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as arts and crafts.

A Silent Auction will include a baseball signed by Mike Timlin of the Red Sox and many other fine items including a variety of restaurant gift certificates.

There will also be live music. "We'll be adding on a 9-hole miniature golf course," said Manne.

The all-you-can-eat barbecue menu will include chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs served with potato salad and cole slaw.

"This also is the celebration of GMPI's 35th anniversary," explained Manne.

For more than three decades GMPI has been dedicated to promoting the personal growth, dignity and acceptance of people with developmental disabilities.

"We serve over 200 individuals a year and 75 families," said Manne.

Four GMPI residential homes in Marlborough serve 39 residents with round-the-clock ser-

vices.

"Helping People Help Themselves" is a motto for the GMPI, which offers a variety of programs. Its transportation services run 359 days a year, covering 200,000 miles, transporting 65 people to jobs and medical appointments.

"The Friends & Family day will offer the opportunity for people to get to know GMPI and the services we provide," said Manne. "We're looking forward to a hopefully very nice sunny

day."

Tickets for the Friends & Family event are \$10, adults, and \$5, children aged 5 to 10. Children 4 years and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling Sharon at 508-485-4227, extension 104.

Tickets may also be purchased the day of the event at the Marlborough Fish & Game, 1 Muddy Lane, off Elm Street.

Photos with the celebrity standouts will be \$2 each.

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Celebrity sightings are a sure thing at the 2nd Annual Friends & Family Outing as Greater Marlboro Programs Inc. rolls out the red carpet for "standouts" in the entertainment business.

You can pose for a photo with Hannah Montana, David Ortiz or Elvis himself, but the catch is they are life-sized cutouts of these famous people.

It's all part of the fun at this annual event to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, 1 to 5 p.m., at the Marlborough Fish & Game.

"We had such fun last year," explained Carol Manne, executive director of the GMPI. "We want-

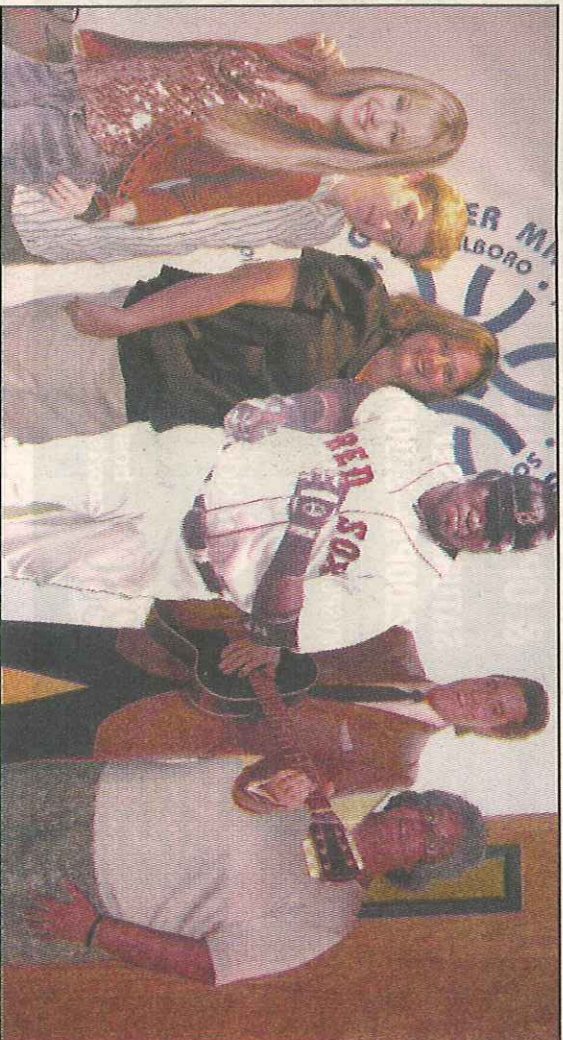
ed to open it up to everybody else. Last year, the annual outing was more so for the GMPI family."

In 2007, the Three Stooges were on hand and they had so much fun they will make a return visit along with Snow White and the others.

Also, there will be an appearance by FINZ, the mascot for the Worcester Sharks.

"It's a great family event," said Manne, "and I think there are enough activities for adults and for young children."

There will be clowns, ring toss, arcade games, face painting, raffles and a moonwalk as well



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Armanda Lurf, employment coordinator for Greater Marlboro Programs Inc., center, poses for a photo with a cardboard cutout of David "Big Papi" Ortiz, of the Red Sox, as members of the GMPI staff get ready for the 2nd Annual Friends & Family Outing this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Marlborough Fish & Game. Also posing with entertainment "standouts" are Alex Witt, office assistant, with Hannah Montana, and Carol Manne, executive director, with Elvis.

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