

Cathy can't get enough of the Mets

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I was there!
Early this spring, our foresighted daughters gifted my husband and me tickets to the Saturday, Aug. 1, Mets game in New York against the Washington Nationals — not knowing that it would turn out to be a game of the century.

But that's how the ball spun: The Mets are suddenly baseball's "it" team. The win was the second of a three-game home-field sweep that left our traditionally hapless favorites tied for first-place with the Nats.

If you're into baseball, I don't have to tell you about the game:

- Star pitcher Jacob deGrom's slightly wobbly start, falling behind 2-0 in the first inning, then five determined shutout innings, followed by three from the relievers.

- Lucas Duda's home run in the fourth inning that made it 2-1.

- Duda's home run in the seventh inning that tied it 2-2.

- And his double in the eighth inning that made it 3-2, the win-

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When Diane Struble swam Lake George

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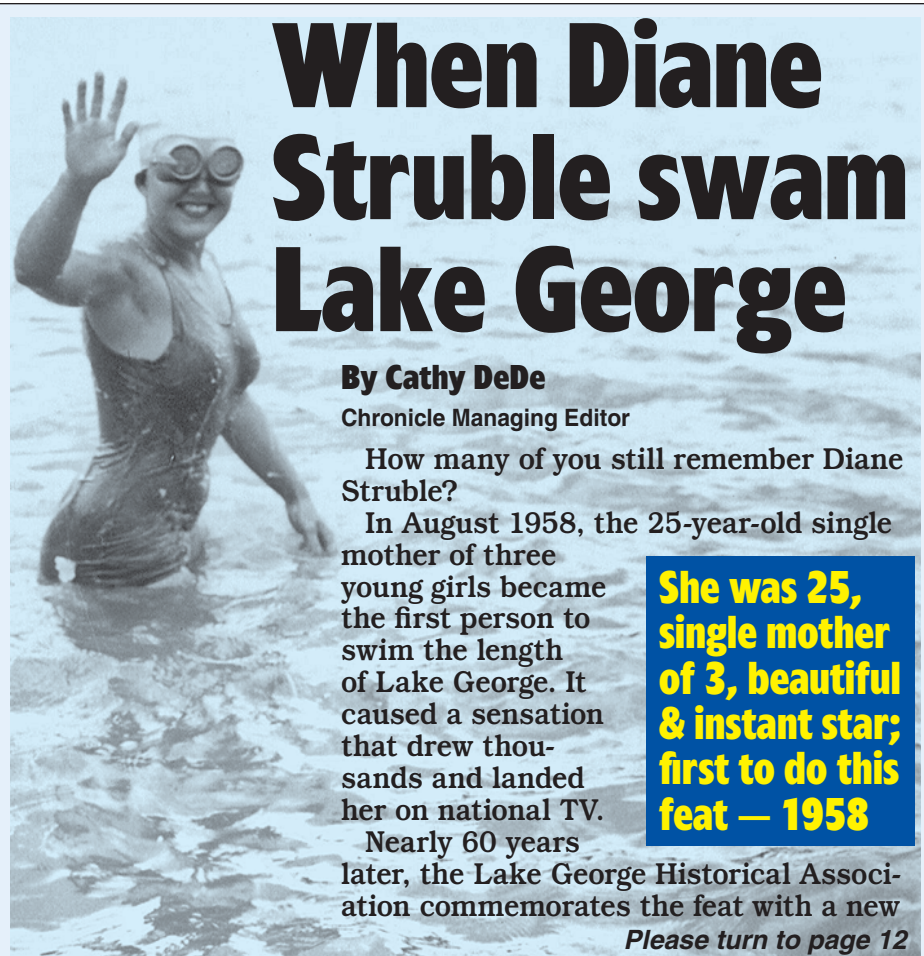
How many of you still remember Diane Struble?

In August 1958, the 25-year-old single mother of three young girls became the first person to swim the length of Lake George. It caused a sensation that drew thousands and landed her on national TV.

Nearly 60 years later, the Lake George Historical Association commemorates the feat with a new

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She was 25, single mother of 3, beautiful & instant star; first to do this feat — 1958



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'Trek-onderoga' gathering set in Ti

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"Trekonderoga" — a new convention for Star Trek fans — is set for Labor Day weekend in Ticonderoga.

Organizers say it will feature an A-list line-up of Star Trek writers and actors, including Sally Kellerman, tours of exact replicas of original Desilu Studio Star Trek sets, screenings of early episodes and of *New Voyages* "fan films" created in Ticonderoga, and workshops in filmmaking, costumes and make-up. Ticonderoga native James Cawley — best known as a

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Star Trek convention will feature Sally Kellerman, more

Saratoga's Pharoah push

The New York Racing Association has raised the purse of the Aug. 29 Travers Stakes in hopes of luring Triple Crown winner American Pharoah to Saratoga

Race Course. If American Pharoah enters, the winner's share will rise from \$675,000 to \$850,000 and the total purse will jump

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American Pharoah obliterated the competition last Sunday in his first race — the Grade I Haskell Invitational — since winning racing's Triple Crown. **"I have made it very clear that I want to go to the Travers,"** owner Ahmed Zayat was quoted on Tuesday.

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