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Meet Your Merchant:

Vision Lawn Care & Snowplow, Inc.



Rocco and Vision Lawncare and Snowplow, Inc. are ready to HELP you in any season.

Rocco A. Guadagna is the proud owner of Vision Lawn Care & Snowplow, Inc. When he was 18 years old, he had this passion for helping people and really wanted to know what made people feel the way they did. He finished school and soon after he started

working at major health clubs in the Western New York area and moved up the ladder pretty fast from Front Desk to Personal Trainer to Sales Representative to Sales Manager to General Manager of these health clubs, dealing with thousands of people daily.

with simple guidelines like giving it 200% and always HELPING others.

Vision Lawn Care & Snowplow, Inc. specializes in relationship building. They try to keep customers every year as repeat customers and whatever you (con't on page 3)

Rocco doesn't brag or boast, he simply found out the secret that some never learn in life! The secret that was once told by a wrestling coach in High School and that was to give 200% when others are giving 100% and to always look for someone or something to "HELP".

Rocco started Vision Lawn Care & Snowplow, Inc. in 2007 making the best it can be

Burgard Wins 2nd Place at Auto Tech Competition

Burgard Auto Technology Seniors, River Saxbury and David Thie, competed in the Niagara Frontier Automobile Dealers Association (NFA-DA) Auto Tech Competition on January 19th, 2013.

Last year they competed in the same competition at the Junior Level. In this

years Auto Tech division of the competition, River & David took 2nd place as a team. This portion of the competition consisted of a written test, measurement and electrical

aptitude as well as a "no-start" diagnosis of a 2013 Ford F150.

River and Dave each received a \$250.00 scholarship



Burgard wins 2nd place at NFADA Ron Smith Memorial Auto Tech Competition. Pictured are River Saxbury, Robert Voss and David Thie.

from the 2013 NFADA Ron Smith Memorial Auto Tech Competition along with some tools, equipment, and automotive

apparel.

On April 1st, 2013 they will be flying to New York City to represent Burgard High School in the National Auto Tech Competition (con't on page 6)

Xcel Leadership Center Kicks Off Kids With Cameras

On February 22, XCEL Leadership Center, Inc. will launch Kids With Cameras: Through Their Eyes, a 15-week photography and journalism program for under-resourced youths, at the Center located at 567



Xcel members show their enthusiasm for their exciting opportunity.

Hertel Avenue. The Center's Executive Director, LaTonia Benjamin, made the announcement.

Kids With Cameras: Through Their Eyes is a photography and journalism program established for (con't on page 3)

Forest Lawn Continues "Sunday In The Cemetery" With Four March Events

The following is a listing of events taking place in March in the historic Forest Lawn chapel, as part of its Sunday In The Cemetery® Concert & Lecture Series:

First Sunday of The Month: Genealogy Sunday - Sunday, March 3rd: "Are Your Ancestors at the Buffalo History Museum?" at 2:00 pm. Join speaker Cynthia Van Ness, Director of Library and Archives at the Buffalo History Mu-

seum, in the historic Forest Lawn chapel as she talks

about what resources the Museum has for genealogical research, including its obituary index, picture collections, city directories, church records, atlases and more.

Second Sunday of The Month: Concert & Lecture Series - Sunday, March 10th: "Chicken Wing Wisdom: Stories of WNY Women at Forest Lawn" at (con't on page 6)



Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Partly Cloudy
High 23°
Low 21°

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Few Snow Showers
High 37°
Low 32°

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Cloudy
High 41°
Low 32°

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Partly Cloudy
High 37°
Low 29°

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Partly Cloudy
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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith

**'The Truth Serum'**

Rocket Man sips a little retardant every night before lights out. His personal physician recommends it. Practically urges it. Rocket Man wishes he could claim it as a medical expense.

