

Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting



Photo Courtesy of Buffalo Place Inc.

Community Bank, N.A. will presents the annual Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza this Saturday, December 6, 2025. The event begins at 5pm with free ice-skating. At 6pm, there will be a countdown to the lighting of the official tree and fireworks display over Fountain Plaza.

The annual Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza. The event marks the official opening of the Rotary Rink free ice-skating season in the heart of Downtown Buffalo, also Presented by Community Bank, N.A. The

event begins at 5pm with free ice-skating. At 6pm, there will be a countdown to the lighting of the official tree and fireworks display over Fountain Plaza.

“We look forward to continuing the tradition of free ice-skating in the heart of Downtown Buf-

falo and to partnering with Community Bank, N.A. this season” said Michael T. Schmand, Executive Director of Buffalo Place Inc. “In partnership with the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Place has proudly managed the operation of this out-

Continued on page five.

Holiday Happenings At The Buffalo And Erie County Botanical Gardens



Santa reads a letter during his visit to the Botanical Gardens during the Poinsettia Exhibit.

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens has filled their calendar with magical holiday experiences that will create

unforgettable memories and bring holiday joy to all. Whether it's a family activity or a date night, the seasonal plants and

lights are a perfect way to make the most of this holiday season in the warmth of the conservatory.

The Poinsettia Exhibit returns as a holiday favorite that has become an annual traditional for many in the Buffalo area. This year the poinsettia collection features hundreds of bold, bright colors in deep reds and whites as well as unique bright yellows, deep pinks, and more to complement the traditional varieties. Step into the warm embrace of the tropical conservatory, filled to the brim with pretty

Continued on page two.

Happy Holidays From The Hertel Business Association!

Join us December 5th and 6th for our Hertel Holidays Weekend event! On Friday the 5th, starting at 6:30PM until 9PM, at St. Margaret's Parish, is the annual Tree Lighting, sponsored by councilman Feroletto. Get a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Many of our local businesses will be open late so you can get a kick-start on your shopping right after the tree lighting!

Then, be sure to pick up a punch card and enjoy the Hertel Holiday Shopping Spree! The Capture That photo camper will be at the Hertel Christmas Tree for photos with Santa on Saturday, December 6th from 1-3PM! Be sure to check out

our socials for more info!

Check out The Garage, at 1127 Hertel Avenue, for events throughout the holiday season!

December 5th, 8PM: Hertel Holiday Walk After Party with Lithium

December 13th, 8PM: Sassafras Band

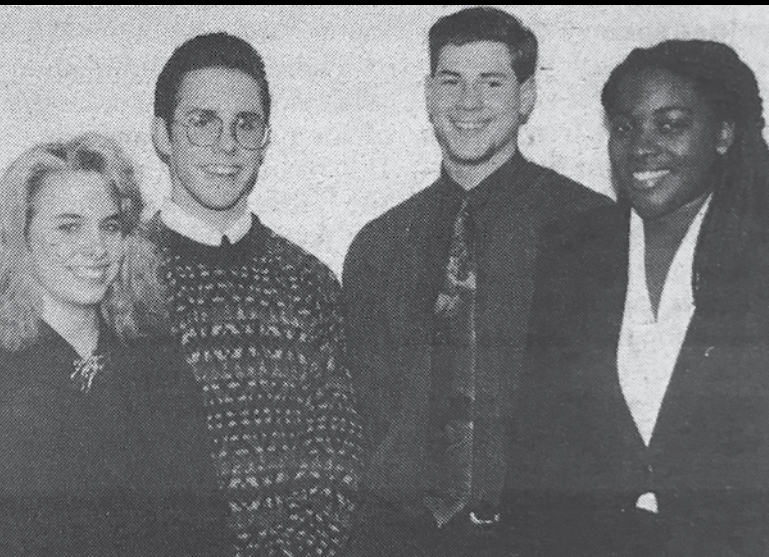
December 20th, 9PM: Garage Christmas Party, with the People's DJ.

The Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt is ongoing until December 24th! Search around Hertel and Parkside Avenues to find all the elves hiding in the local businesses, and return your completed sheet to Boost Body & Nutrition at 1434 Hertel Ave! Pick up a map at any participating business!



