

## Caledonia Trout Fest



Sabin Metal was a proud participant in the Third Annual Caledonia Trout Festival on May 31st.

Despite the rainy weather, the event was a great success! Our "Trout Wheel" was a hit, spinning approximately 350 times and bringing smiles to many attendees. We had fun giveaways, including Goldfish crackers, Swedish Fish, Gushers, and squishy toys. A big thank you to our Sabin volunteers who helped make the day so enjoyable: **Terry & Grace McGinnis, Cathy Bundschuh, Hillary Shaffer, Joe Kremer, Juergen Neumann, and Betsy & John Gremer.** It was also wonderful to see current and former employees stopping by to show their support for this local event.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the day! We look forward to the next festival on May 30, 2026.



**George Cobin** (Pollution Control) has been busy in his off time. On September 7, 2024 he was "New York State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association" Men's Class B Champion. Then, because of his age he also earned the "2024 Elder's Class B" State Champion on November 9, 2024. Great job George, keep striving for the top!

## GM Corner

Summer is finally upon us. We are going to be dealing with a lot of heat this summer both at work and at play. Please make sure you stay safe in the summer heat.

- Stay hydrated
- Wear sunscreen
- Dress for the weather

Most of all make sure you enjoy the summer with your family and friends. We will be back to winter before you know it.

**Jim Barrett**



## *Nuggets* from the *High Plains* **June 2025**

### **Williston News**

I would like to welcome **Trista Peck** to our H/R department. Also, I would like to thank all the employees at West for their hard work and dedication.

**Thomas Brevik** Plant Manager



One of our furnace hands, **Daahoud (David) Berry**, had a baby on 10/29/24. Her name is **Aura Rose Berry** and she weighed. **(118.46 T/O's)** Best regards!



**Jezebelle Bubka** (LAB 3 years) and also my daughter. Got married on 10/05/2024 to **Case Bubka**, a former kiln hand.

Submitted by **Sarah Smith**

### **Scottsville News**



#### **East Ave Grocery Run**

Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors, participants and volunteers, the 15th Annual Wegmans East Ave Grocery Run was a huge success! Your participation means the Grocery Run will distribute more than \$85,000 to local programs providing food, hope and dignity to people in need."

Participating in the run this year we had **Will Falcheck** (not pictured), **Algis Naujokas**, **Tim Zembryski** and **Chloe Williams**.



## Employees News



. The journey of Hillary Shaffer (pictured with her daughter Gwen) at Sabin exemplifies dedication and growth. Starting as a janitor on October 29, 2012, she brought a strong work ethic to her role, quickly earning respect for her reliability and attention to detail. Beginning in 2015, through Sabin's tuition reimbursement program, Hillary pursued higher education, methodically earning her Associate's at GCC. Recognizing her potential, she seized the opportunity to advance within the company, transitioning to a position in Purchasing. She went on to Roberts Wesleyan University to get her Bachelor's in Business Organizational Management and, most recently, her Master's degree in Strategic Leadership. Her commitment to professional development, paired with her practical experience, has made her an invaluable asset as Sabin's Purchasing Coordinator. Her recent Master's degree completion marks a significant milestone in Hillary's inspiring career path. At Roberts Wesleyan University, she balanced rigorous academics with her demanding role at Sabin, home life, and her second job at The Glen Iris, showcasing exceptional time management and determination. The tuition reimbursement program not only alleviated financial barriers but also empowered her to deepen her expertise, directly benefiting her contributions to Sabin's operations. Colleagues admire Hillary's ability to apply her academic knowledge to real-world challenges in Purchasing, streamlining processes and fostering collaboration. Her story is a testament to how perseverance and supportive workplace initiatives can transform ambition into achievement.

Congratulations, Hillary!

- Ed Garbowski / Contributing Editor

## Retired!



On December 6, 2024; **Robin Fry** (PRD) celebrated his retirement from Sabin Metals after nearly 36 years of service. Robin (above right) received his watch from Aaron Gibson (Production Mgr.) (above left). Congratulations Robin and enjoy!



Also, on December 20, 2024 **Mike Flickner** (Mat. Hand.) retired after 37 years at Sabin Metals. Mike (above right) receiving his watch from Jim Barrett (GM) (above left). Enjoy your time, Mike!

## 25 Years



**Samantha Hesse** (Operations Mgr.) & **Catherine Bundschuh** (HR) celebrated 25 years of service together on August 9, 2024. Jim Barrett (above left) presenting Samantha (above center) and Catherine (above right) with their 25 year pins. Congratulations ladies!



**Jason Metz** (Pollution Control) also celebrated 25 Years on June 16, 2025. Jason (above left) received his pin from Terry McGinnis (above right). Congrats Jason!

## Births



**Mara Gallo** (Dept. 47) and her husband Carmen have become grandparents again. **Francesca Mara States** (above) was born to their daughter and son in-law, Christina & Robert States on 07/17/24. Francesca was 20.5 inches long and weighed in at **(109.3 T/O's)** and was welcomed home by her siblings Alessandra & Ryan.



**Wioyt Jaymes Baehr** (above) was born 09/13/24 to parents Justin Baehr & Erica Raphael. He weighed in at **(79.2 T/O's)** and was 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild of **Julie Cooper** (Mat. Hand.) & **Mike MacLeod** (Fce. Sup.).





On 01/29/25 at 10:10am **Levi & Starlyn Racanelli-Rolland** (above) were born to parents **Kevin** (Security) & **Renae** (HPO) **Rolland**. They weighed in at **(93.8 T/O's)** Levi & **(87.5 T/O's)** Starlyn



**Dalton Evans** (above) arrived on 01/23/25 to parents **Katelynn Howden** (Operations Assistant) and Clayton Evans. Dalton was 20 inches long and weighed in at **(105.7 T/O's)**



Our longtime friend and colleague, Kevin Michael Beirne, departed this life peacefully on May 15, 2025, at the age of 81. Kevin and his wife Marilyn were married in 1972 and were the incredible parents of three children, and the extremely proud grandparents of six.

After high school Kevin served six years in the Air National Guard before beginning his career in the precious metals industry in 1963. He retired in 2015 as the Vice President of Sales & Marketing of the Sabin Metal Corporation after a very successful 53-year career.

Kevin served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the IPMI for many years and was President of the Institute 2004-2005. He and Marilyn were true Ambassadors of the IPMI for over 40 years and mentored dozens of people in our industry.

Kevin received numerous awards for his contributions to the industry and his community, but he was most proud of his loving family. An avid golfer, he often bragged of his six lifetime 'holes in one', his big Irish smile lit up every room he entered, and he always told great stories with a twinkle in his eye and was the life of every party.

We will miss you, Kev.

If you would like to donate a gift in memory of Kevin, the Beirne family asks that you contribute generously to:

David's Dream & Believe Cancer Foundation (501c3)  
[www.davidsdreamandbelieve.org](http://www.davidsdreamandbelieve.org)

- Submitted by: **Brad Cook**

### Thank You

Ok Great, I would like to thank everyone who helped with this edition of the Nugget. If anyone would like to share Sabin related news, from any of our locations, please contact me, Marty Spoor at the Scottsville Plant {585} 538-2194 ext.267 or [martys@sabinmetal.com](mailto:martys@sabinmetal.com)

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