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A FLYNN FAREWELL

John Flynn retires as Town of Peru youth director after 25 years



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Former Town of Peru Youth Director John Flynn speaks at one of the town's youth commission baseball programs. Flynn retired from the youth director position this summer after 25 years on the job.

BY BEN WATSON

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PERU – For the last 25 years, the Town of Peru's Youth Commission has grown exponentially in its impact, with the quarter century seeing its programs transition from smaller operations that played at school facilities to the robust programs that play at the sprawling complex that north of Glens Falls really," it knows today.

And through it all, John Flynn helped shepherd the commission forward in the position of Youth Director.

THE START

When the opportunity came for Flynn — the father of three then-young daughters - to take the director position, it felt like a continuation of family tradition, while also creating chances for his and the town's kids to get involved with sports.

"My family has been involved with sports forever. My grandfather started Plattsburgh Little League a long, long time ago; my dad coached, I've coached, so sports was always in my blood," Flynn said. "If it wasn't about the kids, I wouldn't have taken the job. Kids need as much activities as they can get, and I'm proud to have helped provide that."

in May 1997, all programs son, to helping run the team were put on at Peru Central School's fields.

It was a couple years into ational leagues. the job when Flynn and then-Peru Town Supervisor pressed to find someone who Ken Jahn started their vision didn't have one important for Lapham Mills, the athletic complex that the programs utilize today.

Flynn said. "It was a wooded area, and we got a grant and started putting in some fields."

And in time, the area became the large facility that now includes four baseball/ softball multi-use fields and not have necessarily agreed eight soccer fields.

"He was tirelessly working on those fields," former Youth Commission Chairperson Greg Mills said. "I was on the board for over 10 years, and Lapham Mills' fields, he turned those fields into what they are today."

PUT THE KIDS FIRST

The commission offers youth programs for several age ranges for baseball and softball in the summer and soccer in the fall, as well as other children's activities in the summer.

Flynn has seen the numbers of those programs grow greatly over the years, being involved in everything from

When he started on the job prepping the fields each seadrafts to overseeing just about every aspect of the recre-

And you would be hardthing in common to say about John: he put the kids first.

Whether that be in his "It's the best kept secret more obvious way of working tirelessly on the fields, or the more administrative side of navigating personalities among parents and volunteer coaches, and working with local governments and refer-

> "Sometimes parents may with it, but he always tried to make sure that the best interests of all the kids were thought of," Jen Madore, another youth commission chairperson who worked with Flynn, said. "In his position, you're dealing with different municipalities, you're dealing with umpires, you're dealing with the county, you're dealing with parents."

Mills echoed Madore's sentiments, also recalling instances when he thought that there was no way games wouldn't get canceled in years with some big spring down-

"There should have been no way they would be ready

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for games, yet he'd be out there pumping water off the fields, raking them into game condition," Mills said. "Anybody else could have just washed their hands of it and said we'll just cancel the games, but John didn't want to cancel games, he wanted to play."

Michael Madore, Jen's husband who coached soccer and softball for many years in the Peru programs as their daughter played and helped Flynn with field maintenance from time to time, regularly saw and appreciated his efforts, as well.

"It was nice to see that there was someone willing to spend the time and do whatever was needed," Michael Madore said. "He was always there on draft nights for all of the teams, he was always present."

MAKING RELATIONSHIPS

On top of the successes of building up Lapham Mills and the increasing the size of the town's programs, Flynn said he also felt lucky to get to build many relationships and help area youth grow up over the years.

In particular, he mentioned the commission's practice of hiring teenagers 14 years and older to help as part-time rec assistants to help run the summer programs as a rewarding experience.

"For many of them, it's like their first job interview," Flynn said. "I'm really proud of the fact that sometimes they'll come back and say, 'Hey thanks for doing that for me, because it helped me get through this interview down the line."

And he's seen many families grow up in front of him, reminiscing on one family that has had four different brothers work on field maintenance over the course of the last 10 years.

"I've had dads in the program that coach and then end up being grandfathers, and the kids they were coaching end up coaches," Flynn said.

MOVING ON

Someone will have to fill John's roll, but it will take quite the person to fulfill that need.

"I think we should name field one (at Lapham Mills) 'Flynn Field,' that's just my opinion," Mills said of Flynn's impact on the program.

Flynn himself had some very simple advice for anyone who might



PHOTO PROVIDED

Former Peru Youth Director John Flynn looks on at one of the Town of Peru's youth commission 2019 soccer programs. In his 25 years in the job, Flynn saw the commission's programs grow greatly, as well as the programs' transition to play at the Lapham Mills athletic complex.

step into his shoes.

"Make sure it's all about the kids and only about the kids," Flynn said. "The kids are our future, and we gotta protect them, teach them a bit, and give them plenty of stuff to do."