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



December, 1993. BENNETT HIGH SENIOR NAMED JAYCEES OUTSTANDING YOUNG NEW YORKER...The annual North Buffalo Jaycees Outstanding Young New Yorker Scholarship finalists display their winning smiles. From left: Melissa Hall, Robert Patkalitski, John SanPhillipo, and Annulett Alicia Dillon.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
Snow High 37° Low 29°	Snow High 35° Low 27°	Partly Cloudy High 36° Low 31°	Rain/Snow High 41° Low 33°	Rain High 37° Low 31°	Snow High 33° Low 29°	Snow High 33° Low 26°

BISON

**AUTOMOTIVE
& DETAIL**

DETAIL SPECIAL: \$179.95

SPECIAL INCLUDES:
Wash Vehicle
Pressure Wash Wheel Wells
Paste Wax Exterior
Clean And Dress Wheels & Tires
Vacuum Interior
Shampoo Floor Mats
Wipe Down Door Panels And Dashboard
Clean And Vinyl And Leather
Polish Windows Inside And Out

1370 KENMORE AVENUE, BUFFALO, NY 14216
WWW.BISONAUTOMOTIVE.COM/716.873.1193

THE KENMORE CLUB

1530 Kenmore Avenue • 875-5780

Party & Banquet Rooms
Full Catering Service Available

BINGO

SUNDAY, 7:00PM

Knights of Columbus

PROGRESSIVE BINGO

Played every Wednesday at 1:00 pm

FREE PIZZA: Joseph Syroczyński, 11 North Park Ave., 14216

NORTH PARK THEATRE

NOW PLAYING

WAKE UP DEAD MAN: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY



WAKE UP DEAD MAN: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY Fri 12/5: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00 Sat 12/6: (1:45), (4:45), 7:45 Sun 12/7: (1:45), (4:45), 7:45 Mon 12/8: (1:00 OC), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00 Tue 12/9: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 10:00 THE BISHOP'S WIFE (1947) Sat 12/6: (11:15am) Sun 12/7: (11:15am) SENTIMENTAL VALUE Wed 12/10: (1:15), (4:05), 7:00, 9:50 Thur 12/11: (1:15), (4:05), 7:00, 9:50

1428 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216, (716) 836-7411



If your name is found in the BUFFALO ROCKET to win a FREE PIZZA, take proof of identification to BOB & JOHN'S LA HACIENDA at 1545 Hertel Avenue to pick up your FREE PIZZA (Takeout only, must be redeemed within one week). If your name is listed for NORTH PARK THEATRE PASSES, you will have two free passes mailed out to you.

ROCKET COMMUNICATIONS

9195 Main St. • Clarence, NY 14031 • (716) 632-0808

David Gallagher Publisher
Dennis Gallagher Managing Editor
Joe Bortz Columnist
John Raymond Graphic Artist

Daryl Gallagher Production Director
Bill Snyder Sports
Charles Wilson Distribution

© 2025 Rocket Communications, Inc. • Buffalo, New York
PRINTED BY: GALLAGHER PRINTING, INC.
9195 MAIN ST. • CLARENCE, NEW YORK 14031
(716) 632-0808 email: editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com

Holiday Happenings At The Buffalo And Erie County Botanical Gardens

Continued from page one. poinsettias of all sizes and colors. The exhibit is on display daily through January 4 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Special holiday hours are posted for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. The Poinsettia Exhibit is included with regular admission.

Make the most of your visit to the Poinsettia Exhibit during their gift shopping experience, Cozy Crafters Artisan Market. The holidays are just around the corner, and there's no better place to start holiday shopping than at this market. Step into the enchanting wonderland filled with dozens of local artisan vendors surrounded by twinkling lights and hundreds of vibrant poinsettias. Indulge in seasonal delights and sip on delicious beverages while shopping for the perfect hand-made gift. This special shopping experience will be taking place Saturday, December 6 from 10:00am to 4:00pm and is included with regular admission. The full list of vendors is available at buffalogardens.com.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to experience the Poinsettia Exhibit at night during Poinsettias After Dark. Thousands of twinkling lights will guide guests through the magically illuminated greenhouses accompanied by joyful holiday tunes. This is a perfect way to relax and unwind during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. This after-hours event will be taking place on select nights from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on November 28, December 6, 12, 19, 26, 29 and 30. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors (62+) and students (13+), \$10 for kids aged 3-12, and kids

2 and under are free but must have a ticket.

Santa Claus is coming to town and families won't want to miss this opportunity to snap the perfect holiday family photo. Santa will be at the Botanical Gardens during Poinsettias After Dark on Friday, November 29 from 5:00pm-9:00pm. He will also be on site the following day from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Visitors can explore the Poinsettia Exhibit, soak in the holiday cheer, and take their own photos with Santa for no additional charge. This special visit is included with admission and organizers recommend getting tickets ahead of time at buffalogardens.com.

