



**LIVING HISTORY** — Snyder resident Jim McCrea pitches a tent during the Amherst Museum's Civil War Living History Weekend Saturday and Sunday.

McCrea posed as an infantryman of the 36th Virginia Company B.

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# 'Women Take Charge' seminar provoked from complaints of stalking in village

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Debbie Hanny, owner of Sweet Jenny's, no longer wanted her employees to work in fear after an unwanted customer repeatedly entered the store.

The employees had been dealing with a man they described as a stalker who had been coming around the business leaving unwanted gifts and notes.

They say it's not the first establishment he has harassed.

"We were discussing the issue and realized how ill equipped we were to handle any situation that was potentially dangerous," Hanny said.

She added that living in a small village the residents are not taught to have the same street smarts as those in a city.

To change that she asked Safety Education Officer Cathy Onions of the Amherst Police Department to speak to women in the town about protecting themselves.

The lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25 at Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main St., Williamsville.

Onions, who has spoken numerous times on safety, said women should take steps to make crime difficult.

"They should be aware of their surroundings," she said.

In situations where stalking is suspected the victim should contact the Police Department with the best possible description of the suspect and include plate information if a vehicle is involved.

"If they are concerned while at work and feel uncomfortable, steps should be taken to address that," Onions said, adding that information on employees' schedules should be restricted whether the suspect calls or walks in.

The lecture will address how to stay safe, how to avoid dangerous situations and how to be less of a target.

### Seminar set

The "Woman Take Charge" seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25 at Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main St., Williamsville. Call 631-2424 for information

Hanny said she has become angry with the person that was stalking her store.

"We need to learn it's OK to say no when someone has crossed the line," she said.

She added that she wants to spread the word about the situation taking place so others can be aware.

"We need to be educated, we need awareness and we need to protect ourselves," she said. "I don't want him to go to another business. I want to see this stopped."

One week prior to the seminar, Amherst police arrested the man in question, Cheektowaga resident David S. Nestor, 62.

He was charged with aggravated harassment — leaving written communications that resulted in alarm to the victim — and criminal trespass, for walking into the private area of the business.

Nestor was arraigned by Amherst Town Judge Mark Farrell on Tuesday, and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation. He was held on \$2,500 cash, or \$10,000 bond.

# 100 percent assessment could return in Town in 2008

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It appears the Town of Amherst may be able to return to a 100 percent assessment in 2008.

The Town Board passed a resolution at Monday's meeting to send a memorandum of understanding to the State of New York Office of Real Property Services, as well as a six-year plan for reinspection, reappraisal and maintaining assessments at 100 percent on an annual basis.

The funding for the 100 percent reassessment program was cut in 2007 after Supervisor Satish Mohan

suggested it could be done for about half the cost.

"Other towns are paying \$5 per parcel," Mohan said.

The Town of Amherst had been paying GAR Associates \$500,000, about \$15 per parcel.

Mohan estimates the town can maintain the program at \$210,000, the amount awarded annually by the state.

A request for proposals will be posted for local, regional and state appraising companies. Mohan said that last year GAR Associates had sent a bid in the \$210,000 range.

Council Member Bill Kindel questioned how the town planned to pay for a contract, saying the budget was already \$300,000 short.

"We have the money this year to do what I am suggesting," Mohan said.

The resolution passed on Monday is a request for proposal but does not guarantee a contract.

Bids, for 100 percent reassessment (field reviews and verifications) are due on June 29.

The Town Board also appointed a deputy attorney following the death of Mark Jasen in May.

Christopher P. Moen, 55, an attorney in Williamsville, was appointed by a vote of 4-3. He owns Moen Law Offices and is a member of the New York State and Erie County bar associations.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a special use permit at 2320 Miller-sport Highway to allow for a Tim Hortons to open. Because of the B-3 zoning a special permit was needed to allow for drive-through service.

- Tabled for two weeks a request to rezone 1950 Sweet Home Road from R-3 to OB-Office Building for a Tim Hortons. The public hearing drew discussion from both sides.

The next Town Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 2 at Town Hall, 5583 Main St., Williamsville.

## Activity center renamed to honor Rev. Bagley

For his dedication to youth in Western New York, Hopevale Inc. has renamed one of its buildings on the Hamburg campus in memory of the Rev. Gary Bagley.

The Father Gary J. Bagley Family Activity Center was renamed by the administration and the boards of Hopevale on June 13.

Rev. Bagley was a Hopevale Inc. board president from 2003 to 2006. In all, he dedicated 17 years to Hopevale through various outlets. He also served as pastor of St. Benedict Church in Eggertsville.

He died in November 2006.

"Father Bagley was a leader, a mentor and a friend," Executive Director Mark O'Brien said. "Although he has left a void that will never be filled, we couldn't think of a more fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to youth ministry."

The family center opened in 2001 at 3780 Howard Road in Hamburg and was designed to offer a place where families would enjoy therapeutic, recreational and leisure time.

## Pool closed until end of week

Due to a pump failure, the Clearfield pool is expected to be closed until Thursday or Friday.

Residents are encouraged to use the North Forest pool, 85 N. Forest Road, which was opened early in response to the closure of Clearfield.

Open swim at North Forest is from 1 to 6 p.m. daily. For information, call 631-7132.

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**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, June 27  
7-8 p.m.

Maryvale High School Auditorium  
1050 Maryvale Drive  
Cheektowaga, NY

The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority will host a public information meeting for homeowners and residents who are eligible to participate in the Buffalo Niagara International Airport QuieterHome® Program.

This meeting will address:

- The BNIA QuieterHome® Program's background & goals
- How homes will be assessed for improvements
- The construction work process

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