Flynn mentioned Cortland Forrence, Tina Covey and Roger Bonner as three Town Board members in particular who greatly helped him in his earlier days as director, but added that everybody involved in all the different areas of the youth commission have contributed to his time with the commission to make it as successful as it was.

"Thanks to everybody who has been a part of it. Whether you were a coach, a parent, a volunteer or a player, we have the best youth programs in the tri-county area," Flynn said. "I just want to thank everybody for all their help, because there's no way I could have done it myself."

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The sun sets over a soccer field, playground and picnic area at Lapham Mills, the athletic complex that John Flynn spent many of his 25 years as Town of Peru youth director building. "I was on the board for over 10 years, and Lapham Mills' fields, he turned those fields into what they are today," former Youth Commission Chairperson Greg Mills said.

Kyle Hall takes top spot in MLF Pro Circuit tournament on Lake Champlain

PLATTSBURGH — Kyle Hall sat just an ounce shy of Hall. on the hot seat with two competitors headed to the scales at the end of the sixth stop of the 2022 MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit.

boated during a 10-man shootout on Championship Monday was enough to get him close to a trophy and a \$135,000 payday; but, to claim it, he would have to go through a Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit champion and his closest trail brother.

Prolific angler Jon Canada was up first. Canada, who already claimed a Pro Circuit win this year at Pickwick, was on a tear and the entire lake knew it. According to the tournament's unofficial live leaderboard, Canada was tied atop the standings with Hall. But, when the veteran's monstrous bag of smallmouth finally hit the scales, it came in at 21-5 —

across the screen, Canada smiled and

"We were talking about a fish-off The 21 pounds, six ounces he in the line," said Canada, referring to the one-hour fish-off that would break a tie for first place. "But I've already won one this year. I'm just as excited for these kids as I would be for me."

> As he left the stage, Canada pointed at Hall. Perhaps, because he knew an all-time Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit moment was about to take place. As Hall squirmed in the hot seat, the final angler approached. Dakota Ebare, his longtime roommate, stepped up to the stage.

rod for smallmouth on the tournament's final day. Like Canada, Ebare also carried a 21-pound total on the

When those numbers blinked scale, the crowd gathered on the first Pro Circuit Championship. Plattsburgh waterfront began to realize what was at stake.

"I wouldn't be standing on this in third place. stage today without Kyle and his family," Ebare said. "It gives me chills, you know? It chokes me up because his dad just saw a kid that wanted to go fishing pretty badly and he helped me get here."

As Ebare brought his fish individually to the scale, a tense numbers game played out in real time.

Ebare's first fish came in at 4-1, the exact same weight as Hall's just moments before. His second fish brought his total to 8-7, one ounce Ebare, too, had been a lightning less than Hall. The total grew to 12-9 by the third fish; up by one roommate," ounce on his close friend. With Hall said. "We one fish left to weight, Ebare's unofficial live leaderboard. As Ebare 16-13 bag needed a single 5-pound

Ebare didn't have it. His 21-1 total put the Brookeland, Texas, pro able to hone in on roving schools of

Hall took the win, the check, the trophy and the glory. Then,

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brothers shared it all on stage as a sea of friends, family, and photographers swarmed around. Stunned, Hall was nearly rendered speechless by the events.

"That's were up here for 59 days the first time we came up here to

learn how to catch smallmouth. We spent almost every day on the water between here and Ontario. There were days when we would ride together. There were days that we would go our separate ways. But we were out there every day that it wasn't too windy to learn and spend time on the water."

It was Ebare who connected Hall to the Coty family; New York locals that would welcome the anglers into their home over the next several years, offering a financially feasible way for two young anglers from Texas to learn the patterns and techniques of smallmouth country. And if today's result is

toted a hefty bag of bass towards the kicker to top Hall and capture his any indication, the brothers used that time effectively.

> Throughout the week, Hall was Lake Champlain smallmouth that were following transient bait.

"They weren't really in one

spot," he said. "I was chasing fish all over the place."

In two weeks, Tackle the Warehouse Pro Circuit will reconvene about 80 miles west of Plattsburgh. There, on the Lawrence River, the top 49 anglers from this year's season will battle it out for the Tack-

le Warehouse TITLE Presented by Mercury. After a rocky season, the newest Pro Circuit champion will not be in the field. But for the 25-yearold Hall, today's hard-earned win is a lesson in perseverance.

"I was blown away with the weight," Hall said. "I really didn't think I had that. But it just shows you — keep grinding."

After six years, hundreds of hotel rooms and thousands of hours on the water, the grind paid off.

Top 10 Pros

1, Kyle Hall, 21–6 (5); 2, Jon Canada, 21-5 (5); 3, Dakota Ebare, 21-1 (5): 4, Matt Becker, 18-13 (5): 5, Andy Newcomb, 18-7 (5); 6, Joey Cifuentes, 18-7 (5); 7, Kurt Mitchell 16-6 (5)8. Kyle Cortiana - 12 - 0 (5); 9, Alex Davis, 11-12 (5): 10. Skeet Reese, 0–0 (0).







