

**Meetings**

**Financial education workshops set**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo, in partnership with the First Niagara Branch of East Avenue in Lockport, will host financial education workshops at the St. John The Baptist Outreach Center, 168 Chestnut St., across from the First Niagara branch. Workshops will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 25 through Dec. 18. The programs will be on a variety of topics, including budgeting basics, building and rebuilding credit, surviving a layoff, credit and employment, credit and credit card shopping and understanding a credit report. For more information, visit the Web site [ccsbuff.org](http://ccsbuff.org), or call 712-2060.

**Kaleida Health Foundation plans annual ball**

The Kaleida Health Foundation will hold its annual Kaleida Ball on Sept. 30 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. The black tie event has raised funds to support stroke, cardiac care, diabetes and geriatrics with the health systems as well as the emergency room expansion at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. Local business executive Reg Newman, who chairs the fund-raising campaign for the expansion of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and Cash Cunningham, chairman of Women's and Children's Hospital, will receive Kaleida's "Spirit Award." This year's theme is "Discover the Wonders of Western New York." A 2006 Landrover will be awarded during the event. For more information, call 881-8230 or visit <http://foundation.kaleidahealth.org>.

**Business networking group to meet Sept. 22**

"Buffalo's First," will conduct its weekly networking meeting from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22 at the Millennium Airport Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Paul Mancuso of PFM Marketing will speak. For more information, call 692-6104.

## Spatial relations

### Amherst resident runs storage business

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His company believes that, until life dictates it, its services may not be needed.

Amherst resident Frank Jacobi, general manager of Atlas Self Storage, headquartered at 550 Cayuga Road, Cheektowaga, said his business is all about making it easy for customers to pack, store and haul their belongings.

Atlas also has another Western New York location, at 1348 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, and Jacobi said plans are in motion for a third building to be built in a still undetermined location.

Both facilities have been open for public use for the past six months, and Jacobi said there is a lot to offer at his storage units that other businesses may not have.

"We cater to a lot of businesses, such as doctors or lawyers, and we also deal with residents as well," he said.

At the Cheektowaga location, there are a total of 560 storage units; there are 510 units in Lackawanna. Half of the storage units at each location, Jacobi said, are individually climate controlled.

The climate-controlled storage units do not allow the temperature to go below 55 degrees in the winter months or above 78 degrees in the summer.

"They are definitely the more popular units for us that customers request," he added.

In addition, Jacobi said each unit has lights that are automatically turned on when the garage door opens.

"The (automatic) lights are something that makes our company unique," he said.

Units range in size, from 5 feet wide by 5 feet deep to 10 feet wide by 30 feet deep.

Each Atlas location also fea-



General Manager Frank Jacobi, of Amherst, stands in front of his business, Atlas Self Storage,

which is headquartered at 550 Cayuga Road in Cheektowaga.

Photo by John Rusac

tures a full service U-Haul dealership and a full store with packing supplies.

"With us, a U-Haul truck can be arranged within 24 hours of our notification," Jacobi said. "We just want to make it as convenient as possible."

Along with the trend toward more technological advances, the business also boasts closed circuit televisions, designed to make the facility as secure, Jacobi said.

Each night the video files are fed to the computer server at the main office on Cayuga Road. Customers are on surveillance beginning at the main gate, where a personalized code allows access, all the way through the grounds of the facility.

Jacobi added that each unit is rented in 30-day spans, free of

sales tax. The company does not lease the properties.

Within the next couple of months, Jacobi will be expanding Atlas into Canada, with three storage facilities planned to open in Hamilton, Ontario in the next year.

"I have friends that live up there," he said. "I saw great opportunities there that I believe

we can take advantage of."

Atlas Self Storage's offices are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays.

For more information, call the main office in Cheektowaga, at 626-2442.

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## Di Camillo Bakery opens Main Street location

Di Camillo Bakery has opened its first Erie County location at 5329 Main St., Williamsville.

Founded in 1920 in Niagara Falls by Tomaso and Addolorata Di Camillo, the Di Camillo family business has continued to grow, with Williamsville being the fifth retail store. The grand opening celebration was held on Sept. 19.

In addition to bakery items, breakfast and lunch are served in the cafe with sandwiches, soups and pizza.

Di Camillo's Williamsville branch is located in the former Flowers by the Courtyard building — a 140-year-old structure. Renovated to maintain the historic value, Di Camillo's had the building blessed by the Rev. Lawrence Milby of Nativity of Our Lord Church and Sister Francis Marie of Saint Mary of the Angels.

"Daily from our bakeries, we have been making distinctive handmade breads and biscotti, which have become a staple for generations of area residents and families," Michael Di Camillo said.

In conjunction with retail outlets, the Di Camillo Bakery has been shipping its product around the world for more than 20 years.

For more information, e-mail [dicamillo@dicamillobakery.com](mailto:dicamillo@dicamillobakery.com).

## Napoli's plans benefit for Roswell

Napoli's Per La Moda, a men's clothing store in East Amherst, has announced a new customer appreciation event to benefit the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

The one day sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5841 Transit Road in East Amherst, with proceeds going towards breast cancer research.

Also during the sale, catering will be provided by Pietro's Ristorante. At the event, Napoli's will present their fall line of clothing, including designer labels from Zegna, Bruno Magli, Canali, Cole Haan and Tommy Bahama. Napoli also offers custom-made suits.

For more information, call the store at 568-1910.

**Business Briefs**

**Cold Stone Creamery**, at Maple and Transit roads, will take part in the fifth annual "World's Largest Ice Cream Social," a nationwide fundraiser benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The social will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at the establishment, 8124 Transit Road. Customers attending the Social will receive a free 3 oz. serving of "Cole's Creation."

**Kara Buscaglia-Butcher** is serving as chairwoman of Girls Town of Italy's 43rd annual dinner and fashion show. Rose Mary Buscaglia served as co-chairwoman and Judy Serio is the permanent chairwoman of the organization. Benefits from the dinner and fashion show help children and young adults in Rome.

**Amherst Alarm, Inc.** will hold mini-seminars, "Practical Ways to Protect Your Business from Burglary & Robbery," for area business groups. In this 20-minute presentation business owners will learn how secure their business really is and how to protect it. For more information, call Mark Wolffer at 632-4600 or e-mail at [markw@amherstalarm.com](mailto:markw@amherstalarm.com).

**Choice Employee Benefits Group** at 6633 Main St., Williamsville has developed the Super Choice Health Concept; using health savings accounts, preferred provider organizations, flexible spending accounts, and health reimbursement arrangements. The group has partnered with EBS Benefit Solutions, who administrates employee benefit plans. Choice Employee Benefits Group designs and implements health insurance and employee benefit plans to several hundred employer groups. For more information, call 631-5033.