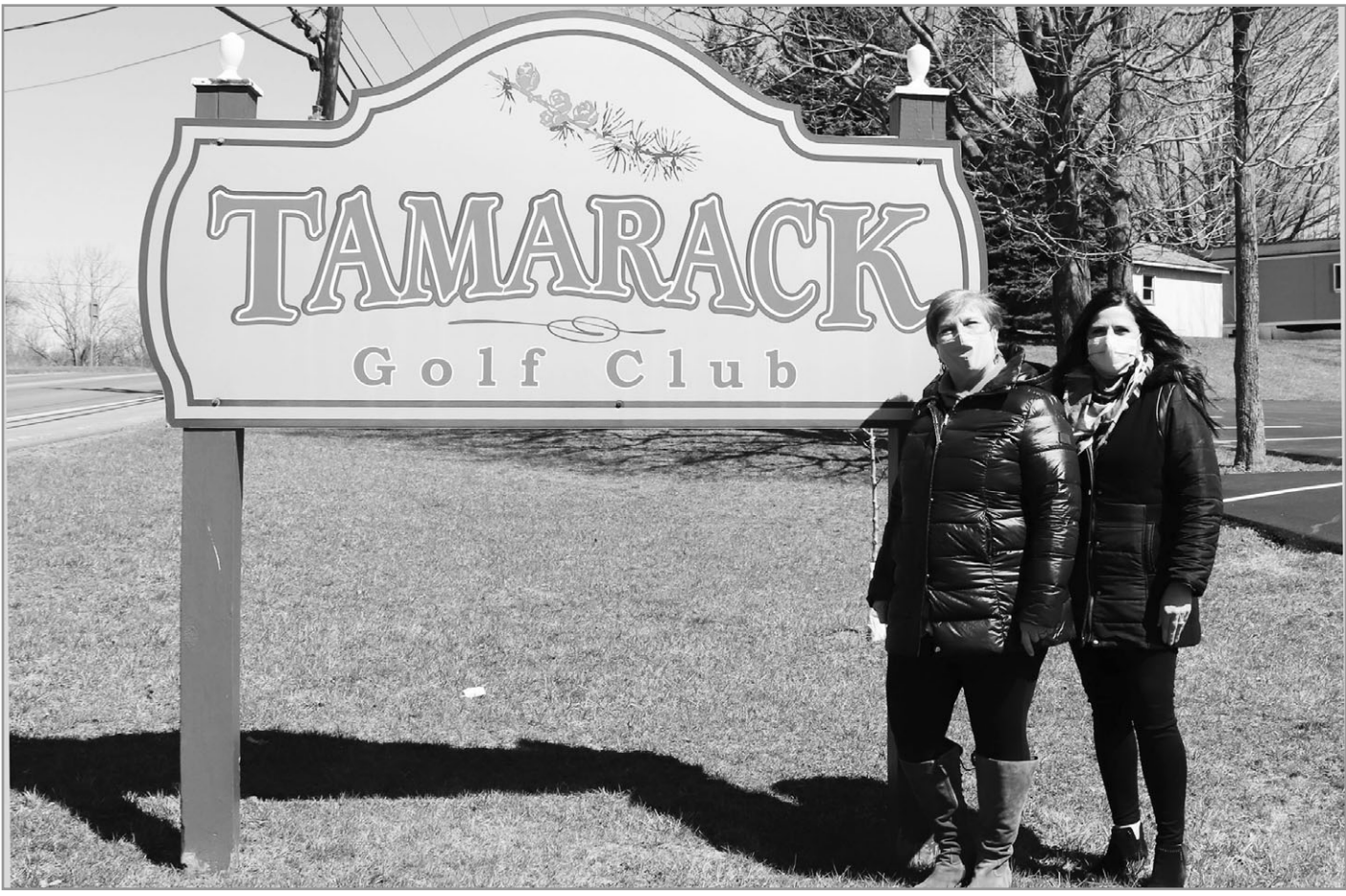


OCO Glow Ball Golf Tournament set for Aug. 20

OSWEGO — On Friday evening, Aug. 20, Oswego County Opportunities (OCO) will host its inaugural Glow-A-Fun Golf Tournament. Presented by G & C Foods in Syracuse, the tournament will begin at dusk with teams of four teeing off with special glow-in-the-dark golf balls as they take on the challenging course at the Tamarack Golf Club, 2021 county Route 1 in Scriba in an exciting “Best Ball” tournament. “With the year we’ve just gone through our Glow-A-Fun Golf Tournament offers golfers of all skill levels the opportunity to have some crazy fun outdoors in a safe environment,” said OCO Development Coordinator Bridget Dolbear. “In addition to golf there will be a number of games and contests that golfers can participate in. There will also be prizes, food and refreshments. And of course, for the safety of our guests, all COVID safety protocols will be adhered to.” Proceeds from the tournament will support OCO’s Opportunities for all initiative fighting poverty and empowering individuals and families to help themselves and to help each other. “For 55 years, OCO has been committed to fighting poverty and helping people thrive in a healthy and safe community,” said OCO Executive Director Diane Cooper-Currier. “No other local nonprofit organization provides so many diverse services that address self-sufficiency, health, nutrition, housing, education, crisis intervention, transportation, and family and skill building. We invite community members, businesses, and organizations to join us for a truly unique and exciting evening of ‘glow ball’ golf and help us in our efforts to continue to fight poverty in our community.” “We are proud to welcome G & C Foods as the presenting sponsor the event,” added Dolbear. “G & C Foods is a steadfast supporter of OCO and we are fortunate to count them among our partners.” Headquartered in Syracuse, G & C Foods is a food service re-distributor of refrigerated, frozen and dry food. The company stores and delivers more than 4,000 food items to meet the needs of customers from Maine to Florida. Save the date and start putting your team together for an evening of golfing fun like no other. For more information, including sponsorship and corporate team opportunities visit www.oco.org or contact Dolbear at 315-598-4717, ext. 1082 or via email at bdolbear@oco.org.



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Oswego County Opportunities (OCO) Executive Director Diane Cooper Currier, left, and OCO Development Coordinator Bridget Dolbear meet at Tamarack Golf Club, 2021 County Route 1 in Scriba to discuss details for OCO’s inaugural Glow-A-Fun Glow Ball Golf Tournament. Presented by G & C Foods of Syracuse, the Glow-A-Fun Glow Ball Tournament will take place Friday evening, Aug. 20.