Chazy Orchard's Sabour Tidjani (right) and 4th Ward's Connor Christopherson survey the field ahead as a loose ball heads toward the sideline during the North Country Men's Soccer League championship on Aug. 5 at the Plattsburgh State Field House Athletic Complex.

4th Ward F.C. edges out Orchards for NCSL title

PLATTSBURGH — In what was a thrilling, nail-biter of a game at the Plattsburgh State Fieldhouse soccer field, Brady Chanproved to be the winner, on Aug. 5.

Channel opened the scoring for 4th Ward on a pass from Austin Tetreault, hitting a 20-yarder past Briggs into the Orchards

The Orchards would push back in the second half, despite being down to 10 men

after an red card, with Sabour Tidjani and Jack Ferris just missing some chances.

Kyle Erickson was huge in goal for the nels' goal twenty minutes into the first half Ward, filling in for their injured keeper the captain really took the game into his own hands and stood tall as he made many huge stops in the last 10 minutes.

The NCSL had an attendance of close to 200 at the game, and the league is thrilled to have treated so many people to such a great



The 4th Ward squad smiles together with the North Country Men's Soccer League championship trophy after capturing a 1-0 victory over Chazy Orchards on Aug. 5 at the Plattsburgh State Field House Athletic Complex.

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5 YEARS AGO (2017)

Josh Martinez led the Plattsburgh RedBirds' offensive attack with two triples, two runs scored and three RBIs in the team's 10-2 win over Old Orchard Beach. **Christian Nazario-Crus** and **Damian Boyum** also had two hits each.

Zachery Breen threw a complete game on the bump as the Plattsburgh RedBirds took game one of a split twinbill against the Puerto Rico Islanders, 9-2 and 4-5.

Mike Perrotte passed on the outside of turn 4 of lap-20 to send himself to victory at the Egglefield Ford 358 Modified race at Airborne Park Speedway.

D'Aundray Van Slyke blasted a three-run homer to top off a huge four-run fifth inning, leading the Plattsburgh RedBirds to a 6-4 win over Puerto Rico.

Former Plattsburgh State women's hockey standout **Shannon Stewart** was selected by the Toronto Furies as the 23rd overall pick in the fourth round of the Canadian Women's Hockey League Draft.

Yordany Salva whacked a walk-off single that drove in the winning run to push the Plattsburgh RedBirds to a 10-9, 13-inning victory over the Old Orchard Beach Surge. The RedBirds also won game two, giving themselves a 2-0 lead in the Empire Professional Baseball League championship series.

Grant Black earned the pitching win as the Plattsburgh RedBirds captured the Empire Professional Baseball League championship, 7-4, in their inaugural season.

David Gilbert scored the game-winner in overtime to lift Clinton Community to a 2-1 win over Jamestown Community College in men's soccer action.

Jay LePage recorded his second hole-in-one at Bluff Point Golf Resort in Plattsburgh on the 166-yard, par 3, fifth hole with a 7-wood.

Kirsten Villemaire notched a hat trick to pace Beekmantown to a 5-1 win over Plattsburgh High in the Chazy Soccer Tournament. Avery Durgan scored the Eagles' other two goals and Jhenna Trombley tallied three assists.

10 YEARS AGO (2012)

Jon Parks was the top overall finisher with a time of 1:16:28 at the YTri at Point Au Roche State Park, while **Cassie Stellars**, who finished at 1:43:13, was the top female finisher.

Kyle Kowalowski launched a grand slam to lead the Lyon Mountain Miners to a 9-5 win over the Airborne Speedway Padres in Champlain Valley Baseball League play.

The Ronnie's Michigan team, consisting of **Ken Mousseau**, **Tom Wyand**, **Bill Meconi** and **Mike O'Connor**, posted the loss gross score in the 19th Annual ARC Foundation Golf Tournament at Adirondack Golf and Country Club.

David Waldron, of the Lyon Mountain Miners, helped to pace his team to a 9-5 win over the Airborne Speedway Padres in the CVBL championship game, while also earning the playoff Most Valuable Player honors.

Harry Rascoe threw three touchdowns and ran another one in as the Plattsburgh North Stars defeated the Vermont Ice Storm, 41-21.

Ryan Buck recorded his first ever hole-in-one at the Barracks Golf Course in Plattsburgh, using a 9-iron on the par-3, 7th hole.

Barton VanLeuvan carded a 68 to take the opening-round lead in the Men's Championship Flight at the North Country Golf Club championships, while **Caroline Hayes** led the way for the women's side with a 75.

Jamie Davison scored twice as **Jordan Knight** and **Matt Leta** added a goal apiece in Clinton Community College's 4-2 win over Onondaga in their season opener.

