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Jeffrey A. Stout

## Stout appointed Sales Manager

LINSTAR, Inc. announces the appointment of Jeffrey A. Stout of Cheektowaga, Territory Sales Manager for the Western New York Region.

Stout brings more than ten years experience in the security industry to LINSTAR and will manage the design and implementation of building access and automation projects in this region.

Stout will be responsible for continuing to expand LINSTAR's extensive customer base in the Western New York Region and for introducing new products from many of the world's leading technology companies.

LINSTAR, headquartered in Clarence and serving markets from Erie, Pennsylvania through the Albany Capital Region, specializes in identification solutions, including photo ID, plastic transaction cards, smartcard applications such as biometrics and cashless point-of-sale, image database management, access control, wireless infrared systems and full service card personalization projects.

## High School Equivalency Home Course

Erie 1 BOCES Workforce Development Department is offering a new home study high school equivalency course.

This course is designed for adults 21 years and older who are unable to attend regular classes.

Registration is ongoing and the course is free of charge. For a registration schedule or further information, please call 863-0847.

# Catholic schools poll produces even split

Participants in an unscientific poll on the *Cheektowaga Times* web site are evenly divided on whether an effect will be felt when some local Catholic schools close this summer.

The question, "Will Catholic school closings/mergers affect the overall quality of education?" attracted 84 participants.

Poll contributors could not settle the issue as 42 voted "yes" and 42 voted "no."

Many participants commented on the topic.

"Catholic schools are a necessity for life," stated a participant.

Another poll contributor wondered how students will adjust to a new school.

"It's a sad thing that so many schools that have been around for so long are closing," the contributor said. "Now children will need to leave the neighborhood they live in to go to a strange place and a school that's new to them."

Another participant said it was unfortunate to see some schools close, but believes it is a sign of the times.

"We no longer have the need for a grammar school every four or five blocks," the participant said. "If it will keep the other schools open and make them stronger, then it is a good thing to do."

One participant who claimed to have children in a local Catholic school expressed disappointment with the school's staff.

"I am not very happy with the educators and will welcome some new instructors at our school," the voter said. "Perhaps we could draw from the pool of unemployed teachers that will form once the schools close."

A former resident now living in the South offered a different angle on what the closings will mean.

"Education will stay at a much higher level up north than in the south," the participant wrote. "I can attest to that as a former Cheektowaga resident who has lived in Georgia since 1976."

The Buffalo diocese announced in January it will close Our Lady of Czestochowa School in Cheektowaga, St. James and SS. Peter and Paul Schools in Depew, and St. Andrew's School in Sloan before the start of the 2003-2004 academic year.

In addition, Our Lady Help of

Christians Chapel School will merge with Queen of Martyrs School. The Queen of Martyrs location will be used, but the Chapel School will be kept open through an expanded pre-kindergarten program.

The *Times*' web poll is administered by an objective poll service.

A new question appearing on the *Cheektowaga Times* web site asks, "Does Joseph Hajduk have a chance to defeat Dennis Gabryszak in an election?"

To participate in the poll, visit [www.cheektowagatimes.com](http://www.cheektowagatimes.com). Comments are welcome.

## Policy-makers: this week's meeting times

Local government, school boards and taxpayer/homeowner groups conduct frequent meetings that are open to the public. The following is a list of meetings in the upcoming week:

**March 6:** Conservation Advisory Council-regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Council Office conference room, Town Hall, 3301 Broadway.

Depew Board of Education, 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 591 Terrace Boulevard, Depew.

Depew Planning Board, in the Council Chambers of the Depew Municipal Building, 85 Manitou Street, Depew.

**March 10:** Maryvale Board of Education, 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Samuel R. Bennett Administration Building, 1050 Maryvale Drive.

Depew Village Board, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Depew Municipal Building, 85 Manitou Street, Depew.

**March 11:** Cheektowaga Central Board of Education, 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Senior High Building, 3600 Union Road.

**March 12:** Town Board work session, 6 p.m. in the Council Office conference room, Town Hall, 3301 Broadway.

**March 13:** Planning Board, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 3301 Broadway.

*Editor's note: This list is provided as a service to our readers to afford them a greater ability to attend meetings that help shape the Town's direction.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**Idella Vogelsang, a resident at Weinberg Campus, will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 11.

## Weinberg Campus resident celebrates 100th birthday

Idella Vogelsang is prepared to greet family and friends for her 100th birthday at the Doesberg Manor, Weinberg Campus.

Idella was born in Canada, married and came to this country, later choosing to become an American citizen in the year 1942.

A year when the country was facing many challenges and difficult times, Idella was committed to becoming fully "American."

Since then she has raised her family, had a wonderfully successful marriage but was widowed at an early age. Her husband Arthur passed away one year into his retirement at the age of 66.

## Students awarded "Super Teen" title

*The Next Step Magazine* is proud to announce the New York State winners of its fifth annual Super Teens contest.

Among the winners were Lisa Chenu and Ryan Sugg both from Depew High School.

The teens were chosen for their excellence in community service, part-time work, extracurricular activities, athletics and grades.

*The Next Step Magazine* is a college, career and life-planning magazine for students preparing for life after high school.

The Super Teens will be pictured on the cover of the March/April edition which will be released March 8.

Since then she has enjoyed her daughter and grandchildren, who live in Clarence and especially her beautiful garden.

Idella's daughter Robyn, stated, "Dad would be so proud of mom's capabilities. She has so many friends and now has the comfort of her own company with that ready smile. She has found a new phase of life in Doesberg Manor."

She will celebrate this momentous birthday with the traditional balloons, cake and ice cream with many of her friends and family on March 11 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. in Doesberg Manor.

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M.J.L.

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# Board wins award

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us and the City of Tonawanda."

Johnson added that AAA looks for communities that have "an effective process" for upgrading traffic safety.

According to Johnson, Cheektowaga's traffic safety commission reviews data from two Town-wide traffic studies and accident data compiled by the police.

"The study reports are done by professional traffic engineers for private developers as well as the Town," Johnson commented.

Nacke said that the committee must review the data before making recommendations.

For example, in order to install four-way stop signs, a certain number of accidents within a certain period of time at a particular intersection is required.

As a result, sometimes the committee cannot recommend changes despite pleas from residents who request a change.

"They try to help people out as much as they can, but they're also limited by law," Nacke said. "They have to make tough decisions sometimes."

Johnson said the committee played a large part in changes that will occur on Mapleview Road at Corey Court, in front of the Cleveland Hill schools.

"The committee took an interest

in improving the safety at that intersection," said Johnson.

In conjunction with the Town engineering department, the committee made a recommendation to create a "T" intersection, with a half-moon-type island that will permit school buses to approach the school away from regular traffic.

The new configuration will eliminate a traffic circle at the intersection.

"It will be a safer situation for students and for other vehicles," Johnson commented. "It will be a benefit."

The engineering department has an upcoming storm sewer project on Corey Court, "so this is the time to do it," Johnson noted.

Nacke said the award criteria includes population and participation in safety programs.

"The larger the community, the more community involvement they're looking for," Nacke added. "That's where the traffic safety commission comes in. It represents various parts of the community. The committee includes traffic engineers, professionals, retired people, and a retired sheriff deputy."

It's a very professional team," Johnson added. "I'm glad to sponsor their work."

Nacke said one member used to operate a tractor-trailer training company.

"She brought in the perspective of large vehicles," Nacke said.

Johnson presented the award to members of the committee, including Town Engineer William Pugh, Chief of Police Christine M. Ziemba, and Lt. Nacke.

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## Prayer To

### † The Holy Spirit †

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my ideal: You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me; and You who are in all instances of my life with me: I in this short dialogue want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You. No matter how great material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen, Thank you for Your love towards me and my love ones. Person must pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After the third day, your wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted.

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# TODAY'S BUSINESS

## Erie Community College offers innovative courses

Erie Community College's Department of Workforce Development provided professional development and personal enrichment training to over 34,000 Western New Yorkers last year.

There are four divisions, which include Community Services, Corporate Training, Driver Improvement, and the One Stop.

Community Services produces a catalog twice a year, which is distributed to over 112,000 households and companies.

Course offerings include computer training, on-line computer courses, technical courses in A+ certification, Network + certification prep, CISCO Networking Academy and Geographic Information Systems.

Training also extends to the health care sector. Courses include New York State mandated Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Respiratory Care, Ophthalmic Dispensing, Occupational Therapist, Infection Control, Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting, School Violence (Teachers).

One of their signature programs is having sous and certified executive pastry chefs teach culinary courses in both state-of-the-art culinary labs.

All Community Services courses are open to the public and registration is simple, efficient, and inexpensive.

Courses are offered at three separate conveniently located campuses: South (Orchard Park/Hamburg), City, and North (Amherst/Williamsville).

New and innovative courses are always available. Examples include New York State Security Guard Training, Professional Truck Driver Institute, and CERT (Citizens for Emergency Response Training). CERT funding has been made available to offer homeland security training to residents in the County.

Neighborhood Watch Groups, Police Explorer Groups, and Fire Auxiliary Groups will participate in this new offering. This training will supplement the emergency and disaster response capabilities within our community.

Yet another innovative course offering is *The Peoples Law School*, which will begin April 29, 2003 in partnership with the Erie County Bar Association.

This four-week program will discuss "Understanding the Law and the Courts." The Department of Workforce Development provided professional development and personal enrichment training to over 34,000 Western New Yorkers last year. Other courses are "Bankruptcy and Consumer Law," "Civil Rights and Discrimination," "Domestic Violence and Child Abuse."

Moderators for each workshop will include Judges and Attorneys with expertise in each of these topical areas.

The Entrepreneurial Business Center provides individuals who are interested in expanding or creating a small business in Western New York. This sixty-hour course followed by technical assistance to design a business plan will begin April 24, 2002.

This program is sponsored by SCORE, the Small Business Asso-

ciations, retired business executives.

Corporate Training provides professional soft skills and technical customized training programs on site at various companies located in Erie County.

Driver Improvement offers several programs: NYS Five Hour Pre-licensing Courses, required for all per-

mit holders; NYS Point Insurance Reduction Program, Driver Improvement, and Risk Intervention.

The One Stop offers underemployed and job seekers the opportunity to match their skill set to local job openings.

Call ECC to obtain their newest catalog and course offerings. The phone numbers are 851-1800 Community Services, 851-1805 Corporate Training, 851-1823 Driver Improvement, and 825-2525 One Stop.

## Curves features 30-minute workout

Curves For Women is the world's largest fitness center franchise and currently has almost 5,000 locations in all fifty states and six nations.

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*Entrepreneur* magazine has chosen Curves for the following awards: Number 1 Best New Franchise two years in a row and Number 3 Best of All Franchises in 2002.

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minutes sustained Target Heart Rate, strength training on all major muscle groups, and stretching for elasticity.

So don't hesitate, visit the local Curves near you and join your friends and neighbors as a Curve member today.

Curves' 30-Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Centers in Cheektowaga, Depew and South Buffalo will be joining the Curves International Inc. "Food For Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks.

Anyone joining Curves the week of March 17 may bring in a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived.

Anyone may drop off nonperishable food items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours.

Last year the food drive collected over 2,000,000 pounds of food nationally.

The local Curves locations in Cheektowaga are at 7 Kelly Drive, 677-4341 and 3776 Harlem Road, 834-0036; in Depew at 6348 Transit Road, 683-7300; in Buffalo at 77 Rossler Street, 826-4646 and the First Floor in Ellicott Square Building, 332-3585.

Other locations are in Lockport at 3969 Lockport-Olcott Road, Wright corners, 826-4646; and in East Aurora at 391 Olean Road, 652-1199.

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# TIME MACHINE

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Vehicles used by the Perry Police Dept. and the Wyoming County Sheriff's Dept. are side by side in this photo taken in Perry in the late 1930s.

## 25 Years Ago March 7, 1978

Hayden Dadd, 69, of Attica, died. He had been chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors from 1961 to 1968 and county attorney from 1968 to 1977.

The 150-year-old Alexander United Methodist Church was destroyed by fire.

A Fillmore home owned by Paul Reukauf of Houghton was destroyed in a fire.

Of the 16,574 registered voters in Wyoming County, 9,531 were Republicans and 5,171 were enrolled as Democrats. Some 1,422 were not affiliated with a party.

Deaths: Elizabeth Gliss, 86, of Warsaw; Ambrose Shaunessy, 74, of Perry; Vinnie M. Lewis, 75, formerly of Perry; Byron E. Payn, 86, of Warsaw; and Helen C. Clark, 77, of Castile.

## 30 Years Ago March 6, 1973

Exchange students Beate Kramlousky of Austria and Antony Young of Australia were one-week visitors to Wyoming.

Attica attorney Mark Dadd, 29, announced his plans to seek the Republican nomination for district attorney.

Wyoming twins Richard E. Purga and Robert L. Purga were named to the Dean's List at SUNY Albany.

Airman First Class Carl L. Ballinger of Castile arrived for duty at Upper Heyford Air Force Station in England.

Gov. Rockefeller signed into law a bill providing tax abatements for property owners affected by Hurricane Agnes.

A 24-year-old man died when his private plane crashed into a wooden area in the town of York.

Frank Donahue Jr. of Warsaw entered Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

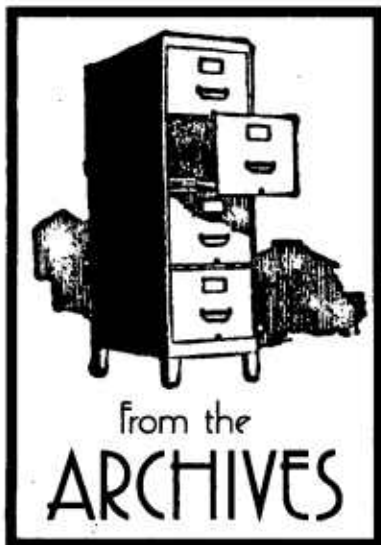
## 40 Years Ago March 7, 1963

Diseases of the heart and circulatory system caused 63 percent of the deaths in Wyoming County in 1961, according to the Wyoming County Heart Chapter.

