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Next: Good-bye,

Their chopper flight at the **Lake George Winter Carnival**

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I'll admit it, last Sunday's excursion to the Lake George Winter Carnival — on February 9 — was all about the helicopter.

When I saw that on the schedule, I made it a must-do for myself and my eight-year-old son, Julian.

I mean, how cool is that?

I know I sound like a kid when I

say this (and so what?) but the flight...was awesome. We took off from the ice right at Shepard Park,

flew down the lake a little, then veered left — over the Adirondack Northway, and up and over Prospect Mountain, where hikers were happily waving at us.

It was a short ride. The sign advertised five minutes, but it seemed much longer.

Julian rode shotgun for maximum visibility and experience, and all the passengers wore headsets to communicate with each other under the whir of the blades. The ride, from takeoff to landing, was

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Our Jason

Julian, 8

Irwin & son



Where Matt stands

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

"It's about time that somebody who does work for a living runs for office," Matt Funiciello, Rock Hill Bakehouse

Funiciello

to run for

owner and Green Party candidate in the 21st Congressional District, tells The Chronicle.

Congress as Green "And I'm not

saying that I'm the only one. But I'm the only one who is running for this office at the moment who is not a member of the two corporate parties."

Mr. Funiciello, 46, announced his candidacy on Sunday on Facebook. He joins a field that includes endorsed Republican candidate Elise Stefanik and endorsed Democrat Aaron Woolf, a documentary filmmaker, in

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Says Stefanik has potential; should shun **GOP** buzzwords; use 'Harvard-trained brain'

To the Editor:

The article you presented on Elise Stefanik [Feb. 13 Chronicle]

was very well written and informative.

Letters to The I was very Chronicle disappointed that Elise Stefanik

used recycled issues from the last election. "She favors repealing and replacing Obamacare."

The Republicans have already

given up the buzzword "replacing" of The Affordable Care Act. Don't take my word for it; Bob Bennett (politician) offered up an alternative to The ACA and was ousted by his own party, by a Tea Party candidate.

Repealing is the only buzzword used these days. Repealing would mean children would no longer be insured under their parents insurance policies until age 26 anymore.

It would also mean that people who have pre-existing conditions will be dropped by their insurance companies, leaving their condition to deteriorate and ultimately to meet their maker, to be

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