

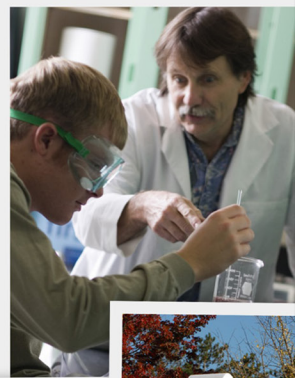
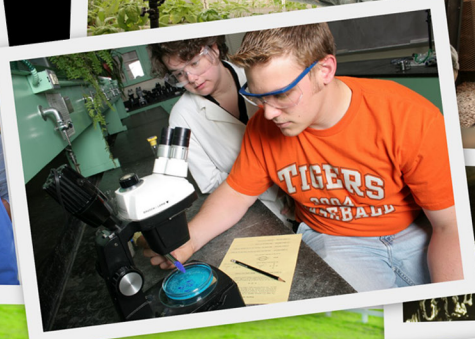


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COBLESKILL – SUNY Cobleskill leaders from the past and the present gathered Friday to discuss the future of the college as it celebrates its charter centennial year.

Current college President Donald Zingale and past president Thomas Haas, who served from 2003 to 2006, participated in a forum discussion about how the college, and academia in general, has changed dramatically over the past 100 years. Neal Robbins, Cobleskill president from 1986 to 1991, was scheduled to participate in the forum but couldn't make it. He was replaced on the panel by Cobleskill Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Debra Thatcher.

SUNY Cobleskill, celebrating its charter centennial year, hosted a special panel discussion on the College's past, present and future on Friday, in Bouck Hall Ballroom. The President's Forum featured left to right, Perry Odak, Class of 1965, Operating Partner and Member of the Strategic Advisory Board at Genstar Capital LLC., Emeriti Dr. Thomas J. Haas, speaks to invited guests, current President Dr. Donald P. Zingale and Dr. Debra H. Thatcher, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, SUNY Cobleskill.

Although Cobleskill's history is rooted in agriculture, none of the three college leaders had any background in that area before coming to the school, which they said showed the changing nature of the college's role in the community and the lives of its students.

Haas said he believes Cobleskill has grown to include many more disciplines than agriculture, such as the culinary arts and early childhood education.

Zingale said one of the big factors determining how the college will evolve will be the availability of state revenue to help support it. He said when he began his career as a college professor, all an academic had to do was propose a new program and governors like Nelson Rockefeller would metaphorically "pull out a roll of bills" to pay for it. This year, he expects the state to cut his aid by \$1.1 million. This projected cut when added to prior years' cuts will reduce the state-funded portion of Cobleskill's budget by \$3.4 million from three years ago.

Zingale said Cobleskill hasn't laid off any professors, but positions have been eliminated through attrition, which has cut the number of available courses. He said as the college moves forward it will be expected to craft courses that meet the demands of students, but he cautioned that the new market approach to academics must be tempered with reason.

"It can't just be that [the students] want and need a course; it has to be that the students will be wanted and needed when they graduate. Fifteen years ago, there was one program of forensic science in the western United States, just one. Then a TV program called 'CSI' became popular, and now there are over 100 of those programs, because students demanded them. Are there any more jobs in that area? No," he said. "We have a very popular program called equestrian studies. If we merely wanted to give in to the demand of students from across the United States to study horses, we could fill this campus with those students, but it would do them a great disservice. Where are they going to work?"

Thatcher said another factor that will surely change the nature of the college is the level to which its future students have become accustomed to using mobile electronic devices and the Internet all of the time.

"We have students now who walk around and they've got their cellphones and their MP3 players – think what that's going to look like in five to 10 years. The kids who are under 15 now are not anything like us and probably not all that much like the students who are here now," she said. "We will see an incredible change in the way they think and behave just because they've grown up with electronics as a part of their everyday life."

Zingale said he's changed his thinking about electronics and the college will have to continue to do the same. He said that in the 1980s, he resisted using computers. Today, the college's students can follow his activities on his Twitter account.

SUNY reflections

College leaders examine past, future

By Patsy Nicosia

With a nod to the start of its second century, SUNY Cobleskill Friday brought together the past and the present to talk about the future.

President Emeritus Thomas Haas, who served from 2003-2006, joined current President Donald Zingale in the President's Forum panel discussion.

President Emeritus Neal Robbins, who led the college from 1986-1991, had also been invited to share his thoughts, but canceled because of illness.

He was replaced at the forum by Debra Thatcher, provost and vice president for academic affairs since January.

Perry Odak, president of US Portfolio and a SUNY Cobleskill graduate, moderated the "casual conversation."

Dr. Zingale told the invitation-only gathering that even as the college focuses of what employers want and students need, they'll be doing it in a time of fiscal challenges that will require different ways of thinking.

"For 100 years, we've withstood these kinds of challenges," he said. "We'll continue to do so. SUNY Cobleskill is resilient, maybe because at its roots is the agricultural perspective."

Dr. Haas pointed out that all levels of education everywhere are dealing with the same challenges and the need to develop workable business models for doing their job.

"State support is a concept of the past," agreed Dr. Zingale.

"The demand it places on us is to begin to assume a business stance in a lot of ways...we have to pay as much attention to the business of knowledge as the body of knowledge."

Dr. Thatcher picked up on that thought and said she sees more efficiencies and more

partnerships, not only locally, but nationally and internationally for institutions like SUNY Cobleskill.

In the past, when times got tough, good ideas and programs were put on hold, Dr. Zingale said.

That can no longer be the case.

"If the state is not going to give us money, then we need to go after it ourselves," he said.

Dr. Haas remembered with a smile the days when he'd "go downtown to solve all of the world's problems right here in Schoharie County over a cup of coffee" with community leaders.

That has to be an ongoing relationship, he said, and the others agreed.

"We can't exist without a close relationship with the community," Dr. Thatcher said. "We're all in this together. The town and gown relationship is essential."

Dr. Haas said he as president, he was able to take Cobleskill's concerns to Albany; Dr. Zingale said his goal is to bring Albany to Cobleskill.

A tighter bottom line will make recruiting out-of-state students even more impor-

tant, Dr. Zingale added.

He also promised SUNY Cobleskill will remain agriculturally-based—even as the definition of agriculture changes and programs grow and expand to fill that need—"because that's what we are."

"Our programs are dynamic," agreed Dr. Thatcher. "The advantage we have as an ag and tech school is that we're poised to offer answers to the kind of questions over food, energy, sustainability that the world is asking today."

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As Perry Odak moderates, SUNY Cobleskill President Emeritus Tom Haas and current President Don Zingale talk about the institution's past, present and

future at a President's Forum Friday. Also participating but not pictured was Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Debra Thatcher.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

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SUNY forum features presidents

SUNY Cobleskill, celebrating its charter centennial year, will host a special panel discussion on the college's past, present and future on Friday, April 1 at noon in Bouck Hall Ballroom.

The President's Forum will feature current President Donald Zingale and Presidents Emeriti Thomas Haas and Neal Robbins.

The event is open to the public by invitation only.

Dr. Zingale (2008-present) is the college's 11th president.

Under his leadership, SUNY Cobleskill recently opened the Center of Environmental Science and Technology and has helped with revitalization efforts in downtown Cobleskill.

Dr. Haas (2003-2006) was SUNY Cobleskill's 10th president.

During his tenure, the college opened an equestrian center, received its first federal appropriations for bio-waste-to-bioenergy research, and was approved to

award its first BS degree in Child Care and Development.

He currently serves as president of Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

Dr. Robbins (1986-1991) served as deputy to the chancellor for community colleges for the SUNY System before becoming the eighth president of SUNY Cobleskill.

In his five-year administration, the college awarded its first BT degree in Agricultural Science and constructed the

field house that now bears his name.

Perry Odak will moderate the panel discussion.

Mr. Odak is president U.S. Portfolio, of Devonshire Investors, a private investment firm.

Prior to joining Devonshire Investors, he acted as chief executive officer of Eventflo Company, served as president and CEO of Wild Oats Markets, Inc., and as president/CEO of Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc.

The President's Forum is

one of the marquee events of SUNY Cobleskill's Centennial Celebration.

The college will host the STIHL Timbersports Series, the nation's premier lumberjack competition, at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds on April 29-30, and welcome acclaimed animal science professor and autism activist Temple Grandin to Albany's Palace Theatre on Wednesday, May 4.

For more information, visit www.cobleskill.edu.

Centennial speaker

SUNY to host Temple Grandin at The Palace

SUNY Cobleskill is welcoming acclaimed livestock handling facilities designer Temple Grandin to Albany's Palace Theater on Wednesday, May 4, at 7pm as part of the college's centennial celebration in 2011.

Dr. Grandin, named earlier this year as one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World, is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. She has designed facilities located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. Half the cattle in the United States and Canada are handled in equipment she has designed for meat plants.

Diagnosed as a high-functioning autistic child, Dr. Grandin is the author of "The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's," as well as a consultant to the livestock industry in animal behavior.

She has appeared on televi-

sion shows such as "20/20," "48 Hours," "CNN Larry King Live," "Prime Time Live," and the "Today Show," and has also been featured in People, The New York Times, Forbes, U.S. News and World Report, and Discover. The HBO film "Temple Grandin" was a seven-time winner, including as best Made-For-Television-

Movie, at the 62nd Emmy Awards this past August. Dr. Grandin is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Livestock Convention Institute; the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology magazine; and the Industry Achieve-

Woodstock becomes fundraiser for grants

SUNY Cobleskill will host its third annual Community Fundraiser on Saturday, February 12.

This year's event, a tribute to the 1969 music festival Woodstock, will be held in the campus' Bouck Hall Ballroom beginning at 6pm with food provided by the College's Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism department.

Proceeds will strengthen the local community by increasing access to grants that have a direct economic, academic and cultural impact on the area. Funds will be used to support SUNY Cobleskill's Title III Grant request and a series of Community Development Grant Writing workshops to foster successful grant writing by community partners.

The event also features a cash bar sponsored by the Best Western Inn of Cobleskill. Woodstock dress is encouraged, with prizes to be awarded for most authentic outfit.

Classic Productions will recreate the sounds and visuals of the unforgettable Summer of Love, with tributes to Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane,

ment Award from the American Meat Institute.

She was recognized by The National Cattlemen's Beef Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award, and has received honorary doctorates from McGill University, the University of Illinois, and Duke University.

A past member of Autism Society of America's board of directors, Dr. Grandin lectures to parents and teachers throughout the United States on her experiences with autism.

Dr. Grandin earned her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College, received an M.S. in animal science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes, and was awarded a PhD from the University of Illinois in 1989.

Tickets for this public event can be purchased starting Friday, February 4 in person at the Palace Theater's box office (19 Clinton Avenue), Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 800-745-3000. Handling fees apply to all Ticketmaster and phone purchases.



Temple Grandin

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Dr. Temple Grandin, one on one

by Steven E Smith

One of American agriculture's own is recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, according to *Time* Magazine. Dr. Temple Grandin, the Colorado State University professor with Autism, was featured in an HBO movie due to her revolutionary influence on the design of about half of all the cattle handling systems now used in feedlots and slaughter facilities. A recent visit to SUNY Cobleskill, to speak at the NYS FFA Convention provided the opportunity for a face-to-face interview with an expert on cattle handling, animal welfare as well as another way of looking at thinking.

Cattle handling

Grandin's understanding of animals is heightened by her Autism. "Having Autism means that I see in pictures and deal with the sensory realm differently than other individuals," stated Grandin. While working at a family members ranch, Grandin observed ranchers handling cattle and there noticed how the animals responded when they were moved or managed in the corral. As a college student and later after graduation, Grandin became a leading expert on the flight zone and point of balance concepts used to handle cattle because of her understanding of how animals mishandled respond being sensory based. "People need to calm down around animals as animals view the world through the eyes of being the prey. So glares, shadows, flickering lights or dangling chains all impact the way cattle deal with being handled. Further all who handle animals should learn some flight zone and point of balance concepts with cattle," added Grandin.

Animal welfare

Grandin has had the privilege of serving on a number of national expert panels due to her unique expertise in animals, agricultural engineering and psychology. "We have got to show what we do in production agriculture," stated Grandin. Dr. Grandin commended those in the industry that are embracing good public relations. She noted that some operations are making significant commitment to interact with the consumers. "At Fair Oaks Dairy in Illinois, giving farm tours and providing online access to farm activities are among everyday aspects of the farm's operation. At J.S. West, who is an egg laying operation in California, live pictures of their hens using private laying boxes; exposing the consumer to good agricultural practices. These producers are doing an excellent job of communicating with the public," stated Grandin. While installing cameras and streaming live video of a calving pen is not first on the list of most producers, it has helped to combat the slanderous depiction that activists have portrayed production agriculture as. "I am in favor of the use of YouTube and other social mediums to portray the truth about production agriculture. Since I have started reviewing the materials available at these types of sites in the last few years the message has improved. Instead of radical pictures depicting animal cruelty or neglect, the internet now features many realistic images and information. We need to increase this," proclaimed Grandin.

Grandin, a strong advocate for American agriculture believes that the industry needs to be proactive about aspects of animal welfare which are measurable. "Don't feel defensive but instead embrace measuring your own animal welfare measurable such as lameness, hock lesion, lice, linear score, body condition scores. But by the same token, Grandin opposes some of the current thinking which can be considered a black eye for agriculture. "There are three different bills being developed that will make it illegal for an individual to expose egregious animal conduct," stated Grandin. She indicated that these laws are not necessary. "They are 'ag gag laws' and they are disgraceful. Times are changing and we need to strive for excellence instead of taking steps to cover up deficiencies," concluded Grandin.

Thinking and teaching

By today's definition, many well known people would be classified as Autistic including Albert Einstein and half the experts in Silicone Valley according to Grandin. "All people don't think the same and that is good. We don't want all of one type of thinking on the same team," indicated Grandin. "Our education system should not be taking the hands-on projects out of the schools. Agriculture education is an outstanding program because it educates students through contextual learning that is practical and speaks to many of the nine intelligences and sensory stimuli found in people. It is not just Autistic people who deal with sensory challenges," offered Grandin. "Let's get children turned on to school while they are still in middle school."

While touring SUNY Cobleskill, Dr Grandin found the excavator simulator to be an effective tool to get students interested in the field. "There is a real need for people to work in these fields and we need to get young people interested in activities that involve different ways of thinking as well as other aspects of their senses," concluded Grandin.

As an agricultural engineer and animal theorist, Dr. Temple Grandin has had a profound impact on the way cattle handling has changed in recent decades. As agriculture is educating consumers about the products we make, it will be good business to continue to view the world not only through the eyes of the animals we handle but also through the eyes of the consumers we feed.

For information on cattle handling and other topics that Dr. Temple Grandin has influenced visit www.Grandin.com . The site includes information livestock behavior, design of facilities and humane slaughter as well as a list of Grandin's books and videos including those in Spanish.

Tuesday: Cloudy and rainy. Highs around 60.

Wednesday: Cloudy and rainy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Friday: Sunny. Highs near 60.

Weekend: Sunny. Highs in the mid-60s.

As long as it's sunny by the weekend...

Temple Grandin

Animal scientist Temple Grandin will be [at the Palace Wednesday evening](#). [Grandin](#) is a remarkable person. She's on the autism spectrum and says her ability to "think in pictures" has allowed her to have a unique understanding of how animals negotiate livestock handling systems. Almost half of the cattle in this country are now processed in facilities [based on her designs](#), which have been [hailed as being more humane](#) because they lower the stress levels of the animals.

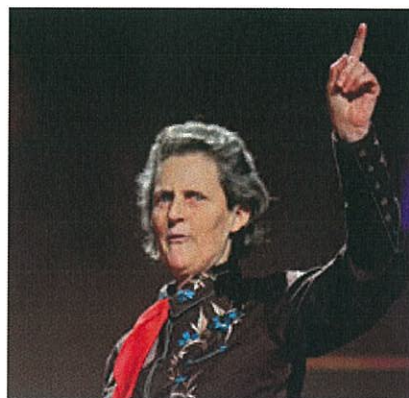
In more recent years, Grandin has become [an advocate for people on the autism spectrum](#). [A movie starring Claire Danes](#) last year chronicled Grandin's struggle to find her place in the world as non-neurotypical person (the movie is pretty good).

7 pm - \$12

Also at the Palace this week:

+ The [classic movie series](#) will be screening [It Happened One Night](#) Monday night. 7 pm - \$5

+ Friday night: [Captain Sig & the Hillstrand Brothers from The Deadliest Catch](#). 8 pm - tickets start at \$31.75



The Dirty Life

Writer [Kristin Kimball](#) will be [at The Linda Thursday evening](#). She's the author of *The Dirty Life*, a memoir about moving [from New York City to a plot of land near Lake Champlain to start a sustainable farm](#). 6 pm - \$10

Cinco de Mayo

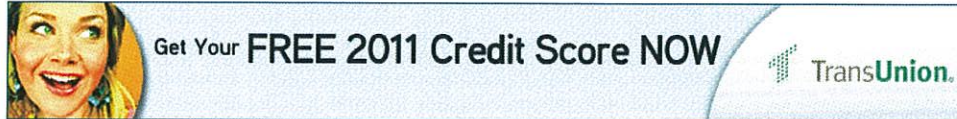
This Thursday is May 5th -- Cinco de Mayo. In some parts of Mexico, the day [commemorates the Mexican army's victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla](#) in 1862. In the US, it's become a celebration of Mexican heritage -- and, thanks to beer and liquor companies, an excuse to eat guacamole and drink margaritas.


Tulip Festival

It's coming up this weekend. A few of [the events](#) start Friday -- but most of the action is Saturday and Sunday. This year's [music lineup](#) is headlined by [Cold War Kids](#).

Game on

The annual [GameFest symposium and exhibition at RPI](#) is this Friday and Saturday. Twenty student teams will be demonstrating video games they've designed. Also, on Saturday: [Brian Reynolds](#), the chief game designer for social games giant [Zynga](#) (the company behind FarmVille), will be giving a keynote.

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New York Theatre Ballet

Words and Ideas

It's hard to imagine a more unlikely celebrity than Temple Grandin. Grandin was diagnosed with autism as a toddler, but overcame the odds and the obstacles to become a serious scholar with multiple degrees in psychology and animal science. A 1995 Oliver Sacks essay brought her to the world's attention, and her own best-selling books followed, addressing autism advocacy and animal rights. Last year, she was named as one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People In The World and portrayed by Claire Danes in an Emmy Award-winning film, and Grandin. On Wednesday, SUNY Cobleskill brings Grandin to The Palace as part of its Centennial Celebration. 7 p.m. Wednesday, The [Palace Theatre](#), 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, 465-3334, \$12.

Counterculture icon Ed Sanders was arrested 50 years ago for stripping naked and trying to board a nuclear submarine. That was Sanders back in the 1960s, when he loudly protested the war and amplified the message of his generation as leader of satirical rock act The Fugs. He wrote poetry, started a magazine, and was an anchor of the counterculture movement in New York's Lower East Side. Sanders, who publishes the online Woodstock Journal newspaper with his wife, chronicles his '60s activism in his memoir, "Fug You: An Informal History of the Peace Eye Bookstore, the #@@%! You Press, the Fugs, and Counterculture in the Lower East Side." Sanders will visit the University at Albany campus, sponsored by the [New York State Writers Institute](#). 4:15 p.m. seminar, 8 p.m. reading, Thursday. Free. Assembly Hall, Campus Center (afternoon); Standish Room, Science Library (evening), Uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. 442-5620; <http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst>

Captain Sig Hansen and his Bering Sea cohorts, The Hillstrand brothers, will talk more than king crab when they come to town this week. The stars of the hit Discovery Channel show "The Deadliest Catch" will discuss their deep-sea adventures on stage.. Hanson, who pilots The Northwestern, is one of the show's most popular characters. The Hillstrand brothers, Jonathan and Andy, co-captain the Time Bandit. They'll swap behind-the-scenes stories, show video that has never been aired on "Catch" and take questions from the audience. 8 p.m. Friday. \$31.75-\$77. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. 465-3335; <http://www.palacealbany.com>

Dance

The New York Theatre Ballet is in town this week to stage its "Alice in Wonderland Follies" for school groups. But the troupe also will take the opportunity to dance for adults. The ensemble will pay tribute to three 20th-century dance icons — American Ballet Theatre's Anthony Tudor, London Royal Ballet's Sir Frederick Ashton, and modern dance pioneer Merce Cunningham — in the showcase. In a February performance in New York City, the ballet revived Cunningham's "Septet," a 1953 dance classic that's more traditional than Cunningham's later works. The dancers also performed two works by Tudor: "Soiree Musicale" and "Judgment of Paris." The event is part of the "Dance New York" and "Dance The



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Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in person at the Palace box office, 19 Clinton Ave., online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at (800) 745-3000.

Obesity has doubled worldwide

Obesity rates worldwide have doubled in the last three decades, even as blood pressure and cholesterol levels have dropped, according to three new studies.

People in Pacific Island nations like American Samoa are the heaviest, one of the studies shows. Among developed countries, Americans are the fattest and the Japanese are the slimmest.

"Being obese is no longer just a Western problem," said Majid Ezzati, a professor of public health at Imperial College London, one of the study's authors.

In 1980, about 5 percent of men and 8 percent of women worldwide were obese. By 2008, the rates were nearly 10 percent for men and 14 percent for women. That means 205 million men and 297 million women weighed in as obese.

Although richer countries did a better job of keeping blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control, researchers said people nearly everywhere are piling on the pounds, except in a few places including central Africa and South Asia. The studies were published Jan. 28 in the journal *Lancet*.

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Grandin is the recipient of numerous honors, including the meritorious achievement award from the Livestock Conservation Institute and the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology magazine. A past member of the Autism Society of America's board of directors, Grandin lectures to parents and teachers throughout the United States about her experiences with autism. She earned a bachelor's degree at Franklin Pierce College, received a master's degree in animal science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes, and was awarded a doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1989.

Tickets are \$12. Call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or go to <http://ticketmaster.com>.

Concert to benefit Luzerne Music Center

The Luzerne Music Center will hold a benefit concert and gala dinner at 5 p.m. Feb. 19, at Skidmore College's Zankel Music Center in Saratoga Springs.

The benefit will feature a chamber music concert, featuring center president, founder and pianist Toby Blumenthal; artistic director and violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn; and faculty artist and pianist Cynthia Tobey. There will be additional performances by center rising stars Ryan Reilly, Ian Nolan, Zlatomir Fung, Lavi Ben Dor, Sarah Scanlon and Matthew Scanlon. A silent auction will begin prior to the concert and run throughout the evening.

Following the concert, a gala dinner will be held at the Surrey-Williamson Inn, featuring the jazz of the John Nazarenko Trio and honoring longtime friend and benefactor of the center Philly Dake.

For information, call (877) 267-8919 or go to <http://www.luzernemusic.org>.

'V-Day' Cabaret slated for Barrington Stage

Barrington Stage Company will present "The Big V-Day Cabaret" for three performances: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Stage 2 (36 Linden St., Pittsfield, Mass.).



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NYS FFA takes over Cobleskill

Temple Grandin keynote speaker

For the second time in as many years, SUNY Cobleskill welcomed FFA'ers from across New York Thursday through Saturday for the State FFA's

86th annual convention.

The event featured career development events for the 1,000-plus youngsters as well as contests and competitions, tours of local

ag enterprises, plenty of time for R&R, and the awarding of the prestigious American and Empire Degrees.

Thursday's keynote speaker was Temple Grandin, an expert on autism and a well-known consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior.

A high-functioning autistic, Dr. Grandin talked about how difficult her high school years were because of how she "sees" things—in images, rather than words.

Especially in today's world, she said, there is a place as well as a need for all kinds of thinking; people who didn't take her seriously when she was younger changed their minds almost as soon as they saw her work.



Author Temple Grandin, Thursday's keynote speaker, spoke of the importance of different ways of thinking. Dr. Grandin is an expert on autism and has used those skills to design hu-

mane cattle-handling facilities.

SUNY Cobleskill to host state FFA convention

SUNY Cobleskill will host the 86th annual New York State FFA Convention, in partnership with the Walton and Sidney FFA chapters, May 5-7.

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Highlights will include students participating in contests such as ag mechanics, food science, extemporaneous speaking, floriculture and aquaculture.

Students will get to interact with future employers at the Career Show as well as tour regional attractions and learn more about SUNY Cobleskill.

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As part of its charter centennial year, SUNY Cobleskill is hosting a special public event featuring Dr. Grandin at Albany's Palace Theatre on Wednesday, May 4, at 7pm.

Her convention keynote address the following day is closed to FFA participants and select College individuals.

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This year the college will feature farm-to-table meals using campus raised and processed meat.

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In addition to speaking and presentation competitions, FFA members will be able to participate in course-related career development events, in which high school students participate in simulations of real-world career situations.

Winning teams and individuals will compete nationally



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[Click here to see more of the events \(http://news.cobleskill.edu/2011/ffa.php\)](http://news.cobleskill.edu/2011/ffa.php).

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SUNY Cobleskill

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Madison FFA members earn recognition

By **MAKENNA BRIDGE**

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MADISON — Nine members of the Madison Central School FFA Chapter, all students at MCS, earned state level recognition and were recognized as part of the recent New York State FFA Convention held at SUNY Cobleskill. Vincent Stolarczyk, Brandon Dougherty, Derek LaMunion, Scott Ponton and Jasmine Wratten received the NY State Degree in ceremonies held on May 7. The degree, termed the Empire Degree in New York, is the highest degree a student can earn on the state level and is available to juniors and seniors in high school or first year high school graduates who are FFA members. Only 150 students in the state receive the degree each year. Students earn their degree by maintaining academic standards, acquiring 21st century skills and most importantly participating in a supervised agricultural experience in which they learn work and life skills. LaMunion and Stolarczyk, along with Zachary Taylor, Dakota Bridge, Alex Galler, and Brian Klein, also received the Proficiency Award at the convention. Proficiency awards are presented to less than 47 New York State students each year. The award honors students who, through their Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. High school and college freshmen students earn this award by placing first within one of the 47 proficiency areas ranging from Dairy Production, Agriculture Education, Forage Production and more. Students can apply for either placement or entrepreneurship proficiency awards. Placement proficiency awards are given to members whose SAEs are related to apprenticeships, or employment in an agriculture related organization. Entrepreneurship proficiency awards are presented to students who's SAEs are related to the ownership of an agribusiness or agriculture related organization. After placing first at the state level, LaMunion and Taylor are eligible to compete at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind.

Makenna Bridge, a student at Madison Central School, is the reporter for the school's Junior FFA.

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By Edward Munger Jr.

SUNY Cobleskill's Woodsmen's Club eager to host lumberjack competition

COBLESKILL — In its roughly eight-year history, SUNY Cobleskill's Woodsmen's Club typically drew between 12 and 15 members interested in the age-old techniques loggers used to gather timber.

Today, the club's membership has grown to about 30, and it couldn't come at a better time.

The college in April will be one of five to host the Stihl Timbersports Series lumberjack competition that has attracted national television coverage and generated a bit of excitement on the rural campus.

"It's a pretty big deal for us to get our foot in the door," said Joseph C. Lydon, a fisheries and wildlife technician and leader of the college's Woodsmen's Club.

The club's members practice three or four times a week and sometimes they have to "scrounge around" to find wood to practice on because the campus avoids cutting down live trees.

Students are learning time-tested skills honed by lumberjacks over the years. They use a chain saw to cut through a big log or a large-toothed hand saw for the single buck event.

They also practice the standing block chop, requiring competitors stand on a chunk of wood and hack through it; another event requires chopping through a log positioned vertically.

Since the club was formed around 2001, students had to travel to other colleges to compete. Then, the Cobleskill college hosted its own intercollegiate lumberjack competition in early 2009.

Having a national competition event in Cobleskill will bring notoriety to the college's extracurricular activities and just might boost the club's numbers even more, Lydon said. It's not an athletic team, he said, so there's more to the club than getting blistered hands and woodchips in their clothing.

"Some are looking for camaraderie, they're looking for something to do and get involved. It's kind of informal so you can just show up and have some fun, and you get to do some really old-school type activities, lumberjack activities that aren't done anymore," he said.

Events at the competition will rotate between professional and college competitors and there's a bonus for students who take it seriously.

Lydon said the winner of the collegiate national championship gets an automatic bid in the following year's national competition for professionals.

Stihl earlier this fall announced the 26th season of the Stihl Timbersports Northeast Collegiate Challenge will take place April 29-30 at the Cobleskill campus.

Participating colleges will include Colby College, Dartmouth College, SUNY ESF, SUNY ESF Ranger School, Finger Lakes Community College, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Paul Smith's College, Unity College, the University of Connecticut, the University of Maine-Orono and the universities of New Hampshire and Vermont.

The series will air on ESPN and ESPNU.

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By Jason Subik

Lumberjacks vie to make the cut in Cobleskill competition (with video)

Paul Smith's College student Steve Popp of Saranac Lake competes in a log-throwing competition Friday at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds.

COBLESKILL – ESPN cameras will bring a national television audience to the Cobleskill Fairgrounds today to experience the sights and sounds of lumberjack sports.

The cable sports station will be broadcasting the Northeast regional qualifying round of the STIHL Timbersports Series, hosted for the first time by SUNY Cobleskill. The event will feature both professional and collegiate athletes competing for the chance to participate in the U.S. Championship STIHL Timbersports Series at the Oregon State Fair Aug. 26-28.

Kyle Denter, from Delmar, is a member of SUNY Cobleskill's co-ed Woodsmen's Team. When he was in high school, he never had time for sports, but when he got to college, he was drawn to the traditional appeal of lumberjack sports. He said the competition to get to Oregon will be stiff on the collegiate side today, but he's hopeful he has a chance to advance. He said either way it will be fun to compete in the same event as professional lumberjack athletes.

"It's going to be a blast," he said Friday.



Lumberjacks compete at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds in the Northeast regional of the Stihl Timbersports Series.

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On Friday, college lumberjack teams competed at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds in what could be described as essentially "relay" or team events, featuring multiple athletes from each school competing in events like the bow saw, the cross cut, the log roll, the pulp toss, wood splitting and fire building.

Denter competed in the pulp toss Friday, which he described as kind of like horseshoes for lumberjacks.

In the pulp toss, each team attempted to throw a total of 48 wooden logs in between two stakes in the ground in a race to see which team could do it the fastest. Each member of the team attempts to throw

four logs 20 feet between two stakes. Then a teammate throws the logs back between another set of stakes. Team members rotate until 48 logs are successfully thrown between the stakes.

Friday, Denter was up twice in the rotation and landed eight logs.

