



Wind power

Dennis McKown of Wheatfield, a member of the Buffalo Model Boat Club, launched his radio-controlled, wind-powered model sailboat Tuesday in Henry A. Boies Pond in Fairmount Park. He said he comes out to sail it "every day that it's nice."

"Without the wind, we don't go anyplace," McKown said.

He assembled the boat from a kit and has been sailing model boats for about 30 years.

McKown said the Buffalo Model Boat Club has Muir Lake in Amherst as its home base for operating and racing the model boats and holding regattas. The types of boats include sail, scale (military ships and boats) and fast electric, the latter of which are capable of going up to 75 mph.

"It's a lot of fun," McKown said. "It's a bit of an obscure hobby, but there's a dedicated group of maybe 3,000 belonging to the American Model Yachting Association." (Photo by Karen Carr Keefe)

Sessions set to update community on environmental concerns

Residents for Responsible Government (RRG) announced residents will have an opportunity to follow the ongoing state Department of Environmental Conservation hearings regarding Chemical Waste Management's application to site a new 6-million-ton hazardous waste and PCB landfill operation in the towns of Lewiston and Porter.

Vince Agnello of RRG said people can watch or listen online to the DEC hearing beginning at 10 a.m. Monday Oct. 16.

"This hearing is specific to radiological contamination on its property, which is disputed by CWM," he said. "This is one of several hearings in the past year regarding CWM applications, which date back to 2003

"Both EPA and New York state have determined there is no need to site a new toxic waste landfill

because there are 17 other such operations in the U.S. with the capacity to handle the nation's needs for the foreseeable future."

The CWM site is located 10 miles north of Love Canal and one mile from all public schools for two towns. CWM disposal operations have been closed for nearly eight years.

Visit RRG on the web, at <https://rrg-ny.com/>, for instructions to access the hearing and more info.

In related news, the U.S. Army Corps Buffalo District announced it would hold a public information session concerning remediation activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordinance Works property in Lewiston and Porter.

The session will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Lewiston Senior Center, 4361 Lower River Road. The program is intended to update the community as to the

status of the former LOOW site, a massive World War II-era property that once comprised more than 7,500 acres in both towns.

Its expected Army Corps remediation plans for the 191-acre Niagara Falls Storage Site on Pletcher Road will be discussed, as well as NFSS balance of plant and groundwater concerns; ongoing design plans for the 10-acre interim waste containment structure that houses WWII-era radioactive wastes brought to the site; the status of NFSS vicinity property investigations; and future closeout activities associated with the LOOW site under the federal government's Formal Utilized Site's Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

For more information, email Army Corps Outreach Specialist Amy Gaskill at Amy.J.Gaskill@usace.army.mil or call 1-301-514-3947.

IN THE NEWS

Mario's Emergency Pet Food Ministry seeks pet food donations

Mario's Emergency Pet Food Ministry is in need of pet food donations for cats and dogs. Organizer Paulette Coty said, "This time of the year is difficult to keep product on the shelves."

She is looking for products to share with military members and "pet owners in dire straits for their pets." Donations can be sent to 6969 Nash Road, North Tonawanda. Call 716-465-3654.

'AuSome Aquarium'

After-hours event tailored to varying sensitivities and abilities

Families impacted by autism spectrum disorder are invited to visit the Aquarium of Niagara from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, to enjoy special programming in a supportive environment.

This event is Halloween-themed, and guests are encouraged to come in costume to join in the celebration. While at the Aquarium, guests can participate in a spooky scavenger hunt, watch a sea lion presentation, touch sharks and stingrays at M&T Bank Shark & Ray Bay, interact with sensory stations, enjoy snacks and complete crafts.

For tickets, visit: <https://aquariumofniagara.org/experiences/ausome-aquarium/>.

HAL: 'The Art of Grieving & the Museum of Memento Mori'

The Historical Association of Lewiston's next program is titled, "The Art of Grieving & the Museum of Memento Mori." Amanda Woome will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah Fellowship Hall, 915 Oneida St.

A press release stated, "Amanda Woome's presentation, 'The Art of Grieving,' is perfect for this Halloween month. The Traveling Museum of Memento Mori is a small traveling museum featuring almost 100 artifacts from the Victorian mourning period, including post-mortem photos, artwork and jewelry made from human hair, women's fashion, funeral cards, personal letters, tear catchers, spirit trumpets and more.

"Amanda will help you explore the artifacts as you think about your own mortality, plan for your own death, and face the reality of 'memento mori' - someday we must die."

HAL stated, "We will join her as she shares some of the history of the Victorian mourning era as well as the artwork that was created throughout this macabre period."

Refreshments will be served.

Note: Some of the topics and artifacts may be disturbing, so discretion is advised.

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