

Bee Editorial

Support the Ride for Roswell, help to find a cure

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, approximately 1.4 million people are expected to be diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2007. This year, as many as 559,650 Americans are expected to die from the disease. That's more than 1,500 people a day.

Although medical breakthroughs occur daily, a cure for cancer is still not available.

The five-year survival rate for all cancers diagnosed is up to about 66 percent, but there is still a large percentage of people who die prematurely because they lost their battle to the disease.

Events such as the Ride for Roswell financially support the increased survival rates because the proceeds go toward scientific research, which will eventually lead to a cure. Last year, participants raised more than \$1.2 million for research and patient programs at Roswell Park

Cancer Institute. We challenge participants to raise even more money this year.

The Ride for Roswell, now in its 12th year, starts and ends at Baird Point on the University at Buffalo North Campus in Amherst. There are nine-, 20-, 33- and 62.5-mile routes through Amherst, Clarence, the Tonawandas and Orleans County that are designed to accommodate riders of all ages and abilities. Riders should check in between 6:15 and 9:15 a.m., depending on the route. We encourage residents to join teams or to go individually and support this worthy cause.

Cancer is the second most common cause of mortality in the United States, accounting for one in four deaths.

The National Institutes of Health estimates the overall cost of cancer to be \$206.2 billion — \$78.2 billion for direct medical costs; \$17.9 billion for indirect morbidity cost, which is the

amount of lost productivity due to illness; and \$110.2 billion for indirect mortality cost, which is the amount of lost productivity due to premature death.

We encourage everyone to participate in this annual event — whether it be participating on a team or making a monetary donation.

Volunteers are also needed throughout the day and should call 845-1478 to sign up. Volunteering is a great way to feel the excitement of the event without participating on a bicycle.

The only way a cure for cancer will be found is if people continue to support events such as the Ride for Roswell. You can make a difference, so step up to the challenge.

For more information on the Ride or to register or find fundraising tools, visit the Web site at www.RideforRoswell.org or call 845-8788.

Spindle items



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• **WHEELIE BINS** — I recently read one of the most bizarre stories ever written, courtesy of the Oxford Mail, a daily newspaper published in the city that is home to the oldest English-speaking university in the world.

The article reported the city council had confirmed that microchips had been installed in each of the city's garbage totes distributed last November.

The purpose was to locate lost or stolen totes, although the chips also have the capacity to record and store data

about the weight of household waste in each tote.

There's only one catch. In Oxford, they aren't called totes. They're known as "wheelie bins."

To its credit, the government will not charge homeowners for garbage collection by weight. Jean Fooks, the council's "executive member for a cleaner city" and the woman in charge of its "waste collection arrangements," said the plea for a cleaner environment should not be hampered by charging residents more if they participate.

"It's too much stick and not enough carrot," Fooks said.

Who edits that newspaper? Monty Python?

• **TWIN FAIR** — Believe it or not, there are at least three former employees of the old Twin Fair retail chain now working within a three-block stretch of Main Street in Williamsville.

Each of us punched the time clock at

the Elmwood Avenue store in Buffalo, just south of Kenmore Avenue. It later became a Gold Circle store.

It was a way to earn some money while going to Buffalo State. I worked in the automotive and paint departments and when things got busy, I was even called up front to bag.

Twin Fair was ahead of its time. It featured discounted clothing, sporting goods, records and tapes in addition to auto and hardware items. On the other side of the store was a complete supermarket. Up front was a lunch counter. There wasn't much it did not sell.

Federated Department Stores Inc. purchased all the outstanding stock of Twin Fair Distributors Corp. in 1982, according to the New York Times. The chain later closed, as did local competitors Two Guys and IDS.

Who are the other two former Twin Fair employees in the village?

One is in confectionery pursuits and the other is a celebrated mixologist. The

names have been omitted to protect the innocent.

