

Swans Are Back!



The swans returned to Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park. This is the second year for this popular attraction to the park. The swans are available to rent starting at noon everyday until 7:00 pm. Not only are they nice to rent and enjoy but are also nice to watch ride around the lake.

American Repertory Theater of WNY Returns

Live theater is making a bold return to Western New York stages, and American Rep Theater of WNY is celebrating the Great Restart with a compelling and original 4-show 2021-22 season featuring all WNY playwrights. Starting off the season is a work by Artie award winning playwright Mark Humphrey entitled "Speed of Dark" which runs September 9th - October 2nd, 2021. Showtimes are Thurs-Friday 8 pm; Saturday 5 pm. October brings the return of the previously scheduled 2020-season "Something Wicked" by James Marzo that opens October 28th and runs November 20th, 2021.



ART/WNY presents a showcase featuring WNY playwrights works inspired by the whiskey fueled, Celtic-punk music of The Pogues entitled "Fall from the Grace of God" which runs March 10th - April 2nd, 2022. American Repertory

Restoration Church Food Drive of 2021



FeedMore Food Drive of WNY.

The Restoration church ran its annual community food drive last week. We invited church attendees along with members of the surrounding community to bring non-perishable food to the church to be collected. These items have already started to be distributed to

a number of organizations — including Feed More WNY — that aim to supply food to friends in our own city who are in need. Some of these organizations that Restoration partners with include Friends Feeding Friends and FeedMore WNY. This year Restoration, with the help of our neighbors, was able to collect at least 8 barrels, which equates to hundreds of individual items, of food for our community.

Neighborhood Health Center Launches Patient Care Program

Neighborhood Health Center of WNY is pleased to announce funding received in the amount of \$150,000 from The John R. Oishei Foundation for a new initiative that is aimed at dismantling the digital divide and ensuring post-pandemic vital healthcare access. As the nation enters into a new phase of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), this new initiative will launch a TeleHealth Kit distribution program for 200 Health Center patients to equip them with the necessary items needed to conduct a meaningful TeleHealth visit.

As health equity stays at the forefront of the Health Center's pandemic response, this new initiative will directly support the need to ensure access to high-risk patients and build that technical bridge between the patient and their provider. In 2020 alone, Neighborhood Health Center provided more than 17,000 TeleHealth visits to patients in need of continued care throughout last year's COVID-19 outbreak. Even with the increase in virtual visits, a digital divide with some patients was evident and exposed








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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



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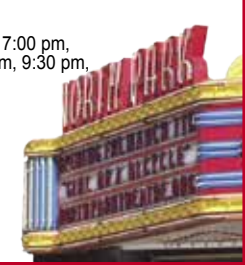
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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Sports Mets Magic At Night!



Michael DeLaPlante.

Meet Michael DeLaPlante, an 11 year old second baseman and outfielder for the Mets in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League. He's just one of the thousand boys and girls who gave the League record numbers in registration this year. But DeLaPlante is a returning player from seasons past, so he knows his way around Shoshone Park.

But this season will be better for him in another way. One that no one even imagined before the start of the year. His voice raises in excitement and pure happiness when asked. "I thought it was cool, really great to be playing baseball, under the lights and winning the game."

The Mets defeated the Cardinals, 10-8 last Thursday night in a game that started at 8:00 pm at

the Highmark Diamond #1 after a Braves and Giants game earlier. With the day's Sun slowly setting in the West, the four light towers that surround the Major Diamond were turned on and by 9:45 pm, Shoshone Park turns into a place where the game can meet the human heart. DeLaPlante is just one of the 12 players Manager Aaron Lowinger juggles to fill out a line-up each game. Others have helped lead the Mets to a quick 3-0 record in this young season. The Braves and Cubs are playing well too so a volunteer Manager like Lowinger needs a bit of magic to help the Mets win.

"I think it's great," said DeLaPlante's father, Peter, after the game. "I played here, growing up, living around the corner. I'm glad

Mike is doing something I once did. He listens to his coaches and works hard in practice. I'm happy for him."

This season, the League has scheduled a game under the lights on Thursday nights and Shoshone Park comes alive with a whole new perspective on a kids game that struggles to maintain a child's interest in a City where Bills and Sabres are at the top of the list. The Park becomes a refuge from daily sports information where a child becomes the star in their parents' eye.

