer

24 Directory data (Abbr.)

25 Humorous utterance

28 Temporary gift

30 Scot's hat

33 Illustrations

34 Flower of New Mexico

35 "I — Camera"

36 Lingerie item

37 Physical

38 Vivacity, in music

39 Genetic letters

41 Ogler's look

43 Jungle expedition

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7 Verse

8 Drum major's hat

9 Directing principle

10 Eastern potentate

11 Drenches

16 Standard

20 Pavlova or Paquin

22 Change

23 Central

25 Poke

26 Blunder

27 Beachcomber's find

29 Top

31 Parisian pal

32 Name in

China's history

34 Calendar quota

38 Lullaby composer

40 Smartly dressed

42 Biblical verb suffix

43 Antitoxins

44 Iowa city

45 Dubious

47 Ark builder

48 "The Naked Maja" artist

49 Suitable

52 Anger

53 Piglet's mom

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

North Buffalo Fathers

When I was a young lad living on the West Side of Buffalo, Sunday was family day and a ride in the country. Back then a ride into the country was out Elmwood to Sheridan. Once you made it that far you started counting cows and barns. Nothing but fields and farms. Not a lot to see on the way out either. Sometimes we would go up Delaware and past through North Buffalo which was in its infancy. That was all I knew about the area until later in life when I bought my first commercial building on Tacoma Avenue. A long way from the West Side back then but not that far now. When I started my printing business at that location, I knew nothing about North Buffalo or North Park as it was called then. Like being dropped into the middle of Zimbabwe and not

knowing the language. If I was going to make it in this new to me territory, I needed to make friends fast. In the sixties North Park had been a predominantly Jewish neighborhood with Synagogues and Temples. However, the neighborhood was changing, Italian Americans from the West Side had been emigrating and have taken over as the majority ethnic group. The businesses seemed to still be under Jewish ownership when I moved in. I know this as I met a lot of them. Being a young entrepreneur, I had the pleasure of going up and down both Hertel and Delaware seeking customers for my printing business, or ads for my newly founded Buffalo Rocket weekly newspaper. Remember this is 50 years ago so what I was dealing mostly with was the fathers who in most

cases founded the business. Let's go back to my first encounter with Sample shop on Hertel. The Sample was by far the largest business that took up an entire block and sold almost anything. It was huge for Hertel. Like a Department store. Walked in cold off the street and met Bill Melrod, who was the advertising manager. Nice man and never asked me to leave. In some of our talks in would walk Lou Bunis, founder of the Sample. He was still working there with his two sons Maer and David. First of the many family run businesses there were in the area. Across Parkside was Van Slyke Pharmacy. Earnest Van Slyke and his son. Another big store was Sunshine Market across Hertel at Parkside. It is now Walgreens. Joe Sunshine was the father and his two sons, Mel and Seymore ran the market for many years. Walk a little further down the street to Jimmy's shoe repair. Young Joe Bavasotto would be helping his father repair shoes. Across Hertel to where Bob and John Hazelet bought the La Hacienda pizzeria.



Our humble beginning 1969.



Changed the name to Bob and Johns and had their wives Marge and Jane as waitresses. Down the street was Sammy's food market. There I met Sam Cerula and his two sons, John and Sam Jr. Notice I am mentioning the fathers? I remember when Lombardo's restaurant was a frozen pizza plant. Converted into a restaurant by Tom Lombardo, the father. I remember him well. His son Tom came into the business later and is still there and doing very well. How about Passinissi's market, the whole family worked there. Father did not start the business, but he was there every day. Working away, helping wherever he could with his delightful broken English. Big man. He worked there with his two sons Tom and Dominic and his daughter. Later other family businesses moved in

like Frank's Sunny Italy. Took over another family owned business, Mr. Shabs. They all work there, two sons Frank and Joe and two daughters. Dash's market is another local family owned business, Frank Dash and his sons. It was always a pleasure to call on all these families over the years. Good people and hard working. Most of these retail Mom and Pop shops have succumbed to the larger food chains and department stores, Amazon, Walmart, etc. They were fun while they lasted. So glad I was around back then and loved to be able to talk to the owners and the people who worked there. They were there in the store! It was a good part of old Americana. It may be gone but it is not forgotten. At least not by me. Memories are a great thing to have. Thought I would share some with you.

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Answers to Senior Trivia Buffalo Rocket Issue 41 October 10, 2019

NFL Football Teams Word Scramble

1) Giants	6) Dolphins
2) Chiefs	7) Patriots
3) Jaguars	8) Raiders
4) Bills	9) Broncos
5) Chargers	10) Steelers

BORTZ'S PICKS WEEK SEVEN NFL

Last week 5 wins five losses. Total so far 12-8. Not good yet but the season is young. This weeks picks.