To make the most of the Poinsettias After Dark experience, visitors will be excited to take part in a brand-new family friendly Mini-Glow Golf event happening on December 13 and 20 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. A nine-hole light-up mini-golf course will be set up inside the Botanical Gardens during

Poinsettias After Dark. This putt-putt adventure will be unlike any other surrounded by tropical glowing plants and poinsettias inside the warm conservatory. Mini-Glow Golf makes for a fun date night, an outing with friends, or a memorable family activity. Tickets are \$20 per participant and food and beverage vendors will be on site.

For those looking to learn something new this holiday season can learn how to create a fresh Conifer Wreath on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00pm. A wire wreath form, paddle wire and fresh materials are provided in this workshop. Tickets are \$65 per person and pre-registration is required. A Holiday Card Linocut Workshop is also scheduled for Saturday, December 13 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Participants will be guided through the entire process of sketching, carving, and printing using the linocut method. All supplies are included, participants will take home a linocut block of their own creation, as well as several prints of their design.



BUFFALO AND
ERIE COUNTY

**Botanical
Gardens**

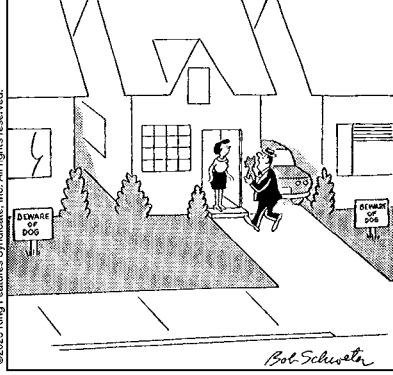
Ask me about
Every Door
Direct Mail!

daryl.gallagher@aol.com





GALLAGHER
PRINTING, INC.



©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

Bot. Schwetzn

"The vet says he's a very _____ cat."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Grit
ARLOV

Kind
AHMENU

Vague
ROCUBES

Prompt
LIMPE

TODAY'S WORD

Answers on page five.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Grant Street Shoplifter Assaults Store Staff And Batters Employees

North Buffalo
November 30, 2025
Amherst Street - Officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Amherst and Niagara Street. New York registered vehicle, a 2020 black Jeep Grand Cherokee, valued at approximately \$30,000 was found with the front driver and passenger's door ajar. The victim's father had been tracking the vehicle via and AirTag and officers at one point saw a male wearing all black operating the vehicle. Once the vehicle was located officers were able to follow fresh shoe prints in the freshly fallen snow. The defendant along with the co-defendant were located inside the property and while being spoken to by patrol officer the defendant dropped onto the ground a Jeep key which was confirmed to belong to vehicle. Video evidence of the defendant and co-defendant fleeing and arriving was collected by detective. Victims statement was taken by detective. Two black face masks were recovered near from the recovered.

November 29, 2025
Hertel Avenue - Officers were dispatched to a call of a burglary in progress. The 911 caller provided the name of the defendant, who is the victim's ex-boyfriend, as well as a detailed clothing description. The victim has an active order of protection. The order specifically prohibits from contacting the victim and orders a fill stay away from the property. Upon arriving on scene officers located the described defendant in the driveway. Officers began an investigation and while clearing the upstairs apartment noticed the access door at the top of the stairwell had damage consistent with forced entry. While clearing the apartment, patrol officer located a gray Kaka backpack. Inside of the backpack was a black/red cross body bag which contained a black/silver handgun loaded with 8 rounds in the magazine. The gun, a JA9 Jiminez Arms Inc 9mm bearing serial number was collected by detective. Magazine max capacity is 12 rounds with only 8 loaded. The scene and evidence was photographed. The victim completed a domestic incident report and provided a statement to detective. The victim alleges that the defendant called her via FaceTime, broke the door to gain entry into her apartment, showed her a silver

handgun and threatened to kill her with said gun.

West Side
November 29, 2025
Grant Street - Defendant did enter the store at 492 Grant Street and fill his coat with bunch of merchandise. When confronted by staff, the defendant took his coat off and threw it outside the store before getting into a physical altercation with one of the employees before the suspect left the scene. The involved employee suffered bruising to his body. Some of the property was recovered, but at least a bottle of pop was still inside the jacket. Detective did obtain video of the incident and patrol officer ID'd the suspect from security video.

Riverside
December 2, 2025
Isabelle Street - Defendant was observed by officers climbing through a window at 116 Isabelle Street, Apartment 18. While inside defendant did cause damage to the majority of the apartment, creating an unsafe condition to such premises.