Here are some highlights from last week's action on the diamonds of Shoshone Park.

Peyton Gallivan hit a grand slam home run to lead the Cardinals to their first win of the season, a 8-6 victory over the Rockies in a Major Girls game. In Rookie Boys, Naveen Ladori scored two runs and went two for three and teammate Luke Kuwik had three hits to lead the Royals to a win over the Angels. Gehrig Bernecki helped lead the Twins over the Athletics, 2-0 and the Rays defeated the Indians by the same score last Friday night.

In Minor Girls games, the Indians defeated the Reds, 7-2. The A's got by the Orioles, 8-7 and the Giants remained undefeated with a 6-2 win over the Yankees.

In the Triple A Division, Preston Redding, John Salerno and Tully McDermid helped lead the A's to a 7-5 victory over the Twins. More highlights next week.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
May 17, 2021
Crescent at Willowlawn Avenue – While at Crescent and Willowlawn, Parking Enforcement did call in a stolen vehicle. Patrol on scene did confirm vehicle as a stolen vehicle and did leave a voicemail on victim's phone. Patrol did notice damage to front driver's side rear tire flat. Unknown if any damage and did see passenger side rear tire completely blown out.

May 17, 2021
Dakota Street – Victim reports ongoing issues with her upstairs neighbor, the suspect. She alleges that while at CVS Pharmacy the suspect did enter her dwelling through the far left window on the front of the home. While inside the suspect did damage a wall mirror by shattering it. The rest of the apartment appeared ransacked as well. Upon arriving home, the victim stated that her door was chained from the inside and the suspect stated from the upstairs apartment "ha ha you're locked out." No usable physical evidence present and district detectives were contacted on scene.

May 17, 2021
Crescent Avenue – Victim reports that person(s) unknown did throw a rock into the bedroom causing over \$250.00 in damages.

May 16, 2021
Tacoma Avenue – Offers were dispatched for a suspicious vehicle parked at a stop sign at Saranac and Tacoma. A vehicle had been parked at the stop sign for 30 minutes. Officers approached the vehicle where they saw an unknown male sleeping in the driver's seat not responding to officer's questions. Fire and AMR arrived to check the male out. When officers got the male out of the vehicle for a pat-down he fled on foot eastbound on Tacoma Avenue into backyards. Officers followed male. He then pulled a gun out and pointed it at one of the officers. Male fell and slid the gun under a parked vehicle in the driveway. Male fled southbound on Saranac. Gun recovered was loaded with six rounds (9mm.) More information on the gun is at the lab. White powdery substance was recovered in the front driver door of the above vehicle and was submitted to the lab. Three cell phones were

recovered from the vehicle and P-10'd. The gun with six rounds was submitted to lab for evidence. The three cell phones were P-10'd for evidence. The above vehicle was impounded for evidence. Vehicle and cell phones are not to be released.

Riverside
May 17, 2021
Chaddock Street – The suspect did enter the victim's room and did take without permission multiple credit cards, a black book bag (\$40.00 value) and a cell phone (\$250.00 value). The victim stated that the door to the room was unlocked. The suspect is known to the victim as the victim's neighbor and is captured on camera entering the victim's room and exiting with the book-bag. Officer on scene did not review the SEC camera footage. Contact property manager to obtain footage.

May 17, 2021
Amherst Street – Vehicle recovered on Amherst Street. Defendant arrested. Defendant also charged with other violations. Recovered suspect crack cocaine and heroin and a glass pipe with residue.

May 16, 2021
Tonawanda Street – Victim reports that she returned home to find her apartment had been ransacked and \$700.00 cash was taken from her top dresser drawer in bedroom. Victim further states her Apple iPod was destroyed.

May 16, 2021
Elmwood Avenue – The complainant states suspect did enter and remain in the garage without permission. Once she asked him to leave, he became very angry and started yelling at her. Complainant then went into the house and suspect started banging on her door threatening her telling her to let him in or he was going to kill her. The suspect then took an unknown object and stabbed her vehicle's front driver side tire and fled the scene.

West Side
May 17, 2021
West Avenue – Victim reports that when the suspects moved out they did take without permission all of the above items in the apartment having no right to do so. Items valued at \$3,100.00.