Chiefs over Broncos
Bills over Miami
Packers over Raiders
Texans over Colts
Bengals over Jaguars
Titans over Chargers
Ravens over Seahawks
Jets over Patriots
49ers over Redskins
Rams over Falcons



Seniority

Ask Rusty- Income Tax on Social Security vs. the Earnings Test

Dear Rusty: I retired from work this year (age 62) and I will receive my first social security benefits in September. Is there a special rule for the first year you retire that allows you to not pay taxes on your social security since you have earned no other income since you retired? Before I retired, I earned about \$50,000, which I know is more than the usual allowed income. Signed: Retired Senior

Dear Retired Senior: I'm afraid there is no such "first year" rule which exempts you from paying income tax on your Social Security benefits. When you file your Federal income taxes with the IRS you will need to claim your Social Security (SS) benefits as part of your income, and whether it is taxable will depend upon whether your "modified adjusted gross income" (MAGI) for the year exceeds \$25,000 (if you file single) or \$32,000 (if you file married-filing jointly). "MAGI" includes your taxable income from all sources (your "adjusted gross income" from your Federal income tax return), plus any tax-exempt interest you may have received, plus half of your annual Social Security benefits. If your MAGI exceeds the above levels, then up to 50% of

your Social Security benefits will become a part of your taxable income; or if you exceed \$34,000 (filing single) or \$44,000 (filing married-jointly) then up to 85% of your annual SS benefits will become taxable. If you don't exceed those levels your SS benefits aren't taxable as income.

However, I suspect you may be confusing income tax on your Social Security benefits with another rule – Social Security's "earnings test" which, if you have not yet reached your full retirement age, sets a limit on what you can earn without your benefit payments being affected. If you are collecting benefits before you have reached your full retirement age and you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019) Social Security will withhold some of your benefits – \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If that is what you're referring to then, yes, there is a special rule for the first year you are collecting Social Security. That special first year rule says that if you claim benefits mid-year and you have not yet reached your full retirement age, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings test for the remainder of that year, rather than the annual test. So, if your

benefits start in September, provided you don't earn more than \$1470 in September or any month thereafter in 2019 you won't lose any benefits. But if you do exceed that monthly limit, even by \$1, you won't be entitled to any SS benefits for that month. The monthly test is only in the calendar year you claim benefits – it goes away for you in 2020 and you'll be subject to the annual earnings test only for next year.

Please note that the earnings limits are considerably more if you are claiming in the year you will reach your full retirement age. If this were the year you will reach your full retirement age, the annual limit would be \$46,920 and the monthly limit would be \$3910 (these limits change annually). However, if you stay fully retired and don't return to work you will not need to worry about the Social Security earnings test but, depending on your "MAGI," you may need to pay income taxes on your Social Security benefits.

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Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall... And Flu Season

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skin near where the shot was given. A low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches may also occur. For individuals who receive the vaccine in a nasal spray, side effects may include a runny nose, wheezing, headache, vomiting, muscle aches, fever, sore throat and cough. If these problems occur, they usually

begin soon after vaccination and are mild and short-lived.

Only senior citizens need a flu shot.

This is false. Everyone six months and older should receive the flu vaccine unless a specific medical condition or doctor's advice indicates otherwise.

The flu is just a bad cold – and it's not that bad.

This is false. Influenza can lead to severe respiratory illness requiring hospitalization and in some cases can be fatal. The flu season can last as late as May. Flu vaccines protect against three or four flu virus strains (depending upon the type of vaccine you receive). The flu vaccine is readily available in Erie County physicians' offices, pharmacies and other community sites.

FLU FACTS

The influenza season normally runs from October to May. The flu virus causes a contagious respiratory illness that is spread through the air and by direct contact. Typical symptoms include sudden fever, aching muscles, sore throat, coughing, runny nose, headache and eye pain.

People at high risk for serious health complications from the flu virus are urged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. This includes:

- Individuals with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, morbid obesity, cardiovascular disease,

or chronic lung disease

- Young children, especially those under 2 years of age

- Women who are pregnant or have recently given birth

- People 65 years and older

- Individuals residing in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities

- People who are immunosuppressed, where their body's immune system or ability to fight off infection may be impaired

- People who live with or care for others who are at high risk of developing serious complications

- People who work in health care settings continued

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF FLU

- Get vaccinated.

- Wash your hands frequently, and teach kids to do the same.

- Do not sneeze or cough into your hands.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

- Throw all soiled tissues in the trash after you use them.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

- Avoid close contact with sick people. And if you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to prevent spreading infection. If you have flu symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to receive medical care or obtain other necessities.

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Niagara American Legion Auxiliary's 12th Annual Homeless Veterans Benefit, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207. Saturday October 26, 2019. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Evening includes Theme Auction, 50/50 Drawings, Beer, Pop, Food, 25 Auction Ticket Sheet. Special Auction for original Autographed Oil Painting of Buffalo Sabres Captain Jack Eichel valued at \$1,900 Donation: \$25.00. To reserve a table, donate or more information contact Pat at 716-875-9894 or the Post 716-875-9276.



Buffalo Zoo, Fri. and Sat., Oct. 11 and 12: "Celebrate Halloween at the Buffalo Zoo", 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Delaware Park And Ring Road. Sun., Oct. 27: Yellow Jacket/Fleet Feet Pumpkins in the Park 5K and Kids' Runs, 10 a.m.



Martin House Complex Wed., Oct. 30: Lecture: "Bunshaft and Buffalo" book talk and signing, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
For more information about events, such as tours, workshops, youth

education classes, and adult lectures, check out their website.



Northland Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 26 from 10am - 2pm. Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave. Join us for healthy snacks, a raffle and prizes, pumpkin decorating and outdoor games for the whole family.

— **King Crossword** —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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