



Northeast residents, places make news

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What nationally renowned brand befittingly represents Rochester? Kodak? Wegmans? Paychex?

So many successful and iconic products have begun here over time Ragu, French's Mustard, Jello, Champion Clothing, *USA Today*, that it is hard to pin down what has been the most famous output of our fair city. So this week, I thought I would share with you some recent local and national achievements of Northeast towns' residents and establishments. They are helping to make the neighborhood famous! All of these items have been sent in by readers, I hope you find these accomplishments as interesting as I do. Who knew?

An educational video to be shared with schools around the nation was filmed June 7 in the Webster Central School District. The state Department of Motor Vehicles contacted the district to create a movie to show the negative effects of drug and alcohol abuse on high school-aged children. The DMV approached Webster because of its highly regarded program titled Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals. In the film, Webster senior Justin Pallini and English teacher Tammy Fichter play the main characters, and 12 other Webster residents are in the picture. The film stresses the importance of training to school districts across the nation. Congratulations to all involved!

This was a banner year at the Monroe County Fair for residents of the Northeast towns who participated in the flower and vegetable show. The Best of Show award and Adult Gardener of the Year award were given to Gloria Pratt of Webster for her entry "Delphinium Magic Fountain." The Florist under \$50 award went to Brian Laraby of Kittleberger's Florist in Webster. First-time competitor Wendy Kurtz from Penfield took home the Best of Fruits and Vegetables award for her carrots. And Tom Dalberth from Webster took home the Best of Dahlias award. Congrats to all!

Freelance writer Sally Bacchetta of Webster, author of the bestselling book *What I Want My Adopted Child to Know: An Adoptive Parent's Perspective* has now made her book available to the popular e-book reader base. The book and e-book can be purchased through Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble Booksellers and Borders. It has

successfully tested on the Amazon Kindle, Apple iPad, and Barnes and Noble Nook. Sally has authored many articles and periodicals in national publications. She is a native upstate resident we can be proud of! To find out more about Sally or her book, go to [www.theadoptiveparent.com](#).

Recently, Irondequoit was spotlighted in the *Buffalo News*. The article encouraged Buffalonians to visit Irondequoit and play a golf game at Whispering Pines Miniature Golf Course, the oldest continuous-use miniature golf course in the nation.

The article also recommended a trip to the House of Guitars to see the estimated 10,000 guitars on display. Finally, it mentions a stone wall on Lake Shore Boulevard where the ghost of the "lady in white" appears each night searching for her abducted daughter.

I have never heard this tale before, but if you would like to read the article, Google "Buffalo News, Ghosts, golf and the House of Guitars."

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