



Valentine's Day In North Buffalo



Hertel Avenue shops and restaurants are gearing up for Valentine's Day with great gifts and romantic dining.

North Buffalo is ready for Valentine's Day again this year. Merchants on Hertel Avenue have been making preparations for this day and are ready.

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On Saturday, February

16th you can enjoy an evening of dancing and entertainment at the Valentine's Day Dance hosted by the Knights of Columbus, 1530 Kenmore Avenue, featuring JoyRyde With Maria Sebastian and the Hit Man Horns. Admission is \$20.00 per person and includes beer, pop and wine and is open to the public. Call 998-8336 for more information.

Bella Mia Chocolates, 1096 Hertel Avenue, has a large selection of chocolate hearts, assorted

chocolates and any type of treats your sweetheart will desire. Please call ahead at 838-1123 for your order.

No matter what you decide to do for your Valentine's Day, you don't have to look far because North Buffalo has it for you!

13 Tips to Teach Kids Love - The Power of Positive Parenting

Kids have so much to teach us, so much we forget as reality takes over. We need to learn how to love everything around us: life, earth, others, etc. Kids know how to forgive, release and let go. So positive parenting isn't about teaching how to love, it's teaching kids to hold onto their love and reminding them how great life is. Kids are born with the knowledge of love not fear! As parents we need to remind them of this. Here are 13 tips to teach kids love through positive parenting:

1. Teach kids through example. Be the example, the role model, the mentor. Show the personality traits you want your kids to have. If you show kids love, warmth, kindness, patience and empathy, you will get it in return.

2. Teach them to want not to need. Teaching love is to remind kids they don't need to be attached to any material objects and to be grateful for

what they have.

3. Discipline is love. It shows your child you care.

4. Show love by being honest. It's okay to say I don't know. Be honest, clear, simple and to the point.

5. Show loyalty through actions. Make sure to give daily hugs, kisses, pats on the shoulder, hold hands, etc. Show love to your spouse; let your kids know there is a lot of love in the family.

6. Show kids love through praise. Let them know how proud of them you are with praise. Praise your child's efforts so they stay motivated and don't give up.

7. Show them love through listening. Be an active listener: use eye contact, don't interrupt, show your listening with nods of the head, non verbal gestures, summarize what you just heard and ask questions.

8. Show your empathy by being an empathetic (con't on page 4)

Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League Announces Registration

The Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League has announced that registration for the 2013 season will start on Saturday, February 23rd, 11:00 am until 2:00 pm, and continue on Monday, March 11th, 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm and on Monday, March 25th, 6:00 pm until 8:30

pm. Registrations will be taken at the North Buffalo Community Center located at 203 Sanders Road.

The cost to register a child is \$80; a second child is \$70 and \$55 each for all other children. You can register on-line at www.hnpybl.com. If you register before March 25th,

\$10 will be removed from the cost per child. Full payment is due prior to the start of the season. All new players must bring proof of date of birth.

Last season, over 900 boys and girls played on almost 75 teams playing in Shoshone Park, located off Hertel near Main Street.

HNBBBA To Hold Monthly Meeting



The Hertel North Buffalo Business Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12th,

in their office at 1510 Hertel Avenue starting promptly at 6:00 pm. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
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The Adventures of...
Rocket Man
by Doug Smith



‘Inherit The Wind’

When Niagara Regional Theatre Guild decided more than a year ago to stage “Inherit the Wind” this weekend and next, the fates bequeathed it little something extra:

A mirror image of current events.

“Inherit the Wind” dramatizes the 1925 “Monkey Trial,” in which a Tennessee teacher – John T. Scopes – was indicted for the crime of referencing Charles Darwin’s evolution theories in his classroom.

And as the play opens a two-week run Friday night, a teacher in Cheektowaga goes to court in defense of what she maintains is her right to refer to Jesus Christ.

That the playdates bracket the beginning of Lent completes a trinity of topicality.

In fact another local theater group takes the “separation of church and state” so seriously that it has prohibited any religious-based organization from advertising in its program. (That would be a real dilemma for the Shaw Festival, which this summer is staging two plays based on

the Salvation Army.)

“We pick these a year or more ahead,” said board member Gary Gaffney after a weekend rehearsal. “We just wanted a good, solid drama that someone specifically wanted to direct.” He described the choice as “a crapshoot,” surely a word not in the vocabulary of the Bible-belting pastor he so vividly – almost frighteningly -- portrays.

Of the current Cheektowaga case – Joelle Silver was threatened with dismissal for posting Biblical verses in her classroom, and is claiming infringement of speech – “Wind” Director Fran Newton says, “It’s the same thing, just from the other side.”

He and his lead actors – St. Joe’s teacher Steve Jakiel as defense attorney Drummond, Niagara Falls comic-book czar Paul Benes as fiery prosecutor Brady and Michael Breen as the cynical big-city reporter Hornbeck – sit around discussing who’d answer roll call in “Inherit’s” courtroom today.