An active group of junior members was organized at the Walter Klein American Legion Post in Warsaw.

Carl L. Eisenhard of Warsaw was the ninth annual winner of the Cornell-Swedish Exchange Scholarship.

Nearly half of the land pro-



posed as a multi-use recreational project in Middlebury had been purchased by the state Conservation Dept.

A fire started by a small explosion ruined three businesses and four apartments in the Brick Block at Main and Orchard streets in Silver Springs.

Charles F. O'Connor and William J. Nicholson of Warsaw were on the Dean's List at Alfred University.

A fire damaged Angie's Restaurant on Route 19 in Rock Glen. Mrs. Francis Hatch of Brooklyn Street was the Girl Scout Cookie Sale chairman for Warsaw.

Crystal Salt Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Warsaw celebrated its 80th anniversary.

## 50 Years Ago March 5, 1953

The Court of Appeals upheld the first degree murder conviction of Arcade's Frank Wojcik for the shotgun slaying of his wife. He was sentenced to the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison.

"Rheumatic Fever in children" was the topic of a speech by Dr. Edward C. Lambert, assistant professor of Pediatrics at the University of Buffalo Medical School, at a meeting with Wyoming County Community Hospital staff.

Marilyn C. Garland of Warsaw was named president of Sill House, a women's residence at William Smith College.

The Wyoming County Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association celebrated Beauty Salon Week with a show.

A home owned by Alton E. Long in Wyoming, the former Adair Homestead, burned to the ground.

Hattie Blatchford of Wyoming

celebrated her 89th birthday.

The senior class at Wyoming Central School presented the three-act play, "Take Your Medicine."

Marlene Hudson, a graduate of Wyoming Central School, became a reservationist with American Airlines in Buffalo.

Arnold Cox of Wyoming purchased the young Guernsey sire, Hillcrest V. Noble, from Ronald Wetherwax of Wyoming.

Ross Hain of Tillner Chevrolet Inc. was recognized as an outstanding Chevrolet parts and accessories sales manager.

The acclaimed Studebaker 1953 passenger car models were on display at Warsaw Motor Sales.

## 100 Years Ago March 6, 1903

"Public Meeting. The citizens of Warsaw are requested to meet at the Town Hall on Friday evening, March 6th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the advisability of re-organizing the Nyack Band on a broader and more substantial basis. That our citizens take pride in, and appreciate our excellent band is true, but it is also true that neither the band as a whole, nor any one member should be burdened with its business and financial management as heretofore. One of our many institutions in which we expect to take pride during the Centennial celebration is our band. We would all greatly regret to see the organization go down at any time, but more especially so in this, our centennial year.

"Let every public spirited citizen manifest his interest in the contribution of 'the harmony of sweet sounds' by attending the above meeting."

—The Western New Yorker

## 150 Years Ago March 8, 1853

Perry News—"The Grist Mill, belonging to Messrs. Bailey, Sweet & Co. was entered by forcing open a window, a few nights since, and the desk broken open and rifled of its contents, which consisted of a quantity of old receipts, which were torn up, probably for amusement, and a few coppers, which undoubtedly were pocketed. As the burglar had very little, if any, sense in his head, he was very lucky in finding a few in the desk to replenish his pocket."

—The Western New Yorker

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## Health Focus

### Skim or two percent? Can you tell the difference?

*Nutrition Council says the difference is hardly noticeable to the taste buds, but can make a difference to our health*

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Wyoming County, and saturated fat is a leading contributor to heart disease. Whole and two percent milk are leading sources of saturated fat in American's diets, according to the Wyoming

of milk per day, by changing from whole to skim you will save 840 calories per week, or the equivalent of 13 pounds of body fat each year. Skim or one percent milk are usually cheaper, and provide all of the good nutrition of whole or two percent milk without the fat, the council said.

"Low-fat Milk Challenges" will be held at:

• Attica Jubilee, Fri., March 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Warsaw Save-A-Lot, Sat., March 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Perry IGA, Sun., March 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Warsaw Big M, Fri., March 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Warsaw Tops, Fri., March 21, 1 to 3:00 p.m.

The low-fat milk challenges are partially funded by the state Health Dept. through a Wyoming County Heart Health Partnership mini-grant.

The Nutrition Council is made up of nutritionist, nurses and others interested in public health. The group's purpose is to improve the nutritional health of Wyoming County residents by increasing knowledge and encouraging collaboration within the community.

County Nutrition Council. However, since milk provides nutrients needed for a healthy body, one percent and skim milk consumption is encouraged for everyone over 2 years old.

The Wyoming County Nutrition Council is providing Wyoming County residents with an opportunity to rethink the milk that they drink by offering "Low-fat Milk Challenges" at various sites around the county. Consumers will have the opportunity to taste the milk without looking at it to see if they can actually taste the difference between regular and low-fat milk. Previous "Low-fat Milk Challenges" showed that many people cannot distinguish between regular and low-fat milk.

The Nutrition Council points out that if you drink two glasses

### Funding available for home care services

Many Wyoming County residents may be eligible for help in paying for home care services through the HomeCare &

Hospice's Family Aid Fund sliding fee program. Funding for this program is provided by the United Way of Wyoming County. The sliding fee program bases out-of-pocket expenses on the individual's income. This lowers HomeCare & Hospice reduce costs not covered by other means.

Cost reductions may be available to help those who want services, were referred for services or would like additional services. Applicants fill out the simple, one-page confidential form to determine what their cost would be. A registered nurse can visit for free, with no obligation, to discuss services and identify needs.

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For more information or a free in-home consultation, call HomeCare & Hospice at 786-5040 or 1-877-628-8047 or stop at 5 North Main St. in Warsaw.

### EARLY HEAD START

is a program for pregnant women and families of children birth to three. The program provides year-round service based on the four cornerstones of Early Head Start: family development, child development, staff development and community building. Services are provided in an inclusive home-based setting.



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- ❖ Ongoing case management for families of infants and toddlers with special needs.
- ❖ One-on-one counseling in family crisis situations from a trained family counselor.

#### What is Head Start?

- ❖ The program maximizes the strengths and unique experiences of each child. The family is a direct participant of the program.
- ❖ The overall goal is bringing a greater degree of social competence in the child's everyday effectiveness in dealing with both the present environment and future responsibilities. This goal takes into account social competencies, development, as well as health and nutrition.
- ❖ Enrollment is open to all children regardless of race, sex, creed, color, national origin or disabling conditions, whose family incomes falls within the guidelines.
- ❖ Head Start activities are designed to build social development, language development, development of thinking processes, small and large muscle development, and self-help skills.

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# PROJECT HEAD START



## Grand Island youth star in 'Music Man'



The production of "Music Man Jr." involved 60 kids including three from Grand Island. From l to r: Caitlin Quider, Scott Quider and Andrew Stange.

The Niagara Fine Arts Program featured in the quick paced, high stepping choreographed production number "Shipooi."

Scott Quider, also a Grade 6 student at Veronica E. Connor Middle School, played the role of Mayor Shinn divulging his talents as an experienced actor with a humorous flare. Caitlin Quider, a freshman at Grand Island High School, fulfilled the role of the meddling Alma Mix. Her lead performance in the "Pick-A-Little" number brought a rousing hand of applause. Backstage, Jeff Stange, also a freshman at Grand Island High School, assisted in the sound design for the performance.



Assisting with the sound design for "Music Man Jr." is Jeff Stange (left) with NFAP sound manager Rich Clark.

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### TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND ADVISORY BOARD OPENINGS

The Town of Grand Island has current openings on the Ethics Board, the Youth Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Any member of the community who is interested in serving on an advisory board should submit a letter of interest, including relevant experience, education or training to Town Supervisor Peter A. McMahon, 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, New York 14072. Letters received prior to 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> will be considered. For additional information contact any member of the Town Board.

## High school PTSA meeting Mar. 12

Grand Island High School PTSA invites parents and students to the next PTSA meeting to be held on Wednesday, Mar. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting will begin with a presentation by Brian Brown-Cashdollar of the Western New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health with an overview of New York State child labor laws and prohibited occupations. The presentation will also include valuable information on OSHA standards as they apply to teen workers. All are invited to attend.

The high school PTSA membership sale is ongoing. To purchase a membership send your check for \$5 payable to Grand Island High School PTSA along with your name and address to Grand Island High School, Attn: PTSA Membership, 1100 Ransom Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072. Receive a free Vikings window cling and a membership card.

## Boating Safely Course March 15

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 03-01, dedicated to promoting recreational boating safety, will offer an 8-hour Boating Safely Course on March 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Gasport Fire Hall, State Street, Gasport. Free vessel examinations will be given at this class.

This course satisfies state requirements. Open to all individuals, families or groups. The course will cover such topics as PWC and boat handling, navigation rules and legal requirements.

Pre-registration and minimum of 10 students required. For more information call Bob Holesko at 692-4327 or Don Krueger at 743-5816.

### Your Business is News

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The Grand Island Zonta Club's 33rd annual Antiques Show is scheduled for March 7 and 8, and will be held at River Oaks Golf Club, 201 Whitehaven Road. Friday evening there will be an Early Bird viewing running from 6-9 p.m. On Saturday, the general admission hours run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The many dealers will have everything from antique lights, glassware and toys to furniture. It is all worth a look-see. Also, the club's restaurant will be open with bar service and a full menu for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. There is ample parking, all of which is free. Pictured above are Agnes Becker, president of the Zonta Club, Andrea Moreau, treasurer and Kathy Shonitsky, chairman of the show, with the first prize for the club raffle, held in conjunction with the Antique Show - a vintage armed oak rocker. (photo by Barbi Lare)

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### Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the Public Service Commission, in compliance with amendments to Public Service Law Section 66-j, revisions to "PSC Nos. 90 and 115 - Electricity" to become effective March 31, 2003. These changes allow for interconnection and net energy metering of certain electric generating equipment fueled by farm waste and with a rated capacity of not more than 400 kw. Text of the proposed tariff revisions may be obtained at [www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm](http://www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm).

## LETTERS

### GI Ministerium provides 'Just War Theory'

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Island Ministerium, are aware of the constant news of an imminent war with Iraq. We come from a variety of Christian perspectives regarding the use of deadly force, and we do not believe that any single perspective is the truth, to the exclusion of all the rest.

We believe that most readers do not claim that war is always right (crusade) or is always wrong (pacifism), though both have been part of the Christian tradition. Rather, we believe that most readers will claim that, under certain conditions, nations may need to resort to the use of deadly force. In the Christian tradition, this has come to be known as the "Just War Theory" through the work of such prominent theologians as Augustine and Thomas Aquinas.

A summary of Just War Theory is given below. According to the Christian tradition, all seven criteria must be met before a "just war" may begin. As you hear arguments for and against our going to war with Iraq, we encourage your prayerful reflection and conversation.

1) Just Cause - Is there a valid reason to resort to deadly force? (protection from attack, restoration of rights wrongly taken, restoration of political order).

2) Right Authority - Has the proper authority (person or body), having no political superior, declared war? (implies the ability to control and cease the use of deadly force).

3) Right Intention - Is the intent in accord with the just cause? (rather than for territorial aggrandizement, intimidation, coercion, hatred, vengeance, desire to dominate).

4) Last Resort - At the time of the decision to use force, have all other options been exhausted? (no other means will achieve the justified ends sought).

5) Aim of Peace - What are the goals? (international stability, security, peaceful interaction, nation-building, disarmament, etc.).

6) Proportionality - Will the overall good achieved by the use of force be less than the harm done?

7) Reasonable Chance of Success - Has it been prudently calculated that the means used will bring the justified ends sought?

We encourage you to pray in whatever way your religious tradition might dictate. Please pray for a just peace; for the leaders of the nations; for all who work for justice and peace; for our president and our Congress; for the United Nations; for our troops (especially those stationed in the Middle East); for those whom we would call our enemies; and for all who may be in harm's way.

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Grand Island Ministerium:  
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Rev. Paul Nogaro  
Rev. Diane Phinney  
Rev. Paul Robinson  
Rev. Douglas Stewart  
Rev. Joanne Stewart

### Kids Day 2003

On behalf of the Kids Day volunteers, thank you for your support on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

This year over 35 volunteers were at their post at 6 a.m. and braved 8 degree temperatures with a chilly west wind. They were able to sell over 2,300 newspapers.

A special thanks to the organizations (Grand Island Fire Company,

Lions Club, Fuccillo Chevrolet, Grand Island Recreation Department) who recruited volunteers and the many individuals who gave their time.

If you are interested in helping next year, contact someone in one of the above organizations or call Joe Diebold at 773-1196.

Joe Diebold

### Transportation Department seeks donations for poster contest

Grand Island Central School District Transportation Department is sponsoring its annual School Bus Safety Poster Contest. This contest, which is open to all students (public or nonpublic) in grades kindergarten through eight, strives to promote bus safety awareness and education in the schools, classrooms and the Grand Island community.

The district contest winner will be entered in the Western New York competition. Local winners are then submitted for New York State judging, and state winners go on to the national level competition.

In an effort to encourage the participation of our children, Grand Island Transportation Department is seeking donations to be used as (or towards) prizes in the district contest. Contributions are tax deductible. Names of all organizations that contribute to this cause, and encourage our community to support them, will be published. Join in promoting this year's theme ...

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### Better Business Bureau warns of Iraqi charity scheme in Syracuse

A charity scheme that has been using a Web site operating out of Syracuse has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury. The scheme, which used the Web site www.helptheneedy.net is the target of a federal investigation for allegedly funneling money to Iraq.

