

King Ferry Author Helps TC Library

By Elayne Nicholas

King Ferry resident and world renowned author-illustrator, David Kirk, is helping the Tompkins County Public Library with its 1996 Annual Appeal by creating a logo for their campaign. Kirk is the author of the well-known children's books *Miss Spider's Tea Party* and *Miss Spider's Wedding*.

To publicize the Library's campaign theme "Children and Libraries Belong Together", Kirk incorporated the character of *Holley* into a logo for use on posters and bookmarks, campaign literature and newspaper columns.



More than 10,000 children in the T-S-T BOCES school districts will receive a full-colored bookmark featuring *Holley*, the successful suitor of the famed *Miss Spider*. The bookmark is shaped like an autumn-hued leaf. On it, surrounded by ants and ladybugs, sits the resplendent spider *Holley* with open books in several of his hands. On the reverse is the simple message, "Support your library!"

The library's fund-raising is being conducted by the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation. The theme guiding the 1996 \$135,000 fund drive is "FOCUS ON KIDS." If this goal is achieved, \$81,500 will be used to purchase 2,300 new children's books and 400 children's tapes and videos as well as to install an electronic kids' catalog and a new CD ROM station in the children's area of the library.

David Kirk began his artistic career fifteen years ago by creating one-of-a-kind children's toys, art and furniture. His work is sought by collectors around the world and has been featured in books, museum stores, art galleries and at a retrospective show at the Columbus Museum of Art in Ohio.

Otters Return To NY Near Whitney Point

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straints, substantial public support led to the formation of a coalition of private and public groups to implement, fund and administer New York's otter restoration program.

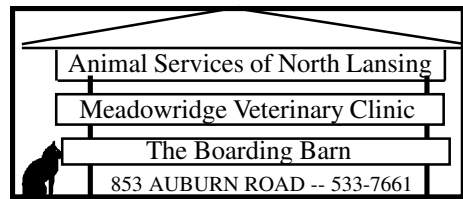
Motivated conservationists, environmentalists, individuals and businesses formed the non-profit New York River Otter Project, Inc. (NYROP) to serve as the restoration effort's funding agency and central coordinating body. Arrangements were made with licensed trappers to help in the live capture of otters from their current Adirondack and Catskill ranges. Otter experts from New York to North Carolina trained more than 125 licensed New York trappers in proper techniques to capture otters to minimize stress and injuries. Trappers have a special live-capture season and are paid \$400 for each released otter.

Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine agreed to care for the otters during their quarantine period. Wildlife medicine professor George Kolias developed a two to three week quarantine procedure. Each captured otter receives a complete physical exam and medical treatment, as needed. All otters receive implanted microchip identification and some otters get miniature radio transmitters to allow monitoring of their movements after their release. Medical costs from Cornell average \$300 per animal.

Finally, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation allocated funds to purchase the otters, transportation cages and transportation costs and agreed to provide technical support to NYROP. The DEC set up a special communication network to assure that all otters are transported to Cornell's veterinary college within 24 hours of capture.

The revival of river otters in central and western New York is finally underway. Over the next nine years, additional releases will bring otters back to Cayuga, Broome, Steuben, Schuyler, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Wyoming counties. The benefit will not only be New Yorkers' ability to witness these playful, aesthetic aquatic neighbors. The otters' presence is also visible confirmation of the improved condition of the state's water quality. Moreover, their renewed presence adds to New York's bio-diversity and restores a long-missing link in the food chain.

For information about supporting the New York River Otter Project, contact June Summers at (716) 865-6047 or NYROP president Dennis Money at (716) 771-2113.



Community Calendar

Thursday, November 14

DeWitt Middle School Student Awards Assembly at 7:30 am
All County Music Festival at Groton High School at 7:30 pm
Lansing School Board Meeting at HS Library at 7:30 pm

Friday, November 15

Village of Cayuga Heights Recycling pickup today (set out by 7:30 am)
PTSO Bobcat T-shirt orders due today
Varna Methodist Church Rummage Sale 8:00 - 3:00 pm (Call Arlene Doty at 533-4463 for info)
12 Shops Of Christmas at the Rose Inn benefits the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra from 10:30 to 6:00 pm.
Lansing Science Club "STAR TREK" dinner in HS cafeteria from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 16

Deadline today for CHRISTMAS WREATHS. Call Sara at District Office at 533-4294
Modified Volleyball plays Union Springs in Lansing at 10:00 am
12 Shops Of Christmas at the Rose Inn benefits the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra from 10:30 to 6:00 pm.
Modified Basketball plays Union Springs away at 10:00 am
ACE Meeting at HS Cafeteria & Gym from 8:30-noon
Auction to benefit The Dream Factory of Central New York at the Statler Hotel from 5-7:00 pm
Genoa Historical Assoc: Ed Franquemont of Historic Ithaca will speak at the United Church of Genoa about historic buildings and towns around Cayuga Lake. Free Admission at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, November 17

North Lansing Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast, No. Lansing Fire Hall from 8:00 to 11:30 am
Asbury Assembly of God Church, No. Triphammer Rd., Music Ministry Night, 7:00 pm

Monday, November 18

12 Shops Of Christmas at the Rose Inn benefits the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra from 10:30 to 4:00 pm.
Modified Basketball plays T-burg away at 4:30 pm
Modified Volleyball plays T-burg in Lansing at 4:30 pm
Open Swim in High School Pool from 6:30-8:30 pm
Lansing Middle School Shared Decision-Making Team at MS Library from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Lansing Elementary Shared Decision Making Team at ES Library at 7:00 pm
DeWitt Middle school PTA meets at 7:15 pm
Village of Lansing, Board of Trustees meet at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19

Lansing High School Shared Decision-Making Team at HS Library from 6:45 to 7:45 am
Modified Wrestling meets Southern Springs away at 4:30 pm
Modified Volleyball plays Dryden away at 4:30 pm
Concert in MS Auditorium (5&6 Band, HS Band, 7&8 Orchestra) at 7:30 pm
Cayuga Heights Elementary School Site-Based Decision-Making Council meets at 8 Highgate Circle at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 20

Village of Lansing Recycling Pickup Today
Elementary School Thanksgiving Feast
Modified Basketball plays Dryden in Lansing at 4:30 pm
Open Swim in HS Pool from 6:30-8:30 pm
Concert in MS Auditorium (5&6 Band, HS Band, 7&8 Orchestra) at 7:30 pm



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