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Meet Your Merchant: Imagine Salon & Day Spa



Photo: Barbara Gibby

Imagine Salon and Day Spa owner Annie Streicher appreciates the wonderful clients she has met and worked with in the past 10 years, and is looking forward to bringing new ideas to the community and meeting new faces.

Imagine Salon and Day Spa, 1527 Hertel Ave, opened their doors on December 3, 2004. When owner Annie Streicher was ten years old she knew she wanted to get involved somehow with hair. Annie loved the hair fashion industry, and really wanted to be able to work one on one with each individual to make them look the best she could. Working

with some really amazing hair dressers through the years led her to opening a salon in North Buffalo.

What inspired Annie were the many fashion shows she attended, both in and outside of Buffalo. She picked up the latest fashion ideas, was part of the hair styling end of fashion shows and photo shoots all while keeping herself very involved with the community.

Imagine Salon and Day Spa specializes in hair coloring and offers a new line of permanent hair color for the clients that have little time to wait for their color to process. This new line works in half the time.

The stylists at Imagine Salon and Day Spa are constantly attending Continuing Education classes with various professional hair

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Boost Local Economy By Shopping on Small Business Saturday

Held each year on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday is a day to support the local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country. Five years after its



inauguration, half of U.S. consumers report that they are aware of Small Busi-

ness Saturday, and among those who are aware, 82% say they plan to patronize a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on November 29th. Just as important, 77% say Small Business Saturday makes them want to shop small all year long.

Hertel Holidays Next Weekend

The 19th Annual Hertel Holidays will be held Friday, December 5th from 5 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, December 6th from 11 am to 4 pm. Hertel Holidays is an annual family tradition that delights all of the senses with twinkling displays, Santa Claus, and unique shopping and dining experiences. Hertel's boutiques, antique stores, and art galleries will take the stress out of your holiday shopping with great places to stop afterwards for dinner or a drink. Visiting Hertel Avenue during the holiday season means that your holidays will shine a little brighter!

All of the shops, boutiques, restaurants, and bars along Hertel will be open late for you to shop and dine, even some well past 9 pm on Friday night. There are lots of unique gifts to be found on Hertel and most merchants will be offering free refreshments and surprises to make your holiday shopping experience a special memory! Then, they'll be open to

do it all again on Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm.

Get all of your holiday gift shopping done without ever leaving Hertel Avenue. No matter what you're looking for, Hertel has unique shops and boutiques where you will find one-of-a-kind items, incredible service and specialty products only found here. So, come to Hertel and Shop 'til you Drop!

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You'd better watch out, better not pout; Santa Claus is coming to Hertel Holidays!

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27



Snow Showers
High 36°
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28



Partly Cloudy
High 30°
Low 28°

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29



Few Showers
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30



AM Showers
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1



Partly Cloudy
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The Adventures of... Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



Flying Nuns

Rocket Mom could not abide aggressive religion. She fired her own denomination as soon as she reached her majority. She abhorred televangelists. A little sign, "Trust in the Lord," hung above her bed. "That's MY religion," she would say.

Nonetheless, Mom loved nuns. She would dispatch small sums to the Dominicans in Elmira, asking prayers for people or causes or both. Eventually, Rocket Man and First Mate picked up that torch, making their own Protestant persuasion clear. "You sure have a lot of Catholic friends," observed Sister Mary Agnes, the convent's correspondent-in-chief.

Most in their 80s, they had not outlived their usefulness, but their aged building had. They would need to move to new quarters in Illinois. All 14 cloistered nuns, whose order required that a small door

separate them from visitors, would meet the mean streets of interstate travel, some by land, some by air. How in heaven's name would they fare?

Two weeks ago, their newsletter told us. Excerpts:

"The four of us who drove had clear sailing until they reached the outskirts of Columbus where they went about 12 miles too far and had to turn back...At the Motherhouse (there) the Sisters WAITED UP UNTIL 9 P.M. (emphasis ours) for our Sisters to arrive..."

"About 50 miles before Indianapolis, the air conditioner in the car decided it was time for a rest. We kept going until we were nearly roasted...even with the GPS we got lost in city traffic but finally arrived about 9 p.m."

For the flying nuns:

"In Chicago... they changed the gate to one that seemed miles away... changed the gate again which meant another long walk. After some time they announced that our flight, last one for the day, was cancelled..."

"The airline gave us each 3 food vouchers for \$7 and a hotel voucher... We walked what seemed like

miles again because they said we could not use the electric cart because we did not have a request for wheelchairs, which did not make sense since Sr. Mary Agnes and Sister Genevieve were being pushed in wheelchairs. Anyway, we walked..."

"We met in the hotel coffee shop for breakfast. The going rate was \$28 per person and we each had our three \$7 vouchers. A nice gentleman at a nearby table offered to pay for all our breakfasts but since we had the vouchers, the head waiter said they would be considered sufficient..."

