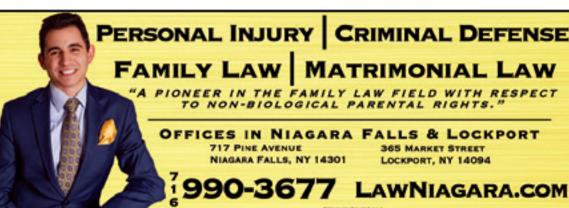
NICHOLAS D. D'ANGELO

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Representation YOU can TRUST





NIAGARA REPORTER

FRFF

July 17th, 2019 - July 23rd, 2019

NiagaraReporter.com

Vol. 20, No. 10

FREE

Super Clips



Walk-Ins are Welcome

8353 Niagara Falls Blvd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304 (Inside Pine Plaza, behind Duff's Wings)



COUPONS - REVIEWS - SPECIALS

@ THE CENTER PAGE

Politics Take Center Stage as Gaming Battle Continues



By: Tony Farina

Analysis

As the legal wrangling continues at a snail's pace in the gaming stalemate

between the state and the Seneca Nation, politics has definitely moved center stage starting with the Niagara County Democratic Committee's picnic on Tuesday

(Cont. on pg. 2)

Canal Fest is Back!!



No Job Is Too Big or Too Small. Make The Call & Let Us Take Care Of It All!!!

Voted Best of the Best by North Tonewanda Extra

310-9882



By: Brendan McDonough

Hundreds of people packed the Tonawanda's for the start of the annual Canal Festival. For the past 37 years organizers have been holding the event and it runs from July 14th to July 21st.

There is no doubt it is a week-long event aimed at celebrating the canal and helping to bring the community together.

(Cont. on pg. 6)

Call Michael White, Esq. 998-7499 SUPER LAWYERS OFFICIAL HOME OF THE PAGE 4 CRIME Niagara Falls Open 7am-4pm Tuesday Open 7am-4pm



The Little Bakery





Robert M. Restaino

Attorney at Law

(716) 285-8185







Gaming Battle Cont. from Cover

(this week) that was expected to be highlighted by a visit from State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli.

"We expect the comptroller to show up and I'm expecting there will be a picture taken of him with our candidate for mayor of Niagara Falls, Robert Restaino," said Democratic Chairman Jason Zona on Monday.

Restaino will have a tight squeeze timewise to get that picture taken with DiNapoli because somehow, former Democratic Chairman Nick Forster is throwing a \$500-a-person fundraiser for Restaino at the Red Coach Inn about the same time as the Democratic picnic at Gratwick Park. Coincidence? Or is there a political rivalry between Zona and the former chairman?

Zona expects, and so do we, that Restaino will make both events and get his picture taken with the state's chief fiscal watchdog who has been a critic of the current administration's handling of casino funds for several years.

Republicans will have their get-together next Tuesday, July 23, at the Hyde Park Stoneroom where they are expected to have a loud and upbeat crowd for their very strong slate for Niagara Falls Council, incumbent Ken Tompkins and newcomer John Spanbauer who, if they win the two seats up for grabs, could give the GOP the majority on

the council along with Chris Voccio.

The city GOP has still not made an endorsement for mayor and there are rumors the party is not too excited about backing former Democrat Glenn Choolokian. Some are said to be favoring Democratic primary winner Restaino for the top job. Choolokian has not been seen much by the GOP faithful, according to reports, and we'll have to wait and see if he shows up on Tuesday for the \$50-per-person event.

The fight for political power goes on even as the legal battle between the state and the Senecas over revenue-sharing payments goes on, tightening the financial noose every day for the three host cities, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and Salamanca.

"We still had about \$7 million on hand a few weeks ago," said Council Chairman Andy Touma, but the savvy leader admitted there is still much uncertainty about when there will be a settlement and if so, what kind of financial money will be flowing from the Senecas. Will it be the same as before?

As we have reported, the Senecas don't feel they have gotten the "exclusivity" bang for their more than \$1 billion in bucks paid to the state since the compact began. They want a new deal and have balked at paying the state \$255 million as ordered by the arbitration panel in April following the December decision favoring the state.



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has remained silent on when the State will receive all of the money owed from the Seneca Nation.