Adam Goldfarb secured a hat trick as the Beekmantown Eagles exploded for a 9-1 win over Plattsburgh High in the opening round of the Frankie Garrow Memorial Tournament. Austin Burl added two more goals while Pawandeep Singh, Zach Brockway, Brenden Carnright and Austin Proper each tallied one.

Elizabethtown-Lewis' **Kylee Cassavaugh** scored twice and **Katie Decker** once to lift the Lions to a 3-2 win over AuSable Valley in the AuSable Valley Tournament.

15 YEARS AGO (2007)

Shane Perrotte sent a ball down the right-field line to score **Joel Siskavich** in the Hockey Plus Padres' 4-3 win over the Plattsburgh Cardinals, in game one of the Champlain Valley Baseball League championship series.

The Rednex captured a 88-83 win over T. Maliniak Masonry to win the City of Plattsburgh Men's Basketball League title, with **Anthony Williams** exploding for 39 points to lead the way. **Wilson Navarro** added 18 points while **Travis Gorham** tossed in 16 and **Ricky McCann** tallied 13.

Plattsburgh High alum completed the Y-Tri in 1:22:43 for the first place overall finish, while **Jen-ny Goff** was the top female finisher with a 1:34:22 time.

Tom Neale picked up two victories on the mound as the Plattsburgh Cardinals swept the Hockey Plus Padres, 2-1 and 8-1, to win their second straight Champlain Valley Baseball League championship.

Courtney Coryea poured in 24 points as LB Enterprise/Lamberton Construction secured a spot in the City of Plattsburgh Women's Basketball League championship game with a 70-36 romp of Adirondack Custom Granite. Alex Forey added 17 points as Kari Garrand had 13 and Rachel Corvea tallied 11.



Todd Ashline pitched a shutout, leading Dunkin Donuts/Foster's to a 12-0 win over Muddawgs in the Adirondack Slo-Pitch Softball League. **Mike Rushford** led the offense with two home runs and four RBIs.

John Southwick was the star of the show, rapping out three hits, including two homers, and six RBIs to help rally Northern Corridor to a 13-7 win over Norm Baker & Sons in Adirondack Slo-Pitch League A Division action.

Josh Mesec was the overall winner of the Bud 5K Cross Country & BBQ event at Point Au Roche, also winning the 10-19 male category.

Rick Lamberton tallied three hits as he earned the win on the mound for Jreck Subs' 11-1 romp of Filion's, in Adirondack Slo-Pitch League play. Wally Pulsifer added four hits, Zach Latinville had three along with four RBI and Walter Lapan launched a home run.

Jamie LaBarge belted a three-run home to lead R.S. Forgette/Morrow's to a 14-2 triumph over Prowlers in Adirondack Slo-Pitch playoff action. Bob Matthews, Jason Mayette, Stacey Peryea, Dylan Lashway, Jon Wood and Fred Porter all rapped out two hits to contribute to the win.

20 YEARS AGO (2002)

Moose Lodge's **Kevin Jessey** lined a two-out, bases-loaded single to lift the team to a 10-9 victory over Police in the Plattsburgh Babe Ruth semifinals. He also notched a double, along with **Mike Murnane**, who pitched the first seven innings, but **Billy Davis** earned the win on the bump by throwing a scoreless eighth.

Cory Lawyer ran for 105 yards and a touchdown with just seven carries while quarterback Chris Trombley threw and ran one in in the Lake City Stars' 24-15 win over the Schenectady Metro Magic.

Magic. **Stephen Peryea** led Altona's offensive attack with three hits, including a three-run home run, a solo shot and an RBI single in the Hornets' 8-3 win

over the Plattsburgh Cardinals in CVBL play.

Joe Kowalowski allowed just two runs, six hits and fanned 10 batters as Elks Lodge edged out Moose Lodge, 4-2, in the Plattsburgh Babe Ruth League best-of-three championship series.

Nikki Lopez scored the game-winning goal to lead the Cobble Hill Flames to a 2-1 win over Elm Tree Inn in North Country Women's Soccer League play. **Jessica Warner** booted the other goal while **Jamie Mitchell** took the win in the net.

Tony Burl notched 21 points, **Jeremy Schneider** had 19 and **Mark Rabideau** added 17 to lead Maliniak Masonry to a 71-63 win over All Seasons in Peabody's Summer Basketball League action.

Steve St. Clair returned two pick-sixes as the Lake City Stars rolled to a 34-7 win over the Mohawk Valley Vikings in New York Amateur Football League action.

Nick DuBray tallied two triples and four RBIs in the Lyon Mountain Miners' 13-5 win over the Altona Hornets in the CVBL championship game, and was also chosen as the playoffs' Most Valuable Player

Matt King and Mary Lou Zaferakis won the Men's and Women's A Flights in the Annual Adirondack Golf & Country Club Championships, with scores of 74 and 77, respectively.