December 2, 2025
Lamont Place - The defendant did block the victim from getting into a Lyft ride by physically obstructing her path and did grab the front of her jacket forcing her forward. The victim attempted to get away from the defendant by walking down Lamont towards Tonawanda Street. The defendant did follow the victim down the street causing alarm and annoyance. While the victim was standing at the corner, the defendant did attempt to forcibly take without permission the victim's black backpack by grabbing a hold of it with his hand and attempted to pull it from the victim multiple times. Domestic incident report completed. Miranda rights read. Victim's sister did witness altercation. The victim requests a stay away order of protection protecting her from the defendant. Officers interviewed 4 occupants in the household who explain that they are in fear of the defendant due to ongoing harassing and paranoid behavior while in the home.

November 30, 2025
Riverside Avenue - Defendant did send texts to her child's father after he dropped off the child, saying she didn't want to be her mom anymore and, "was going to kill her." While in the back of the patrol vehicle defendant did try to kick out the windows. Defendant did spit in the eye of patrol officer.

MAGIC MAZE ●

PIANO BRANDS

W F C N Z W T Q N K X I F C Z

W U R P N M K J H E N E C Z X

U S (Y A M A H A) Q E N L S J N

G E C E W Z M R D E X V T S I

R N P A T R N S E N L N T J E

H E I C A S E Y U N W A D V T

T R P W N R E T L A H M N K S

I G S E D C B Z U V H T A X H

W U S N I L O I Z A F S U R C

P O M L O J A I G H S A Q L E

E D N O T S O B B C A E Y X B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: STEINWAY & —

Baldwin	Chavanne	Estey	Quandt
Bechstein	Dresden	Fazioli	Sauter
Bluthner	Eastman	Hausmann	Yamaha
Boston	Essex	Kawai	

©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.
Answers on page six.

FREE PIZZA: Erin Laughlin, 70 Sterling Ave., 14216

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Roughly

5 Texter's "Wow!"

8 Nero's 1300

12 Stead

13 Museum-funding org.

14 Vicinity

15 In — (miffed)

16 Deception

18 Fawcett of '70s TV

20 Goodies

21 Skater's leap

23 "Delicious!"

24 Tobago's island neighbor

28 Salon request

31 A billion years

32 Whiskey drinks

34 Fish eggs

35 Privation

37 Three-panel-artwork

39 "Friendly skies" co.

41 Chevy sub-compact

42 Pulpit delivery

45 Painter Hopper

49 Homages

51 Always

52 Forearm bone

53 Depot (Abbr.)

54 Sultry Horne

DOWN

1 "Frozen" snowman

2 TV host Kelly

3 Crystal gazer

4 Defeated in a footrace

5 Promptly

6 Mal de —

7 Pace

8 Cosmetics

9 Butter producer

10 Birth doc.

11 Low isles

17 Sob

19 Pivot line

22 "Kinsey" actress Linney

24 — Aviv

25 Aussie hopper

26 Making certain

27 Tries to convey

29 Sinbad's bird

30 "Whatever"

33 Raced

36 Brazilian dances

38 Hair dryers

40 Baseball's Gehrig

42 Ticket half

43 — Stanley Gardner

44 Fed. accident investigator

46 Opposite of "sans"

47 Gambling mecca

48 "Phooey!"

50 Summer in Paris

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

Answers on page six.

Weekly SUDOKU

		6		5		4		
	5				1			3
7		1	4					
							6	
8	9		3				7	5
	7			4			9	2
	6	8	7				4	9
2	3				4			8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc. Answers on page six.



About Tax Filing Status and Medicare - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I'm trying to figure out if I should change my IRS filing status to "Married - Filing Jointly" prior to getting reviewed for my Medicare Part B and Part D. My current IRS status is "Married - Filing Single" and I noticed this filing status is more stringent. I will be turning 62 this year (2025) and I've read that Medicare will review my income 2 years prior to turning 65. Any input would be appreciated. **Signed: Uncertain Senior**

Dear Uncertain: Your IRS tax filing status has no bearing on your eligibility for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare ser-

vices) or Medicare Part D (insurance coverage for prescription drugs). Medicare is an individual healthcare program, so enrolling in Medicare provides coverage for you (only), not your spouse (your spouse's Medicare eligibility will be individually evaluated).

