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Village of Walton trustees helped the Bartlett family celebrate the grand opening of Molto Espresso on Delaware Street in Walton on July 1. Pictured, from left, are Rebekah Bartlett, Trustee Dave Brees, Mayor Ed Snow, Ray Bartlett, Jenny Bartlett, Trustee Teresa O'Leary, Josiah Bartlett, Jenny Bartlett and Trustee Charlie Gregory.

Walton Coffee Shop Celebrates Opening

by Scott J. Payne

WALTON - The Molto Espresso Coffee Shop on Delaware Street held its grand opening to a large crowd on July 1. Jenny Bartlett, along with her husband, Ray, began operating the shop on April 1, but waited for the official opening until proper signs could be installed.

Jenny said she and her daughter, Rebekah, have been talking about opening a coffee shop for quite a few years. "We would go into shops and get various ideas of what we could do," she said. She added that they had visited a coffee shop in Alexandria Bay numerous times and gleaned a lot of information on how to set their shop up.

She also said that she was able to acquire the coffee roaster's name from that cafe in Alexandria Bay. "When I called the supplier, he asked me where I had gotten his name from. I told him from the shop in Alexandria Bay. He paused a moment and said, 'She doesn't tell anybody.' I guess she doesn't see us as the competition," she concluded, laughingly.

With a daughter, two sons

or a family function.

Ray said that the shop is open Monday through Saturday. According to Jenny, some people said that the business would suffer for not being open on Sunday. We take Sunday off because that is our family and church day, and the Lord has blessed us for honoring him, Ray added.

The shop's name, Molto Espresso, is derived from a musical term called molto espresso, which means with much excitement. Ray has been a music teacher at Walton Central School for close to 30 years and thought it would be a catchy play on words for the shop. It means "much coffee," he said.

According to Jenny the com-

munity has embraced the shop adding that so many people have said that Walton needs something like this. Harry and Gina Nichols of Delhi agree. "We come through Walton all the time. It's nice to have a place like this here," Harry said at the opening. Gina added that the shop "is beautiful."

Ray said it took six months to get the shop ready for business. The floor and ceiling were completely redone. "We wanted to make it look nice before we opened," Jenny said. Ray added that as a senior in high school he washed dishes at the same location. "Now as a senior citizen I will be doing the same thing," he said.

Dog Days of Summer In Downsville

by Lillian Browne

COLCHESTER - The Colchester Town Council approved a "Dog Days of Summer" fundraiser at a meeting of the board on July 1. The proposed event, which includes a "dog swim," was pitched by Sarah Hood and will take place at the town pool at the conclusion of the swimming season. The proceeds from the event, Hood said, will be used for future StreetScape beautification projects. The fundraising event is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13.

The council also approved Hood's request to hold the "Best Dam 5K" on Oct. 3. A portion of Bridge Street will be closed for the fundraising event and participants will use River Road as part of the course.

In a related pool matter, certified water safety instructor life-guards, whether full- or part-time, will be paid \$9.75 per hour, once a certificate of completion has been

presented to the town. "If they are doing the same job, they should be paid the same rate," Councilman Mark Mattson said.

The board also accepted the resignation of part-time lifeguard Melanie Champlin, who has secured employment elsewhere.

In other town business:

- The council approved its annual contract with Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. The contract remains unchanged from last year.

- Supervisor Art Merrill was unanimously appointed as the Community Development Block Grant certifying officer.

- The town adopted a policy which encourages women and minority-owned small businesses to compete for Colchester contracts.

- There will be a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats at the town highway garage on Tuesday, July 14 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Colchester Town Council will be on July 15 at 7 p.m.



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Opportunity for Fun...

Oliver Roe, Riley Card and Madison Roe of East Meredith enjoy playing in the bird seed sink at the Delaware Opportunities' Seventh Annual Children's Festival in Hamden on Thursday. Day Care Specialist Sue Whitney said the purpose of the event was to help children learn through playing.

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