According to the Web site, people could donate money to assist orphans and needy families in Iraq. Instead over \$4 million were allegedly funneled to a financial institution in Jordan. Investigators said this violates a federal law, which prohibits Americans from sending aid to Iraq.

"We certainly encourage the public to contribute to helpful causes that will assist the families and the needy," said David Polino, president of the Better Business Bureau. "Donors should make certain, however, that the charity is properly registered with appropriate state government agencies, that it describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims, and that it is willing to provide written

information about its finances and programs."

The BBB encourages people wanting to donate to charitable causes to "check out" the charity first for its legitimacy and to see how the charitable dollars are allocated. Prospective donors should make sure that the organization they designate is a charity, and be familiar with both its activities and its ethics. The BBB's NYPAS (www.nypas.org) Program maintains reports on many New York state area charities and the Council of Better Business Bureaus, PAS (www.give.org) program has information on national organizations from around the country. Both BBB programs have a set of Standards for Charitable Solicitations that charities are rated against. Most charities that solicit in NYS must be registered with the NYS Department of Charities.

For more information, or to see if a charity needs to be registered, call the NYS Department of Charities at 212-416-8430.

### Hoyt announces funds for water treatment plant

New York State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt (D - Buffalo, Grand Island) announced last Wednesday that the town of Grand Island has been selected to receive a \$850,430 short-term interest free loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. These funds will help finance the town's planning, design and construction of improvements to the Town of Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"I am pleased to have helped secure these funds, and know that the projects they support will contribute to an improved quality of life for all Grand Island residents," Hoyt said.

This project will aid the town in meeting its water pollution control efforts, while at the same time providing jobs for the implementation of the project. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund is administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Hoyt represents the 144th Assembly District, which includes Buffalo and Grand Island.

### Women's Club monthly luncheon

The Grand Island Women's Club monthly luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 12 at the Eagle House, 5578 Main Street, Williamsville at 11:30 a.m. Test your skill at a Pottery Class before lunch at Luv'n Clay located near the Eagle House.

A carpool will leave from Burger King at 8:30 a.m. for those interested in the class, and a carpool will leave 11 a.m. for the luncheon only. For menu choices and cost information, contact Loretta Shultz at 773-9033.

COMPLETE COMMUNITY COVERAGE

### Teen suicide will be discussed

The director of a national foundation dedicated to helping teens avoid suicide, will discuss warning signs and available resources for troubled teens at the city of Tonawanda Middle School.

Linda Dunlap, director of education for the Jason Foundation, will discuss "Teen Suicide: The Silent Epidemic," from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 10 at the Middle and High School Complex, 150 Hinds St.

Jason Foundation officials report suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24, and fourth for ages 10-14. In the past 40 years, youth suicide rates have almost tripled. Between 1980 and 1996, suicide rates for the 10-14 year old group have increased by 100 percent.

For more information about this important seminar, contact G.I.F.T.S. Family Support Center coordinator Sue Novits at 773-9600, Ext. 690.

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# Eden Elementary School announces second quarter honor roll

Eden Elementary School is pleased to announce the high honor, honor and merit rolls for the second quarter of the 2002-03 school year.

## Fourth grade merit roll

Joseph Amadori, Zachary Arno, Erica Arnold, Rachael Baltes, Molly Bartz, Alexander Becker, Reginald Boice, Sarah Brown, Ryan Campbell, Joshua Christiansen, Jesse Connors, Kaley Donaldson, James Franz, Shana Gibbon, Stephen Goedel, Morgan Goetz, Brian Harris;

Michael Hart, Sarah Hewson, Sean Huggins, Alexandria Hunter, John Klopp, Brian Kozub, Jillian Krygier, Matthew Kuppel, Richard Landahl, Jeremy Lilga, Alex Lortz, Jessica Maddex, Andrew Marrano, Rebecca May, Ryan McCarthy, Jason Michalski, Ryan Mitchell, Troy Neureuter, Zachary O'Brien, Christopher Partridge, Lisa Persinger;

Cameron Pfohl, Cord Polzin, John Popple, Katrina Redmond, David Roistacher, Aaron Romanowski, Tyler Shaw, Miranda Stang, Jason Szabat, Stephen Urban, Rachael Vankoughnett, Christopher Walczyk, Forrest Wlodarczyk, Jessica Yuhas and Evan Zittel.

## Fourth grade honor roll

Nicole Aloisio, Steven Bender, Jacob Braunscheidel, Taylor Bunn, Allison Campbell, Jake Carias, Brien Connelly, David Diefenbach, Alexander Desmond, Rachel Fiedler, Joseph Fuchs, Justine Gugino;

Cody Jackson, Jennilyn Jeziorowski, Mitchell Johnson, James Jones, Hannah Lauber, Cody Littere, Danielle Lyndsley, Joshua Mack, Kaitlyn Maddex, Meaghan Morley, Cullen Motak, Derek Palmerton, Jamie Peterson, Kevin Preischel, Thomas Ray; Donald Rice, Zakery Rice, Justin Rich, Nicole Schichtel, Abby Swartz, Joseph Tronolone, Justin Waldorf, Raelynn Walker, Andrew Wann, Nicolette Winder and Christopher Winter.

## Fourth grade high honors

Matthew Benedict, Kathleen Bugenhagen, Carly Congilosi, Leann Esford, Heather Feldman, Jaysson Glendenning, Laura Kiel, Anna King, Lauren Morrow, Katherine O'Reilly, Abigail Ploetz;

Katelyn Posenjak, Megan Pszonak, Samantha Pustulka, Christine Schaefer, Jennifer Thomas and Kyle Zittel.

## Fifth grade merit roll

Ross Abram, Chelsea Anderson, William Bailey, Dakota Balone, Mark Balcerzak, Brian Bianchi, William Blodgett, Jordan Bus, Christopher Busch, Shana Cole, Angeline Dobrzanski, Tabitha Fitzgerald;

Thomas Gallman Jr., Thomas Gannon Jr., Andrew Gates, Jeremiah Gechell, Nathan Gonser, Kathryn Gorcica, Hailee Herc, Theresa Horvats, Timothy Jakubiec, Kaitlin Kaminski, Jessica Kramer, Chelsea Krencik, Jeremy Krencik;

Jessica Krouse, Samuel Lewandowski, Max Malayny, Matthew Meyer, Nicole Nowak, Brigitte Pace, Cullen Playter, Michael Rakiecki, James Rigley, Samantha Santiago, Nicole Schuster, Alexander Shea, Donald Suchan;

Samuel Swieczicki, Sarah Telaak, Nicholas Violanti, Joshua Whalen, Anna Wojtanik and Raymond Ziecker.

## Fifth grade honor roll

Rebecca Balone, Frank Barone, Kelly Beller, Marissa Bidney, Troy Bigelow, Anna Brenner, Jamie Broda, Vincent Cala, Larissa Dobson, Brett Ebling, Amber Edwards, Darcy Engle;

Katherine Eschner, Emily Falstewart, Andrea Fazzolari, Nicole Ferguson, Ashleigh Finnigan, Alexa Fleming, Nicole Grasso, Andrew Greiner, Kaitlin Griffith, Elizabeth Henry, Hanna Herc;

Bettina Jakubiec, Christine Jedd, Jordan Jones, Elizabeth Kryszak, Kearsten Nadrich, Tommie Nowak, Ryan Orechwa, Ashley Palma, Tyler Prince, Matthew Reusch, Alexandra Romanowski, Tyler Roseman, Timothy Schnauer, Matthew Scott;

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Tiffany Anderson, Nathan Arno, Anthony Blas, Zachariah Braunscheidel, Daniel Carrow, Kelsey Carson, Leanna Chojnacki, Patricia DiRosa, Jessica Dosser, Weston Dubreville;

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Spaulding, Abigail Szal, Matthew Vankoughnett, Brandon Walczyk and Michael Wright.

## Sixth grade honor roll

Jonathan Achtyl, Cassandra Adamczyk, Michelle Andolina, Vanessa Armbruster, Dylan Belasik, Janine Benkelman, Leah Braymiller, Michael Buziak, Amanda Caracci, Jarrett Carroll, William Chamberlin;

Mallory Diefenbach, Nicolette Dumansky, Carlie Engle, Derrick Esford, Harleena Franklin, Sara Franz, Samantha Frew, Samantha Grapes, Paul Grimmer, Bradley Heferle, Heather Henry, Cassandra Hobbins, Jacob Jeziorowski, Andrew Koester;

Kristine Kotecki, Kimberly LaGreca, Christine Lorenz, Marc Michalski, Kathryn Morrow, Lindsay Norton, Patrick O'Brien, Michael Paciorek, Thealyn Ploetz, Nicholas Preischel, Rina Rachinger, Chelsea Ray, Laurel Reed, Charles Ressel, Margaret Riedel, Jessica Schreiner;

Carolyn Schupp, Jay Senozetnik, Christine Shea, Robert Skrabacz, Anne Skuse, Rachel Smith, Rebecca Sutton, Ryan Swartz, Jonathyn Walters, Noel Weatherington and David Yvanoff.

## Sixth grade high honors

Michael Benedict, Joelle Crabtree, Melissa Grove, Margaret Koester, Jessica Krazmien, Shelby Lee, James Levulis, John Mayer, Kacie Rich, Sally Schaefer, Jillian Smith and Joshua Walker.

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## SS. Peter and Paul preschool pajama party

Preschoolers at SS. Peter and Paul Elementary School celebrated Catholic Schools Week by having a pajama party in class. The preschoolers were encouraged to bring along a favorite bedtime pal to share in the fun. Pictured front row from left: Quinten Simet, Jordan Manning, Isabella Simet, Gillian Tytko, Molly Rhein, Nat Cappello, Christopher Wehrmann, Lauren Spencer. Second row: Emily Torgalski, Ethan Smith, Meghan Gorman, Connor Simet. Back row: Teacher Polly Tice, Sadie Cornelius, Briana Zuchowski, Sam Anderson, Danny Wood, Daniel Henry, Matthew Cerrillo.

## CAMPUS BEAT

The following students have made the Dean's Lists at their respective colleges:

Canisius College: **Anthony Zitnik**, Blasdell.

Pensacola Christian College: **Ryan Melody**, Hamburg.

Niagara University:

Derby: **Nicholas Dentice**, **Stacey Dueringer** and **Marisa Minute**;

Hamburg: **Amanda Benedict**, **Joseph Coniglio**, **Valerie Devine**, **Lindsey Dust**, **Lori McIntyre**, **Zoran Obradovic**, **Annmarie Piontek**, **Tanya Poeller**, **Edward Reilly III** and **Joseph Christopher**;

Lakeview: **Erick Mock**.

Wells College: **Ariel Merkel**, Hamburg.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: **Eden: Sean Fleming** and **Eric Winkelman**;

Hamburg: **Christopher Dischner**, **Anurag Gupta**, **Kristen Powers** and **Peter Steffan**;

Lake View: **Michael Florczyk**; North Collins: **Dustin Francis** and **David Partyka**.

Binghamton University: **Elizabeth Kryszak** and **Robin Schoeffield**.

Springfield College: **Gregory Lardo**, Hamburg.

Le Moyne College: **Jill Tetreault**, Hamburg.

Elmira College: **Michelle Haslinger**, Boston.

University of Notre Dame: **Kathleen Singer**, Hamburg.

**Carianne Jung**, a Hamburg High School graduate, was elected to serve as president of Strong House for the 2002-2003 academic year at Vassar College.

**Lisa Grabecki** of Hamburg has been included in the current edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

**Jenna Perkins** of Hamburg has been included in the current edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.



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The Bennett's were selected from hundreds of entries in our Sun Reader Restaurant Review contest this month, and were sent to the popular Hamburg eatery recently, where they gave J.P.'s a four-star rating. That is, excellent ratings in all four categories: food quality, food value, service/staff, and overall experience.

"Our family truly enjoyed our dining experience at J.P. Fitzgerald's," said Jeanne Bennett. "The staff and J.P. Fitzgeralds greeted our family promptly upon our arrival. The staff was very polite, friendly and efficient!"

With three distinctive tastes in the reviewing group, they found popular items on J.P.'s huge menu to satisfy their cravings.

"The roast beef of week was very tender," she noted, "and had a wonderful flavor. Our daughter enjoyed the pizza bread entree. My husband enjoyed the generous-sized lemon-pepper chicken entree. And, finally, our entire family enjoyed to the potato skins as a wonderful side dish. And we thought our dinner was very reasonably priced."

J.P. Fitzgerald's is located at 4236 Clark Street in Hamburg. Information about their special St. Patrick's Day festivities and reservations can be obtained by calling 649-4025. Or, you can visit their website at [www.jpfitzgeralds.com](http://www.jpfitzgeralds.com) <<http://www.jpfitzgeralds.com>>.

"What we particularly enjoyed was the relaxing environment, for our family to "sit back" and enjoy our delectable dinner. We loved the Irish decor, complete with numerous Guinness decorative pictures," Bennett added. "We would definitely recommend J.P. Fitzgerald's to other families for a relaxing evening out!"

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The Springville Moose Lodge has made another donation to the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Emergency Department. Pictured making the presentation from left, the ER's George Garvey, Past Moose Governor Charles Doty, Governor Mathew Golubeck, Tammy Boundy and Charlotte Doty.

## Support groups

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**SAF-NET/Domestic Violence Task Force meeting**, at the Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine the future of SAF-NET. Anyone interested in attending, call Lisa Pappas at 592-5118.

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

**Narcotics Anonymous**, regular meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Main Street, Springville, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder**, East Aurora Public Library, 550 Main Street, 7-8:30 p.m.