One suggested lineup:

Alan Dershowitz vs. Michele Bachmann, mediated by Bill O’Reilly.

Written in the mid-50s as a rebuttal to McCarthyism, “Wind” takes considerable license with the Scopes case, adding a love interest, the preacher’s daughter with a passion for a defendant. Niagara University grad Maria Nicole Held, a disciple of the late Brother Augustine, has brought breathtaking charm to the character in rehearsals. Andrew Polino emanates a heartfelt pragmatism as the teacher, branded as a heathen but claiming to believe in “a larger miracle.”

Also prominent – Randy Rumley as the illiterate but outspoken Elijah, Eric Bloom as a justice who knows which side his gown is gilded on, Tom Durham as the benevolent bailiff, Brendan Cunningham as the self-important mayor, Rich LaBend as the voice of radio, an innovation in the time period, Alex Robinson has the home-grown district attorney and Dawn Marcolini Newton as the worried wife whom Brady affectionately calls “mother.”

(Rocket Man walks on as a haberdasher; the scenery has more lines than he has.)

“Wind” blows for two weekends in the fully accessible Playhouse at 530 Ellicott Creek Rd., Tonawanda. For tickets, call 284-6358.

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The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo

January 30, 2013

Delsan Ct. - Complainant reports that when she came home she noticed her window (unlocked) blinds have been torn down. At that time she noticed that her couch cushions and television were missing. Upon checking upstairs she also noticed that her king size bed, her children's bunk beds and her \$900 hoop earrings were missing.

January 31, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) did break the rear window of her vehicle and once inside did ransack the vehicle. Taken, without permission, was the complainant's wallet which contained her credit cards, and child support card. Also taken was \$28 in cleaning supplies.

January 31, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Complainant states defendant entered her house yelling and throwing bleach at her. Defendant broke her television and stole \$400 off of her dresser. Complainant states the defendant threatened to shoot her in the face. Complainant sustained cut to right hand pointer finger.

February 3, 2013

Camden Ave. - Complainant states that known suspect did urinate on her mattress, slashed it in several locations and did throw feta cheese on same. Also, threatened to burn down home and did use a cigarette lighter putting flame to various kitchen items. Also made threats via text message.

West Side

January 28, 2013

Grant St. - Suspect did conceal \$38 worth of meat products and did pass all points of purchase. The store manager did detain until police arrived.

January 29, 2013

West Ferry St. - Complainant reports that person(s) unknown did break the rear passenger window with a large rock and entered vehicle. Taken was complainant's wallet which contained several credit cards, gift cards and driver's license.

January 30, 2013

Hamilton - Officers responded to threats call and located defendant who had a large cane sword blade in his waist band. Victim states defendant made verbal threat to stab and cut victim's throat.

January 30, 2013

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that a known suspect did take beef steaks and assorted groceries without paying for same. Value of stolen property is over \$1,000.

January 30, 2013

Auburn Ave. - Complainant reports that person(s) unknown did take 2 packages, without permission, from front porch that were delivered by courier. One package contained vitamin supplements, the other contained a back brace. Value to exceed \$1,000.

January 31, 2013

Congress St. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) did remove the rear passenger window from vehicle and did take the radio and \$20 cash. Value of radio over \$1,000.

Riverside

January 29, 2013

Ontario St. - Defendant was observed by officers in front of gas station pacing back and forth. When officers went to investigate suspicious activity, the defendant walked across the street and entered convenience store. When approached by officers the defendant did admit to possession of 2 NYS inspection stickers. Defendant did possess inspection stickers with evidence of items being stolen.

January 29, 2013

Elmwood Ave. - Complainant reports that suspect broke through the front door of business causing \$500 in damage. Suspect then removed a cash register valued at \$300 and contained \$300 cash. Surveillance shows suspect fleeing north bound on Elmwood in a dark colored vehicle.

January 30, 2013

Riverside - Complainant states that she left the house leaving the suspect there alone. When she returned the following items were missing: 3 televisions, game console and elec-

tronic equipment totaling over \$500. Complainant states that while she was out the suspect called her to find out when she would be returning home which she found suspicious.

January 31, 2013

Marion St. - Officers responding to a domestic dispute call where defendant had left scene with mutual property. Defendant threatened complainant and threw a metal vase which struck and broke a glass cabinet. While officers were unloading property from vehicle they recovered 4 hydrocodone pills and over one pound of marijuana in plastic bag on front passenger seat.

January 31, 2013

Ontario/Saratoga Sts. - Officers stopped the defendant who matched the description of persons involved in a 911 threat/harassment call where there was a mention of a gun. Defendant 1 admitted to possession of marijuana in his pocket. Defendant 2 gave a false name to avoid being arrested for a warrant.



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listener. Even if you don't understand why your kids are upset, be empathetic. Put yourself in their shoes. Imagine how they must feel. Respond with empathy.

9. Show love through communication. Ask how they are doing, what kind of day they had, how was school? Ask questions that involve more than a yes or no answer and be a great active, empathetic listener when communicating with children.