May 17, 2021

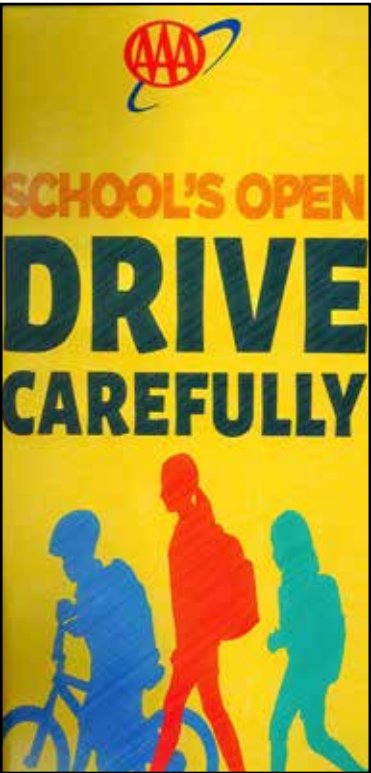
Grant and West Ferry Streets – Officers did observe a vehicle on Grant and West Ferry which did come back as a stolen vehicle. Upon further investigation the driver of the vehicle was the owner of the vehicle but never reported it recovered.

May 17, 2021
Grant Street – Officers did observe stolen vehicle parked in rear. Vehicle was towed to Seneca Street garage to be held by detectives.

May 17, 2021ww
Elmhurst Street – Defendant did violate order of protection by threatening and being physical with victim. Defendant did grab victim's cellphone, vehicle keys and rental keys out of her hands during a struggle while threatening to kill her. Defendant charged.

May 16, 2021
Beaumaris Place and Elmview Place – Victim states that suspect was waiting for him outside of his vehicle and when victim refused to talk to suspect. She did hit his vehicle causing over \$250.00 in damages. Victim was alarmed by suspect's actions. Victim does want a restraining order. DOJ S3221 completed, warrant card issued, MV104 completed.

May 16, 2021
West Avenue – Victim states known suspect did enter dwelling without permission by means of breaking the front door and bedroom door by possible means of kicking doors in. Once inside suspect did cause damage to above items (total damage over \$250.00.) Suspect then did also strike victim multiple times all over body with a closed fist causing scratches and bruises on arms. Suspect did also apply pressure to victim's throat by means of hands. DIR completed and domestic warrant card completed.



Neighborhood Health Center Launches Patient Care Program

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deep health inequalities among those who do not have access to technology or vital health equipment. This new TeleHealth Kit initiative will link high-risk patients with low digital literacy to Neighborhood Health Center community health workers who will provide guidance and support when using technology for virtual visits. The program will also provide 'TeleHealth Kits' to 200 patients that includes a pulse oximeter, blood pressure

cuff, scale and other vital sign equipment necessary for TeleHealth appointments. Neighborhood Health Center has been the region's leading primary care safety-net provider for more than 30 years and provides medical, dental, pharmacy, nutritional and behavioral health services to Western New Yorkers, regardless of ability to pay. Neighborhood Health Center is currently the primary care home to more than 25,000 of WNY.

ADOPT A PET

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

This stunning fella with the adorable pointy ears and puppy'ish eyes is King and he is ready to find his new castle. He was a surrender to the shelter due to changes in his owners living status and it took him a bit to adjust to his new surroundings at the shelter. King is about 2 yrs of age which means he is still young enough to learn new things and has some youthful zest in him. He knows how to show off his "sit" command after some coaxing so consistency would be awesome for this guy.

Because of the COVID19 situation, the shelter is closed to the general public. 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://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Green shade

5 Police officer

8 Achy

12 Last writes?

13 Coach

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14 Bard's river

15 Besides

17 Hatchling's home

18 Bagel choice

19 Aquarium favorites

21 Weir

22 Mediocre

23 Fan's cry

26 '60s war zone

28 Entrap

31 Coup d' —

33 "The Voice" network

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36 Event location

38 "Eureka!"