He prefers Old Saddlesoap, in a big-bottomed bottle with a long neck and a waxy seal. His First Mate likes the aroma but wouldn't touch a drop. It packs a bit more lather than most of its peers, 90 proof, which in the weird science of hard liquor means it's 45 per cent alcohol by volume. It doesn't take much to launch him into the land of dreams, most of which involve missing a Rocket deadline.

The year they traced Route 62 (2,163 miles, Niagara Falls to El Paso), they stumbled upon the distillery in Kentucky. They didn't stumble out, but did get to inhale and he wax-dipped a bottle of his own. Old Saddlesoap officially lists him as an "Ambassador."

A week ago, "Ambassador

Doug" received a communique from Saddlesoap headquarters informing him that because supplies were running low, they planned to reduce the volume of alcohol in the formula "by 3 per cent."

Rocket Man was outraged. This is enough to make him switch back to Tennessee Tar. The change in the formula was bad enough (can you say "New Coke"?), but the real insult was to the intelligence of anyone who hadn't just consumed a quart.

The reasoning surely took its inspiration from James Carville, notorious Saddlesoap consumer and creator of Original Spin ("Look what you get when you drag a \$100 bill through a trailer park...").

That reduction "by 3 per cent"? Recalculate. Old Saddlesoap will temper its "kick" from 45 to 42. That's not 3 per cent, that's nearly 7.

Short supplies? Then why do retailers Lounge put it

on sale, making a mark-down (a hint to Old Saddlesoap's real identity) so that it's almost cheaper than premium gasoline?

Won't change the taste? Any Shadow Lounge bartender will tell you, "If I put a shot of water in every beer glass so that my kegs lasted longer, people would notice..."

And one of the Saddlesoap executives declared "We were never wedded to 90 proof, and a higher proof smothers the taste." So why did it introduce an even higher-proof, higher-priced Super Saddlesoap two years ago, and if it must water something down to stay in business, why not start with that?

The world will little note nor long remember the day Old Saddlesoap failed to come clean. But it's the worst affront to our intelligence since National Fuel made it "more efficient" for Rocket Man to pay his bill by closing his nearest office.

NEWS FLASH – As a courtesy, Rocket Man cc'd this column to Old Saddlesoap executives. On Tuesday, they changed their minds. The truth serum will remain undiluted. Rocket Man toasts the power of the press.

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com.

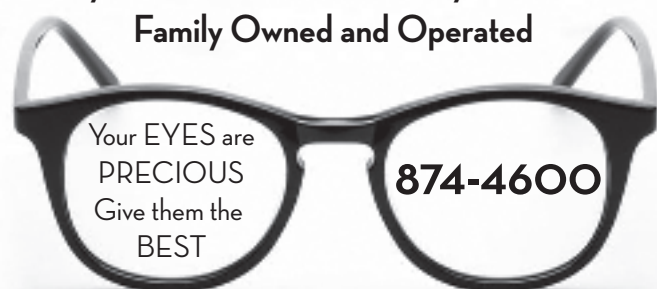
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Xcel Leadership Center Kicks Off Kids With Cameras

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under-resourced youths to display their expressions of self and community as seen through their own eyes. The program will provide them with photography and creative writing instruction as well as develop their relationship, team building and event planning skills. Participants will receive instruction on the basics of photography, written self-expression, and an introduction to photojournalism. They also will have the opportunity to plan a gallery event and publish and display their works.

As many as 30 youths between the ages of 10 and 18 will participate in the program working

with local photographers and writers including S.J. Bridgeman, Scott Stockton, Aitina Fareed-Cooke and Edreys Wajed. The



program also will include a series of workshops featuring guest artists as well as visits to local museums

and photography studios.

"We're very excited to be able to offer Kids with Cameras this year," Benjamin stated. "XCEL exists to educate, equip and empower. This initiative addresses all three objectives and provides yet another opportunity to further our mission and enrich the lives of deserving youths."

