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Treasurer honored

The National Association of Purchasing Management of Northern New York presented its Keenan Award to treasurer Avis Gilmore for her continuing support and outstanding achievements in promoting the purchasing association in education, professionalism and ethics.

Banker retires

After a 42-year career with Community Bank N.A., Claire LaGarry, senior vice president, regional retail banking manager/north and branch services administrator, New York and Pennsylvania, retired July 1.

Ms. LaGarry began her banking career at the former St. Lawrence National Bank, which later became Community Bank. She has held numerous positions at the bank: director of personnel, marketing manager, director of advertising and marketing, branch administrator and retail banking manager.

Ms. LaGarry graduated from SUNY Canton with an associate's degree in business administration and SUNY Plattsburgh with a bachelor's degree in administrative science. She attended the ABA School of Bank Marketing.

New York Sea Grant specialist recognized

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, Annapolis, Md., has awarded New York Sea Grant Coastal Recreation and Tourism Specialist David White a 2010 Environmental Leadership Commendation. The award honors efforts to educate boaters and marine operators about environmental stewardship and recognizes Mr. White as the creator of New York Sea Grant's “Discover Clean and Safe Boating” education campaign.

Mr. White was nominated by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Director of Marine Services Brian Kempf. The “Discover Clean and Safe Boating” education campaign, created in 2008, is a collaboration of New York Sea Grant, the Boating Industries Association of Upstate New York and other marine trade organizations, event organizers and media.

For more information on New York Sea Grant's education campaign, contact Mr. White at 312-3042. For updates on Sea Grant activities and initiatives in New York's Great Lakes and marine waters, go online to www.nyseagrant.org, www.facebook.com/nyseagrant and www.twitter.com/nyseagrant.

Event organizer lauded

Michael Folsom, organizer and creator of this summer's Sailing Seaway Clayton, has been named a recipient of the Spirit of Excellence Award, which is presented by the Lynx Educational Foundation. The award is an honor presented by the Lynx Educational Foundation, operator of the tall ship Lynx, based in Newport Beach, Calif. This award is presented for exceptional personal achievements and examples of character based on the mission of Lynx with the intent of highlighting the work and commitment made by individuals in the success of the ship.

In June, tall ship Lynx made its way to Clayton — the smallest port stop of 2011 for the ship — for the first time and was the featured vessel during the Sailing Seaway Clayton event. Prior to the ship's arrival, all ten public sailing excursions were sold out — an accomplishment that no other port on the ship's 2011 summer calendar had reached to date. In all, more than 400 people would sail aboard Lynx during its time in the Thousand Islands. In addition to sold out excursions, the event drew more than 1,000 visitors on board the ship for deck tours and more than 5,000 people to Frink Park over the course of seven days to view the ship in port.

For more information on Sailing Seaway Clayton, visit www.sailingseawayclayton.com or for more information on tall ship Lynx, visit www.privateerlynx.org.

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