Matt Slattery teamed with his brother, Mark Slattery, to win the Men's Open at the North Country Tennis Association Doubles Tournament at Plattsburgh State, and then joined his sister Anne Slattery to win the Mixed Championship.

30 YEARS AGO (1992)

Randy Quayle took down **Bruce Beckstead**, 6-3, 6-4, in the finals to win the Men's A title in the North County Tennis Association championships. **Cindy Baker** won the Women's A title with a solid, 6-1, 6-2 win over **Anne Slattery**.

Steve Martin turned in a time of 21:33 to win a weekly time trial competition at Point Au Roche.

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Charlie Mitchell finished second and **Vaughn Joslyn** took third place.

Johnny Amell hit for the cycle, leading Norm Baker & Sons to a 16-3 win over McGee's in Adirondack Slo-Pitch League play.

Bobby McCorry and **Jim Davison** both rapped three hits, pacing Garceau's to a 19-2 rout over S&S Unlimited in Adirondack Slo-Pitch action.

Steve O'Hearn notched a 54:08 time to take top honors in the Lake Placid Mini-Triathlon, which featured 400-yard swim, 12-mile bike ride and three mile run.

Frank Trudeau went perfect, 3-for-3, at the plate while driving in two runs to pace Post 1619 to a 5-4 win over Wells Siding, sweeping the best-of-five A Division playoff in the Adirondack Slo-Pitch League. Marty Collins and Jeff Roussel also rapped out two hits each while Ernie Rock earned the win on the mound.

Lenny Favro, Charlie Stone, Dave Jenkins and Bob Fuller each tallied two hits as Jenkins Insurance secured a 9-5 win over Hackett's Plumbing & Heating in Adirondack Slo-Pitch League play.

Denise Simard blasted a tworun triple to pace Chazy over French Connection, 12-6, in a Women's City Softball League game. **Betsy Trombley and Erin Casey** rapped three hits each while **Yvette Pageau, Donna Dixon, Lee Brandon and Simard** all had two apiece.

Keith Mitchell of the Plattsburgh North Stars intercepted a pass in the third quarter, returning it for a 45yard touchdown, leading the team to a 25-14 win over the Twin County Vikings in Empire Football League

Defending Bluff Point Club champion **Tom Raville** moved into the semi-

finals against **George Bouyea** after defeating **Dan Girard** on the last hole.

40 YEARS AGO (1982)

Tammy Carpenter blasted a threerun homer and winning pitcher Cathy Phillips added a solo shot as Chazy women's softball team took down Gin Mill out of Oneida, 12-11, in the championship game of the Second Annual Vikings Slo-Pitch softball tournament.

Larry Barcomb earned the pitching win for Ellenburg as **Leo Miller**, **Danny Harris and Jim Miller** all ripped base hits to tie up the game and eventually win it over J&B/Pellerin's, 4-2.

Brenda Darrah of Leavitt's Potato Bugs limited Vinnie's Vamps to just four hits in a 15-3 romp to advance to the Saranac Lake Women's Softball League finals. Robin Hogan, Cindy Bombard, Ann Pillis and Joanne Marshall all tallied three hits apiece.

8-Post Tavern dominated Rushford Trucking, 21-0, with help from **Robin Bouyea** and winning pitcher **Mike Rascoe**, who both rapped out four hits.

Randy Quayle and Chris Lussi took home the top honors in the 6th Annual Press-Republican North Country Tennis Tournament. Charlie Lodge won the senior men's title and Tom Brown won the juniors.

Kevin Bushey launched a home run in Latinville's 8-0 blanking of Butcher Block in Adirondack Slow Pitch League action. Tom Latinville, Jeff Roussel and Bob McCorry all added triples to support Ben Hailey on the mound.

Brian Manning had three hits, including a double and triple, while **Roger Doster** picked up the pitching win as Sara-Placid Liquors defeated Blue Line, 4-1.

John Upham was the key on both offense and defense in the Gassmen's 3-2 win over Moody's Sunoco in the Larry Doyle Baseball League playoffs. He struck out 10 and allowed just four hits on the mound while going two-

for-four and scoring the winning run on offense.

Plattsburgh Police, behind the three-hit, 10 strikeout pitching of **Keith Sullivan**, worked to a 4-0 shutout over Mama Mia's in City Babe Ruth playoff action.

Peru's **Gary Butler** and AuSable Forks' **John Steffy** both blasted two home runs in their Champlain Valley Baseball League championship playoff opener, but Peru came up with the 12-4 win in the end.

50 YEARS AGO (1972)

Brothers Jim, John and Tom Shutts combined for six of the Ellenburg Eagles' eight hits in their 13-2 rout over Post 20 in CVBL play.

Pete Proctor earned the pitching win with 10 fanned batters and just two scattered hits in Beekmantown's 9-2 victory over Cumberland Head in Pony League action.