"(At the airport) we were told to go to Gate F4 but... they changed it to Gate 4B which was no where near Gate 4...It was a different style aircraft so the seating had to be adjusted... seasoned travelers said this kind of service is very VERY (emphasis theirs) common..."

"Eventually we rolled away for the revised, revised, revised flight plan... When we finally landed in Springfield...the whole airport exploded with clapping and cheering and warm loving hugs and welcomes from about a dozen of the Springfield Sisters who had come to meet us."

There's lots more, a chronicle of enduring the indignities of an impersonal, dysfunctional system, with a smile and perpetual confidence. "Trust in the Lord." Amen.

Fire back to Rocket Man at pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Snowstorm

By this time we are all pretty tired of reading and hearing about the historic snow storm that hit the south towns of Buffalo. The pictures, the stories, the videos and the television coverage have been overwhelming. Most of the readers of this paper live in North Buffalo or above the so called snow band that dumped up to seven feet of snow. So we only got a few inches and had no trouble digging out or going about our business as usual. Problem was the people who lived in that Snow Belt were in reality, trapped. There was no way they can get out of their homes and even if they did they could not go anywhere. So many businesses like ours either had to shut down or work with a limited staff.

We were lucky and could only imagine what was happening just a few miles away. I have two sons and a daughter that live within the confines of that snow band that passed. One lives in Colden, one lives in Hamburg and one lives in Lancaster. All were stranded for days. My son tried to make it into work the day the storm hit. Now we have had snow storms before and he is very resilient and a macho man. No snow or sleet or hail is going to stop him from driving to work. He was turned around on Transit Road by the police and decided to try an alternate route. Huge mistake! Talking to him on the phone and seeing zero snow out my window, it was kind of hard to envision what was really happening. I told him to return home but he insisted

he could make it.

You do not have to be a rocket scientist to figure out what would happen next. A complete white out made him lose the road ahead and he drove into a deep ditch. It was snowing at 5 inches an hour and he, being a tough guy who does not wear a hat or gloves and had on a light jacket. No shovel, nothing to prepare him for this kind of ordeal. What little traffic went by completely ignored him as most had their own problems. He did not even know where he was and even if he did, there was little chance help would arrive. His brother offered to come and help but that was impossible as he was located on the other side of the snow band. As he tried with his bare hands to dig out his vehicle it became apparent that the snow was falling faster than his puny digging. At this point being alone and stranded, freezing cold, with no hope of rescue, he thought he was going to be one of the casualties of the storm. He had bought the farm.

He waved frantically to each passing vehicle but forgetaboutit. No one was going to stop as it would be a danger to them. Fortunately for him one did stop and offered to give him a ride. He asked if he would pull him out of the ditch and the fellow, even with a husky pickup truck, at first refused. He pleaded with him and offered him some free business cards, as we are printers, and he relented. He somehow did manage to tow him out of the ditch. My son went straight home and reluctantly stayed there for

days. I think he may have learned his lesson. Mother Nature is a lot stronger than machos.

The other two have their own stories of the trials and tribulations of living through the hell that was heaped upon them. Thank goodness for the thaw and the warm temperatures that helped to bring the gigantic snow mounds down to manageable sizes. As of this writing we are not out of the woods, or should I say snow. It is only November and we still are not officially into the winter. We still have over a month until the

December Solstice. That is the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. Yikes.

Some of my friends in Florida have called as the storm has been on National news. They are already down there and basking in the warm sun and wondered if we are alright. They

asked why we are not down there yet. What!! And miss all this fun? No way, Jose! I was wondering, how many people in the south towns are dreaming of a white Christmas?

Email JBORTZE@aol.com or find him on Facebook.com/joe.bortz.3

BUFFALO TRIVIA

by Joe Bortz

How many streets in Buffalo are named after birds? Can you name them all?

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St. Margaret's Open House

St. Margaret's Parish announces its participation in this year's Hertel Holidays. Beginning at Noon on Saturday, December 6th, visitors are invited to an Open House during which you will have an opportunity to view the inside of the beautiful church, lis-

ten to some peaceful holiday music, and take advantage of an opportunity for spiritual meditation. Promptly at 3 pm one of the long-time parishioners will offer a tour of St. Margaret's. You will learn about the history of the church, which will soon be

