

BROADALBIN & PERTH

Project Summer program provides educational summer fun

More than 70 students at Broadalbin-Perth Elementary School are participating in the Project Summer Program, which offers an enriching summer experience that goes beyond the average summer school, according to a news release.

Project Summer aims to not only enhance the participating students' academic skills but also nurture their problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and teamwork, providing them with a well-rounded summer experience, the statement said.

The academic program is specifically designed to provide extended learning opportunities in reading, writing, and math for students who may require additional support.

The four-week-long Project Summer Program revolves around project-based learning, incorporating interactive, hands-on activities to make learning enjoyable and effective.

Throughout the program, students immerse themselves in various themes, including "Cruisin' into Summer," "Lights, Camera, Action," "Lost in Space" and "It's a Mystery."

During the first week, students collaborated to construct a cruise ship, fostering teamwork and creativity among the students.



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Graduation ceremony



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Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara attended Liberty ARC's National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) inaugural E-Badge Graduation Ceremony in Amsterdam. Pictured with the assemblyman and the graduates are city of Amsterdam Mayor Michael Cinquanti, Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders, OPWDD Acting Associate Commissioner Alison Pingelski, NADSP NYS E-Badge Academy Administrator Kathy Brown, Liberty ARC COO Candace Opalka, Liberty ARC staff members Sarah Stygles and Melissa Lais.

AMSTERDAM

Knights of Columbus Feast of the Assumption Festival

The Amsterdam Knights of Columbus Council 209 recently announced that its annual Feast of the Assumption festival will return on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 12 to 6 p.m. at 193 W. Main St.

The festival will kick off with a procession of the Blessed Virgin at noon, and the festivities will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The event, now in its eighth year, will offer a fun, safe, outdoor event. In addition to the main attractions of live music and our amazing Classic Car Show, the festival will feature free Stewart's ice cream, free popcorn, free cotton candy, free bounce houses and free kids games and prizes. The "Music for Life" twosome of Dominic Megna and Pete Jorgenson will kick off the musical lineup from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Batman will meet and greet fans from 2:30-3 p.m. followed by area favorites Jenna Sue and Steven Cowles from 2:30-6 p.m.

The Feast of the Assumption commemorates the day some Christian denominations believe the Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven body and soul. The festival kicks off each year with a procession of a statue of the Virgin Mary through the streets — held aloft by an honor guard. In the eastern European tradition, the celebrant will then offer a "blessing of the flowers."

Finally, the faithful will be invited forward to pin a donation to Mary's shawl, a traditional act of piety in Italy. This year, donations pinned to the shawl will benefit the AMEN soup kitchen, which serves over 700 local families weekly.

"The AMEN soup kitchen's example reminds us of all that we are called as Christians to be charitable and kind, like the Blessed Mother" said Grand Knight Jeff Stark in a news release. "It reminds us of what this day is all about."

This year's sponsors are Saint Mary's Hospital, Highmark Blue Shield, Santos Construction Company, the Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council, DC9 Painters' Union, Century 21 Purtell Realty, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, IBEW Local #236, Laborers #157, Mangino's Chevrolet, Ironworkers Local 12, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 7, Carpenters Local #291, The Cransville Block Company and U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko.

GLOVERSVILLE

17th annual Railfest scheduled for Saturday

The 17th annual Gloversville Railfest will be held at Trail Station Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This family-friendly event promises a day filled with activities, live music, delicious food, and a vibrant community atmosphere.

ATTRACTIONS

Rock climbing wall, pony

rides and petting zoo, bounce houses, the eliminator, dunk tank, raffles, large bike auction, jumbo yard games, Mrs. B's Caricature Drawings, Soulshine Design Facepainting, and 80-plus food and product vendors.

LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES

10 a.m. — Capital Country

Band

11:20 a.m. — The Shoe-LeatherExpress Western Square & Round Dancing

12:30 p.m. — Railfest Talent Show

2:50 p.m. — Jak Visual Deception Artist

4:10 p.m. — North Allen Duo

5:30 p.m. — Tim Vee

6:50 p.m. — Skitchin' West Fulton Street from

the Cayadutta Street/Frontage Road intersection to West Street will be closed for Railfest Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will contribute towards enhancing local parks, ensuring residents have access to beautiful outdoor spaces for recreation and relaxation.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PROMOTIONS

LATHAM — Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

◆ Jonah Bluvas from Tribes Hill, and assigned to the Company B, Recruiting & Retention Battalion, received a promotion July 7, to the rank of private 1st class.

◆ Austen Levesque from Amsterdam, and assigned to the Intelligence and Sustain Company, 42nd Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, received a promotion July 7, to the rank of chief warrant officer 3.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a soldier's overall performance, demonstrated

leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

Army National Guard Citizen Soldiers who serve the state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k).

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit [www.dmna.ny.gov](http://www.dmna.ny.gov) or [www.1800goguard.com](http://www.1800goguard.com)

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists

of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.




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