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**Memorial Day
issue next week!**

After big fire, big relief effort

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

After the massive fire on May 8 that ripped through the three-story Sherman Square apartment building on Sherman Avenue displacing 35 residents, a large spontaneous aid effort quickly developed via Facebook.

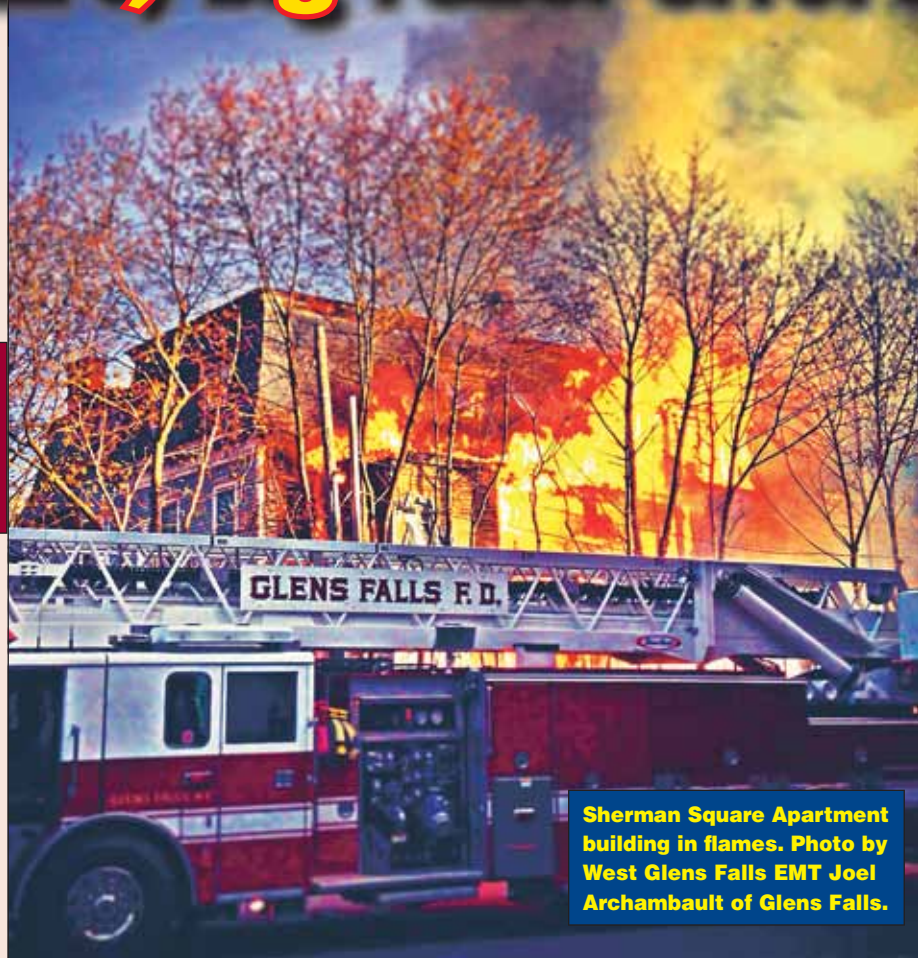
Donna Milford, owner of SensibiliTeas tea shop in The Shirt Factory complex, became a prime coordinator of the effort.

"The Facebook page, Sherman Square Fire Relief, was started early Friday morning by Alesa DelSignore, a Facebook friend of mine," Ms. Milford told *The Chronicle*. "She asked me to be the administrator for the page, and I agreed."

Donations were collected at SensibiliTeas and at the Queensbury United Methodist Church, where Megan Hesse Phaneuf, the wife of Pastor Phil Phaneuf, organized the collection and distribution.

The overwhelming Facebook response filled so many of the

**Facebook
keyed rapid
response**



Sherman Square Apartment building in flames. Photo by West Glens Falls EMT Joel Archambault of Glens Falls.

immediate needs of those displaced by the fire that as of Tuesday afternoon, donations of clothing or other items were no longer needed.

By the end of the day Friday,

more than 500 people had joined the Facebook page. By Sunday night, more than 1,000 were involved, trading messages and filling specific needs of

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**Mixed
Martial
Arts at
GF Civic
Center**

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Glens Falls has its first-ever night of mixed martial arts bouts, or MMA, at the Civic Center on Saturday, May 17. It's titled "Cage Wars 25: Upstate Uproar."

Cage Wars owner and promoter Tim Rankins argues that MMA "is very cerebral." He calls it "physical chess."

"It looks like a brutal sport with people trying to kill each other, but a skilled fighter is set-

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**New York
outlaws
pro MMA,
but this is
amateur,
allowed**

University of Vermont Athletics photo

**Body found of
missing dog**

By David Cederstrom

Chronicle Staff Writer

On May 9, the remains were found of Sammy, one of the three, eight-month-old German Shepherds lost by John and Sue Ramalhete of Stony Creek on Jan. 29.

Mr. Ramalhete said the dogs — Sammy, Cocoa and Gypsy — "must've been on their way home. I believe they were crossing over the river. They must've

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