

When **Thomas Jefferson** came to Lake George

By Bill Loughrey Special to The Chronicle

"Lake George is without comparison, the most beautiful water I ever saw."

Thomas Jefferson made this observation in 1791 on his tour

of New York and New England with James Madison, perhaps the most important journey in American history made osten-

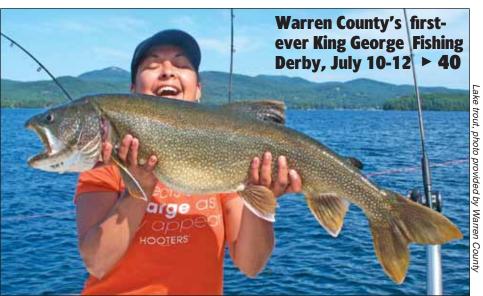
Wasn't just a pleasure trip for the **future Pres**ident, this writer says

sibly for horticultural, historical, recreation and health purposes.

Jefferson noted that the lake was "interspersed with islands, the water as limpid as crystal, and the mountainside covered with rich groves of silver fir, white pine, aspen, and paper birch down to the water."

Jefferson's observation of nature — not entirely accurate in its classification of trees and fish — wasn't the principal reason for his and Madison's journey. Note: The trip took place a decade before Jefferson was elected the nation's third President. He served from 1801 to 1809, fol-





Where the shows are ►

Ben, back selling **GF** baseball

By Cathy DeDe Chronicle Managing Editor

Granville native Ben Bernard was general manager of the Double-A Glens Falls White Sox during the city's minor league baseball heyday, now a distant memory.



Glens Falls Dragons owner Now he's back **Ben Bernard**

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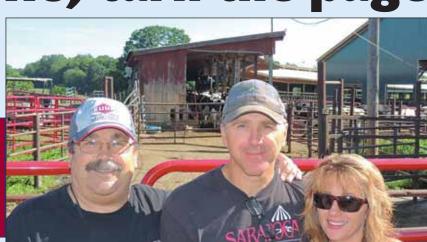
Sold the cows, turn the page

By Gordon Woodworth Chronicle News Editor

Pat and Laura Killian sold off 400 of their cows on June 20 in a five-hour auction that drew dairy farmers from

across the Northeast. Pat Killian, 47, is the youngest of 12 children who grew up mucking stalls and milking cows on their parents' farm on Burt Road in Gansevoort. His fa-

End of era for Killian farm in Gansevoort



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ther Joe bought this farm in 1958. He began with 50 cows. "I started driving a tractor when I was five," Pat said, laughing as he looked at Please turn to page 18