### CONTINUING SERVICES MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Salem-Concord Nutrition Site**, Salem Lutheran Church, corner of Main Street and Central Avenue, serves a hot lunch for senior citizens, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$2.00 donation. Reservations required. For more information, call 592-0635.

**Meals on Wheels (Springville Area)**, for information, call Marilyn Dye, 592-2398; Louise Langreck, 592-7174; George Zeafra, 592-7850; or Ruth Eisenhut, 592-3537.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Noon, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Main Street, Springville.

### EVERY SATURDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 1:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 474 East Main Street, Springville.

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m. in the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital cafeteria, Springville.

*Notices of meetings or events for the Support Groups calendar should be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to publication.*

## Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Concord will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 6:40 p.m. at the Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville, NY, to add Chapter 150, Article XXIII, Section 150-131 entitled "BUILDING NUMBERS" to the Code of the Town of Concord as follows: The owner of any parcel of land in the Town of Concord upon which a building exists shall place the street address number assigned to that lot on the front face of the building in a prominent location facing and clearly legible from the principal street. If the building is not visible or the number not otherwise legible from the street, the number shall be permanently affixed to a mail box, post, wall, tree, sign or other permitted structure adjacent to the entrance to the principal driveway serving the building. The number shall be composed of Arabic numerals at least four inches high and in a color contrasting with the color of the surface upon which they appear. The owner of a new building shall comply with this Section immediately upon issuance of a building permit.

Any and all interested persons will be heard.

By Order of the Town Board  
Mary E. Bolt  
Concord Town Clerk  
2w 2/27/03

## Legal Notice Town of Colden

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Colden has filed the Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2002, with the Office of the State Comptroller. A copy is also on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and may be examined by interested persons at the Clerk's Office, 8812 State Road, Colden, NY during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: March 3, 2003

Alice M. Wangelin, Town Clerk  
Town of Colden  
1w 3/6/03

## Notice

I, Rose M. Franklin, am presenting an application to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board for an on the premises Liquor License at 12499 Savage Road in Sardinia, NY.

2w 3/6/03

Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District  
307 Newman Street  
Springville, New York

## Notice to All Bidders

The Board of Education, located at 307 Newman Street, District Office Building, Springville, New York 14141, requests sealed bids on the following:

**BID DATE:** Wednesday, March 12, 2003

**BID:** Transportation for one (1) disabled student to and from Holland Elementary, 103 Canada St., Holland, New York 14080.

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Section 103, Article 5A, of the General Municipal Law, we hereby invite bids which will be received until the time above noted, at the District Office, located at 307 Newman Street, Springville, New York 14141, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the District Office Building during working hours. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids. Any bid submitted will be pending for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening. The NON-COLLUSIVE STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED.

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Springville-Griffith Institute  
Central School District  
Darrin T. Kenney  
School Business Administrator  
1w 3/6/03

## Notice of Public Hearing Village of Springville

Please take notice that there will be a Public Hearing conducted by the Village of Springville Board of Trustees at the Village Office, 5 West Main Street, Springville, New York on Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the following resolution.

Resolved that with respect to the Village real property tax and pursuant to section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the maximum income eligibility level for persons 65 years of age or over is hereby increased to \$18,800, and such assessment exemption is granted to the full extent provided, including the schedules of increasing income levels and corresponding decreasing exemption percentages allowed by said section.

1w 3/6/02

## Notice of Elections

Notice is hereby given to the proprietors of lots in the Springville Rural Cemetery that a meeting of said proprietors will be held at the Town Hall, Springville, New York on March 18, 2003, for the purpose of electing two Trustees. The three-year terms of Charles J. Cranston and Joyce Girst will expire.

The polls will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dated: February 14, 2003

Linda Balog, Secretary  
3w 2/20/03

## Notice

The Concord Town Board will hold a work session on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin St., Springville, NY.

The Town Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Concord Town Hall.

There will also be a Public Hearing on "Building Numbers for the Town of Concord" on March 13 at 6:40 p.m.

By Order of the Town Board  
Mary E. Bolt  
Concord Town Clerk  
1w 3/6/03

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Sardinia Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the Sardinia Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments on proposed Local Law #1 of 2003. This local law will amend Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Sardinia entitled "Parks," Section 10, "Dog's," to prohibit dogs in the Town Park during Special events, such as the Firemen's Carnival; with the exception of Service Dogs. The proposed law also provides that dog owners who bring their dogs to the parks at other times must clean up after the dog. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed local law may do so at the time of the hearing, or in writing to the Town Clerk's office, PO Box 219, Sardinia, NY 14134.

Betsy A. Marsh  
Sardinia Town Clerk  
1w 3/6/03

## Notice

Notice of Registration of Springville Pediatrics & Adult Care, LLP. Certificate filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on October 16, 2002. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copies of process to: The LLP, 25 East Main St., Springville, NY 14141. Purpose: practice the profession of medicine.

6w 2/20/03

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## Springville Door and Window offers cabinetry and quality to customers

By LYNDSEY D'ARCANGELO  
Journal Reporter

Butter Cream. Honey Spice. Toffee. No these aren't flavors of coffee or candy, but are actually types of colors for cabinets that are now being offered at Springville Door and Window and they look as tasty as they sound.

Springville Door and Window, located at 56 Waverly Street, has expanded their product line to feature cabinetry, and not just for your kitchen. Cabinets these days are used in offices, bathrooms, library rooms, computer centers, and home theaters.

Mike Krohn, a cabinetry specialist, was brought into the company back in October to help advance the cabinetry line. Krohn helps to design and sell a variety of cabinet styles to customers, which are built to order. With cabinet displays on hand to view directly at Springville Door and Window, and in catalogs that they offer, customers can see and get a feel for what they are buying.

Dave C. Batterson, owner and president of the company, knows how frustrated customers can become with the whole process of remodeling and building a home. "We have displays on hand so that customers who have a hard time visualizing what the finished product will look like, can actually see what they are paying for."

From doors to lighting, windows, to floors, Springville Door and Window makes sure you are able to take care of all your remodeling needs in one fell swoop. If what you want is not on display in the store, then they will print out a 3-D rendition, using a new computer program, of what your finished room will look like with specifics down to the color of the walls and flooring.

"Customers need to be able to see, touch, and feel the product they are going to buy. With the designer and customer on the same page, the chance of the customer



**WELCOME TO MY KITCHEN** — Mike Krohn, a cabinetry specialist for Springville Door and Window, stands in front of a remodeled kitchen display that customers can view at the store on Waverly Street.

being dissatisfied with what the finished product looks like is far less likely," says Batterson. "That is what is unique about our store. We want our customers to know what they are getting and to be able to get a visual of their products. If you go to places like lumber yards, all you really see is the lumber you are paying for."

He has also decided to institute a few seminars such as "Avoiding the Pitfalls of Building a House," and "Avoiding the Pitfalls of Remodeling your Kitchen" to help individuals "cope" and understand what goes into the process of remodeling and home building. With each seminar, individuals will receive a notebook to help walk them through important steps and help them make important de-

cisions that need to be made before construction begins.

Batterson takes great pride in his product selection. "We do not sell anything that we haven't examined in great detail first," he says. "Sales reps become easily frustrated with us because we make sure what we are being offered is the highest quality product line."

Batterson believes in what the customers want and expect, testing out the product line for its uniqueness, quality, and reputation, examining everything from the manufacturer and their track record, to the process and correct way of installing the product. According to Batterson, with KraftMaid and Canyon Creek, you can be sure you are getting the highest quality of cabinetry prod-

ucts.

In visiting Springville Door and Window, you can tell that they have done their homework. The building which Batterson first purchased to start his company has been remodeled itself quite a bit for the sole purpose of display. Repairs that were made to the building reflect the products that Springville Door and Window offers, from the sliding glass entry door, to the counter tops inside, to the windows throughout. Head up the stairs and you will see a remodeled kitchen featuring new cabinets as well as wooden flooring.

For the first seven years they were in business, Springville Door and Window relied on lumber yards for their products before they decided to expand and broaden their scope of contracting. Past customers have come back to ask for additional products and other items which helped Batterson decide to expand and become the home improvement planning center that it is today.

Adding cabinetry is just another facet of the company and can only lead to other new products and items. They even plan on opening a new store on Main Street to reach out to more customers and have more display room which would feature about half a dozen kitchen and bath setups.

Within the next year, Batterson would like to use his warehouse in the back of the store as another display area so that customers have even more finished products from which to choose.

Batterson said Springville Door and Window goes above and beyond to deliver 100 percent customer satisfaction. "Remodeling and building a home should be a fun and exciting process," says Batterson, "and it is our job to help make it fun and exciting."

With windows, doors, flooring, lighting, countertops and now cabinets, Springville Door and Window can be your one-stop shop for all your home building and remodeling needs.

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For more information, check out IRS Publication 531, "Reporting Tip Income," or Publication 3148, "Tips on Tips." They are available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by going to the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). For recorded tax information on tips, call the toll-free TeleTax number, 1-800-829-4477, and select topic 402.

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# Obituaries

## George F. Barber, church deacon and self-employed furrier

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 4, for Cowlesville resident George F. Barber. Mr. Barber, 91, died Sunday, March 2, 2003, in Wyoming County Nursing Facility in Warsaw.

Born in Java on February 26, 1912, he was a son of Ellis and Ruth (Hadley) Barber. He married the former Eleanor Button, who survives.

Mr. Barber was a self-employed furrier for over 50 years. He was a member of Folsomdale Baptist Church in Cowlesville, where he had been a deacon for over 50 years.

He was also a member of Gideons International and the Java Village Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife of over 28 years, he is survived by two sons, Raymond (Joan) Barber of Java Village and David (Mary) Barber of Canandaigua; a stepson, Fred (Debbie) Kreutter of Alden; five stepdaughters, Lavina (Allen) Schuessler, Caroline (Joseph) DiPardo, Barb (Mike) Wantuck, and Mary Jane (Randy) Heller, all of Cowlesville and Betty (David) Clark of Atlanta, Georgia; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces,

nephews and cousins.

Mr. Barber was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters, Elsie Barber, Erma Freyburger, Hazel Freyburger, Gordon Barber, Lloyd Barber and Elliott Barber.

The funeral was held at Folsomdale Baptist Church. Burial will be in Java Village Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Folsomdale Baptist Church, or the Gideons International, PO Box 82, Warsaw, NY 14569.

Arrangements were made by Marley Funeral Home, Attica.

## Robert F. Malone, past president of Hawk Haven CB Club

Former Yorkshire resident Robert F. Malone, of Delevan, died Friday, February 28, 2003, at Olean General Hospital. He was 67.

Born in Angelica on October 15, 1935, he was the son of Levi and Caroline (Rains) Malone. On February 26, 1966, in Sardinia, he married the former Betty L. Cagwin, who died in 1998.

Mr. Malone was a laborer for the New York State Highway Department in Warsaw.

He was past president of the Hawk Haven CB Club in Curriers, and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by three children, Mark (Roxanne) Malone of Canton, Pennsylvania, Starr (Larry) Sebza of Sardinia and Robert W. Malone of Olean; a sister, Bunnie Wolf of Delevan; several grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral and burial services will

be held at the convenience of the family, at the Yorkshire Cemetery, with the Reverend Willie Morris officiating. Arrangements were made by the W.S. Davis Funeral Home, Arcade.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Edward (Ed) Domes, who passed away March 6, 1983.

Sadly missed and always loved by his wife and children, Pat, Kathy & Mike

## Marlene Ebert Williams, Freedom native, avid gardener

A memorial service was held in Montana on February 26, for Freedom native Marlene Ebert Williams. Mrs. Williams, 71, of Missoula, Montana, died Sunday, February 23, 2003, at her home.

Born in Freedom on November 22, 1931, she was a daughter of George and Mabel Haskell. She was a graduate of Arcade Central School.

She was married to Frank Ebert Jr., who died in August of 1994. In March of 1996, she married Cecil Williams, who survives.

Mrs. Williams was a school bus

driver for many years.

She loved gardening of all kinds, and was known for her ability to make anything grow. Mrs. Williams also enjoyed bowling and playing cribbage, and loved animals.

She was a member of the Capital Carriage Car Club for classic and old cars.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Wendy (Duane) Herring of Townsend, Montana and Marcia (Jerry) Ackerman of Castile; two sons, Randy (Cil) Ebert of Camas,

Washington, and George (Robyn) Ebert of Sheridan, Wyoming; two stepsons, David Williams and Carl (Dorothy) Williams, both of Missoula, Montana; a stepdaughter, Debbie (Bill) Bogges of Stevensville, Montana; a sister, Myrna (Lloyd) Morgan of Freedom; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Fillmore.

Memorials may be made to the Partners in Home Care, Hospice, 2687 Palmer Street, Suite B, Missoula, MT 59808.

## Ralph J. Hooper, former Machias grocery store owner

Ralph J. Hooper, 92, of Machias, formerly of Delevan, Yorkshire and Pigeon Hill, died Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Olean General Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Farmersville on October 10, 1910, he was a son of Jason and Mary Ann (Pixley) Hooper. On November 6, 1947, he married the former Ann Guenther, who died in 1972. On March 17, 1973, in Yorkshire, he married Leta Barber, who survives.

Mr. Hooper owned and operated gas stations in Livonia and Caledonia for several years. He later founded Hooper's Store in

Machias, which he operated with his first wife for almost 20 years.