What your IRS filing status may affect is the amount of your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. There is a Medicare provision called "IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which sets the income thresholds on which your Medicare premiums are based, and those thresholds are different if you file your income tax as a single, or as "married/fil-

ing jointly." The IRMAA thresholds can change annually, and there's no way to yet determine what they will be when you are able to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (they are currently \$106,000 if you file as a single, and \$212,000 if you file your taxes as "married/jointly"). If your "provisional income" (your combined income from all sources) exceeds the threshold for your filing status, you will pay higher (than standard) Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. If your income is lower than the threshold, you will pay only whatever the standard Medicare Part B premium is for the year you start Medicare, and there will be no supplemental premium for your Part D coverage. For information, the IRMAA supplements are progressive - that is, the more you exceed the threshold by, the higher your IRMAA premium supplement will be. To see the current IRMAA thresholds and supplements (again, these will likely change when you are eligible for Medicare): www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

You are correct that your Medicare premium, when you enroll, will be determined by your total income from 2 years prior. So, if you plan to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (sometime in 2028), it is your 2026 income which will determine your Part B and Part D premiums, and that income will be defined by your 2026 income tax return. Note, too, that Medicare premiums are reevaluated each year, based upon your IRS income tax return from 2 years prior.

FYI, there are advantages to filing your income tax as "married/jointly" (vs. married/filing separately), and those are best evaluated by your tax advisor (we are not tax advisors here at the AMAC Foundation). And while it's true that the IRMAA thresholds are higher when you file as "married/jointly," it's also true that your total income as a married couple will be used when determining your IRMAA premiums for Medicare. So, once again, it is probably best to consult with a qualified income tax advisor for guidance on whether it is best, financially, for you to change how you file your income tax in 2026, considering that you will be enrolling in Medicare in 2028.

Senior TRIVIA ???

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) Which TV sitcom features a French bulldog named Stella?

- 2) What is the capital of Algeria?

- 3) Which famous sons starts with the line, "I read the news today, oh boy ..."?

- 4) Who wrote "Hedwig's Theme," the main music in the Harry Potter movies?

- 5) What is the origin of popcorn?

- 6) Where was Napoleon Bonaparte exiled to after his defeat in 1815?

- 7) Who wrote the novel "The Sound and the Fury"?

- 8) What are the smallest blood vessels called?

- 9) In what year did the international version of TikTok launch?

- 10) What substance makes plants green?

Answers on page seven.

Serving WNY since 1973 • Buffalo Owned Company

Ask for Greg!

Continental
TRANSMISSION

Find us on

WNY's LARGEST TRANSMISSION DEALER

- FREE TOWING With Service
- FREE ROAD TEST & Visual Inspection
- POSTED PRICES
- ONE DAY SERVICE In Most Cases

Free Electronic Diagnostics

SPECIALISTS IN:

- Import Cars
- Front Wheel & 4 Wheel Drive
- 4x4's, & Light Duty Trucks
- RV's and Motor Homes
- Light Duty Trucks & Allison's

We Welcome All Extended Warranties

OPEN DAILY 8am to 6pm & Sat. 8am to 1pm

BUFFALO • 877-9650 • GREG SCARPACE

909 Hertel Ave. Between Delaware & Elmwood
www.wnycontinentaltransmission.com

FREE PIZZA: J. Henry Priebe Jr., 319 Lincoln Pkwy., 14216

PLAYING THE VERY BEST MUSIC OF THE 70'S & 80'S!

SIMULCAST EVERY WEEKEND ON

AM1440 FM105.3

WEBR
WEBRADIO.COM

HOMETOWN **WLVL 1340AM**

FRIDAYS 9PM - MONDAYS 6AM

ADOPT A PET Sponsored By The **Buffalo Rocket**

This Week's Featured Friend: **DIXIE**

OUR SHELTER IS OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!

Meet Dixie! This gal of about 8yrs of age found herself at the shelter as her owner could no longer care for her. She is a bit stocky (she does need to shed a few pounds) so an exercise program, good nutrition and healthy snacks are a must for her future home. Older dogs benefit from a healthy weight to keep their joints feeling better, as well as those bones which also need to be maintained. This lady has some fun energy, is playful, has spunk in her step, and is ready to find a new life to embrace her senior years. Dixie appears housebroken but we always recommend an adjustment time in a new environment/routine.

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://friendsolcbas.org/adopt>

City of Buffalo Animal Shelter
380 N. Oak St. Buffalo
Buffalo_Shelter@yahoo.com
716-851-5694

To see more great pets, visit: <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NY341>

Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting

Continued from page one.
door ice-skating rink for 27 years. The revitalized Fountain Plaza public space provides residents and visitors with a festive and welcoming winter destination to enjoy all season long.”

“Buffalo has always been an important part of our growth story,” said Marya Wlos, CFO of Community Financial System, Inc, the corporate company of Community Bank, N.A. “We’re honored to support the annual Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting and to celebrate the people and traditions that make this city so special. With over 200 employees

in the area and five local branches - three of which opened this year - and the opening of our new regional headquarters as well, our investment in Buffalo continues to reflect our belief and partnership in its bright future.”