"This was pretty much a perfect day for me," he said.

Today, athletes will compete in a six-discipline wood-chopping competition, featuring the "hot saw," single buck, springboard chop, standing block chop, stock saw and underhand chop. The events are essentially races to cut wood using different techniques and tools. Ten professional lumberjacks will vie today for four slots out of the Northeast round to compete in the national event in Oregon in August.

Robin Applebaum, a spokeswoman for the STIHL Timbersports Series, said that this year, for the first time, her organization has chosen to have its college and professional regional qualifying events together on the same day on five college campuses throughout the spring. She said the top college athlete from each event, plus an additional wildcard college athlete, will advance to the national event in Oregon. The collegiate champion in Oregon wins a spot in the 2012 professional series. The winner of each regional qualifying event will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"We're really growing the sport and opening it up to more competitors. This even gives the collegiate guys a chance to see the pros doing it, and hopefully the collegiate guys will become the pros of tomorrow. This really provides them an opportunity that many of them don't get to see," she said.

Nathan Waterfield from Cherry Valley in Otsego County is one of the professional lumberjack athletes competing today. He's also an assistant coach for the SUNY Cobleskill team. He said he's traveled as far as Australia, Spain and New Zealand for lumberjack tournaments. The cash prizes at the events can range from \$30 to \$5,000. He said he started the sport in college and has been doing it for about six years.

"It's a hobby that becomes an obsession," he said.

Waterfield said one of the fan favorite events today will be the hot saw, which he said is somewhat like the "funny car" lumberjack event. He said for the hot saw, he will be using a 65-pound chainsaw made from half of a snowmobile motor.

"It has about 60 horsepower and spins at about 10,000 rpms. When we do that event, we make three cuts through a 19-inch piece of white pine and we do it from a cold start in about six to 10 seconds," he said.

There is no professional competition for women today, but STIHL did host a collegiate women's competition at the fairgrounds Friday, with the top prize being a \$500 scholarship.

Dana Harenda from West Clarksville in Allegany County competed as one of the members of Cobleskill's co-ed team. She was part of the bow saw relay team and competed in a T-shirt, blue jeans and soccer cleats. She said she played soccer in high school, but she enjoys lumberjack sports even more.

"It's more 'homey', I think," she said. "I like that it's co-ed and the skills you use are actually useful. I live in the middle of western New York, so it's good to know how to cut wood."

Learning to love lumbersports

Updated 10:28 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011

The Cobleskill team has been breaking down the tape.

Form is nearly everything in this game.

Especially when you took first in crosscut at your last meet, and you're heading into the big Stihl Timbersports 2011 Professional and Collegiate Series Northeast Qualifier this weekend.

"A lot of times it's not easy to see if you're running the saw level. Looking at video from past meets is really helpful," says Kyle Dente, a Cobleskill senior from Delmar with a Paul Bunyan beard, a new competition ax he just bought from a pro and dreams of representing his team at nationals in Oregon this year. "You want to be cutting all the wood all the time. If one (saw) end's up, you're going to be missing a corner or something."

Sure, you can lump lumbersports -- or timbersports, whichever you prefer -- into that pseudo-sport gray area with bowling, pool, ice dancing and all the other stuff they fill the off-hours with on ESPN.

Riding the pine may mean something totally different in this game, but whether the nearly 30 lumberjack competitors on Cobleskill's Woodsmen team are athletes or just great with an ax doesn't really matter, it's still the coolest thing going since the invention of chainsaws.

A bad shot? Try a bad chop. And don't get Dente started on the time the Woodsmen went to a meet in Syracuse expecting to work with white pine and got dealt poplar, poplar, instead. Talk about a tough cut. Let's just say the cookies -- the cut rounds of wood that fall away from the log like slice-and-bake chocolate chip -- weren't flying that day.

This stuff is on ESPN. Well, ESPN2 or ESPNU, at least. And according to Stihl, the chainsaw-making sponsors of this sport, the Stihl Timbersports Series is caught on TV by more than 20 million viewers a year. More than 60 colleges and universities field teams, not to mention the professional circuit. Frankly, I'd rather see Dente in the standing block chop than watch a Mariners homestand any day.

Besides a higher-than-average tolerance for splinters, the sport also requires technique: "Especially in chopping," Dente says. "You can't just go out there and start swinging like you're playing baseball or something. It takes a lot of form and skill." If you can't master the wrist snap



in the ax throw, you'll bury your ax in the ground, or worse, your foot. Now here's an instance where follow-through will not help your shot.

Endurance: "After I'm done with a chop, I'll be winded and want to sit down, and (real lumberjacks) did it 10 to 12 hours a day," he says. Of course, hurling an ax at a target wasn't in the job description of real lumberjacks, either, but after the loggers knocked back a few lagers, it was probably a fun way to let the old suspenders down.

The right equipment: "If you have the wrong ax or the wrong saw, it can murder you," Dente warns. You never -- ever -- use your competition ax for practice. It can take four to six hours to put a good edge on a competition ax, why ruin it on bad practice wood?

And guts: Earlier this season, one of the women on the team had her saw slip during competition, requiring stitches in her leg. Woodsports are not for competitors as soft as Douglas fir. If you think facing a pitcher with a 90-mile-per-hour fastball is brave, consider the underhand chop, where the competitor stands on a 12-to 14-inch log trying to cut through the wood beneath him, swinging an ax at around 70 miles-per-hour beneath his feet.

A footrace also gets a lot more interesting when it's packboard, a lumberjack relay race where runners tramp through trails passing off a 40-pound backpack.

And why watch a bunch of guys toss around a baseball when you can see Erin Urban, a second-year agriculture business student from Altamont who joined the team to make friends, pitch a log between two posts in the pulp toss?

"It's one of the most diverse sports, too," Urban says. "It's not like you're playing basketball or running. There are so many different events."

Think of it, Dente suggests, as forestry track and field.

Maybe it's still not a "real" sport, but if you want to doubt its impressiveness, grind that ax somewhere else.

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If you go

The Stihl Timbersports Professional and Collegiate Series Northeast Qualifier Friday and Saturday at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds. The event begins at 8 a.m. each day, and admission is free. There is a \$5 per person charge (maximum of \$20 per family) to see Saturday's professional events. Ten of the region's top professional competitors will join students from more than a dozen colleges and universities in the northeast qualifier. Find details at <http://www.stihltimbersports.us>.

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Timbersports, ESPN on the way

Fifty of the region's top professional woodsmen will join students from colleges and universities from across the Northeast—along with ESPN—at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday for the 26th STIHL Timbersports Series.

SUNY Cobleskill's Timbersports team is hosting the event, which will be broad-

cast on ESPNU and ESPN2.

SUNY Cobleskill will also be fielding its own team; other participating colleges will include Colby College, Dartmouth College, SUNY-ESF, Paul Smith's College, Alfred State College, and the Universities of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Professional woodsmen will share the stage with the Northeast Woodsmen's Collegiate Conclave as individuals and teams participate in

events including stock saw, single buck, underhand chop, standing block chop, hot saw, and springboard chop.

The top four professional winners will move on to the national series in Oregon; the top five performers there will advance as a team to international competition.

Pro competitors will include: Mike Sullivan, Dave Jewett, Nathan Waterfield, Dave Engasser, Wally Robarge, Jerry Gringas, Matt Galambos, Richard Jordan,

Chris Henning, and Corey Christians.

For the collegiate woodsmen, events will include the log roll, pulp toss, team crosscut, team bow saw, birling, fly casting, and, at the SUNY Cobleskill Ski Lodge, a relay involving a canoe.

A pole climb will be visible from the center of town.

Though SUNY Cobleskill has hosted college competitions in the past, this is the first time for the pro series.

Admission is free.

online at uspp.pbworks.com.

For more information, call Jeff Shultis at 607-988-7898 or e-mail jrscanoe@aol.com (<mailto:jrscanoe@aol.com>).

O-State to hold soccer camp in April

The Oneonta State men's soccer team will host an indoor-outdoor soccer camp from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 18-20 at O-State.

Cost is \$50 per camper. Registration will be accepted the morning of April 18 at Alumni Field House. Pick-ups and drop-offs will take place at the college's Turf/Track facility. Campers may purchase a pizza lunch at \$4 per day.

The camp, which will serve as a fundraiser for O-State's soccer program, is designed for boys and girls ages 7-14.

For more information, call O-State coach Iain Byrne at 607-436-2102 or e-mail byrneij@oneonta.edu (<mailto:byrneij@oneonta.edu>).

Hartwick to host soccer camp

Hartwick College will host its annual Junior Hawks Mini Soccer Camp from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 18-20.

The camp is designed for boys and girls ages 6-12. Cost is \$50 per camper.

For a registration form or more information, call Hartwick men's soccer coach John Scott at 607-431-4712 or e-mail him at scottj@hartwick.edu (<mailto:scottj@hartwick.edu>).

Oneonta to host baseball events

The Oneonta City Recreation Department will host Sandlot Day and an MLB Pitch, Hit and Run local qualifier from 5-8 p.m. April 29 at Field 4 in Neahwa Park.

Sandlot Day is designed for youths of all ages to play the sport of their choice. The Pitch, Hit and Run skills competition is for boys and girls ages 7-14, with the top performances earning a chance to compete at the regional level.

For more information, call the Oneonta City Recreation Department at 607-432-0680 or e-mail recintern@oneonta.ny.us (<mailto:recintern@oneonta.ny.us>).

Cobleskill to host Timbersports event

SUNY Cobleskill will host the Northeast Qualifier for the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series _ the nation's premier lumberjack competition _ April 29-30 at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds.

The Fighting Tigers will field a team for the collegiate portion of the series, which also will feature squads from Colby, Dartmouth, SUNY-ESF, SUNY ESF Ranger School, Finger Lakes Community College, Nova Scotia Agricultural, Paul Smith's, Unity, Connecticut, Maine -Orono, New Hampshire and Vermont. The Northeast winner will advance to the Collegiate

Championship at the Oregon State Fair from Aug. 26-28.

Cobleskill placed fifth during the 2010 Northeast Collegiate Qualifier at Paul Smith's. Tyler White, who graduated last year, received a wild-card entry into the championship round.

The April 29-30 event also will feature the Northeast Professional Qualifier, which pits 10 of the region's best professional lumberjacks in a six-discipline, wood-chopping competition. The top four competitors will advance to the U.S. Championship at the Oregon State Fair.

ESPNU and ESPN2 will record the Northeast Qualifiers.

Baseball club accepting registrations

The Stamford Blue Jays are accepting registrations for their new 14U baseball team.

Players born after April 30, 1996 may join. Players must travel to local games and out-of-town tournaments.

The Blue Jays Baseball Club also will host a high school exhibition series near Cooperstown in late April, as well as three-game summer tournaments for players ages 13-18.

For more information, call Harvey Sandig at 607-652-7740.

UVSC sets 2011 schedule

Unadilla Valley Sports Center in New Berlin announced its schedule for the 2011 season.

The UVSC will start with the District Three MX, featuring select quad classes, on May 1, June 5 and June 19.

The ATV National Weekend, highlighted by Round Nine of the ATV National Championship, follows from July 15-17.

The track will host its featured summer event, the Rockstar Energy Drink Unadilla National Pro National MX Weekend, from Aug. 12-14.

UVSC's final event will be the Grand National Cross Country from Sept. 10-11.

For more information, call 607-965-8450, e-mail info@unadillamx.com (<mailto:info@unadillamx.com>) or visit the website www.unadillamx.com.

Modified series to stop at I-88 Speedway

The Thunder on the Thruway Modified Series will make two stops at I-88 Speedway in Afton this season.

These events will have two of the highest purses at the speedway, with \$5,000 going to the winner and \$250 to take the green flag for the 50-lap features.

I-88 Speedway joins with Utica-Rome Speedway and Fonda Speedway in this series, which features some of the top modified drivers in the Northeast.

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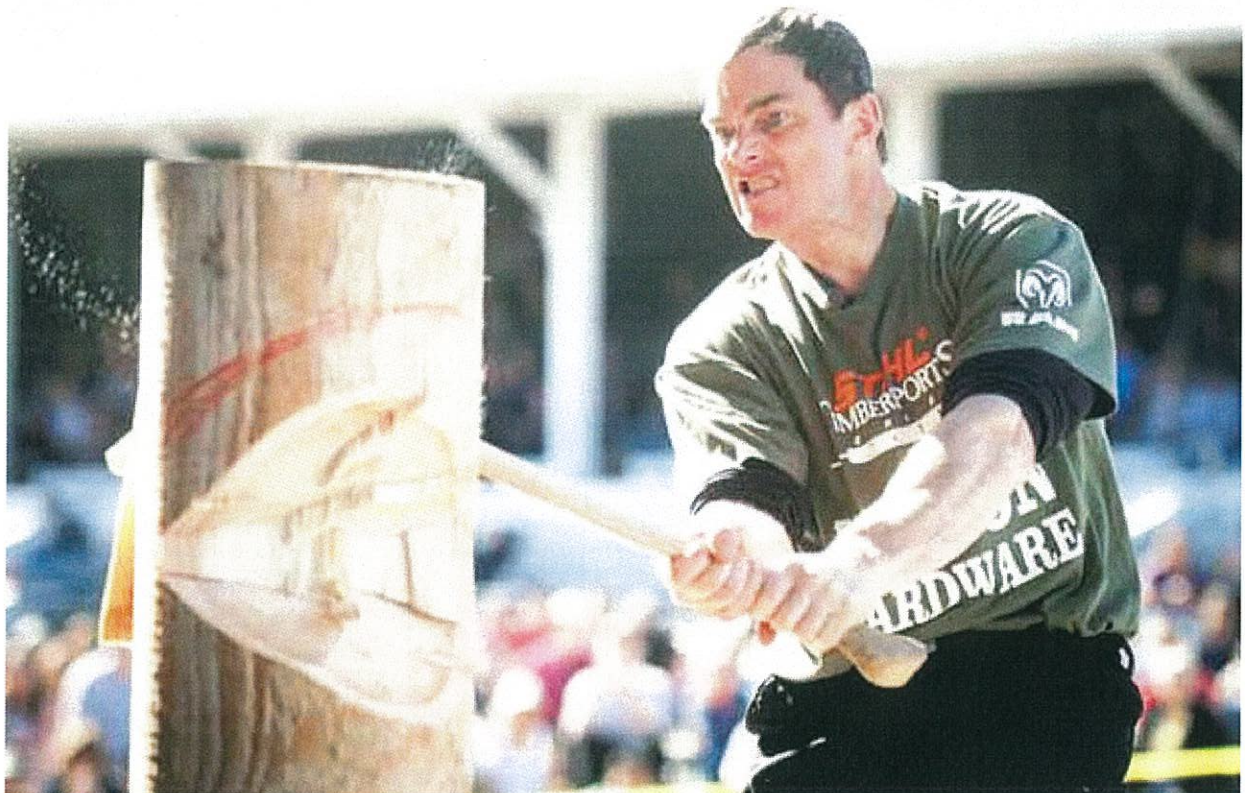
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A 41-year-old professional lumberjack from Pittsford will advance to the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series U.S. Championship round at the Oregon State Fair in Salem Oregon on August 26-28.

Dave Jewett will race the clock and 19 competitors, chopping and sawing through six professional lumberjack disciplines: the hot saw, single buck, springboard chop, standing block chop, stock saw and a saw for a slice of the U.S. Championship title. The STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series airs on ESPN 2.

Not only does the top U.S. lumberjack receive a Ram truck, but he also advances to the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS World Championships in Holland Sept. 3-4.

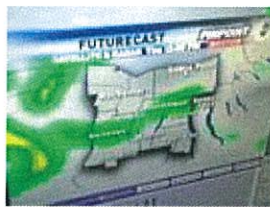
Jewett qualified for the Championship after his stunning performance in the Professional Northeast Qualifier hosted by SUNY-Cobleskill April 30. He stole the show with first-place honors, winning thr the six disciplines (standing block chop, underhand chop and single buck) and posting high scores in remaining three. Jewett finished the Qualifier with a six-point lead over local favorite Nathan Waterf who got things started fast with the best time of the year, 49.12 seconds, in the springboard chop.

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VanAuken claims lumberjack title

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HAMILTON — Hamilton Central School graduate Schuyler VanAuken, son of Michelle and Warren VanAuken, recently claimed the 2011 Stihl Timbersports Northeast Collegiate championship title, held as part of the 65th Annual Spring Meet Woodsmen's Conclave. VanAuken, a junior at Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks, has been a member of the Paul Smith's Woodsmen's Team since his freshman year. On Saturday, April 30, the ecological forest management major participated in the team events and then qualified to go head-to-head in individual competition against some of the best lumberjacks from colleges around the northeast.

The competition, held at SUNY Cobleskill, included four professional disciplines – the single buck, standing block chop, stock saw and underhand chop. ESPN was on hand to capture the action live, and the event will be televised on ESPNU on Friday, June 24.

VanAuken's performance in all four disciplines, including a win in the single buck, assured his victory and won him the honor to compete nationally in the Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Championship this August in Salem, Ore.

Paul Smith's coach Brett McLeod has already helped VanAuken establish a daily training regimen that will include chopping as well as cardiovascular training. McLeod describes VanAuken as a "power guy" and estimates that he will chop approximately 1,000 blocks to prepare for the competition which will be aired on ESPN-2 in September.

"He's one of our bigger guys and it's really a power sport, so he might not be the all-around athlete that you'd find in the Ironjack series," McLeod said. "But when it comes to chopping and sawing, there's no one stronger than him. You'll see when he swings the ax that every time the ax is going right to the eye. Four or five inches of wood is being cut with each swing. So he's very powerful."

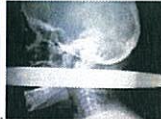
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FLCC claims title at 65th annual Woodsmen's Championship

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NO DATA — The Cobleskill New York 65th Annual Woodsmen's Championship was held last weekend at SUNY Cobleskill.

The event featured 37 teams from the Northeastern United States competing in 17 events.

The Finger Lakes Community College men's first team captured its 18th championship with a score of 1,442 points. The Paul Smith College first team placed second with 1,279 points while Paul Smith College's second team took third with 1,263 points. SUNY College of Environmental Forestry's first team claimed fourth with 1241 points.

The FLCC men's team which consisted of Ethan Thoms, Dakota Robarge, Kyle Spry, Seth McClory, Brenton Austin and Steven Johns - placed first in the team canoe relay, the team crosscut and the team pulp toss. The team finished one tenth of a point out of first place in the team bowsaw.

The ninth place finish for the FLCC second men's team with 1,041 put them ahead of all teams from Dartmouth College, the University of Connecticut, the University of New Hampshire and the ESF Ranger School from Wanakena.

Charlie Wlasniewski won the axe throw. Wlasniewski, Caleb Adams, Andrew Clement, Brandon Auyer, Cameron Ozolins and Stephan Muoio finished third place in the packboard relay race ahead of the FLCC men's first team.

The women from Colby College in Waterville, Maine earned the first place trophy in their division with a total score of 1,353 points. The Paul Smith College women placed second with 1,326 points while the FLCC women finished third with 1,322 points.

The women's team composed of Chelsea Black, Hannah Watkins, Katrina Davenport, Abbey Ralph, Michele Watkins and Courtney Stein won the pack board relay race and the team log roll. They placed second in the cross cut event. Hannah Watkins won the pole climb while Michele Watkins took the single buck event and Ms. Ralph tied for first in the fly casting contest.

The FLCC Jack and Jill team finished fourth place in their division with 1,107 points. Lou Mair, Erika Thompson, Noah Scribner, Jonathan Jensen, Victoria Underwood and Cody Robinson-Bullock placed first in the team bow saw. Thompson and Mair captured the water boiling event.

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Exercise, fresh foods are goals

By Edward Munger Jr.

Schoharie County making effort to get healthy

COBLESKILL – Decades ago having a car wasn't the norm, so there was a lot more walking.

And fast food wasn't as accessible either – people often ate home-cooked meals.

As local government bodies review proposals to build new fast-food restaurants, they seldom consider the health impacts of their decisions; also, sidewalks that would make it easy for people to get a bit of activity aren't considered a requirement.

A new program in Schoharie County aims to reverse these trends seen as contributing to unhealthy people, and the state is pitching in \$875,000.

The New York State Health Department's division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention awarded grants to 22 different entities statewide in an effort to prevent obesity, Type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Including matching money and in-kind services, more than \$1 million will be spent on a five-year effort to make it easier to be healthy in Schoharie County, with SUNY-Cobleskill's Wellness Center at the center.

More and better gardens, parks and walkways, improved access to farm fresh foods and an emphasis on making exercise a part of people's day are among aspects of the program to be directed by coordinator Deya Greer, who was hired by the college to pull it all together.

"Basically, what the grant seeks to do is to look at the resources that the community already has that may not currently be working together," Greer said. "We're creating a partnership ... and it will bring together diverse community organizations to work on issues such as creating access to healthy foods."

Agencies to be involved in the effort are numerous and include the county's planning and health departments, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cobleskill Regional Hospital, the village of Cobleskill and the village's recreation commission, the Cobleskill-Richmondville school district, Schoharie County Trail Association and SchoPeg Access Television.

grim statistics

Not unlike other New York counties, health statistics show a large number of people are at risk or dying from disease that could be avoided by healthier choices.

About 150 people in the county of 32,749 died from heart disease during the three-year period from 2006 through 2008, and state Health Department statistics estimate only a quarter of the population eats five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Another 106 people died from diabetes during that time, during which 13.2 percent of children aged 2 to 4, fed with the help of the Women, Infants and Children program, were considered obese.

Participants hope the initiative can ultimately change people's habits by making it easier to be active and eat good food.

Money will be put towards the Cobleskill Creek Trail – an idea at this point that will provide a scenic, three-mile walking trail between the college and the Cobleskill-Richmondville schools. The trail may need a bridge over the Cobleskill Creek and grant money will be used to design it, Greer said.

The Cobleskill Recreation Commission's parks will also get attention – roughly \$30,000 will be spent to add lighting and video security cameras at Golding Park, also called Teen Town.

There have been many improvements at the park but the lack of adequate lighting has complicated efforts to get people out for activity, according to Linda Holmes, who chairs the Cobleskill village and town joint recreation commission.

A video surveillance system and more lighting will open up the park and enable the commission to plan more events, both for children and adults, Holmes said. "We're very excited about it."

As in other aspects of the Creating Healthy Places program, the labor and skill to install the lights and cameras will be donated by local contractors and considered "in-kind" services.

Adding lights should increase usage in terms of hours in the day, Holmes said, but the group is also planning to expand opportunities for all-season use.

This will entail creating trails near the Golding park that can be used for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

need safety

People will be more likely to get out and play if they feel safe, Greer said.

"One of the things that the grant seeks to do is to make changes to the environment so that the environment supports people getting out and moving around more," Greer said.

A few years back, the USDA started making card readers available to farmers so people who use food stamps could buy fresh foods at the markets.

But the effort wasn't working too well, said Schoharie County agricultural marketing specialist Michele Strobeck. "It's not wireless and a lot of our farmers markets, they have no access to electricity or a phone line. It makes no sense."

The Creating Healthy Places grant program will pay for new EBT card readers, ones that are battery-operated with wireless connectivity that can be used pretty much anywhere.

Strobeck said the idea has two benefits – getting more healthy food to people and helping farmers find more customers.

"There's so many people on the supplemental nutrition program because of the economy. And it's a market that our farmers are not really well tapped into."

Strobeck's efforts will also help those with transportation problems or specific tastes to order their farm-fresh goods on the Internet and pick them up at a central location near a public transportation route.

"The grant really wants to target the people who really don't have access. Not everybody has a car," Greer said.

Through the website, people will be able to choose a food, such as blueberries, place an order online and then the farmers will ship the products out to a central location.

Doing so, it is hoped, will get more people eating more healthy foods while helping farmers' bottom lines.

"Those same farmers will bring dropoffs and be EBT ready. It's kind of creating an entirely new system," Greer said.

Those central locations will be on bus routes, ensuring that all are able to avail themselves of the fresh foods.

Decades ago, all of Schoharie County was labeled as farmland, so most residents were involved in the hands-on work of raising food.

That's not the case today, and Greer said the grant funding will help bring back that healthy activity.

SUNY-Cobleskill has a community garden open to all but some people, such as senior citizens, can't always travel.

So the grant will pay for the development of two new gardens, one at the Parsonage Pines apartment complex in Schoharie and the other at the Spring Meadows apartments in Sharon Springs.

Greer said she stopped by the Schoharie site and spoke with two residents there eager to get their hands dirty.

"They want to be outside, they want to be gardening. Neither have cars," Greer said.

The gardens will be built as raised beds, making it easier for the seniors to work the soil.

The program is being broken into several phases and as it progresses Greer said the goal is to spread the improvements

throughout Schoharie County.

Other plans in the works as part of the program include:

- u Installing crosswalk markings and identifying routes for walking in towns and villages.
- u Offering training for canning and freezing fresh foods.
- u Expanding access to recreational facilities at schools and at SUNY Cobleskill.
- u Promoting the purchase of farm-fresh food with events and programs in restaurants.

Moving toward a healthier lifestyle

Grants encourage walking, use of parks, better access to fresh food

By CATHLEEN F. CROWLEY Staff writer

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Walk, bike, plant and play.

Those are the goals of a \$585,000 grant awarded to Glens Falls Hospital to encourage healthier living in Warren and Washington counties.

"In order to make healthy choices an easy and accessible option, we must examine and consider changes as to how our streets, parks, stores and work sites are designed," said Melissa Chinigo, coordinator of the Glens Falls Hospital Health Promotion Center.

As part of the "Creating Healthy Places" program, the hospital will:

Encourage schools to allow public use of their athletic facilities for recreation.

Revitalize underused parks, facilities and green space for recreational use.

Encourage municipalities to include sidewalks and bike lanes in their town planning guidelines.

Assist businesses in implementing healthy work environments for employees.

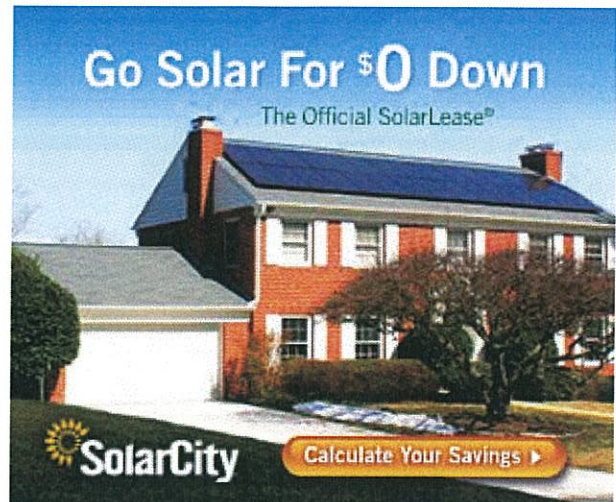
Establish community gardens to increase access to fresh produce.

The state Department of Health awarded 22 grants across the state as part of an initiative to reduce obesity and type 2 diabetes. SUNY Cobleskill and Capital District Community Gardens also received about \$870,000 each to lead the programs in Schoharie County and Rensselaer County. The grant money will be distributed over five years.

Much of the effort involves educating community leaders about how to meld recreational opportunities into town policies: from school regulations that make it easier for community members to use the gym and street planning guidelines that encourage sidewalks, bike paths and traffic calming techniques so cars, pedestrians and cyclists can share the road.

The Capital District Community Gardens program will launch another Veggie Mobile to reach more people in Rensselaer County.

The group will also reach out to independent convenience stores and offer them fresh produce at wholesale prices. Stores that buy the produce must re-sell it at a reasonable price, said Amy Klein, executive director of Community Gardens.



College gets grant for Healthy Places

SUNY Cobleskill has been awarded a five-year \$875,000 Creating Healthy Places grant.

The college will lead a partnership of Schoharie County agencies to implement and evaluate a series of initiatives designed to create healthy places to live, work and play in the towns and villages throughout the county.

The grant will be managed by SUNY Cobleskill's Beard Wellness Center, one of only 20 college health centers in New York State to be accredited by the American Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

Creating Healthy Places in Schoharie County is funded by the New York State Department of Health, Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.

The initiative is one of 22 grants awarded statewide to prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases.

"This grant will enable SUNY Cobleskill to coordinate existing efforts in Schoharie County to provide our communities with access to the wealth of farm fresh foods available year-round and increase awareness of how residents can engage in more physical activity," said Deya Greer, program coordinator for Creating Healthy Places.

"In addition, the grant will promote policy and systems change that will result in a built environment that supports making healthy choices."

Creating Healthy Places will build on work under development and implement new initiatives including:

- Design and work for the Cobleskill Creek Trail.

- Installing crosswalk marking and identifying walking routes for towns and villages.
- Developing community gardens for elderly and disabled residents.
- Providing produce canning and freezing education throughout the county.

and hands-on instruction.

- Training planning boards to evaluate the built environment and its impact on physical activity.

- Promoting and improving farm stand participation from the federal assistance programs Women, Infants and

Children and Food Stamp recipients.

- Facilitating Farm Fresh Network through local buying events and locavore events in restaurants.

• Working with school districts and SUNY Cobleskill to promote community use of fa-

ilities.

Project partners include:

- Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency, Schoharie County Health Department, Schoharie County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cobleskill Regional Hospital, Village of Cobleskill,

Cobleskill Recreation Commission, Cobleskill-Richmondville Schools, Schoharie County Trail Association and SchoPeg.

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Working out in the garden

Creating Healthy Places offers workshop, space next to SUNY

Creating Healthy Places, led by SUNY Cobleskill's Beard Wellness Center, is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County and Cobleskill Community Gardens to host "Gardening Basics" on Saturday, June 4, from 9-11am in the colleges Curtis Mott Lounge.

In addition, Creating Healthy Places has added additional beds to the Cobleskill Community Garden and

there are plots open for the 2011 gardening season.

"Gardening Basics" is a free event sponsored by Creating Healthy Places and open to anyone who is interested in gardening.

The workshop will be led by three Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County.

The Master Gardeners will tailor the workshop to meet the needs of gardeners and will be suitable for the novice gardener as well as those with years of experience. "Gardening Basics" will include hands-on demonstrations and gardening tips while allowing time for individual interests and/or questions.

To register for Gardening Basics, contact Deya Greer,

program coordinator of Creating Healthy Places, at greerdn@cobleskill.edu or 255-5225.

The Cobleskill Community Garden (CCG) still has gardening plots available for the 2011 season. The CCG season runs from Saturday, May 14—Saturday, October 29. All plots are five feet wide by 15-20 feet long and run parallel to the SUNY parking, between the Cobleskill Campus Child Care Center and Kelley Farm & Garden.