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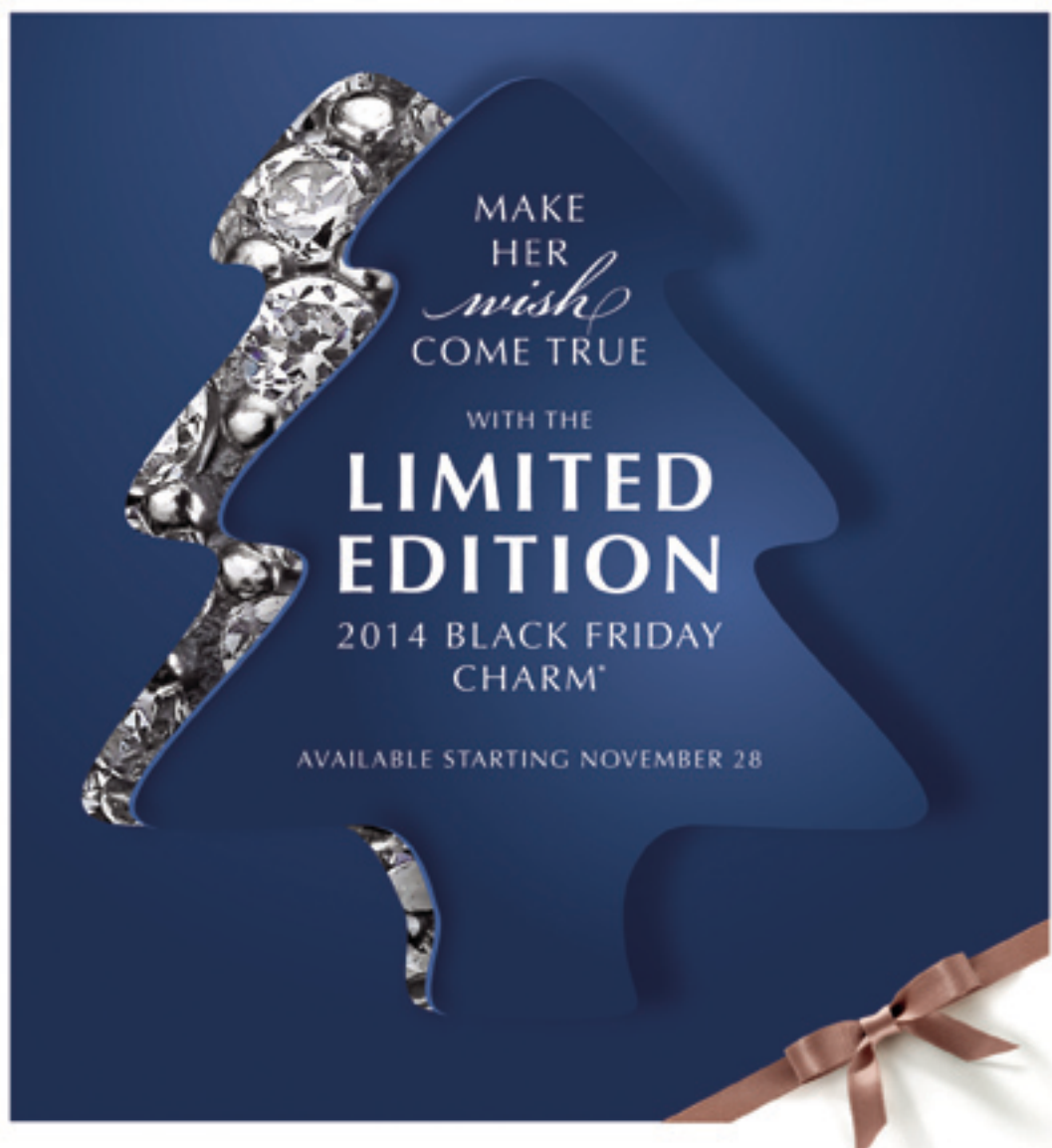


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Imagine Salon and Day Spa

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The salon is proud to introduce Koukla Cosmetics. These services include spa facials, body bronzing and waxing by Christina Sergakis. Make up classes are now offered with Christina and Koukla cosmetics. One Friday evening a month Imagine Sa-

lon and Day Spa hosts an event that teaches women the foundations of applying make up properly and with the greatest of ease.

Annie says she appreciates the people who have supported her in her business and the wonderful clients she has met and



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worked with. She looks forward to a new year to bring new ideas to the community and meeting new faces.

You can call Imagine Salon for private parties including weddings, birthday, and girls' night out. They have a very large space to accommodate them.

Imagine Salon and Day Spa is participating in the Hertel Holidays on December 5th and welcomes all to the salon. They will present a fashion show that evening along with information on all of their products and services.

Gift cards are available by calling 332-2250 or visit their website at www.imaginesalonbuffalo.com and like them on Facebook.

Trinity Presents "A Time for Christmas"

Buffalo has always had a strong commitment to the performing arts. Whether it's the harmonic sounds of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans or the best of Broadway at Shea's, Buffalo ranks high on the world stage. Along with professional and community theatrical venues, there is now a new and unique theater in town. The "Trinity Performing Arts Center" is located at 711 Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst.

Trinity's dream of presenting high quality community sanctuary-theater is about to become reality. For the past three months, a cast and crew of 50 volunteers have been rehearsing the Broadway style holiday musical, "A Time For

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For those who want to take part in a Buffalo first, there are three performances scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 12th, 13th and 14th. Showtime is 7:00 pm each evening with the doors opening at 6:30 pm. You can purchase your \$10.00 ticket by calling 835-7711 or purchase them at the door. Group rates are available for 10 or more.

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Joypaul Training, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Joypaul Training, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 10/9/2014. Office Location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at: 1592 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 45-50

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