As of this week, the state and the Senecas have until Aug. 27 to file their briefs in support of their motions in the case that is now before U. S. District Judge William

While all that moves along -or doesn't move -- the state is still holding on to the \$12.3 million it promised to loan the city of Niagara Falls for the current budget until the Seneca money comes in. Well, when or if the money will be coming in remains very uncertain, and while the city still has money in the drawer, it won't last much longer.

Perhaps the city can breathe easy, however, as the state said in an email to this reporter on Monday "the state is in contact with the Niagara Falls Mayor's office, and our commitment to the city remains firm as we wait for the Seneca Nation to fulfill its obligation as determined by the arbitration panel."

Well, the state seems ready to deliver on its promise if necessary, to keep the city from falling into the Niagara River financially, but what about the future? Will the slot revenue payments resume at the same level? Or will they resume at all? All that seems very much up in the air these days as the politicians move about hoping to take control of a dying city.

There are numerous reports around town that businesses at many locations far from the state park are not doing very well this summer. As one businessman put it, this is a poor city and getting poorer. The state needs to step up but so far, it hasn't.

IAGARA



REPORTER

Frank Parlato, Jr. Publisher & Editor in Chief

Nicholas D. D'Angelo

Managing Editor

P.O. Box 3083, Niagara Falls NY 14304 niagarareporter@gmail.com (716) 870-1175













Delivery Locations

All businesses that advertise with the Niagara Repo will also have the paper delivered there*

Amherst: Tops

Grand Island: Tops

Lewiston: Deal Realty, DiCamillo Bakery, Public Library, Tim Hortons, Tops, Rite Aid, Syros Restaurant, & the Village Bakery

Lockport: Lockport City Court, County Courthouse, Save-A-Lot & Tops

food stores

Niagara Falls: BankOnBuffalo, City Hall (basement), The Como (restaurant, deli, & airport locations), DiCamillo Bakery (all locations), Frankie's Donuts, John Duke Center, Key Bank (800 Main St.), Memorial Medical Center (entrance to lobby), Michael's Restaurant, Marketside Restaurant, Mom's Restaurant, Niagara Towers, Niagara Falls Family Court, Niagara Falls Police Station, Niagara Falls Public Library (both locations), Rite Aid (7804 Buffalo Ave. & 4407 Military Rd.), Save-A-Lot, Spallino Towers, Supermarket Liquor, Tops (all locations), Tim Hortons (all locations), Wedge Liquors, & Wrobel Towers.

North Tonawanda: Bishop Gibbons, Broadway Hotel, Budwey's Market, Carousel Park Apartments, City Hall, DMV, Kimek's Tavern, Lou's Diner, Platter's Chocolates, Public Library, Olympia Restaurant, Tops, Roman Café & Save-A-Lot

Sanborn: Smokin Joes (gas station and store) & Tim Hortons

Wilson: Lakeside Market

Youngstown: Anchor Spirits & Wines, Bandanas Bar & Grill, Public Library, Rite Aid, Village Diner

Chris's Corner: Ending One Party Rule in the Falls

Chris Voccio is a Niagara Falls City Council member and can be reached at Chris Voccio@gmail.com.



Chris Voccio
NF City Councilman

With the primary elections behind us, and with an unusual mayoral race ahead that could give us a mayor elected by a slim plurality, my focus during the general election will be to help bring about historic change on the City Council.

It's important to understand that the City Council, the legislative body of the city, has been under One Party Rule for decades. Someone told me it was back in 1964 that we last had a Council with a Republican majority, others have said it was back in the 1980's. Whichever

is correct, it is fair to say that the Democratic Party has controlled the Council for more than a generation. For decades.

Drive along Pine Avenue or Niagara Street. Drive up and down Highland Avenue or Main Street or Hyde Park Boulevard. If you like what you see, if you're happy with the progress the city has made with One Party Rule, then it may make sense to keep that party in control of the City Council. If you like the condition of our city streets, the sidewalks and the business climate, then keep the current majority party in charge.

Please understand that since the casino opened, the city has received \$250 million in casino revenue. While some want to blame the mayor alone for the way those casino dollars were spent, the mayor can't buy a pack of chewing gum with city funds unless it's approved by the City Council. The same City Council that has been controlled by One Party Rule. For decades.

So as you drive along the city's streets, if you are unhappy with the way things look, please remember

that \$250 million, over and above the city's regular budget, has been pumped into the city. Are you happy with the way things turned out?

