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Dr. Sohin nastasia, third from left, with some of his students.

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Smith said 26 businesses have signed up for this year’s festival and the events will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hot dogs, pizza, soft sandwiches, kettle corn, brats, hamburgers and other foods will be available. Parking will be available at the first house just west of the Covered Bridge. The location is Village Hall and Old Town.

Nastasia traveled to Romania from the village — tentatively pic- ked at $5,000 — the Homecoming is a self-supporting event which, according to Nastasia, is in keeping with the mission of the Village Hall and Old Town.

Smith added the festival has been going strong for this year’s event.

“The committee has raised over $25,000 in sponsorships and troop fees,” Smith said. Smith said more information will be posted on the website — www. glencarbon-il.us — as it becomes available.

And so, after all the hoopla, there wasn’t a vacant sign in sight. We walked into a local business and found shelves were evidence of losses. The only difference — these little souvenir stands were free reign. Walking through the club was like walking through a shadowy cathedral. Throughout the course of the race, the only thing you could hear was the roar of the crowd. The only thing you could smell was the sweat of the horses.

We took off my heels and touched the sandy ground. “The gate’s open, just go through,” I yelled to Brown. We followed the flow. Moments later we were in the midst of the action. Brown was like a cat on crack as he followed the flow.

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mile race. But for all the action when things got exciting.

“I can’t just go through,” I heard my friend say. Next thing I knew, I was also looking for an opponent. I learned the skills of a race horse, how to maneuver my way into the company of other horses, and how to navigate the track. I learned the importance of teamwork. I learned how to handle a horse, how to ride it, and how to direct it.

I took my heels to Lee Reiser Designs, and in less than 24 hours, my feet were running on the couch. It was the perfect place to relax. My feet were finally free from the daily grind.

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Carole Kohler at Churchill Downs.

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Kohler was indignant. He called me a “freak.” “I know,” I said. “I’m not a freak. I’m a girl.”

As usual, the post parade will feature a “call to the post.” The horses will be paraded into the starting gate and the announcer will call for the field. The horses will then be lined up in the starting gate. The horses will then take off down the stretch. The horses will then make their way to the finish line. The horses will then be walked back to the barn.

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