



School was good- but this was better

Children who attend the Adirondack Kids Day Care Center on Lake Street were in for a delightful surprise when they arrived there following their first day of school Thursday. Providers Joanne Hutchins and Paula Lohr were busy from the time the children left until they returned, decorating the front of the building with balloons and a huge sign congratulating them on their first day at school. In addition, each child made their very own sundae to celebrate. Shown during their festivities are, front row, from left, Brent Arno, William Strack, Beckett Savage, Gabe Collins, Samantha Higgins, Stephanie Fortune, and Hayden, Ormsby. At back, Shannon Soucy, Alexis DeGrace, Ryan Savage, Madison Proulx and Amie Luton. (photo provided)

September 11 softball tourney set to hit diamond this Friday

By Newton Greiner

This Friday, September 11, marks the eighth anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in US history. Two thousand, nine hundred and seventy four people are officially listed as casualties in that attack not including the 19 hijackers. 2,603 people were killed in New York City in the World Trade Center twin towers and on the ground, and 246 were killed in the two planes. Three hundred, forty-three New York City firefighters lost their lives that day and 23 New York City Police officers died. Another 37 Port of Authority Police Officers were killed, and 15 EMTs died when the towers collapsed. Two thousand first responders were injured, and 125 deaths occurred at the Pentagon during that attack. People from 90 different countries died that day, and

many would die later of dust related injuries that occurred that day.

It all still seems like yesterday. As a reminder of the carnage and the sadness wrought by these attacks not only on buildings and people but also on a way of life and the freedom it represents, the Tupper Lake Men's softball league invites everyone for a commemorative memorial 9-11 baseball game. The long-awaited game will be held this Friday, September 11, under the lights at the Tupper Lake Municipal Ballpark.

This commemoration won't be one of sadness, however, but one of resilience and a celebration of the freedom that terrorism will never take from the American people.

The ballpark will be open to the public free of charge and people can come down and enjoy hot dogs,

drinks, and the great American pastime softball, under the lights with a double header for the fans. Rivals Tyler's and Main Street Restaurant plan to go head to head in exciting softball action that night.

All summer ten teams have been battling it out at the park under the lights. The 9-11 game will commence just after 6 p.m. In addition, play will continue under the lights well into the night. "This is a chance for the whole family to come out, enjoy a cookout, listen to music, see some exciting softball on the hometown field and make a donation by buying a 50/50 ticket. All proceeds will go to support the Tupper Lake Fire Department and the Wounded Warriors program. Mike Russell of the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Fighters will be on hand to offer his grilling skills.

The Tupper Lake Honor Guard will begin the

Attention class of '99

Members of the Class of 1970 are getting together to plan their 2010 reunion and organizers are hoping one and all will attend a meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m. at the Park Restaurant.

Any classmates who can't make the meeting but

Plan to attend final market September 24

On September 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. join in the celebration for the last Farmer's Market of the season at The Wild Center. Celebrate the harvest with special live music, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., kids harvest crafts and face painting, and a fall Edible Plants and Folklore walk with noted herbalist Jane Desotelle at 1 pm. The Farmer's Market is free and open to the public.

would like to help out are asked to call Shelley Brown at 359-3790 or Ann Gibbs at 359-2677.

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Tuesday, September 22 at 3 p.m.

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Refreshments Served

obituary

Edna Christmas, 86



member of St. John's Church and its Catholic Women's Club.

On Feb 8, 1945 she married James F. Christmas in St. John's Church. He passed away Oct 7, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Penny Witte and Patty Coady; four sons, James and Donna Christmas, Jack and Terry, Daniel, and Joseph and Amy Christmas; a brother, Jack and Helen Plumley, all of Camden; 18 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two granddaughters, Anna Christmas and Pamela Price; a sister, Alma Sanborn; two brothers, Harry and Dudley Plumley and a son-in-law, Henry 'Bud' Witte.

A Funeral Mass was held at 10 am Monday from St. John's Church, Camden, with the Rev. Carlo Stirpe presiding. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, New Hartford, NY and the Camden Vol. Fire Department.

School district now receiving restitution for 2008 vandalism

The Tupper Lake Central School District reports this week that it is now receiving restitution for the vandalism of school buses that occurred last year.

In August 2008, a number of school buses belonging to the school district were vandalized. The Tupper Lake Police Department and the Franklin County District Attorney's office worked closely together and were able to arrest the juvenile offenders.

As the offenders are juveniles, details of the case cannot be released. However, as part of their juvenile proceedings, the court entered an order requiring payment of restitution.

According to Seth McGowan, superintendent of schools, the district has already received \$727.28, and more will be forthcoming.

"We appreciate the work of the police department and the district attorney's office in this matter," School

ceremonies with a solemn dedication and the National Anthem at 6 p.m.

Burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will flow freely to all spectators in the stands thanks to Shaheens Market, Day Wholesale and the Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola Bottling Companies.

Royce Cole and Rick Skiff will be announcing the play-by-play action of the games over the new sound system at the park. DJ Kevin St. Louis also plans to attend, playing all the great tunes on the sound system as well.

"This game is not just for the fire department, it's for the community," said local softball player Matt Welsh. He, along with Paul Pickering, Roger Vaillancourt, and Rick Skiff are helping to organize the event, and have been involved with the softball league all summer.

Board President Mike Dechene said. "While it's unfortunate that the vandalism occurred, we believe that the requirement that the youthful offenders pay for the vandalism is the right thing for the taxpayers of the school district. Additionally, we hope that this will help the vandals avoid mistakes like this in the future and make others think twice before they damage district property."

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