

BRIEFS

Glenn Beck suffers Finger Lakes mishap

LODI — Radio talk show host Glenn Beck's family had a close call when their sport utility vehicle rolled down a steep hill in New York's Finger Lakes region just after they had exited the SUV.

In an account of the mishap posted on Beck's website, TheBlaze.com, he says he was hugging his newly married daughter as his wife got their young son out of the vehicle. They had just arrived at the cottage rented for the daughter's wedding reception last weekend in Lodi, on Seneca Lake. Beck says the SUV slid down the hill and overturned, coming to rest near the shoreline.

The Seneca County Sheriff's Office says the accident wasn't reported to police in the county.

Voter registration ends Saturday

ITHACA — Tompkins County residents have until Saturday to register for November's general election. Residents can register in person from 2-9 p.m. Saturday at the Tompkins County Board of Elections. Registrations mailed in must be postmarked by today, according to the Board of Elections.

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5. For those interested in obtaining an absentee ballot, an application must be postmarked by Oct. 30 or can be applied for in person until Nov. 5.

For more information, visit the Tompkins County Board of Elections website at www.tompkins-co.org/boe.

Fire Dept. urges heating safety

The Ithaca Fire Department reminds residents to take extra care when heating their home this season. Home heating fires are the second-leading cause of house fires in the country, second only to cooking fires.

» Keep the area by the fireplace, stove and furnace clean and clear of all combustible material.

» Have the furnace serviced and chimney cleaned by a professional once a year.

» Ensure home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and located in every bedroom and one on every floor.

For more information, go to www.IthacaFire.org, or contact the Ithaca Fire Department at (607) 272-1234.

LOTTERIES

N.Y. Lottery: (518) 388-3300
On the Web: www.nylottery.org

N.Y. Daily (day): 7-8-6
N.Y. Win 4 (day): 4-2-4-5
N.Y. Daily (night): 5-4-3
N.Y. Win 4 (night): 8-0-7-0
N.Y. Take 5 (Wednesday): 4-7-10-12-35
N.Y. Pick 10 (Wednesday): 16-19-20-22-23-37-39-43-45-47-48-57-58-60-65-67-69-71-72-80
N.Y. Lotto (Wednesday): 2-6-15-32-50-53
Bonus: 12
Powerball (Wednesday): 18-26-29-35-43
Powerball: 28

FOR CORRECTIONS

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IPEI campaign raises \$624K

Endowment to support Ithaca schools projects

By D.W. Nutt
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ITHACA — The Ithaca Public Education Initiative announced Thursday it has raised \$624,326 in a three-year capital campaign intended to give Ithaca educators a boost.

IPEI receives more than 150 requests a year from educators seeking funding for special projects and community collaborations that augment the current curriculum, according to the not-for-profit organization. Last year alone, the organization awarded almost \$300,000 in grants, said IPEI Board Vice President Jennifer Engel.

"Now we are going to be able to maintain

that gifting," she said.

IPEI plans to dedicate \$120,000 of the campaign haul toward building an endowment, which IPEI members say would ensure long-term support for the Ithaca City School District. IPEI has also expanded its own organizational capacity by hiring its first paid employee.

"We've grown from (awarding) \$10,000 or \$15,000 dollars to \$300,000," said Board President Terry Byrnes. "That's a lot of paperwork and a lot of grants just to keep track of. So the staff member, going forward, is going to help us grow those programs."

IPEI partnerships have included the Fine Arts Booster Group, the Ithaca High Code Red Robotics team, and the "Kids Discover the Trail!" program, which has brought 15,000 students to all eight Discov-

ery Trails sites over the last eight years.

The capital campaign organizers said their initial goal was \$500,000, which was then bumped to \$600,000 after IPEI began successfully collecting donations.

"Everybody has really shown their support for the mission of IPEI," Byrnes said. "Most capital campaigns feature a building. ... We're not building a building. What we're building is the future for not only our own organization, but also for the students and teachers of the Ithaca City School District."