Whatever you think about the two major political parties at the national level, clearly it's unhealthy to have one party control the keys to government for so long. We're now witnessing the issues associated with One Party Rule in Albany, and it's only been six months of one party dominance there. Let's hope that it doesn't last for decades, as it has here in the Falls.

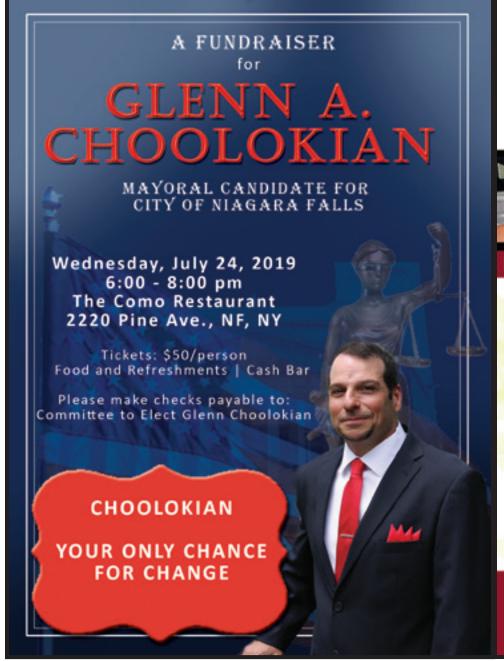
Whichever party you belong to, and whichever way you normally vote, I'm urging you to consider voting for two Republicans in this City Council election in November, incumbent Kenny Tompkins and political newcomer John Spanbauer.

Give Republicans a majority on the City Council and judge us accordingly. While state government is completely controlled by the other party, you'll be putting Niagara Falls in the hands of local people who will put taxpayers first, all while engaging with our Democrat colleagues in a healthy relationship that puts the city's best interests first, regardless of who our next mayor is.

Republicans don't always agree with one another. Councilman Tompkins and I often go separate ways, and that's a healthy part of our system. So by voting for two Republicans, you're not voting for a monolith with a singular agenda. We're all free-thinking individuals. But we will represent a change from decades of One Party Rule.

Let me end by saying I am bullish on Niagara Falls. While there are an abundance of challenges facing the city, we are blessed with an abundance of opportunities. On January 1st we will have a new mayor and one new council member. I believe we will eventually come to terms with the Senecas and build a new and meaningful relationship, and this will result in additional revenues that, if invested wisely, could help us take advantages of the opportunities in front of us.

New leadership, along with a little luck and much-needed help from God Almighty, will lead to better days ahead.







THE CRIME

WEEKLY HEADLINES

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1900 block of Welch Avenue on July 9th, 2019, after receiving reports of an altercation between multiple females. According to reports, one female was taken to the hospital after she was hit in the head with a baseball bat. Although bleeding, the victim was able to walk to the ambulance herself. Security cameras caught the altercation on video showing multiple women smashing the victim's apartment and vehicle.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to reports of a brawl at 18th and Niagara Street in the evening hours of Tuesday, July 9th, 2019. According to reports, multiple units responded to the scene where more than fifty people were crowded.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to 18th and Niagara Street in the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 10th, 2019, after receiving a call from AMR that a man was standing in the middle of the road blocking the ambulance from responding to a robbery and assault of a femake in the Seneca Niagara Casino parking ramp.

-Niagara Falls Police and Fire responded to the 1100 block of Linwood Avenue in the evening hours of Wednesday, July 10th, 2019, after receiving reports of a stabbing. According to reports, one individual sustained non life-threatening injuries.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Cuddeback Avenue in the late evening hours of Wednesday, July 10th, 2019, after receiving reports of a group of adults and juveniles fighting. According to 911 calls, multiple people were yelling, swearing, making threats and injuries were reported.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 500 block of 27th Street in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 11th, 2019, after receiving reports of a suspicious person. According to reports, a white male with long, curly, blond hair was seen reaching into a side window of a house and playing with the curtains. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.
-Niagara Falls Police conducted a raid in the 32 building of Packard Court on July 11th, 2019. According to police records, several grams of cocaine.

on July 11th, 2019. According to police records, several grams of cocaine and a handgun were seized by police. One male and one female were taken into custody.

