

Futsal indoor soccer clinic on tap for Saturday

Buffalo Niagara Court Center will be hosting a Futsal Clinic from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Buffalo Niagara Court Center, 425 Meyer Road, West Seneca.

The clinic from noon to 2 p.m. is for players of futsal, which is the only official form of indoor

soccer that is recognized by FIFA, while a coaches/referee clinic will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The first session will be an informational clinic for coaches, teachers, college students and other interested adults. That session will be immediately followed

by an introductory futsal clinic for players of all ages. The cost is \$5 per athlete.

Futsal is played with a smaller, less bouncy ball on a flat, hard court, such as a basketball court. Each team consists of four players and a goalie.

Futsal is not a physical game,

but a game that requires good ball control, precision passing, faster decision making, and teamwork.

Soccer greats Otto Orf and Chris Dore will be conducting the clinic. Orf is a 21-year professional indoor and outdoor soccer veteran. As a former Cleveland Crunch and Force goalkeeper,

Orf helped lead the Cleveland franchise to three national championships during the 1990's.

Dore is the director of the Cleveland Futsal League, one of the largest youth futsal leagues in the United States.

For more information, call Kate MacKellar at 677-9100 or send e-mail to kate@bnccsports.com.

Penberthy leads Amherst gymnasts at Niagara Cup

Five Town of Amherst gymnasts competed for Gleason's School of Gymnastics' Niagara team at the optional level at the Niagara Cup last weekend at Canisius College.

Lydia Penberthy placed fifth on beam with a 9.05 in the Level 7 seniors division.

In Level 8, Alexis Frankowski took 13th out of 51

competitors. She received ninth on beam and an all-around score of 35.725.

Jill Daddario received a high score of 8.925 on beam and all-around score of 34.6. Lily Jagadzinski received high scores on beam (9.0) and floor (8.9). Sarah Tanner placed eighth on vault (8.6) and ninth on bars (8.2).

Buffalo Niagara Film Festival to celebrate silver anniversary of 'The Natural'

As part of its celebration of the filming of "The Natural" in the Buffalo area 25 years ago, the second annual Buffalo Niagara Film Festival is seeking area residents who either participated in the film's production or have stills, home movies, memorabilia or anecdotal information related to the film's shoot.

BNFF would like to include these materials and memories in their presentation of the film.

"The Natural" will screen as

part of the festival's opening-day gala on Monday, March 24 at the Adams Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo.

The film will screen at 5 p.m. with a special dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

Actor Robert J. Prosky, who played "The Judge" in the film, which starred Robert Redford and was directed by Barry Levinson, will be on hand, along with other members of the production crew, to discuss the film with

festival goers.

"We want to get the community involved in the festival, and this is one way that people can participate directly," said festival founder Bill Cowell.

Residents with materials and memories related to "The Natural" are encouraged to contact the festival through its Web site, www.buffaloniagarafilmfestival.com, or call 827-3534.

Advance tickets are available through the Web site.

Deadline for youth police academy is April 15

The Amherst Police Department's Youth Police Academy is seeking members.

The internship program is for high school students considering a law enforcement career at the local, county, state or federal level. In addition, the program meets the minimum requirements of the New York State Education Department's Career Exploration Internship Program, allowing participating students to receive high school credit toward graduation upon successfully completing the academy.

To receive credit, the student must also apply for the internship through his or her school internship coordinator prior to entering the academy.

Although the primary purpose of the academy is to acquaint the students with the various functions of the Town of Amherst Police Department, the students

will also discover the minimum qualifications, training requirements and daily responsibilities of other county, state and federal law enforcement agencies through guest speakers and tours of their facilities.

Students will view actual pictures and video of crime and accident scenes, have the opportunity to take the actual physical fitness test required for police officers, can be exposed to O.C. (pepper) spray, and will take part in the firearms training simulator and fire a handgun.

In addition to the regularly scheduled sessions, students will ride with an officer for a tour of duty and participate in a courtroom observation.