Immediately following the fireworks and tree lighting, the fun will continue with visits with Santa, holiday gifts, face-painting, train rides for children, and ice-skating.

Ice-skating is free and ice-skate rental is available; \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Guests are encouraged to bring their own ice-skates to avoid waiting in the ice-

skate rental line. Santa will visit with children from 6:30pm to 8pm. All activities are free and open to the public.

Buffalo Place thanks Community Bank, N.A. for their Presenting Sponsorship of the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and the 2025-26 Free Ice-Skating Season at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza. Buffalo Place also thanks our official Media Sponsor and Partner, The Buffalo News, for their support of the event. Complete details on the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration are available online at www.buffaloplace.com.



CLASSIFIED ADS IN THE BUFFALO ROCKET

GET RESULTS

Call Dennis at 873-2594 for Rates & Special Promotions

SHOP LOCAL

Thank you for patronizing our ADVERTISERS

Kids' Maze

©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Answers on page seven.

PICK UP A COPY OF THE BUFFALO ROCKET at the following locations or online at www.buffalorocket.com

NORTH BUFFALO

7-Eleven.....460 Hertel Avenue
Aspire Dental.....476 Hertel Avenue
Bellamore Boutique.....3086 Delaware Avenue
Bertha's Diner.....1430 Hertel Avenue
Black Rock Beverages.....538 Hertel Avenue
Bob & John's Pizzeria.....1545 Hertel Avenue
Caz Mini Mart.....572 Hertel Avenue
Century 21.....1705 Hertel Avenue
Dash's Supermarket.....1770 Hertel Avenue
Delaware YMCA.....2564 Delaware Avenue
Enchanted Hair Salon.....3030 Delaware Avenue
Evans Bank.....2670 Delaware Avenue
Fig Tree Patisserie.....3062 Delaware Avenue
Finishing Touches.....2820 Delaware Avenue
Ginnane Funeral Home.....3215 Delaware Avenue
Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street
Gramma Mora's.....1465 Hertel Avenue
Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue
Hertel Coin Laundry.....1274 Hertel Avenue
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
Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue
Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue
Korona Jewelers.....1588 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
Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue
Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street
Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue
Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue
Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard
Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

WEST SIDE

Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica
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
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
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
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street
Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street
Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street
Sun Restaurant.....1989 Niagara Street
Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street

ATTENTION
Community Members You Are Invited To Attend

>>> COMMUNITY BENEFITS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING <<<
December 8, 2025 11AM
ECC South Campus Building #5 Room 5102; 4041 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park, NY 14127

The Community Benefits Oversight Committee (CBOC) is established to provide monitoring, oversight, and accountability in connection with the construction, maintenance, and operations of the Buffalo Bills new stadium project.

This meeting invites community members to attend and learn more about the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) that is in place. Time is reserved at the end of the meeting for community members to share comments on local vulnerabilities and priorities.

SCAN ME

BUFFALO BILLS
2024
COMMUNITY BENEFITS
ANNUAL REPORT

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.DEVELOPMENTSBJEM.COM
EMAIL US
INFO@DEVELOPMENTSBJEM.COM
FOLLOW US
JEMDEVELOPS

FILL a Job Vacancy RENT a Apartment SELL Your Stuff FILL a Job Vacancy RENT a Apartment SELL Your Stuff

Do it with a CLASSIFIED AD in the Buffalo Rocket!

ADVERTISING GETS RESULTS! CALL DENNIS GALLAGHER AT 716.632.0808

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Valor; 2. Humane;
3. Obscure; 4. Impel

Today's Word

NERVOUS

Puzzle on page two.

FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Gerald Walsh, 714 Parkside Ave., 14216

Buffalo Gals of all ages are talking about these books!

\$10.00 \$25.00

Special 20% discount for Gallagher Printing patrons and book club members

The Grapevine

Afternoon Drive Host WEBR AM 1440 AND FM 105.3 is one of Buffalo's most iconic radio stations. We are celebrating our 100TH Anniversary in 2024 and would like you to join our family!! We are currently looking for an Afternoon Drive host to be on air from 2PM-6PM Monday-Friday. Bring your energy and ability to relate to our listeners. Experience preferred, but will consider someone who is willing to learn and take direction. College radio would be a big plus!! Great support with local ownership. Have fun, be yourself and grow at the same time!! Please email a recent air check to: Tony Venturoli, Program Director, WEBR AM 1440, FM 105.3. Email address is: ajthedj104@hotmail.com. Phone 716-481-8836.