Kids With Cameras: Through Their Eyes, which will culminate in a Grand Gala exhibit, is funded in part by a grant from the Art Services Initiative of Western New York, Inc. and the M&T Charitable Foundation.

For more information, contact: LaTonia Benjamin at 819-4100, ext. 111

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The Grapevine

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Yoga to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Upstate NY on Sunday, March 3rd from 2-4pm at the American Red Cross Clement Mansion, 786 Delaware Avenue at the corner of Summer Street in Buffalo.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the event. This event will include a gentle yoga practice, relaxation, & meditation. Adaptive instruction will be available for anyone with physical limitations, and we welcome first-time Yoga participants (wear loose-fitting clothing). You can reg-

ister and pay online at www.hibuffalo.org or in person at the Himalayan Institute office, 841 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. Parking is free at the Red Cross office.

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Bring a friend along and enjoy!

Chromatic Club and Community Music School will present The Divas Go To Hollywood at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Montante Cultural Center.

The Divas has been an annual event for many years and features members of the Chromatic Club and faculty from Community Music School. As the name implies, the content of this year's concert will be music from films.

Performing will be sopranos Maria Goodrich, Deborah Jasinski and Audrey Shafer; tenor Paul Waara; mezzo-sopranos Lesta Ammons, Lisa Berglund and Jennifer Fitzery; baritone David Wagner; pianist Linda Mabry and others.

Included on the recital will be songs by Arlen, Ber-

nstein, Bizet, Carmichael, Coward, Horner, Kander, Mann, Monaco, Morricone, Rainger, Rodgers, Schertzing, Schonberg, Webber, Weill and more.

General admission for this concert is \$7, seniors and students \$5 and families of 3 or more \$10. The Montante Cultural Center is located on Main Street on the Canisius College Campus.

For more information, please contact Linda Mabry at 876-4125(home) or 308-7358 (cell) or lmabry4@verizon.net.

Erie County Seeking Nominations for 2013 Senior of the Year - The Senior of the Year is an individual whose noteworthy volunteer contributions to the community have had a significant impact on the quality of life for a large number of residents of Erie County.

The Department of Senior Services is seeking 2013 nominees, who:

1. Must be a resident of Erie County,
2. At least 60 years old in 2013;
3. Application should include only volunteer efforts begun at 55 years of age or older.

A Senior of the Year Nomination form is available on the Senior Services' website www2.erie.gov/seniorservices or by calling 858-2117. Nominations must be received by March 15, 2013 for consideration.



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The Blotter Felonies

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February 12, 2013

Crescent Ave. - Officers responding to 911 call of suspicious person checking cars observed defendant checking door handle of vehicle which was parked. Defendant then entered vehicle having no right to do so. Upon being stopped, defendant was found in possession of pliers, bible and sunglasses. Defendant's footprints traveled several blocks around the neighborhood and into yards, all on driver's sides of vehicles.

February 13, 2013

Delavan Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) entered the lower apartment by unknown means and did remove the refrigerator, ceiling fans, bamboo living room set washing machine, 2 toilets vanity with top, furnace and hot water tank. Stolen items valued over \$10,000.

February 16, 2013

Virgil Ave. - Complainant states the defendant did trespass and break her computer.

West Side

February 17, 2013

Ferguson Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) broke into his apartment through the front door and stole his laptop computer and a gold necklace valued at over \$3,000.

February 18, 2013

Elmwood/Bidwell Aves. - Officers responded to a hit and run accident. A witness identified the defendant's vehicle as the striking vehicle involved in the accident. Said vehicle fled scene without exchanging information and was found in Tonawanda by police there. Officers drove to defendant's location and did notice a strong odor of alcohol coming from defendant. Defendant did also have red, glassy eyes and slurred speech.

February 18, 2013

Breckenridge Ave. - Patrol responded to a shots fired call. Upon arrival patrols did speak to complainant who stated that she heard two gun shots hit her house. She then opened her door to let her cat in when she saw a light skinned possible Hispanic male holding a black handgun. Complainant states the man did shoot her once in the right shoulder area and he then fled in an unknown direction. Complainant is able to visually identify the suspect. Complainant was taken to medical center and treated.