40 Speck

41 Zwei follower

43 Literary rep

45 Move fast

47 Wiped out

51 Teen fave

52 Oliver Twist's request

54 Margarita garnish

55 Leading lady?

56 Buffalo's lake

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— Own"

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7 Medicare section

8 "Evil Ways" band

9 Type of vol-

10 Activist Parks

11 Tolkien creatures

16 Muscat's land

20 Overhead trains

23 Speed (up)

24 Devoured

25 Good-looking

27 CEO's deg.

29 "Top Hat" studio

30 Chow down

32 Swimming reptiles

34 Smooth talker

37 Shoe width

39 Malaria symptom

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53 Eggs

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When Is the Best Time to Claim Social Security? – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: My husband turns 65 later this month. He has started having health issues – so much so that we are thinking about talking to his doctor about Social Security Disability. How would this affect him in applying for his Social Security benefits? Should we exhaust disability efforts before applying for his retirement benefits? Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned Wife:
In order to qualify for SS Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, your husband’s disability must be considered total and must be expected to last for at least one year. And that will need to be substantiated by medical evidence from his doctor. So, having a discussion with his doctor is the right first step.

Since SSDI benefits are based upon your husband’s full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount, if he is awarded SS disability it would have no effect on his FRA benefit amount. In fact, if he is awarded SSDI benefits, they will automatically convert to his regular SS retirement benefit (at the same amount) when he reaches his FRA. SSDI benefits are replaced by SS retirement benefits once FRA is attained.

So, should your husband exhaust disability efforts before applying for his SS retirement benefit? Provided that his doctor will support that he is totally disabled and expected to remain so for at least a year, your husband should apply for SSDI online at www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability. This will establish a base date which will be used to establish a disability onset date, which is what his SSDI benefit will be based upon if later awarded. You should be aware that it takes several months to receive an initial SSDI determination, and that about 2/3rds of all SSDI applications are denied. But there is an appeals process in place which can be used in the event of an initial denial and if he believes that is an unfair decision.

It is also possible for your husband to claim his personal early SS retirement benefit at the same time he applies for SSDI, so he can get some early SS income flowing while his SSDI application is being considered. Then, if his SSDI is later awarded, his smaller SS retirement benefit (reduced for claiming before his FRA) will be replaced by his higher SSDI benefit, and his higher SSDI amount will automatically become his SS retirement amount when he reaches his FRA. However, if your husband’s SSDI is not awarded, his reduced SS retirement benefit will be his permanent benefit amount (except, of course, for annual Cost of Living Adjustments).



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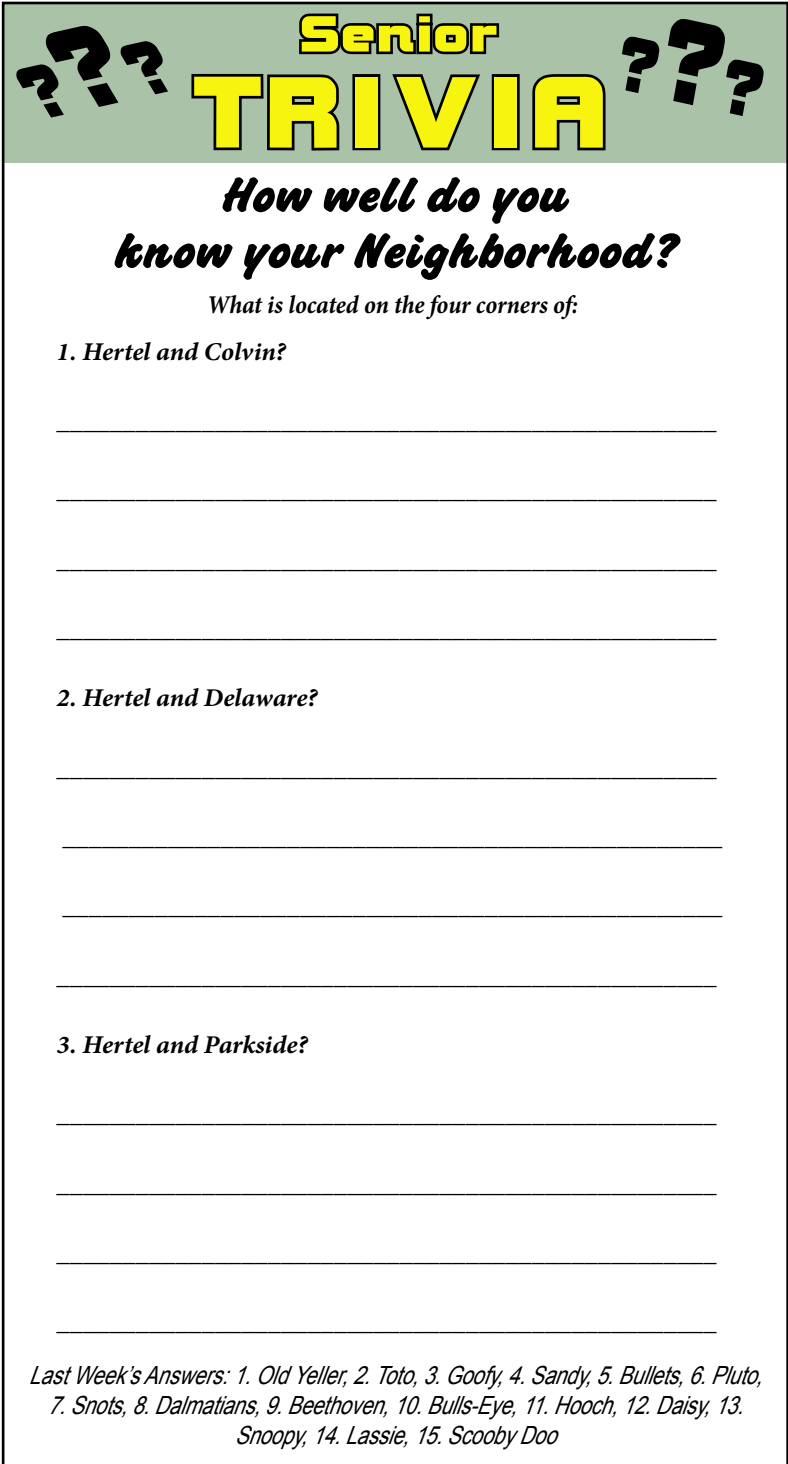
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

