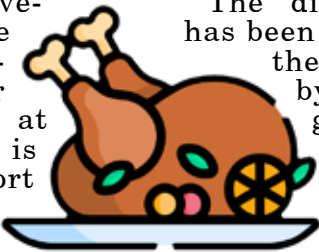


5th Annual Turkey Giveaway



The 5th Annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway will be held on Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 10 a.m. Event offering free Thanksgiving dinner to veterans, active military, and first responders (police, firefighters, and EMTs). This Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28th.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the 5th Annual Turkey Dinner Giveaway will be held Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 10 a.m. This is a combined effort to give away 500 turkey dinners with all the trimmings to local veterans, active military and first responders. The event is in the parking lot of the Boulevard Mall at 1267 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14226 (on the Niagara Falls Blvd. side by the big “B”). The dinners will be served on a first come, first serve basis, and every recipient will receive a reusable tote. Proof will be required



(ID, license, badge) and there is a limit of two meals per vehicle. The dinner giveaway has been coordinated for the past five years by Mark Dominguez Jr. The meals for this year’s event have been donated by some of the firm’s clients, including AVA Roofing & Siding; Mustachio’s Pizza; UTECH Basement Waterproofing; Mississippi Mudds; Old Man River; District 37 Kitchen & Taphouse. Food for the meals is being donated at a reduced cost by Kevin’s Catering. The to-go meals will consist of a slow roasted turkey breast served with mashed potatoes, stuffing, buttered corn,

cranberry sauce, and homemade turkey gravy. The meals will be served cold and will need to be reheated. “This is the least we could do for our local veterans, active military and first responders,” said Mark Dominguez. “Showing our appreciation for them one day of the year simply does not do justice for the sacrifice each one of them has made defending our country, keeping our streets safe, and making sure people are cared for when they are hurt. They need our continued support as they often miss many of these holidays because of being on duty.” To learn more, visit www.dominguezmarket-ing.com.

City of Buffalo Adjusts Winter Parking Regulations

Due to unseasonably warm weather conditions forecasted for the upcoming weeks, the City of Buffalo is postponing the start of its winter parking regulations. Typically scheduled to begin on November 15, winter parking regulations will now go into effect on Friday, November 22. The City will continue to closely monitor weather patterns and review parking needs on a weekly basis to determine any



further adjustments. This flexibility is intended to accommodate the warmer conditions while ensuring residents and city services can smoothly transition into winter parking protocols as colder weather approaches. For more information on winter parking regulations and updates, please visit the Parking Department’s city webpage: <https://www.buffalony.gov/485/Parking-Enforcement-Division>.

COLORING CONTEST

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



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



DECEMBER, 1992. HERTELNEWSANDGROCERY... Maggie Donofrio, Virginia A. Gnozzo and Jackie Rossi, from left, share good times at Hertel News & Grocery, at 1416 Hertel Ave.

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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

Fran Riordan



Las Vegas Aviator Manager Fran Riordan (pictured raising his left hand) had the attention of North Buffalo Coaches listening to him when he spoke in the meeting room of the HNPYBL headquarters Monday Night in Shoshone Park.

Just before 8:00 pm Monday night, Fran Riordan strolled into the meeting room of the clubhouse of North Buffalo Baseball in Shoshone Park. At 6-4 and weighing just over 200 lbs, he smiled across the room at close to a dozen young men gathered in the tiny confines of its League headquarters to answer questions.

This night is the first of many planned over the next several months by the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League during the offseason. This is the "Hot Stove" portion of the North Buffalo season where the League is still discussed on a regular basis while the Park gets ready to battle the harsh temperatures and bitter wind of a WNY winter.

Riordan is perfect to kick the season off, as the Buffalonian currently begins his seventh season in 2025 as the Triple-A Manager of the Las Vegas Aviators of the Pacific Coast League. A two-time Manager of the Year in the (PCL), in 2019, he led Las Vegas to the second- best record in the 16 team League with an 83-57 record. Two years ago, in 2023, he won

his second Manager of the Year Award in four seasons, all while working in the Oakland Athletics chain. That's quite an accomplishment for a 50 year man, who began his Baseball career as a first baseman for the High School Canisius Golden Griffins in early 1989.

"I love doing it, I love coaching, I love the game," he states emphatically right off the top. "I'm coaching young men, anywhere from age 19 to 40, who are looking for the chance to make it into Major League Baseball. Some players are better than others but they all work together to build a good team. These are all good guys and I just work with the other coaches to find out where these players will play."

Riordan has seen his share of Major League players up close and can alert you to an up and coming star in the minor leagues for the Athletics. "He's really good," he says. "Watch out for him."

But on this night, Riordan is helping close to a dozen young men who are volunteering their time to coach every year in Shoshone Park. He's aware of the League's

success all these years and feels they have a hard job.

