

COMMUNITIES

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TODAY'S BEST BETS

1 IMAGINE ALPACAS EXHIBIT: 5-10 p.m. Fri. and Sat., until April 26 at Rolling River Cafe, Gallery & Inn, 25 Cooley Road, Parksville. See all the warm and cozy apparel that can be produced by an alpaca, a domesticated South American species that looks like a small llama. Their coats are made up of fibers similar to wool and can be woven or knitted. This display is courtesy of Imagine Alpacas, a farm in Jeffersonville. Free. Call 747-4123.

2 MARVELOUS MOTH: noon-4 p.m. Wildlife Education Center at Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Explore the fascinating world of moths. View gorgeous moth photos from Jim Des Rivieres. Learn about the moth life cycle, anatomy and how moths differ from butterflies. On exhibit weekends, ongoing. Call 534-5506, ext. 204, visit hnm.org.

TOMORROW

IS THE LUCK OF THE IRISH IN YOUR SODA BREAD?: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop off all homemade Irish soda bread entries no later than 12:30 p.m. March 1 at Maggie's Celtic Cottage, Tallmadge Court, Monroe. Contest entries can also be dropped off at the Greenwood Lake American Legion no later than 12:30 p.m. March 1. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. March 1. No fee to enter, prizes will be awarded. All entries become property of the Parade Committee.

KOMIC KREATORS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY: 2 p.m. Arts Mid-Hudson, 696 Dutchess Turnpike (Route 44), Poughkeepsie. Ramona Fradon is a local comic book artist illustrating Aquaman and Brenda Starr. She will be part of a panel including Louise Simonson, comic book writer, and Liza Donnelly, New Yorker cartoonist, discussing how the role of women has changed for comic creators and in characters. Admission \$10. Call Arts Mid-Hudson: 454-3222.

RICK SPRINGFIELD PERFORMS AT THE PARAMOUNT: 8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Grammy winner Rick Springfield was all the rage in 1980s Top 40 music telling fans "Don't Talk To Strangers," coveting his friend "Jessie's Girl" and having "An Affair of the Heart." Ticket prices are \$69, \$64, \$54 (including taxes and fees). Call 914-739-0039.

Reception honors Classic 10K supporters

Directors of the Classic 10K Road Race hosted a reception earlier this month to recognize and thank sponsors, volunteers, committee members and community honorees. Now in its fourth year, the reception serves as a platform to wrap the previous Classic year and to kick off the coming event.



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A total of \$8,000 was given in awards to various organizations and nonprofits. Sharing the funds were the Orange Regional Medical Center Foundation, the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station, Middletown Lions "No Child Hungry" Program, Guild of St. Margaret's Soup Kitchen, Middletown Police Department, Middletown Cross Country, Middletown Track, Middletown Fire Police, RECAP, Inc., and the Middletown YMCA Pool Campaign.

Classic Awards went to Fred, Denise, and Sadie Isseks, winners of the Fan Zone Challenge; and to the NephCure Foundation on behalf of Van Remenar's "The Fighting Kidneys," and Dr. Lin Remenar and family, winners of the Corporate Team Charity Challenge.

Special recognition went to Dr. Michelle Koury and Crystal Run Healthcare in recognition of volunteer efforts in supporting the race.

Also honored as "outstanding volunteers" were Valerie and Bill Kilcoin, the Rowley and Rivenburgh families who sponsored the Rowley 5K, and the Fellenzer family, in honor of their patriarch Archie Fellenzer.

This year's Classic 10K Road Race Weekend will be presented by Crystal Run Healthcare June 6-7 at the Middletown High School track. The track is one of 15 in North America that is certified by the International Association Athletic Federation. As the race is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 organization, donations are welcome and can be mailed to Classic 10K Road Race, Inc., P.O. Box 4050, Middletown. For information, contact Frank



Wayne Beam, second from right, thanks the Classic 10K Road Race Committee on behalf of the Middletown Track for its award. From left are committee members George Shurter, Dave Billings and Frank Giannino, president. PHOTO PROVIDED



Sister Ann Willits presented three programs on the Lenten Season at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. PHOTO BY LEE FERRIS

Giannino, 692-9225, or email: race@classic10k.com.

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■ In preparation for the Lenten Season which is under way, Mount



Van Remenar, 11, thanks the Classic 10K Road Race Committee for the award he won. PHOTO PROVIDED

Saint Mary College's Catholic and Dominican Institute co-hosted several programs over a three-night period.

Sister Ann Willits, OP, a preacher, poet, writer and lecturer from Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, commented, "When Lent arrives, there's always lots of focus on sin and repentance, and lots of talk

about praying and fasting. Lent can feel long, difficult and heavy. But Lent can also invite us into the beauty of silence, the blessing of solitude....and a longing to persevere and make friends with mystery."

She encourages the faithful to see the season as "40 days of observation" instead of "40 days of obligation."

■ Theatre Art is the highlight of the Last Saturdays presentation (a monthly arts initiative) in SUNY Orange's Kaplan Hall in Newburgh. From 6-7 p.m. students of the college's Improv classes, past and present, will perform a short-form style show including comedy scenes, monologues, and songs of their "Comedy Without a Net" style.

Also in the Mindy Ross Gallery in Kaplan Hall there's an exhibit of Daniel Giordano's sculptures and wall works. There's also an exhibit by sculptors Brenda Scott Harburger and Margaret Drake. Both exhibits can be viewed from 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

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