

## A Reunion Limerick Challenge

As this edition of the world's best hometown newspaper arrives in a mailbox, retail outlet or online platform near you, EAHS alumni, former residents and expatriates who long ago traded in the 14052 for another set of numbers are descending upon the village for three or four or five days of reunion, revelry, reminiscing and head-scratching as they wonder why they left in the first place.

One of the questions that we townies will hear floating around the village all weekend is "Hey, what's new in town?" Well, the answers to that question depend on your point of view and run the gamut from "Not much" to "You hardly recognize the place anymore."

Out here in Right Field, we thought it would be fun to help with the "What's new in town?" question with a little quiz. Here are ten limericks, each containing a missing word or phrase, like they do on NPR's quiz show "Wait, Wait, don't Tell Me." In the five-line ditties that follow, we'll take a tour down Main Street. I'll describe new or fairly new businesses in the village and then ask you to remember the store or restaurant that used to stand in its place. Get 10 right answers and you might win a prize. The first 10 readers who bring correct answers to the *Advertiser*, 710 Main St., between 10 and noon on Friday, July 23, will win a drink token for the Right Field Satellite Office, southeast corner of Oakwood and Elm, where the 139-year-old stand-up bar has finally re-emerged after being desecrated with tables and stools for the past 16 months.

With that incentive in mind, here's your first limerick, an easy one to start with:

1. In the village, it's easily the most tall,

## View from Right Field

Rick Ohler



And now houses three restaurants in all.

Try Red's for a dog,  
Taste or Griffon's for some grog,  
Back in the day, it was called \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You can shop here for an organic food sampler,  
Where your membership into discounts does transfer.

It sits by the tracks,  
But many years back  
It was Spike's deli, also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Stop for beef on weck and other butchers' goodies,  
For drinks, gas, lottery tickets and cookies.

But many years back,  
He put your car on the racks,  
And dispensed Gulf gas when we all called it \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Today, you can get a Singer that stitches with lasers,  
And 10,000 fabrics or more, I would wager.

But there once was a time  
When we all trooped to No. 659,  
'Cause everything we wore came from \_\_\_\_\_.

5. For gas pumps, the move was pure folly,  
Demolishing an old beautiful home is a shame, by golly.

At Willow and Main,  
Do you remember the name?  
It was the \_\_\_\_\_ Station before it was Pasquale's.

6. In the '60s it must have been quite a sight,  
With grocery stores on Main St. left and right.

This one's now a tutor  
Between the dentist and middle

schoolers

In our day, it was Stan and Fran  
Lowes' \_\_\_\_\_.

7. It's gone today, replaced by a grand parking lot,  
Near the CVS where you get the flu and Covid shot.

It was next to Ess & Fones  
Down the street from Nelson Holmes.

They sold Studebakers until it became Kelper's \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Today it's the excellent Village Cafe,  
But it's been so many different stores in its day.

One memory is still clear,  
Of getting our camping gear  
At the \_\_\_\_\_ as we went on our way.

9. This isn't on Main Street, but it's not far at all,  
Where village and town abandoned their solipsistic\* thrall,

And finally agreed  
On a joint facility  
In the building we knew as the old \_\_\_\_\_.

10. McDonald's reign on Main didn't really begin  
Until they built on the site where Jesters had been

But do you remember the swank  
Of the place run by Frank?  
Once upon a time there was \_\_\_\_\_.

\* RIP Snake \*\*\*

Columnist Rick Ohler invites readers to find past columns and articles on his website, [www.rickohler.com](http://www.rickohler.com).

## ITAC Partnership Highlights Efforts to Prevent Underage Drinking

The following was submitted by Bette Dehr of ITAC: It Takes A Community

Alcohol compliance checks are a type of environmental prevention that deters alcohol outlets from selling alcohol to underage youth. Law enforcement officials supervise undercover youth who attempt to purchase alcohol. These checks are a tool law enforcement can use to reduce the availability of alcohol to underage youth from commercial sources such as bars, restaurants, liquor, grocery, and convenience stores. By preventing youth access from commercial sources, communities can reduce the negative consequences associated with underage drinking, thereby creating a safer, healthier environment for youth.