I have an "Angel"



Angel the dog.

They say that dogs love you more than they love themselves. Having had a canine almost all my life I really feel that is true. The devotion is overwhelming when you take time to think about it. Is it not that they are always happy to see you when you return home. They seem to do things that they feel will make you happy and love them.

Watched a movie, I have to say was one of the better ones on Netflix. This was based on a true story about a dog and his loyalty to his master. The movie was titled "Hachi: A Dog's Tale" and was about an actual dog. Not particularly into pet movies but thought this sounded interesting. I can tell you what it is about as the trailer more or less does that. Like most true stories it has been revised to make it into a fitting movie. It does not take much to bring a tear to my eye in an emotional flick and this did just that.

It is about a puppy accidentally ending up in a stranger's hands and eventually being raised by him. The story line is how they became extremely close, as is common with pets, and the devotion that developed. The dog named Hachi would go to the commuter train every night to wait for his master's return. Hachi did this for years. When his master suddenly passes away, the dog continues to show up every night at the train station. Somehow or another he managed to be there waiting patiently for nine years. Sitting for what he hoped was the one he loved to appear out the exit doors which he had done so many times before. Like

I said this was based on a true story and did happen. I like the movie and it does bring out some things we just do not take time to think about. How can an animal have that much feeling?

As I mentioned before, pretty much all my life we have had dogs and cats. The problem with owning a pet is the certain connection that is bound to happen, ends. They become part of the family and are always there for you. So when it comes time for them to leave this life it is hard to take. Then the expression I have heard so many times, "no more pets" as the sorrow it brings is overwhelming. Those who have lived through it know of which I speak. Still that feeling of being loved so deeply is missed. So when the opportunity does arise out of wherever and that certain furry creature with those sad eyes appears, you submit.