• **REPORTER UPDATE** — Elizabeth Taufa has been handling lifestyle, village government and other assignments the past few weeks while Jill Schmelzer has been covering the East Aurora beat during the maternity leave of that paper's editor. In the interim, an opening developed for editor of The Ken-Ton Bee, and Schmelzer has been appointed to that position, effective this week. Taufa will remain as the Amherst reporter. She can be reached at etaufa@BeeNews.com or by telephone at 204-4929.

• **REUNION** — The Williamsville High School class of 1957 will sponsor a 50th reunion from Friday through Sunday, July 27-29. Organizers are looking for information on six missing graduates. For more information, contact Donna (Wershoven) Welton at 689-0150 or by e-mail at wchs1957@yahoo.com.

Out of the Past

125 Years Ago June 1, 1882

This is a free country and we are glad to welcome strangers to our shores, come from where they will, provided they intend to make good and law-abiding citizens. But when a number of young bloods come across the border and act as has recently been the case here, they had better stay at home. We understand that a few nights ago, some ladies here were rudely jostled on the way home from church, besides other indignities being practiced. These young gentlemen must understand that there is a law for such things in New York State, whatever may be the case in the Dominion.

A cow at Vicksburg put her tongue through some lattice work and a mule bit off four inches of it.

At last the new comet has become visible to the naked eye. It may be seen about half-past ten p.m. or a little later, almost directly under the pole star, halfway between the star and horizon.

"A small boy who was playing truant was asked if he wouldn't get a whipping when he got home. He replied, 'What is five minutes of whipping compared to five hours of fun?'"

100 Years Ago May 30, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. John Beck of Snyder entertained 60 guests at a masquerade party at their home.

An entertainment show will be given at the

Williamsville High School on May 31st; students performing include Lillian Anderson, Mildred Klute, Marguerite Dickinson, Ruth Gipple, the Hoffman brothers, Nellie Wilkinson, Flossie Metz and Rena Crittenden.

75 Years Ago June 2, 1932

Christian F. Witmer, one of Amherst's two surviving Civil War veterans, has a poignant memory of experiences at Bristol Station, where he was in charge of bridge materials. Taking a stroll after the battle, he came upon a young Southern boy, dead for the cause in which he believed. From his pocket, Mr. Witmer took a letter, written by the lad's sister, who told of her happiness that her brother would be home soon. "It almost made me cry," said Mr. Witmer.

Two bridges, one of which is the longest in the county, in the present improvement program, are listed for work this year. These include the Forest Road bridge, with the extraordinary span of 102 feet, near the Willowdale Country Club, and the French Road bridge.

A two-day illness brought to a close the life of Mrs. Mary Hannengraff Bryne, widow of Colonel John A. Bryne of Buffalo, at her home at Main and Ellicott streets on May 29, 1932. Colonel Bryne earned his title with Corcoran's Irish Brigade during the Civil War. He was superintendent of the Buffalo Police Department during the 1901 Pan American Exposition.

50 Years Ago May 30, 1957

The announcement of new plans for the Powerline Expressway through Amherst has hit this community like a bombshell. The possibility that new federal specifications could raze some of the town's most valuable residential streets, tear down some of its most attractive homes, destroy some of its thriving businesses and make a section of Main Street into a two-way separated traffic pattern has alarmed and aroused citizens of this area into action. (*Editor's note: This is now known as the Youngmann Memorial Highway.*)

Cradle Roll: "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Moses, May 10, 1957, at Millard Fillmore Hospital, a son, Robert Alan."

25 Years Ago May 26, 1982

Rep. Jack Kemp would be one of the front-runners if President Reagan declines to run for re-election in 1984, according to national political columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak.

The Four Seasons Racquet Club, 162 Mill St., has been sold and will be converted into a more versatile facility and renamed The Village Glen Tennis and Fitness Club.

Milton E. Kaeselau, 81, an attorney and first congregational president of Amherst Lutheran Church, died Sunday, May 23, 1982.