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Photo of the week: A father's courtly embrace



GREECE — Greece Odyssey's Alyssa Dunne gets a hug from her father, Daniel Dunne, who also is the coach of the opposing girls basketball team, the Monroe Jefferson Redjackets, before the beginning of their game at Odyssey. Alyssa is the only senior on Odyssey's team and this was the last game in its home gym. Odyssey won, 54-33. ANNETTE LEIN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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UNIQUE MUSICIAN

Spencerport resident Wally Stevens plays an instrument not many others do: the saw. **Page 3**

Lady Lakers Travel to Limerick



Pictured left to right - First Row: Abby Bergeman, Margo Hetzke, Lizzie Greiner, Irish Minister of Defense William O'Dea, Leah May, Jessica Dow, Jennifer DiSanto. Second Row: Alyssa Dunne (daughter of Hibernian), Laker Coach and Hibernian, Dan Dunne, Jamie Urlaub, Maria McGrath (daughter of Hibernian).

This past April, members of the Western New York Lady Lakers U-13 AAU girls basketball team traveled to Limerick, Ireland, for a cultural exchange with members of the Limerick All Stars girls basketball club. The Lakers are coached by Hibernian and former Seton Hall University player, Dan Dunne, of the Colonel Patrick O'Rorke Division 7 in Rochester, New York. Dunne also coached the Burgerland Neptune Basketball Club of Cork in the Irish National Basketball Association back in 1988-89.

The Laker girls, four of whom are of Irish descent, had home stays with families of the players from the Limerick All Stars, and attended a day of classes with their hostesses at

the Villiers Secondary School in Limerick. They won all five of their games, including the championship of the Limerick All Stars Invitational. The Lakers defeated two teams from Limerick (the All Stars, and Salesians) and one from Waterford (the Wildcats). The fourth win was against the Villiers Secondary School who had boys playing on their team!

The last win of the tour was a tough come from behind overtime win against the #2 U-14 girls team in all of Ireland, Mercy Mounthawk Secondary Academy, of Tralee. After the game, the girls attended several classes together, ate lunch, and "hung out" with the Mercy Mounthawk players. The girls from both teams had a great time talking with each

other and making new friends. The coaches from both teams will be trying to bring the Mercy Mounthawk team to the States next year for a series of games!

The Laker girls also did quite a bit of site seeing. They went to the breath taking eight hundred foot Cliffs of Moher over looking the Atlantic Ocean; the Burren, which is an Irish national park; Aillwee Caves, where the only bear remains in Ireland have been found; Bunratty Castle; and the thatched roof town of Adare which was established in the 1300's. One of the highlights and honors of the trip was meeting the

Irish Minister of Defense, William O'Dea. Minister O'Dea was presented with a small American flag and a bottle of Finger Lakes wine.

The trip to Ireland would not have been possible without the generous financial contributions from the fellow Hibernians from Board 7, the local Friendly Sons and Daughters of St. Patrick, and the support of several other Irish owned run businesses in the Rochester area.

The Lakers ended their season with a 20-8 record, winning three tournament championships, finishing second in one, and third in another.



Submitted by Michael Salvaggio Jr. of Greece

Three Greece girls on the U15 Lady Lakers team took first place in the Utica AAU Basketball Tournament. Abby, Jordyn and Alyssa pose with coach Dan Dunne.

Sports Recreation

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Lakers to cross the pond

Lakers plan trip to Ireland
The Lakers are a team from our county, who are looking to raise a small bounty.

They are planning a flight, that will last overnight, with basketball getting them rowdy.

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The U-13 basketball team is planning a trip to Limerick, Ireland during the spring break week of April 12-20. The team, which includes girls from all over Monroe and Ontario County, are planning what they are calling a basketball cultural exchange.

The girls will be living with host families during their week-long stay so they can see first hand what it is like living in an Irish home. They will be attending several days of school with their host children and will have a chance to see many famous sites around the country. They will have a chance to meet with some local government officials as well and be officially welcomed to the country.

And of course there will be basketball. The team, which went 24-5 last season which included a finals appearance in all seven of their tournaments, will be playing some of the area's top teams which include the Limerick All-Stars and the University of Limerick Basketball Clubs. They will play up a year to challenge themselves fully.

The team is also going to have the girls keep a diary of their daily experiences which they hope to post on their Web site.

"This is going to be a win/win situation for everyone," said coach Dan Dunne. "Basketball is going to be secondary on this trip. We'd like to come back with a few wins but this trip is all about the girls experiencing new ways of life and seeing how others live."

The team is currently in the fundraising stage and are looking for people who would be interested in helping them financially. They will gladly accept donations from any local businesses or community members and are in the works for some more fundraising projects. The trip will cost about \$1,200 per child and the team would like to help defray the costs.

"This is just such a special group of young ladies and I would not have taken them

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on such a trip if they weren't such great kids," Dunne said. "They could learn and see things that can change the outcome of their lives."

Team members include Alyssa Dunne (Greece/Odyssey), Julia Delgatti (Greece/Mercy), Jessica Dow (Victor/Victor Middle), Lizzie Greiner (Rush Henrietta/Roth Middle), Margot Hetzke (Penfield/Bay Trail Middle), Leah May (Palmyra/Pal-

Mac Middle), Maria McGrath (Fairport/Martha Borwn Middle), Jamie Urlaub (Rochester/Siena Catholic), Jennifer DiSanto (Newark/Newark Middle).

The team will hope to have more information about upcoming events on the league's Web site www.wnyladylakers.com. Contact coach Dunne at dunne4@rochester.rr.com for interest in helping fund the girls trip.

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Seven Rochester area girls traveled to Ireland March 29 through April 5 and played in a basketball tournament in Galway. The team played three Irish teams, one of which was ranked #1 in Ireland. Part of the Rochester Revolution AAU program, team members first learned the European rules of the game and went on to win two out of three games. Members also had an opportunity for sight seeing and shopping. Revolution team members are: #55 Raine Gardner (Hilton), #14 Veronica Verstraten (Brighton), #32 Oona McCormack (Brighton), #30 Meghan Flanagan (Brighton), #52 Mary Flanagan (Brighton), #12 Alyssa Bergeman (Greece), #45 Molly Mangan (Brighton). Provided photo.