AGEPDO Niagara Falls, NY

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center in the late afternoon hours of Sunday, July 14th, 2019, after receiving a call from the ER that an individual presented with a gunshot wound. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the Valero Gas Station on Ferry Avenue in the evening hours of Sunday, July 14th, 2019, after reports of juveniles causing a disturbance. According to police records, juveniles used a poprack and hit someone with it in the store.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1800 block of Pine Avenue in the afternoon hours of Monday, July 15th, 2019, after receiving a report of a stolen vehicle with two children inside. Police say the victim went into the store to pay a bill while leaving the children inside the car when an unknown male took the blue 2007 Jeep Compass and took off. While responding, police were notified that the two children were dropped off in front a house in the 800 17th Street. The children were not injured. An hour or so later it was reported that the vehicle was located in the City of Buffalo by the Buffalo Police Department.





FOOD AT THE FOLD

Highlighting Small Businesses Throughout Niagara County





Advertise your business in our "Food at the Fold" section!!

> Call (716) 990-3677



North Tonawanda

Canal Fest Cont.

"This event is growing all time and it supports up to 15 nonfor-profit organizations between the two cities," said Peter Chenier, President of the Canal Festival. "It supports the boy scouts, volunteer fireman and a number of churches."

This year there are dozens of vendors selling everything from funnel cakes to fried dough. More than 200,000 are expected to hit the streets over the course of the eight day event.

Emileigh Mazurkiewicz was crowned queen of the 2019 Canal Festival. For her the pageant is more than just wearing a crown, but rather representing an area that she loves and helping to inspire the next generation of young girls.

"As the queen I try and be a role model to all of the younger girls and show them that if you have strong well-rounded qualities that you can do anything" said Mazurkiewicz.

One of the highlights of the event is a chalk drawing contest. This year's theme is safari and the artists are judged in three separate categories. The age groups run from 6th grade and under, 6th grade to 12th grade, and then adults. Prizes are given out the winners and the contestants are judged individually.

"You think that the kids are just going to do something small, like how they would on a piece of paper, and then it turns into this 8' x 10' mural and it is wonderful how they incorporate the shading," said Emily Ertel, Chalk Festival, Co-Advisor. "The thought and creativity, all in just a matter of three and a half hours,

is off the charts."

Members of the National Guard were also at the event. They came to show people what they do and to educated young kids about how it can also be a rewarding career.

"We offer 100 percent tuition to any New York State, SUNY, school so you can go to UB or Buffalo State for free," said Sargent James Farley, National Guard. "Your total obligation is one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer,".

In addition to being educated about other organizations, some people came to just look at the canal and enjoy all of the beauty it has to offer.

"This is an annual tradition for me," said Michelle Jaynes, Tonawanda Resident. "The food is great and I like the games. I especially like the craft shows."

Water Bike Adventures offers people the chance to not only look at the canal but to ride on it. For \$12 an hour people can bike or paddle their way through its many paths.

"An hour is usually just enough time because after that people get tired and this is a really good location because we are right on Gateway Harbor and you can go out the creek or up the canal," said Abby Chilton, Water Bike Adventures.

In addition to celebrating the canal organizers are hoping people will stop into the shops along Webster Street and add a much-needed boost to the local economy. All helping to celebrate the canal and bring additional tourism to the area long after the event is over.





Registered Apprenticeship

The US and New York State Departments of Labor recognize and monitor registered skilled apprenticeship programs in NYS and throughout the United States. The Laborers' International Union of North America publicly promotes our successful model of labor-management registered apprenticeship programs to combat the growing emphasis on employer programs supported by taxpayers.

What is Registered Apprenticeship?

It's a job. Apprentices start working from day one with incremental wage increases as they become more proficient. It's on-the-job learning and education. Registered Apprenticeship includes on-the-job learning from an assigned mentor combined with technical training provided by apprenticeship training centers, technical schools, community colleges, and institutions employing distance and computer-based learning systems.

It's a credential. At the end of the apprenticeship, all apprentices receive a nationally recognized credential. Some apprenticeship programs offer interim credentials as apprentices achieve important milestones during their apprenticeship.

What are some advantages of Registered Apprenticeship?

The benefits to employers are: more highly skilled employees, reduced turnover rates, higher productivity, lower investment in recruitment, a more diverse workforce, a new pool of workers and the creation of career pathways. The benefits to registered apprentices are: being nationally recognized and portable credentials, improved skills and competencies, higher wages as skills increase and career advancement.