Water is accessible to all plots.

The hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.

All CCG gardeners will have access to a secured shed in which to store tools and supplies.

Gardeners are responsible to supply and attend to their own plants, tools and materials; some shared CCG materials may be available as needed.

There is a \$20 fee for each plot.

To register for a garden plot, contact the Office of Extended Learning at 255-5528 or training@cobleskill.edu.

Creating Healthy Places in Schoharie County is a five-year, \$875,000 grant funded by the New York State Department of Health, Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention. The initiative is one of 22 grants awarded statewide to prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases in New York through the implementation of sustainable policy, systems and environmental changes in communities where people live, work and play.

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Academic, Applied Research, and Industry Collaboration

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Academic, Applied Research, and Industry Collaboration to Provide Technical Assistance to Biomass Energy Entrepreneurs

SUNY Cobleskill has teamed up with the New York Biomass Energy Alliance (NYBEA) and the New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI) to help rural entrepreneurs advance innovative biomass technology projects. The goal of this collaborative effort is to support projects that are already in development by providing experienced engineering and financial analysis and advice.

The jointly administered program Technical Assistance for Customer-Sited Rural Biomass Energy Projects in New York State will assist private sector biomass projects in the state that have already moved past the "concept" phase, but have not been developed to the point that they can attract investment capital and finance. Selected projects will receive engineering and economic feasibility technical assistance focusing on engineering and economic issues in project design. Information on how to apply is available on line at <http://www.nyfvi.org/default.aspx?PageID=2363>.

"Many people in rural communities recognize the potential of biomass as a renewable energy source and some have put a lot of effort into designing and building new ways of using this energy. We are very excited to join SUNY Cobleskill and the New York Farm Viability Institute to support the advancement of these projects into the next phase of their development." says Dan Conable, Director of the New York Biomass Energy Alliance.

Bob Rynk, Associate Professor of Agricultural Engineering at SUNY Cobleskill, explains, "Not only does this program advance renewable energy, the technical assistance will also spur new and diverse businesses that will enrich local rural economies." The College now offers a bachelor degree program in Environmental and Energy Technologies, which will train students for technical careers in numerous environmental applications, including renewable energy. Students will be given internship opportunities connected to technical assistance provided through this project.

The three organizations are well-suited to collaborate at this junction of rural business development and biomass energy.

The New York Biomass Energy Alliance (www.newyorkbiomass.org) works to build public understanding of the full range of biomass-to-energy technologies, and to network emerging biomass energy businesses with each other, as well as researchers and potential producers of energy crops.

The New York Farm Viability Institute (www.nyfvi.org) is a non-profit organization that fosters a vibrant agriculture sector in New York by supporting applied research, outreach education, information transfer, adoption of technology, business planning, market analysis and more.

The Center for Rural Small Business at SUNY Cobleskill (www.cobleskill.edu) actively supports the development of businesses such as those that will be supported through this program, and places student interns in farm and rural business settings to learn practical business and career skills as part of their regular curriculum.

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One Person's Trash Is Another's Fuel

Robin K. Cooper
Reporter



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Hey students, if you aren't going to eat those green beans, don't throw them out.

SUNY Cobleskill soon is working on a plan that will allow you to put your trash to good use.

The school today said it has teamed up with a Chicago alternative and renewable energy system developer to install a biowaste conversion system. The machine, known as TURNW2Etm Gasification, will be incorporated into the curriculum for a new four-year bachelor's program.

Cobleskill and the SUNY Research Foundation signed an agreement with W2E Ventures Inc. of Illinois to place a gasification system that converts cafeteria waste, grass clippings, animal droppings and other biowaste into heat or liquid fuel.

The gas system will be installed in the next few months in Cobleskill's new Center for Environmental Science and Technology.

Construction of the CEST began two years ago and was funded in part by the federal government, which chipped in at least \$5.4 million, according to college staff.

The biowaste to energy system will be part of a laboratory and will be used in the curriculum for a new Environmental and Energy Technology Program. The four-year program recently was approved by the state Education Department.

The system will be part of a research and development effort at the college as well as a training tool for gasification operators.

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Arts & Entertainment

Coby's rolls out evening menu

Coby's on Main Street, Cobleskill, celebrated its new offerings with a special ribbon-cutting last Tuesday.

Opened in 2008, the café continues to serve breakfast and lunch but in the evening now features a tapas-style menu—finger food and appetizers—along with beer and wine. Tuesday's ribbon cutting unveiled "Coby's at Night."

Coby's had its initial start-up from SUNY Cobleskill but is owned by Cobleskill Auxiliary Services.

At right, College Council member Phil King,


left, and SUNY Cobleskill President Don Zingale, right, prepare to cut the ribbon as Stephanie Kogler and Ben Kaiser, representatives of student government, look on. Below right, Jeff Weissinger, the college's director of Dining Services, arranges plates of sushi, and below left, Coby's employee Amanda Wood serves appetizers to Angie Frank.

Coby's hours are Monday and Tuesday, 7am to 3pm; Wednesday and Thursday, 7am to 9pm; Friday, 7am to 10pm, and Saturday, 7:30am to 10pm.




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SUNY-Cobleskill launches tapas menu in village café

November 6, 2010 at 10:41 am by [Steve Barnes, senior writer](#)

This is interesting: Coby's, a for-profit café run by SUNY-Cobleskill in downtown Cobleskill, has added tapas and wine to its evening fare. The menu doesn't yet seem to be online; items mentioned in the [news release](#) include wrapped asparagus, buffalo mozzarella-tomato crostini and Haagen-Dazs waffle. Coby's, located at 594 Main St., is open for breakfast and lunch Monday and Tuesday; breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Call 823-4445 for info.

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Grants to help host foreign students

New environmental course, tutoring also get funding

BY EDWARD MUNGER JR.
Gazette Reporter

SUNY-Cobleskill will host foreign exchange students with the help of \$90,000 in grant funding approved recently.

The college will work as a subcontractor for Georgetown University with \$20,000 to bring 25 Central American students to the Cobleskill College as part of a U.S. State Department program, according to the college.

Another four students from the Near East and South Asia will have a full scholarship for one academic year of study through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

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ternational Education director Susan Jagendorf-Sobierajski said in a statement that the exchange programs provide foreign students with activities they may not experience in their hometowns.

Studies encourage critical thinking and practical approaches to challenges, Jagendorf-Sobierajski said.

"Such opportunities are also important to full, fee-paying international students who are denied entrance to a university in their home country because of intense competition for limited spaces or because their academic discipline of choice is not available," Jagendorf-Sobierajski said.

The foreign exchange grants

are part of \$545,647 in grant funding the college received recently, which will promote a new course focused on environmental issues and help students get tutors.

Other grants announced include:

◆ New York State Department of Education Support for Technical Education Students grant, \$263,794. The grant will pay for tutors, equipment upgrades and new software for the Plant Science, Early Childhood and Culinary departments.

◆ Technical assistance for customer-sited rural biomass energy projects in New York State, \$99,500. The college's Agricultural Engineering program, the New York Farm Viability Institute and New

York Biomass Energy Alliance will provide engineering and technical assistance for biomass energy projects including a paid internship for five students.

◆ Child Care Development Block Grant, \$40,400. The grant will provide tuition subsidies for students with income-eligible parents.

◆ Bachelor's of Technology Program in Environmental and Energy Technologies, \$52,450. The grant will fund a new faculty member to develop and deliver the new program, approved by the State University of New York and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The program is expected to be available in the fall of 2011.

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SUNY Cobleskill hosts international students



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SUNY Cobleskill in partnership with Schenevus and Cobleskill-Richmondville High Schools is hosting students apart of the Central American Youth Ambassadors Program.

As part of the program, the ambassadors spend 3 weeks in the US, one week in Washington, D.C., one week at SUNY Cobleskill and one week at Northern Michigan University.

The Central American Youth Ambassadors Program highlights topics such as civic engagement, community activism, entrepreneurship and leadership development.

The 22 students, comprised of teenagers from Panama, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, were selected from underserved and/or disadvantaged populations, according to SUNY Cobleskill.

While the students stay at SUNY Cobleskill from Jan. 25 to 31 the delegation will hear from local and college officials as well as tour local attractions such as Howe Caverns, the Iroquois Indian Museum and the New York State Museum. They are also planning on participating in other leadership oriented activities.

The students and chaperones will stay with host families in the Schenevus and Cobleskill-Richmondville school districts.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State within the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Youth Ambassadors Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

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By Jake Palmateer
Staff Writer (<http://thedailystar.com>)

A group of youth ambassadors is leaving the warmth of Central America to embrace the culture of upstate New York in the midst of winter.

Twenty-two students from Panama, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala are being hosted for a week by families in the Schenevus and Cobleskill-Richmondville school districts. The schools are partnering with the State University College of Technology and Agriculture at Cobleskill as part of the Youth Ambassador Program. The students will arrive in the area Tuesday.

While at SUNY Cobleskill, the students are scheduled to hear from local and college officials, as well as participate in leadership-oriented activities. They are expected to visit attractions such as Howe Caverns, the Iroquois Indian Museum and the New York State Museum.

"I am so pleased we are able to participate in a program like this," Schenevus Superintendent Lynda Bookhard said Wednesday.

Eight of the 22 Latin American students will be spending the week in the homes of Schenevus students.

Although their schedule is plump with activities, a day was set aside for the student ambassadors to shadow their American counterparts during a typical school day. They will also be going to the Otsego Area Occupational Center, Bookhard said.

The ability to understand other cultures is vitally important, and the Youth Ambassadors Program presents a great opportunity for learning, she said.

"The world is getting smaller and smaller all the time," Bookhard said.

The goal of the Youth Ambassadors Program is to increase mutual understanding among peoples of the Americas. Students gain knowledge and experience but also prepare for a

lifetime of leadership and community service, according to SUNY Cobleskill.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

The Central American students spend a week in Washington, D.C., a week at SUNY Cobleskill and a week at Northern Michigan University.

SUNY Cobleskill said the students are selected from underserved and/or disadvantaged populations in their home countries.

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New York Students, Schools celebrate Success in GEAR UP

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The College Board would like to recognize New York state educators and students who've achieved great success through the GEAR UP program. This is the final year of the NYGEAR UP grant, part of a national initiative to create innovative programs that help low-income students prepare to enroll and succeed in postsecondary education.

The College Board has collaborated with the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation since 2005, and has worked with this cohort of students during the past six years to help them prepare for college and career success. These students have participated in CollegeEd®, MyRoad™, PSSS, PSAT/NMSQT®, the SAT Readiness Program™, ACCUPLACER® and the SAT®.

NYGEAR UP program site directors and staff have attended College Board regional and national forums, as well as other professional development opportunities.

SUNY Cobleskill is one example of how the program has influenced students' futures. SUNY Cobleskill serves high school students in multiple school districts in rural upstate New York. This year, in 10 schools, SUNY Cobleskill had 100 percent of students apply to a postsecondary institution. Programs such as this are giving students and families the opportunity to learn about the importance of a postsecondary education, starting in middle school, with the end result being a greater proportion of college-bound students.

The College Board thanks SUNY Cobleskill and all of the NYGEAR UP sites for their dedicated efforts to ensure that all students are prepared for college and career success.

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USDA Seeks Northeast Input On Conservation Issues



This Thursday, U.S. Department of Agriculture will host one of six regional meetings seeking public input on natural resource policy issues at the Bouck Center on the SUNY campus at Cobleskill, N.Y. It's open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to anyone with an interest in natural resource conservation policy issues.

Registration is requested. Go to www.farmfoundation.org and follow the link from the item on the home page.

The overall goal is to improve delivery of conservation services to landowners and communities, as well as to expand participation in conservation programs. Discussion will focus on three broad topic areas: water security, climate variability and landscape integrity.

A panel of invited speakers will present comments, followed by open discussion with forum participants. Input is sought on specific

natural resource conservation issues and economic and public policy issues related to agriculture and rural America, including: 1) natural resource status and trends; 2) emerging challenges; 3) emerging opportunities; and 4) long-term impacts on natural resource conditions and food, fuel, and fiber production.

A panel of nationally-recognized leaders in soil and water conservation has been appointed to contribute. It includes Roger Allbee, former Vermont Secretary of Agriculture.

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Intelligent Fish Moves Forward With Plans In Cobleskill

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By Amber Johns

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COBLESKILL - Intelligent Fish is moving forward with purchase of the former Guilford Mills site where the company will raise and process two million pounds of Coho Salmon per year.

Jody Zakrevsky, director of Economic Development in Schoharie County, said the process is in "due diligence" and the village of Cobleskill was set to meet and vote this week on how and where Intelligent Fish will get its water.

The company plans to use existing water supplies, but it is also looking to buy water and sewer service from the village of Cobleskill.

The company is verifying the water supply is adequate and it will negotiate water and sewage rates. Agnes Cleary, a spokesperson for Intelligent Fish, said the company has no reason to think the location will not be suitable.

The company has already sent its application for the project to the town of Cobleskill and, according to Cleary, everything is moving along accordingly.

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors accepted and approved the sale of the Guilford Mills site to the new business back in October. The plant was sold for \$2.5 million and the closing is expected to take place in January or February of 2011.

"This is very good for the local economy," said Zakrevsky. "It puts a piece of property back on the tax rolls and the company is modestly looking to provide an estimated 60 jobs."

Intelligent Fish will be an aquaponics facility where fish are raised in a closed system, contrary to commercial farming where the waste becomes very concentrated in open bodies of water. Computerized systems monitor water temperature and waste is filtered to fertilizer plants. Whatever waste is not used, is cleaned and can be recirculated. The company does not use genetically modified fish or use hormones or steroids to increase growth rates.

According to Intelligent Fish public relations personnel, if all goes well and without any delays, everyone is looking at an 18 to 24-month window from the start of construction to the first day of business.

"This is truly an amazing opportunity," said Schoharie County Board of Supervisors Chairman Earl VanWormer. "We are using cutting edge technology and it fits right with with our Schoharie County agriculture and economic development."

VanWormer sees it as a business that will revitalize the community, bring more jobs, help with the tax base and be an asset to SUNY Cobleskill.

The state university is one of the reasons Intelligent Fish was attracted to the area.

"They do not plan to use both buildings on site," said Zakrevsky. "The smaller 120,000 square foot building will be used as a business incubator and as a part of that they had approached the college in hopes it could be a way to help facilitate fledgling businesses."

It is the company's hope that because of the SUNY Cobleskill's strong agricultural program, a solid partnership would form and the college would provide a close source of trained people and the new business would be able to provide internships.

It will be a step by step process that is is "exciting and promising" according to VanWormer.

Both the village and the town will be involved in the permitting process. The village has agreed to be the lead agency in the State Environmental Quality Review process.

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SUNY-Cobleskill offering meat-processing programs

October 13, 2010 at 10:35 am by [Steve Barnes, senior writer](#)

SUNY-Cobleskill, the only State University of New York campus that maintains a USDA-approved meat-processing facility, has announced details of the next two sessions of its Meat Processing and Food Safety Certificate Program. The monthlong programs, running Dec.27 to Jan. 21 and June 7 to July 7, are “designed to provide the knowledge and skills students require to enter employment in” meat-processing centers or packing houses, butcher shops or supermarkets. The cost is \$2,995. Full details [here](#).

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SUNY Cobleskill holds seminar to assist charities



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SUNY Cobleskill's Office of Extended Learning is hosting a seminar to assist regional charities while they navigate the ins and outs of last year's New York Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA).

Representatives from around 70 regional non-profit organizations are expected to attend.

Accountants from Marvin and Company, PC will be discussing the impacts of NYPMIFA, accounting issues related to planned giving and other reporting requirements; board responsibilities regarding NYPMIFA, and the effects these new laws will have on organizations.

As a result of this recent legislation, tax-exempt organizations are now subject to a higher standard of prudence as it relates to gift-acceptance, investment policies and donor agreements," said Marvin and Company, PC Director Kevin O'Leary in a statement. "Major gifts now demand more attention and some charities will need to revisit their investment strategies for these gifts. This seminar will focus on new requirements for organizations, as well as strategies for boards to consider."

The event is on January 18.

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HCCC enters into transfer agreement with SUNY Cobleskill

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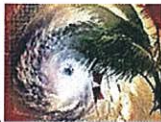
Herkimer, N.Y. — Herkimer County Community College recently entered into a new transfer agreement with SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill. Graduates of Herkimer's business administration associate's degree with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average will be guaranteed admission into the agricultural business management bachelor of technology degree at SUNY Cobleskill, with full junior status. Students completing the appropriate courses at Herkimer can transfer up to 62 credit hours toward the bachelor's degree. For more information about the program, contact Katherine Schwabach, HCCC transfer counselor, at 866-0300, ext. 8308, or e-mail schwabaka@herkimer.edu.

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Conditions prime for 22nd SUNY ice derby

Moderating temperatures and sunny skies are expected to create ideal conditions for the 22nd annual SUNY Cobleskill American Fisheries Society Ice Fishing Derby at Vlaie Pond this Saturday.

The derby will run from 7am-1pm.

Cash and other prizes will be awarded for the largest perch and pickerel of the day, as well as for the largest perch and pickerel in each two-hour block.

For the past two Saturdays, Vlaie Pond has been the site of fishing derbies sponsored by the Schoharie County Conservation Association and the West Fulton Rod and Gun Club.

Last Saturday approximately 30 anglers turn out, bent on landing dinner and a chance at winning prizes.

Henry Kimbal Jr. of Blenheim was the big winner, catching the largest perch and pickerel.

Mark Cornwall, a fisheries professor with the Fisheries & Wildlife Department at SUNY Cobleskill, said the prolonged cold temperatures leading up to this weekend has made for good ice.

Fisheries students in Professor Cornwell's class have been monitoring the ice fishery at Vlaie Pond for the past three years.

Mr. Cornwell reports firm ice of 12-18 inches and good fishing.

"Besides pickerel and yellow perch, Vlaie Pond provides good catches of a variety of pan fish species, such as bluegill, pumpkinseed and crappie," he said.

Matt Bowker, president of the SUNY Cobleskill chapter of the American Fisheries Society has participated in most of the February fishing der-

bies for the past three years.

"The temperature has been reasonable and the fish have been biting. We always have a good time being outdoors and swapping fish stories," he said.

AFS vice-president Randy Mason, also annually comes to Vlaie Pond.

"It is a great place to wet a line, watch a bald eagle and share some camaraderie with friends and family," he said.

Vlaie Pond can be reached via the DEC Parking Lot/Fishing Access of Route 145 just north of Middleburgh in the Town of Broome. Bait fish and refreshments are available for purchase, but you will need to bring your own bait bucket.

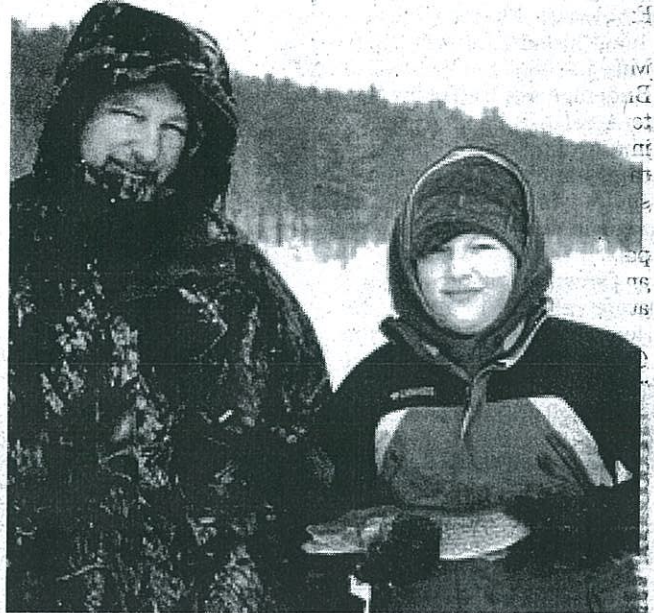
There is a \$5 registration fee for adults entering the derby.

Children under twelve can enter for free.



Seven-year-old Devon Lacko of Middleburgh, above, was the big winner at the SCCA youth ice fishing derby at the Franklinton Vlaie on Saturday, February 5.

Devon caught the largest perch and the largest perch for the day. Above, right, Cameron Kelly, 8, of Middleburgh and Chelby Wood, 10, of Cornwallville were also winners. There will be a youth ice fishing derby every Saturday in February in Schoharie County. Contact David Wood at 827-4155 for details.



Henry Kimball Jr. poses with his dad, Henry Kimball Sr., and the winning pickerel from last Saturday's West Fulton Rod and Gun Club Ice Fishing Derby at Vlaie Pond.



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Cobleskill to celebrate Earth Day, Wildlife Fest

Cobleskill will celebrate Earth Day along with SUNY Cobleskill's Fish and Wildlife Festival on Saturday, April 16.

Both events will be in Centre Park.

Earth Day will run from 8am to 10am and feature Cobleskill's annual clean-up.

Volunteers can show up at 8 and should bring rakes, shovels and brooms. Organizers will provide trash bags.

A coordinator will assign

teams of volunteers to clean streets, sidewalks and parking lots through the village.

The clean-up will wind down at 10am when the Fish and Wildlife Festival takes over.

Events include reptile and raptor exhibits, a Trout Unlimited fishing derby, fly-tying and -casting demonstrations, a petting zoo, composting tips, a New York Power Authority display and master gardeners who'll offer gardening advice.

Also, Farmer John of the Fabulous Beekman Boys will be on hand.

Besides village parking lots, parking will be available at Mesa Tech, Key Bank, Head Start, Newberry's and the Cobleskill Fire Department.

Sponsors for the day are SUNY Cobleskill, Noble Ace Hardware, Kelley Farm and Garden, Cobleskill Partnership Inc. and the Village of Cobleskill.

Times Journal
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SUNY Child Care Center celebrates Kids' Week

Youngsters, teachers, and families at SUNY Cobleskill's Child Care Center celebrated Week of the Young Child last Wednesday...by pretending it was spring.

Everyone bundled up for the 4th annual Children's March outside, where they also had a chance to visit with farm animals, in-

cluding lambs, goats, and a calf.

Back inside, there were snakes and other reptiles to meet, arts and craft activities, a Scholastic Book Fair, and music by longtime composer and educator Skip West.

The college's Early Childhood Club also promoted early literacy by giving every child a free book.



Youngsters and teachers at SUNY Cobleskill's Campus Childhood Center held their 4th annual

Children's Walk Wednesday as they marked the Week of the Young Child with a variety of events. More photos on page 4.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

Corn maze opening for kids

Carpets and Then Some and the SUNY Cobleskill Landscape Club are again hosting the second annual fall corn maze.

The maze is more than a mile long and features twists, turns and dead ends.

"The families who came to the corn maze last year had such a great time and the SUNY Landscape Club felt very strongly about making this available to the community again," said Maggie Jackman Pryor of Carpets and Then Some.

The corn maze is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10-5. This year the corn maze will also be haunted on Friday and Saturday night of Halloween weekend from 8-10pm.

"Having a haunted corn maze was a big request last

year, so the students from the SUNY Landscape Club will be haunting the maze this year on the 29th and 30th. You won't want to miss this," said Ms. Jackman Pryor.

In addition to the corn maze, there will be a kids' pumpkin patch and painting, a hay maze, art and crafts for

the children and refreshments.

All of the entrance donations that are collected will benefit local charities and fundraising groups.

Groups raising money at the maze include SUNY's Landscape Club, the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the

Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley and others.

The corn maze is located at the Carpets and Then Some building which is just west of SUNY Cobleskill.

Anyone with questions should call Ms. Jackman Pryor at 234-2347.

Scarecrow contest at SUNY

Visitors can help SUNY Cobleskill decorate for fall festivities by participating in the College's Scarecrow Contest. Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops, 4-H clubs, or community groups can get together and build a scarecrow.

Scarecrows will be judged in three categories: scariest, funniest and most original. The winner of each category

will win \$100. Judging will take place at the Community Trick-or-Treat Night on Thursday, October 28. The college encourages all participants to stay and take part in the evening's festivities.

All entries must be clearly marked with name and contact information, and delivered to campus between 12-5pm, on October 28. Items not

picked up by 1pm the following day will be discarded.

SUNY Cobleskill cannot guarantee the safety and security of any entry and cannot be held liable for lost or damaged property.

Call the Office of Community Affairs at 255-5300 to register your scarecrow by Monday, October 25.

College will host a night for treats

Cobleskill will celebrate an early Halloween at the eighth annual Community Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 28 from 6-8pm.

Parking is available in the visitor lot south of Knapp Circle.

Kids may trick or treat in Pearson, Dix and Draper residence halls and explore the Halloween Center in Bouck Ballroom for some frightfully fun crafts and games organized by student clubs. In addition, trick-or-treating safety information will be provided by the village and university police departments.

There will be a haunted fun house in Brickyard Point, the College's student union, and a hay ride around campus led by SUNY Cobleskill's Agricultural Engineering students.

The college is collecting non-perishable food items to support local food banks.

During the event, children ages 11 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

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SUNY hosts 24th Foundation Tourney

SUNY Cobleskill hosted its 24th annual Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday, June 25, at Cobleskill Golf and Country Club.

Proceeds from the event will help secure the financial resources necessary to sustain scholarships held within the SUNY Cobleskill Foundation and Alumni Association, as well as professional development for faculty and staff.

The event, played in a four-person scramble format, was won by the team of William Cromie, Steve Frazee, George Moise and Chad Smith with a low gross score of 57.

Other winners of the scramble and skill competitions included:

Men's low net - Randy Craft, Rich Lyons, Don Nelli,



SUNY Cobleskill hosted its 24th annual Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday, June 25, at Cobleskill Golf and Country Club. The four-member winning team with a low gross score of 57 included (from l to r) Steve Frazee, Dr. William Cromie, George Moise and Chad Smith.

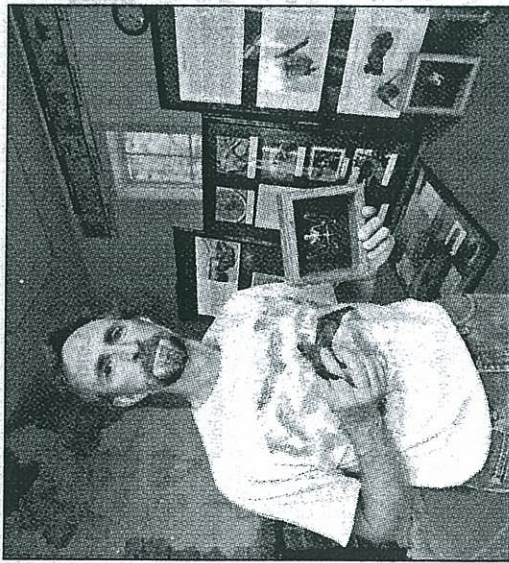
- Jim Smith. Closest to the pin, hole #2 - John Dahl.
- Women's low gross - Carol Janoscak, Wanda King, Mary Tillapaugh, Deb Trask. Closest to the pin, hole #10 - John Lyons.
- Mixed low gross - Meghan Devine, Tom Domery, Adam Helmer, Al. Whiteman. Closest to the pin, hole #14 - Frank Lawrence.
- Closest to the pin, hole #17 - Chad Smith.
- Putting contest - Dusty Putnam.
- Closest to the line (men), hole #7 - Marc Rivers.
- Closest to the line (women), hole #7 - Meghan Devine.

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Kevin Berner, professor of fisheries and wildlife at SUNY Cobleskill, holds a taxidermy-mounted large brown bat in one hand and a mounted skeleton of a big brown bat in the other at the Cave House Museum.

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HOWES CAVE

Museum a glimpse into the past

Former cave hotel is home to exhibits, geological specimens

BY ALAN GINSBURG
For The Daily Gazette

They wore hip boots and warm clothing against the cold and dampness and carried oil-burning lamps or torches that cast shad-

ows on the walls as they trudged through the mud and dark passageways of the cave.

Led by Lester Howe, visitors spent about six hours deep beneath the surface of his Schoharie County farmland where, according to legend, Howe's cows drew him to the underground wonder that he later developed into a commercial venture.

That was in 1843, a year after Howe discovered his cows favored

a wooded area in the fields where a cool draft came from beneath the surface. Howe dug at the spot, which revealed a cave entrance, and after exploring its length and various chambers and passageways, named them.

A hotel was built at the entrance of the cave that drew visitors to the site until about 1900. The original cave entrance and hotel were

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Museum

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abandoned. Later Howe Caverns, a popular tourist attraction, was

developed at the opposite end of the nearly milelong cave.

Cobleskill Stone Products has donated the original Howe's cave hotel to a nonprofit organization, which is restoring the building as a museum. The museum offers exhibits of geological specimens, a library with works focusing on geology and paleontology and wildlife exhibits of animals commonly found within the area of the original Howe's cave.

FOCUS ON BATS

Since bats for thousands of years have hibernated in the cave, a major portion of the exhibit focuses on the five species of bats that have inhabited the cave, including the little brown bat, big brown bat, eastern pipistrelle, northern myotis and eastern small-footed myotis.

"Visitors to the museum will gain an appreciation for the ecological role of bats and an understanding of the evolution of the species, which is not radically different from the bats that inhabited the earth about

50 million years ago," said Kevin Berner, professor of fisheries and wildlife at SUNY Cobleskill.

"Bats perform a valuable ecological role by consuming massive numbers of insects, many of which are pests to people and damage agricultural crops," he said. "Some bats consume up to half their weight in insects each night."

Berner and his students, who have been mounting the exhibit, have found millions of bat bones in one chamber of the original cave, including wing bones, rib cage bones and some skulls. They have been identifying and classifying the bones of various bat species.

"Many of the bones were found in layers of clay and may have been there since the glacial outwash from around 10,000 years ago," said Berner. "In recent years the bat bone deposit in glacially deposited sediments was slowly being exposed through erosion."

The students also engaged in other bat-related projects at Howe's cave, including a bat census at their hibernation sites, summer bat habitat assessment and bat summer roosting habitat survey.

"Bats over the centuries as a species have successfully survived despite actions by humans that could have potentially wiped them out," said Berner.

At present, however, a disease that has been decimating their populations is threatening bats in the northeastern part of the country. Called White-Nose Syndrome, the disease is identified by a white fungus that appears on the nose and

wings of affected bats.

State and federal wildlife agencies have been investigating the source of the fungus as well as trying to determine methods for eradicating the disease.

"This is the largest and fastest collapse of a broad group of species ever documented," Berner said. "It's catastrophic, with an estimated 95 percent of most of the bat species that hibernate in caves in the Northeast dying over the last five years. It will take decades once the fungus has been eradicated for the bat populations to return to their former numbers."

