

Bee readers can win with new football contest

Participants will vie for weekly prizes

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Reporter

A good number of football fans glean extra enjoyment from the sport through participation in squares pools. Now, readers of The Bee will have an extra opportunity to join in on that fun.

The Bee Football Contest will make its debut in the classified section of this week's editions, giving its readers the opportunity to win weekly prizes — and, for those competing during the entire NFL season, a shot at an overall grand prize.

"This is just another nice reason, besides our strong local news, to pick up our papers," said Michael Measer, vice president of Bee Publications.

Starting with the Sept. 4 and 5 editions

of The Bee and continuing every week that Buffalo plays, readers will find the squares grid for that week's game on the back page of the classified section. Each square, represented by 25 area merchants, will have two numbers assigned to it for Buffalo, and two numbers assigned to it for that week's opponent.

Each number represents the second part of a double-digit score — a "3" would be good for scores such as 13, 23, 33 and so on — or, in the case of a team scoring in the single digits, is worth face value.

Readers must pick the merchant that they feel is represented by what that week's final score will be. Those who pick the correct merchant square will be awarded three points toward the season standings and will also be included in a random drawing — among all weekly entrants who picked correctly — for a \$50 gift certificate to an area merchant.

The first week's winner will receive a gift

certificate to the Eagle House restaurant in Williamsville.

The grand prize for season-long participants, which Measer said will have at least a \$250 value, will be announced during the midpoint of the contest.

The grid will be available each week on the back page of The Bee's classified section,

but contestants will be required to enter online either through The Bee's main website, www.BeeNews.com, or by clicking on the contest tab on one of The Bee's nine Facebook pages. The grids should be avail-



able at both online locations each week upon publication of The Bee, giving participants as many as four days before each Sunday's game to submit an entry.

Private groups can also be set up by participants to compete among themselves and their family, friends or co-workers. Sea-

son standings will also be available for the general contest through the contest log-in site.

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Fall tune-up workshop to be offered for vocalists

A fall vocal tune-up workshop for vocalists will be offered from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 S. Buffalo St.

The workshop is being offered as an outreach to the choral community by the Orchard Park Chorale and the Concert Development Fund of First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora.

The class will be taught by vocalist and instructor Holly Bewlay, assistant professor of music at Buffalo State College. Bewlay will offer a series of vocal exercises and practical advice on using the voice to maximize its expressiveness and quality, according to a press release from the Orchard Park Chorale.

Emphasis will be on creating a freer and more open sound for the mature voice.

"It's important to understand how to use our voices and to enjoy the joy of singing at all times," said Bewlay.

Bewlay is an active soprano soloist who has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Chautauqua Institution Symphony Orchestra and the Orchard Park Chorale. She is also the artistic director of the annual Cadenza Workshop for opera singers and is an artist-collaborator for the Professional Development of Arts Educators.

Registration is \$5. Church and community choral groups may register as an ensemble at a rate of \$25, which registers up to 10 members of the same group.

To register, call Kathleen Keenan-Takagi at 832-2226, or email keentakagi@aol.com.

For more information, visit www.orchardparkchorale.org, or visit its Facebook page.

In the military

Airman Mike Kmitch graduated from basic training at the Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Orchard Park High School in 2012. He is the son of Michele Kmitch of Orchard Park and the late James Shul.

Navy Midshipman Jason D. Jablonski, son of Joseph and Lori Jablonski of Orchard Park, graduated from basic midshipman training at the U.S. Navy Academy.

OP woman to be honored for MS volunteerism at luncheon

When Joanne Schiffhauer, of Orchard Park, was diagnosed with a chronic disease of the central nervous system three years ago, she longed to be with a group of peers who could relate to her struggle. When she couldn't find that source of support — she helped create it.

That's part of the reason Schiffhauer is being recognized as a Young Person On the Move by the National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter at its annual Champions On the Move luncheon in Buffalo on Sept. 13.

Schiffhauer will join eight other individuals or groups who are being honored for going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of people with multiple sclerosis.

"When I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, I felt so lost," says Schiffhauer, who was 34 at the time.

She says the physician who diagnosed her gave her no information about the National MS Society, so she went online seeking it. After visiting the Upstate New York Chapter's Buffalo office, Schiffhauer started joining events to raise funds to find a cure for the disease.

"When I got the diagnosis it felt like my world crumbled," says



Joanne Schiffhauer

Schiffhauer. "I felt broken. I needed something positive in my life."

Schiffhauer helped the chapter launch a support group for young people with MS — individuals in their 20s and 30s — allowing them to connect and share their experiences with each other.

For the past three years, Schiffhauer has participated in Walk MS, the chapter's largest annual fundraiser, with her team, "Refuse to Lose," and has volunteered for various events, including Bike MS Head for the Hills 2012. After being inspired by the 2012 riders, Schiffhauer created a

Bike MS team called "Refuse to Lose," which participated in the Bike MS Southtowns Shuffle last month.

"Unfortunately, I just had a flare-up," says Schiffhauer. "I ended up doing Bike MS, though, and went 34 miles. My fiance went 62 miles."

Schiffhauer was one of the first to sign up for the chapter's new event, a fun run called Monster Scramble 5K/10K, that will take place in North Tonawanda's Acacia Park Cemetery on Oct. 19.

"I'm so excited about it," says Schiffhauer. "I've got to get my running legs. I'll be starting to train for that."

She will be running with friends and raising funds for MS and awareness of the disease.

"It is about raising money, and we put a lot into the events," says Schiffhauer. "With my Walk MS team, we have 10 people, and not all of them raise a lot of money, but it's about the support they bring. Not everybody can donate. Not everyone feels comfortable donating, but they give their support in different ways."

Tickets to the luncheon are \$60. To reserve a seat, visit www.MSupstateny.org; call Maria Batt at 634-2573, ext. 70501; or email Maria.Batt@nmss.org.

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