"You guys all have to get to know these kids and know where they're coming from," he says. "Help them all to have fun out there. Tell them all to relax and don't be nervous. Give them simple directions and watch their feet. Make sure their bodies are centered and stay in front of the ball out on the diamond."

Riordan himself struggled through the game while playing for independent league teams like the Richmond Roosters and the Dubois County Dragons. His career average was .281 over seven seasons, hitting over .300 in 2000 and 2002. His fielding percentage was .989 over seven seasons from 1997 to 2003. But it wasn't until 2015 when the Oakland Athletics hired him to manage the Beloit Snappers of the Midwest League where he began making his mark through coaching in the Athletics chain. By 2017, he led the Midland Rockhounds to winning a Championship in the Texas League. That was just before the A's sent him to the Pacific Coast League where he has garnered the most notoriety in Baseball for Las Vegas.

"I love Vegas," he said. "The City has just come alive for Baseball. The Athletics' owners have the money and they have taken care of my needs. If the A's do come to Vegas, they will turn their team around."

Riordan spent over two hours discussing his feelings about proper baserunning, (his favorite aspect of the game) and then spoke to coaches about hitting a baseball, infield defense and pitching. He offered tips and advice to any coach who was having problems with attention, fear, nervousness and disappointment. The time spent sharing with the Coach seemed to be a much needed event for everyone that night.

Some of the Coaches on hand were Matt Burke, Kevin O'Brien, Jacob Lea-Kelly, Sam Insalaco, Paul Mulhern, Craig Eoanou, Andy Beale, Melissa Trillo and Jim Daley, the Boys Travel Director for the League.

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Older Veteran Asks about Special Social Security Credit for Military Service – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age (67), and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even I continue working.

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Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount (a "spousal boost") that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse (when you claim) will consist of her reduced age-62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.
If you claim at 67, your wife will be about 2 years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced (age 62) SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of

your FRA benefit amount.
So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected, and taking her spousal boost before her FRA means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA (67) to claim Social Security benefits.
Having said all of that, if your wife's physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife's spousal boost amount (if you claim at your FRA) will be about 17%, and that reduced spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife (if you claim at age 67) will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement (instead of 50%).

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30 Sharing word

31 Driving instructor?

35 Flavor

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47 Band aide

49 Fly

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52 Evening prayer

53 Newbies

54 Perfume compound

6 Start playing for pay

7 Black, in verse

8 Ballot marks

9 Lingerie fabric

10 Handles

11 Stage comment

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25 Use a straw

27 Ump's call

29 Method

31 Sentry

32 Walking

33 Lengthy list

34 Tolkien creature

36 Abrasion

37 Horn blower

38 Gantry of fiction

41 Italian wine

44 Surrealist

45 Saint Laurent of fashion

48 "Le Coq —"

50 Follower (Suff.)

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Drunken Assailant Assaults Victim With Child Present

North Buffalo
November 18, 2024
Hertel Avenue - Victim on scene reported to officers that victim and defendant had been in multiple verbal altercations. Victim stated argument became physical, defendant held victim down on their bed, then slapped victim. Victim does have swelling and scratches on face and body. DIR completed. CPS notified.

November 17, 2024
Delaware Avenue - On above date, time, and location defendant took \$263.91 worth of merchandise past all points of purchase without permission and without attempting to pay.

West Side
November 15, 2024
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did take without permission various items at

a value of \$68.48 and did pass all points of purchase without making an attempt to purchase. Officers did apprehend defendant outside of store and did recover the stolen items on her person.

Riverside
November 17, 2024
Niagara Street - Defendant did continually make threats to complainant and did show up to her house multiple times on above

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date and location, pounding on her door and making additional threats.

November 17, 2024
Condon Avenue - Victim states defendant and victim have been in multiple verbal and physical altercations where defendant does shove and kick victim.

November 17, 2024
Riverside Avenue - Defendant has been drinking all day along with victim. Victim was lying down when defendant did punch victim in the head with closed fist causing swelling on his forehead. Defendant then grabbed a knife as victim was attempting to leave and attacked victim causing an extremely small puncture wound. Defendant then fled the house leaving 4 year old child unattended.

November 16, 2024
Amherst Street - Victim states that suspect did scratch his face causing a large laceration on the left cheek and also pulled some of his hair out.

November 13, 2024

Ontario Street - Defendant did steal 3 cases of Pepsi from the Family Dollar then did sell them to an unknown male at 595 Ontario Street. Defendant was detained and a show up was done at said location and defendant was found to have a crackpipe on him.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
2. Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- 3) What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
- 4) Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
- 5) When was the United Nations organization created?
- 6) What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- 7) Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?

Last Week's Answers: 1. Banker. 2. "Hamlet" 3. "24." 4. Bouvier. 5. Ming Dynasty. 6. Centaur. 7. A corrosive mixture that can dissolve gold. 8. Iraq. 9. Lungs. 10. Chickpeas.

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King Crossword

Answers

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