POPULATION DWINDLES

He said the bat census of a section of the original Howe's cave done by the students in 2006 revealed an estimated 1,300 bats. "Now the count is only about 70 bats," he said.

Also on exhibit at the museum are timber rattlesnake bones found in the cave that were embedded in clay that was believed to have been deposited by glaciers thousands of years ago. "If we placed the rattlesnake vertebrae together and lined them up, they would reveal a snake that was about 41 inches long," said Berner. "From the size of the vertebrae the snake's body would appear to be about 2 inches in diameter."

He figures the timber rattlers may have fallen into the cave from sinkholes.

The wildlife displays in the museum also include skulls and bones of other animals that are commonly found in the area surrounding the cave.

The Cave House Museum is open through Labor Day from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. After Labor Day and through Columbus Day, the museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Syngenta

Syngenta Asia Pacific opened its new research and development facility in Singapore this past October for its molecular marker and formulation development laboratories. The Kendall Laboratory will support the development of new technology for agriculture around the Asia Pacific that can help maintain food security in a sustainable way. "The Asia Pacific region is expected to have an additional billion mouths to feed by 2030, and with limited natural resources, new technology in agriculture is necessary to help farmers grow more with less," said Peter Pickering, the Region Head of Syngenta's Seeds business in the Asia Pacific.

Syngenta's Molecular Marker Laboratory will help plant breeders to develop better varieties of crops. The laboratory identifies DNA markers in plants that are associated with desirable traits, which facilitates marker-assisted breeding (MAB) in plants. MAB compresses the product development cycle by as much as half compared with traditional plant-breeding techniques. The marker laboratory also has the ability to locate and unlock genetic networks behind complex traits that may lie undiscovered in the plant genome. This may include important traits that can help improve yield and environmental stress tolerance.

State University of New York

ZHONGCHUN JIANG, professor of turfgrass management at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. The award recognizes outstanding and sustained service and significant contribution by teaching faculty to institutional quality. Dr. Jiang teaches in the Department of Plant Science.



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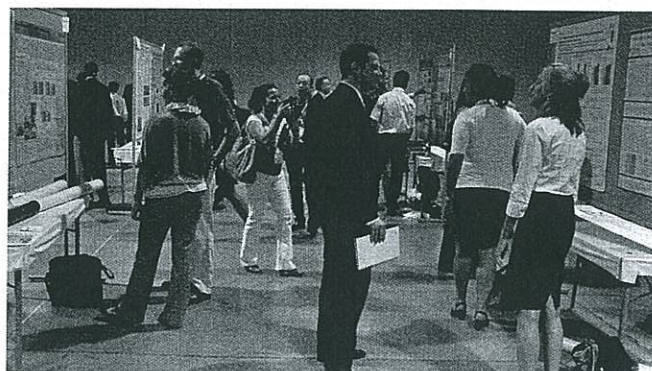
Texas A&M

Dr. NITHYA RAJAN joined the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon, TX and the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University as assistant professor of cropping systems. She received a B.S. degree in agriculture from Kerala Agriculture University in India, an M.S. degree in soil science from ANGR Agricultural University in India, and Ph.D. degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University at Lubbock. Prior to joining the Texas A&M system, Rajan worked as a post-doctoral research associate at Texas Tech University. Her research at Vernon will focus on sustainable crop production and management with particular emphasis on soil, water, and



Nithya Rajan

2010 ANNUAL MEETINGS



Attendance Tops 3,800 in Long Beach

More than 3,800 people took in the technical sessions and the sights of Long Beach, CA at the 2010 Annual Meetings of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA, 31 October–3 November. The event featured a sold out exhibit hall, daily plenary speakers, and more than 2,500 oral and poster papers. Thank you to attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors for making the Annual Meetings a resounding success! Presentations and audio will be posted online at www.acsmeetings.org. Watch for highlights of the meeting in future issues of *CSA News* magazine. In the meantime, save the date for the 2011 Annual Meetings 16–19 October, San Antonio, TX. There we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of SSSA.

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Dr. WILLIAM F. TRACY, agronomy professor and department chair, has been named interim dean of the University of Wisconsin–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). Tracy will assume the post in January when current CALS Dean MOLLY JAHN steps down. Tracy received both a B.S. and M.S. in plant and soil sciences from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst, and received a Ph.D. in plant breeding with a minor in agronomy and genetics from Cornell University in 1982. He joined the Department of Agronomy in 1984 and has served as chair since 2004. His research focuses on breeding and genetics of sweet corn. Tracy has developed many new hybrid and inbred varieties with improved yield and resistance to insects and disease. He has also been very active in efforts to get the university involved in K–12 science education and continuing education related to crop production, plant genetics, and the interaction between agriculture and society.

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Local chefs get ACF awards

March 7, 2011 at 5:47 pm by [Steve Barnes, senior writer](#)

The local chapter of the American Culinary Federation held its annual awards dinner on Feb. 21 and gave out the following awards:

- **Chef of the Year:** Christopher Allen Tanner, culinary instructor, Schenectady County Community College.
- **Pastry Chef of the Year:** Paul Krebs, pastry professor, SCCC.
- **Chef Educator of the Year:** David Campbell, culinary department chair, SUNY-Cobleskill.
- **Liz Krause Chef Professionalism Award:** Yono Purnomo, chef-owner, Yono's and DP Brasserie, Albany.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** James Rhoads, chef-instructor, Hudson Questar III.
- **Student Chef of the Year:** Caitlin Sive, culinary student, SCCC.
- **Junior Culinarian of the Year:** Kaitlyn Vallee, high school culinary student, Albany County BOCES.
- **Vendor of the Year:** Adventure in Food Trading, Menands.
- **President's Awards:** Lisa Collen, Gene Collen, Joan Dembinski, Paul Moyer.

The awards were voted on by the approximately 120 member of the local ACF chapter.

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Food Forum

Food news, recipes and ideas from The Daily Gazette staff and readers.

Food Forum

Black Russian Brownies

By Food Forum staff Monday, December 6, 2010

In time for holiday parties, here's a recipe for Black Russian Brownies from JoAnne Cloughly, associate professor of culinary arts at [SUNY-Cobleskill](#) and adviser to the student Pastry Arts Club.

The brownies contain coffee liqueur and vodka, which give them their name.

Black Russian Brownies

Makes 24 pieces

Ingredients:

- 4 oz. dark chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup coffee liqueur
- 2 tablespoons vodka
- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Glaze

- 9 oz. chopped dark chocolate
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon coffee liqueur (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Melt butter and add chocolate. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.
In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, sugar, vanilla, coffee liqueur and vodka. Blend this mixture with the chocolate mixture.
Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Folk into liquid mixture.
Pour into prepared brownie pan and bake until center tests clean.

Glaze Directions

Warm heavy cream. Add chocolate and stir until melted. Stir in coffee liqueur, if using. Set aside at room temperature to cool and thicken.
When brownies are cool, spread glaze over top.
Chill and cut into 24 pieces.

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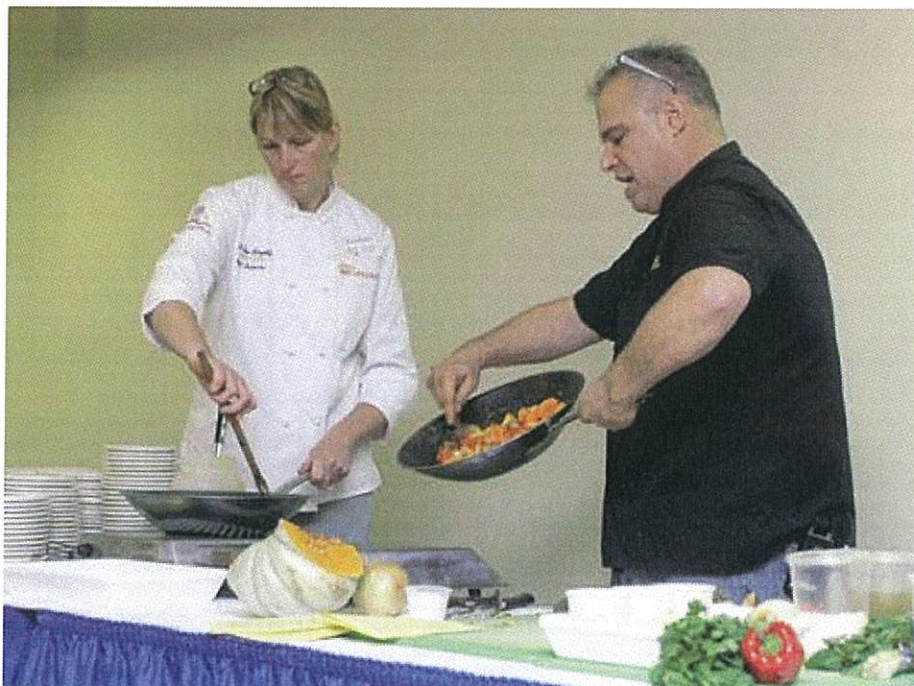
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Music Company Orchestra	Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School 7:30 p.m. Free
"Sister's Christmas Catechism"	Proctors 7:30 p.m. \$20 - \$45
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Jo Ann Cloughy, associate professor of Culinary Arts at SUNY Cobleskill, assists Executive Chef Ric Orlando, owner of New World Home Cooking Cafe and New World Bistro, prepare three globally-influenced, home-style pumpkin recipies during a cooking demonstration at the Pride of New York Harvest Festival on Saturday. (Jeff Couch / The Record)

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The Record



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ALBANY — Hungry New Yorkers got their fill Saturday at the 15th annual Pride of New York Harvest Fest, held for the first time at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

The two-day event features a smorgasbord of products from throughout the Empire State, tantalizing attendees with dozens of different wines, beers, cheeses and a host of other foods. Pride of New York manager Sue Santamarina said the festival is meant to be a showcase for all things New York, instilling a local pride that stretches across the state.

“We bring together the growers, producers and processors from across New York State, and they have the opportunity to sample and sell their products to the consumers,” she said. “The vendors love it, because it gives them an opportunity to talk about their product and to show it to the customers. It’s just a wonderful way for people to really learn about what New York has to offer.”

Piggybacking off the recent trends of the slow food movement and eating local, it was important to Santamarina that event attendees gain a better knowledge about their state’s products, and help out local businesses along the way.

“I hope they take away all the diverse products that New York State has to offer, that it’s not just the agricultural products that are grown and produced, but all the foods that are processed as well,” she said.

That diversity was on full, mouth-watering display, as close to 100 vendors hawked every kind of food and beverage imaginable. Patrons sampled Peach mead from Long Island and blueberry wine from the Thousand Islands, garlic olive cheese curds from Rome and champagne cheddar from the Finger Lakes, curry cooking sauce from Mechanicville and the ginseng-like duduk root from the Catskills, West African-style peanut brittle from Albany, and even dill pickle-flavored popcorn from Rochester.

Smells of sizzling bacon from LaGrangeville and pulled pork from the newly-opened Troy Dinosaur Bar-B-Q also added to the stomach growl-inducing ambiance.

Sampling four of its Troy-brewed beers was Brown’s Brewing Company, a first-time participant. Gregg Stacy, Brown’s director of marketing and sales, said he liked participating in festivals and food events because it was an excellent way to get exposure, hand out menus and pique interest in Brown’s gift program.

The response Saturday was especially positive, he said, with the crowd lapping up Brown’s smoked rauch beer, a brew Stacy called “extreme” and “very, very particular.”

“That is the hands-down favorite from everybody here,” he said. “It’s been great. There are lot of people here who either don’t know us and are really excited to find us, and people who do know us and are like, ‘You guys are great!’”

Among those enjoying the food free-for-all were first-time attendees Danielle Duggan of Saratoga Springs and Megan Gela of Cohoes.

“This is absolutely amazing,” Duggan said. “Good food, good people, good wine. Can’t go wrong.”

“And nice to see, because you don’t realize how much New York State has to offer,” Gela added.

Also attending for the first time were Chris Dum and Jen Masa, both of Albany, who had just visited the Reisling Heaven seminar, and were gearing up for the next one, a cooking demonstration with local chef Ric Orlando.

Dum said he and Masa were having fun indulging in the multitude of wine samples, and were overwhelmed by the festival’s selection.

“We’re trying to be more local, like purchases and eating, anyway, so this really plays into that,” he said.

At the “We Want Clean Food” seminar run by Orlando, the chef and owner of the New World Cooking Café and New World Bistro was fixing up three distinctly different pumpkin dishes: Thai pumpkin curry, Italian pumpkin risotto and Indian lentil pumpkin soup, a combination he called “international local flavor.”

“I travel a lot and worked with a lot of peasants and farmers, and when I come home, I pull that all together with the local stuff, and I try to represent the people who make our food in my kitchen,” he said.


That way of cooking has helped Orlando introduce more of what he calls “global flavor, local pride” into everything he cooks.

“I like to introduce people to different ways of using their local products,” he said.

Harvest Fest finishes up today, running from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, visit <http://prideofnyharvestfest.com/alb/>.

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Colleges look to keep students safe

November 6, 2010 By Denise Richardson Staff Writer

A SUNY Delhi student talks on her cell phone when walking alone after class to her car in the campus parking lot at night.

Two other students said they join friends when walking between class buildings and dormitories. The three women said they are aware of well-lit areas and the location of "blue lights," where emergency call boxes are located.

These steps are among precautions female students take on a campus. The State University College of Technology at Delhi administration has been dealing with two reported cases of sexual assault in the past year, but administrators and students interviewed this week agreed that the campus is safe.

"No campus is perfect _ things can happen," Courtney Ketz, 21, a fourth-year student at SUNY Delhi, said Wednesday.

Administrators at SUNY Delhi, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Cobleskill and Hartwick College said the safety of students is a priority.

The colleges have strict policies against rape, sexual assault and harassment and offer programs to raise awareness and teach prevention. The schools publicize the availability of on- and off-campus options for counseling, medical care and filing reports with authorities in case of incidents, and officials said students seem to be comfortable seeking help.

"Sexual assaults will happen on college campuses just as they will happen in any community across the country," Lynn Ontl, co-director of the wellness center at the State University College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, said. "We wish we could prevent any sex crime from happening on this campus, but that's not so realistic."

What is realistic is for a college to offer educational and preventive programming and coordinated support services for students dealing with sex crimes, Ontl said, and SUNY Cobleskill takes pride in meeting those goals.

"Our campus really pulls it together for our students," she said. "Our students feel this campus is safe."

The college's 2,500-student enrollment has a 50/50 ratio of men to women, Ontl said.

Two incidents at SUNY Delhi

SUNY Delhi's enrollment of about 3,000 students is 57 percent male and 43 percent female, officials said.

This fall at SUNY Delhi, the campus suspended four students in connection with an alleged sexual assault. The case is being investigated by the Delaware County District Attorney.

In September, Delaware deputies and SUNY Delhi University Police arrested two former SUNY Delhi students on sealed indictments accusing them of rape. The incident was reported in September 2009 but waiting for DNA results delayed arrests, authorities said.

On Wednesday night, 10 female students interviewed randomly at the campus said they consider SUNY Delhi a safe environment. The 10 students rated the safety level at 7 or 8, on a scale with 10 as the highest level of security. Most of the students said they unaware of the two alleged sex crimes, and several said they wished the administration had notified the campus so that they could take precautions.

Assistant professor of psychology Amber Tatnall said students in class and club meetings raise concerns about sex crimes without prompting and share specific experiences about harassment, stalking and relationship violence. However, at SUNY Delhi as at other colleges, the discussions about attitudes, risks and incidents need to be more open campuswide, she said, and the zero-tolerance message needs to be louder.

"I believe very strongly all campuses, including SUNY Delhi, need to educate the campus community about the different types of violence that exist, how our attitudes play a huge role in permitting unacceptable behavior that can lead to violence," Tatnall said. "Especially in an atmosphere of education, where learners are being taught life and career skills, it's important to model thoughtful dialogue that encourages critical thinking about how to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual violence."

The SUNY Delhi administration notifies the campus when a rash of thefts occurs and suggests precautions, Tatnall said, and a similar, pro-active approach could be used with reports of sex crimes. And offenders of sex crimes must be held accountable, she said.

"We still everywhere blame the victim," she said.

Reports of sex crimes on campus

Campuses report crime statistics to the federal Department of Education under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The statistics represent alleged criminal offenses reported to campus security authorities or local law enforcement agencies, not prosecutions or convictions.

A forcible sexual offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent, according to the department's website. The site reported forcible sexual offenses on campus at area colleges between 2007 and 2009 as five at SUNY Delhi; five at SUNY Oneonta; eight at SUNY Cobleskill; and five at Hartwick College in Oneonta.

Safety is a community, personal matter

Barbara Jones, vice president for student life at SUNY Delhi, said the campus isn't immune from the problems of society and students know where to get help if they need it.

Lori Osterhoudt, director of the SUNY Delhi counseling and health services, who teaches a freshman seminar, said feedback from students is that they feel safer on campus than they do in their home communities.

The college's Personal Safety Committee assesses security features on campus and is a forum for addressing concerns, LouAnn Matthews-Babcock, coordinator of judicial affairs and co-chair of the safety committee, said.

"Students feel comfortable coming forward if there is an issue," she said. "Students feel safe on campus."

Ketz, a member of the Personal Safety Committee, said the small size of the campus, required registration of guests in dormitories and the administration's pro-active security efforts are reasons students sense that the campus is safe.

However, taking precautions is key to personal safety, several female SUNY Delhi students agreed Wednesday. Some of the students requested anonymity or that their first names only be used in attribution.

"I talk to someone on my phone while I'm walking to my car," said a student who requested anonymity. The practice may not help in an attack, she said, but at least someone would know about it through the cell phone connection.

A student who transferred said SUNY Delhi is safer than the school she previously attended, but she refused to identify the college and requested anonymity.

"I don't think Delhi is really unsafe at all," she said. "I've walked around numerous times at night, and no one's really bothered me."

However, Lydia, 40, a nursing student from Brooklyn, said she worries that younger women on campus don't take enough precautions. Some students drink alcohol, which can lead to risky situations, she said, and it only takes one incident to be life-changing.

"They're too carefree," she said. "They don't know what could happen."

Programs, support available at colleges in Oneonta

At Hartwick College, 59 percent of the 1,500 student body is female.

Gary A. Robinson, director of counseling at the private, liberal arts college, said the school has educational, counseling and other support services for students.

"They feel comfortable reporting incidents to us and using the services we offer," Robinson said. "We recognize how uncomfortable it can be for a victim."

"Thankfully, Hartwick is a very safe campus," he said.

At the State University College at Oneonta, the student body of about 5,808 undergraduate students is about 57 percent female and 43 percent male.

SUNY Oneonta doesn't tolerate sexual crimes and strives to respond to reports of sexual assault in a way that takes into consideration the uniqueness of this type of crime, officials said.

"The staffs of several offices have received special training to receive reports and -- just as important -- to advocate for victims," college spokesman Hal Legg said.

Students are encouraged to report sexual assault to the University Police Department, which can receive anonymous reports, or to the Office of Judicial Affairs, Legg said. or confidentially at the counseling and health center or with an athletic coach or a residence hall director. A campus group, Providing Advocacy and Intervention Regarding Sexual Assault, or PAIRS, offers programming throughout the year to teach the campus community about rape, acquaintance rape and other sexual offenses, Legg said. The campus also works closely with Oneonta's Violence Intervention Program.

"We try to give them as many options as possible," Vice President for student development Steven Perry said. "We want students to have support the support they need if they've been a victim."

Results of a 2009 survey of students at SUNY Oneonta put the campus among the top SUNY schools in regard to student perception of campus security and personal safety, Perry said.

"Students perceive Oneonta as a very safe campus," Perry said. The 2009 results were higher than those in the previous survey in 2006.

The campus can install emergency call boxes, lighting and programming to enhance safety, Perry said, but students also have a responsibility not to put themselves in harm's way.

"Safety is a function not only of what we do but what students do," Perry said. "Students have a role, too." □

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Local 4-H'ers explore careers in Agriculture

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Bath, NY — October 2 & 3, 2010, 4-H members from around the state, including a teen from Steuben participated in the 4-H AgriBusiness Career (ABC) Conference, traveling to Cobleskill for two intensive days of tours and workshops.

Ashley Warriner, a 4-H member in the J-T Rough Riders 4-H Club, participated in mini tours on raising pastured poultry and a horse training stable and campus study session on Equine Studies and Thoroughbred Management. All the participants had the opportunity to work with Jessica Chittenden, Director of Communications for New York State Ag & Markets, designing a power point presentation about their "on-site" workshops.

"This conference offers not only an opportunity for the students to experience possible career options, but exercises their ability to retain information and communicate what they have learned," states Ms. Chittenden. "Their excitement for the tours and the youthful ingenuity they possess in creating their power point presentations made for a fun, educational and hands-on activity that everyone enjoyed and learned from, whether they were presenting or listening to their peers."

The youth had an opportunity to showcase their presentations at a banquet attended by members of the SUNY Cobleskill Postsecondary Agriculture Student leadership group, who awarded prizes for the top workshop teams.

The college connections continued on the second day when the 4-H members visited the SUNY Cobleskill campus. Youth met with various faculty members and had the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, like operating a remote-controlled BobCat in the Agriculture Engineering Department.

Long-time ABC Committee member and SUNY Cobleskill Career Pathways Director Terry Hughes sees great value in this 4-H event. "The 4-H AgriBusiness Career Conference is one of the best Career Awareness activities that I have been involved with in my 33 years as an agricultural educator. The students are exposed to a wide variety of agricultural career pathways by both individuals who are directly involved in each career field and then students are provided educational pathways by the SUNY Cobleskill college faculty to help them see how they can prepare to pursue their dream job," said Mr. Hughes.

The 4-H ABC Conference has been a collaborative effort of Cornell Cooperative Extension and SUNY Cobleskill staff for over 30 years. It is supported by Schoharie County agricultural businesses and New York State Farm Bureau.

As the youth serving organization of Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development actively involves youth in opportunities that help them learn to lead, build their communities, and connect with each other. To find out more about 4-H in Steuben County, contact the CCE Office at 607-664-2300 or at www.putknowledgegetwork.com.

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at SUNY Cobleskill. “Faculty and staff have expressed how useful and user friendly the tool is for generating new research opportunities that can lead to innovation and invention.”

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Monday, January, 24, 7:30pm

(Note! this is a week later than our usual schedule because of Martin Luther King Day the previous Monday.)**College of St. Rose, Conference Rooms A and B on the second floor of the Campus/Athletic Center, 420 Western Avenue, Albany, NY****Speaker: Douglas Goodale****Title: Syngas from Biomaterials**

Dr. Goodale is a Professor of Agronomy and the Project Manager for SUNY Cobleskill's Biowaste Gasification project. His talk will deal with the conversion of biowaste to syngas.

Speaker Biography

Dr. Douglas M. Goodale, a tenured Professor of Agronomy, serves as the Project Manager and Principal Investigator (PI) for SUNY Cobleskill's Biowaste Conversion to Bioenergy through Gasification project. Professor Goodale holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Education with a minor in Agronomy, and has 37 years of college teaching and research experience, including expertise in plant and animal sciences, weed science, agricultural chemicals, waste management and bioenergy. His administrative experience include 12 years as a Department Head and 6.5 years as a Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources before assuming the lead on Cobleskill's Bioenergy R&D. Dr. Goodale has a conducted at least one agronomic and/or environmental stewardship research project in each of the past 30 years. He has secured over \$5 million in DoD/DOE appropriations in the past 4 years for alternative energy research. The PI is recognized by his peers as an Outstanding Educator and Teacher Fellow.

Synopsis of Talk

There is a plethora of alternative energy research in popular magazines, daily press and reasonably easy to read journals. Whether one's belief is centered on solar, wind, geothermal, ethanol other biofuels, cellulosic conversion or (in my case) gasification, it is now commonplace to find someone's "next solution" to the ever growing paradox of producing green energy while curbing fossil fuel utilization. Certainly, different people will have varying opinions as to which are better or right. In point of fact, each technology has its pluses and minuses. This presentation is focused not just on gasification but on rotary kiln gasification.

Gasification is an old technology connected "way back when" to the cement industry. Updraft, downdraft and fluidized bed gasifiers, among other gasification options, are like the multiple methods of producing alternative energy, each having their benefits and shortcomings. SUNY Cobleskill's research centers on direct flaming pyrolysis in a unique, yet simple and economic means of changing biowaste into electricity, where the only byproduct is a minimal amount of ash. This biowaste conversion produces synthetic gas (syngas) that can substitute for fossil fuel nearly 100%. Obviously, the conversion efficiency will depend on the calorific value and corresponding thermodynamics of selected feedstocks. The rotary kiln gasification system is being evaluated to determine conversion efficiency and then to ascertain syngas cleanliness. Hypothetically, the prototypic rotary kiln coming to Cobleskill can produce cleaner syngas than any other methodology known to exist anyplace in the world. If true, the syngas can be fed directly into a spark or combustion ignition engine that, in turn, can power a generator to produce electricity. This technology is slated for implementation at U.S. Army Forward Operating Bases as soon as refined.

In addition to the describing the basic pyrolytic premise, the relationship of feedstock heat and mass balancing will be incorporated in the presentation. Key to SUNY Cobleskill's R&D is that all feedstocks are waste products. No new crops to be grown no land use to be changed, any soybeans to extrude or Salyx to be harvested. The presentation is totally focused on gasifying the daily generated waste into alternative fuel and then converted into electricity.

Directions:

Enter the College of St. Rose Campus Center on 420 Western Avenue and go to the middle of the building. Take the elevator or stairs to the second floor. The conference rooms are just to the right as you exit the elevator or stairs.

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Glass harmonica player to greet 2011 at First Night

BY BRIAN MCELHINEY
Gazette Reporter

A dozen wine glasses have taken Ed Stander to Montreal, Japan, Europe and the Great Wall of China. "I was the first street performer to play on the Great Wall of China," he said. "And while I didn't get any pictures, about 10,000 Chinese did. Then I got kicked off because I was inciting a riot — well, a riot in China is any more than 10 people in the same place at one time. In my case, I had a lot more than 10 people."

For more than 20 years, Stander, a professor of astronomy, geology and environmental science at the State University of New York in Cobleskill, has played glass harmonica. It's not a popular instrument today — according to him, he's one of "maybe a dozen" glass harmonica players in the world — although Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical version in 1758. It also has had somewhat of a misunderstood history, having been banned in the 1800s because it was thought the high-frequency sounds were causing brain damage.

When Stander performs, it always draws attention. Along with the visually unique setup of glasses, the high-pitched, ethereal sounds produced are unlike any made by other instruments. "I've been on television a couple of times, and at festivals all over the place," he said, sitting in front of his 12-glass instrument in his home in Delmar. "It's one of the nice things about it — since nobody else is playing it, you sort of have the world to yourself."

Although his self-taught talent has taken him around the world, very rarely does he get the opportunity to perform in his hometown. Which is why he looks forward to events like First Night Saratoga, Saratoga Springs' annual New Year's Eve arts celebration that will include events scheduled at 25 different venues in downtown Saratoga Springs throughout the evening.

This year is the 15th annual First Night in Saratoga, and will mark

hurdy gurdy among other instruments. "After 20 years, 12 glasses — I mean, that's a year and a half per glass, so I've got a little practice in. I used to play eight hours a day, seven days a week, for most of the time."

He can tune the glasses within a range of a note or two by filling them with water, but for the most part he buys them as close to being "in tune" as possible. Most of the tone comes from the size, shape and density of the glass. It took Stander about four months to assemble his 64-glass piano bar glass set, from selecting the glasses to their placement.

Stander got the idea to play glass harmonica after hearing a 1930s recording of Bruno Hoffmann playing the instrument. "On the back cover was a picture of the instrument," Stander said, "and I said, 'Well, Any damn fool could do that.'"

After a car crash left him on crutches for about a year, he began playing the glasses in earnest, assembling his instruments piece by piece.

"What I did was I wandered around auditioning glasses," he said. "I lived in Newfoundland at the time, and I went to stores all over the place and I just asked the guys if I could play all their glasses — they usually said yes. So most of the glasses are empty — I buy them as close to being in tune as possible, and I add water only if necessary."

CLASSICAL HISTORY

In the 1700s, the glass harmonica was much more common, with pieces of music written for it by Mozart and Beethoven that Stander performs in his sets. It wasn't until the 1930s that the instrument began to be used again after being banned, but it remains a rarity, which tends to pique audience interest when Stander performs today.

"People ask me whether other liquids work in the glasses — I usually tell them that, yeah, beer works, but only for a half an hour and then it goes flat," he said.

"Most people just don't believe it," he continued. "A lot of people,



especially more incredulous people, will stick their head underneath and see if there's a tape recorder down there. I used to put a tape recorder underneath just so they would find something. A lot of people think it's amplified, and I take the top off and show them that it's not."

The familiarity of the objects and people's curiosity means that there is always an audience for Stander's playing.

"The fun thing about it is that everyone's tried it at least once at home, and they don't understand how it works — that you can play

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Boom in restaurant sales means jobs plentiful for graduates

By Justin Mason

Food show craze helps fill culinary arts classes



An SCCC Culinary Arts student rolls dough for German pretzels in this 2006 photo.

CAPITAL REGION – There was a time when David Brough would have been surprised to see 200 students enrolled at Schenectady County Community College's culinary school programs.

Founded in 1982 and accredited by the American Culinary Federation in 1993, the college's hotel, culinary arts and tourism department usually drew about 160 students per year. Brough recalls seeing enrollment spike to more than 200 students one year and thinking that the program had finally reached its apex.

"I remember when we hit 200 students," he said Friday. "Two hundred was a big deal."

But that was before America's love affair with food kicked into overdrive. The

proliferation of food-centric reality television shows coupled with already prevalent Food Network has caused a spike in the number of people seeking training in the culinary arts.

From the Bravo Channel's "Top Chef" to "Hell's Kitchen" on the Fox Network, people are tuning into their obsession with food. And it's prompting many of them to search out programs offered by Brough's department and other culinary schools in the area.

Department heads at both the state University of New York in Cobleskill and Paul Smith's Col-

lege at Saranac Lake reported a pronounced enrollment increase for their culinary programs over the past three years. Increased enrollment prompted Paul Smith's to institute a waiting list for one program for the first time last year.

Kathy Fitzgerald, Paul Smith's vice president for enrollment management, said about 35 percent of the college's 1,000 students are enrolled in culinary programs. She said inquiries into the hospitality programs have increased 23 percent this year, while commitments for incoming students to the culinary arts and baking program have increased 59 percent for the fall semester.

"We are essentially almost out of room and we're going to a waiting list," she said.