Mr. Hooper moved to Newfane, where he owned and operated a diner for several years. His most recent position was in Yorkshire, where he worked as the maintenance man for the Aristo Terrace mobile home park for several years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a stepdaughter, Sylvia (Earl) Bigham of Delevan; four stepsons, Charles (Betty) Barber, Ted (Nannette) Barber and Gary (Carol) Barber, all of Freedom, and Bruce (Joni) Barber of Clayton, North Carolina; a son-in-law, William Fillion of

Springville; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, Mr. Hooper was predeceased by a brother, Ethan Hooper; three sisters, Liva Ames, Jennie Strong and Marie Hooper; and a stepdaughter, Karen Ann Fillion.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 5, at the Bab-bitt & Easton Funeral Home, Franklinville. The Reverend Paul Phillips of the Central Baptist Church in Yorkshire officiated. Burial will be in the Delevan Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Reverend Ronald A. Bantle, founded several churches

Reverend Ronald A. Bantle, 72, of Rush Creek Road, Caneadea, died Wednesday, February 26, 2003, in Buffalo General Hospital.

Born in Hamburg on November 16, 1930, he was a son of Norman and Ida Marie (Brown) Bantle. On August 19, 1950, in Arcade, he married the former Marion Anderson, who survives.

A Baptist minister, Reverend Bantle established churches in Huntington Station, Bay Shore, Brookport and Farmington, New York, and in New Town, Connecticut, and Nicholasville, Kentucky.

He worked for 30 years for the

Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions in Elyria, Ohio, and was a Baptist Life Insurance representative.

In addition to his wife, Reverend Bantle is survived by four children, Mary Ellen (Jeff) Cunningham of Cedarville, Ohio, Reverend Timothy W. (Debbie Jeanne) Bantle of Walworth, Debbie Joy Bantle of Marion and David (Shawn) Bantle of Rochester; two brothers, David (Jackie) Bantle of Arcade and Wayne (Alice) Bantle of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Reverend Bantle was prede-

ceased by a daughter, Rebecca Ruth Bantle.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 2, at Farmersville Baptist Church. A second service will be held on Sunday, March 9, at Grace Baptist Church in Marion, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Burial will be in Bellville Rural Cemetery, New Hudson.

Memorials may be made to the Liberia Missions Project, c/o either the Farmersville Baptist Church or the Grace Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by the W.S. Davis Funeral Home, Arcade.



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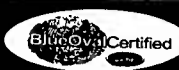
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Notice is hereby given that New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the Public Service Commission, in compliance with amendments to Public Service Law Section 66-j, revisions to "PSC Nos. 90 and 115 - Electricity" to become effective March 31, 2003. These changes allow for interconnection and net energy metering of certain electric generating equipment fueled by farm waste and with a rated capacity of not more than 400 kw. Text of the proposed tariff revisions may be obtained at [www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm](http://www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm).

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# Pioneer Association of Churches



## May Christ's peace rule our world

*Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again!  
In the name of God, May every religion bring upon the earth justice  
and peace, forgiveness, life and love.*These words are given to us by  
Pope John Paul II

We all need to dare to dream of a world in which peace may actually be a reality. In this world, all people live as one. There then can be a world that we pass on to our children that has more peace and more love.

Peace will never happen unless we all begin to dream that it is possible to achieve it. Often, we think of peace as the absence of war. A lasting peace is much more than that. True peace involves justice: that all people may have a chance at a decent living. God's peace shares the vision that all of us are created equal and should be given equal opportunities.

I often wonder how corrupt people can rule whole nations. How can people who really only think of their own power, and not power for the people, control other's lives? I wonder why anyone hates anybody just because they are different. These ques-

tions all seem so overwhelming, yet there are answers.

The power of good will always win out over the power of evil.

Jesus taught us this lesson when he rose from the dead.

The power of prayer also changes our world. Our God wants us to ask for his help. God does not give up on the world. The power of God will get us on the right track of peace.

Pope John XXIII, who gave us Vatican Council II, saw that if we want peace, we must work for justice. He became pope at age 77, but he had a clear vision for the world. More than anything else, he saw that we must work diligently for peace. The following is his prayer for peace:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to you,' grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of Truth, Justice and Brotherly Love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all."*

May Christ's peace rule our world.

Rev. Michael G. Uebler, Pastor  
SS Peter & Paul/St. Mary's Church



## Upcoming Church Events

Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., combined Hope Lutheran/Arcade U.C.C. services are open to the entire community.

Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday Services, 7:30 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church.

Mar. 7 - Mass and Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's R.C. Church.

Mar. 9 - Video Lenten Study - "On the Early Church," 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church parsonage.

Mar. 11 - Cornell Cooperative Extension Cooking Class, 6 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church kitchen.

Mar. 11 - Crafty Kids, 3:30 p.m., Arcade U.C.C. After-school craft program for Arcade Elementary students 2nd grade and older.

Mar. 14 - Mass and Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's R.C. Church.

Mar. 16 - Video Lenten Study - "On the Early Church," 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church parsonage.

Mar. 17 - Parenting Workshop, 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 18 - Crafty Kids, 3:30 p.m., Arcade U.C.C. After-school craft program for Arcade Elementary students 2nd grade and older.

Mar. 21 - Fish Fry, Hope Lutheran Church, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dine-in or take-out.

Mar. 21 - Fish Fry, Sardinia United Methodist Church, 4-7 p.m., featuring pies and desserts.

Mar. 21 - Mass and Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's R.C. Church.

Mar. 23 - Confirmation Class, 2 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church.

Mar. 23 - Video Lenten Study - "On the Early Church," 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church parsonage.

Mar. 24 - Parenting Workshop, 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mar. 25 - Cornell Cooperative Extension Cooking Class, 6 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church kitchen.

Mar. 25 - Crafty Kids, 3:30 p.m., Arcade U.C.C. After-school craft program for Arcade Elementary students 2nd grade and older.

Mar. 28 - Mass and Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's R.C. Church.

Mar. 30 - Video Lenten Study - "On the Early Church," 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church parsonage.

Mar. 31 - Parenting Workshop, 7 p.m., Arcade United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

## Mid-week Lenten Services

**Every Wednesday during Lent**

(March 12, 19, 26 &amp; April 2)

11 a.m. - Hope Lutheran Church/Arcade U.C.C. at Hope Lutheran Church. Luncheon to follow.

7 p.m. - Hope Lutheran Church/Arcade U.C.C. at Arcade U.C.C. Coffee and fellowship to follow.

7 p.m. - Mass and Stations of the Cross at SS Peter &amp; Paul Church

7:30 p.m. - Arcade United Methodist church. Service of prayer and praise.

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.Rev. Jonathan Smith 716-496-7259  
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CPA's Bonnie Phillips and Richard Brooks review tax materials Friday in their offices at 76 Riley St. With 800 clients in western New York and the state, Phillips/Brooks are in their busiest time of year with the tax deadline approaching in April.

## The Tax Rush is On at Local CPA Firm Phillips & Brooks

by Hanford Searl, Jr.  
With 800 clients in Western New York and throughout the state, tax time is the busiest of the year for Phillips and Brooks, CPAs, P.C. at 76 Riley St. Located on Riley St., the firm's 3,500 sq. ft. renovated building also is home to three other tenants. They include People and Places Travel, W.W. Dry Wall and PROfinancial.  
"We also provide all accounting services, financial statements and business reports," said Bonnie M. Phillips, CPA. "We consider ourselves independent and have to uphold ethics as licensed by the state and New York State Society of CPAs."  
Phillips reports one of the company's largest clients is a Syracuse firm with oil and gas in Alaska. All size companies as well as individuals receive the same type of attention, from her and business partner Richard Brooks, she added.

The last week of December and now until tax deadline April 15 are the firm's busiest times of year. Phillips reports tax deadlines can be extended up to October 15 for strategic business reasons.

Phillips and Brooks has added other services such as devising retirement plans, handling estates and providing investment advice at the 28-year-old company. Market demands and personal convenience are reshaping the accounting business into a larger umbrella for financial services, said Phillips.

"The profession will eventually be licensed in securities," added Phillips. Life insurance, mutual funds, loans and mortgages will become part of the business. That's the way one-stop shopping is headed."

An Elma resident, Brooks worked for several CPA firms in Buffalo and also has a strong accounting background.

"I was employed at Freed, Maxick, Sachs and Murphy," said Brooks, an east Aurora native. "We have to also attend yearly conferences and workshops to keep up on the tax code changes."

Phillips is a graduate of Canisius College and Brooks graduated from St. Bonaventure University. She reports an interest early on in her life in analysis

and logic, which is needed for the business. Phillips has been a member of Rotary for 15 years and was a past president of the East Aurora Greater Chamber of Commerce. She is a former IRS field agent.

An East Aurora resident for 30 years, Phillips has four children. Her first son Matthew also works at the company. Formerly a doctor's office and lab, the building was extensively restored and features a campus setting next to Tannery Brook.

A staff of seven is housed at the facility, which has parking in the back of the building where the main entrance is located. Phillips and Brooks CPAs, P.C. also have a satellite office in Akron.

For more information about the company, call 652-9373.

## Taxpayers Are Reminded of Exemptions

Aurora Town Assessor Patricia J. Caligiuri reminds village and town taxpayers, that May 1<sup>st</sup> of every year is the deadline for filing exemptions. This date pertains to all exemptions; Senior Citizen, STAR (both Basic & Enhanced), Veterans, Disability, Agricultural, Business and etc.

For those senior citizens who qualified for the regular Senior Exemption of the Enhanced STAR last year, renewal forms have been mailed. Anyone who did not receive or should receive one, please call the Assessor's office.

Due to a change in the law regarding the Enhanced STAR exemption, there will be an annual Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the income limit. This will be based upon the applicable adjustment used for Social Security purposes. For the 2003 rolls, the income limit will be \$62,100 (adjusted gross income minus taxable amount of IRA distribution). Based on one other change in the law, applicants must submit your 2001 income tax form when filing this year.

The Basic STAR exemption is available regardless of age or income, and anyone not receiving this exemption, should get an application from the assessor's office. Those who have already filed and are receiving the Basic STAR exemption, do not have to renew it annually.

Anyone with questions should contact the assessor's office at 652-0011.

### AARON WHEATON ON DEAN'S LIST

Aaron Wheaton of East Aurora has been named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2002 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.

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# NYSEG Sets Plan for New Focus: Finance Elma Station

NYSEG plans to construct a substation in the Town of Elma this spring to meet the growing electricity needs of existing and new residential and business customers in West Seneca and Elma. The substation is expected to be in operation in time to help meet high electricity demand this summer.

"This area is continuing to grow," said Brian Eldridge, NYSEG's West Region managing director. "We need to add facilities to keep pace with demand for electricity and ensure continued reliability of the essential service we provide."

Eldridge said the facility will improve service to a major area employer, Moog, Inc. Further, the new facility will improve service to customers served by the Blossom Substation at Bullis and Transit Roads, and allow for continued growth in the Seneca Street and Transit Road area in Elma and West Seneca.

The new substation, on NYSEG property on Seneca Street in Elma, will occupy a 50-foot by 60-foot fenced area.

NYSEG has already obtained the necessary permits for construction of the substation from the Town of Elma and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A substation is of electrical equipment that performs two major functions: regulation of electricity voltage and routing electricity through distribution circuits to homes and businesses.

## Wales Town Hall

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projects fund to approximately \$125,000, she said.

In other business, the board: — Heard Wales Memorial Walkway Committee co-chairwoman Dee Zeigel say her committee has decided to go with a "block" style of walkway, instead of the traditional "brick" material. The walkway committee is selling "blocks" to be engraved with the names of loved ones, with military veterans from Wales given first priority.

Zeigel said the "blocks" will be displayed throughout town in both public and private venues. She said that April 19 is the deadline for the public to order "blocks" to have names inscribed on them.

— Received a letter from organizers who want the N.Y.S. Assembly to enact "Penny's Law," asking the town board to pass a local resolution in support of their efforts. "Penny's Law" was named after a woman who was brutally murdered while jogging in Cattaraugus County by a then-14 year old juvenile. The law would require state courts to try juveniles as adults in capital crimes, thereby opening up the possibility of a death sentence or life imprisonment without parole. The law was passed by the Republican controlled State Senate but has stalled in the Democratic State Assembly. Weinman said it would be considered at the March 11 meeting of the board.

— Heard Weinman say she "thinks it is practical" to eliminate the lighting districts in town, incorporating the \$6,000 cost into the regular budget. The two street lighting districts are on Rt. 20A in Wales Center, and on Rt. 16 in South Wales. The Town of Marilla last year incorporated its tiny lighting district on Bullis at Two Rod roads in the hamlet into its general fund budget in an effort to streamline its operations. The Town of Elma still maintains separate lighting districts.

— Heard Weinman say the N.Y.S. Troopers propose to eliminate the second shift at its Town of Boston substation on Boston State Road. It is ostensibly due to a desire by the state police to cut back on overtime costs and would result in their desk at the Boston town hall not being manned by troopers during the second shift. It could effect service in such places as the Town of Wales where calls are routed to the Boston substation. The Town of Holland operates a similar substation for state troopers where its office at the Holland town hall is not manned at most times by troopers.

— Announced that a meeting of the Tri-Town Recreation Board of Directors (Elma - Marilla - Wales) will be held at the Elma town hall at 9:00 a.m. on March 11. Councilman Edmund "Bud" Bogucki is Wales' representative to Tri-Town Recreation.

### SUSAN TURNER ON DEAN'S LIST

Susan Elizabeth Turner of South Wales has been named to the Dean's list at SUNY Geneseo for the 2002 fall semester. She is a sophomore majoring in the Bachelor of Science Education/Childhood/Special Education program.

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Jennifer Reisdorf of South Wales explains her "Tastefully Simple" business to Linda French of Marilla at a Home Based Business Fair held Saturday by the East Aurora Preschool Center at the East Aurora Christian Church.

## Home Based Businesses

## Charitable Giving Can Mean Tax Break

by Saperston Financial  
Charitable giving is a necessary part of any civilized, capitalistic society. Those not as fortunate-children, the elderly, the arts-are parts of our lives that need financial help and assistance beyond what a government can efficiently provide.

