

COMMUNITY

The Suffolk Times.

July 12, 2007

INSIDE:

Classified _____ 33A
Health _____ 14A
Real Estate _____ 21A
Service Directory _____ 44A

SECTION A



Eyewitness to our stories

Lens is turned on North Fork

Lisa Dabrowski and her video camera have been sighted up and down the North Fork this summer, filming various events and interviewing local personalities.

It's all part of Ms. Dabrowski's newest creation: an ongoing program broadcast on WVVH-TV that aims to bring "both forks" together, according to Ernie Schmizzi, owner of the East Hampton studio (see box).

Ms. Dabrowski brings to the program the multiple talents of a mostly self-taught singer-songwriter, poet, painter, photographer, filmmaker, director, editor and producer of theatrical performances. She said she learned technique and terminology at a digital filmmaking class at Suffolk County Community College, "but most of what I've learned, I've learned on my own."

In her programs, she said, "I want to represent the North Fork that I love and cherish, not commercially, but in its unique qualities. There's no end of topics,

subjects and people to interview."

She has already filmed the 150th anniversary of Horton Point Lighthouse and this year's Mattituck Strawberry Festival, the centenary celebration of New Suffolk School, the Cutchogue Fire Department and the annual tractor pull at Hallockville Museum Farm. She may also appear on location in costume to perform the stories she films. "I learn a little piece of history every time," Ms. Dabrowski said.

What drives her desire to make and record the history of this area is her "pride in my family's history." Her grandparents on both sides emigrated to Riverhead from Poland and Eastern Europe at the turn of the 19th century and, like many Polish settlers, founded local farms and businesses.

One grandfather, John Jackowski, founded the Long Island Duck Processing Plant in Riverhead; the other, Mieczyslaw

by Liz Wood

See **Eyewitness**, page 8A



'WELCOME TO THE NORTH FORK WITH LISA DABROWSKI'
on WVVH-TV (channel 78), featuring the North Fork community.
Saturdays and Sundays • 9 a.m. Additional times to be announced.
For details, visit www.wvh.com or www.ladproductions.com.



Suffolk Times photos by Randee Dackora

Counterclockwise from top: Lisa Dabrowski interviews 2007 Little Miss Mattituck winner Hannah Fitzgerald of Laurel. At the annual Hallockville tractor pull Dabrowski travels back in time with Joe Velazquez of Calverton. Dabrowski films Gordon Moore at the Horton Point Lighthouse 150th anniversary celebration.



Presents the...

9th Annual
Riverhead



Blues
FESTIVAL

July 21 and July 22

The Vail-Leavitt Music Hall proudly presents the 9th Annual Riverhead Blues Festival on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. The Festival takes place in historic downtown Riverhead in the Peconic River parking field. We also have stages in the restored Vail-Leavitt Music Hall and Club 91 on Peconic Avenue in Riverhead. Music starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

Check Out Who's Scheduled To Appear

Kerry Kearney • Honeytribe with Devon Allman
Frank Latorre & The King Bees • Little Toby Walker
Bruce & The Rocket • Cadillac Moon • Kane Dailey
The Hackensack Men • Tommy Keys • T-Bone & Franny Mae
Joe Vicino and The Smokedaddys • Bobby Nathan
Robert Ross • The Mojos • Gail Storm • Jacks O'Diamonds
Johnny Volume • Phil Minnisale • The Vendettas
Who Are Those Guys • Blue Wild Angel & many more!

Admission/Donation Still Just \$5 for a Weekend of Entertainment!

Great Food! - Great Music! - Amusement Rides
An Unbeatable Value!
www.RiverBlues.org

Every Sunday Evening!



CINEMA SUNDAYS AT VAIL-LEAVITT

*** CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILMS ***

Vail-Leavitt Music Hall is located at 18 Peconic Ave., Riverhead
For additional schedule or ticket information or to inquire about performing at Vail-Leavitt Music Hall, visit www.vail-leavitt.org or call 631-727-5782.

Down by the River



Eyewitness...

► From page 1A

Dabrowski ("known as Caesar" for having served in World War I as General Pershing's bodyguard and interpreter), had a wicker business in Aquebogue.

A grandmother, Mary Jackowski, at age 92 "still lives in the family home that was moved across the fields at Calverton after the duck farm along Peconic River was sold to the U.S. Navy for Grumman," Ms. Dabrowski said. Her other grandmother, Angeline Dabrowski, taught her the Polish songs and dances of her own childhood and, like Ms. Dabrowski's mother, Mary, "a huge Elvis fan" and pianist, inspired young Lisa with a love of music.

Her twin aunts, Helen and Irene Dabrowski, have occupied the same family home at Aquebogue for 77 years. And her father, Conrad, who worked on farm equipment at Rolle Brothers in Riverhead and retired from Brookhaven National Laboratory, inspired her passion for old cars.

So it comes as no surprise that in 1999 the Town of Riverhead made Ms. Dabrowski a Goodwill Ambassador before her trips to Poland to research her family roots, or that the one-time family historian now creates history herself.

A short poem in Ms. Dabrowski's first book, "The Shutters of My Soul" (2000), that faces a photo-

graph of Grandfather "Caesar" in his World War I uniform, reads:

*The ghost of a soldier
Has dwelt in our home,
His presence is felt,
His name is unknown.*

If Ms. Dabrowski has her way, the North Fork's ghosts will all be named and its stories, then and now, will be made known.

Applications accepted for EEWN scholarship

The annual Jeanne Block Scholarship of the East End Women's Network is accepting application letters until Aug. 1.

The \$1,000 reward was established to fund educational opportunities for adult women in Eastern Suffolk who are returning to school or college or need training to facilitate a career change.

Prospective applicants must live or work on the East End, demonstrate financial need, clearly communicate the goal of the completed education and how it will serve East End women and include their academic record.

The single award will be presented in late August. Submit application letters by Aug. 1 to Marietta Seaman, P.O. Box 752, Quogue, NY 11959. For information, call 653-6505.

The Southold Historical Society Presents 2007 Summer Soirée

Saturday, July 21
6:30 - 10 p.m.

at
OSPREY'S DOMINION
WINERY OF THE YEAR
Main Road, Peconic

Hors d'oeuvres by Piping Plover ~ Open Wine Bar

Entertainment by "The Lone Sharks"

Silent Auction with Antiques and Art items

50/50 Raffle

Soirée tickets are \$75 per person
For information call 631-765-5500

Event Sponsors:

DeSena & Sweeney ~ Attorneys at Law
North Fork Bank

Beninati Associates Real Estate • Karen Helinski C.P.A.

Burt's Reliable • Lewis & Nickles Ltd. Real Estate

McMann-Price Insurance Agency • William H. Price Jr., Attorney at Law

Corcoran Real Estate • Hudson City Savings Bank • Penny-Majjami Lumber

Dart's Christmas Tree Farm • Braun Seafood Co.

Further Support Provided by:

Osprey's Dominion • Academy Printing • Kate's One-Hour Photo
C.F. Van Duzer Goo Services • Gallery 429