In Schenectady, Brough said enrollment grew from 270 students in 2007 to 412 last year. The jump was made possible by the completion of a new culinary wing in 2007.

"We had a huge jump in enrollment," he said.

The program has also seen a pronounced change in demographics. When Brough first began teaching at the college in 1988, roughly 75 percent of the students were young men.

Today, about 51 percent of the culinary students are female. Students now attending the college range in age from 16 to 74.

At Cobleskill, enrollment seems to gradually creep up every year, said Dave Campbell, the department's chairman. Now, he said, the culinary programs are starting to outpace others at the college.

"The numbers are certainly up, which has been kind of neat because the numbers for a lot of other programs are going down," he said.

Students are a lot more knowledgeable about food when they arrive, too. Campbell said this awareness appears to be tied to the increased prevalence of epicurean television shows.

"The students are certainly watching a lot of the Food Network," he said.

But in general, people seem more interested in professionally cooked meals, Brough said. Restaurant sales are projected to increase from \$379 billion in 2000 to more than \$604 billion by the end of this year, according to figures provided by the National Restaurant Association.

The restaurant industry now accounts for about 49 percent of money spent on food in the United States. The industry employs 12.8 million people at 960,000 locations across the country.

"The food channel brought a lot of people to us, but the industry is viable as a whole," he said.

Viable enough to allay any fears over the job market getting saturated by the sudden influx of new workers. Both Brough and Campbell believe the growth of the restaurant industry as a whole will provide more than enough jobs for the students they're teaching today.

Campbell said the demanding industry also tends to wear its workers out quickly. He said job turnover is rather high, meaning there's almost always employment opportunities for young chefs who are willing to work hard and relocate.

"It's a very hard business," he said. "Just a lot of people seem to wash through the system."

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By Karen Bjornland

Q & A: Retired art professor Chuck Matteson leaves mark on SUNY Cobleskill

Chuck Matteson stands next to "Natty Bumpo's Needle," an outdoor sculpture he created in Cherry Valley. (photo courtesy of Chuck Matteson)

When art professor Charles Matteson retired from the State University of New York at Cobleskill, he left behind a weighty reminder of his 29 years on campus.

More than a decade ago, Matteson designed the eight-ton marker made of natural Adirondack granite that's the signpost at the entrance to the college.

For nearly three decades, while teaching art history and studio design classes, Matteson was also the director of the college's Grosvenor Gallery. Situated on the second floor of the Old Gym Building, it's an unusual art space, a former basketball court with a shiny wooden floor measuring 1,200 square feet.

Photo Gallery

Retired art professor Chuck Matteson leaves mark on SUNY Cobleskill



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After Matteson's departure in December, the gallery, which was launched more than 45 years ago, was closed as part of a construction project.

"The college is still deciding how to best use the space in the future," says Scott Silversten, director of communications at SUNY Cobleskill.

Matteson, who goes by "Chuck," grew up in western New York's Niagara County.

In high school, an athletic scholarship sent him to Alfred University, where he majored in biology and had his first exposure to art and art students. Graduate study in microbiology followed at Ohio's Bowling Green University.

In the 1970s, he switched from science to art and moved to Schoharie County, where he built one of the first walk-in, wood-fired kilns in the area.

Matteson chatted with the Gazette by phone from his home near the Otsego County village of Cherry Valley, where he lives with his wife, Eva Fognell, curator of the Eugene and Clare Thaw Collection of American Indian Art at the Fenimore Art Museum.

More images

For more images of Charles Matteson's sculptures, click [here](#)

Art isn't Matteson's only passion. He has been interested in music since he was young. For two decades, he was a drummer and singer with The Rubber Band, which played all over New York state. "We kind of introduced Cajun-zydeco to the area in the late '80s, early '90s, our own version of it," Matteson says. These days, he often plays percussion as part of a duo at the Black Cat Cafe & Bakery in Sharon Springs.

Q: When did you start teaching at SUNY Cobleskill?

A: I started there in 1982. I came to Schoharie County in 1972 as a working artist. I ran a studio down in Jefferson, New York, for about 10 years or so. I got involved with developing the Schoharie County Arts Council. I was the first director in the late '70s, and I actually started their exhibition program. [The Schoharie County Arts Council, founded in 1977, is now called the Tri-County Arts Council.]

Q: How did Grosvenor Gallery get started?

A: John Grosvenor started the gallery, and as near as I can figure, he started it in the mid-'60s. I was actually the second

director. John was a faculty member, a very creative fellow. He just passed away a few years ago, in his early 90s.

Q: The gallery was once a basketball court. Is it a good art space?

A: It's a wonderful space to do shows in. It has all of that ceiling space and really generous square footage. It was a very interesting space to deal with.

Q: How many exhibits did you mount during your years running the gallery?

A: I figured I did over 160 exhibits by professional artists . . . over 250 artists. Probably 35 or 40 student shows . . . some faculty work. One of the things I enjoyed was working with and meeting all of these artists. Many were from the Capital District, a lot of them from the rural areas of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie counties, which are loaded with talent. A lot of them I remember and I'm still in touch with. And a number of them, I remember that it was their first show. They were young artists, just getting started.

Q: Is Grosvenor a regional gallery?

A: To describe it as a regional gallery is accurate . . . primarily New York state artists. And over the years, we had artists from a wide geographic distribution. I had a show by an artist from Puerto Rico. We had artists from Canada. I met a photographer when I was traveling in Guatemala from California, and we ended up doing a show of his photography from Central America.

Q: What were some of your most memorable shows?

A: The content of the shows ran the gamut, from quilts and folk art to installation. We did a number of shows that focused on environmental issues early on. An exhibit entitled "Focus on Schoharie Creek." Another one with artist Cynthia Marsh from Oneonta, a wonderful exhibit which she called "The Sixth Extinction." It was about very contemporary issues of global warming and climate change. There were some themes that we kept revisiting; certainly nature and rural life. So there were photography shows that focused on wildlife, there were drawing exhibits that focused on nature, and the landscape, of course. Lots of painting shows that dealt with those issues. The other thing I really enjoyed was collaborations. Over the years, I collaborated with so many different institutions, not just SUNY institutions, but with Union College, Hartwick College, Rochester Institute of Technology. I collaborated with the Sculpture Space in Utica, Gallery 53 in Cooperstown.

Q: Did you do exhibits that reflected what the students were doing on campus?

A: That was one of the things I definitely tried to pay attention to. We did a show, a group exhibit, called "Food is Art, Art is Food." In that show, I involved our culinary program. We had this wonderful display of works by professional artists, and then we featured a work by our culinary students that we all ate and enjoyed. I remember another show, we did an exhibit of floral prints, color lithographs, and then I paired that up with flower displays from the floral design class. Things like that were really rewarding. It brought people out, it got students involved.

Q: Did you have exhibits in all media?

A: We did. We hung sculpture from the rafters. We had installations that used every inch of floor space.

Q: How was the gallery connected to the community when you were director?

A: It was really a regional cultural center. We could seat about 75 people. More often than not, we would just pack that space. It would be students, faculty, community. I think that an important role of a college within a community is to fill that cultural function and to be a focal point for it. And to be on the leading edge of it. And in a small, rural county, sometimes you are the only voice. Certainly when I first started there, that was the case. At one point, we actually had some real money. We put together a faculty committee and we started a whole cultural series in the gallery, which of course featured not only the exhibition that was in the space, but we had a foreign film series, we had music ensemble concerts, we had lectures with scholars and people from outside the area. That was in the late '90s. And then the money was gone. You can't run these programs anywhere without administrative support. There are just too many hurdles.

Q: As a college with a focus on agricultural and technical studies, what was your role as gallery director?

A: Well, you know, I felt a little like a missionary. And I had no qualms about saying that to people in a fun sort of way. That part of what I was doing was bringing these ideas to students that really had never considered them before. This is a whole aspect of life that reflects who we are. And so many of them responded. It just used to amaze me.

Q: Tell me about your sculpture at the entrance to the college.

A: The entry marker? That was a fun piece. Again, really, the only reason that it's there is because of the support of a college president, Dr. Ken Wing. He saw an idea that I had. It wasn't a road sign. It wasn't a commercial sign. And he said: "Let's do this." And I was really excited. Again, it took a while, because of funding issues. And there's a bas relief, which I actually made before I came to the college. That's on the wall of Van Wagenen Library . . . a ceramic piece, an outdoor work, about 20 feet high.

Q: What kind of sculpture are you working on now?

A: I'm working with saplings, maple saplings, and doing these constructions that go outside. I'm looking at one right now that's a cross between a radio tower and a drilling rig. Maple saplings, wrapped aluminum, parts that move. I do a lot of work outside when the weather is nice. One adapts oneself to the circumstances. So, as the situation changes, the work changes. I don't have access to a bronze foundry, so I don't cast bronze anymore. I'm doing something else which is equally interesting. It's a stimulating kind of a thing that challenges and pushes your work in different directions. My work has been primarily in sculpture. I've enjoyed working in so many kinds of media.

Around Tech Valley

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Stat Staff Professionals Inc., Clifton Park, won a \$125,000 contract from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Acquisition Center in Hines, Ill., for professional and allied health care staffing services.

Breton Industries Inc. in Amsterdam was awarded a \$30,496 contract from the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Supply Center, Columbus, Ohio, for tarpaulins.

AEP Colloids, Hadley, won a \$125,700 contract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Minneapolis, for agar powder.

Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home in Gloversville has joined the Healthcare Information Xchange of NY (HIXNY). HIXNY operates a secure online information service that allows authorized clinicians to access patient medical data.

it's an honor

Dr. Harald Abrahamsen and Jennifer Gray are recipients of the SUNY Cobleskill Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, respectively. They will be recognized at the College's 93rd Commencement on Saturday, May 14 at 1 p.m.

Dr. Susan Sikule, who practices in Guilderland, received a Merit Award from the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. Her presentation was on "The SCRUFF program -- Spaying Capital Region's Unowned Feral Felines."

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Family helps out with 30-cow herd

By Jim Poole

Alicia Rockwell knows she's lucky.

The 18-year-old fledgling Seward dairy farmer has the full support of her family, the longtime family farm to use and a 30-cow herd.

And besides working a small dairy farm, she's also attending SUNY Cobleskill. For Ms. Rockwell, life is good, but it's not necessarily easy.

The Rockwell farm on Lawyersville-Hyndsville Road was a dairy farm for years, until Ms. Rockwell's father, Tim, and grandfather, Elmer, sold the cows in 1996.

They rented the barn until 2006, when it became vacant, but the Rockwells still made hay and raised beef cows.

But Ms. Rockwell, a 2010 Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate, wanted to get into the dairy business.

"I pushed Dad to get cows, and we started working on the barn," she said. "We got a few heifers and then about 15 cows."

Ms. Rockwell and her family rounded the operation into shape in late fall last year.

"We started shipping milk from seven cows December 7," Ms. Rockwell laughed. "It was the smallest milk shipment ever."

Now, however, she's milking a mixed herd of Holsteins and Holstein-Jersey crosses twice a day.

"She won't let anyone else milk the cows," said Ms. Rockwell's mother, Jill. "Only once when she had the flu, she couldn't get out of bed."

"But I was still lying there, wondering what was going on in the barn," Ms. Rockwell added.

the side also helps.

Also, the family pays the household bills, while Ms. Rockwell's milk and hay sales pay for the farming end.

"Without me and my husband paying the normal bills, nobody could swing it," Jill Rockwell said. "Most farms have somebody working a non-farm job. That's the way they make it work."

It's working for Ms. Rockwell. She bought her first piece of farm machinery—a round baler from Jack Miller in Schoharie—and has already put it to use.

"The milk and hay sales make a big difference money-wise," Ms. Rockwell said.

Milk prices are expected to stay strong through the end of the year, Ms. Rockwell said, but she's saving money in case they go on the rollercoaster ride common in the past few years.

She admitted she's "not sure where this is going" but wants to keep her options

open—see what happens after college, see what the dairy industry is doing.

In the meantime, Ms. Rockwell realizes she's fortunate but said others can follow their dreams, too.

"If you really want to do it, you can make it happen," she said. "I know I'm in a lucky position, but other people can find a way, too."

Her Mom agreed, adding that dedication is the key.

"We're very proud of her," Jill Rockwell said. "She's a young woman with her own business and going to college. She's very dedicated."

It helps, too, that all the elements are there for success—and Ms. Rockwell recognizes this.

"I'm in such a good position," she said. "I live with my parents and don't have to support myself yet."

"It's all I wanted to do, and I didn't want to waste the opportunity. But I couldn't do it without my family. Everyone helps so much."

Everyone pitches in for Ms. Rockwell's herd. Her parents help, as do her brothers, Mike and Kenny, and grandparents, Elmer and Shelma.

Ms. Rockwell is working on a four-year degree in Ag Business, and in the year just finished—with a 3.6 GPA—her class schedule allowed her to work during breaks in the day.

"When I'm not here, Kenny helps out a lot," Ms. Rockwell said. "I love to do it, so the time doesn't bother me."

Still, she doesn't want the operation to get beyond 40 cows right now so it's not overwhelming.

So far, the financial end is working fine. Ms. Rockwell was fortunate to get back in the business when milk prices were high, and selling hay on



With the help of her family 18-year-old Alicia Rockwell is running her own 30-cow dairy operation in Seward. At the same time, she's attending SUNY Cobleskill, aiming for a four-year degree in Ag Business.—Photo by Jim Poole.



SUNY Cobleskill captures first place in Post-Secondary Contest

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SUNY Cobleskill Team1 took home top honors in the International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisc. Casey Arlig led the team placing second overall and first in reasons, with teammates Rene Boardman placing sixth and Joe Pamkowski and Julie Bogardus placing fifteenth and nineteenth, respectively. Thomas McCarty from Morrisville State College captured High Individual Overall. Ohio State University - Ag Tech Institute was second team overall.

Nineteen teams competed in the contest which is offered to one-, two-, and four-year colleges. The contest included two portions, a conventional judging contest with evaluation and individual reasons, and a practical segment. The practical contest is a unique contest that includes essential on-farm skills with linear scoring, pedigree assessment, commercial heifer evaluation and group reasons. Team and individual results for both portions are as follows:

Overall Top 10 Teams

1. SUNY Cobleskill Team 1, 2163
Team members included Casey Arlig, Rene Boardman, Joe Pamkowski and Julia Bogardus
2. Ohio State University-Ag Tech Institute, 2141
Team members included Ty Etgen, Marc Bolen, Ethan Bernhard and Jeneva Auble
3. Northeast Iowa Community College, 2130
Team members included Jessica Woodard, Kourtney Meister, Carly Lyons and Devon Chrystal
4. Morrisville State College, 2112
Team members included Thomas McCarty, Katy Kemmeren, Jessica Herrington and Scott Holcomb
5. Modesto Junior College, 2082
Team members included Karessa Mann, Christie Hobby and Jennifer Weststeyn
6. Michigan State Ag Tech, 2064
Team members included Dale Dick, John Anibal, Ross Williams and Cristine Vanlieu
7. Utah State University – Blue, 2036
Team members included Brooks Behling, Elizabeth Starkie, Marie Drollette, Emma Shoaf
8. Kaskaskia College, 1993
Team members included Paul Schumacher, Nick Frederking, Mitch Eickmeyer and Katie Delong
9. Alfred State, 1878
Team members included Joshua Starceski, Hannah Hoelscher and Jessica Pfeil
10. Honduras – Team A
Team members included Jose Osorio, Maria Bueso, Augusto Mendoza and Sifredo Martinez

Overall Top 10 Individuals

1. Thomas McCarty, 743, Morrisville State College
2. Casey Arlig, 740, SUNY Cobleskill Team 1
3. Karessa Mann, 729, Modesto Junior College
4. Marjorie Hardy, 727 University of Connecticut Ratcliffe Hick
5. Jessica Woodard, 723, Northeast Iowa Community College
6. Rene Boardman, 723, SUNY Cobleskill Team 1
7. Ty Etgen, 721, Ohio State University- Ag Tech Institute
8. Dale Dick, 713, Michigan State Ag Tech
9. Marc Bolen, 711, Ohio State University- Ag Tech Institute
10. Christie Hobby, 710, Modesto Junior College

Top 5 Team Reasons

1. Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute
2. SUNY Cobleskill Team 1
3. Modesto Junior College
4. Kaskaskia College
5. Morrisville State College

Top 10 Individual Reasons

1. Casey Arlig, SUNY Cobleskill Team 1,177

2. Karessa Mann, Modesto Junior College, 176
3. Thomas McCarty, Morrisville State College, 174
4. Ty Etgen, Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 171
5. Marjorie Hardy, University of Connecticut Radcliffe Hick, 170
6. Jessica Woodard, Northeast Iowa Community College, 170
7. Christie Hobby, Modesto Junior College, 170
8. Ethan Bernhard, Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 168
9. Marc Bolen, Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 167
10. Rene Boardman, SUNY Cobelskill Team 1, 166

Top 10 Teams Practical Contest

1. Northeast Iowa Community College, 461
2. Morrisville State College, 452
3. SUNY Cobelskill Team 2, 448
4. Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 445
5. Modesto Junior College, 430
6. Lakeshore Technical College Team B, 422
7. SUNY Cobelskill – Team 1, 401
8. Lakeshore Technical College Team A, 369
9. Utah State Blue Team, 329
10. Alfred State College, 316

Top 10 Teams Linear Contest

1. Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 382
2. Modesto Junior College, 380
3. Morrisville State College, 378
4. Northeast Iowa Community College, 374
5. Lakeshore Technical College Team B, 360
6. SUNY Cobelskill Team 2, 336
7. Lakeshore Technical College Team A, 325
8. SUNY Cobelskill – Team 1, 317
9. Alfred State College, 297
10. Utah State Blue Team, 118

Top 10 Individuals Linear Contest

1. Thomas McCarty, Morrisville State College, 157
2. Joe Pamkowski, SUNY Cobleskill, 146
3. Tyler Egeland, Northeast Iowa Community College, 143
4. Rene Boardman, SUNY Cobleskill, 140
5. Jeneva Auble, Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 135
6. Everett Yoap, Lakeshore Tech College Team B, 131
7. Ty Etgen, Ohio State University – Ag Tech Institute, 129
7. Kourtney Meister, Northeast Iowa Community College, 129
8. Christie Hobby, Modesto Junior College, 128
9. Jennifer Weststeyn, Modesto Junior College, 127

Top 5 Teams Commercial Heifers

1. Northeast Iowa Community College, 184
2. Utah State White Team, 177
3. Morrisville State College, 170
4. Alfred State College, 169
5. SUNY Cobelskill Team 2, 167

Top 5 Teams Registered Heifers

1. SUNY Cobleskill Team 2, 169
2. Modesto Junior College, 168
3. Ohio State University - Ag Tech Institute, 167
4. Lakeshore Technical College Team B, 163
5. Morrisville State College, 156

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Cheesecakes a popular — and delicious — fundraiser ^{By Marcy Velte}

COBLESKILL — In Schoharie County, indulging in a decadent cheesecake has become a holiday tradition, thanks to the students at SUNY Cobleskill.

Each year, students in the college's Pastry Arts Club make hundreds of cheesecakes for their annual fall fundraiser. Orders are taken weeks in advance and a marathon baking weekend happens the third week in November.

The cakes are made to be eaten fresh on Thanksgiving Day, but according to club members, many families buy multiple cakes and freeze them for Christmas.

It's a good strategy because cheesecake that has been frozen tastes great as long as people wait for it to thaw completely before they try to eat it, the club president, Elisha Webb, said. Just allow it to thaw in the refrigerator overnight before serving it.

300 LBS. of cream cheese

Each year, approximately 800 eggs, 300 pounds of cream cheese and 60 pounds of sugar are delivered to the college for the cheesecake project. The club had more than 200 pre-ordered cakes this year but will make several dozen extra for latecomers. They also supply cakes for the college's holiday dinner.

Any extra cakes are brought to local food kitchens and senior centers.

This year's cakes were 7 inches in diameter and 2 inches deep, much thicker than in previous years. They came in four flavors: classic vanilla bean, double chocolate, cranberry walnut and pumpkin gingersnap.

"We know these are holiday cakes, so we always think up festive flavors," said JoAnne Cloughly, associate professor of culinary arts and the club's adviser.

The recipes are of the school's own design, and each variation is tested and baked several times to ensure the best quality for customers.

The cakes have become an annual tradition for locals for the past seven years.

"One year we were going to do cookies and people got angry," said Cloughly. "We won't be making that mistake again."

The money raised from this year's sale will go toward a trip to Washington for club members in the first week of December. The group plans to visit chef Julia Child's kitchen on display at the Smithsonian.

The college's two pastry kitchen labs contain 16 large convection ovens. Nearly 40 cakes can be baked at one time.

Webb and Cloughly said the trick to baking the perfect cheesecake is to bake it and let it cool inside a water bath. This is done by placing the cheesecake tins within larger tins filled with water. It prevents the cakes from cracking.

They also suggest baking the cakes at a lower temperature for a longer period, explaining that 325 degrees for an hour and 15 minutes should suffice.

"Cheesecakes are egg-based and often the egg can set too fast, causing the crack. That's a complaint we hear a lot," said Cloughly.

Webb commented, "It takes a lot of patience to make a good cheesecake, but it's not as difficult as most people think."

She said someone who feels comfortable baking should not get nervous entering cheesecake territory. It can be a fun learning experience.

This is Peter McArdle's second year participating in the fundraiser. He is a 47-year-old Hudson resident who returned to school to become a pastry chef. His favorite part of the process is watching the cheese filling get made in such a large

quantity.

“The volume is outstanding,” he said.

He said trade books still rank cheesecake the No. 1 restaurant dessert chosen by customers.

“It’s something you don’t have all the time “ said Cloughly. “It’s decadent and rich and good for special times.”

Webb said that’s why it has become a holiday staple.

“Don’t worry about putting on pounds,” she said. “That’s what the holidays are for, to indulge yourself.”

The following recipes are from JoAnne Cloughly’s collection.

Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake

Ingredients:

Crust:

2 cups chocolate creme cookies (like Oreos), finely ground

Filling:

2 pounds cream cheese, room temperature – not low-fat

1 cup sugar

4 large whole eggs

1/4 cup sour cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

1/3 cup peppermint candies, crushed

Topping:

1 1/2 cups sour cream

3 tablespoons sugar

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract

Directions:

For crust: Wrap outside of 9-inch diameter springform pan with aluminum foil, making sure foil extends up the outside of the pan by at least 2 inches. Press cookie crumbs into bottom and up sides of prepared pan, as far as crumbs will allow – no more than 1/8-inch thick.

For filling: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat cream cheese in large bowl at low speed until smooth, scraping bowl often.

Add sugar and mix until well blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating until blended after each addition.

Beat in sour cream and extracts. Stir in crushed peppermint candies.

Slowly and gently, pour filling into crust.

Set pan inside another deeper baking dish and add enough water to extend a half-inch up the sides of the pan. Place pan on

center rack in oven.

Bake cheesecake until filling is set in center and edges are puffed, about 1 hour. Batter will lose its shiny color. Cool in water bath for 10 minutes.

For topping: Stir sour cream, sugar and extracts in small bowl to blend. Pour mixture over hot cheesecake, covering completely.

Return cheesecake to oven and bake until top begins to set, about 8 minutes.

Cool completely in water bath and then chill 8-10 hours.

Carefully remove pan sides.

Serve chilled.

Chewy Spice Cookies

Makes about 5 dozen.

Ingredients:

3/4 cup butter, softened

1 cup granulated sugar

1 whole large egg

1/4 cup molasses

2 cups all purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon salt

Additional granulated sugar for rolling, about 1 cup

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and blend. Add molasses and mix well.

Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture.

Chill overnight — or at least 8 hours.

Shape balls into 1-inch rounds. Roll in granulated sugar.

Place 2 inches apart on ungreased or paper-lined baking sheet and bake until edges begin to brown.

Cool before serving.

COBLESKILL

SUNY grad to test lumberjack skills

BY EDWARD MUNGER JR.
Gazette Reporter

The state of Oregon — and people all over the country — will be introduced to New York-style lumberjacking this weekend when representatives of two New York colleges show their mettle.

SUNY-Cobleskill graduate Tyler White won a wild card pick and will vie for recognition and money during this weekend's Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Championship, which will be broadcast on ESPN in September.

In Oregon, White will meet the regional champions from four colleges in other states, as well as the Northeast champion — Jon Preston, from Paul Smith's College.

And although he's been traveling the country harvesting crops all summer, White, 22, is prepared to face the competition.

"I'm a little nervous about it, but I don't think I'll get killed too badly. I'm just gonna go and give it everything I have," he said Wednesday.

Since he graduated from Agricultural Equipment Technician studies at SUNY-Cobleskill earlier this year, the Unadilla native has been working on a farming crew.

He traveled first to southern Oklahoma, then to the Dakotas, harvesting wheat, peas and barley so far.

Later this season, he said, he'll be harvesting soybeans and shelling corn.

While not studying or farming, White has been a standout for two years in SUNY-Cobleskill's Woodsmen's Club, which has been active for about eight years, club adviser Joe Lydon said.

White stands more than 6 feet tall and Lydon said it's hard to tell if he's even fazed by competition. He said White just gets quiet before the action begins.

"He's going up against the best collegiate lumberjacks in the country and that's the way I'm looking

at. They had to win their regional events throughout the country. I consider Tyler one of the top six college lumberjacks in the country," he said.

"It's great for the college. Tyler's bringing the name SUNY-Cobleskill with him so that's national recognition," Lydon said.

The timbersports competition tests skills honed by lumberjacks over decades in events including the single buck, stock saw, standing block chop and underhand chop.

Competitors vie for best time using a chain saw to cut through a big log in the stock saw event.

The single buck event also requires speedy work but with a long, large-toothed hand saw on a log.

An ax is used for the standing block chop — White's favorite event — where lumberjacks hack through the center of a log they stand on. In the underhand chop, they cut through a vertical log.

White's no stranger to Oregon — he's been there skiing and visiting an uncle.

And he was on television during a lumberjack competition last year too, so he's really only nervous over his lack of recent practice.

But he's been keeping in shape while staying busy working.

"I'm decent, but I'm probably not as good as I should be," White said.

The event takes place as part of the 25th anniversary Stihl Timbersports Professional Series at the Oregon State Fair Aug. 27-29.

Competitors in the college event will get a \$1,000 scholarship from Stihl and the victor will earn an automatic spot in next year's Stihl Timbersports Professional Series.

The 2010 Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Championship will air on ESPN at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10.

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SUNY-Cobleskill graduate Tyler White competes in the standing block chop.



Unadilla man competes in national lumberjack event

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Tyler White of Unadilla took his timbersports skills west for a national collegiate competition. The experience was an exciting one, he said, in a life sport he hopes to pursue professionally.

White competed against five other athletes at the Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Championship at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem, Ore., on Aug. 27-29. He placed fifth, according to the ESPN Timbersports website.

Earlier this year, White represented [SUNY Cobleskill](#) at the Stihl Timbersports Northeast Collegiate Challenge hosted by Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, which is about 22 miles northwest of Lake Placid. He placed second and was chosen by Stihl Timbersports as a standout competitor to compete as a wildcard.

"It was a great opportunity," White said. "I was excited."

The Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Series started in 2005 with six schools and recently had more than 50 schools participating.

School teams select their best lumberjack in professional disciplines of single buck, standing block chop, stock saw and underhand chop, and the lumberjack with the most points advances.

Although the wildcard opportunity was great, training for the August date was difficult because of job commitments, White said Sunday.

White, 22, graduated in May from the State University College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill with a bachelor's degree in agricultural equipment technology. Since graduation, work on a crew has taken him to the Midwest to harvest wheat and to do other agricultural work in a season that will last until about November, he said.

He has been to Oklahoma, Kansas and the Dakotas, he said during a cell phone interview Sunday while in North Dakota near the Canadian border. Each morning, he said, he wakes up to "great views."

"I'm being paid to see the country, essentially," he said.

White, a 2006 Unatego Central School graduate, said he wasn't sure that college would suit him, but now his bachelor's degree represents one of his most rewarding accomplishments.

He started timbersports while at college, and he said he expects fellow athletes will be among lifelong friends.

"I'd like to see more people become interested in this sport," he said. "It's basically just a lot of fun."

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Up To The Minute News

Loomacres Wildlife Management and Students Work to Increase Aviation Safety by Developing Training Aids for Airport Employees

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From Loomacres Wildlife Management:

Since 2005, Loomacres Wildlife Management has been working with College students in NY to make aviation safer. Cody Baciuska, a biologist with Loomacres has been working with students enrolled at several State University of New York campuses including the SUNY Cobleskill Wildlife Management program to preserve bird and insect specimens so that they can be used as training tools for airport staff in order to better identify animals present on airfields.

Loomacres Wildlife Management has long worked to reduce bird strikes at airports using strategies such as the removal of wildlife attractants and the use of deterrents such as pyrotechnics. Loomacres also educates airport employees about ways to reduce wildlife hazards, part of which involves learning to identify different wildlife species. This is where the SUNY students come in to play. By providing preserved specimens, the students are providing learning tools that can be used by airport employees to identify specific species up close, thereby allowing Loomacres to provide a species specific solution.

For more information on Loomacres work to manage wildlife at airports or to find out whether they might be able to partner with schools in your State, please contact Cody Baciuska, Wildlife Biologist at cody@loomacres.com, or 607-760-9748, www.airportwildlife.coc



Cobleskill B.T. Student Joseph Foster Gains Leadership and Research Skills through NMSP Internship at Cornell

By Lisa Fields

Joseph Foster grew up on a hobby farm outside of Buffalo, NY. His experiences with livestock care, gardening and high school FFA activities inspired him to study agricultural science at SUNY Cobleskill where he focused on crops and soils, and took environmental courses for his Bachelor of Technology (B.T.) degree program.

Foster explained his choice of study. "Producing food is of the utmost importance to everyone on the planet. The fact that many areas of science are applied in an integrated way to farming fascinates me."

The SUNY Cobleskill B.T. program requires students to complete an experiential internship in their chosen area of interest. In the summer of 2010, Foster became the 6th SUNY Cobleskill B.T. intern with the Nutrient Management Spear Program (NMSP) at Cornell University. The program is directed by Dr. Quirine Ketterings, an Associate Professor in the Animal Science Department. Foster's choice was the result of attending the NMSP internship presentations of fellow students John Weiss and Hilary Bundick in the fall of 2009. He noted, "I was impressed by how involved they were in a variety of projects and the hands-on nature of the soil fertility research."