Fortunately, our government understands that it is more efficient to allow private enterprise to provide for these needs than to rely on inefficient government resources to provide similar services. That is why the tax laws are structured to support charitable giving in lieu of profits for invested dollars-those willing to give are rewarded with tax breaks.

Last week, I participated in a fundraiser to support one of my child's activities. A car was donated to be raffled off and the proceeds were used as a foundation for long-term financial viability for the program. Foundations like this one are everywhere, focused on meeting the needs of those who cannot provide for themselves, like this children's club, or other causes that benefit our communities. Those who give donations or goods or money receive certain tax benefits.


The tax laws provide tax deductibility for donations of both a present interest (cash and property given today) as well as future interests. Deductions are limited to 50 percent of Adjusted Gross Income for tangible property to a public charity or 30 percent for gifts of appreciated property. Gifts to private foundations not qualifying as public charities are limited to 30 percent and 20 percent respectively.

Smaller public charities often find themselves scrambling year to year to

meet their funding objectives. Here is where the tax code is kind both to donors and charities alike. In 1969, the U.S. Congress created a new type of trust that helped charities and not-for-

profit organizations generate more long-term revenue resources. This trust allows taxpayers to reduce estate taxes, eliminate capital gains, claim an income

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NYSEG's **delivery** prices are now fixed through December 31, 2004. The company's overall **delivery** revenue is frozen through 2006.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's electricity tariffs (PSC Nos. 90, 115, and 118 - Electricity) as approved by the PSC. NYSEG's filed tariffs are available at [nyseg.com](http://nyseg.com).

#### Residential Customers

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for most residential customers increased about 5%, on average. These prices are still an average of 8% below what they were prior to a 13% decrease in electricity prices in March 2002.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for residential customers on day-night service increased about 6%, on average. These prices are still, on average, 7% below what they were prior to a 13% decrease in electricity prices in March 2002.

NYSEG's Fixed Price offering includes fixed **delivery** and **supply** charges.

#### Nonresidential Customers

Depending on a nonresidential customer's electricity supply choice, rate or service classification, and usage characteristics, their total electricity prices may have increased or decreased.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for most nonresidential customers increased, on average, 10%. These prices are still an average of 3% below what they were one year ago.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 total electricity prices for large industrial customers and customers with high load factors increased approximately 16%, on average. These customers previously received price decreases totaling 28% over the past five years.

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#### Customer Choice

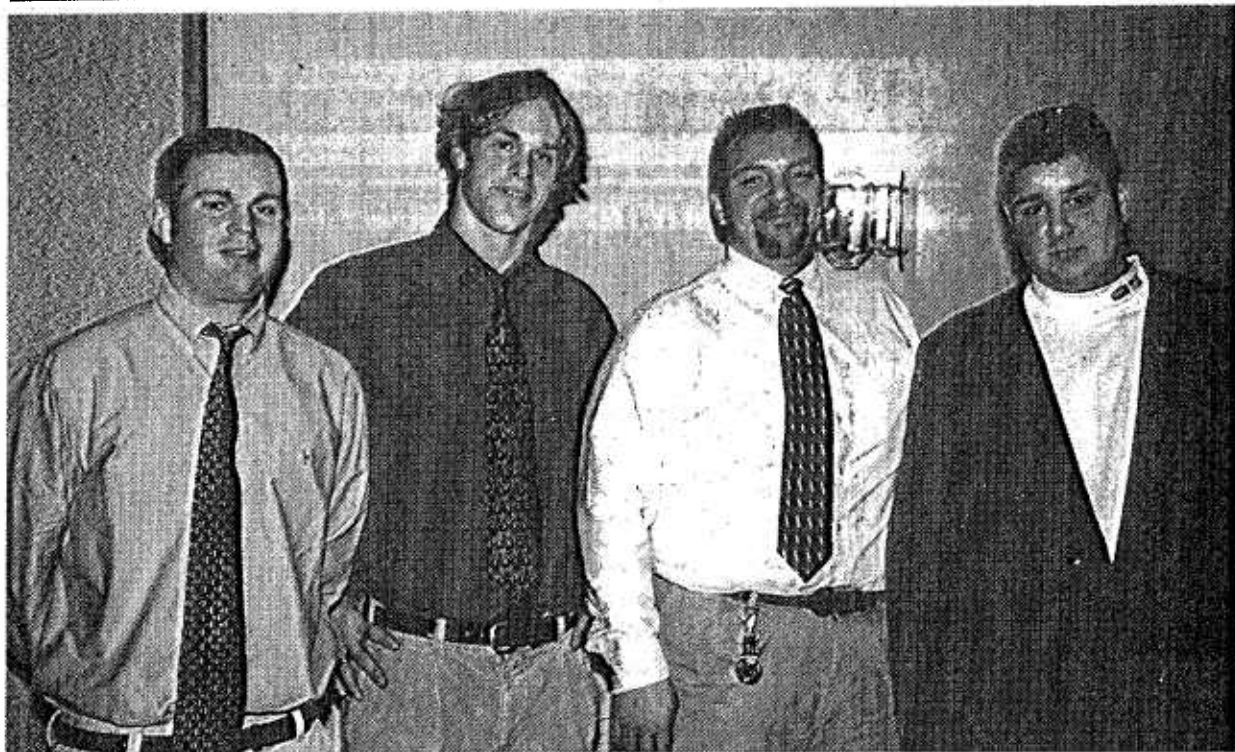
Also on January 1, NYSEG electricity customers' choices for electricity supply went into effect. Electricity supply choices included the Competitive Supplier Price Choice, NYSEG Variable Price Choice, NYSEG Fixed Price Choice and NYSEG Fixed Price Choice with Supply Credit.

Residential and small business customers who did not make a supply choice were assigned to the NYSEG Fixed Price Choice. Large businesses and industrial customers who did not make a supply choice were assigned to the NYSEG Variable Price Choice. Retail access customers prior to October 1, 2002 whose supplier did not make a supply choice for them were assigned to the Competitive Supplier Price Choice.

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## Wrestlers Recognized

East Aurora High School wrestlers were honored at the annual banquet held recently at Illo DiPaolo's Restaurant. Pictured (l-r) are Senior Co-captain Rob Joyce,

the team's "outstanding wrestler" and Co-captain Sam Sowyrda, Coach Ken Michalak and Junior Joe Shirley, winner of the coach's award.

Photo/Wangelin



## Volunteers Recognized

The EMW Boys & Girls Club presented "adult service awards" at an awards night last week at the Iroquois Middle School. Award recipients were (front row, l-r) Cathy Berger, Pat Ewel, and Barb Krajewski. Pictured

in the second row (l-r) are EMW staff members Tracy Kard, Melanie Parton, Kurt Elmquest and Jim Coatsworth.

Photo/Wangelin

## Ormsby Center Earns Auto Certification

The Auto Technology Program at the Ormsby Educational Center in East Aurora has received word that it has become just the second high school program in the Western New York area to be NATEF Certified. Holding this certification means that the program joins a group of high school and college level programs that follow a nationally recognized curriculum in automotive technician training.

The approval process for certification began in the Fall of 2001 when Ormsby Auto Tech instructor Chuck Facklam convened a team of area professionals to review the curriculum and assess the potential of certifying his current program. The team determined that the Ormsby program was on track for certification. By October 2002, the program was ready for a NATEF review, which involves a two-day on site evaluation of the program and its curriculum by NATEF officials. Ormsby administrators received word in mid-November that the program was approved for national certification.

The program is certified for a period of five years in the areas of brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, suspension and steering. Plans are underway to offer two additional areas of certification through the Adult & Community Education Division of Erie 2- Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, which is the operating body under which the Ormsby Center falls.

## Charitable Gifts

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tax deduction, and derive a lifetime income for themselves, while providing a valuable future benefit to the charities of their choice rather than to the IRS.

Known as a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), this is an irrevocable trust that actually provides for and maintains two sets of beneficiaries. The first set is the income beneficiaries (you and, if married a spouse), who receive a set percentage of income from the trust for their lifetime. The second set is the charity named by the donor of the trust, which receives the remaining principal upon the death of the donors.

In the meantime, the donors of the trust may change the beneficiary at any time. They may sell appreciated property given to the trust and escape all capital gain taxation. They may even serve as trustees of the trust, making investment decisions and managing the assets in the trust.

For the above reason, a CRT is an ideal vehicle for potentially funding the long term needs of a favorite charitable cause while allowing the donors significant tax breaks.

Ideally, CRT's are funded with highly appreciated assets (like real estate), allowing the donors the opportunity to sell the asset without paying any capital gains taxes. Since CRT's have a charitable intent and do not have to pay capital gains, the full value of any assets transfers to the trust (and thus to your family and favorite charity).

If the donors wish to keep the property and derive both income and estate tax benefits, they could set up a "reverse CRT" or Charitable Lead Trust. Such a trust gives the income for a set number of years to the charity before the property passes on to a future beneficiary.

Charitable giving strategies can be incorporated into one's retirement plan as a useful tool for reducing taxes, providing income, and, most importantly, benefiting our communities.

## Moog Names Brian Lipke As Director

Moog Inc. has announced that Brian J. Lipke, chairman and C.E.O. of Gibraltar, has been elected to the Moog's board of directors.

Gibraltar is a leading metal processor and manufacturer of building products, and the second largest commercial heat treater in North America. Gibraltar is traded on the NASDAQ (ROCK) and, like Moog, is headquartered in Western New York.

In addition to his role at Gibraltar, Lipke is a director of the Merchants Mutual Insurance Company.

"The challenges that Brian and his team face at Gibraltar are remarkably similar to those we experience at Moog," said R. T. Brady, chairman and C.E.O. "We're confident that Brian will bring energy, insight, and a Buffalo-Niagara perspective to the deliberations of our Board."

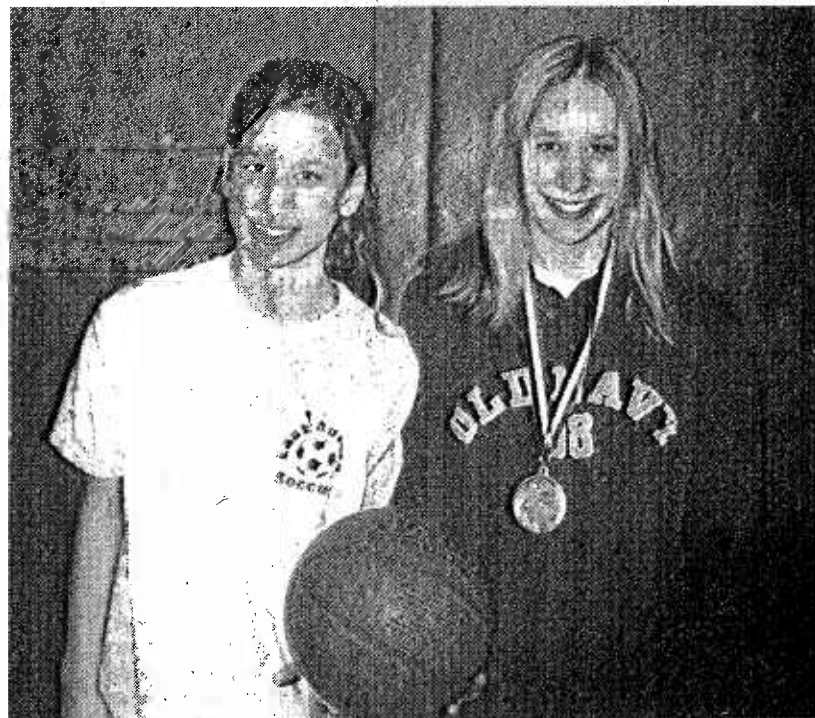
Lipke attended both SUNY College of Technology at Alfred and the University of Akron in Ohio.

## NICOLE PENKE ON DEAN'S LIST

Nicole Amy Penke of Elma has been named to the Dean's list at SUNY Geneseo for the 2002 fall semester. She is a senior majoring in the Bachelor of Science/Biochemistry program.

## S.O.S. Send On Sports

The East Aurora Advertiser prints high school sports results submitted by the school. If your favorite team's results aren't included, ask the coach to send them in!



Sarah and Jessie Tarantino

## Jessie, Sarah Tarantino Honored For B & G Club Basketball Efforts

Jessie and Sarah Tarantino were honored recently for their accomplishments on the basketball court at the Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora. The two star guards for the seventh - ninth grade travel team were co-mvp's of last year's girls squad which finished the season undefeated after winning their second straight championship in the western New York Boys and Girls Club league.

Sarah and Jessie were nominated for regional all-star status through the national Jr. WNBA Basketball program for clubs nationwide. Sarah was named a Club all star at this level, while sister Jessie was honored with a regional all-

star selection that included players from all the Northeastern Boys and Girls Clubs. Jessie and Sarah have combined the past two seasons to average 24 points and 13 steals per game, while helping their team to win 27 of 30 games over the past three seasons. Jessie and Sarah stated that without the help of their teammates, these awards would not be possible. They are looking forward to playing at the high school level, maybe as eighth graders as early as next year. The East Aurora girls basketball program has a bright future ahead with a great core group of players finishing their careers at the club this year.



Photo/Wangelin

## The Devils Made Her Do It

Kelsey Kvandal showed her support for the Lady Blue Devils in their successful quest for the Section VI B-2 crown.

## East Aurora High School Athlete of the Week



Lindsay Benz

Lindsay Benz has been chosen as the EAHS athlete of the week because of her positive attitude and outstanding performance in cheerleading. Her versatility allows her to be a great asset to the team. Whether she's tumbling or front spotting or basing or back spotting, she always gives 110 percent.

Lindsay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Benz of East Aurora.

