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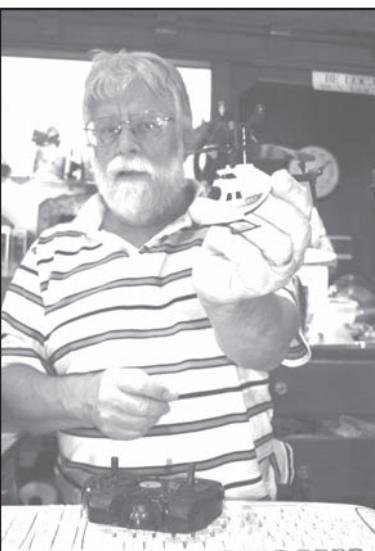
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## WHEN IN COOPERSTOWN



The Freeman's Journal **Don't miss being the coolest kid on the beach. The very neat Thunderwolf Remote Microlite Helicopter is a new addition to Rick Gibbon's stock at Riverwood. Check it out.**

**ICE CREAM!** The Cooperstown Presbyterian Church's Traditional Ice Cream Social, a summer must around here, is 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 6, at Church and Pioneer. In addition to the main attraction, hot dogs with mac salad, lemonade and homemade cake are on the menu.

**A MUST SEE:** If you haven't yet, check out "Faithful Labors," Elizabeth Apgar Smith's muscular oils on display in the Pioneer Smithy's third-floor gallery, 55 Pioneer. She captures the drama of our local landscapes, for sure.

**SORRY, FOLKS:** If you haven't got your tickets for the Tuesday, July 10, concert by former child-prodigy Midori, it's sold out. However, check out the Cooperstown Chamber Music Festival's upcoming offerings on Page 9. Midori, now in her 24th season as a professional violinist, has been performing since age 10.

THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

**Be sure to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame's new Web site, launched the week of July 2. It's halloffame.org. All you need to know.**

**COMING UP:** Otsego Lake Festival 2007 is coming up from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Cooperstown's Lake Front Park. This year, you'll have a chance to paint a fish with Tracy Helgeson, then apply it to a T-shirt.

## As Soon As Bonds Hits 756, Helmet May Be In The Mail

By EVAN JAGELS & JIM KEVLIN

COOPERSTOWN

**A**s soon as Barry Bonds hits his 756 record-breaking homer – he's expected to do so in the next several days – his batting helmet will be en route to 13326, according to Jeff Idelson.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame vice presi-

dent of communications and education said he expects the batting helmet, which the ballplayer promised him when the two met June 26 in San Francisco, would be on its way as soon as Bonds nudges past Hank Aaron's career record of 755 home runs.

As of Tuesday, July 3, Bonds was at 750, so the record could be broken any day now.

Idelson's experience with the famously testy baseball star was contrary to what press reports

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## Opera Buffs Descending To See Orpheus Ascend

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**H**ere's the story. Orpheus is god of music. His wife, Euridice, is tricked or tempted into the Underworld, or ends up there after being bitten by snakes.

He follows her into the depths and the beauty of his songs convinces Hades and

Persephone to let Euridice follow Orpheus back to earth – as long as he doesn't look back. He does, and she's lost to him forever.

That story, which dates back to Pindar, is the inspiration for the 2007 Glimmerglass Opera season, which opens Saturday, July 7, with Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld."

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# As Monks Pray, Otsego 2000 Meets, Explores Legal Steps

### PATRIOTISM ON PARADE



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**Undampened by rain, Richfield Spring's Katie Conlan flashes a smile at crowds lining Springfield Center's Main Street for the 93rd Fourth of July Parade there.**



**Abby Van Buren of Cherry Valley smiles shyly from her perch on a float. Brother Coty is with her.**

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**Barbara Shinn's flag-bedecked hat says it all. She's from Cherry Valley.**



**Jim Empie, Key Bank's Cooperstown manager and president of the Worcester Fire Department, snaps a salute at the reviewing stand.**

## 5 Lined Up With Status To File Suit

By JIM KEVLIN

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**A**s the Holy Trinity monks hold prayer services and mount a letter-writing campaign, Otsego 2000 is seeking out the most appropriate "petitioners" to file an Article 78 complaint against the 68-turbine Jordanville Wind Farm, a preliminary step to going to court to block the 400-foot-tall towers in view of James Fenimore Cooper's Glimmerglass.

The Otsego 2000 board of directors met for two hours Tuesday afternoon, July 3, but were not forthcoming after leaving the meeting on whether a firm decision was reached on a course of action. An announcement is planned early next week, according to Martha Frey, Otsego 2000 executive director.

Henry S.F. Cooper Jr., *Please See APPEAL, Page 6*

## Biographer Of Cooper In Region

Wayne Franklin Plans NYSHA Talk, Keynote

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**A**t Fenimore Farm, James Fenimore Cooper's biographer Wayne Franklin will be speaking next week about: Fenimore Farm.

Fenimore Farm today is the Fenimore Art Museum, the Georgian mansion donated to the New York State Historical Association by Stephen Carlton Clark in 1944, and Franklin, whose "James Fenimore Cooper: The Early Years," was published by Yale University Press on June 19, will deliver a public lecture there at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11.

Franklin's talk will be just one of numerous highpoints Cooper fans will be experiencing locally in the next several days, as the 16th annual Cooper *Please See CONFAB, Page 8*

## A Difficult Birth; A Beautiful Baby Bridge



Jim Kevlin/The Freeman's Journal

**County Highway Superintendent Ron Tiderencel surveys the spanking new Susquehanna Avenue bridge, which opened Wednesday, June 27.**

## As Crew Battled Soft Earth, Flood Waters, 3-Month Job Turned Into 10-Month Ordeal

By JIM KEVLIN

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**I**t's done. And it's beautiful. But you can't blame county Highway Superintendent Ron Tiderencel if he shudders at bit when the smart new \$2.1 million Susquehanna Avenue bridge comes into view.

For what was anticipated as a three-month job – from late August to late November 2006 – stretched out into a 10-month one. People all over the village complained about the pound,

pound, pound of the pile-driver. Fitness buffs grumbled about the long detour back and forth to the Clark Sports Center. And neighbors on that detour, Brooklyn Avenue, were in an uproar as the constant rumble of traffic over potholes awakened their sleepy street.

Regardless, it had to be done.

"It was the worst bridge in the county at the time," a 2 on the county's 1-5 scale, Tiderencel said the other day in an interview in his office on the second floor of the county Highway Department on Lin *Please See BRIDGE, Page 6*

