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Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

soup and
Chili



At the Shelter!

Sunday, November 5, 2017, there will be a cooking party at the new shelter. The event will start around 2:00 pm.

Attendees are asked to cook either soup or chili to share with the attendees.

There is a signup sheet in the basement of the hall. Please sign it along with your selection that you are making. Crock pots will be the best way to keep the food hot. Plugs will be provided.

The plan is to also have a bon fire.

Come and enjoy.

Family members are welcome.

NOMINATIONS CLOSING see page 2

NOMINATION TIME IS CLOSING SOON ...

If you are planning on running for an office you must see the nomination committee to make sure you qualify for the office. The nominating committee will let you know if you are missing anything. Do not wait to long before approaching the committee.

The Nominations close at the November Meeting. Act fast if you want to run for an office. The nominating Committee need some time to check your qualifications.



Clean all utensils and dishes that you use at the hall.

Multiple time the dishes and utensils have ben put away with food and grease still on them. I saw this problem first hand after the company business meeting this month when Karl took some serving utensils out of the drawer and there was food particles and grease still on them.

It is important to clean them with hot soap and water and make sure they are clean so no member or guest gets ill from poor cleaning habits.

Your help is very important in this matter.

It looks very bad if a guest at a party finds dirty things at our ha;; during a party.



In need of pool supplies ...

Zappia Pools on Abbott Road in Lackawana near the White Elephant Restaurant is giving discounts to firefighters and police

Please clean the fire trucks and rescue vehicles including the ambulances.



If the vehicles are dirty after calls, inside or outside, please clean them for the next call. Some of the vehicles have been found dirty. If any vehicle needs fuel, please take them and fill the tank. Leaving them under $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a tank could create problems if there is a lengthy call.



September Birthdays:

Shawn Wheaton 01
Marlene Held 02
Truman Prentis 03
Bob Simpson 10
Anna Capriotto 13
Jim Breitwieser Sr. 28
Nick Lobur 29
Ruth Madar 30

October Birthdays:

Dave Peters 08
Sam Rotino 09
John Metz 11
Eric Knavel 12
Marylyn Weichmann 23

November Birthdays:

Scott Courteau 05
Chris Guenther 08
Jacob Leckel 14
Bryan McCarthy 18

Sick Committee

Please keep Jerry, Don, Bud, and Harvey in your thoughts and prayers.

Howard H.



FROM THE CHIEF ...

Principles if instruction class in November at Hillcrest. If interested see a chief.

Remember if yare interested in running for a fire or rescue position next year see a chief.

On EMS calls, if you cannot transport Don't say standing by.

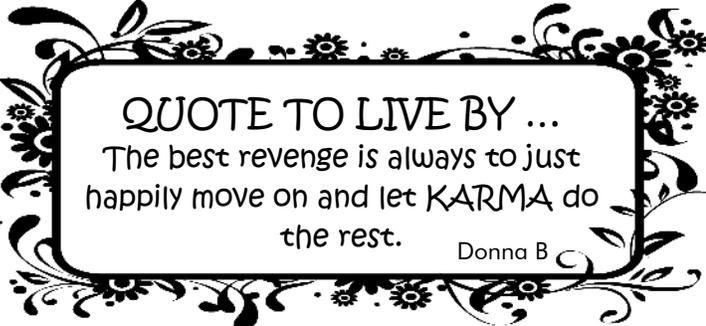
District drill will be at one of our donated houses. Bail outs, room search, etc...

For standbys if you want to be on the fly car you need to be wearing boots. The lots are a mess.



Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Lobur Family for the loss of Lindsay's Mother, Terrie Watson.

September 30, 2017



QUOTE TO LIVE BY ...
 The best revenge is always to just happily move on and let KARMA do the rest. Donna B



Halloween Treats

THIS HALLOWEEN THE TRUCKS WILL BE LEAVING THE HALL AROUND 5:30 PM. IF YOU PLAN ON COMING, PLEASE BE THERE ON TIME.



