

## Fisher's Quartironi named Empire 8's top player

Williamsville East graduate and Williamsville resident John Quartironi of St. John Fisher College has been named Empire 8 Conference Baseball Player of the Week for the week ending April 6.

In a 4-1-1 week for the Cardinals (12-3-1), Quartironi started in all six games and batted .643 (9 for 14) with four runs and four stolen bases.

After going just 1 for 6 in Fisher's first three games, the sophomore centerfielder went 8 for 8 in three wins over Stevens Institute of Technology over the week.

In a 13-3 Fisher win, Quartironi went 3 for 3 with three runs scored and two stolen bases. In two one-run wins over Stevens, he went 5 for 5.

For the season, Quartironi has played in 15 of Fisher's 16 games,



**John Quartironi**

is batting .346 and leads the team with seven stolen bases.

## Amherst residents help Titans set three district records

The Town of Tonawanda Titans competed in the Speedo Sectionals, Niagara District Championships and Junior National meets in March.

Titans swimmers set three district records, 23 club records and recorded over 225 lifetime best swims. Because of their performance at the Niagara District Championships, several Amherst residents earned spots on the Niagara District all-star team, including Lauren Phillips, Emily Kopas and Jacob Hofmar-Glennon. The trio then competed in the United States Eastern zone all-star meet.

Phillips set a new women's 10U club record in the 100 backstroke. She was also on the record setting 400 free and 200 medley relays. At the United States Eastern zone all-star meet, Phillips set new 10U club records in the 100 and 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly. She also won several events.

Emily Kopas set new women's 11-12 club records in the 50 and 200 breaststroke and was on the club's record setting 400 medley relay.

Allison Kopas and Allison McCarthy each took part in the 10U record setting 400 free and 200 medley relays. Hofmar-Glennon won the 200 back and was part of the club's 13-14U record setting 800 free relay. Clare Battaglia was part of the 13-14 women's club record setting 800 free relay. Katelyn Battaglia cut 34.46 seconds from her events. Aleza Epstein was a part of the women's 11-12 club record setting 400 medley relay.

Abigail MacDonald, just back from the Speedo Sectional meet, left for Junior Nationals the day after success at the district championships.

Other Titans and Amherst residents making a mark at the Niagara District Championships were: Rebecca Anthonie, Kirsten Berg, Leia Federiconi, Alaina Laszewski, Chloe MacDonald, Nicole Malkowski, Peter McCarthy, Caroline Niederpruem, Catherine Niederpruem, Kara Powalski, Erin Rogers, Jenny Rogers, Christine Ruggiero, Laura Savattieri and Emily Smith.

For more information, visit [www.ttscswimming.com](http://www.ttscswimming.com).

## Fisher's Allison Boehm named NYSWCAA all-star

Sacred Heart Academy senior and Cheektowaga resident Allison Boehm, a senior for the St. John Fisher College women's basketball team, has been named to the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association's 2008 all-star team.

Boehm, who recently wrapped up her career by leading the Cardinals to an ECAC Upstate Championship berth, has also received ESPN The Magazine District I Academic All-American, D3hoops.com second-team All-East Region and Empire 8 Conference first-team honors this season.

The 5-11 guard/forward led the Conference and was ranked 32nd nationally in scoring with 18.7 points per game and hauled in a team-best 9.1 rebounds per game. She became just the 19th women's basketball player at Fisher to score 1,000 career points and ends her four-year career ranked among the college's career leaders in points (1,087, 10th) and three-point field goals (137, fourth).

Boehm, a two-year captain and three-year starter, led the Cardinals in either scoring or rebounding in 23 of Fisher's 27 games as a senior, including 13 games where she led the team in both categories.

Boehm tallied a career-high 33 points in the Conference semifinals, breaking her previous career-high of 30 points set earlier in the season, and recorded 15 rebounds (one off a career-high) on four different occasions in her final campaign. The Cardinals are 76-34 over the last four years and rank as the all-time winningest program in NCAA Division III.