Stu Harrison and George Bouyea Jr. carded rounds of 36 and 38 for an 18-hole team total of 74, winning the scratch division of the Two-Man Best Ball Golf Tournament at Bluff Point.

Jean Paul Cabana secured his first victory at Plattsburgh International Raceway as he upset the circuit's hottest driver, **Bob Dragon**.

Barry Rock went 2-for-2 and took the mound win while **Mark Rewell** added a homer as West Plattsburgh doubled up South Plattsburgh, 14-7, in Little League action.

Charlie Kowalowski smacked a two-run double, punching in Carl Rounds for the winning run as the Lyon Mountain Miners took a 5-4 win over Peru in CVBL play.

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Bob Bruno Wells Round R

Happy LaMare notched a 41 to take top honors in Class A during a Ladies Day competition at Bluff Point Golf Club. **Anita Rubado** won Class B and **Midge Glenn** captured Class C.

In Dannemora's 17-2 rout of Morrisonville in the Senior Girls playoff semifinal, **Jane Canning** earned the pitching win as **Sue Buckley** and **Brenda Malone** both rapped doubles.

Mary Davis hit a grand slam as Maria Johnson and Pam Gordon went 6-for-6 at the plate, pacing PAFB to a 24-ll win over Dannemora in Babe Ruth Girls action.

Condo's jumped to a 15-5 win over the Red Lyon in the Gentlemen's Slo-Pitch finals, aided by **Bruce Stevens**' home run. **Bob Mehan, Al Daniela, Gordie Coryer and Jim Wells paced** the 23-hit offensive attack as **Rob Collins** secured the pitching win.

60 YEARS AGO (1962)

Scott Sumbler threw a three-hitter as CV Paint defeated Plattsburgh Stone, 12-1, in an American Little League game. Mike Flynn, Mark Vanhenvercwin, John Harnett and Dick Bleau each rapped out two hits in the win.

Mike Lopez pitched his second no-hitter of the season, with 12 strikeouts and one walk, leading Keeseville to a 5-0 win over Lyon Mountain in Clinton County Little League action.

Winning pitcher **Wally Stone** contributed on both sides of the ball as Diamond National defeated Deliri, 6-2, in City League action. He struck out three and whacked a two-run double in the victory.

Evelyn Blair hit a homer and **Nancy Wallace** rapped four hits as Elks Rugar St. defeated Beekmantown, 26-12, in girls softball action.

Bob Bedard pitched a three-hitter as Lash shut out Bay View, 7-0, in American Little League play. He struck out four and walked two as **Larry Wells** rapped out a triple and Bill Pearsall a double.

Bob Bruno won the Sportsmen feature as **Don Hayes** took the Road feature at Airborne Park.

In YMCA basketball league play, **Tom Loughan** led the Johnnies to a 63-31 win over the Hosers with 20 points. **Bob Lamare** followed with 12 points.

Miles Huckeba threw a one-hitter, leading Schuyler Falls to a 15-4 victory over Dannemora in a Clinton County Babe Ruth game. **Terry Bruno** and

Brian Huckeba each had four hits, including a double each, in the win.

Richard Buskey of Newell's rolled a

Richard Buskey of Newell's rolled a high single game of 222 in the Wednesday Nite Hawks League while Arnold Mousseau of Cathy's bowled a high tripe of 522. Truella Carpenter of the Leona's Beauty Shop team bowled a high single and triple game, 205 and 495, for the ladies side.

Jack Ferrara knocked a homer to lead Diamond National to a 3-0 win over GD-A in a city softball matchup.

70 YEARS AGO (1952)

Al Sunderville notched a double, Emmett Grieg smacked a triple and John Davidson homered as the Champlain College All-Stars defeated Lido Club in an exhibition softball game, 6-5. Vince Episcopio took the pitching win.

Charles Brown recorded a no-hit, no-run shutout to lead the Plattsburgh Dodgers past the Plattsburgh Royals, 9-0, in junior circuit baseball.

Kevin O'Connor slammed two homers to left field to pace the Plattsburgh A's in their 5-3 triumph over the Malone Flames.

Charles Andrews Jr. struck out 14 of 15 batters faced in the South Plattsburgh Giants' 2-0 win over Woods Mills. Gary Martineau launched two

home runs in a Lido Club victory over Korina, 14-9, in City Softball League play.

Behind the one-hit pitching of **Leroy Tyndall**, the Hornets romped the Saints, 10-3, in a Clinton County Junior League match. **Clayton Defayette** slammed a two-run homer to lead the offense.

Milt Rockwell worked a walk and stole the rest of the bases to score, leading Lido to a 4-0 blanking over Scheiers in City Softball action.

With a home run from **Rodney Brunelle** and a triple from **Bernard Momot,** Dannemora worked to a 2-0 victory over Keeseville in a County Grasshopper League game.