November 11, 2017

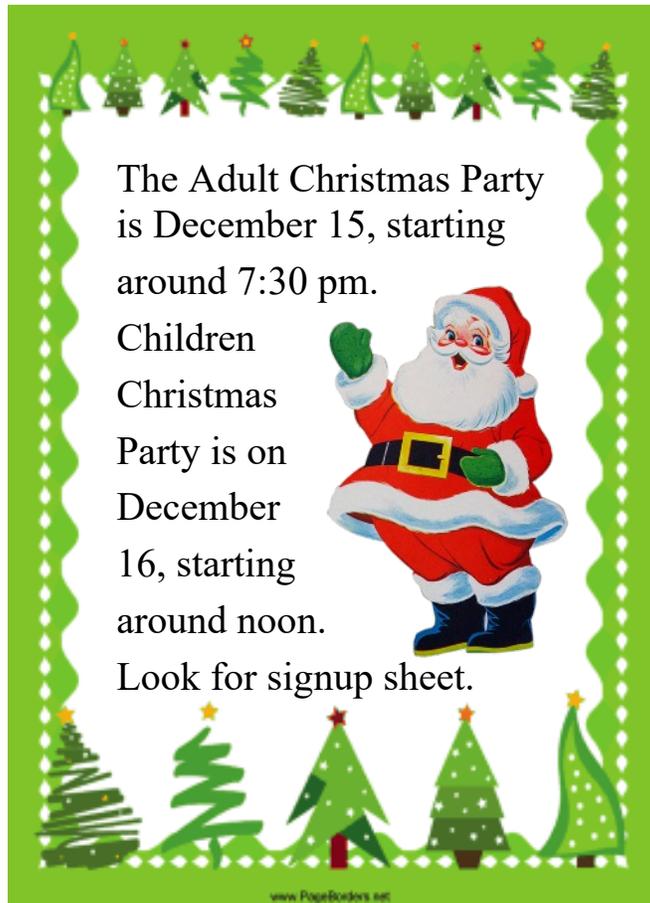
100th Birthday Party for Mike Davidovich at the OP Legion.

Tickets 2 - \$25.00

Questions - call 560-3517

Michelle - Daughter

Would be great to see members from Windom there.



The Adult Christmas Party is December 15, starting around 7:30 pm.

Children Christmas Party is on December 16, starting around noon.

Look for signup sheet.

www.PageBorders.net

OUR BOOT DRIVES OF 2017



Our 2 boot drives of the Buffalo Bills football games this season netted a total of over \$11,000.00 +.

Great job to all the members that helped with the collecting and counting.



Please contact Howard ...

If you have any question about the calls / drills meeting stats it is time to check it out. If correction are needed, Howard needs to know right away. Remember it is your responsibility to make sure the stats are correct.

If you go to any school and receive a certificate make sure that Howard gets a copy so you get credit for the school. Remember it is your responsibility.



Trivia Questions

1. Halloween is the day before which holiday?
2. The tradition of making Jack-o-lanterns to ward off evil spirits is thousands of years old. Which vegetable were they originally made out of?
3. According to superstition, if you stare into a mirror at midnight on Halloween, what will you see?
4. Which region in the world do pumpkins originate from?
5. Who wrote the novel Frankenstein?
6. Transylvania is a region in which country?
7. Halloween has its origins in which ancient Celtic festival?
8. Which actor played Dr. Frank-n-Furter in The Rocky Horror Picture Show?
9. Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable?
10. What is the significance of seeing a spider on Halloween?
11. Which country celebrates the Day of the Dead starting at midnight on Oct. 31?
12. According to superstition, a person born on Halloween has what particular ability?
13. Who directed The Nightmare Before Christmas?
14. Which vampire said, "Don't be afraid. I'm going to give you the choice I never had."
15. How many people were hanged during the Salem Witch Trials?
16. Every Halloween, Charlie Brown helps his friend Linus wait for what character to appear?
17. What do people "bob" for on Halloween?
18. Who is said to haunt the White House Rose Garden?
19. Pumpkins can be orange, white, green, or what other color?
20. In the The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, how many people are killed with a chainsaw?
21. What's the body count for the film Halloween?
22. Which year was the movie Freaks made?
23. In the original Alien film, how many alien eggs were made for the egg chamber inside the downed spacecraft?
24. How many Oscars was Psycho nominated for?

Firefighters: Rooftop solar panels create 'electrified obstacles'

Lt. Josh Guay said the best thing to do is to turn off the panels and not touch them

Sep 27, 2017 By FireRescue1 Staff

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The increasing installation of solar panels on top of homes and businesses is posing new challenges for Firefighters.

WMUR reported that firefighters call the rooftop solar panels electrified obstacles.

Solar panels installed on New Hampshire buildings are required to have a "rapid shutdown compliance" that turns off power to and from the system. (Photo/Wikimedia Commons)

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"We like to get up on roofs when buildings are on fire and use that to ventilate the building," Manchester Fire Lt. Bob Field said. "Obviously, now we've got to share the roof with the solar panels and work around them."

Lt. Field and Lt. Josh Guay said they have seen an uptick in solar panel installations over the past decade, but there is not much protocol on how to handle them.

"I started seeing them everywhere, and I'm like, 'We don't have a policy on how to handle these,' so I started doing research," Lt. Guay said. Although he couldn't find many written policies on what to do if a burning building is covered by a solar array, Lt. Guay said the best thing to do is to turn it off and don't touch it.

"Trying to get them shut down as quickly as possible, letting the other companies working on-scene know that they're there, and then, again, trying to stay away from them as much as possible," Lt. Guay said.

