

Ella's Ad-irondack adventure

By Ella Pardy, now 16
 Junior at Queensbury High School

Editor's note: Ella Pardy is a newly minted Adirondack 46er. The now 16-year-old junior at Queensbury High School was 15 as she summited all 46 High Peaks in five weeks with five other campers and two counselors as part of YMCA Camp Chingachgook's annual intensive backpacking "adventure."

Ella is the daughter of Adirondack Winery owners Sasha and Mike Pardy. Sasha approached *The Chronicle* with the story and noted that the group hiked during "the wettest July we've had," and that "the pack she carried on her

All 46 High Peaks in 5 weeks: Camp group from Chingachgook



Ella Pardy, atop Mount Marcy in July. "This was at about 10:45 am. **We were in the clouds while it was raining**, which was an odd experience. Once you went down the mountain, like, 2 miles, you were out of the clouds and could see the clouds covering the peak, which was really cool." Photo provided

back was probably 50-plus pounds."

Below are excerpts from Ella's thoughts from an e-mail question and answer exchange with *The Chronicle*, lightly edited for clarity and space.

Ella wrote: Over the course of my summers at camp I developed a love for the Adirondacks and hiking. Every summer I would hear about the 46er group and I would always think

that they are the coolest people, and they were so inspiring. I would look up to them. So when I was old enough, I decided that I wanted to become one of those people...become a 46er myself.

I had done one High Peak prior to the 46er trip. I did Dix Mountain during 3-day hikes with Camp Chingachgook...

I've spent seven summers as a residential camper at Chingachgook. Please turn to page 14

What's on & what's not

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Three major annual local events return this week after a year's Covid hiatus.

Lake George

Jazz Weekend

goes full force at Shepard Park in Lake George Village, Sept. 17-19.

Americade

touring motorcycle rally rolls into Lake George starting Monday, Sept. 20, through Saturday, Sept. 25.

Adirondack Balloon Festival (curtailed but still very much happening) runs Sept. 23-26.

• Warrensburg's **World's Largest Garage Sale** returns, October 1-3.

Not happening: Taste of the North Country, cancelled months ago by the Glens Falls Kiwanis Club, due not just to Covid but out of deference to the short-staffed, hard-pressed restaurants at the heart of the event. It's next scheduled for May 2022.

Glens Falls recently cancelled its FitFest, WingFest and PetFest set for this fall.

• **The Great Escape Fright Fest is back** — weekends, Oct. 2 to 31. The Great Escape did cancel its **Oktoberfest**.

• **Adirondack Thunder** hockey returns to Cool Insuring Arena. First home game: Oct. 23.

• The **Glens Falls Symphony** Please turn to next page

Frank O'Keefe: Use fed Covid money to save Seniors' Meals

Dear Editor:

The Warren County Supervisors recently contracted with pre-made meals delivery by Mom's Meal Delivery Service (frozen food packs).

My first thoughts were, here we go again. In January 2018, the Department of Aging's Director, Ms. Park, proposed contracting with Washington County Jail, to prepare all meals, saving \$74,000.00 and eliminating 8 employees.

I was asked by Cedar Senior Citizens to be a spokesman to

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2001 photo by Sean Emer, son of Allen

Iconic post-9/11 moment

On last week's 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Adirondack Balloon Fest posted this photo of **Allen Emer defiantly waving the American flag** atop his balloon at the Adk. Fest in 2001, just days after the attack. Story, pix ▶ 23

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