10. Teach kids to remain their authentic self and share their inner joy and light. We need to teach kids to hold onto their lightness.

11. Teach kids to be compassionate with ran-

dom acts of kindness. Get kids involved in volunteering at an early age. When kids perform random acts of kindness they feel more respect for themselves and get a boost of happiness.

12. Teach your kids to love healthy foods by eating meals together. Let your kids be involved in the process. They can help make the menu, help with food shopping and even cooking. The more involved they are, the more likely they are to eat healthy and enjoy it. Teach kids to respect their body which is their true home.

13. Teach kids that mistakes are good. Mistakes are teachable moments that move us forward into a better path.

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Breast Cancer Awareness

Five Ways to Show Support for a Loved One With Breast Cancer All Year Long

Here are a few ways to support breast cancer awareness, or a loved one with breast cancer, any month of the year:

1. Educate yourself. There's fear in the unknown and power in information. To better understand the disease and be a knowledgeable source of support for a friend with breast cancer -- read and learn. Sites such as www.nationalbreastcancer.org and www.breastcancer.org offer a wealth of information to get started.

2. Give a gift of hope. A tiny candle flame can be a beacon of hope. For an elegant gift that supports breast cancer research to Pretty in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Candle find a cure, consider giving Colonial Candle's Pretty in Pink breast cancer awareness candle, which donates 10 percent of proceeds to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade. Elegantly designed in a 16-ounce oval glass jar, the three-wick candle's fragrance is a soft floral blend of gardenia and jasmine topped with fresh greens. Available for \$25 at retail shops across the country or at www.colonialcandle.com.

3. Get involved. Taking action is a positive way to

combat feelings of helplessness and make a difference to cancer patients. Volunteer. Make a meal for a friend in cancer treatment. Participate in an event. For ideas go to www.komen.org.

4. Gift a gift that comforts. When a loved one is going through cancer treatment, it's difficult to know what will help bring physical comfort. Merino USA has put together a collection of lanolin skincare products that have been used for years by those undergoing care and recovery from breast cancer and various other cancers. The Merino Breast Cancer Awareness Kit includes lanolin skin cream in two sizes, lanolin lip balm and delicate skin oil with Vitamin E. Available for \$53.80 at www.merinousa.com.

5. Donate. Until there is a cure, research continues, and that takes funding. There are many worthwhile organizations accepting donations, so do your homework to www.bcrfcure.org.

Keeping hope and awareness alive all year long is an excellent source of support for those with breast cancer.

Hertel North Buffalo Business Association

Member Spotlight

Meridian West Art Gallery



Meridian West Art Gallery is located at 1209 Hertel Ave.

Meridian West Art Gallery, at 1209 Hertel Avenue, offers original fine art, sculpture, prints, giclees, and crafts; literary readings and workshops; private art lessons and classes; and coffee house music. They also plan to hold seminars and art demonstrations.

Two members of the Buffalo Society of Artists, Nancy Clarke Mariani and George Grace, were looking for studio space, a venue to show their work, and decided to create a community within

a gallery to showcase local artists, crafts people, musicians, and writers and Meridian West Art Gallery was created.

Meridian West Art Gallery preview opening was November 28th, and their Grand Opening was December 1st. Additional partners are Nelson Clarke, Nancy's twin brother, and George's wife, Donna Grace. Meridian West Art Gallery change exhibits once a month and sells affordable, local, original art in a range of prices to

suit every budget and taste. They are seeking people who are interested in starting a collection, or adding to their collection.

Meridian West Art Gallery carries a variety of prints and giclees, and also want people to know that original art and sculpture is both accessible, and a potential investment. They will help people select art to enhance their homes and offices and seek to work with designers, decorators, and architects.

This month, they are holding a Buffalo Society of Artists new members' exhibition; and in March, an exhibit of some of Western New York's finest photography.

Then in April, they are hosting a blockbuster exhibition of master watercolorists, including Charles Burchfield, David Pratt, Margaret Martin, Katherine Parker, Joe Orffeo and others, curated by Rita Argen Auerbach.

Meridian West Art Gallery is open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday – Friday; Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m. Contact them by calling (716) 768-3805 or email at mwg1209@roadrunner.com



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The 25th Annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day (DDDay!) Conference, on Thursday, May 23th, 2013, will feature WNY professionals and businesses that specialize in

services for people with developmental disabilities. DDDay will be held at The Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY.

Area service agencies will be on hand to provide guidance, literature, and general information about services and emerging trends.

The convention runs from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Tickets/registration, contacts, workshop descriptions and more information is available at www.ddday.org.



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For more information, call (716) 878-6011 or visit <http://www.burchfieldpenney.org>.

The Canisius College Center for Professional Development will host a "30-Under-30" Young Professionals Networking Event on Tuesday, February 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Milos Restaurant, 5877 Main Street, Williamsville. This event is open to the public. Classes and Talks are Part of the International Center for Watercolor

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