Registered Apprenticeship programs are operated by partnerships of employers, labor management organizations and government. Apprenticeship sponsors — employers, employer associations and labor-management organizations — register programs with federal and state government agencies. Sponsors provide mentors, on-the-job learning opportunities and required technical instruction to apprentices. Incorporating Registered Apprenticeship directly into your workforce development system will strengthen your local and regional economy by offering highly trained and educated residents. Let Registered Apprenticeship be your competitive advantage. Laborers' Local 91 accepts apprenticeship applications the first Tuesday of every month from 8 AM — 12 noon at our training facility located at 4500 Witmer Industrial Estates Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, Inc



June & July 7 to 9 pm | August & September 6 to 8

Gill Creek Park Gazebo

Niagara Street & Hyde Park Blvd

Bring chairs, blankets, & a non-perishable donation for Divine Mercy Pantry

This Week's Concert

July 17
International Festival &
Community Day

Fun starts at 3:30 pm. See right for details.



July 24 Junk Yard Dogs Sponsored by Tom Jacob Towing

> July 31 Penelope Sponsored by KeyBank

August

August 7 Generation Gap

Sponsored by Zajac Funeral Home, Inc.

August 14 POLISH NIGHT with New Direction Band

Sponsored by The Polish Nook Restaurant | Koban's Restaurant

August 21 White Chocolate

Sponsored by Frenchy's Pizza & Restaurant | Agee Towing

August 28 ITALIAN NIGHT with Formula Band

Sponsored by Robert M. Restaino, Candidate for Niagara Falls Mayor

Rain Dates: September 4 & 11

All proceeds benefit the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, Inc.
Call Ron Anderluh, 716.946.1744 for more information



July 17

3:30 to 9:30 pm

Gill Creek Park Gazebo

Niagara Street & Hyde Park Blvd

Presenting Sponsor

Niagara Falls Redevelopment LLC

Platinum Sponsor

One Niagara

Silver Sponsor

Bank on Buffalo

Bronze Sponsor

NYS Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, 145th District

Schedule

3:30 - 7:00 pm

Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner

\$10 Pre-sale | \$11 Day of Event

4:00 to 8:30 pm

Basket Auction & 50/50 Raffle

4:00 to 8:00 pm

Niagara Falls Fire Department

Safety Unit/Smoke House

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Soul Committee

Sponsored by Niagara Gazette & Lockport Union-Sun & Journal

7:00 to 9:30 pm

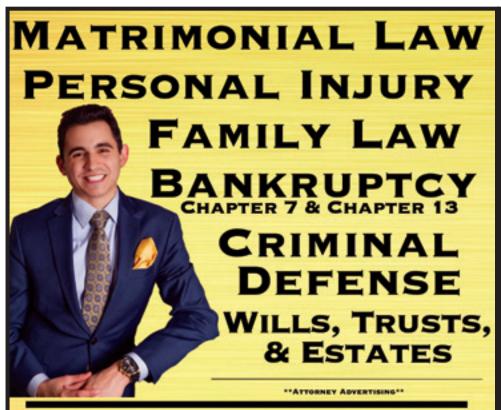
The Fabulous USA Band

Sponsored by George Edwards Jewelers | Small World Child Care

Food Vendors, Community Vendors, and Information!

All proceeds benefit the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, Inc.

Call Ron Anderluh, 716.946.1744 for more information



NICHOLAS D. D'ANGELO

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1990-3677

WWW.LAWNIAGARA.COM

365 MARKET STREET, LOCKPORT NY 14094 717 PINE AVENUE, NIAGARA FALLS NY 14301







Chuck Colavecchia

Call Today for Any of Your Auto Needs

Cell: 716-628-7972 Off: 716-271-7974

10225 Niagara Falls Blvd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304 www.davidcars.com

Personal friend of the Gecko[®].

Timothy C. Lynch | 716-832-3253

1330 Niagara Falls Blvd | Tonawanda, NY 14150 Across from the Boulevard Mall

















Some discounts, coverages, payment plans and features are not available in all states, in all GEICO companies, or in all situations. Boat and PWC coverages are underwritten by GEICO Marine Insurance Company. Homeowners, renters and condo coverages are written through non-affi liated insurance companies and are secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. Motorcycle and ATV coverages are underwritten by GEICO Indemnity Company. GEICO is a registered service mark of Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. 20076; a Berkshire Hathaway Inc. subsidiary. GEICO Gecko image © 1999-2018. © 2018 GEICO