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Concord's **Becky Field** turned her passion for photography into a mission to help the city's refugee population. **Deborah Elonga** and her family escaped amid gunfire from a war-torn life, eager for new beginnings in America. They've never met, yet their stories and their paths have come together.

Forever connected



RAY DUCKLER photos / Monitor staff

Deborah Elonga is a freshman at the University of New Hampshire whose mother's courage guided the family through severe hardships in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

By RAY DUCKLER
Monitor columnist

Maybe someday soon, the photographer and the refugee, both of whom live in Concord, will meet.

It makes sense since their connection was built while the two were thousands of miles apart. The photographer, Becky Field of Concord, is a quirky humanitarian and animal lover who speaks in lightning-fast sentences and once studied, as she said, the "Yip, yip, yip," of wolf pups.

Field wanted to help refugees earn an education, once news spread a few years ago that racist graffiti had been spray-painted on the homes of local

African refugees. She reinvented herself as a professional photographer, published a book showing bold, colorful photos of the area's diverse population and started a scholarship fund to help refugees attend college.

The refugee, Deborah Elonga, is a tiny 18-year-old freshman at the University of New Hampshire whose mother's courage guided the family through severe hardships in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Elonga wanted an education here, once she learned that violence was common in her homeland and opportunities to reach her potential were limited.

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Becky Field is a Concord photographer who has turned her lens on the state's refugee population. That effort recently turned into a scholarship, which launched this year and was awarded to Elonga.

Lettuce bacteria sickens 2 in N.H.

State health officials, local restaurants respond to national E. coli outbreak

By DAVID BROOKS
Monitor staff

Two of the people who have been sickened by bacteria linked to romaine lettuce are from New Hampshire, leading state health officials to double down on warnings to throw out all of that particular type of lettuce.

At Live Juice – a Concord organic restaurant that has 10 different types of salads on its menu – romaine is part of about a third of all selections, but the restaurant still removed it after the Centers for Disease Control issued warnings Tuesday, said assistant manager Christopher Cote.

"We pulled it, and switched around our bagged mixed greens to make sure they didn't have any," he said. "The most important thing is the safety of our guests."

Cote said Live Juice gets leafy greens from a variety of locations. The restaurant is talking with them and making adjustments, Cote said. "We have reached out to find out if they have more information, but so far nobody does."

Neither federal nor state officials have determined how or where E. coli bacteria is getting into some heads of lettuce – whether it's at one farm or

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PEMBROKE

Former intern sues EMT over sexual abuse

Woman says she was molested by paramedic as a 16-year-old

By ALYSSA DANDREA
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A Pembroke woman is suing a full-time Epsom paramedic years after she says he sexually assaulted her in an EMT training facility in Londonderry.

Ann Lemoine, a former Pembroke Academy student, alleges she wasn't George Calligandes' only victim and that he is a "predator with an EMS badge," according to a civil lawsuit recently filed in Merrimack County Superior Court in Concord.

Calligandes had been forced to resign from the Londonderry Fire Department in early 2009 after the department's chief learned he'd had inappropriate sexual contact with a high school intern, the lawsuit says. Despite the incident, Calligandes returned to work for Tri-Town EMS in Pembroke, where he advised another student intern, 16-year-

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A HOLIDAY TRADITION

Thanks and giving at Windmill Family Restaurant

By LEAH WILLINGHAM
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Kosmas Smirnioudis misses the advice his father Louie used to give him – about faith, relationships or their family business, the Windmill Family Restaurant, which Kosmas now runs.

There are so many things Kosmas wishes his father could see, like Kosmas's 2-year-old daughter, Sofia – named after his mother – who Louie never got to meet.

But Kosmas said he feels closest to his father, who died of cancer in 2013, on Thanksgiving Day, when he's serving free plates of turkey to people in Concord.

Louie started the tradition in 1990, serving dinners to 15 people from the local soup kitchen with money out of his own pocket. As the years went on, more people started attending and his restaurant began making meals with donations for

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Windmill owner Kosmas Smirnioudis checks on a 44-pound turkey Wednesday in Concord.

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WEATHER

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High 16, low 4. Winds from 10 to 20 mph. Keira Waldron, 8, of Concord draws the day.

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