## ALANE SEEGER ON DEAN'S LIST

Alane Kate Seeger of Marilla has been named to the Dean's list at SUNY Geneseo for the 2002 fall semester. She is a junior majoring in the Bachelor of Science/Speech & Hearing Handicapped program.

## Iroquois Track Sends Four to State Meet

The Iroquois indoor track and field team qualified four athletes for the state meet as a result of their outstanding performances at the Section VI Championships.

The Chiefs top performer was Dave Hock, who was crowned sectional champion in both the long and triple jumps. In the long jump, Hock took first place with a leap of 21 feet and 10 inches. He also won the triple jump with a mark of 42 feet 5 1/2 inches. Hock will be competing at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University this coming weekend. Steve Szczepanski placed third in the long jump.

Hock teamed with Doug Blakowski, Chris Ewel and Szczepanski to take first place in the 4 by 200 meter relay. The time of 1:35.40 also qualified them for the state meet.

Adam Smithson placed third in the pole vault also earning sectional honors. John Kolacynski placed sixth in the 1600 meter run while Scott McDonough placed sixth in the high jump.

In the girls portion of the meet Tiffany Maskulinski earned a berth in the state meet with taking first place in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet even. Jessica Meany was fourth in the 1000 meter run recording a personal best of 3:16.3. Casey Kelly placed sixth with a season's best time of 5:21.5.

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## Falkner Picked For Legislature Committees

Erie County Legislator for Elma Gregory P. Falkner was named to the Erie County Legislature's Economic Development, Finance & Management, and Energy & Environment Committees in the Legislature's session on Thursday, Feb. 6. Falkner's committee appointments run for all of 2003.

"I believe strongly that we can find solutions to the many challenges we face in Erie County through discussion of the issues," said Falkner. "The Legislature's committee process creates dialogue on issues, and I'm proud to have an opportunity to serve on three committees of great importance to not only residents of the 9th District, but throughout Erie County."

Legislator Falkner represents Erie County's 9th District, which includes the Towns of Elma and West Seneca.

## KERRY SCHRECKENGOST ON DEAN'S LIST

Kerry Ann Schreckengost of Elma has been named to the Dean's list at SUNY Geneseo for the 2002 fall semester. She is a senior majoring in the Bachelor of Science/Business Administration program.

## JILL BREHM ON DEAN'S LIST

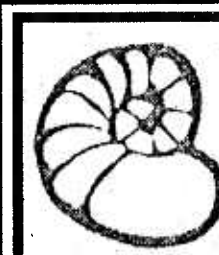
Jill Brehm of East Aurora has been named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the Fall 2002 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.

We Welcome Letters to the Editor

## Did You Know?.....

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**LENDING A HAND** - Akron Swimmers Tim Ciurzynski, Megan Farrell, and Charlie Hake helped Akron Masonic Lodge members sell Buffalo News Kids Day papers last Tuesday morning. Rev. Ron Houseman was one of many area residents cheerfully supporting the effort to help Children's Hospital. The community set a new record for donations and papers sold during this annual fundraising event.

## Akron does it again with a record sale of Kid's Day papers

by Dick Beyer

The Akron Masonic Lodge, with some outside help, sold a record number 1100 Buffalo News Kids Day Papers at \$1.00 each and deposited \$1518.00.

Now I know that all of you in Akron can multiply 1100 x 1.00 and get \$1100.00. How did we deposit \$1518.00? From your generosity and here is some of the conversation - "Here's a \$20.00 keep the change," and the same happened many times with \$10's and \$5's and here is \$1.00 keep the paper. In our 20 year's of selling this is the first time that we had one driver who took the paper and kept on going and never paid I guess I've seen it all now.

Lodge members, with Dick Beyer as the team Captain, were Paul Hake, Dick Hegmann, Carl Schaefer, Howard Schaeffer, Jim Blum, John Kaegebein, Peter Jackson, Wilbert Straitiff, Dan Peters, Rollie Boller, Harold Frey, Fred Fischer, Ted Adrain, Duane Moses, Jorgen Jacobsen, Arnold Castren and Art Scheitheir.

The outside help came from the Varsity Boys and Girls Swim team who were saying - thank you to the lodge for helping on their trip to Long Island. They were Rebecca Izydorczak and

Megan Farrell from the girls team and Mark Conschafter, Charlie Hake, Tim Ciurzynski, Jonathan Sowinski, Adam Kowalik and Louis Post from the boys team. Other outside help was Aaron Tandy a former swimmer - Ralph Handley from Golden Ponds, Janet Rosenberg from the Clarence Donut Shop and Kathy Greiner who took a bundle of papers and covered the bus garage at the Akron School.

Here is what and how we covered it. Hegmann and Jacobson and a couple of the students covered Perry's Ice Cream, Ford Gum Factory, Akron Rule and Whiting Door. Peter Jackson, Arnold Castren and Straitiff along with Ted Adrian and a couple students covered exit 48 on Route 77. Ralph Handley, Howard Schaeffer and Jim Blum covered Strippit. John Kaegebein grabbed a couple bundles and headed for the Candy Apple Restaurant. Duane Moses, Art Scheitheir, and Dan Peters covered Mary's Good & Plenty our headquarters and drop off point. Paul Hake took his son and the rest of the students to Rt. 93 and Main Road.

Rollie Boller, Carl Schaefer and Harold Frey residents of Clarence took their bundles and

covered some of Clarence and Clarence Center. Me, I just threw the rest of the bundles in my van and made sure nobody ran out of papers.

At 9:00 a.m. we still had 300 papers left! So the team of Rollie, Blum, Hake, Jacobsen and Beyer worked the corner of 93 and Main Road until the last paper was sold at noon. Jessica Janis, a Akron swimmer one year ago and a Buffalo Kids Day seller one year ago is currently an employee at McDonalds. She was very nice to the coach and swimmers with hot chocolate and coffee. So, thank you McDonalds and Jessica. Saying Beyer worked the corner is stretching the point! He supplied the coffee to the cold sellers. Jessica, who is now swimming in college can be seen at the Flickenger Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Fred Fisher took 20 papers to the Senior Citizens Lunch and came back with \$30.00. That's the way you go from \$1100 to \$1518.00.

The brothers of Akron Lodge want to thank the people of Akron for making this a success and to all our outside help a big "Thank you for your help".

## Syracuse Soccer Tourney continued from page 3

Other offensive lines, including AJ Miles, Torry Donnelly, and Neil Friedman, worked their hardest digging in the corners and keeping the ball in play. In all, the scores certainly did not reflect the intensity of the games, or the amount of skill that Akron's team possessed during the three matches. Coaches Anne Paquin and Gary Calarco were extremely proud of each of their players.

### Emeralds Green

The Emeralds Green Team played four matches throughout the day, with Sammy Torrelli defending his goal every inch of

the way. The first game saw great passing and tremendous shots on goal, with Evan Streigel and Nick Martin never letting down their guard for a minute. Ultimately, however, the team sustained a loss. Game two was certainly another story. Outstanding teamwork was the key here, and the Emeralds Green had a resounding win with three goals each from Jaime Salcedo and Nathan Borchert, and individual goals by Peter Duerden and Vincent Chimento. This certainly could not have been accomplished without a strong thrust from Taylor Barszcz and Jonathan

Rink. There was a point in that match where the goals were coming so rapid fire, bang, boom; it was incredible! Game three saw a low scoring game, with the Emeralds Green's Mike Henley showing dogged determination on defense; however they lost this one 0-2. That didn't keep them down for long though. Game four was a 6-1 win, with Jaime Salcedo netting five goals and Nathan Borchert adding another. Coaches Peter Duerden and Mark Barszcz couldn't say enough about the caliber of play their team exhibited throughout the tournament.

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4) These Norwegian scouts are posing beyond the Northern Lights. Junior Troop 876 are Kelsey Linsensbiger, Tina Jernatowski, Brittany Fechter, Mary Kate Best, Val Uebelhoer, Amy Jernatowski, Clarisse Berkby, Kerri Linsensbiger, Crystal Zosh, Victoria May and Jessie Koeth. Photo Supplied

## Scouts Join Together For a Thinking Day Celebration

### Alden Teen Center

Friday, March 7- Pool Tournament

Friday, March 14- Closed

Friday, March 21- Pizza night because it's spring!

It's been a long cold winter at the Teen Center. Students make the daily trek from school to the Center where they warm up with hot chocolate and microwavable meals. After thawing out, the students can play pool, air hockey, ping-pong, and darts. The Center also has TV/VCR/DVD, and stereo/CD player. The town of Alden recreation department runs the Teen Center. There is adult supervision at all times. The refreshment area has pop and snacks available for sale.

The Teen Center is open Monday-Thursday 2:30- 6 pm, Friday 6-10 pm. If school is closed due to bad weather, the Teen Center is closed.

High school students living in the Alden school district are invited to visit. They need parent permission/medical release forms signed by a parent or guardian to visit the Teen Center.

There is a pool tournament scheduled for tomorrow night. Prizes will be awarded! The Center will be closed March 14.

Spring is coming! March 21 will be pizza night to celebrate the first day of spring.

For more information, call the Teen Center at 937-6266 or the recreation department at 937-7393.

For Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, Thinking Day (February 22nd) is a time to learn more about how their sister scouts live throughout the world. Both girls and adults celebrate the opportunities, skills learned, adventures, meeting of new friends and people as well as the fun everyone experiences through scouting. The Alden Service Unit celebrated by having our girl scouts visit countries throughout the world. Each troop chose a country and through research shared the culture of its people by preparing displays, swaps, food, costumes, skits and songs. The countries chosen were: Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Greece, Guatemala, Germany, Japan, Norway, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Spain and the United States. Every girl traveled to these countries where they had their passport stamped, viewed a display and received a swap, which represented the country. Everyone then came together to enjoy the food of all the different cultures and a skit or song performed by some of the troops. The girls learned about many different countries in a festive way and also that Girl Scouts is an organization that is worldwide, offering great experiences for girls and adults.

### Help Wanted

Volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Volunteers are needed to help sell daffodils in their company or school. Call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Alden Homeschool Group Happenings

Are you feeling like It's been winter forever? Many of us homeschool moms are feeling this way too. We have however, been very busy since September at our weekly group get togethers. The children have been engaged in many varying activities. They include science, geography, math, cooking, physical education, music, art and field trips.

Since September we have studied plants, geology, planets, light optical illusions, various states of our own country, Canada, and even making our own bluebird houses. As we wait for the day that spring begins and we can hopefully watch a family of bluebirds settle in their new homes, we continue to work hard on Friday mornings together.

Other activities that we have engaged in are making favors for a nursing home for Valentine's Day and many field trips around town. We would again like to thank the wonderful people at the Alden Fire Company, Alden Post Office, Country Village Pet Care, and Drew Candle. We so appreciate their time and information about their businesses and professions that they were willing to share with us.

As we continue through the remainder of this school year we are anticipating many more exciting and informative Friday mornings. If you are a homeschool family and would be interested in learning more about our cooperative group we would love to tell you. Please call Peg at 585-599-3670.

## Am Legion Hall Rental Program

Our rental program has been going very well. We rent the hall at pocketbook friendly prices. The rental fee is based on the amount of people, type of party, length of time. It is also based on night or day.

Depending on the party we collect a clean up fee which if cleaned up will be returned at the conclusion of the party. We shave the fee on some parties. Clean up consists of sweeping and mopping the floor if needed and cleaning of the tables.

Our minimum fee is \$60 and our top price is \$150. The Legion provides trash bags and ice. We ask our renters not to sit on the tables or misuse them. We need a deposit in most cases.

Call Dave 937-6706 for rental information.

## Women's Day of Reflection Set For Annunciation

Annunciation Church, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma, is sponsoring a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 22, 2003 from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

The event "Stand Fast, Strengthen Your Roots, and Bloom!" by guest speaker Dr. Elaine Korthals, Director of Bethany Center will begin with registration at 1:30 pm with the program following at 2:00 pm to 4:45 pm. A Mass is scheduled for 5 pm with a dinner to follow.

Reservations are \$10 by March 15, 2003. Call Judy 652-0198, Dominica 655-3314, or Dorothy 652-1404, "wheelchair accessible".

Women of all faiths and gifts are invited to attend.

The Advertiser thanks the businesses who make this newspaper possible.



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## Students of Month of February

Alden Middle School has chosen "Students of the Month" for February. They are from left front row: Brittany Czajka, Chorus 6, Camille Blum, Team 8-4, Lindsey Winiecki, Team 6-1; Back row: Tom Siudzinski, Team 7-3, Kim Osucha, computers 8, Brendon McMahan, Physical Education 7. Congratulations February Students of the Month.

## Paul Schwarztrauber Acting American Legion Commander

Paul 1st Vice of American Legion Post 1377 becomes acting commander of the Post. Paul has been 1st Vice for 2 years, the Post has won 6 awards for membership in his tenure. All of us in the post appreciate Paul for doing double duty for our Post. Paul is a very good horseshoe player, top player of 2000 and 2002. Teamed with Schiefer and won open, and league doubles in 2002. Plus three other titles in the past 3 years. He is a pretty good pool player. We have learned that departed commander Matt Hussey is in Portugal and leaving for Italy shortly. Other notes South 3, North 1 to tie it up 7 all.

## Father & Family Holy Name Breakfast

Sunday, March 9th following the 9 am Holy Name Communion Mass, members and their family will meet in the School Cafeteria for breakfast.

The speaker will be Bill Parsons, an artist illustrator at the Buffalo Museum of Science. He will speak on Dinosaurs in the digs in Utah and Colorado.

