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# Social



**That time again**

With Halloween still three weeks away, scarecrows, ghosts and goblins, all of the friendliest sort, have already begun to pop up around town.

**4-H officer training**

ONEONTA - The Otsego County 4-H Program has scheduled two officer training workshops at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Morris Central School.

4-H Club officers will learn how to carry out their role whether it be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, news reporter, or song and recreation leader.

Participants will learn about parliamentary procedure and will gain some new ideas for better business meetings.

Parents and leaders will get some tips on carrying out their guidance role in the business of parliamentary procedure and 4-H Club Officer responsibilities.

Please register in advance by contacting the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 123 Lake St., Cooperstown, (607) 547-2536 or the Oneonta 4-H Outreach Office, 31 Maple St., Oneonta, (607) 433-2521.

**Teddy bear clinic to be held**

COOPERSTOWN - On Oct. 9, Bassett Healthcare's Emergency and Trauma Services Department will host area preschool, kindergarten and first grade students from the Cooperstown, Milford, Cherry Valley-Springfield and Richfield Springs school districts at a special Teddy Bear Clinic. The Teddy Bear Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate National Emergency Department Nurses Day on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The goal of the Teddybear Clinic is to introduce the youngsters to the Emergency Department in a non-threatening way and show them that it is full of friendly people who want to help them (and their favorite stuffed animal or Teddy Bear). ED staff will be available to suture up torn fur, listen to Teddy's heart and breathing sounds, take bear vitals and bandage and cast broken bear bones.

For children who do not bring or have their own Teddy Bear, several residents of the Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home (members of "the Friends at the Clara Welch Home") in Cooperstown will make and donate very special bears for permanent adoption by the children. Community Health Plan of Bassett will also donate coloring books and other give-aways for the children.

The Teddy bear Clinic is a part of the Emergency Nurses' Day celebration. Bassett Emergency and Trauma Services Nurses are members of the Emergency Nurses Association which is a voluntary national membership association of more than 25,000 professional nurses who are committed to excellent emergency nursing care.

**Walk the CROP Walk**

RICHFIELD SPRINGS - There is still time to participate in the second annual Richfield Area CROP Walk Sunday, Oct. 6 in the village of Richfield Springs. Registration is at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Canadarao Street, with the walkers heading out at 1:30 p.m. There will be refreshment stops along the way and at the end of the walk. The walk will benefit hungry people throughout the world, from Richfield Springs, where 25 percent of the money raised will go to the Lioness' Food Bank. Other money will be distributed by Church World Service (and other church groups) to raise the standard of living in poorer parts of the world. Everyone is invited to be a CROP walker, rain, shine or snow, and to be sponsored by friends and neighbors, or to be a sponsor of this worthy cause. Sponsor sheets are available from area churches and civic groups, or from the CROP Walk Chair, Joyce Key, (315) 858-0433.

**People in the News**

**Doctor returns to Malaysia**

COOPERSTOWN - Two years after Richard J. Cobb, MD, chief of radiology at Bassett Healthcare, traveled to Malaysia to serve six months as a visiting professor, he returned to attend the graduation of his former radiology students. Cobb, along with his wife, Patricia, arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Aug. 21. Malaysia is a country of 18 million people located just above the equator in Southeast Asia. Malaysia became an independent nation within the British Commonwealth in 1957.

As soon as Dr. and Mrs. Cobb arrived in Kuala Lumpur, they were greeted by enthusiastic students and friends. During his second visit to Malaysia, Cobb had a chance to reflect on his rewarding experience two years prior.

Cobb accepted the position of Radiological Society of North America International Visiting Professor at Universiti Hospital in Kuala Lumpur in July 1994. Universiti Hospital is the main teaching hospital of Universiti Malaya, which is comprised of more than 30,000 students. Cobb was the third RSNA visiting professor in four years and had much to offer this developing Asian country.

For six months, Cobb worked closely with physicians, staff radiologists and master students of Universiti Malaya. Master students in Malaysia are similar to American radiology residents. The students



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were provided with medical cases each morning and reviewed them with Cobb in the afternoon. While Cobb contributed his knowledge to the University, he acquired much in return.

"The feeling of appreciation and accomplishment we received from the master students as exemplified by their concern for us made our adventure extremely rewarding," said Cobb. "This six-month tour of duty was one of the most meaningful and educational experiences of our lives."

The highlight of the return

trip was the graduation of Cobb's former master students. In all, 13 radiology graduates were placed in various regions of Southeast Asia, where the need for radiologists is great. In addition to attending the graduation ceremonies, Cobb also spent his week in Malaysia delivering lectures to eager students and staff.

Cobb's return to Malaysia was extremely exciting for his former students and friends. Dinners were planned each evening for Dr. and Mrs. Cobb, as well as parties in their honor.

"We visited at their homes and were treated as if we were family," said Cobb.

Many of the graduates also accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Cobb to the airport to bid them farewell.

Overall, the return trip was an exciting follow up to a wonderful experience. When asked what the future holds for Cobb and his now-graduated students, he replied, "Eventually, I'd like to return to Malaysia or maybe invite the students to come here," he says with a smile.

**Wint graduates Army course**

SPRINGFIELD - Army Specialist Olivia L.Y. Wint has graduated from the U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Drum, Watertown.

Wint is a medical supply specialist normally stationed at West Point.

She is the daughter of Laurice F. and Oliver O. Wint of Springfield.

The specialist is a 1992 graduate of St. John Preparatory School.

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	18	6-9 p.m.	Oneonta
	22 & 23	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Oneonta
		6-9 p.m.	Norwich
		<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
	15	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Oneonta
	19 & 20	6-9 p.m.	Norwich
		<b>DECEMBER</b>	
	5	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Oneonta

Notes: Class schedule subject to change without prior notice. It is mandatory that each person complete the minimum of six hours. Please call for registration at 432-4512 or 1-(800) 222-4357. Class size is limited to a maximum of 30 people, so call early.

Oneonta class will be held in the Oneonta AAA office on the corner of Rte.

205 & Rte. 7 (Oneida Street on the west end of town). Norwich class locations are to be announced.

The fee for the course is \$30 for AAA members and \$35 for non-members. Please arrive about 15 minutes early for the first day of class and please bring with you: driver's license, AAA membership card, form of payment and something to write with.

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