Subnivean Awards to feature all-star writers’ discussion, finalists’ readings

OSWEGO — “Lemony Snicket” author Daniel Handler, April Sinclair (one of Oprah’s “25 Living Legends”) and luminary poet Arisa White will share their knowledge and insights in conversation, hosted by and for SUNY Oswego’s community but also made open to the public because of their level of popularity. The virtual chat featuring these Subnivean Awards judges, followed by finalists reading their work, will mark the first-ever literary competition showcase for the college’s student-run literary publication, at 7 p.m. on April 22. After the three celebrity authors chat, the audience will hear the work of Subnivean Awards finalists — poets Chaun Ballard, Joan Kwon Glass, Canaan Morse and Emma Wynn; fiction writers Nicole Lynn Cohen, Jared Green, Angie Kang and Kyle Rea. Register to attend this free event at bit.ly/subnivean.



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Arisa White (pictured), who virtually visited SUNY Oswego last semester as part of the Living Writers Series, is among an all-star panel of judges and a writers discussion for the first-ever Subnivean Awards at 7 p.m. on April 22. “Lemony Snicket” author Daniel Handler and April Sinclair (one of Oprah’s “25 Living Legends”) will join White for a conversation preceding readings from the finalists of the inaugural awards for the college’s student-run literary publication Subnivean.

“We were blown away when all three graciously agreed to serve as the final judges of our international Subnivean Awards competition in poetry and fiction, selecting the winners and writing blurbs about the winning works,” said Soma Mei Sheng Frazier, an English and creative writing member who teaches the Creative Writing 313 class that coordinates the publication and awards. “And while we were jumping up and down, pinching ourselves, we thought, we want the entire SUNY Oswego campus to feel this way!” Frazier added. “So, we decided to invite the entire Oz community to a virtual literary event featuring Dan, Arisa and April in conversation.” The finalists came from hundreds of submissions over a period of months from across North America as well as Europe, Asia, Africa, Central America and Oceania. “We wished beyond reason that we could name at least 600 finalists,” Frazier said. “But we buckled down and focused, and in the end, chose the eight authors whose words haunted us long after we’d set their manuscripts aside: whispering to us in classrooms, shouting

to us across courtyards.” The April 22 celebration “is all about great dialogue and great literature,” Frazier added. “We’ll start with the celebrity judges in conversation, then move on to readings by the Subnivean Awards finalists.”