Shea's Performing Arts Center announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life experiences to create a personal monologue and sing their story. Under the guidance of Shea's lead teaching artist Alejandro Gómez, participants will develop their own ideas, lighting, and costumes, culminating in a one-of-a-kind performance where they are the star! Sing Your Story concludes with a community showcase on the Shea's Smith Theatre stage, celebrating each student's creativity and voice. The week-long camp will run February 16 – 20 from 9:00AM – 4:00PM daily. Space is limited. The cost of the camp is \$250 for the week, with assistance available to those in need. To register, visit: <https://www.sheas.org/camps/sing-your-story/>.



Solitary Walks Along the North Sea At the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Dec. 11, 2025 5:30pm On Thursday, December 11 at 5:30pm, Ann C. Colley, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Emerita, will present a

screening and talk on her recent work, Solitary Walks along the East Anglia Coast at the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo State University. This book is a significant departure from Professor Colley's academic books. Professor Colley's talk will include both audio and visual components, including magnificent windswept visuals of the Anglia Coast in England. Professor Colley has thoughtfully chronicled her weekend walks along the coast, while she was living in Cambridge, England. At the time, she was working on her 2023 literary study, Coleridge and the Geometric Idiom: Walking with Euclide. As a respite from her work in Cambridge, Professor Colley, would board a train destined for one of England's seaside towns. These historic towns reflect memories of a former time when these coastal communities were popular destinations for the British. Today, they see far fewer visitors, leaving the coastal beach – at times – near empty. Thus, according to Professor Colley, the deserted shores of the North Sea make for a near perfect walk. Please join us for this beautiful audio-visual event in the Burchfield Penny Art Penney Art Center. Free and open to the public. For More information, please contact: Susan McCartney, Buffalo State University: 716.878.4030 | Mccartsa@buffalostate.edu.



M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo will continue for one more Thursday in 2025 – December 18 – and three Thursdays in 2026 – January 15, February 19 and March 19. To participate, guests will need to reserve their free tickets online before arriving at the Zoo. Tickets can be reserved at mtb.com/ThirdThursdays. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per group, with timed ticket entry still available between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. While tickets are honored all day, visitors are asked to arrive at the time they

signed up for. Special programming on November 20 will feature several Zookeeper Talks including: 11 a.m. – Snow Leopard Keeper Talk at the Vanishing Animals North Exhibit 12 p.m. – Tawny Frogmouth & Wallaby Keeper Talk at the EcoStation Exhibit 2 p.m. – Bison Keeper Talk at the Bison Exhibit Current members of the Zoo are always admitted, even in the event of a "Third Thursday" sellout. Please note that rides, concessions and parking are not included in the free admission. As the Buffalo Zoo marks its 150th anniversary this year, the M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo program adds to the Zoo's ongoing celebrations, which are taking place through December 2025. M&T is a longtime partner of the Buffalo Zoo and remains the lead sponsor of the M&T Bank Rainforest Falls exhibit. To learn more about the Buffalo Zoo and its latest special events, visit buffalozoo.org.



Submit Your Community Event to

The Grapevine

editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com



SHOP LOCAL

Thank you for patronizing our ADVERTISERS

Yuletide In The Country

Western New Yorkers can inspire their holiday shopping and buy local Dec. 6-7 as the 31st annual Yuletide in the Country Artisan Market returns to the Event Center at the Hamburg Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. This year's event will feature 150 artists and artisans, including many local artisans.

"Holiday shopping at this event is a unique experience," said Dan Kaczynski of Premier Promotions, organizers of the event. "Shoppers are immersed in the sights, scents and sounds of the holidays and actually have the opportunity to interact with the artisans and buy meaningful gifts that each have a story behind them."

From spa-quality bath products to hand-poured aromatic candles, holiday décor to trendsetting jewelry, stylish pottery to gourmet foods, elegant florals to gifts for pets, and handcrafted furniture to original wall art, Yuletide in the Country offers a remarkable cross-section of gift ideas.

"This event really gives you one last opportunity

to find unique gifts that inspire your holiday shopping," added Kaczynski.

In keeping with the tradition 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. KIA Memorial Road March will also be present at the event.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$8 per person. Seniors and veterans are \$7, and children under 12 are admitted free.

For more than 41 years, Premier Promotions has produced high-quality, extremely successful artisan events including Springtime in the Country, Christmas in the Country, Christmas in the Country Rochester and Yuletide in the Country. Last year, more than 120,000 visitors attended these events purchasing more than \$8 million in goods from juried artists and artisans. These events have helped raise more than \$4 million for Western New York charities.