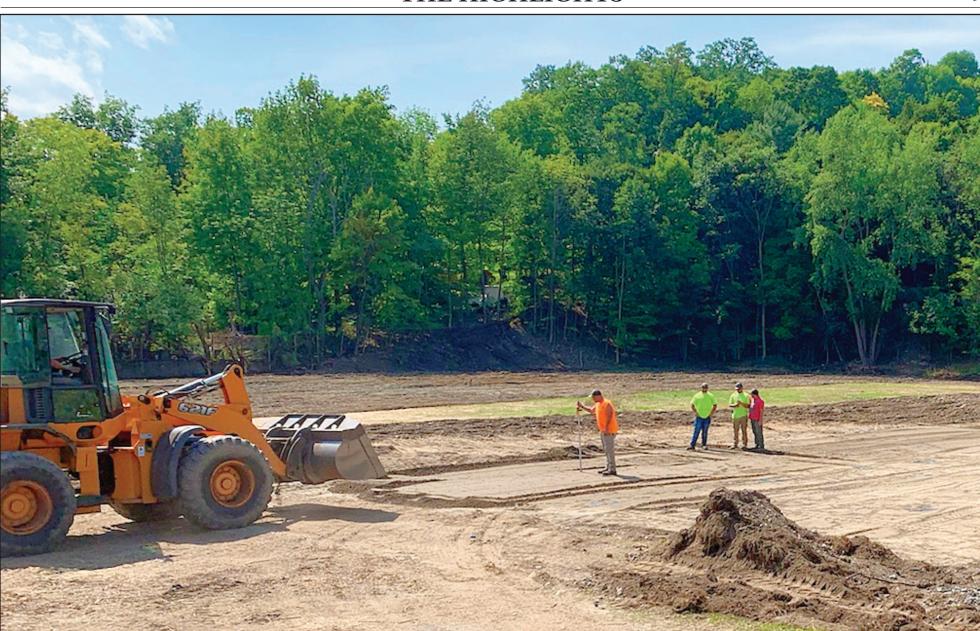
Roger Tolosky tallied five hits in his seven times at bat, collecting one triple, two doubles and two singles to lead

Lyon Mountain to a 10-3 win over Rheingold. His brother, **Pickles Tolosky**, notched a triple and three singles in the win.

Behind the six-hit pitching of **Tom Tewksbury**, the Plattsburgh A's secured a 3-0 win over the St. Albans Giants in Northern Baseball League action. **Bob Koperwhats and Jim Meyers** both singled in the win, while **Ted Solomon and Jack Vail** each rapped a bunt hit.







LOHR MCKINSTRY/P-R PHOTO

A Moriah Town Highway Department crew works on the new Moriah sports park at College and Church streets in Port Henry. The public facility will include ballfields and a basketball court.

Moriah sports park shaping up

BY LOHR MCKINSTRY

Press-Republican

PORT HENRY — The Town of Moriah has acquired the old Port Henry High School property and is turning it into a public sports park.

When the town got the property, it was a crater filled with rubble, remnants of school bleachers and a walled-in playing field.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

But that's all changed, Moriah

Town Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava

"This will be really nice," he said. "There will be athletic fields and a basketball court."

The property at College and Church streets had been vacant since the old high school was destroyed in a fire and razed in 2004. The previous owner, Neptune Issue Inc. of New Jersey, stopped paying the taxes on it and Essex County took possession and turned it over to the town.

EYEING 2023 OPENING

Moriah Highway Superintendent Jamie Wilson and his crew have been grading the property and removing the debris left over from the high school demolition.

The concrete wall on one side had to be shored up because it was caving in he said

in, he said.

Wilson said the new park will include two ballfields and a 50x90-foot

basketball court. The basketball court

will be paved soon, he said, and the

athletic fields seeded, but the facility probably won't open until 2023.

ASSET TO COMMUNITY

"It's going to be good," he said. "It will be a great asset to the community."

He said Little League teams can use the ballfields. The ones at Linney Field in Mineville are in constant use during the season

during the season.

"We've been working on it for three weeks," Wilson said. "It's really coming along."

Port Henry High School, located at 47 College St., was built in 1917. The last graduating class was in 1967, just before the Moriah Central School opened.

Wilson and his workers can be seen reshaping the property almost every day, Scozzafava said.

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10U Roos take weekend tournament

The 10U KC North Roos went 4-0 over on Aug. 13 and 14 to claim the 10U division of the Battle of the Burgh Geoffrey Scott Duquette Memorial Baseball tournament.

In pool play, the Roos defeated Malone, 22-2, and the Adirondack Chill, 18-1, securing the No.

In the semi-finals the Roos knocked off Northern Frontier, 19-3, before beating Massena, 9-4, to take the championship.

