



D.A.R.E. Run succeeds despite rain

By Utsav Bansal

NEWS

Many students showed up for the 11th annual Dare Run, which was held this past Saturday, September 13, although the event was affected by rain for the second consecutive year.

Many people expressed their thoughts prior to the race. Freshman Seth Rosenblak stated, "I have this dry film at the end of my throat. That just means I'm anxious." Also in attendance was the freshman cross country team which placed 3 out of 19 teams at the Shaker Invitational earlier that morning.

Monitoring the race by bike was Officer Gary Connor, the Dare officer in Niskayuna. "The Dare Run is supposed to be a community event, a fun-filled evening of activities. The Dare Run was [originally intended to be] a fair, which didn't have such a great turn out that we have today," remarked Conner. All age groups were well represented at the run. Food tickets sold out in the first few hours of the event.

Familiar faces in the crowd of runners included Physical Education teacher

Carol Baldwin along with her field hockey team. When questioned before the race, she replied, "My goal is just to finish and since my field hockey team is here with me, it is a group effort. Niskayuna High School principal Mr. Rickert finished with a 28:40 time.

There were three races on Saturday: a 5K, a 1 mile run/walk, and a 100 yard dash for the kids. The 5K (3.2 miles) stretched along around the school and down Nott Street and back. The winner of the

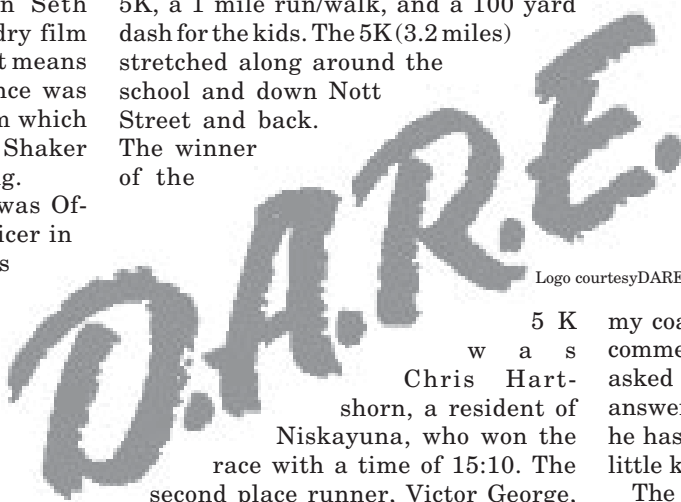
going to win. After you get to know your running mates, it is easy to level and see where you will stand." Hartshorn went on to say that he enjoys the sport of running and runs 70 to 80 miles a week, even during the winter. Hartshorn received an engraved Seiko watch at the award ceremony.

Niskayuna Caitlin McTague was the first woman to cross the finish line in the 5K ran a time of 17:42. McTague was also presented with a Seiko watch. Congratulations to Stefan Dosch, a seventh grader at Van Antwerp, who finished first place in the mile with a time of 6:12. "The people who encouraged me to come here today was

my coach, Coach DeRocco and my dad," comments Dosch. When Mr. Dosch was asked about his son's performance, he answers, "I am very proud of my son and he has been running since he was just a little kid. He has always enjoyed it."

The new high school pool and athletic facility's grand opening after the event with a full complement of fireworks.

◆With additional reporting by Jesse Conti



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Fun Day aids Niskayuna children

By Laura Simpson and Joshua Xiong

NEWS

On Saturday, October 4th at 3:00 pm, a Family Fun Day will be held at River Road park to raise money for the research of Neurodegeneration Brain Iron Accumulation, a rare and incurable genetic disorder of the brain from which two local girls, Alyssa and Sabrina Barbiero, suffer.

NBIA is a disorder that causes iron deposits to accumulate in the brain. It inhibits the neuro-motor skills, provoking problems with physical abilities we of-

ten take for granted, such as walking and talking. Due to a recent discovery of the gene that causes the defect, the chances of finding a cure have raised from a dismal 5% to a promising 70%. All proceeds from the Family Fun Day will help fund research for a cure.

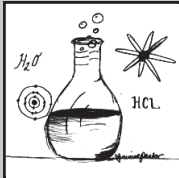
The two girls, Alyssa and Sabrina Barbiero, both attend elementary school at Rosendale. Alyssa is a second grader while her sister, Sabrina, is in the third grade. We interviewed Patrice McMorrow-Klemballa, who knows the Barbiero family personally

and is responsible for putting together the race on the 4th. "Alyssa missed a lot of school last year when her condition worsened," Patrice cheerfully commented. "It's a great way to pull the community together." A few local organizations have already been very generous. "We hope to raise about 20 thousand dollars. Some local stores have lent all sorts of things to give...T-shirts and many different raffle prizes. A microwave and a DVD have also been donated by some organizations," she added.

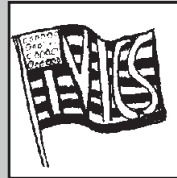
Apparently, *The Warrior* isn't the only one who has given the Barbiero's story attention. According to Patrice, *The Gazette* and *Times Union* are also interviewing them. Patrice would like to extend her deepest appreciation to the members our high school's Key Club and Michelle Stopera. We sincerely wish the Barbiero family the best of luck with their endeavor and hope our fellow students will come to Family Fun Day to sponsor the NBIA on the 4th.

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NEWS BRIEFS



CHEMISTS: The Chem Demos meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd, at 2:45 at in room D201. New members are welcome.



COURTYARD DANCE: Tonight from 8-11 in the courtyard. This dance is sponsored and will benefit NICS. Come watch the battle of the senior DJ's.



AIDS WALK: NICS and Visibility are both helping to sponsor the annual AIDS Walk. It will be held this Sunday at 1 pm, in Albany's Washington Park. Donation forms are due today.



HOMECOMING: The date of Homecoming of has been changed to October 4th from 8-11. This dance is sponsored by Pep Club. Start asking your dates now!



NICSBBQ: NICS is holding a barbeque for anyone interested this Saturday in River Road Park from 2-5 pm. Everyone is welcome.



WARRIOR: *The Warrior* is always looking for new staff writers for the news, sports, feature, entertainment, and opinion sections. Stop by afterschool on Mondays and Thursdays in room D103 for more information.

Benefit to be held to support local girls

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Those wishing to volunteer, or desiring further information can contact Patrice McMorrow-Klemballa at 346-5726. Alternatively, you can write your name, address, and phone number along with information regarding how you would like to volunteer and leave it in her mailbox at 693 Maple Lane in Niskayuna. There is a flyer entitled "Neighborhood Challenge" available in the High School Main office, if you need any sort of additional information, or have questions.



Photo courtesy Patrice McMorrow-Klemballa

ALL SMILES: Niskayuna residents Alyssa and Sabrina Barbiero, students at Rosendale elementary, suffer from the rare brain disorder NBIA.

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3 pm
River Road
Park*