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**Coming Aug. 31:  
Adirondack Family**

## Matt Paszko completes 'LG 12ster' solo Ultra challenge

By Gordon Woodworth  
Chronicle News Editor

Queensbury's Matt Paszko, 28, is thought to be the first solo hiker to complete the "Lake George 12ster Ultra Challenge"—climbing in less than 24 hours the 12 mountains around Lake George on a 41-mile hike.

The 12ster Challenge was created last August by Matthew Haley. It includes Thomas, Sleeping Beauty, Erebus, Buck and Black Mountains, plus the seven peaks in the Tongue Mountain range.

"My goal was to finish it," said Matt, a 2007 graduate of Queensbury High School and

**Thought first to hike the 12 peaks around Lake George alone in less than 24 hours**

He took this selfie at the top of Cat Mountain in Bolton, the first of 12 peaks he climbed around Lake George in 21 hours and 54 minutes.



now a sixth-grade math teacher at his alma mater.

"I wanted to see if I could do it. I wanted to push myself. I've been a hiker all of my life.

"I thought I would jog a lot of it initially, but I realized pretty quickly that I wouldn't be able to keep that pace. I averaged about three miles an hour...It was so amazing."

In less than a year, 87 people have registered with Lake George 12ster creator Matthew Haley's website, www.lakegeor-

ge12ster.com to say they completed the 12-peak challenge.

Contacted for comment, Haley said Paszko is the first to complete the Lake George 12ster Ultra challenge alone.

Paszko started his solo journey at 6:05 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, climbing Cat and Thomas Mountains in Bolton in less than two hours. He videotaped his entire trip, and it's now posted on YouTube and on the Lake

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Kassidy Kuzmich, 16, in her FFA (Future Farmers of America) jacket.

Photo provided

## Busiest girl at the Fair!

By Cathy DeDe  
Chronicle Managing Editor

**Kassidy Kuzmich** is the busiest girl at the Washington County Fair. That's how Ida Williams, the fair's marketing director, introduced her to *The Chronicle*. Kassidy herself laughs in agreement. "Yes, that's probably true," she admits.

**The Fair runs Monday to Sunday, Aug. 21 to 27**, at the Fairgrounds on Route 29, west of Greenwich. See page 15.

Kassidy, 17, is entering her senior year at Greenwich Central School, where she's president of the Future Farmers of America chapter. She'll represent FFA at the Fair's opening ceremonies. During Fair week, Kassidy will

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**Greenwich student Kassidy Kuzmich has 3 roles, loves talking agriculture**

## Bea Didio really loves The Chronicle

To the Editor:

I have been enjoying the *Chronicle* since its inception. There was a short period where we even paid for the paper. A small charge for such a well thought out newspaper was money well spent. (I will not buy the *Post Star* it does not appear to care about our Hometown news very much.)

Mr. Frost has wonderful articles, welcomes Readers'

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**Letters to The Chronicle**

## Charlottesville native 'I'm sickened & sad'

By Stuart Mesinger

**Editor's note:** Stu Mesinger lives in South Glens Falls and is a vice-president with the Chazen Companies planning and engineering firm.

I grew up in Charlottesville. My father was a professor at UVA [the University of Virginia] and my parents lived there after he retired. I have friends and relatives in and around Charlottesville, visit regularly and, as Mark can attest, am a passionate

Cavalier fan.

Although I love living in the greater Glens Falls community, I still consider Charlottesville my home. Thus, I am especially sad and sickened by this past weekend's events.

It should be obvious that the rally wasn't about Charlottesville's cultural attitudes, but that's not to say there isn't some unattractive history. The Brown v. Board

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