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NEIGHBORS BRIEFS

CANANDAIGUA

Classes for new high school equivalency test set

Finger Lakes Community College will hold a free two-week program in January to help adults prepare for the new state high school equivalency test. Nearly all jobs, colleges and training programs require a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Classes run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 6 to 16, at three locations: the main campus in Canandaigua (Hopewell), the Geneva Campus Center, and the Wayne County Campus Center in Newark.

Classes are free to adults and out-of-school youths age 17 or older. Materials are provided.

The program prepares students for the new version of the high school equivalency exam, now called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion, or TASC. It replaces the exam for the former general equivalency diploma, or GED, and corresponds to the new Common Core standards now being followed at K-12 schools.

The program will also include one-on-one advising and placement testing for those who want to continue their education at FLCC.

To sign up or get more information, contact Kathleen Guy at (585) 785-1431.

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Program for children undergoing surgery

Operation Kids will be held Tuesdays, Jan. 14 and 28, from 7 to 7:45 p.m., in the lobby of F.F. Thompson Hospital, 350 Parrish St.

This program is for families of children who will be undergoing surgery and is meant to ease any concerns they might have. It includes a tour of the Surgical Care Center, Operating Room and Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, followed by a question-and-answer session. Children will receive a coloring book depicting hospital scenes in order to encourage more communication about the upcoming surgery. There is no charge for this program but registration is required. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (585) 396-6231.

VICTOR

Hike at Harriet Hollister Park

Celebrate the beginning of the new year with Victor Hiking Trails at Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area on Saturday, Jan. 11. Bring cross country skis and/or snowshoes and enjoy the groomed trails, or make your own trails hiking through the woods. Dress for the weather, bring something to drink and a bag lunch. Hikers can meet at 9 a.m. at the Victor Town Hall rear parking lot, 85 E. Main Street, to carpool to the trailhead, or meet the group at 9:50 a.m. at the parking lot at the Recreation Area.

ARTWORK

Exhibit portrays 'being human'

New group exhibit opens Jan. 11 at Main Street Arts

Submitted by Bradley Butler

CLIFTON SPRINGS — The public is invited to attend the opening reception for "Being Human," a new exhibition at Main Street Arts, located at 20 W. Main St., Clifton Springs, from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. This is the fourth exhibition at the gallery since it opened in June 2013.

"Being Human" is a group exhibition featuring the work of established and emerging artists. The exhibition will consist of contemporary portraiture, self portraits, and artwork dealing with the human condition. The themes that are presented through drawing, painting, and sculpture address relationships, insecurities, self-understanding, the arrogance of power, contemporary culture, archetypes, self-preservation, and the range of human emotion.

Artists in the exhibition:



"Unearthed #7," by Richard Harvey of Rochester.

Kathy Calderwood, Robert J. Clarke, Maria Galens, Richard Harvey, Francesca Lalanne, Tom Lightfoot, Robert Ernst Marx, Colleen McCall, Mitch Messina, Edward Mullady, Anne Muntges, Caitlin Pallischeck, Jose Enrique Portas, Mike Tarantelli, Wayne Williams, and Bill Wolff.

The exhibition runs through Feb. 28; gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, contact gallery director Bradley Butler at (315) 462-0210 or email mstreetarts@gmail.com.



"Interest" by Caitlin Pallischeck of Penn Yan, one of the featured works at the "Being Human" exhibit at Main Street Arts.



"Amanda/Bob," by Robert J. Clarke of Pittsford.



Main Street Arts in Clifton Springs will feature "Chains," by Mitch Messina of Pittsford at its fourth exhibit since opening in the summer.



"Arnolfini," by Wayne Williams of Newark.



"Directions Don't Exist Unless You Change Them," by Jose Enrique Portas of Rochester.

VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB

Dog-day dilemma: Rotary money replaced

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Last year, Karen Parkhurst, secretary of the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club, took home a cash bag with funds from a Rotary special events dinner with all good intentions of turning the funds over to club treasurer Galen Powers for

deposit in the bank.

Then fate intervened — somehow Karen's pet dog got into the cash bag and ate several large bills. There was enough of each bill — save one — that allowed the bank to replace the bills. However, Fido totally demolished a \$100 bill. It ended up looking like oatmeal. Not to be

discouraged, the intrepid secretary packaged it in a small plastic bag and sent it to the U.S. Treasury with an explanation. There was hope against hope that Uncle Sam would believe the club's misfortune.

Low and behold, one year later the U.S. Treasury sent Karen \$100 and the money

was deposited to the club account. Karen formally presented the money to Galen at a recent Victor-Farmington Rotary Club meeting.

Somewhere in the Washington bureaucracy there is an understanding dog lover who just might be a Rotarian.



Karen Parkhurst presented money to Galen Powers at a recent Rotary meeting after the U.S. Treasury replaced some of the money that was chewed up by Fido, Karen's dog.

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