GALLAGHER PRINTING, INC.

Contact us about using EDDM to promote your business!

daryl@gallagher@aol.com

FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: John Jaime, 37 Frontenac Ave., 14216

Wedding Invitations

Enjoy Easy, Convenient Online Ordering and Get 15% OFF Your Wedding Invitations at www.gallagherprinting.com



VOTED BEST ITALIAN SAUSAGE IN WNY
-BUFFALO SPREE

SQhair

sqhairsalon.com

2625 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo NY 14216

716 876.6393

WE ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMING
NEW TALENT

APPOINTMENTS
RECOMMENDED
CALL FOR DETAILS



Elegance Optique

SHERIDAN-DELAWARE PLAZA
1754 Sheridan Drive • Buffalo, NY 14223
874-4600

Eye Exams ♦ Contacts ♦ Eye Glasses
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

BTF • Community Care • Davis Vision • Eye Med
Spectera • NVA • VSP • Community Blue • Univera

"Your Eyes Are Precious - Give Them The Best"





SCHOOL'S OPEN

DRIVE CAREFULLY

D. LAWRENCE GINNANE FUNERAL HOME

A Name to Know, A Name to Trust.

- Traditional Funerals & Cremation Funerals
- Advance of Need Planning
- Medicaid Funeral Trust Accounts
- Visit - www.ginnanefuneralhome.com

*Our family
helping your family
celebrate life.*

3215 Delaware Ave.
Kenmore, NY 14217
(716) 873-4774



KORONA JEWELRY

Holiday Special!

2 Ct Total Lab Diamond Studs \$800
1 Ct Total Lab Diamond Studs \$500
VS clarity, E-F color, 14k gold



1588 Hertel Ave. 716-834-4755
www.KoronaJewelry.com

JOHNNY'S MEATS

876-2500

**VOTED
BEST ITALIAN SAUSAGE IN WNY
-BUFFALO SPREE**

WE GLADLY ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS

1191 HERTEL AVENUE

Business Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 8 am-5:30 pm
Closed Wednesdays
Saturday 7 am-5 pm
www.johnnysmeats.com

MEAT SPECIALS	DELI & OTHER SPECIALS	
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts \$2.99 lb.	Slab Bacon \$5.89 lb.	Extra Large Eggs \$3.00 dz.
Boneless Chuck Roasts \$7.99 lb.	Chicken Pot Pies \$3.99 ea.	Frozen Cooked Shrimp \$8.99 lb.
Fresh Chicken Wings \$2.99 lb.	\$120 MEAT PACKAGE 6-8 oz. Sirloin Steaks 4 lbs. Ground Chuck 3 lbs. Bacon or Pork Sausage 5 lbs. Chicken Thighs 4 lbs. Italian Sausage 3 lbs. Sahlens Hot Dogs	\$150 MEAT PACKAGE 6-8 oz. Sirloin Steaks 5 lbs. Ground Chuck 3 lbs. Bacon or Pork Sausage 5 lbs. Chicken Thighs 4 lbs. Chicken Breasts 4 lbs. Italian Sausage 3 lb. Pork Roast 3 lbs. Sahlens Hot Dogs
Frozen Chicken Fingers \$29.95 5 lb. bag		

visit us online! www.buffalorocket.com

Delivery
11 am Until
Closing

Bob and John's

LA HACIENDA

Our 53rd
Year!

1545 HERTEL AVENUE ♦ 836-5411

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI! Mondays and Tuesdays Dine In Only All Day \$5.00	2 LARGE CHEESE PIZZAS WITH 2 LITER SODA (TUES ONLY) \$36.00	INFLATION BUSTER TUES & WED 2 SMALL CHEESE PIZZAS \$25.00 ADD'N TOPPINGS EXTRA PER PIZZA LIMITED TIME ONLY
FISH FRY ALL DAY EVERY DAY \$16.00	EVERYDAY SPECIAL LARGE CHEESE & PEPPERONI PIZZA \$19.00	

Check out our website: www.bobandjohns.com

The Wellington Pub

NEXT TO
BOB & JOHNS

1541 HERTEL AVENUE • 833-9899 • WELLINGTONPUB.COM

BANQUET ROOM ACCOMMODATES UP TO 45 PEOPLE Call for Reservations	Voted BUFFALO'S BEST FISH FRY by Artvoice SERVED ALL DAY FRIDAY ONLY	FULL MENU AVAILABLE FOR TAKE OUT
--	---	--

