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Mikael B. Nicklas

It is with unspeakable grief that our family shares the death of Mikael B. Nicklas, age 48, who died suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Mikael was born on Feb. 21, 1975. He is the son of Mark Nicklas and Eva (Jonsson) Nicklas.

Mikael was strong, brave, kind and dependable, a world traveler and well-known sailor on Lake Ontario. He attributed his love of sailing to his

Viking blood, and was always more comfortable when he lost sight of land and sailed into unknown waters. He was also known as one of the best tattoo artists in Buffalo, and he left thousands of masterpieces on the walls of human temples around the world.

He shared his Buddhist practice openly and meditated every day. He is now in Valhalla, having courageously navigated the rough seas of life, always

smiling and at the helm, with a sense of daring and excitement for what was waiting just beyond the horizon. Mikael was loved by all who knew him and will be remembered as a man whose actions spoke louder than words.

He leaves behind his parents, Mark and Eva; his brother, Leif Nicklas (Lola Thornton), and sister, Lena Nicklas (Patty Trevino), Molly Muffoletto, cherished traveling companions,

family and friends. We will all miss him and look forward to meeting again ... in Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, Mikael would want us to live life to the fullest, and to open our hearts to kindness ... and peace.

A private ceremony will take place at a later date.

To share a special memory of Mikael, please visit www.hardisonfuneralhomes.com.



IN THE NEWS

Can You Help? Schoonhoven fundraiser

A fundraiser is being planned for Jenny Van Schoonhoven, 36 years old, and her family: husband Jesse, and 11-year-old son Micah.

Three months ago, Jenny didn't have any idea that their life would be flipped upside down. She was recently diagnosed with stage 3-4 ovarian cancer.

A fundraiser will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday April 22, at iHope Community Church, 316 Thompson St., North Tonawanda. All proceeds will go toward Jenny's cancer treatments and expenses during this difficult time.

UPDATE: Organizers said this event will now feature more than 100 baskets for auction; 20-plus items in the silent auction, including a Buffalo Sabres hockey stick signed by Rasmus Dahlin; and a

signed Buffalo Bills helmet with Stefan Diggs' signature.

Niagara Arts Guild describes role of art director for musicals

Niagara Arts Guild President Kim Christy will speak on the job of the art director for plays and musical shows at the organization's monthly meeting Friday, April 14. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Dale Association, 33 Ontario St., Lockport. Artists and art lovers are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

A graduate of the University at Buffalo, majoring in painting, Christy works part time as an artist. For the local production of "Hello Dolly," she volunteered to help with set and decor. Christy did the same for the musical "Into The Woods" in 2022, and for the play "Puff's." She was then hired for the art director position on the musical production "All Shook Up" at Lockport High School in 2023. There, she collaborated with the stage director and technical direc-

tor to create a set that was eye-catching, dynamic and relevant to the story. That show was nominated for a Kenny Award.

Deaf Access Services 'Be the Light' gala

To help support its offerings, Deaf Access Services, a program of People Inc., will host the "Be the Light" event on Thursday, April 20, at Shea's Performing Arts Center, 650 Main St., Buffalo.

This event celebrates 40 years of deaf and hard of hearing services being provided throughout the community. It features a keynote speaker, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, drinks, entertainment, a basket raffle, and an award recognition ceremony. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to view the historic Shea's theater by enjoying dinner on stage.

Organizers said, "Event proceeds allow Deaf Access Services to continue bridging gaps in services and communication among the deaf, hard of hearing and hearing communities in Western New

York and the Greater Rochester region."

The keynote speaker is Angela Maria Nardolillo, founder of Off-The-Grid Missions, an organization dedicated to providing deaf and hard of hearing people with access to life-saving resources in high-risk, remote and disaster-stricken regions around the world.

The cost of the event is \$100 per person, or a table for eight people is \$750. Tickets may be purchased online at wnydas.org by Saturday, April 8. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information contact David Wantuck at dwantuck@wnydas.org or call 716-833-1637 (phone) or 716-335-9192 (video-phone).

Deaf Access Services responds to the interests of people who are deaf and hard of hearing by promoting communication access, awareness and opportunities in the community. The program provides in-person interpreting, video remote interpreting (VRI), ASL classes, community services navigation, communication access real-time translation (CART) services, assistive technology supports, employment placement and specialized deaf refugee services.

People Inc., a multispecialty nonprofit health and human ser-

vices agency, provides programs and services to more than 12,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families and older adults throughout Western New York and the Greater Rochester region. Since 1970, People Inc. has assisted people to achieve greater degrees of independence and productivity. With nearly 4,000 employees, People Inc. is one of the region's largest employers.

To learn more, visit people-inc.org or follow People Inc. on Facebook or Twitter @PeopleIncNews.

LCAA to host 3rd annual Shred-it fundraiser

Do you have any personal information, old bank statements, canceled checks, or medical records that need to be destroyed? If yes, consider attending a Shred-it event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29 at Lewiston-Porter High School (driveway), 4061 Creek Road, Youngstown.

For \$10, one copy box or kitchen-sized trash bag of material will be shredded. There is no limit on the number of boxes or bags. Cash or check accepted as payment.

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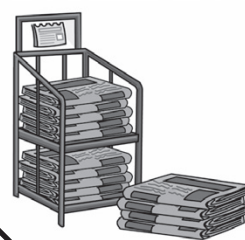
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