The three-week academy will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday beginning Monday, July 7, at the Town of Amherst police headquarters,

500 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst. A graduation ceremony will be held upon completion. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Parental consent is required for students to participate in the academy. Class size is limited to 18 students, and all applicants must successfully complete a background investigation and interview.

Information concerning the academy, including the application, can be found on the Police Department's Web site at www.amherst.ny.us/police by clicking on "Youth Services."

Completed applications must be submitted to the student's school internship coordinator or to Officer Cathy Onions at the Police Department by April 15. Any questions can be directed to Onions at 689-1387.

School News

The following **Kadimah School of Buffalo** students, who reside in Amherst, have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2007-08 school year: fifth grade, Joshua Essex, David Isselbacher, Shelly Lundwert, Jacob Mogerman and Alyssa Schwartz; sixth grade, Anna Pressman, Jessica Green, Justin Green and Emily Senick; seventh grade, Sidney Guterman and Lewis Lenard; and eighth grade, Emmanuella Kesaieva, Michal Shalman, Benjamin Balderman and Samuel Moldo. (*Editor's note: information for this list has been printed exactly as supplied by the school. The Bee will not reprint any lists because of school errors. Questions should be directed to the school at 836-6903.*)

DeCicco, Kelleher represent Level 4

Amherst residents Quinn DeCicco and Autumn Kelleher participated for Niagara Gymnastics' Level 4 team from Gleason's Gymnastics at the Niagara Cup on Sunday at Canisius College.

Kelleher, a second grader at St. Amelia's, scored a 9.775 on vault, good for eighth place. Kelleher was also impressive on the bars, earning a 9.0.

DeCicco, a first grader at St. Christopher's, took 10th on vault with a high score of 9.65.

DeCicco was also strong on floor with a ninth-place score of 9.15.

Her all-around score of 36.350 was good for 10th.

Both girls competed in the 6-8 year old division.



Amherst residents Quinn DeCicco, left, and Autumn Kelleher show off their awards they won at the Niagara Cup on Sunday. Both represented the Level 4 Niagara Gymnastics team from Gleason's Gymnastics.



Level 4 from Greater Buffalo Gymnastics placed fourth at the Niagara Cup. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Madison Penetrante, Samantha Robins, Nicole Ross; second row - Caila Wagar, Mikayla Shute and Rebecca Cribbs.

Level 4 Greater Buffalo takes fourth

Level 4 Greater Buffalo Gymnasts placed fourth at the Niagara Cup last weekend at Canisius College.

Members of the team are Caila Wagar, Mikayla Shute, Madison Penetrante, all of Amherst, and Samantha Robins, Nicole Ross and Rebecca Cribbs.

In the 6-8 year old division, Cribbs placed second in all-around, vault and floor, first on beam and sixth on bars. Wagar placed 14th on vault and bars and 11th on beam. Robins placed seventh on floor and 13th on beam.

Shute took fourth all-around in the 9-11 year old division. She placed second on vault, 10th on bars and floor.



Amherst resident Madison Nash performs her floor exercise routine during the Niagara Cup on Sunday at Canisius College. Nash, representing the Level 5 Niagara Gymnastics team from Gleason's Gymnastics, competed in the 10-11 year old division. Her all-around score was 35.200.

Amherst residents excel at Niagara Cup

Three Amherst residents were part of the Niagara Gymnastics' Level 5 team from Gleason's Gymnastics at the Niagara Cup on Sunday at Canisius College.

Competing in the 10-11 year old division, Madison Nash earned fifth place on vault (9.20). She also scored well on bars (8.850) and all-around (35.200).

In the 7-9 division, Abigail DeCicco, a third grader at St. Christopher's, posted a high score of the day on balance beam (8.95).

Meghan Aronica, a sixth grader at St. Christopher's, competed in the 12 and up division. Her high score of the day also came on beam (8.40).

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