On the mound, the Roos limited opponents to a total of 10 runs, with strong pitching performances coming from Evan Guynup, Kellan Parks, Zeno LaFave, Landon Preston, Nate Betrus, Elliot Peryer and Joe Lomanto.

Tournament Stats

Kellan Parks: 8H, 10R, 5RBI; Nate Betrus: 8H, 7 R, 3RBI; Patrick Ryan: 6H, 9R, 2 RBI; Blake Lautenschuetz: 7H, 4R, 8RBI; Elliot Peryer: 4H, 6R, 7RBI; Evan Guynup: 6H, 5R, 4RBI; Zeno LaFave: 3H, 4R, 6RBI; Landon Preston: 7H, 6R, 2RBI; Rowen Rabideau: 4H, 4R, 2RBI; Joe Lomanto: 3H, 5R, 2RBI; Brady MacNerland: 3H, 3R, 2RBI; Jacoby Waldron: 2H, 5R, 2RBI

Memorial Tournament this past weekend.



The 10U KG Roos baseball team poses after winning the 10U division of the Battle of the Burgh Geoffrey Scott Duquette Memorial Baseball tournament on Aug. 13 and 14.

12U Roos win Battle of the Burgh Tournament



The KC North Roos 12U team poses after winning the 2022 Battle of the Burgh Geoffrey Scott Duquette

The KC North Roos 12U team captured its own home tournament, winning the 2022 Battle of the Burgh Geoffrey Scott Duquette Memorial Tournament, Aug. 13 and 14.

The 12U division was held at Gunner Baseball Fields in Altona.

The Roos went 4-0 on the weekend.

In pool play the Roos beat Ticonderoga, 5-2, on Friday night and Massena, 3-2, on Saturday to grab the No. 1 seed going into Sunday's playoffs.

In the semi-final game, the Roos came out on top in a rematch with Ticonderoga, getting a strong pitching performance from Tripp Hicks.

Hicks allowed just one run on four hits and struck out 12 Ti hitters in a complete game performance. Roos would take the semi final game 5-1.

In the finals, the Roos would send Jackson Daunais to the mound against a strong-hitting St Lawrence Swing team.

Jackson would go the distance, allowing just one run on six hits and striking out 11 Swing hitters. The Roos bats would then come alive in the championship game scoring 12 runs on 13 hits to capture the championship, 12-1, in 5 innings.

On the mound, Wyatt Barton, John Tower, Tripp Hicks and Jackson Daunais combined for 43 Ks one the weekend, allowing just six runs on 13 hits in 23 innings.

In addition to the complete game in the championship, Daunais would also pick up saves against Ti and Massena in the two pool play games. The Roos' defense was solid all weekend, committing only three errors in its four games.

Tournament Stats

John Tower: 8-13, 5R, 2RBIs; Brody Blaise-Smith: 5-11, 1R; Aiden Howell: 5-13, 3R, 3RBIs; Ryan Brown 4-10 IR and 3RBIs; Wyatt Barton: 3-8, 3R, 3RBIs; Hayden Schad: 3-11, 4R, 2RBIs; Tripp Hicks: 3-11, 2R, 2RBIs; Jackson Daunais: 3-12, 2R, 3RBIs



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Plattsburgh State's defense clashes with St. Lawrence during a game that the Cards fell in, 16-0. Cardinals pictured, in white, include Larry Hill (25), Steve Garcia (42), Don Daley (24) and Rhahin Glark (88) on September 15, 1972.



ROB FOUNTAIN/P-R FILE PHOTO

Heidi Dragoon (left) congratulates Elyse Lafountain (3) as Madonna Bertrand (21) and Hailey Collins (5) jog on the field after a Clinton Community College goal. All four athletes played in local high-school programs and worked to an undefeated 2003 regular season.



ALVIN REINER/P-R FILE PHOTO

Hanna Whitney (11) of Keene winds up for the shot that would end up being her 100th career goal as Willsboro's Alex Bliss tries to catch up and defend in a Northern Soccer League game, September 16, 2016, in Keene.

TO FLASHBACK



P-R SPORTS PHO



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TO FLASHBACK



P-R FILE PHOTO Steve Chilton (left) of Northern Adirondack moves toward a loose ball as Northeastern Clinton goalie John Forkey [28] attempts to kick the shot out. The Bobcats would come up with a 2-0 victory in the end.

MIKE DOWD/P-R PHOTO

Plattsburgh State's Marc Whitman (11) is congratulated by teammate Todd Bennett after giving the Cardinals a 4-0 lead against Oswego State, September 25, 1992. Whitman also notched an assist in Plattsburgh's 6-0 win.

KELLI CATANA/P-R FILE PHOTO

Sean Bacon (10) of Seton Catholic and Braxton Raymond (12) of Beekmantown fight for possession of the ball during a Champlain Valley Athletic Conference soccer match, September 29, 2008. The Eagles defeated the Knights, 2-0.



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