Ketterings commented on the connection between her program and SUNY Cobleskill's Plant Science Department. "We have worked with Cobleskill students since 2007. The students have all been eager to apply their knowledge from the classroom and motivated to learn the research procedures involved in both the field and the lab and our program has greatly benefited from our interactions. When I attended the seminars of John and Hillary, Joseph sat next to me and directly after the seminars, he approached me about joining us. His keen interest, solid course background, and previous internship with a fertilizer company made him a great addition to our program."

Dr. John Kowal, Foster's internship advisor and then Plant Science Department Chair, emphasized the benefits to his students. "The internships with Quirine have all been very comprehensive. The students gain exposure to new activities that build upon what they've learned in their coursework at Cobleskill. They work very hard and reap big benefits."

Ketterings further explained, "The student interns get exposed to a wide variety of projects with field and laboratory work and writing and communication assignments. Our work with soil fertility and crop nutrient management need to be relevant to our stakeholders and our hope is that the interns develop a keen sense of how our work reflects that commitment."



Joseph Foster, 2010 Cobleskill intern with the Cornell Nutrient Management Spear Program.

Foster described his NMSP activities. "I traveled all over the state with Greg Godwin (NMSP Research Support Specialist). We set up field trials for the "Potassium for Alfalfa Project" that included thirty farm fields and for

the "Starter Nitrogen for Corn Project. I learned about research design, and I got really good at soil sampling!"

The "Starter Nitrogen for Corn Project" evaluated if manure can replace starter nitrogen fertilizer. In 2010, at fourteen project sites across the state, corn was grown with and without nitrogen in the starter. The current nitrogen status assessment tools, the Illinois Soil Nitrogen Test (ISNT), pre-sidedress soil nitrate test (PSNT), and end-of-season corn stalk nitrate test (CSNT), were used to determine nitrogen availability. Most of the study sites were on farms, and Foster was the primary communicator with the local Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) staff.

"It was eye-opening for me to learn how often the CCE and NMSP team members are in the field during the growing season. These are not professionals who just sit behind desks all day pushing paper." Foster added, "I loved the fieldwork. My biggest challenge was getting the details about the cropping history, manure and fertilizer applications from the farmers. They are super busy, so I had to be persistent without being a pest!"

After collecting and labeling the soil samples, Foster returned to the laboratory, where he learned to perform ISNT and CSNT analyses. Cobleskill B.T. graduate, and 2009 NMSP intern, Eun Hong, guided him through the steps. Foster quipped, "Eun is the ISNT master. She really put me through my paces, and it was a great learning experience for me."

Foster emphasized the value of being involved in the full spectrum of the research process. "It was a truly comprehensive learning experience and I made valuable connections with people, too."

An activity that connected Foster with agronomic professionals in the region was the 2010 Northeastern Branch of the Crop, Soil and Agronomy Society of America (NEBCSA) meeting, hosted in Ithaca by the NMSP. Foster assisted with the conference, which included oral and poster presentations as well as tours of research projects at Cornell and area farms.

One of the NMSP internship requirements is to write a factsheet, an experience that builds communication skills. Ketterings stated, "It's a collaborative assignment, so interns work with various professionals. The students gain technical writing skills and learn about the editorial process." Foster's factsheet was about the Web Soil Survey, the electronic version of the national soil survey of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). His factsheet was reviewed by Dale Gates of NRCS, Greg Albrecht of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM), and Karl Czymmek of PRO-DAIRY.

A second writing experience for Foster was developing a learning module on pH management, working closely with Patty Ristow, extension associate with the NMSP. His work is being included in a curriculum package formatted as interactive software for farmer advisors, farmers, and students.

Both Kowal and Foster stressed the value of experiencing the connection between farmers and CCE professionals in the research process. Kowal commented, "Whether students are entering the work force or going on to graduate school, they need a mix of skills. In my opinion, the combination of hands-on field work and lab analysis skills they gain as NMSP interns is the best experience we can offer our students." Foster summarized his experience. "My internship work opened my eyes to the connection between academia and agricultural science theory to the real world of farming. In the past I've questioned my ability to play a leadership role, and my work with NMSP taught me that I can succeed."

Foster is currently building a small greenhouse to produce vegetables, studying to become a Certified Crop Advisor and will join Laing-Gro Fertilizers Inc. in March of 2011.

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Cornell University
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The **Nutrient Management Spear Program (NMSP)** is an applied research, teaching and extension program for field crop fertilizer and manure management on dairy and livestock farms. It is a collaboration among faculty, staff and students in the Department of Animal Science, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and PRO-DAIRY. Our vision is to assess current knowledge, identify research and educational needs, facilitate new research, technology and knowledge transfer, and aid in the on-farm implementation of strategies for field crop nutrient management including timely application of organic and inorganic nutrient sources to improve farm profitability while protecting the environment. An integrated network approach is used to address research, extension and teaching priorities in nutrient management in New York State. For more information on NMSP projects and extension/teaching activities, visit the program website (<http://nmssp.cals.cornell.edu>) or contact Quirine Ketterings at qmk2@cornell.edu or (607) 255-3061.

Students Participate in Eighth Annual Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge

BATAVIA, N.Y. – More than 110 students from 12 northeast colleges and two Canadian universities participated in the eighth annual Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge in Batavia, N.Y., held October 28-30, 2010. Host coordinator, Dorothea Fitzsimmons, and colleagues from the Alfred State College welcomed students from Cornell University, Delaware Valley College, Morrisville State College, Penn State University, The Ohio State University – ATI, SUNY Cobleskill, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont, Vermont Technical College, University of Guelph from Ontario, Canada and McGill University from Quebec, Canada.

The Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge is an innovative three-day event designed by a team of industry and university professionals to offer students an opportunity to utilize classroom lessons in a real world application. Working in mixed-university teams of four or five students, contestants assessed all aspects of a working dairy farm, including facilities, nutrition, financials, reproduction, animal health and much more. Students collaborated on a 20-minute team presentation that detailed their observations and suggestions to a panel of judges and participating farm families. Teams were ranked as platinum, gold or silver based on how well their evaluations matched the judges' evaluations of the dairy operation.

The objective of this evaluation process is to create a real-life situation that stresses the importance of teamwork and professionalism. Contest superintendent Jenny Mills of Elanco Animal Health explained, "The dairy industry requires employees that can work well with all types of personalities. Not only does the Dairy Challenge teach technical knowledge, it excels in helping students to develop people skills."

Farms evaluated at the 2010 competition included Reyncrest Farms in Corfu, N.Y., Friendly Acres in Attica, N.Y. and Hy-Hope Farms in Stafford, N.Y. All teams also participated in educational workshops at Lamb Farms in Oakfield, NY and attended an industry career fair. Team-building and fun activities were held throughout the weekend, including a casino night where students received prizes that were donated by sponsors.

The event concluded on Saturday, October 30 with dinner and an awards ceremony. Judges congratulated participants on their outstanding job and shared their recommendations for each farm. Teams, which were named after top sponsors of the Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge, were ranked as follows:

Gold – Blue Seal Richer Feeds, Northeast Area – Dairy Farmers of America, Farm Credit System Foundation, Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance, Nutrition Physiology Co., Inc., Prince Agriproducts, AgChoice Farm Credit, Elanco Animal Health and Woody Hill Farms

Silver – Cargill, Inc., Dairy One, Farm Credit Northeast Ag Enhancement Program, Genex Cooperative, Inc., Northeast Agriculture Education Foundation, Invervet Schering-Plough Animal Health, Land O'Lakes, Novus, Angelwood Holsteins, Renaissance Nutrition and Zinpro Corporation

Morrisville State College will host the 2011 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge in Watertown, N.Y. For more information about next year's contest, please contact Dr. Steve Mooney or Beth Keene of Morrisville State College at mooneycs@morrisville.edu or keenebe@morrisville.edu You may also contact industry chair Cathy Wickswat of Cargill Animal Nutrition at cathy_wickswat@cargill.com.

To become a sponsor, contact Jan Bitter of Farm Credit East at 800-392-3276 or jan.bitter@farmcrediteast.com. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Contributing sponsor listings are available on the Website.

The Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge is under the guidance and support of the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (NAIDC) which was established in April 2002 as a management contest to incorporate evaluation of all aspects of a specific dairy business. For more information, visit www.dairychallenge.org.

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2010 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge - Full Results by Team

Platinum

Holtz-Nelson Dairy Consultants, LLC

Kelsie	Brennan	Alfred State College
Cole	Brantner	Delaware Valley College
Rebecca	Fultz	Pennsylvania State University
Laura	Burbank	Vermont Technical College

Northeast Dairy Producers Association

Kolby	McIntyre	Pennsylvania State University
Laura	Mahoney	University of Massachusetts
Corey	Kayhart	Cornell University
Stephanie	Pierce	Morrisville State College
Dallas	Carabeau	University of Vermont

Adisseo

Jason	McNamara	Cornell University
Chelsey	Wesneski	Alfred State College
Cortni	Muir	University of New Hampshire
Natalie	Niehls	Pennsylvania State University

Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance - Golf

Rebekah	Wheaton	University of Maine
Laura	Hanehan	Morrisville State College
Melody	Youngs	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>

Peter Gold	Yoder	Pennsylvania State University
<i>Blue Seal Richer Feeds</i>		
Sarah	Wickard	Pennsylvania State University
Jared	Birch	Vermont Technical College
Ashley	Severy	Cornell University
Jessica	Herrington	Morrisville State College
<i>Northeast Area - Dairy Farmers of America</i>		
Madison	Lowell	University of New Hampshire
Brenton	Tetreault	Morrisville State College
John	Calogero	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Stephanie	Morris	Vermont Technical College
Benjamin	Chamberlain	Cornell University
<i>Farm Credit System Foundation</i>		
Elliott	Miller	University of Guelph
Regina	Perry	Morrisville State College
Jessakka	Schermerhorn	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Samuel	Fessenden	Cornell University
Ethan	Dodd	Vermont Technical College
<i>Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance</i>		
Harrison	Todd	University of Guelph
Bridget	O' Donnell	University of New Hampshire
Bron	Nelson	University of Vermont
Dylan	Barber	Alfred State College
Nicholas	Gilbert	Cornell University
<i>Nutrition Physiology Co., Inc</i>		
Sarah	Fadden	University of Massachusetts
Ashley	Boepple	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Chris	Hoefele	Delaware Valley College
Stephanie	Booth	McGill University
Trevor	Beaudry	University of New Hampshire
<i>Prince Agriproducts</i>		
Nicholas	Manning	University of Vermont
Sean	Harper	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Josie	Rine	The Ohio State University-ATI
Stephanie	Kauffman	Delaware Valley College
Zach	Meyers	Pennsylvania State University
<i>AgChoice Farm Credit</i>		
Rick	Brisson	Vermont Technical College
Jennifer	Dubina	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
David	Johnson	Morrisville State College
Jamison	Reed	Cornell University
Elizabeth	Schouten	University of Guelph
<i>Elanco Animal Health</i>		
Ryan	MacKay	University of Massachusetts
Elizabeth	Trombley	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Valerie	Lathron	Alfred State College
Allison	Lawton	Cornell University
Matt	Groen	University of Guelph

Woody Hill Farms

Benjamin	Cashell	Pennsylvania State University
Daniel	Lyness	Delaware Valley College
Arthur	Stoller	The Ohio State University- ATI
Abby	Scholten	Vermont Technical College

Silver*Cargill, Inc.*

Brittany	Sweeney	University of Vermont
Phoebe	Andos	Vermont Technical College
Jen	Masters	Morrisville State College
Barbara	Heins	University of New Hampshire
Matthew	Bull	Cornell University

Dairy-One

Zachary	Calhoun	Morrisville State College
Megan	Diefendorf	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Abigail	Styron	The Ohio State University- ATI
John	Franklin	University of Vermont
Jennifer	Simpson	Cornell University

Farm Credit Northeast Ag Enhancement Program

Nate	Randlett	Vermont Technical College
Marc Andre	Dubois	McGill University
Staci	Wilson	Pennsylvania State University
Edsel	Brown	University of Maine
Heather	Frost	Morrisville State College

Genex Cooperative, Inc.

Devon	Dekoschak	Vermont Technical College
Ben	Crooke	Pennsylvania State University
Michael	Telaak	Morrisville State College
Laura	Somerville	University of Guelph
Amanda	Smith	Cornell University

Northeast Agriculture Education Foundation

Nicole	Guindon	University of New Hampshire
Cassie	Bromley	Vermont Technical College
Andrew	Cole	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Tori	Baker	Cornell University
Travis	Whitcomb	Delaware Valley College

Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health

Ryan	Carabeau	University of Vermont
Andrew	Miller	Vermont Technical College
Allyson	Jones-Brimmer	Cornell University
Kayla	Aragona	University of New Hampshire
Mary	Collins	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>

Land O'Lakes

Emily	Kent	University of New Hampshire
Nicolas	Poirier	McGill University
Melissa	Boess	Pennsylvania State University
Tori	Fanion	Delaware Valley College
Stephen	Gould	Alfred State College

Novus

Nicole	Antaya	University of New Hampshire
Nick	Daigle	Vermont Technical College
Cathleen	Leggiere	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
TaraLee	Fulmer	Delaware Valley College
Laraya	Foresman	Pennsylvania State University

Angelwood Holsteins - Corwin & Debby Holtz

Megan	Smith	Delaware Valley College
Matthew	Grab	<u>SUNY Cobleskill</u>
Aaron	Stepnoski	Pennsylvania State University
Kasey	Schrier	Morrisville State College
Ashley	Beaudoin	University of Vermont

Renaissance Nutrition

Kerri	McKenna	Cornell University
Nick	Janssens	University of Guelph
Cameron	Clark	University of Vermont
Shelby	Moran	Vermont Technical College

Zinpro Corporation

Manfred	Marschewski	Delaware Valley College
Erin	Grant	University of Maine
Mary	Wilheim	The Ohio State University- ATI
Kendra	Sims	University of Massachusetts
Cassie	Osgood	University of Vermont

Class Act: Leigh Ann Getsy

11:41 AM, May. 6, 2011|

Grade: Senior

You may find yourself eating at Leigh Ann's Restaurant someday. The 18-year-old plans to pursue her passion in SUNY-Cobleskill's culinary arts management program, with the goal of opening up her own establishment in the area. In addition to her wizardry in the kitchen, she's an active member of her school's music program, including color guard, marching band and the chamber singers. She's also participated in the school musical all four years of her high school career, has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and maintains a 95 GPA. Leigh Ann, who has six younger siblings, is the daughter of Sheila Grubb and Mark Getsy, and stepmother Sandy Sprague-Getsy.

When did you learn to cook?

When I was younger, I learned to cook with my step-mom. I started to like doing it by myself.

Do other members of your family love to cook?

My sisters like to cook. They'll come and sit, and they want to help me.

Do you consider it a science, a skill or an art?

A combination of all three, probably.

Do you hope to have your own restaurant

someday? And what kind?

Hopefully! I really like Italian food, even though I'm not Italian. It's my favorite.

Have you ever worked in a restaurant?

Not yet. Right now, I work at Wegmans in the sub shop.

What draws you to cooking as a career?

For a long time, I didn't know what I wanted to do. One time, I wanted to be an archaeologist. When I thought about what I enjoyed doing and it was cooking. I wanted to do something that I'm inspired to do every day.

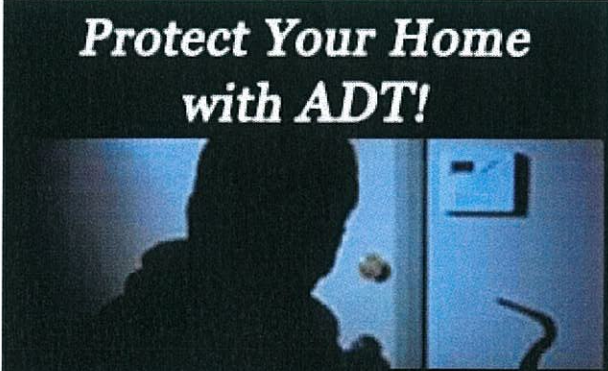
Tell me about your involvement in the school musical.

I've never had a major role; I've never wanted one. I'm always a part of the ensemble. This year's was "Bye Bye Birdie" we had it in March.

So why do you do it?

I made a lot of friends. And it's awesome being on stage even if you're not the main person.

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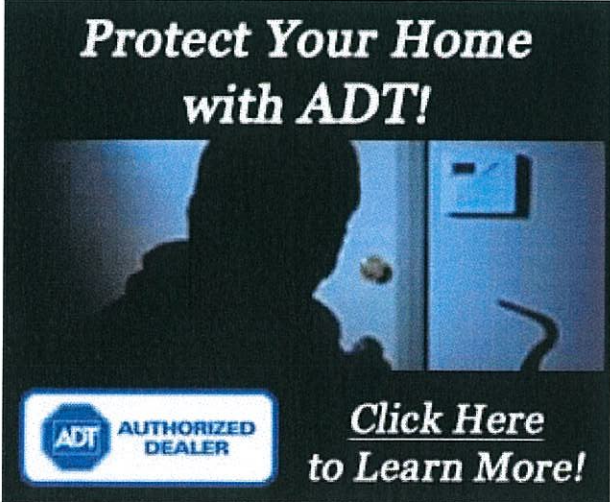
What kind of music do you listen to?
I like a whole bunch of different stuff:
country, pop, rock, everything.

A lot of young people end up leaving the
area. What would it take to get you to stay?
I'd like to stay in the area, but I've
accepted that my career could take me
somewhere else. If I can find a good job, I'
d like to stay here.

What do you do in your spare time?
I like to read, and I like to shop like any
other girl. My favorite author is Sarah
Dessen.

What's your favorite dish to make?
Probably lasagna.

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Looking up: Depth, experience are keys for Tigers

Story and photos by Jim Poole

With key players returning and a strong incoming class, Coach Larry King believes his Fighting Tigers will give opponents all they can handle. Coach King is in his second year leading the SUNY Cobleskill women's basketball team, having directed the squad to a 17-9 record last season.

"I thought the team worked well together," he said. "They didn't know me and I didn't know them, but it went well."

Returning players are juniors Chelcy Moore of Albany

and Brittany Britt of Brooklyn, along with sophomores Alexis Hauser of Albany, Tanayzha Augustine of Poughkeepsie and Kaitlin Myers of Dannemora.

Moore, Hauser, Britt and Myers were starters last year, and Augustine was the first player off the bench. Augustine and Myers were both named to the All-Northeastern Athletic Conference team.

"Myers and Tay were happy for one another, being picked for all-conference," Coach King said.

"That's the way this team is—they support one another

and like to be together off the court. That means success."

New to the team are freshmen Katora Brown of Manhattan, Kaitlin Murphy of Shokan, Chanel Champion of Poughkeepsie and Samantha Davis of Hudson; and junior Victoria Carter of Monticello.

The newcomers, said Coach King, "bring depth, and that's a style of play I like to have. We mix and match; everybody plays with everybody."

The Fighting Tigers can score; Augustine averaged 12.6 points, Myers averaged 9.6, and Moore was at 9.4.

Coach King plans to keep that balance among the veterans and also his first-year players.

"We average a lot of points," he said. "We don't necessarily run, run, run, but we move the ball around."

"We don't depend on one person. The go-to person is the person that's open."

The team this season will put more emphasis on defense, Coach King said, "and they've responded pretty well to that."

Moore agreed.

"If we can stop the other team from scoring, we can score more," she said. "Playing good defense leads to more points for us."

Just as important as emphasizing basketball basics is stressing a team-building philosophy, Coach King said.

"Everybody is equally important to what we want to do," he said. "Our slogan is 'Make the most of your day.' You

have 24 hours to do something valuable for yourself and your team."

That theme carries well off the court, Moore added.

"This group of players fits together well," she said. "We're like a small family."

Moore believes the Fighting Tigers are headed for a solid season with Coach King, whom she described as a good coach under pressure.

"This is a very different group from what we've had in the past," Moore said. "We're a little more athletic, and I think we'll do very well."

Coach King believes his team will do well, too, though he's not committed to predictions.

"If we do what we're capable of doing, the score will take care of itself," he said.

The Fighting Tigers play at Bouck Gym and open the season at home Tuesday against SUNY Geneseo, the game starting at 6pm.

The rest of the schedule: November 19-20, SUNY Oswego Tournament, November 23, College of St. Elizabeth, 6pm.

December 4, at Penn State Abington, 2pm.

December 5, at Penn State Berks, 1pm.

December 8, Morrisville, 5pm.

December 11, at Cazenovia, 1pm.

January 8, Penn State Harrisburg, 1pm.

January 9, Gallaudet, noon.

January 12, Keuka, 5pm.

January 16, at Wilson, noon.

January 18, Wells, 5pm.

January 22, at Gallaudet, 1pm.

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Fighting Tiger Brittany Britt slices past teammate Jalicia Perry at a SUNY Cobleskill practice last week.

Harrisburg, noon.
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 January 29, Penn State Berks, 1pm.
 January 30, Penn State Abington, noon.
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Tigers aim at title

With veterans returning, SUNY targets crown

By Jim Poole

The SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tigers are returning from a 10-17 season last year, but the so-so record disguises the fact that the men's team has plenty to build on.

For one, Coach Matt Allen directed the Fighting Tigers to the conference semi-finals, where they lost in overtime to the eventual champ, SUNY IT. For another, Coach Allen returns a half-dozen talented players eager to tackle the North Eastern Athletic Conference schedule.

With those advantages, there's no point in aiming low. "Record-wise, no," said Coach Allen, when asked to predict a record. "Our goal is to win the conference and win the conference tournament."

Key veterans coming back are seniors Damon Franklin of Flint, Michigan, Carl Thomas of Pomona and Craig Orner of Glenmont; junior Damion Longmore of the Bronx; and sophomores Matt Lounsbury of Berne, Donovan Johnson of Troy and Haneef Scott of Lansingburgh.

Franklin, a swingman, had a team-high 15.0 scoring average and was picked for the second all-conference team.

Other returnees put up points as well last season: Orner averaged 8.9, Johnson hit 7.8 and Scott, 9.7.

"Franklin should be one of the better players in the league," Coach Allen said. "We do have more talent on the roster. Last year, we had him do more than we wanted him to do."

"Johnson wasn't with a full season last year; this year he should flourish. Orner does all the little things well, always

in the right place at the right time. With a year of experience, Scott won't be pressed as much as he was last year to run the show."

New to the Fighting Tigers are Tarik Payton of Babylon, Brendan Doherty of Binghamton, Andre Hobson of Binghamton and Tyrone Mitchell of Mount Vernon; sophomore Taiquan Newkirk of Brooklyn; and freshmen Jamar Ross of Jamaica, Nicholas Banks of New York, Jaquan Spear of New York, Keshawn Polight of Brooklyn, Jack Jeffres of Wyoming; and Olagide Keshmuro of Brooklyn.

Coach Allen likes his newcomers, especially Doherty and Mitchell at guard and Jeffres up front.

But he also likes the depth an 18-man squad gives him, especially when the Fighting Tigers play an aggressive style that draws fouls.

"We'll always be aggressive offensively and defensively," said Coach Allen, now starting his third season. "We haven't had this kind of depth before."

"Now we have two legitimate players at each position, and in some cases, three. That will allow us to be even more aggressive."

And that's the style—aggressive. "We'll press and play in-your-face basketball," Coach Allen said. "And with our depth, if somebody picks up a couple of fouls, we put the next guy in."

Players themselves agreed with Coach Allen's assessments and goals.

"I want to be above .500 and lead us to a conference championship and then everything will fall into place after that,"



SUNY Cobleskill's Matt Lounsbury, above, goes up for a shot during a practice last week. Lounsbury is one of seven players returning from last year's Fighting Tiger squad.

At left, Fighting Tiger Damion Longmore takes a shot during a SUNY Cobleskill practice last week. Longmore averaged 6.1 points per game for the team last year and figures in Coach Matt Allen's plans for the season, which starts Monday.—Photos by Dick Daniels.

Franklin said. And if Coach Allen's goals are to win the NEAC title and conference tournament, he has one that's long range.

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Everything Michigan

Former Mott Community College and Flint Northwestern standout set to lead SUNY Cobleskill men's basketball team

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Damon Franklin heads toward the rim for a layup against Lansing Community College in 2008.

FLINT, Michigan — After heralded careers at Flint Northwestern and **Mott Community College**, Damon Franklin has become a go-to player for the **SUNY Cobleskill men's basketball team**.

An All-NEAC second-teamer last year, Franklin led the Fighting Tigers with 15 points per game, accompanied by 5.9 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.8 steals per contest.

Franklin had a 46 percent shooting rate from the floor and a 66.4 percent average from the foul line. The 6-foot-5 forward was **the team's MVP** last season.

The Fighting Tigers finished 10-17 in 2009-10 and look forward to improving this time around.

The added depth helps, says head coach Matt Allen.

"I am anxious to see how much our returning players mesh with our newcomers as the early season practices have been extremely competitive which, to me, indicates that our depth has improved significantly," he said.

"This added depth should be a major asset to us throughout the season and make us a better team this year."

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Cobleskill men go deep in NEAC rout

Hit 14 threes against Cazenovia; women win big, too

STAFF REPORT

Leave it to an underclassman to steal the spotlight on Senior Night.

Sophomore guard Matt Lounsbury hit nine three-point field goals en route to a game-high 29 points Wednesday, when host SUNY Cobleskill routed Cazenovia, 97-49, in a North Eastern Athletic Conference men's basketball game that drew 276 fans.

Berne-Knox-Westerlo graduate Lounsbury shot 10-for-12 from the floor, including 9-for-11 accuracy from three-point range, for his best scoring performance at the college level.

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Damon Franklin and Brendan Doherty contributed two threes apiece and Craig Orner sank one for the Fighting Tigers (10-14, 10-7), who finished 14-for-27 from behind the arc.

Seniors Franklin and Orner finished with 14 and 11 points, respectively, for Cobleskill, which received 10 points from Doherty and a game-best 10 rebounds from Carl Thomas.

Afton graduate Bryant Winans scored 10 points to pace the Wildcats (4-19, 4-14), who faced a 37-17 deficit at halftime.

Cobleskill closes its regular season at Morrisville State at 3

p.m. Saturday.

COBLESKILL 97, CAZENOVIA 49
CAZENOVIA COLLEGE (4-19, 4-14): Bryant Winans 3-7 2-2 10, Joe Nichols 3-8 0-0 8, Brandon Haughton 1-3 5-5 7, Kris Bain 2-3 2-2 6, Cameron Smith 1-4 2-4 4, Andrew Jensen 2-7 0-2 4, Darnell Sampson 1-5 0-0 2, Robert Rohrig 1-1 0-0 2, Dieter Claess 1-6 0-0 2, Brendan Harnett 1-2 0-0 2, Andrew Matson 0-0 2-2 2, Aaron Vickers 0-1 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 16-47 13-17 49.

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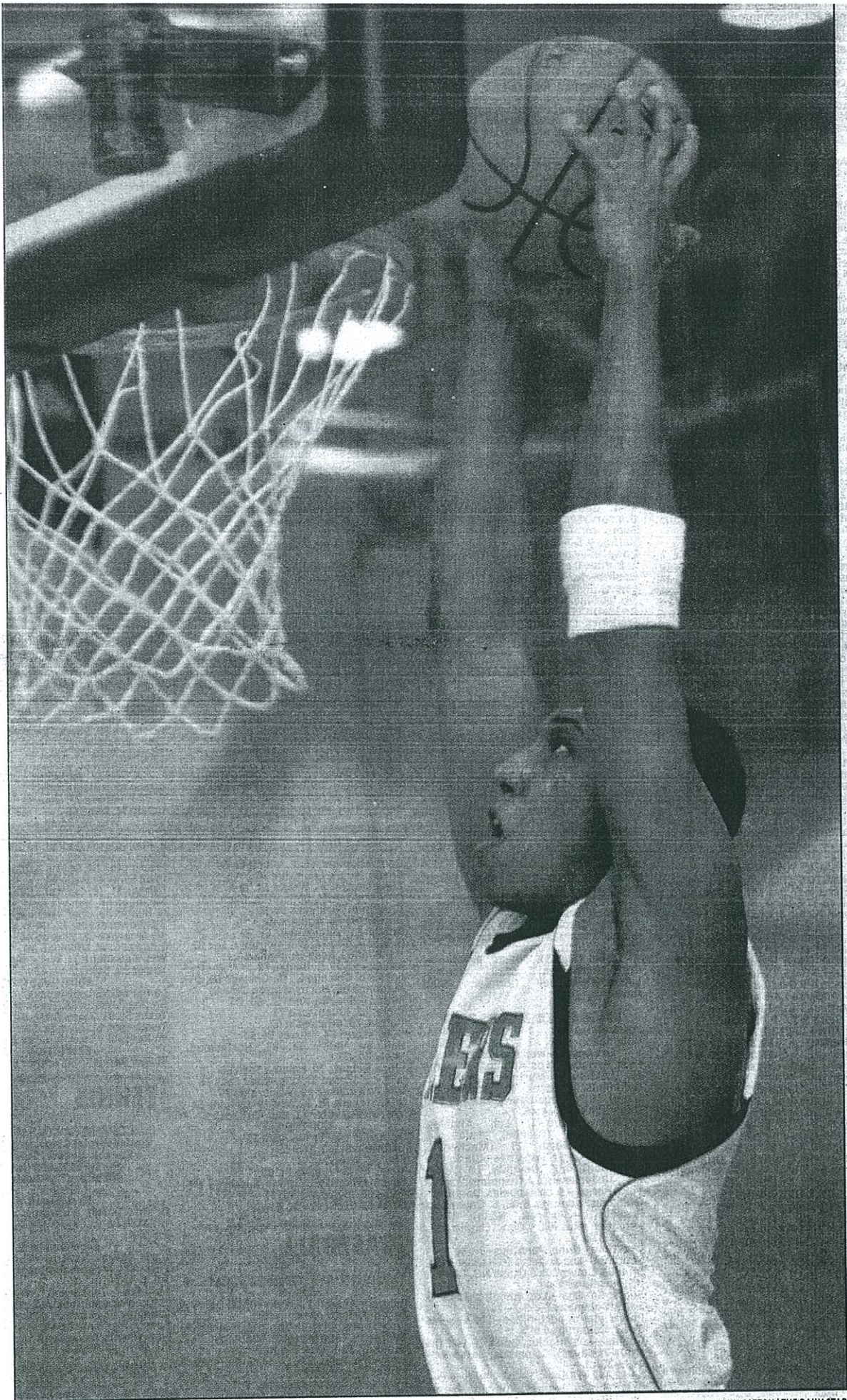
Halftime: Cobleskill, 37-17. **Three-point field goals:** Caz 4 (Winans 2, Nichols 2), Cob 14 (Lounsbury 9, Doherty 2, Franklin 2, Orner).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cobleskill 57, Cazenovia 37

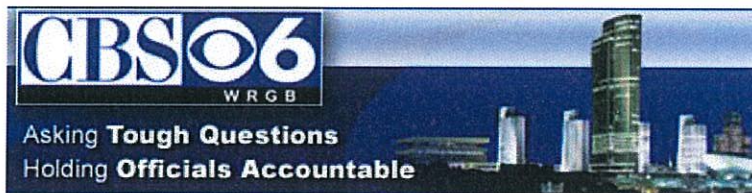
Sophomore center/forward Kaitlin Myers had a team-best 17 points, 10 rebounds and five

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SUNY COBLESKILL'S DAMON FRANKLIN dunks the ball during a North Eastern Athletic Conference game against visiting Cazenovia on Wednesday at Iorio Gymnasium. Franklin scored 14 points for the Fighting Tigers, who cruised to a 97-49 triumph.