Solar panels installed on New Hampshire buildings are required to have a "rapid shutdown compliance" that turns off power to and from the system.

"If that disconnect is turned off, the array stops producing power and sending power from the panels to that point of disconnect," Erik Shifflett of Granite State Solar said.

Lt. Field said that even though the solar panels require more training and dangerous situations, it's an inevitable future.

"As technology evolves and it gets involved with the buildings, we have to learn how to deal with it and keep moving forward," he said.



Reprinted from FireRescue 1

A VERY BUSY STAND - BY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017. THERE WERE 20 CALLS DURING THE STAND - BY. EVERYONE THERE DID A GOOD JOB. IF YOU MISSED THIS STAND - BY, YOU MISSED OUT OF 20 CALLS TOWARDS THE YEAR TOTAL. ALSO SOME GREAT POLISH FOOD. THANKS TO GINNY AND SAM FOR COOKING THE MEAL. GREAT JOB!



Halloween Trivia Answers

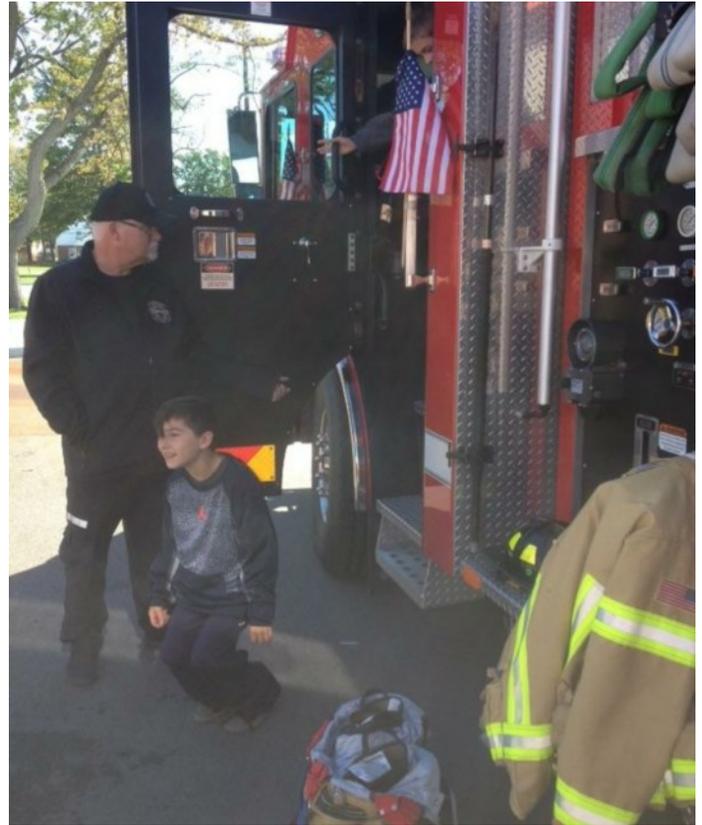
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| 1. All Saints (Hallows') Day | 8. Tim Curry | 13. Henry Selick | 19. Blue |
| 2. Turnips | 9. Fruit | 14. Lestat (Interview with the Vampire) | 20. One |
| 3. Your future husband or wife | 10. It is thought to be the spirit of a loved one watching over the person who finds the spider. | 15. 19 | 21. Five people and a dog |
| 4. Central America | 11. Mexico | 16. The Giant Pumpkin | 22. 1932 |
| 5. Mary Shelley | 12. The ability to see and talk to spirits. | 17. Apples | 23. 130 |
| 6. Romania | | 18. First Lady Dolly Madison | 24. Four |
| 7. Samhain | | | |

Fire Prevention at Windom Elementary School 2017

LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. GREAT JOB COMMITTEE.



Mrs. Duffeck from Windom Elementary School squirting water.



Chet helping the children down after checking out Windom #1.



Dave having the children holding up a charged fire hose to see how heavy it is.

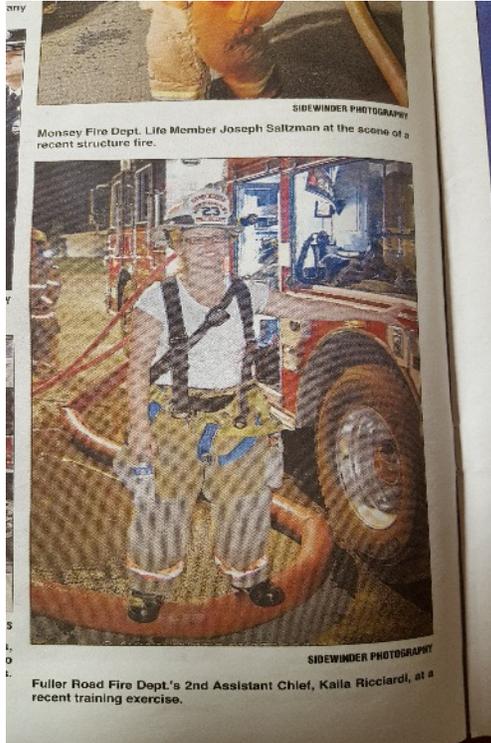


Dave explaining the workings of the fire truck to the children.