On June 24th the Erie County Sheriffs conducted an Underage Drinking Initiative in our community. Thirteen establishments were checked, and we are proud to say all were found to be in compliance.

The following businesses were in compliance and did not sell alcohol to a person under the age of 21: 7 Eleven at 5281 Broadway, Lancaster, 7 Eleven at 2180 Bullis Rd., Elma, Speedway at 6640 Clinton St., Elma, Speedway at 661 Jamison Rd., Elma, Kwik Fill at 11615 Clinton St., Alden, Kwik Fill at 2170 Transit Rd., West Seneca, Red Apple/Kwik Fill at 5 Ernst Rd., East Aurora, Reed's Liquor at 163 Main St. East Aurora, Aurora Liquor at 123 Grey St. East Aurora, Elma Liquor at 2350 Bowen Rd., Elma, Sunoco Gas at 5665 Seneca St. West Seneca, Crosby's at 11566 Big Tree Rd., East Aurora and Crosby's at 950 Maple Rd., East Aurora.

We congratulate and thank these establishments for their part in reinforcing community norms and expectations with regard to serving minors.



Our community can take positive steps to raise awareness for why compliance checks are needed and can take action - through town hall meetings to increase the understanding and awareness of underage drinking and its consequences, as well as to encourage individuals, families and communities to work in unison to address the problem. Please join us at an ITAC Town Hall Meeting on Aug. 3 at the Elma Village Green Park on Bowen Road from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to learn more about current substance use trends, and data specific to our community regarding underage use.

ITAC and the Erie County Sheriff's Department are offering Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) to interested establishments that serve or sell alcohol. This training will educate and provide training in the responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol. TIPS training provides benefits, including lower insurance premiums, reduced exposure to alcohol liability lawsuits, decreased penalties for alcohol violations, safer communities and improved customer service. Contact ITAC at [www.itacemw.org](http://www.itacemw.org) for more TIPS Training information.

## The Coming AP Madness

By Hayden Griebel

For many students taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, the months of March, April, and especially May are stressful times. The last few weeks leading up to the exams are crunch time before students are bused to a college building or conference hall to take the three-hour exam.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AP exams for 2020 were moved online because students were not allowed to take them in person. Therefore, AP students were required to stay at home and take their exams. Some students had just one exam to worry about, while others had three or more.

More than four million students take AP exams every year. This

became a problem in 2020 and more issues arose. The pandemic led to students having to provide their own laptops to take the exam online. Students also had to make sure that they had access to the Internet at the time of their exam.

According to Spectrum Local News, many students around the world had trouble submitting their exams on the site. Either their Internet was glitchy, they could not locate the file for the exam or the submit button would not work. This caused added anxiety to an already stressful experience for exam takers. Some students taking their last exams were forced to study even more for another test date at least a week later. Many were seniors who had already checked out for

the summer, so these technology issues were a burden for some.

In an interview with Andie Jones, she shared the issues she had with her exam. "I had an issue with logging into the exam and the code was giving me an error back," Jones said.

After finally getting logged in, Jones had lost lots of time and was not able to complete the exam on that given day. "There was a lot of added stress having to retake the exam a whole two and a half weeks after the expected date."

What do you tell a student that has to take the exam over again? After studying and preparing for that test date, students do not want to have to take another test. It is mentally taxing on these students. Teachers did all they could and helped by

providing more studying material and key points to review.

Last year, students had the ability to receive a refund from the College Board if they did not want to take the test. Each AP exam is \$90. While some students did this, others did not because they had spent the whole year taking the class and did not want to waste that knowledge. College Board is offering the same refund this year with no fees if students decide to cancel their exams.

The upcoming exams for AP students in 2021 could potentially be held in person. College Board said that if health and safety conditions are met, then schools can offer in-person tests. If this is not possible, there will be a full-length online exam that can be taken from the

comfort of your home (as comfortable you can get while taking an AP exam). More updates about the exams are set to come out in the first few months of the new year.

The situation for last year's exams was not ideal for most. Some students thrived, while others crumbled. Most of the time, students stress over their exams, but the 2020 online AP disaster was the next level for some.

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