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## Charity Notebook: Benefit today to help Liverpool cancer patient with her medical bills

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Syracuse, N.Y. -- Friends and relatives of Maria Saumier are organizing a benefit today to help the Liverpool woman pay medical bills and other expenses.

Saumier, 52, was recently diagnosed with stage four lung cancer and has completed her second round of chemotherapy.

Before she became ill, Saumier worked 32 years as a server at the Gardenview Diner in Liverpool. Now that she is unable to work, Saumier has mounting medical bills and other expenses, said Christina Collins, her daughter.

The benefit will take place noon to 5 p.m. at the Cicero American Legion, 5575 Legionnaire Drive, Cicero. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be food, music, raffles and a silent auction.

### Cystic Fibrosis Foundation plans fundraiser

**What:** The CNY Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser, "Savoring for Cystic Fibrosis, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel conference center in downtown Syracuse.

**About the event:** Tickets: \$50 or \$75 VIP with reserved seat. For tickets call 463-7965 or visit the foundation's **website**. There will be food, beverages, auctions and raffles.

### OHA plans benefit reception

**What:** The Onondaga Historical Association will hold a reception to benefit the art exhibition, "The Other New York: 2012," 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Civic Center.

**About the event:** Tickets: \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. Refreshments will be served. Featured will be 27 paintings by local artist Betty Munro which chronicle the construction of the Civic Center in the mid 1970s.

### Chevy dealer sponsors Little League

Burdick Chevrolet is sponsoring the Liverpool Little League as part of the Chevy Youth Baseball Program, a national initiative designed to establish a positive relationship between dealers and their communities.

Over the course of the season Burdick Chevrolet will donate equipment to the league including equipment bags,

baseballs, softballs, catcher's gear, batting helmets, ball buckets, umpire's equipment, coach's kits, break away bases, bat racks and first aid kits. The dealership also will provide financial support.

### **Track club offers scholarships**

The Syracuse Track Club is offering two \$1,000 scholarships and a \$500 scholarship to male and female high school seniors who participate on their school's track and field and/or cross country teams. The \$500 award is funded by Wilber-Duck Chevrolet of Oneida, sponsor of the Wilber-Duck Mile.

The scholarships are given in memory of long-time Nottingham High School track and cross-country coach George Constantino, a founder of the Syracuse Track Club, who died in 1987.

Eligible students must live in Onondaga, Cayuga, Cortland, Madison or Oswego counties.

To apply, students should submit a letter describing their academic, extra-curricular and running achievements, financial need and plans for a running career beyond high school. Include letters of recommendation from a teacher and coach. Transcripts are not required.

Send to Bruce Laidlaw, P.O. Box 35426, Syracuse, N.Y. 13235-5426. The deadline is June 1.

### **Signature Music hosting spring sale**

Signature Music, a nonprofit that provides free music lessons and instruments to city youths, is holding a spring piano sale through April 13.

Signature, located at 509 W. Fayette St., Syracuse, is selling 10 pianos, priced from \$1,000 to \$2,400, that include Walters, Baldwin, Everett and Cable-Nelson consoles and studio uprights. For more information, call 478-7840.

### **Got an event?**

Send us information about your charity event at least two weeks before it occurs. Submissions should be as brief as possible. Email them to James T. Mulder at [jmulder@syracuse.com](mailto:jmulder@syracuse.com) or mail them to him at The Post-Standard, P.O. Box 4915, Syracuse, NY 13221-4915.

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