Cobleskill's Mitch Tomaszekiewicz Honored

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GANSEVOORT - The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) announced today that SUNY Cobleskill Head Cross Country Coach Mitchell Tomaszekiewicz has been selected as league's 2010 Women's Cross Country Coach-of-the-Year. It marks the second consecutive season that the Fighting Tiger mentor has been honored as the league's women's coach-of-the-year award and his fourth coach-of-the-year honor overall since Cobleskill joined the NEAC in 2008.

Tomaszekiewicz helped guide the Fighting Tigers to the 2010 NEAC Women's Cross Country Championship on Saturday October 30th hosted by Penn State Berks in Reading, Pa. The Cobleskill women posted a team score of 30 points to capture their second consecutive NEAC title by 90 points over their closest rival with six team

members earning All-NEAC Team honors. The team also had the largest number of women's entrants and finishers at the event in conference history with 15 runners since the league's reconfiguration in 2005.

"Once again while it is always nice to be recognized by your peers, this recognition belongs to our young ladies and a number of people who work behind the scenes to make me look a lot smarter than I am," said the Fighting Tiger mentor. "Certainly my assistant Jamie Julie deserves some of the credit for this honor as does our Head Track & Field Coach Brad Fichthorn who has helped tremendously with our recruiting and does an exceptional job of developing young people throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons as well as our Assistant Athletic Director of Athletic Recruitment Mr. Joseph McCarthy who has worked with many of our team members during the recruiting process. This also couldn't be done without the hard work of our trainer Elise Fitzsimmons who is with or kids on a daily basis during the season. We also couldn't accomplish this level of success without our technical assistants Ryan Gunzinger and Mike Jorgensen, our Fitness Center Director Bill Makarowski, and our secretary Cindy Handy who all make things a lot smoother for me. And of course last, but certainly not least, my boss our Athletic Director Kevin McCarthy who has provided the vision, guidance and support one needs to build a successful program. I am extremely grateful to all of these people whom without their contributions; none of this success would be possible."

Coach Tomaszekiewicz is the longest tenured coach in SUNY Cobleskill Cross Country history having completed his eighteenth season with the Fighting Tigers. During this time he has guided the Orange & Black to 76 invitational titles. The Chicago, Ill. area native graduated from St. Laurence High School, in Burbank, Ill. in 1980, Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill. in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in Journalism/Mass Communications and from Loyola University of Chicago in 1989 with a master's degree in Educational Administration/College Student Personnel. Tomaszekiewicz also serves the college as Director of Sports Information a position he has held for the past 14 years.

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Cobleskill coach honored

SUNY Cobleskill's Mitchell Tomaszewicz earned Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year honors from the North Eastern Athletic Conference. It marks the second straight year Tomaszewicz has won the award.

He guided the Fighting Tigers to the NEAC championship Saturday at Penn State Berks. Six Cobleskill runners earned all-NEAC honors as the Fighting Tigers won the team title by 90 points.

NEAC picks Cobleskill runner

SUNY Cobleskill freshman Conor Cashin was named the North Eastern Athletic Conference's Male Runner of the Year.

Cashin is the third Cobleskill runner to earn the honor.

On Saturday, Cashin won the NEAC Championship title at Penn State Berks, completing the 8,000-meter course in 27 minutes, 55 seconds. He helped the Fighting Tigers to a second-place finish.

Cobleskill travels to the ECAC Division III Championships Saturday at Colt State Park in Bristol, R.I.

It's for the love of the game

DeZalia's hard work pays off with award

By Jordan J. Michael

COBLESKILL — Kelsey DeZalia loves softball so much that she would probably go insane without it.

At least, that's what she said from the campus of the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill on Tuesday, after being named Fighting Tiger Athlete of the Week. DeZalia, a first-year student from Voorheesville, received the honor after hitting .409 with three doubles, four runs scored, and five RBI over eight games to open the season.

"One of my floor mates told me that I was on the athletics' page," DeZalia said about discovering her award on Monday. "It was one of the best Mondays of my life, just a great day in general. I realized that my hard work had actually paid off."

DeZalia, who plays second base, told *The Enterprise* that she could "barely hit" in the first four games of the season, but she's currently on a six-game hitting streak. Over that time, she's amassed a .545 slugging percentage and a .519 on-base percentage.

"Everyone has ups and downs, but I've been riding the upscale," said DeZalia, mentioning how hard she is on herself. "My teammates stayed so positive with me and brought my spirits up."

Cobleskill has 11 players on its Division III softball team and DeZalia says that everyone is equally "hard working" and "passionate" about the sport.

"We don't have this amazing reputation or anything, but we work hard," DeZalia said. "Passion is needed on any team if it wants to succeed. It's tougher to have a small team, but we just work that much harder."

Nine players make a softball line-up, so that leaves two girls on the bench for the Tigers. "No one can ever get hurt or sick," said DeZalia with a laugh.

DeZalia realizes the commitments of playing a sport while in college, but she can't imagine the demands of a Division I student athlete. Cobleskill plays each opponent twice, also known as a double-header. There's a 10-minute break in between the games.

"I'm usually gone for more than

half the day," said DeZalia. "For away games, we'll leave before noon and get back around 9 p.m. I thought about the workload before I decided to play, but I always knew I wanted to play softball in college because I love it."

DeZalia, raised by diehard New York Yankees fans, started playing softball at age 7.

"Something clicked when I was little," DeZalia said, confessing her own love for the Yankees. "My family taught me so much and supported my interests. I've run into a few people who say softball is easy, but they're wrong. I wanted to prove them wrong and excel."

No doubt, DeZalia silenced her disbelievers, but she also learned to control her temper while playing for the Voorheesville team. "I was a huge hot head when I was younger," she said. "I couldn't fully control my temper until I was a sophomore. The game is 90 percent mental. My parents and coaches helped shape my mind."

After DeZalia's mind was reformed, she learned the old adage of team orientation: There is no "I" in team. She played four years for the Blackbirds, covering every infield position, finally getting the opportunity to be a catcher during her senior year.

"Being a catcher really helped my reaction time," DeZalia said. "As far as the people around me, they were always encouraging."

Cobleskill was the ideal move for DeZalia, she said, because it offered a wildlife management major. She had looked at Syracuse University, but Cobleskill was the only school she applied to.

DeZalia does an array of lab work, including mist-netting of birds, which requires the setting up of big, clear nets. The birds fly into the netting, without being harmed, and the students study them. Before the birds are released, a band is put around the foot for future identification.

"This is the best major for me because, one day, it's going to



Leading off: Kelsey DeZalia, of Slingerlands (a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville), was named SUNY Cobleskill Athlete of the Week for softball after batting .409 with three doubles, four runs scored, and five RBI in eight games to open the season. DeZalia, a first-year student, is studying wildlife management.



Fancy glove: SUNY Cobleskill freshman Kelsey DeZalia, a graduate of Voorheesville, was named Fighting Tiger Athlete of the Week for softball and she's currently on a six-game hitting streak. Here, DeZalia makes a play at second base during a game

take me around the world," said DeZalia, who is also interested in photography. "It has a great design. I get a broad view point of animals out in the wild."

"College is a time to expand while building a community," continued DeZalia. "It's so much fun, and way different than high school. I won't lie."

After playing softball consistently for 11 years, DeZalia will continue to play the sport for another three with Cobleskill. She encourages athletes to at least

try the sport they love in college, even if it doesn't work out in the long run.

"Just see if you can do it," DeZalia said. "Just go for it."

DeZalia wears the number eight for her older sister, Amanda, who also wore the same digit for softball. She gets plenty of references to Cal Ripken Jr., the Baltimore Orioles great who also wore the number.

"Nope, no connection to him at all," she said. "I want to be like my sister."

Nunamacher's goal beats UAlbany in opener

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STAFF REPORT (<http://thedailystar.com>)

SUNY Cobleskill's men's and women's basketball teams both earned sixth seeds for the North Eastern Athletic Conference tournaments that run Friday through Sunday.

The Fighting Tigers men will open against third-seeded Wells at 3 p.m. Friday at tournament host and top-seeded Penn State Harrisburg.

Cobleskill's women will play third-seeded Harrisburg at 3 p.m. Friday. Top-seeded Gallaudet is hosting the women's tournament.

On the men's side, the Fighting Tigers bring a 10-15 record into the tournament. Wells is 14-11, including a pair victories over the Fighting Tigers by scores of 79-67 (Jan. 18) and 69-55 (Feb. 3).

If Cobleskill wins Friday, it would play second-seeded SUNYIT in a semifinal at 2 p.m. Saturday. The championship is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday.

Cobleskill's women went 13-12 during the season and face a Harrisburg that went 17-8.

The teams split two meeting during the season, with the Fighting Tigers winnin, 72-60, at home Jan. 8 before losing at Harrisburg, 60-45, on Jan. 23.

Second-seeded Keuka College will play the winner of the Cobleskill-Harrisburg game at 2 p.m. Saturday. The final is 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Hawks sweep CWPA awards



College credit

November 10, 2010

Former Highland High School star Christie Morano, who led the Le Moyne College women's soccer team with 13 goals — the Dolphins' second-leading scorer had five goals — recently earned first-team all-league honors from the Northeast-10 Conference. Morano is the first Le Moyne player to be so honored.

Alyssa Abrahamsen, a teammate of Morano at Highland, recently scored the first goal of her collegiate career, helping the Florida Southern women's soccer team to a 5-0 victory against Nova Southeastern.

Conor Frei, the Poughkeepsie Journal's Player of the Year last year as a senior at John Jay, had a hat trick, which included his first collegiate goal, for West Virginia's club ice hockey team, to lift the Mountaineers to a recent 6-0 win over Washington and Jefferson. Frei also contributed his first collegiate assist.

In a recent 2-2 tie with Hobart, Spackenkill graduate Anthony Balbo scored his 10th goal of the season, the most by any Hamilton men's soccer player this season.

Lauren Brunetto, a former Beacon Bulldog, was named the SUNY Oneonta Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 31. Brunetto finished fifth overall at the SUNYAC championship meet, helping her team to a fourth-place finish.

A sophomore at SUNY Cobleskill, Roy C. Ketcham graduate Victoria Kodak placed 10th overall (22 minutes, 17 seconds) to help the Fighting Tigers women's cross country team win its second straight North Eastern Athletic Conference team title at the league's recent championship meet.

Former Red Hook standout Marin McDermott scored Penn's first two goals and assisted on the game-winning goal to lead the Quakers' women's soccer team to a recent 3-2 victory against Brown.

Formerly a standout at Haldane in Cold Spring, Megan Lyons led the Southern Connecticut State University women's volleyball team in kills (246), kills per game (2.8) and serving percentage (.964) through the Owls' first 25 matches.

In his freshman season at Gettysburg College, Ketcham grad Matt Spano has earned a spot on the Bullets' wrestling team.

Competing in women's equestrian at SUNY Geneseo, John Jay graduate Erin Moran placed first in the canter class at her team's recent season-opening competition at the Cazenovia Show. Her squad finished third out of 10 teams at the event.

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Gates Chili grad Fitchner named to All-NEAC team at SUNY Cobleskill

By Staff reports
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Gansevoort, N.Y. — The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) announced today that seven members of the SUNY Cobleskill men's lacrosse team have been named to the league's 2011 All-NEAC Team by the league's coaches. Four Fighting Tigers earned spots on the conference's First Team including: senior long-stick midfielder Alex Bendon, Latham, N.Y., Shaker High School/Hudson Valley Community College, junior midfielder Brian Murphy, Cross River, N.Y., John Jay High School, sophomore attackman Peter Gonzalez, West Islip, N.Y., West Islip High School, and senior face-off specialist Corey Tizzo, Franklin Square, N.Y., St. Mary's High School. Cobleskill also placed two team members on the conference's Second Team: junior midfielder Jeff Fitchner, Chili, N.Y., Gates-Chili High School/Finger Lakes Community College, and freshman defender Ryan Kissane, Burnt Hills, N.Y., Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. The Cobleskill contingent was rounded out by senior goalie Tom Knezick, Columbus, N.J., Northern Burlington High School, selection to the conference's Third Team as the seven All-NEAC selections and four First Team honorees both represented program records.

"I think this a testament to the direction our program is headed in and is a reflection of the hard work that our staff and players have put in to this point," said Fighting Tiger Head Coach Ryan Gunzinger. "Any time you have seven all-conference players I think it shows the commitment you've received from the entire team. Especially our seniors Alex Bendon, Tom Knezick, and Cory Tizzio who have done a great job being leaders both on and off the field. They have set the standard high and we will miss their senior leadership but their contributions will continue to be seen in the play of our four returning all-conference players next year. SUNY Cobleskill men's lacrosse has a bright future in no small part to this year's senior class's contributions."

Senior Alex Bendon's selection marked his second All-NEAC Team appearance having earned a spot on the conference's Second Team in 2010 and compliments his selection to the Inside Lacrosse Magazine's 2011 Pre-Season Division III All-American Team. On the regular season Bendon picked-up a team high of 133 groundballs in 15 games while scoring three goals and passing out three assists. The Latham, N.Y. native also was successful for Cobleskill 21-of-23 face-offs on the year.

Junior Brian Murphy joined Bendon on the All-NEAC Team for the second time after appearing on the league's second team in 2010. For the year the all-around performer posted 23 goals and 11 assists for a total of 34 points on the campaign. The Cross River, N.Y. native also picked up 31 groundballs on the season and netted a pair of game winning goals for the Orange & Black in 15 regular season appearances.

Sophomore Peter Gonzalez's selection to the first team may have been a foregone conclusion as the West Islip, N.Y. native led the Fighting Tigers in scoring with 68 points including team highs in goals scored with 33, including a conference high of three game winners, and in assists with 35 to go with 43 groundballs picked-up on the year. The West Islip High School alumnus was named the NEAC Player-of-the-Week and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Offensive Player-of-the-Week for the week of April 25th after scoring 13 goals, passing out 15 assists while picking-up 20 groundballs in three games during the week.

Senior Corey Tizzo closed his four-year run with the Fighting Tigers with a selection to the league's First team at the face-off slot highlighted by a season that saw him win 116-of-170 face-offs for a .682 winning percentage. The Franklin Square, N.Y. native also picked-up a career high of 48 groundballs this season.

Finger Lakes Community College transfer Jeff Fitchner provided an important cog in an improved Cobleskill offensive attack as the junior midfielder from Rochester, N.Y. scored 19 goals and passed out 23 assists to rank second on the team in scoring with 42 points. Fitchner was also credited with 57 groundballs on the year.

Freshman defender Ryan Kissane was an integral part of the Cobleskill defense this season as the rookie was called on to guard the opposition's best offensive player throughout the campaign. Kissane picked-up 40 groundballs during the regular season while contributing a goal and an assist offensively.

Rounding out the Fighting Tigers' 2011 version of "The Magnificent Seven" was senior goalie Tom Knezick whose improvement this year was a recognized by the conference's coaches with the selection. Knezick allowed the opposition only 10.92 goals per game in 15 starts making a career high of 195 saves to date while sprouting a .565 save percentage for the year. Knezick also picked up 17 groundballs during the regular season for Cobleskill.

Cobleskill will next be in action on Wednesday May 4th when they travel to Keuka Park, N.Y. to meet Keuka College in the Semi-finals of the 2011 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Men's Championship Tournament beginning at 4:00 p.m. The number three seeded Fighting Tigers, 7-8/4-2 NEAC, will meet the second seeded Storm, 8-5/5-1 NEAC, looking to avenge an 11-4 regular season road loss to the Storm on Saturday April 16th.

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College Notebook

Vernon's Kelly named scholar-athlete

COBLESKILL — Vernon-Verona-Sherrill graduate Ryan Kelly was the recipient of the 2010-11 SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award, which recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding achievement at the Division I, III and NJCAA levels.

During the senior Kelly's career, she has proven to be a standout member of the SUNY Cobleskill women's indoor and outdoor track and field programs, holding program individual indoor records in the 55, 500, 600, 800 and 1,000-meter runs while earning a pair a trips to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Track and Field Championships.

She also earned first-team all-NEAC honors in women's cross country in 2009 and 2010, helping the Fighting Tigers to conference championships in both seasons.

The Vernon resident majors in animal science and maintains over a 3.50 GPA.

RFA grad honored as player of the week

BUFFALO — Rome Free Academy graduate Danielle Phillips of the D'Youville College softball team was selected as the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Player of the Week.

The Rome native got two of the Spartans' three hits in the AMCC Championship game and drove in the game's only run, In three AMCC Tournament games, Phillips hit for a .500 average and drove in three runs.

She will also be a part of the D'Youville softball team's first-ever NCAA softball appearance on Thursday and will face DePauw University in the first game of the Adrian, Michigan Regional at Adrian College.

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Former B-R standout Rockefeller named Cobleskill MVP

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COBLESKILL — Former Bolivar-Richburg standout Sean Rockefeller was named the SUNY Cobleskill team MVP. The junior centerfield from Little Genesee was selected to the North Eastern Athletic Conference 3rd-team this past season hit a team -best .310 (26-for-84) and also led the team with a .408 on-base percentage. Rockefeller, who moved from right field to center — a position once played by his brother at SUNY Cobleskill — also led the team with 14 runs scored and stole 11 bases in 14 attempts. Rockefeller also had 59 putouts and three assists with a fielding percentage of .969.

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Local sports news

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Jackets fall short, have bye this week

WATERLOO -- The Glens Falls Greenjackets suffered their third straight loss on Saturday night, falling 27-17 to the Finger Lakes Impact in North American Football League play. Ian Godfrey passed for two touchdowns to give the Jackets a 17-14 lead, before the Impact rallied.

The Jackets (1-5), who have the league bye this weekend, finish the season with three straight home games at East Field. They host the Albany Metro Mallers on Sept. 11.

Fort Ann's Barber selected to Hall

Fort Ann graduate Colleen Barber has been selected for induction into the Skidmore College Athletics Hall of Fame.

Barber, a 2004 graduate of Skidmore, will be inducted in the student-athlete category for her contributions in field hockey. She will be honored during the college's FOSA Benefit and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Sept. 25

Eight individuals and two teams are being inducted during the event at the at the Sports and Recreation Center. Dr. Jack Ramsay, an ESPN commentator, will be the guest speaker.

McCarthy hired as head golf coach

COBLESKILL -- Fort Edward native Joseph McCarthy will take over as head golf coach at SUNY-Cobleskill this season.

McCarthy succeeds Gerald Hisert, who coached the Fighting Tigers' golf team for 28 years. McCarthy will begin coaching Cobleskill's men's team while recruiting for the school's first intercollegiate women's golf program, set to debut in 2011-12.

Previously, McCarthy spent 16 years as Cobleskill's associate men's basketball coach, helping the Tigers to NJCAA Region III championships 1997, 2005 and 2008.

McCarthy was a standout in basketball, cross country and track at Fort Edward, and was a two-time letterman in track at Herkimer Community College. He also lettered one year in cross country at Oswego State.

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Senior PGA Championship | Roger Meier living a dream tending Valhalla greens



Written by

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Roger Meier has been under the gun before during his 14-year career while trying to put together a golf course and maintain it during a professional event.

Meier did an internship at TPC River Highlands, which hosted the Greater Hartford Open, and was an assistant superintendent at TPC River's Bend in Cincinnati for three Kroger Senior Classic events.

Now the 32-year-old Meier is calling the shots.

Meier has been the superintendent at [ValhallaGolfClub](#) for only nine months but will team with his staff of 30 to have the course ready on Thursday to host the 72nd Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid.

"It's an absolute dream come true for me," Meier said. "It's definitely a sense of excitement. We're focused and putting in a lot of hours, but it's always something I wanted to do. At the same time, it's tough, too. You are in the spotlight, but there are a lot of guys that would love to be in my shoes."

Despite all the recent rain the course is in "great shape," said Meier, who replaced longtime superintendent Mark Wilson on Sept. 1. The course has been closed to play — except those seniors who wanted to practice — since last Sunday.

Valhalla's grounds crew will be aided by between 70 and 80 [volunteers](#) from all over the country this week, according to Meier.

"It's May and the grass is green," Meier said with a chuckle. "I inherited a great staff, and some guys have been here a long time. It's exciting for all of us because we live this every day. I've not lived it at this level, but I'm excited."

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"We're going to get it done."

Valhalla general manager Mike Montague said Meier is learning the ropes through "baptism by fire," but he noted the club and members are elated with the work the Trumansburg, N.Y., native has put in.

Meier said he has only "tweaked" a few things on the course since his arrival but is using some updated technology and cutting techniques.

"Of course, he wants to put his thumbprint on it," Montague said. "It's the same as the head professional when he came in, you have to make it fit you. So Roger has done some tweaking, and he has his fair share of new equipment.

"It's been a pretty busy time for him so far, but he's done a great job for us. He's been a great asset. We are lucky to have gotten the right guy."

Meier, who earned a bachelor's degree in turfgrass science and management from SUNY Cobleskill, started with a short stint at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., before his internship at TPC River Highlands.

He worked for six years in the TPC network, spending the next five years helping build and open TPC River's Bend. He was then the superintendent at Chariot Run Golf Club in Laconia, Ind., for five years.

But he said he couldn't turn down Valhalla.

Now, Meier is ready for the tournament challenge.

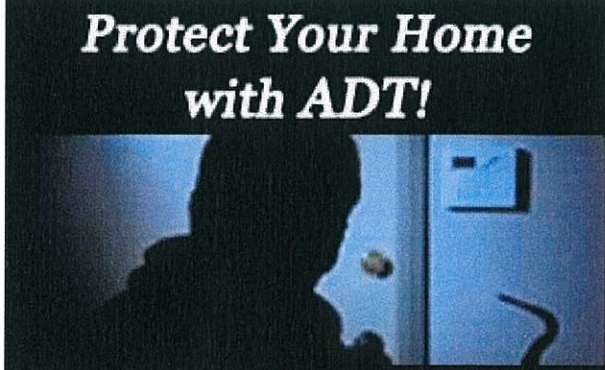
He's heard all the horror stories about past events, including the floods during the 2004 Senior PGA and the wind damage before the 2008 RyderCup. Meier said his staff is prepared to tackle any sort of weather.

"I've just been trying to learn different areas of the golf course," he said. "I find myself here long hours, before sun up and after sun down, just watching everything. I'm trying to learn all the intricacies about the property."

He said the bent grass greens are running smooth and fast and will continue to firm up, while the rough is three inches tall and thick because of the wet weather.

"A lot of people say we just cut grass for a living, but there's a science to *whatwedo*," Meier said. "There's a lot of thought that goes into what we do, and right now I feel very good about the golf course and where

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Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, Receives Doctorate of Foodservice Award
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St. Augustine, Fla., February 14, 2011—American Culinary Federation (ACF) National President Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, chef/owner, MT Cuisine, LLC, Las Vegas, received a Doctorate of Foodservice award from the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Feb. 10 during the NAFEM Show at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla.

Ty was chosen to receive the award for his contribution to the foodservice industry and his leadership through ACF, the nation's largest organization of professional chefs. Each year, NAFEM bestows its Doctorate of Foodservice award on association presidents, past presidents, presidents elect and chairpersons of major industry associations for their commitment to the foodservice industry. This year, 53 recipients were honored, representing more than 30 organizations.

"It is an honor to be chosen by the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers as a recipient of this prestigious award," said Ty. "ACF strives to make a lasting impact on the foodservice industry and advance professional and educational opportunities available for professional chefs. This award is a symbol of ACF's significant position in the culinary industry."

Ty has served ACF as national president since July 2009, and he previously held the office from 1993 to 1994. In Las Vegas, he owns and operates MT Cuisine, LLC, which offers event management, chef consulting, and sales and marketing of foodservice products for Chefs Hat, Inc.; and Hospitality Culinaire, Inc.—a family owned business that is a quick-service restaurant operation featuring two branded concepts at McCarran International Airport. Ty received his Associate of Science degree in culinary arts from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cobleskill in 1973. He continued his education with coursework at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) in Harrah Hotel College's Hotel Management and Food and Beverage Management departments.

In 1975, Ty moved to Las Vegas and took a job at Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino. He moved up through the ranks until he was promoted to executive chef in 1982 and food director in 1986. In 1989, he assumed the position of executive chef at the world-renowned Desert Inn, Las Vegas. From 1997 to 2000, Ty served as executive chef at Lawry's The Prime Rib, Las Vegas.

The ACF Chef & Child Michael Ty Endowment Fund was established in 2000 to provide a scholarship for an ACF chef who has dedicated countless hours to fighting childhood hunger, working on behalf of the foundation and teaching the children who benefit from Chef & Child Foundation programs.

Ty was born to Chinese parents in Manila, Philippines, the third of six children. His family immigrated to the United States in 1966 and settled in Waterbury, Conn. In 1968, they moved to Waverly, N.Y., where Ty lived until his move to Las Vegas. Ty is the father of four children.

He has received many awards and recognitions throughout his career, including ACF Western Region Chef of the Year Award in 1991, 1994 and 1997; U.S.A.'s Chef of the Year™ in 1997; an honorary doctorate from Johnson & Wales University in 1998; and induction into SUNY at Cobleskill's Business School Hall of Fame in 2008.

About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 20,000 members in 225 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

About the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers

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Five to Enter NJCAA Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame

Utica, N.Y. ... The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association will induct five new members into its Hall of Fame on Friday, May 13, as part of the NJCAA Men's Invitational Lacrosse Championship Weekend.

Bob Buhmann, Ricky Sowell, Greg Tarbell, Regy Thorpe, and Eric Ungleich will be inducted during the NJCAA Tournament Banquet at the Radisson Inn in Utica at 7:00 p.m.

"We are delighted to pay tribute to such an outstanding group of NJCAA alumni," said Bob Leary, NJCAA Lacrosse Coaches Association President. "The accomplishments of these five men just underscore how vital junior college lacrosse has been for so long."

Bob Buhmann graduated from Levittown MacArthur in 1967. He left Nassau Community College in 1969, transferring to Cornell University where he was named Honorable Mention All American in 1971. He led Cornell to the first NCAA National Championship at Hofstra University in 1971. Bob was the Assistant Coach at SUNY Cortland from 1973 – 1978, winning two National Titles in 1973 and 1975. After 23 years as a Insurance/Investment/Financial Planner, and 5 years as a Manufacturers Representative, he is currently developing a new business and writing a series of books.

Ricky Sowell starred for SUNY Cobleskill in 1983 and 1984, leading them to two Regional Titles. He finished his collegiate career at Washington College. He was named the 1985 National Division III Midfielder of the Year, and was also a two-time All-American. He led them to two National Title games, and was chosen for the 1986 North/South game. He played professionally with the Baltimore Thunder for five years, where he was named 1st Team All-Pro three times. Among his many coaching accomplishments, Sowell has been an Assistant Coach for Georgetown University, and Team USA (2010 Gold Medal Winners.) A three-time Coach of the Year, Sowell has had stints at Dartmouth College (Ivy League Champions 2003), St. John's, and Stony Brook, where he currently resides.

Greg Tarbell was a high school All-American at Lafayette HS in 1978, before enrolling at SUNY Cobleskill. He starred for Cobleskill's Championship teams in 1979 and 1980. After transferring to Syracuse, Tarbell set a Syracuse record on 4/10/82 by scoring 9 goals against Bucknell, which still stands today, but was tied by Gary Gait and Casey Powell. Greg was Third Team All-American in 1981, and Honorable Mention in 1982 while at Syracuse. He played professionally for the Syracuse Spirit in 1988, and was an original member of the Iroquois National Team.

Regy Thorpe came to Herkimer CCC from Jordan-Elbridge High School, where he was All-County, and a three-sport Captain (lacrosse, wrestling, and football). At Herkimer CCC, he was named All-American, and Defenseman of the Year in 1991. After transferring to Syracuse, he was Captain, All-American, and led the team to a National Championship in 1993.

DEC's Van Durme retires following 36 years on job



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Michael Van Durme remembers clearly his best day on the job in conservation law enforcement.

While assigned to Orleans County in the mid-1980s, he approached a dad fishing with his young son at a pond and holding a brand new Snoopy pole as mom sat reading a book. It was clear the startled father didn't have a license but rather than issue a ticket, Van Durme took the pole and asked, "Is it OK if I show the kid how to fish?"

Casting toward a stump, Van Durme instantly hooked a fat bluegill and handed the pole back to the boy to reel in. He then gave the youngster a sticker that read: Junior Conservation Officer.

"I told him as I'm looking at the father, 'You're a junior conservation officer now. If you see anyone breaking the law, you call me.' I said, 'Have a nice day everyone,' and left. I'm sure dad never went fishing again

without a license. The family had a great day and justice was served."

Retiring after 36 years with the Department of Environmental Conservation, including 27 in law enforcement, Capt. Van Durme's last day as chief environmental conservation officer (ECO) for Region 8 was Wednesday.

Three Region 8 DEC police colleagues also retired: Bruce Bullock of Monroe County, Kevin Lawson of Genesee and Tom Flaitz of Steuben.

Statewide, a dozen more members in the DEC's division of law enforcement retired Wednesday. That leaves the division 44 members down in two years to a total of 284 with no plans at this time to hire replacements. The DEC has been hit hard by the state's budget crisis.

"This has been the greatest job anybody could possibly hope for," said Van Durme, 56, a lifelong resident of Dansville and chief ECO since 2007. "People always tell

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you, 'You know when it's time to leave' and I never understood what that meant. But I do now. It feels right and it's the perfect time to do other things."

A national expert on hunting-related shooting investigations, Van Durme plans to open a consulting firm with a colleague from Iowa. He will remain director of the national Hunting Incident Investigation Academy and continue as a state hunter safety instructor, which he has been for 30 years.

Most recently, Van Durme began a program where people can check out fishing poles and tackle from libraries. He and his wife, Mary, have three grown children.