The group was founded in 1996 and has awarded more than 1,100 grants that total \$1.3 million. It celebrated its capital campaign by holding an ice cream party at the new Ithaca High School Wellness Center on Thursday.



Customers gather in the Ithaca Beer Company's new tasting room Thursday. SIMON WHEELER / STAFF PHOTOS

Opening the taps

Ithaca Beer debuts new tasting room

By Jim Catalano
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The Ithaca Beer Company's new tasting room is now open for business — finally offering visitors a chance to see the brewery's new facility on Ithaca Beer Drive, a few hundred yards behind its former location on Elmira Road.

The Taproom will offer tastings, pints and flights of beer from its 17 taps, as well as a small plate of cheeses. Customers also will be able to buy six-packs and cases of beer, as well as merchandise.

The kitchen is still under construction, which means the restaurant component of the Taproom won't be functioning until early November. But Ithaca Beer owner Dan Mitchell was ready to open the doors to the new venue.

"You can only wait so long," Mitchell said last week amid the buzz of various

contractors. "There have been so many people driving through the parking lot, trying to get in, wanting to buy six-packs and cases like they always have done. But we wanted to wait until we could at least serve tastings, pints and flights."

The Taproom will be open noon to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, and will extend its hours to 9 p.m. once the restaurant opens.

In addition to its 55-barrel tanks, the new brewery also has a five-barrel system that will enable it to create new styles of beer.

"It will give us flexibility to have all sorts of new styles on draft that we haven't had before," Mitchell said. "We can experiment — it gets monotonous to do the same beers over and over again. There are so many styles out there, which will make it a lot of fun for consumers and the brewers." Adjacent to the Taproom, the Beer Gar-



Wren Albertson-Rogers serves honeymooners Mallorie and Stephen Brown, of Franklin, Mass., Thursday at the counter in the Ithaca Beer Company's new tasting room.

den, designed by Mari Mitchell, offers outdoor seating, a pergola, bocce court, fire pit and a grassy area.

It overlooks surrounding fields that will provide some ingredients for the brewery and restaurant.

Weekend brewery tours will resume in November. For now, visitors will be able to view the brewery from the Taproom through a large window. "People get to literally see where the beer is made," Mitchell said. "Unlike the old place, they can watch the brewers working."

WEEKEND WATCH

21 green buildings opening for self-guided tours

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ITHACA — Twenty-one eco-friendly homes and businesses will be open for self-guided tours this weekend during the Green Buildings Open House.

Homeowners and green building professionals will be available to answer questions and describe the building features during the tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Guests will see some of the ways local residents are saving energy through appliances, passive solar design, photovoltaics, wind power, salvaged and non-toxic building materials, local lumber, strawbale construction and more.

A \$5 wristband allows entry to the locations open at various times over the week-

end. Visit www.ccetompkins.org/home/green-building/2012-open-house for maps and times.

Poetry slam

Ithaca Area Poets is holding a poetry slam today, open to all poets. Judging will be done by the audience. A \$20 top prize will be awarded at this free event. Signup begins at 7 p.m. at The Shop, 312 E. Seneca St. Poets are limited to two poems, each under three minutes.

Electronic recycling

Clean out your unused, broken or outdated electronics and benefit charity during the Ulysses Electronic Waste Collection.

Planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Trumansburg Farmers' Market, the proceeds will be split between Back-To-Democracy, Trumansburg Youth Programs and the Habitat for Humanity building site on Salo Drive in Trumansburg.

Items collected will include old computers, monitors, cables, electric cords, cell phones, toasters, TVs, keyboards, mice, microwaves, vacuums, fans, electric heaters, video game consoles, printers, fax machines and kitchen appliances.

Finger Lakes ReUse will be on site to salvage items with resale potential, with the rest processed by REACT Recycling of Horseheads.

For more events, check www.theithacajournal.com/entertainment.