We are on our second rescue dog. The first one was older when we first got him. He lasted just long enough for us to become completely attached. He had an issue and was probably ailing when we got him. Still it was traumatic when he passed. Again the cry "no more dogs." That lasted for a little more than a year. The person who arranged the first rescue called and said she had another toy apricot poodle that needed to be rescued. She knew we were grieving after losing Teddy. We took one look at the new dog and she was ours. This dog had been able to connect with my wife in a way that

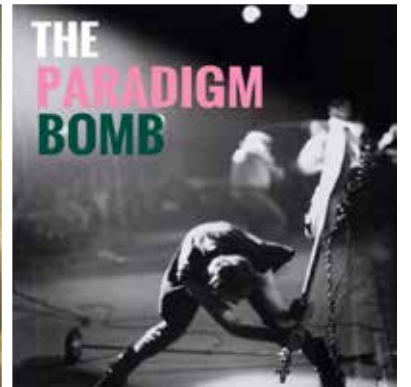
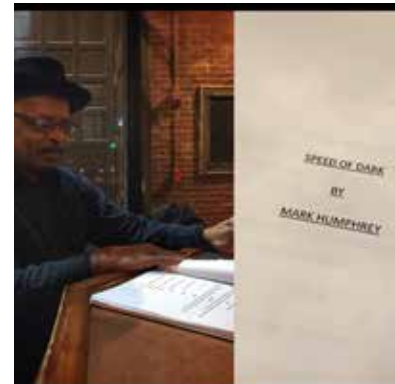
is only understood by other dog owners. They have complete and wonderful love for one another. I am second but I do not mind.

Turns out my wife fell and has been in the hospital for the last three weeks. Due to the pandemic, I am allowed to visit her outside for one half hour every other day. We are still in Florida and most of our friends down here have returned to the North. That leaves me here alone with just me and our little "Angel." Needless to say we have developed that certain bond as I am now her provider. Since she came from a puppy mill and lived most of her first four years in a cage, she had many inhibitions. Had never been on a lease and grass was a new experience. Frightened of everything and actually shook in fear of being touched by strangers. She is no longer like that and although

she still is hesitant, will let people pat her head. Being I am the only one, she has kept me company and follows me from room to room. Our other dogs before were larger breeds, golden retrievers and mostly outdoors lovers. These last two were toy poodles, small dogs and cuddly, I liked the bigger ones but I have to admit, my little friend has helped me get through these last three weeks. I liked the cuddly thing that you just do not do with larger creatures. There is just something about pets that makes them special.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com

American Repertory Theater of WNY Returns



Posters for the upcoming theatre 2021-2022 season.

Continued from page one. Theater of WNY closes the 2021-22 season with the production of Artie Award winning writer Matthew LaChiusa's "The Paradigm Bomb" which is set to open May 12th and run until June 3rd, 2022.

Until further notice, American Repertory Theater of WNY will maintain a strict mandate on COVID guidelines for public health. The company will

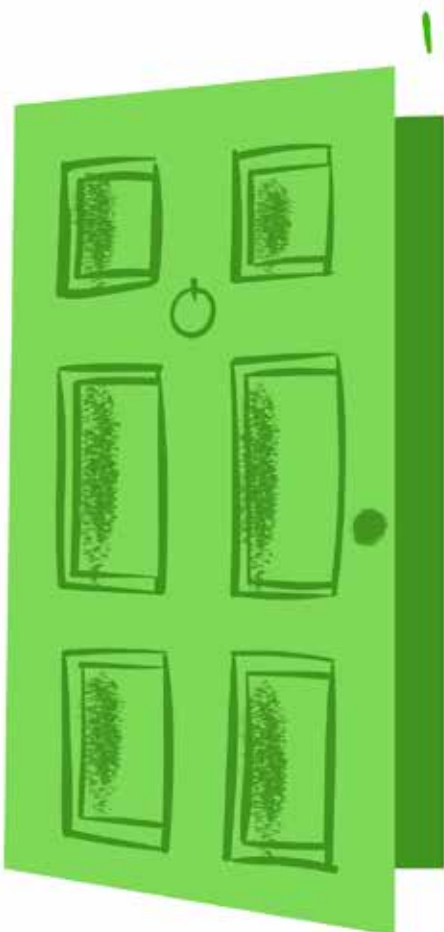
require masks to be worn during performances, social distancing rules will be in place, and requests attendees are fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID.

As a way of saying thank you to the community that supported ART/WNY, the company is offering pay-what-you-can ticket prices the entire season. For more information on the season, visit www.artofwny.org.

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Canal Events on Tap for 2021



The Waterford Tugboat Roundup is among the events sponsored by Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for 2021.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the New York State Canal Corporation have teamed up to sponsor 26 festivals and events in 2021 to showcase the Canalway Corridor's nationally significant heritage and the tremendous recreational appeal of the waterway and Canalway Trail. Events include recreational activities, tours, concerts, and heritage celebrations.

