

Our Towns

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Runners take part in the 2011 Shamrock Run in Kingston. The annual two-mile race will be held March 11 before the St. Patrick's Day parade. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shamrock Run to honor local fallen soldier

Staff reports

KINGSTON — The 24th annual Shamrock Run fundraiser will be held March 11 in honor of a fallen Kingston soldier and to benefit Washbourne House.

The two-mile run, sponsored by a number of local businesses and organizations, will be dedicated to the memory of Pvt. Doug Cordo, who died in August, the victim of a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Last year Cor-

do had participated in the Shamrock Run while on leave.

"This race is always a fun event, and really gets people excited for spring, but I think it's important for us to all realize the sacrifices people like Doug have made for us to be able to hold such an event," said Bob Ryan of Team Ireland, which organized the race. "All of us in the community miss Doug very much, and we are happy to run the race in his honor."

IF YOU GO

What: 24th annual Shamrock Run fundraiser.

When: March 11. Check-in is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Race starts at 12:50 p.m.

Where: Check-in across from Academy Green at Gov. Clinton Apartments, 1 Albany Ave., Kingston. Race starts at Academy Green and ends at the foot of Broadway.

Cost: \$10 before March 1. \$20 after March 1.

Web: www.shamrockrunners.org

Started in 1988 by local runner Jim Kelley Smith, with his two roommates,

Ryan and Bob Nanz, the race has grown in popularity over the years.

The first race generated 297 runners, and this year, more than 4,500 are expected to participate.

Check-in and race-day registration are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. across from Academy Green at Gov. Clinton Apartments, 1 Albany Ave., Kingston.

Prizes for runners will be randomly drawn and include a grand prize of two round-trip tickets to Ireland.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Wash-

bourne House for victims of domestic violence. Past beneficiaries included Ulster County Catholic Youth Organization, Ulster Performing Arts Center, American Red Cross, Angel Food East, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Kingston Area Library and the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston.

Following the race, the St. Patrick's Day parade will run through the city of Kingston to where the Roundout Creek flows into the Hudson River.

Lots of bots



Colin Crowley, left, and Eamon Lynch were among 15 local students building voice-activated marshmallow catapults and other robots at the Oakwood Friends School on Jan. 15. This free robot-building workshop was for grades 2 to 5 (pupils too young to be Oakwood Friends students). Robots are a hands-on, fun tool for teaching logic and programming.

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'The Art of Noises' concert set at West Point

Staff reports

WEST POINT — The West Point Band's Chamber Music Series will continue at 3 p.m. March 4 with a free percussion ensemble recital, "The Art of Noises."

The Concert Band and Hellcat percussion sections will perform an array of percussion ensemble music, including steel band. This concert

will be held in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom on the campus of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Hellcat percussion section will open with "Omphalo Centric Lecture" by Australian composer Nigel Westlake. This composition for four marimbas owes much to African balofon (or xylophone) music.

"Like African music, it seeks to celebrate life

through rhythm, energy, and movement," Westlake said.

The percussion ensemble will also perform "Peaux" from "Pléiades" by Iannis Xenakis. In "Peaux," which means "skins," each member of the ensemble has two bongos, a conga, three tom-toms and a timpano. Two members also have a bass drum.

The West Point Steel Band will perform "El

Montuno" by Pierre Le-duc (Cuban style); "Rant and Rave" by Christopher Herbert (a traditional soca or a blend of Calypso music and traditional Indian music); "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz and "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

To close the performance, the mass ensemble will perform "Jour Ouvert" by Andy Narell, arranged by P. Rennick and P. Mayor.

IF YOU GO

What: "The Art of Noises" percussion concert by the West Point Band.

Where: Eisenhower Hall Ballroom on the campus of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

When: 3 p.m. March 4.

Cost: Free.

Call: 845-938-2617.

Web: www.westpointband.com

In brief

Fund gives grants to 4 local nonprofits

The Queens Galley soup kitchen in Kingston, United Cerebral Palsy of Ulster County, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County, and the Ulster County SPCA recently received grants from the Lucie M. Walker Memorial Fund.

The fund was established last year in memory of Lucie Walker. Its mission is providing financial assistance to local service organizations that support people in need.

The fund is administered through the Community Foundation of Ulster County, an affiliate of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Donations can be sent directly to: The Community Foundation of Ulster County, Lucie M. Walker Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 3046, Kingston, NY 12402-3046.

For more information, visit LucieWalkerMemorialFund.org or contact

the Community Foundation of Ulster County at 845-338-2535.

Local author to read from new book

HIGHLAND — Hudson Valley author and SUNY New Paltz teacher Laurence Carr will read from his new work of fiction, "Pancake Hollow Primer," at Vineyard Commons Theatre in Highland at 7 p.m. March 23.

Set in Highland, the book is about homeless Gulf War veteran Frank Closky, who finds himself on a physical and spiritual journey when he inherits a run-down Hudson Valley farmhouse.

Carr will also read from his anthologies "Riverine: An Anthology of Hudson Valley Writers" and "WaterWrites."

Ulster photography club to meet

PORT EWEN — The Ulster County Photography Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Town of Esopus Port Ewen Library in the Duck Pond Gallery (downstairs).

The library is at 128 Canal St., Port Ewen.

Contact Tim Johnson with questions at tmj379@hvc.rr.com.

Suicide awareness walk set at SUNY

NEW PALTZ — "Out of the Darkness," a national walk to raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will take place at the State University of New York at New Paltz on May 5 on the Parker Quad.

SUNY New Paltz senior Charlene V. Martoni and a number of student volunteers are organizing the event for the second time after a successful walk last May.

Martoni is also the founder of Out of the Darkness Campus Walks, a campus organization devoted to organizing the walks and fostering campus dialogues on suicide awareness and prevention.

Funds raised will finance programs for suicide research, education and prevention and support families of suicide victims.

Check-in for the event

is at 1:30 p.m. The walk begins at 2:30 p.m. and is expected to last until 4 p.m. For more information, contact Martoni at 845-300-7753.

School propositions vote set for April 10

NEW PALTZ — The Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District will hold a vote from noon to 9 p.m. April 10 in the gymnasium at the New Paltz High School on two propositions regarding the capital reserve fund and the purchase of real property.

Absentee ballots will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting March 9 at the district office at 1 Henry W. Dubois Drive, New Paltz.

Those who wish to vote and cannot attend are encouraged to use absentee ballots. Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained by filling out an application, which is available via written request, email request or at the district office.

Voters with questions are encouraged to call district Clerk Elena Maskell at 845-256-4031.

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help and hope.

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