



**UBAM Swim club members** Matt Geiger, top row, left, Brandon Beckinghausen, Mike Anderson, Caitlin Beckinghausen, bottom row, left, Alyssa Anderson and Brenna Woodling presented a contribution to the Hope Lodge on behalf of the swimmers of the UBAM Swim Club.

## UBAM Swim Club raises \$3,500 for cancer society

Mike Anderson, Brandon Beckinghausen and Alyssa Anderson recently presented a check to Ann Raderman of Buffalo Hope Lodge on behalf of the swimmers of the UBAM Swim Club.

Swimmers from the UBAM Swim Club raised \$3,500 for the Buffalo Hope Lodge, presented on Sept. 13. The funds for the charitable contribution to the Hope Lodge of the American Cancer Society were raised by the swimmers of the UBAM Swim Club at the annual Joseph Martinez Swim-a-Thon.

The Swim-a-Thon is a fundraiser in which UBAM swimmers raise funds by swimming lengths of the pool. Swimmers obtained pledges prior to swimming up to 200 laps. More than 90 swimmers from the UBAM Swim Club participated in raising money for the American Cancer Society, the UBAM Scholarship Fund and the swim club.

The top fund raisers for the club were Mike Anderson, Caitlin Beckinghausen, Steve Hill, and Alaina Laszewski. Swimmers raising more than \$300 each were Brandon Beckinghausen, Kelsey Bradbury, Travis Martinez, Maggie Schmidt, Alex Rindo, Camille Farkas, Brenna Woodling, and Emil Dinardo.

Buffalo Hope Lodge provides a "home away from home" for cancer patients and families who live a far distance from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Cancer patients who are undergoing treatment and their families can obtain free, temporary housing facilities at the Hope Lodge. Hope Lodge also serves as a community center for a variety of cancer initiatives, programs, and patient support programs.

# Williamsville hires new Community Plan consultant

## Village receives \$150,000 grant

by JILL SCHMELZER  
Reporter

The Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees on Monday hired the consulting firm Behan Planning Associates to complete the Community 20/20 Vision Plan.

Peter J. Smith Co., the consulting firm originally hired to create a Village Community Plan for the next 20 years, quit in June, halting production during the summer months.

Behan Planning Associates will finish the scope of work as the lead consultant, divvying up design efforts to three additional companies.

Also hired were Environmental Design and Research, which will advise on landscape design; Devonomics will conduct the Business District Development Plan; and SRF Associates will complete the

Context Sensitive Transportation Development portion of the 20/20 Vision.

Behan Planning Associates will then take the recommendations and include them in the final plan.

Less than 20 percent of the cost of the plan has been taken from the village budget. Much of the project has been funded through grants — \$22,500 was awarded in a Community Development Grant, and \$52,500 was given in a Quality Community Grant, village officials said.

The consulting firms will be paid a total of \$97,000 to complete the scope of work, according to officials. They noted the amount to be paid to each firm has yet to be determined.

The Community Plan Committee will resume meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Village Hall, 5565 Main St.

The village also received a \$150,000 Acquisition Grant to cover a large portion of the cost the Village Board paid for the purchase of the Williamsville Water Mill.

The board bought the mill for \$450,000 in 2005 and bonded the loan for 15 years. The board will use the grant to reimburse the Sewer Fund, which was used to pay a portion of the purchase.

In another matter, Trustee Bea Slick spearheaded a new committee in the Village of Williamsville. The board approved the creation of the Meeting House Events Committee, which will use the Meeting House, at 5658 Main St., for events and activities in the community.

The first meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House. Slick said ideas from the community are welcomed.

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## Brig. Gen. Irzyk scheduled guest speaker at veterans recognition dinner

The Town of Amherst Republican Committee will honor 17 veterans at its 27th annual Amherst Republican dinner.

The Amherst veterans being honored are: Vern Anderson, Navy Seabee; Al Brusetti, Army; Lou Ebert, Army; Brian Hyer, Army National Guard; Ken Lee, Marine Corps; James Mahoney, Army; Terence McGuire, Army; Dr. Jeffrey Meilman, Air Force; Frank Merrill, Navy; Michael Niezgoda Jr., Marine Corps; Richard Rich, Marine Corps; Charles Sullivan, Army; Marshall Wood, Air Force; Mary Wood, Air Force; Roger Woodworth, Army; and Bret Woolcock, Army. The committee will also posthumously honor Daniel Kraynik, Air Force.

In addition, Niezgoda will receive the Bud Millane Humanitarian Award, and Woolcock will receive the



Irzyk

Lou Woolcock Chairman's Award. Bud Brennan Awards will be given to McGuire, Hyer and Woodworth.

The honored guest speaker will be retired Brig. Gen. Albin F. Irzyk, who was the top aide in World War II to Gen. George Patton. Irzyk is the author of "He Rode Up Front for Patton."

The event will begin with a cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Palm's Restaurant, 7740 Transit Road, at the corner of Sheridan Drive.

Tickets are \$55 per person and \$550 for a table of 10. Checks can be made payable to Amherst GOP Dinner and mailed to Ken Lee, reservations chair, 271 Fruitwood Terrace, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221. Seating is limited.

### Business Briefs

**BNI Business Makers** will hold its weekly meeting at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst,

6320 Main St. in Williamsville. Kelly Main of Alexis Funding will present "Mortgage 101 — The Basics of Financing & Credit." Call chapter president, Charlie Totoro, at 688-5700 for further information.

**Robert J. Martin** of Amherst, president of Buffalo-based Insyte Consulting for the past 20 years, has announced his plans for retirement, which will take effect on July 1, 2007. Throughout his career, Martin has helped the company originally known as Western New York Technology Development Center to evolve from a small technology development firm of two employees to the largest manufacturing consulting firm in WNY.

**Dent Neurologic Institute** has added Dr. Alexander Rovner, a pediatrics specialist, to the team of physicians. DENT has an Amherst location at 3980 Sheridan Drive. He recently completed his residency in the Pediatric Neurology program at the University at Buffalo.

**Niagara Frontier State Employees Federal Credit Union and SEFCU** have announced plans to merge operations. This decision is pending final approval from the National Credit Union Administration, the regulatory agency governing federal financial cooperatives, and Niagara Frontier State Employees Federal Credit Union members. The Board of Directors for Niagara Frontier State Employees Federal Credit Union began contemplating merging with another credit union over a year ago. Expansion into the Western New York region is planned.

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