The canal system is scheduled to open May 21, weather permitting.

"After a year with very few events, we are pleased to support community events that will bring people to the canals in safe and fun ways," said Bob Radliff, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. "We are proud to partner with these organizations to bring people to the waterfront to

experience and celebrate New York's extraordinary canals."

Prior to the pandemic, cultural, heritage, and recreational events within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor delivered 1.3 billion each year in economic benefits to communities. While many large events are either scaled back or postponed again in 2021, support for these smaller community events is expected to attract upwards of 50,000 people.

"The events planned for our 2021 season are sure to highlight the Erie Canal for what it really is – a scenic water and trailway steeped in rich history with boundless opportunity for adventure," said Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton. "From waterfront concerts to community celebrations of local

heritage, these events will encourage New Yorkers and beyond to enrich themselves in all that Canalside communities have to offer while driving outdoor recreation and boosting the local economy."

This year's event highlights include summer concerts on the Erie Canal in Newark, Pittsford, and Seneca Falls, Kayak Through History Tours in Schenectady, Amsterdam's Riverfest in August, Local History Cruises on the Champlain Canal in Schuylerville, and Doors Open Buffalo in September.

The NYS Canal System includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca. Spanning more than 500 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes and Lake Champlain. The canals form the backbone of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and connect hundreds of unique and historic communities. The 365-mile Erie Canalway Trail is a multi-use trail from Albany to Buffalo, much of it along the canal's former towpath. Together the canals and trail create a world-class recreation way that is a vibrant, scenic and unique New York resource.

Nearly 200 years after its construction, the Erie Canal remains an iconic symbol of American ingenuity and determination. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor pre-

serves our extraordinary canal heritage, promotes the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and fosters vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. We achieve our mission in partnership with the National Park Service,

New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York. Visit www.eriecanalway.org/ explore events for events sponsored or see attached for a list.



8th Annual Hispanic Heritage Community (Virtual) Breakfast and Auction will taking place live on Saturday, June 26th at 9:00 am via ZOOM.



New York Coalition For Open Government Releases Report Titled: "Planning Boards Across New York State Are Violating the Open Meetings Law" Press Conference Held Via Zoom on Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 10:00 am. CONTACT Paul Wolf, Esq. (716) 435-4976.



The Big Easy in Buffalo announced a raffle to win one of two pairs of front row tickets for the final show at The Tralf – the sold out Tab Benoit concert on Thursday May 27.

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Raffle tickets are 1 for \$10, or 3 for \$20. They can be purchased through Venmo @The-Big-Easy-In-Buffalo or via PayPal thebigeasyinbuffalo@gmail.com. The winners will be chosen and notified on Monday, May 24.



FeedMore WNY food drive will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd outside of the Walden Galleria Mall by Macy's.

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Duprey Construction Family LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/11/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. 638 Hertel Ave. Apt. 3 Buffalo NY 14207. LLC is to be managed by Ramon Duprey Diaz and Victor Negron. 20

Notice of Formation of Truesdale Management Services, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/18. Office in Erie County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 479 Hickory Street, Buffalo, NY 14204. Purpose of LLC: is to engage in any lawful acts or activities.21

Yours Truly Premium Hair, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 398 14th St, Lower Buffalo, NY 14213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Premium virgin and mink hair. #1B and #613. Collected directly from young and healthy donors. Lasts a long time and it's thick from top to bottom. We have various styles of texture in bundles, wigs and closures. Custom made wigs available. Shop quality hair local.22

NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANYANY Signature Solutions Of WNY, LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: March 18, 2021. Office of the LLC: Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 712 Eggert Rd. Buffalo, NY 14215. Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful purpose) 24

MINTEDFORYOU LLC. Art. Of Org Filed with the SSNY on 02/09/2021. Office of Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Soneitha Ferdinand. 2021 East 41st Street. Apt 6A, Brooklyn NY. 11234. 24

Archer Trading Group LLC filed with SSNY on 5/4/21. Office: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail copy to: Durrant, K. 2947 Bailey Ave, Buffalo, NY 14215. Purpose. Any lawful purpose. 24

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