"Allison has had an exceptional career here at Fisher, both on the court and in the classroom," said Fisher coach Phil Kahler, the only head coach in the 34-year history of the program. "We are definitely going to miss her."

## Athletes in Action breakfast to honor pair with new awards

The seventh annual Athletes In Action Call to Courage Award Breakfast, which will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 19 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Buffalo, will for the first time present a special award to a football player from the University at Buffalo and a football player from a Western New York area high school.

Former Buffalo Bills' quarterback Frank Reich will present the collegiate version of the Call to Courage Award to University at

Buffalo offensive linemen Jon Burgio. The 6-foot-9, 359-pound senior from Clarence is being recognized for his leadership on the field, on the campus and in the community.

Five finalists have also been selected for the inaugural Western New York High School Call To Courage Leadership Award. Reich will announce the winner and present the award at the breakfast.

Michael Brown, an 18-year-old senior offensive and defensive lineman from St. Mary's of Lancaster High School, is one of

the five finalists. All five nominees have met the criteria of not only being a great student athlete but also exemplifying outstanding character, commitment and leadership on and off the field.

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the 2008 Call To Courage Award to two-time NFL MVP and Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner, quarterback of the Arizona Cardinals.

Master of Ceremonies for the Call To Courage Award Breakfast will be former Buffalo Bills' all-pro Steve Tasker, who is

a color commentator for CBS coverage of the NFL.

The Western New York Athletes In Action Call to Courage Award breakfast is the second largest breakfast event of its kind next to the Athletes In Action Super Bowl Breakfast, which is held every year in the host city for the Super Bowl the Saturday morning before the Sunday Super Bowl.

Tickets are \$35 each and a table of 10 is \$350.

For more information, call 559-1800 or visit [www.aiabuffalo.com](http://www.aiabuffalo.com).

### Local News

## Proposed change (Continued from page one)

project would have to be moved back an additional 100 feet, thus placing it 200 feet from the roadway.

"The proposed change creates a penalty for developers that move the zoning line in," Black said.

For some proposals, that could result in a smaller development if 200 feet of land is "lost." Black said under current law, developers use it as a tactic to avoid supermajority.

Canterbury Woods resident George Richmond said it was about time for the change.

"This law corrects a longstanding abuse of rezoning," he said, adding that the current law allows "carving out" of property.

He said many developers have left "chunks of land" undeveloped, leaving people to question why it was zoned the way it was.

Richmond was one of three residents to speak, all of who cited the Maple Road project as the exact issue with the current zoning code.

"This has been here before and it doesn't go nearly far enough," Council Member Dan Ward said about the proposed change.

Council Member Mark Manna agreed, saying the loopholes are used as escape hatches and with just three votes from the Zoning Board of Appeals, a developer can receive a variance.

"It's baby steps; we need to push for stronger (laws) until we close this giant loophole," he said.

The board is expected to vote on the proposed change on Monday, April 21, the same meeting that it is supposed to vote on the rezoning request for the Town Centre project.

The other zoning change reviewed is to require a second exit/entrance for dead end streets and cul-de-sacs that are 800 feet or longer. The issue had been considered a safety problem.



**QUITE A DAY** — Williamsville native Bob Wilder of Los Alamitos, Calif., celebrated his 50th birthday on March 29 by surfing at sunrise in Seal Beach, skiing at Snow Valley Ski Resort (not pictured) and then playing 18 holes of afternoon golf in Palm Desert at



Big Horn Golf Club. He is pictured with his girlfriend Laurie Cline and life-long childhood friends and Williamsville North graduates Mark Schanzer, who flew in from Texas, and Bruce Blair of Agoura Hills, Calif.

### Business News

**CIPA Western New York IPA, Inc.** named Dr. Cary F. Vastola as vice chairman of the board of directors. Vastola is a managing partner and physician at Primary Care of Western New York,

located in Williamsville. He also serves on the Catholic Health System's board of directors and is treasurer of the WNY Osteopathic Medical Society.