Photos courtesy of Marylynn.

Can you find the safety concerns in this photo?

I spotted this photo in one of the Fire magazine at the hall. The photo was in the picture page section and mentioned the person in the photo is the assistant chief at a training drill.



Forgotten Buffalo: Historic & Hip ...

"Stay Inside, Grab A Six-Pack..."

Even if it is the middle of summer, Buffalonians know that winter is right around the corner. Here is a secret....most of us LOVE IT! Snow, slush, winds and gray skies. As to winter, I say, "Bring it On!" Even as an adult, there is nothing like a snow day in Buffalo. I dream of winter mornings waking up to WKBW's Danny Neaverth reading school closings. I admit, I still wait to hear "All Buffalo Public and Parochial Schools" announced. After a few hours shoveling snow, you come back to a warm house where you take off your wet closes and throw on an old sweatshirt. If you are still lucky to have a "floor furnace," you can stand over the vent and immerse yourself with a jolt of heat that would give the old blast furnace at Bethlehem Steel a run for its money. Once inside, you quickly turn on Ch. 4 to watch the "Showcase Showdown" on the Price is Right and Don Paul's weather forecast on Ch.4. The perfect "Snow Day Lunch?" Tomato soup, a grilled cheese sandwich and a side of Kraft's Dinner. At the start of winter, I always purchase a case of Genesee Cream Ale in the "pounder" bottles and reusable case. You know the bottles... the ones that are chewed up on the outside, veterans of bingo halls and VFW posts. This is "emergency beer" that I ONLY use on such days or for older relatives during the holidays. I can only hope for a snow day sometime soon...

Buffalonians talked about snowstorms like other parts of the county can name each hurricane or earthquake. Sometimes these storms make their way into the region's folklore. Here is a brief look at some of the big ones of the past:

Blizzard of 1936

Although it happened almost 70 years ago, older Western New Yorkers still talk about the famous St. Patrick's Day storm of 1936. This late season storm dropped over 20 inches during one afternoon seizing the city. To this day people comment that once we pass St. Patrick's, Buffalo is clear of heavy winter weather or so we optimistically hope.

Blizzard of 1977

Much has been written about the events of the Blizzard of 77 (January 28-31, 1977). The storm forever linked Buffalo with the Arctic although it is a proven fact that our city is NOT the snow capital of America or even New York State. That title goes to Syracuse or Watertown! What made this storm famous was not for the snowfall but the winds. Only 9.6 inches of new snow fell but the real killer were the sustained winds of 69 mph. The power of the wind kicked up 33 inches of snow that had gathered on a frozen Lake Erie.

Blizzard of 1985

On January 18, 1985, Buffalo was hit by the "Six Pack Blizzard." The storm dropped 33.2 inches of snow with winds gusting to 53 mph. It was during this storm that Mayor Jimmy Griffin told Buffalonians to "Stay inside, grab a six-pack and watch a good football game." This by far is one of the best lines EVER voiced by a political leader. The storm dropped 33.2 inches with winds gusting to 53 mph

Storm of 2000

Well, not technically a blizzardNovember 20, 2000 went down in Buffalo weather record books as the single greatest 24-hour snowfall in the city's history. Snow fell at the rate of 4 inches an hour. 35+ inches hit the city during afternoon rush hour forcing thousands of Western New Yorkers to find shelter. I was working at WNED-TV at the time and found myself stranded in

PARADE UNIFORM LOCKER ROOM RULE ...



It has been noticed that there are many people with keys that fit the Parade Uniform storage room and people have been taking uniforms and uniform parts out without letting the Parade Marshal. This is causing problems for the Parade Marshal trying to keep track of what is in the room.

From now on, anyone wanting to hand our any part of a parade uniform must first go through the Parade Marshal.

Not only is the person standing on a charged hose but if you look at the hose where it comes off the fire truck pump panel, you will notice the large kink in the hose. If it straightened out suddenly, the person might be knocked off and fall to the ground causing possible injuries.



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Halloween Safety Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
 The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlar
 Grand Forks Herald 2012

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|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. HALLOWEEN | 5. COSTUMES | 9. PUMPKINS | 13. KIDS |
| 2. SAFETY | 6. MAKE UP | 10. EVENING | 14. ADULTS |
| 3. TRICKS | 7. PARTIES | 11. GHOSTS | 15. FUN |
| 4. TREATS | 8. DECORATIONS | 12. HOLIDAY | 16. FLASHLIGHTS |