Riverside

February 14, 2013

Congress Ave. - Complainant reports that person(s) unknown cut a round hole, five inches in diameter with unknown glass tool. Front door glass pane was damaged in an attempt to enter home.

February 17, 2013

Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports for store that when complainant observed suspect placing merchandise in his pocket and confronted suspect, suspect pulled out a knife with a 5 inch blade and then exited store with unknown amount of merchandise. Suspect is a white male with a black eye.

February 17, 2013

Military Rd. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did kick in front door of dwelling and did remove several items totaling over \$3,500.

February 18, 2013

Albert/Hunt Aves. - Complainant states he was walking to the store and was approached by unknown suspects. Complainant states suspect asked for his phone and he refused. Complainant states they swung a kitchen style knife at him causing a laceration on his left thigh. Complainant was uncooperative on any further info and stated he did not want police involved.

Hertel North Buffalo Business Association Member Spotlight Dr. Frank Perillo



Dr. Frank Perillo's North Buffalo office is located at 1431 Hertel Ave.

Dr. Frank Perillo has offices at 1431 Hertel Avenue in North Buffalo and 1167 Union Road in West Seneca. He is currently on staff at Kaleida and the Catholic Hospital Systems.

He performs treatment of all foot and ankle conditions on podiatric family medicine and surgery.

Dr. Frank Perillo did his pre-med undergraduate studies at University

of Rochester, Podiatric Medical School at Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. He has been in private practice for 35 years.

Dr. Frank Perillo does foot surgery primarily at Sister's Hospital and The Ambulatory Surgical Center in Orchard Park. He is the staff podiatrist at Niagara Lutheran Home, Greenfield Nursing Home, Ridgeview Manor and Sheridan Manor Nursing Homes.

Dr. Frank Perillo is the Diabetic Educator for Podiatry lectures for The Catholic Hospital System.

Please call (716)838-1131 with any questions or to schedule an appointment. The office is open Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 9-12, Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9-4.



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Forest Lawn Continues "Sunday In The Cemetery" With Four March Events

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2:00 pm. Celebrate Women's History Month and the wisdom of the Western New York women of Forest Lawn in Forest Lawn's historic chapel as speaker Christina Abt tells the stories of how these women changed their lives, their communities and sometimes even the world!

Third Sunday of The Month: Salute To Veterans - Sunday, March 17th: "Yankee Doodle Comes to Forest Lawn" at 2:00 pm. Join us as 23 Skidoo presents, Swinging the Oldies, Bourbon Street Style. It's veterans saluting veterans as this talented foursome on banjo, tuba, saxophone and trumpet brings Yankee Doodle Dandy to Forest Lawn's historic chapel for an afternoon of foot-tapping music, audience sing-alongs and so much more. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.forest-lawn.com.

Fourth Sunday of The Month: Buffalo's Best Restaurants Remembered - Sunday, February 24th: The Cloister at 2:00 pm. James D. DiLapo Jr. bought the site of Mark Twain's Buffalo residence at 472 Delaware Avenue and, in 1964, opened The Cloister restaurant. Known for its décor and superb menu, The Cloister won numerous awards and was known as Buffalo's premier restaurant. Join speaker Marla Bujnicki, master docent for Buffalo Tours, as she goes back in time to an era of restaurant elegance, complete with a display of memorabilia including old menus and advertising. Guests will enjoy a sample of a signature dish from The Cloister.

Forest Lawn's popular Sunday In The Cemetery® series continues with weekly events in the historic chapel through April 28 (no event Easter Sunday). Visit www.forest-lawn.com for additional information and to purchase tickets.

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They are looking forward to their chance to compete in the Auto Tech portion next year.

Congratulations to River, David, Camyr and Mike.

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