Learning opportunity

For SUNY Oswego students, selecting pieces then planning and executing an awards competition — one that additionally showcases celebrity authors — has been an amazing professional-level learning experience. “When I registered for the CRW 313: Digital Narrative class, I did not expect to be able to get first-hand experience of being an editor for such an established publication,” said Allyson Voerg, who serves as the student editor-in-chief of Subnivean. “This class has certainly surpassed my expectations.”

The process allowed Voerg’s immersion into literature from authors across the globe but also learning how to be the “student face” of a publication corresponding with accomplished authors. “I quickly learned what makes a piece of literature stand out from hundreds of submissions as being high-caliber and worthy of publication. “I have felt what it is like to be an editor in the field, which is something I would not have been able to learn without being a part of Subnivean. Being editor-in-chief has given me a valuable step towards becoming an editor after I graduate, preparing me for a possible future career.” As the publication’s fiction editor and event co-host, Shannon Sutorius has learned plenty about managing Submittable — a widely used submission management software, as well as how to market and plan a big event. As a writer, she has used Submittable from the user end, but seeing the recipient end, which includes voting and commentating on submissions, has helped her to understand the writing, editing and publication process better. “The submissions were so high quality and competitive,” Sutorius noted. “I am really excited to honor our finalists who absolutely deserve to get this award, and I hope they’ll be comforted by the presence of one of the editors who decided they got to be there hosting the event.” As the student events manager, Adelis Santos has learned more about planning an event, as well as about Oswego and creative writing majors, while cherishing “the opportunity to piece together an event that can become the catalyst for many more awards to come,” Santos said. “I’ve been able to communicate with many students that are each playing a role within Subnivean and the upcoming awards,” Santos explained. “Learning about Subnivean this semester has also given me a resource to read local pieces and give my writer friends a place to submit their work and even get recognized for it.”

For more information about the student-run digital publication or the April 22 showcase, visit Subnivean.org.

Oswego County businesses help Girl Scout cookie sales through pandemic’s second season

CICERO — Troops in the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council (GSNYPENN) sold 1,260,493 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies during the 2021 season, roughly 88 percent to the projected fundraising goal of 1.4 million boxes. The program ran Dec. 19 through March 28. Regional goals were adjusted due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic for a second cookie season and as fewer girls than usual chose to participate in the organization’s largest annual fundraiser. All members had the option to safely take part in any way they felt most comfortable: online, in-person following safety protocols or by taking this season off. “Through the assistance of generous community partners and the public, our Girl Scouts were able to do what they do best this cookie season: lead. We could not be prouder of the ways in which our girls, troops and adult volunteers embraced this ‘new normal’ so that girls could safely take part in an annual tradition that allows them a sense of normalcy during challenging times. It’s truly inspiring to see the convergence of leadership, perseverance and strength that took place this cookie season. Our girls further honed real-world leadership skills that will carry them well into the future,” says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale. Girls learn financial literacy, practice entrepreneurship and develop essential leadership skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics during the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. Purchases support local Girl Scouts who use the earnings to power experiences for themselves and their troops. Funds raised always stay local and are used for community service projects, council programming, summer camp adventures and more.

Gift of Caring donations

Through the council’s Sweet Support Gift of Caring annual service project, 24,556 boxes sold were purchased by customers. Cookies are being donated to Meals on Wheels programs (9,585 boxes) and local first responders (14,971 boxes) like fire and police departments, Sherriff’s offices and state police across the council’s 24 counties in New York and two in northern Pennsylvania. Cookies are being sent to participating Meals on Wheels in all GSNYPENN counties, including Oswego. Meals on Wheels experienced an increase in the number of community members requesting services again this year due to the pandemic. The network supports more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. Girl Scout Cookies provide an extra special treat to meal recipients. In addition, GSNYPENN and its membership would like to thank the following Oswego County “cookie community partners” for their extraordinary support during the 2021 program. These area businesses partnered with local troops to provide a learning experience in marketing and sales, allowing girls to run their cookie businesses inside of their locations. Oswego County area businesses include: Hair Here N There, Garafolo’s, Red’s Scriba Market, Ontario Orchards, Marino’s Italian Restaurant, Paul’s Big M, Joa’s Pizza, Stefano’s Pizzeria & Restaurant, Damiano’s Eatery and Blended Nutrition. Girl Scouts serves girls in grades K-12. Annual membership is \$25. Financial assistance is available. To register a girl, visit gsnypenn.org/join. To become an adult volunteer, learn more at gsnypenn.org/volunteer. To help make Girl Scouting possible for girls in your community, visit gsnypenn.org/donate.



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