"Capt. Van Durme has been a tremendous asset to DEC and this region," said Paul D'Amato, Region 8 director. "He is not only a devoted police officer committed to the protection of the environment, but a very fair minded individual who treats the public we serve with respect and courtesy. We wish him all the best."

Van Durme, a graduate from SUNY Cobleskill where he majored in fisheries and wildlife, began with the DEC as a fisheries and wildlife technician in 1975. He became an ECO in 1984. During his career, Van Durme was twice shot and wounded in the line of duty while investigating illegal hunting incidents. He did arrest those perpetrators.

"It's always been my policy to arrest anyone

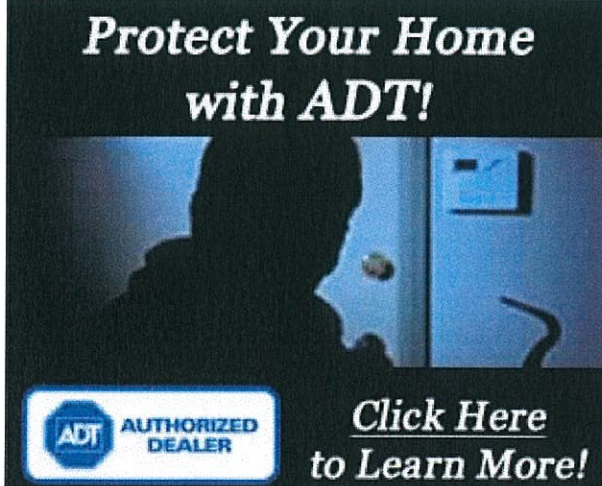
who shoots me," he deadpanned.

"The vast majority of the people we meet in the woods are good people who make dumb, honest mistakes. You treat them as such. But there are also people out there who are bad people doing bad things on purpose who don't like getting caught and you treat them differently."

Van Durme's replacement has not been named. Lt. Tom Stoner will serve as acting captain.

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The ABC of planting a tree

By CHERYL B. WILSON Bulletin Contributing Writer

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Trees have always captured Dan Ziomek's interest. Now he wants to share that interest with Amherst area residents through a spring course sponsored by the town's Leisure Services department.

Ziomek, who is the nursery manager at the Hadley Garden Center, said he got involved with trees at an early age. "I grew up working on my cousin's farm in Hadley, where they had a small nursery," he said. "I've been working with trees since I was 8 years old." In addition, Ziomek's father, Stan, was tree warden in Amherst for decades.

"I got really interested in plants in high school," he said. "I thought I was going to grow trees, have my own nursery but land is not cheap and farms don't come easily."

He started a small nursery in Hadley years ago but decided that being the nursery manager at the garden center was a better bet.

Ziomek got his associate's degree in horticulture from SUNY Cobleskill and then earned his bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. After working at Stewart's Nursery in Turners Falls for a year, he got a job at the Hadley Garden Center, where he has worked for 23 years.

He said he enjoys interacting with customers, giving them advice on tree selection and care so he decided to teach a landscape course.

"I like to speak in front of people," he said. "Also, there's a lot of misinformation about trees out there. ... I'd like to help people make better choices."

Community planting

The course, which will be held Wednesday evenings at the Bangs Community Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 6, 13, and 27, will include a community service project of planting trees on public ways on April 23. That is the town's official Sustainability Festival and Arbor Day celebration.

"I hope we'll plant more than one tree," Ziomek said. Tree warden Alan Snow is choosing a place for the trees but the number to be planted depends on how trees in the town's nursery at Ruxton Gravel Pit made it through the harsh winter. The town had to dump excess snow at the pit and trees may have been damaged, he said.

Ziomek is especially enthusiastic about the community tree planting. "We get to show people how to dig the right-size hole, how to get a tree out of the pot and cut the roots, what amendments to use or not use and mulching," he said.

The course will cover everything about trees in the landscape from how to choose a tree to how to care for it. Tree selection will be the topic of the first session. "There will be a special emphasis on native trees, plus ones I've had good luck with," Ziomek said. "The second class will address common problem situations like the north side of a house or that wet mucky area in the back 40. I hope people will bring their problems to discuss and ask, 'What can I plant there?'"

After the tree planting project on April 23, the final class will address after-care: watering, mulching, over-wintering.

Nursery biz changes

The nursery business has changed radically over Ziomek's nearly 25 years dealing with trees. "The big shift has been to container-grown trees, which is a lot less labor intensive and the product is more reliable than bare root," Ziomek explained.

But not all of the change has benefited the nursery business.

"When even Monrovia, the largest tree nursery in the country, verges on bankruptcy you know there is big trouble," Ziomek said. Monrovia, based in California, has threatened to file for bankruptcy.

The tree nursery business is now centered in Washington and Oregon, Ziomek said. Bailey Nurseries, which sells three and half million trees, has vast acreage in Oregon as well as in its home base of Minnesota.

"Oregon has a longer growing season and perfect soil for growing," said Ziomek. "They sell all sizes, from whips or liners to full grown trees. The problem with the larger trees is the cost of trucking across the country. It's a lot cheaper to ship something with no soil around the roots than potted or balled and burlapped," he explained.

So the big West Coast growers sell liners or whips, young trees, bare root to other wholesalers who pot them up and act as middle men to garden centers. Hadley Garden Center buys from such nurseries on the East Coast, many of which are supplied by Bailey's. A lot of the Hadley plants come from Eaton Farms in Pennsylvania. They also buy from Imperial Nurseries, Inc. in Granby, Conn., which is the largest rhododendron nursery on the East Coast.

"Some nurseries will just sell liners in 3 to 5 gallon containers or will transplant them and grow them on to 15- to 20-gallon pots," Ziomek said.

He will be sharing tales of the nursery industry with his students, along with practical advice on selecting, planting and maintaining trees in the landscape.

"I'm going to provide websites with pictures so they look and learn before they go to the garden center," he said.

Despite financial problems in the nursery industry, a great deal of research and breeding is going on across the country, Ziomek said, "The plants change every year."

So it behooves gardeners to get up-to-date on new varieties as well as on new planting techniques.

"This course isn't just for avid gardeners. It's a course for beginners, too," Ziomek said. "I want to help homeowners to go in fearlessly to the garden center and choose plants that are right for the situation the first time. They should make intelligent choices before going out and buying a tree. People want to be successful and it's my job in the business to help people be successful, to make it simpler for the homeowners."

If you want to learn more about trees in your landscape, you can enroll in Ziomek's class by calling Amherst Leisure Services at 259-3065 or through the website www.lsse.org. The fee for the four-session course is \$99.

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Commissioner names panel of experts to screen new chancellor

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State Education Commissioner David Steiner [has named](#) ^[1] the panel of education experts that will help him decide whether to allow magazine executive Cathie Black to become the next schools chancellor.

Without a background in education, Black needs a waiver from the state that will let her bypass the prerequisites: that she have a degree in education and several years of teaching behind her. Though the final decision rests with Steiner, the panel will play a role in reviewing the [city's case for why Black is qualified](#) ^[2] and making a recommendation.

Reviewing the list of panel members, New York University Professor Pedro Noguera said the commissioner had covered his bases.

"Steiner's aware that this is very controversial," Noguera said. "So if you think about it, instead of just him making the decision he can say, 'Look, I got a group of very reputable people in education who agreed with me.'"

"That doesn't mean he's going to agree with whatever they recommend but he's got a good group to back him up," Noguera said.

That group includes the superintendents of two of the big-five school districts in New York State: Rochester and Yonkers. These school leaders will have the job of deciding whether Black can do without the same set of credentials that they had coming in.

Rochester schools Superintendent Jean-Claude Brizard is also among three panel members who have worked for Chancellor Joel Klein. The other two are Andres Alonso, now superintendent of the Baltimore public schools, who served in the early years of Klein's tenure as chief of staff for teaching and learning, and Carnegie Corporation vice-president Michele Cahill, who was Klein's senior counselor for education policy.

Cahill is someone who knows what Black is going through. In 2004, Klein wanted to promote her to the position of deputy chancellor, but [state education officials warned him](#) ^[3] that if he asked for a waiver, they wouldn't give it to him. State officials said that only chief school officers were eligible for the waiver, but deputies would have to meet the requirements, which Cahill couldn't.

The panel also includes two people coming from teachers colleges. Susan Fuhrman is the president of Teachers College at Columbia University and Ronald Ferguson is a Senior Lecturer in Education and Public Policy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Harvard Kennedy School.

None of the panel members has a Masters in Business Administration or a background in business, though Alonso did work as a corporate lawyer in the 1980s.

State officials have not set a deadline for the panel to make its decision.

The full list is below:

Screening Panel

Andres Alonso

Dr. Alonso has served as the CEO of Baltimore's schools since July 2007. He earned a B.A. Arts in history and English from Columbia University in 1979; a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1982; a Master of Education from

Harvard in 1999; and a Doctor of Education from Harvard in 2006. Dr. Alonso worked as a corporate lawyer at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed in New York City from 1982 to 1984; a special education and English as a Second Language teacher in Newark, N.J. from 1986 to 1998; a superintendent's intern in Springfield, Mass. from 1999 to 2000; chief of staff for teaching and learning at the New York City Department of Education from 2003 to 2006; and as Deputy Chancellor for Teaching and Learning in New York City from 2006 to 2007.

Jean-Claude Brizard

Mr. Brizard serves as the Superintendent of the Rochester City School District. He holds a Master's Degree in School Administration & Supervision from the City College of New York and a Master's Degree in Science Education from Queens College, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Queens College. Prior to coming to Rochester, he served as a Regional Superintendent, supervising more than 100 K-12 schools serving over 100,000 students in three New York City geographic districts. Previous positions in New York City included: Executive Director for Secondary Schools; Region 8 Instructional Superintendent; high school principal; high school physics teacher; and junior high school science teacher. Mr. Brizard is a graduate of the Superintendents' Academy of the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems. He is also an Executive Committee member of the American Association of School Administrators.

Michele Cahill

Michele Cahill is vice-president for national programs and director of urban education at Carnegie Corporation of New York where she leads the Corporation's strategy to meet the twin goals of contributing to societal efforts to create pathways to educational and economic opportunity by generating systemic change across a K-16 continuum, and to create pathways to citizenship, civil participation and civic integration in a pluralistic society. Prior to rejoining Carnegie Corporation in 2007, she held the position of senior counselor to the chancellor for education policy in the New York City Department of Education. Ms. Cahill was a member of the Children First senior leadership team that oversaw and implemented the full-scale reorganization and reform of the New York City public schools. She played a pivotal role in the development of Children First reforms in secondary education, district redesign and accountability, new school development, and student support services. Ms. Cahill has a B.A. in Urban Affairs from Saint Peter's College, a Masters of Arts in Urban Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and she pursued doctoral studies in social policy and planning at Columbia University where she was a Revson Fellow.

Ronald F. Ferguson

Dr. Ferguson is a Senior Lecturer in Education and Public Policy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Harvard Kennedy School. He is also an economist and Senior Research Associate at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy. He has taught at Harvard since 1983, focusing on education and economic development. His research and writing for the past decade have focused on racial achievement gaps, appearing in a variety of publications. His most recent book is *Toward Excellence with Equity: An Emerging Vision for Closing the Achievement Gap*. He is the creator of the Tripod Project for School Improvement and also the faculty co-chair and director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University. Ferguson earned an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and Ph.D. from MIT, both in economics.

Susan Fuhrman

Dr. Fuhrman currently serves as President of Teachers College, Columbia University. She earned a B.A. in History, with highest honors, from Northwestern University in 1965; an M.A. in History from Northwestern University in 1966; and a Ph.D. in Political Economy from Teachers College,

Columbia University in 1977. Dr. Fuhrman's research interests include state policy design, accountability, deregulation, and intergovernmental relationships. She has also conducted research on state education reform, state-local relationships, state differential treatment of districts, federalism in education, incentives and systemic reform, and legislatures and education policy. She is currently a co-principal investigator of a large project that studies high school response to accountability pressures and use of instructional assistance in six states.

Louise Mirrer

Dr. Mirrer has served as President and CEO of the New York Historical Society since 2004. She holds a Ph.D. in Spanish and Humanities from Stanford University and has over 20 years experience as an academic administrator, most recently as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at CUNY. Dr. Mirrer has published widely on language, literature, medieval studies, and women's studies, both books and articles, in Spanish and English.

Bernard Pierorazio

Mr. Pierorazio is Superintendent of the Yonkers Public Schools, the fourth largest district in New York State. Prior to becoming Superintendent, he served as the Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Principal of Saunders Trades and Technical High School. Mr. Pierorazio is a graduate of the Yonkers Public Schools District, continued his studies at Central Connecticut State University, the College of New Rochelle, and Iona College, earning degrees in History, Special Education, and Administration and Supervision.

Kenneth Slentz

Mr. Slentz is the Associate Commissioner for the Office of District Services for the New York State Education Department. In that capacity, he oversees education design and technology, including the build out of the Board of Regents virtual school initiative; school district and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) support and coordination, including the coordination of professional development; and school safety. In his 17 years in public education, Mr. Slentz has served as a teaching assistant, teacher, curriculum director, principal and school district superintendent. He holds an AAS in Liberal Arts from SUNY Cobleskill, a B.A. in Political Science from SUNY Geneseo, and an M.S. in Education from SUNY Oswego.

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Waterfowl hunting can test even the best of plans



Written by

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CANANDAIGUA — When I met up with Chris Davanzo, he was clutching a super-sized cup of coffee and pumping gas into his pick-up truck.

That's what fuels a waterfowl hunter during the height of the spring Canada goose season in the Finger Lakes. Coffee combats all those 3 a.m. alarm clocks. Gasoline fuels the many scouting trips it takes to locate geese.

Davanzo bought his truck with 7,000 miles on the odometer three years ago. It now reads 103,000.

"A lot of people don't do it right because they don't want to put the effort in," said the passionate 29-year-old guide and founder/owner of Fish & Feathers Outfitters of Farmington. "They don't want to get up at 3 a.m. or go out at midnight to set up decoys and reserve a spot in a field."

Indeed, waterfowl hunting takes a special breed of outdoorsman. Sleeping is

optional. Fortunately Davanzo made it easy on me as we drove to a farm field on the outskirts of Canandaigua to catch the afternoon flight and feeding pattern of Canada geese.

Like the statewide early September season, the 13-day February/March late season in the South Zone is meant to help control a resident population of Canada geese in New York that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service now estimates at 257,000. That's up from 161,000 just five years ago and 137,000 in 1999.

While these honking, ubiquitous game birds can be found on every golf course, mall parking lot and neighborhood pond, hunting them away from populated areas requires a good game plan.

Years of relationship building have provided Davanzo hunting permission on thousands of acres of farmland for his thriving business. Farmers appreciate gift cards, tasty goose meat and a helping hand. The owner of this particular piece of

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property merely requires a 30-pack of beer.

"Not one farmer wants geese on their land," said Davanzo, goose calls dangling from a strap around his neck. "They're helping us hunt and have fun; we're helping them by keeping the birds off their property and having them damage their crops."

The overwhelming crop du jour in springtime is remnant corn exposed by the melting of snow in harvested fields. Corn is a great source of protein and carbohydrates for resident Canada geese replenishing their reserves after a long winter and for migrating birds heading north from Chesapeake Bay to Hudson Bay.

Migrants follow the receding snow line. The DEC, working with federal officials, sets the spring-season hunting dates so the impact on these visitors is minimal.

With the help of assistant guide Brian Danish, 23, we unloaded Davanzo's trailer and set up a decoy spread around three full-body portable ground blinds. The decoys in various poses mimic what geese do: land, feed, sleep. Hunkered down in our blinds, shotguns loaded, our view could have appeared on a postcard for Finger Lakes tourism. In the distance, a farm and silos sat atop the crest of a hill against a background of blue sky.

If all went to plan, the geese leaving Canandaigua Lake would rise above the crest and head in our direction as they returned to the cornfields for their

afternoon meal. Sure enough, a flock soon appeared over the tree line, sending the two-man crew into action. Danish waved a large wing-shaped black flag to provide a visual enticement. Davanzo provided the audio with his array of calls. A flock typically contains 20 to 50 geese.

"What we look for are (breakaway) pairs, the sets of five and six," Davanzo said. "They're easier to get to your decoys."

Suddenly, a set of five geese headed our way.

"Kennel up!" Danish instructed his energetic yellow lab Jase, who ducked inside his camouflaged mutt hut.

Going over what Chris said about aiming at the outstretched legs of an oncoming goose as he glides in for a landing, a technique that would place No. 2 shot right into the kill zone, my adrenalin pumped, warding off a bone-numbing wind.

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But just as quickly as the birds came in, they broke off and headed in another direction. For the next four hours, a dozen flocks — including two groups of in-season white snow geese — teased us with their flights of fancy. Thanks to his skills, Davanzo's clients had taken more than 80 Canada geese during the first four days of the season. But on this day, not one bird came into shooting range.

"The birds won today," said Davanzo, ever respectful of nature's unpredictability. "Looking at the weather, I knew they'd start flying at 1:30 or 2. We probably saw 1,000 birds."

"That's hunting," I shrugged. "It's good to be humbled. Now I'll have to come back."

What I mostly learned is that the challenge of drawing just one Canada goose into trigger range can be daunting. There are so many variables, and the successful hunter must constantly adapt.

"You can pattern deer, you can pattern turkey. But geese, they can fly anywhere they want," Davanzo said. "It's not like you can ring a dinner bell and they come in."

Of course, it's not always about pulling the trigger.

Wing shooting is a social sport, whispering not needed. In between the action, Chris, Brian and I talked about cable rates, state budget cutbacks, the Buffalo Bills, baseball.

I learned that 2-year-old Elliott Davanzo is

practicing how to work a mean duck call, just like her dad.

I learned these two young sportsmen are much more than just guides. Each graduated from SUNY Cobleskill's fish and wildlife program. They are staunch supporters of Ducks Unlimited, tireless advocates for New York's hunting and fishing bounty.

The friends live for each new sunrise. For honking geese locked in "V" formation.

"I like that you can sit and talk and then when it's go-time you scramble for the blind," Chris Davanzo said. "And like turkey hunting, it's constant interaction working the birds and then finally watching them backpedal into your decoys. That's when it gets me each time."

Soon it will be time for more coffee and gasoline. Tomorrow's another day.

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Black Iris re-opens at new location on Ballston Avenue after multi-year hiatus (with video)

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By MAREESA NICOSIA, The Saratogian

SARATOGA SPRINGS — You may have hung one of her signature balsam wreaths on your door or ordered flowers for a special occasion in the past.

After a multi-year hiatus, florist Kim Praught is back in business, this time at an off-Broadway location.

The longtime city resident and business owner re-opened Black Iris, Flowers and Gifts of Distinction, late last month on Ballston Avenue after closing a former shop at 493 Broadway in 2006 and taking a leave for medical reasons.

Praught, who studied floriculture at SUNY Cobleskill and in Holland, originally opened Black Iris in her hometown of Fonda before moving to Saratoga about 20 years ago.

She's jumping back into the downtown business scene with high hopes, after spending the last few recession-hit years doing freelance floral design from home.

"People have scaled back a bit because of this economy, but I don't think Saratoga has been hurt as much as other communities," Praught said Monday. "I missed having a store and interacting with customers, and creating. It's the same business, with a new location, a new twist."

In addition to the custom-made holiday wreaths, blooming plants, fresh flowers and permanent arrangements Black Iris has sold in the past, Praught has added garden accessories and home décor — like a glass hutch and metal candelabras — to her merchandise.

Locally grown flowers make up about 70 percent of her sales during the spring and summer, although flowers are regularly shipped from around the world, she said.

With the exception of a delivery person, Praught is the sole employee and provides flower arrangements for individuals, large-scale corporate events and everything in between.

The newly remodeled shop is located at 68 Ballston Ave., on the corner of Union Street, between Saratoga Strike Zone and Adirondack Sign Perfect. The address previously belonged to a Sprint Nextel outlet and Spa Glass and Mirror.

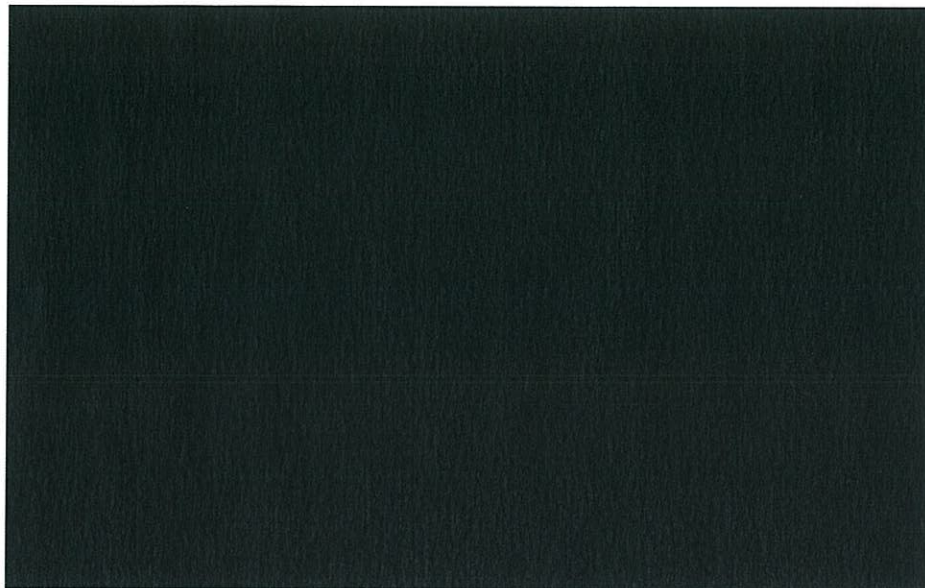
Unlike Black Iris's old, sub-ground-floor space on Broadway, where Sloppy Kisses is now in business, the street-side location allows lots of light to filter in and has parking readily available.

Look out for the purple storefront, and later, a bench, planters and racks of greenery that will beautify the parking lot.

"This is a completely different space," Praught said. "I'm not on Broadway, but I'm extremely visible. I'm looking to build up a following again."

The florist will hold a grand opening event from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

For more information, call Black Iris at 587-7707.



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SUNY Cobleskill and Wildlife Management

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In 1991 I graduated with an Associate's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Resources from SUNY Cobleskill. I then transferred to a four year school, West Virginia University and went on to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Wildlife Management and I would certainly recommend both schools but when I look back if Cobleskill had the BT (bachelor of technology) in wildlife established when I graduated – it wasn't until four years later in 1995 – it would've influenced my decision to move on to another school.

Here's why: When I got to WVU it seemed I was light years ahead of everyone else at the same level I was – I transferred in as a junior. Relative to wildlife management many of the four year schools such as Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF in Syracuse) and WVU focused on wildlife management theories and statistical analysis of gathered data but one of the things that was conspicuously missing in many cases was the actual gathering of the data. We were taught how to do it but rarely actually did the hands on stuff. This is where Cobleskill excels – hands on training in most of the courses they offer. For example, forest and wetland delineation and habitat evaluations are now standard parts of the curriculum as well as telemetry. Even the courses that were not strictly wildlife management such as dendrology were hands on. I recall myself and classmates literally mapping out every tree on campus relative to identification and significant features. It was a ton of work but we did because we wanted more than just "book knowledge" and also because that was the nature of the courses at Cobleskill.

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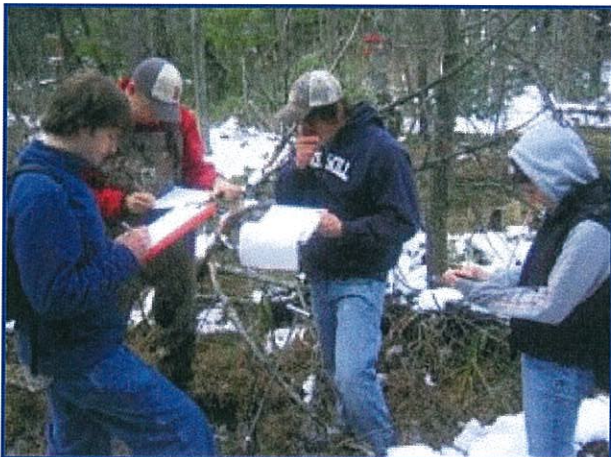
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I also remember taking part in multiple field trips including the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Authority, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and Saratoga Battlefield to participate in a deer drive just to name a few.

I credit one of my high school teachers, Mrs. Perelle, for unlocking my talent for creative writing and SUNY Cobleskill for teaching me how to “technical write” i.e. write about the facts of a particular scientific study. The best advice I ever got when writing magazine articles was to do so as if you are sitting with your buddy having a beer and talking. Technical writing is a whole different animal where only the facts are reported and always according to the collected data – even if your conclusions are far from accepted theory. In just about every wildlife class we not only had a technical paper but also a presentation so if you want a challenge then you know which school to go to.

Relative to employment I worked in Michigan capturing and tagging ruffed grouse and I recall when I was hired that the graduate student running the study remarked that I was one of the few if not the only person who had actually handled a bird not only from mist netting and banding songbirds but also releasing pheasants. SUNY Cobleskill has a good track record for placement with many technical jobs and environmental/wildlife consulting firms as well as state and federal wildlife agencies. Cobleskill also has a student chapter of The Wildlife Society that since its 1998 inception has participated in every annual meeting and was the quiz bowl champions in 1998.

I remember driving around on a tour of the school as a high school senior and leaning over to my mother and saying “this is what I want” and what I meant was the hands on academics and I don’t regret my decision to attend SUNY Cobleskill’s wildlife program and with their BT program I know it’s only gotten better since I was a student there. Check out the web page for more details on some of the programs highlights <http://www.cobleskill.edu/academics/agnrschool/fisheries/index.asp>. or contact department chairman Dr. John Foster at (518) 255-5243 FosterJR@cobleskill.edu or Kevin Berner (who was my professor) at (518) 255-5252 BernerKL@cobleskill.edu.



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The LaurelRock Co. adds new employees

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Design and management professionals join Connecticut firm.

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WILTON, Conn. – The LaurelRock Co., a design/build and maintenance firm, has hired Jon Knight Zmistowski, Donald Dickson and Tom Barry. The trio will be part of the company's garden design and landscape management team.

Additionally, Glenn Hall, who has been a senior crew leader with the firm since 2009, has been promoted to a field supervisor position. The company also welcomed Ashley Cipollone as human resources manager and Terri Smith as office manager.

"We are pleased to welcome such outstanding professionals to our team," says Burt DeMarche, co-founder and president of LaurelRock Company. "They bring a wealth of experience, management and design expertise to our business.

Since earning his certificate in Landscape Design from the New York Botanical Garden in 1998, Zmistowski has contributed to the design and management of countless Fairfield County residential properties.

Dickson, a Connecticut Certified Nurseryman in organic applications, holds an agricultural degree from Waterbury's Mattatuck Community College and brings experience in residential and commercial landscape installation and management to The LaurelRock Co.

With a B.S. in Agronomy and a Masters in Turfgrass Management from the University of Connecticut, Barry, a LaurelRock Plant Health Care Technician, brings technical knowledge to LaurelRock's property design and management team.

Hall, LaurelRock Field Supervisor, has more than 30 years of experience in the landscape industry, specializing in installation, maintenance and retail nursery operations, most recently, as founder of his own design/build company.

Glenn majored in Landscape Management at SUNY Cobleskill and in Landscape Design at New York Botanical Gardens.

Cipollone earned her B.S. in Business Administration from Pennsylvania's Bloomsburg University. Smith comes to LaurelRock from the Fairfield County Community Foundation, where she was a finance associate.

The firm's Master Gardener, Chris Rising, who joined the company in spring of 2009, is also being recognized for earning her Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (NOFA) certification, enhancing the firm's organic land care design and maintenance capabilities.

In addition to her role spearheading client relations for the firm, Master Gardener, Chris Rising, also has a special expertise in exterior holiday decorating. Her 2009 holiday designs adorned the entranceways of the Westport and Newtown Historical Societies' for their annual holiday house tours. Rising is a graduate of Fairfield University and earned her Master Gardener Certification from University of Connecticut.

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Fuller signs to play basketball in Germany

By JAMES A. ELLIS, The Leader-Herald

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GLOVERSVILLE - Harley Fuller's talent has brought him success at the high school and college level. Now, the 6-foot-2 point guard will have the opportunity to play at the professional level.

On Sept. 1, Fuller will join TuS Treis-Karden of the German Regionaliga.

"I am excited," Fuller said. "I tried out at a few Euro camps and have been working with a few agents. They found me a couple of jobs."

Fuller received offers to play professionally in Iceland but opted to sign with Treis-Karden of the Southwest North Division of the Regionaliga. The team finished with a 12-2 league record last season.

Fuller graduated from Broadalbin-Perth High School in 2006 and played two seasons at [SUNY Cobleskill](#). He is the Fighting Tigers' career assist leader with 439 and holds the college's single-season assist leader with 253. During the 2007-08 season, the two-time Mountain Valley Conference all-star led Cobleskill to the NJCAA Final Four.

Fuller played for Division I Florida International University before transferring to Division II Molloy College in White Plains.

The 2010 graduate averaged 11 points, seven assists and seven rebounds per game for the Lions and led the East Coast Conference in assists in his senior year. Fuller holds Molloy's single-season assist record with 181. He also pulled down 198 rebounds and 59 steals.

"I am fortunate to have the parents [Gary and Kathy Fuller] and family that I have who has been nothing but supportive over the course of my basketball career, and for that I know I am very blessed," Fuller said. "I am also very fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for some great local coaches such as Tucker Gifford while at Broadalbin High School, as well as New York State Hall of Fame coach Kevin McCarthy and Joe McCarthy in my time at SUNY Cobleskill. Without them, along with Sergio Rouco at FIU, Charlie Marquardt at Molloy College, and mentor/shooting coach Mike Philo, I may not even be in the position that I am in today signing with Tus Treis-Karden to play professional basketball in Germany."

Fuller joins Gloversville's E.J. Gallup as local players who have signed contracts to play professional basketball in Germany.

Gallup played for ratioPharm Ulm of the Bundesliga in 2008 and won the 3-point shooting competition at the league all-star game.

"Getting to know a player and person like E.J. Gallup has definitely helped me to understand the work ethic needed along the way to put myself in a position to have the opportunity I have right now," Fuller said. "He is the first and only other player from Gloversville that I know of that has been playing pro basketball and he has in many ways been a role model for me."

Fuller had worked the past two summers as an instructor at the YMCA teaching the game to local children.

"I am glad to be a role model for the kids," he said. "I hope that they see that if you work hard enough, anything is possible."

The team will open its season with a home game on Sept. 26.

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