



Caldera: Yankees' roster issues must be solved

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Emma Bloomberg, daughter of Michael Bloomberg, founded the nonprofit Murmuration to help community organizations have the tools and tech to succeed. EMMA ROSE MILLIGAN/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

Choosing to help the underdogs

Daughter of ex-NYC Mayor Bloomberg opens doors through nonprofit

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USA TODAY

Every Fourth of July while growing up, Emma Bloomberg and her little sister, Georgina, had a tradition: They would stand before their father and recite the Declaration of Independence.

The calligrapher's ornate, English round hand wasn't easy for a young reader. "I remember it really being a slog," Bloomberg said. It got more manageable with time; as she got older she'd roll her eyes at the exercise like any teenager would. Now she realizes how much it shaped her worldview.

Her parents divorced in 1993. Her mother, Susan Bloomberg, is British. Her father is American businessman and former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. The couple remains close, but Emma's civic allegiance is clear, sometimes to the cha-

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grin of her mother.

"I'm a patriot," said Emma Bloomberg, 46. "When I look back fondly on my childhood, when I think about every opportunity I've ever had, there is this line: 'Only in America.' I believe 'Only in America.' And I want that to be possible for so many people."

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Task force: EMS system on 'brink of collapse'

Rural NY emergency service agencies need funding, change

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Rural emergency medical service agencies across New York are in need of funding and systemic changes to continue helping save lives, a newly released report about the state's EMS system reveals.

The New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force, created in 2021 to evaluate the state's rural ambulance services, released its inaugural report in January, asserting that the reliability of the system continues to decline.

"The rural EMS system in New York State is teetering on the brink of collapse," the report stressed.

"The cascading consequences of these issues manifest in prolonged EMS response times, exposing patients in crisis to heightened risks of serious medical and traumatic complications," the report added, noting the crisis was "further stressing the healthcare system as a whole and robbing communities of their neighbors."

Here's how some Albany lawmakers are proposing to address the growing issue.

How many rural EMS agencies are there in New York?

There are 1,157 rural EMS agencies across 44 counties in New York, the report shows, noting counties with populations under 200,000 are considered rural under federal standards.

What often sets rural agencies apart from urban ones is that cities and larger towns are able to sustain private ambulance agencies, resulting in better wages and benefits and more personnel, the New York State Association of Counties says.

In Greene County, for example, there are multiple independent town agencies and two nonprofits running their EMS system, Greene County Administrator Shaun Groden said during a news conference held in Albany on March 11.

"Because they're all independent, we have varying wage and benefit

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Visit the birthplace of the women's rights movement in NY

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More than 150 years before the famous phrase, "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal," would be belted on Broadway stages, the line was changed to include women for the Declaration of Sentiments.

It was the summer of 1848, and 300 people gathered at the newly built Wesleyan Chapel for the first Women's Rights Convention. That is where that famous phrase, copied from the Decla-

ration of Independence, which was signed 72 years prior, was reclaimed to protest unequal rights for women.

Today, the chapel is visited by people across the country and remains a key fixture of the **Women's Rights National Historical Park**.

What to see at the Women's Rights National Historical Park today

The Women's Rights National Historical Park is made up of four locations

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Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls showcases the suffrage movement. CARLOS ORTIZ/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE FILE PHOTO

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