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### Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed with the Public Service Commission, in compliance with amendments to Public Service Law Section 66-j, revisions to "PSC Nos. 90 and 115 - Electricity" to become effective March 31, 2003. These changes allow for interconnection and net energy metering of certain electric generating equipment fueled by farm waste and with a rated capacity of not more than 400 kw. Text of the proposed tariff revisions may be obtained at [www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm](http://www.nyseg.com/netmeterfarm).

## Legal Notice

### Public Hearing Town of Alden

Legal Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Alden adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2003, the said Town Board will hold public hearings on the 17th day of March 2003 at the times designated below at the Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, NY to hear all interested persons upon said proposed Resolutions.

7:45 pm Prevailing time

A Resolution amending §19B-16 pertaining to tax exemption for persons with disabilities.

A full opportunity to be heard will be given to any and all citizens and all parties in interest.

Town Board of the Town of Alden

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8:00 pm Prevailing Time

A Resolution amending §19B-5 pertaining to tax exemptions for senior citizens.

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## Request for Transportation

All transportation requests for the Alden Central School District to non-public schools for the school year 2003-04 are due to the District Clerk, Sandra Conrad, or Don Hutchinson, Transportation Supervisor by no later than April 01, 2003, as per New York State Department Education Law §3635 (2).

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Sitting on carpet: left to right row 1- Sierra Donnelly, Caroline Woodward, Amanda Weinreber, Kristina Moore, Jacquelyn Darrow, Megan Miller, Maria Wood, August Drew, Nicole Nuwer. Row #2- Miss Ziegler, Ethan Palizay, Maxwell Sweet, Stanley Moe, Chiropractor Rozanne Dziedzic, William Koelbl, Daniel Racki, Mrs. Yates, Jay Smith, Jr., Gregory DeLong, Austin Dulski.

## Chiropractor Visits Kindergarten

Kindergarteners in Mrs. Yates' classroom were learning the letter S last week. To help them celebrate the letter S Chiropractor Roxanne Dziedzic taught students about the skeleton, the names of bones and her job as a Chiropractor in our community.

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7:50 pm Prevailing time

A Resolution amending §19B-1 pertaining to tax exemptions for veterans.

A full opportunity to be heard will be given to any and all citizens and all parties in interest.

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Town Clerk

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## Notice From Village Board of Trustees

Ms. Elizabeth Zosh of Alden, NY, has notified the Village of Alden Board of Trustees, that he has applied for a Liquor license for a Sports Bar to be opened at 13193 Broadway, Alden, serving finger foods, alcoholic drinks, and occasional entertainment. Any public comments regarding application of liquor license should be submitted to the Village Board 13336 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004, no later than March 12, 2003.

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## Legal Notice

### Town of Alden

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Town of Alden, New York for the year ended December 31, 2002 have been audited by Fox & Company LLP, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the reports entitled (1) Single Audit with Independent Auditor's Reports for the year ended December 31, 2002 and (2) Departments of Clerk, Tax Collection, Municipal Court, Safety Inspection and Recreation Financial Statements and Additional Information with Independent Auditor's Report for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 have been filed with the Town Clerk.

These Reports may be examined and copied by any interested person at the Town Clerk's Office, 3311 Wende Rd., Alden, NY during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

Pursuant to section 35 of General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Alden may, in their discretion, prepare a written response to the audits not later than May 31, 2003 and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons.

The Town Supervisor has also filed the Annual Financial Report Update document of the Town of Alden, New York and for the year ended December 31, 2002 in my office where it may be examined and copied by any interested persons.

By: Dorothy L. Bycina,  
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Local Law No. 2 of the year 2001- a Local Law permitting Goldstar Parents Tax Exemption by amending Chapter 19B, of the code of the Town of Alden.

A complete copy of the proposed Local Law set forth above is available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection and distribution to any person during business hours.

A full opportunity to be heard will be given to any and all citizens and all parties in interest.

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## Obituaries

(Please turn to pages 14 and 15 for more obits)

## James Neubecker, former tool and die maker

James Neubecker, 83, of Pendleton, N.Y. died Saturday, March 1, 2003 in Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital.

Born in Buffalo, he attended St. Nicholas Parochial School and Fosdick Masten before his family moved to his grandfather's home in North Amherst. A graduate of Williamsville High School in 1937, he worked at Niagara Machine and Tool Co. where he became a tool-die maker.

He was drafted into the Army during World War II and served in the European sector, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge as an infantryman.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Mary Jane Thuman, a daughter, Patricia Hogan of Pendleton, two sons, Donald of Hyde Park and James Jr. of Sanborn, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Annabelle Golem of Andrews, N.C. and Mrs. Betty L. Carpenter of Getzville; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, March 4 from the Urban Funeral Home, Swormville.



## Deaths

**ABBERGER, William A. Jr.** of Williamsville, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, husband of Dorothy A. Abberger (Dilts); father of Nancy (the late Thomas A. Vizzini) Abberger, William A. III Abberger, Susan H. Fayle and Donald R. Abberger; brother of Roger A. Abberger; also survived by eight grandchildren. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 1, at Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home.

**ANGELLI, Sarah S. (nee Leone)** of Amherst, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2003; wife of the late Michael Angelli. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 4 in St. John the Baptist R.C. Church. Arrangements made by the Greco Funeral Home.

**DREXLER, Erna A.** of Amherst, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003; wife of the late William E. Drexler; mother of Mrs. Robert Bates and William A. Drexler; also survived by five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8 at the Pendleton Center United Methodist Church, 6864 Campbell Blvd., North Tonawanda. Arrangements made by the Harry A. Wedekind Funeral Home.

**KRAFFT, Albert J.** of East Amherst, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, husband of Pearl I. (nee Metzger); father of Gabriel and Gerard D.; son of the late Joseph and Pauline (nee Grimelt); brother of Walter, Germain, Irene, Raymond, Theresa Johnson, Ferdinand Kraft, Cletus Kraft. Services were held Monday, March 3 from the Urban Brothers Funeral Home and St. Mary's Church.

**MUEGEL, George C.** of New Hyde Park, Long Island, NY, formerly of East Amherst, died Saturday, March 1, 2003; brother of Iris Muegel and Doris Bancroft; father of George and Jim. Services will be held tomorrow in Long Island.

**TREANOR, Ruth (Ziegelmaier)** of Williamsville, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003; wife of Charles E. Treanor; mother of Timothy of Waldorf, Md., John of Rochester, Peter A. of Crofton, Md., Melissa Demjanenko and Michael Treanor of Scotia; sister of Carol Neal; also survived by eight grandchildren. Services were held Friday, Feb. 28, at D. Lawrence Ginnane Funeral Home.

**VOGEL, Henry G. Sr.** of Getzville, formerly of Buffalo, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003; husband of the late Grace (Bourne) Vogel; father of Charlotte, Gwendolyn Daly, Mary Jackson, Celeste Sanborn, Joseph, Vincent and the late Henry G. Vogel Jr.; also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; loving brother of Laurence; son of the late Vincent and the late Charlotte Vogel. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 4, at St. John the Evangelist Church. Arrangements made by the James W. Cannan Funeral Home (Southtowns Chapel).

## Paul N. Rosa, founder of Bison Truck Center

A memorial Mass for Paul N. Rosa, founder and former chairman of Bison Truck Center, was held Saturday, March 1, in the State University at Buffalo Newman Center Chapel.

Mr. Rosa, 76, formerly of Amherst, died Feb. 2, 2003, in his retirement home in Weston, Fla.

A native of Pittsburgh, Mr. Rosa served with the Navy in World War II. After an honorable discharge, he embarked on a career in the truck and automotive industry.

His career path took him from Pennsylvania to Ohio to New York while employed by International Harvester Trucks. He arrived in Western New York in 1960 as the company's assistant district manager.

Five years later, Mr. Rosa joined Ford Motor Co. in Detroit as a national accounts manager. At the time, Ford was starting to develop its own line of heavy trucks, and he seized the opportunity to open his own truck dealership in Cheektowaga in 1966.

Bison Truck Center on Walden Avenue continues to operate with

his son, Richard, as president. Mr. Rosa served as chairman of the board until his retirement in 1998. Under his management, Bison Truck acquired the Peterbilt franchise and has 60 employees.

Rosa's oldest daughter, State Supreme Court Justice Janice M. Rosa, said her father enjoyed his retirement years in Florida but was especially fond of his home at Conesus Lake near Geneseo, where the family gathered each summer.

Rosa enjoyed sports. He started on his high school basketball

team in Pittsburgh, was part of the team that won the Class B Pennsylvania State Championship for Catholic High Schools in 1944, and played for the Navy during the war.

Survivors include his wife, Lenore Goodman Rosa; two other daughters, Anne Rosa-Maggio of the Town of Tonawanda and Lauren Sparks of Houston; two stepsons, Ronald Goodman of San Diego, and Harvey Goodman of Davie, Fla.; two brothers, Carl and John, both of Pittsburgh; and six grandchildren.

## Charles C. Ruckdaschel, NiMo manager

A funeral for Charles C. Ruckdaschel, regional manager of employee relations for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., was held Friday, Feb. 28 in Zion Lutheran Church.

Prayers were said in Amigone Funeral Home, 5200 Sheridan Drive, Amherst.

Mr. Ruckdaschel, 52, of Getzville, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, in Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, Amherst, after an unexpected illness.

Born in Queens, he graduated from Bowling Green University and had a master's degree from the University of Toledo.

A member of the Niagara Mohawk Management Club, he was active in Amherst hockey.

Survivors include his wife, the former Barbara O'Brien; three sons, Michael, Matthew and Nathan, all of Getzville; his parents, Charles and Helen of Pittsburgh; and two sisters, Judy Cabucci and Ellen, both of Pittsburgh.

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## Building commissioner to speak on code, soils

Amherst Building Commissioner Thomas Ketchum will address the Amherst Conservation Advisory Council on the state's latest revisions to building codes and the implications of those revisions for soil subsidence problems in Amherst.

It is open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the Amherst Town Municipal Building council chambers, 5583 Main St., Williamsville.

"The new state law mandates home builders to test soil before construction can begin," said Town Supervisor Susan J. Grelick. "This new requirement will go far to identify problem areas before homes are built, preventing future problems caused by unstable soil."

"I am hoping that the public, including builders and realtors, take this opportunity to learn more about the state requirement and how it affects them," she said. "I have already received inquiries from builders about exemptions from the new law, and I've made it clear we intend to fully enforce it."

For more information, call the supervisor's office at 631-7032 or e-mail [sgrelick@amherst.ny.us](mailto:sgrelick@amherst.ny.us).

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## Obituaries

### Margaret Dodd, homemaker, volunteer

Margaret Dodd, 89, of Snyder, a homemaker and volunteer for several organizations, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at her home after a long illness.

Born Margaret Wilson in Buffalo, she graduated from Buffalo Seminary and worked as a secretary for the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce before becoming a homemaker. She moved to Snyder in 1940, and remained there the rest of her life.

Mrs. Dodd was a volunteer for several organizations, including the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, the Park School of Buffalo and the Bristol Home.

A member of Calvary Episcopal Church of Williamsville, the Garret Club and the Country Club of Buffalo, she enjoyed gardening, golfing and spending the summer at her family residence in the Finger Lakes.

Survivors include three daughters, Patricia D. Ulmer of Savannah, Ga., Barbara D. Murray of Williamsville and Kela D. Wilson of Palmyra; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, in Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., Williamsville.

### Constance M. Gelsomino, cafeteria manager

A Mass of Christian Burial for Constance M. Gelsomino, who managed the cafeterias at Academy School and Forest Elementary School in the Williamsville School District for more than 30 years, was offered Monday, March 3 in SS. Peter & Paul Church.

Prayers were said in Amigone Funeral Home.

Gelsomino, 87, died Friday Feb. 28, 2003 in Highland Hospital, Rochester, after a brief illness.

The former Constance Ferlazzo, a native of Avon, was living in East Aurora.



Gelsomino

She attended business school in New York City and was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Williamsville.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1956.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosemary Peiffer of Cheektowaga and Lucille Simon of Henrietta; a son, Joseph J. of East Aurora; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### John T. Corbett, youth leader

John T. Corbett, 75, of Clarence Center, a businessman and Christian youth leader, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003 in Hospice Buffalo in Cheektowaga after a lengthy illness.



Corbett

Born in North Tonawanda, the grandson of a Baptist minister, Mr. Corbett graduated from North Tonawanda High School

and the University of Michigan, where earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1949 and was an usher in an Ann Arbor church.

He worked for his father as vice president of E.G. Corbett Lumber Co. on South Long Street in Williamsville for 21 years before

the business was sold in 1970. He spent several more years as a draftsman and wholesale lumber salesman.

In 1972, Mr. Corbett began a second career as regional director of the Christian Service Brigade, a mission effort to help churches develop and organize boys programs. He led leadership training programs for adult men and helped young boys prepare for adulthood.

As part of the job, he was director of Camp Hickory Hill, a Christian Service Brigade summer camp in Wyoming County. He was on the Christian Service Brigade board of directors for many years before retiring in 1992.

At Randall Memorial Baptist over the last 42 years, he was a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, leader of the Stockade and Battalion youth

programs, senior citizen coordinator and member of the Building Committee for the new church, which was constructed in the 1960s.

In recent years, he was a volunteer at Beechwood Continuing Care, visiting elderly residents and driving them to various destinations. His contributions earned him the facility's Volunteer of the Year award.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, the former Betty Wilcox; three daughters, Beth Bochiechio, Katie Brown, and Amy Gummo; two sons, J. Thomas and David P.; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 14 in Randall Memorial Baptist Church.

Donations may be made to the Randall Memorial Baptist Church or Camp Hickory Hill, 2970 Kohler Rd., Varysburg, N.Y. 14167.

### William A. Abberger Jr., company executive

William A. Abberger Jr., 78, of Williamsville, a retired construction company executive, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, in Hospice Buffalo, Cheektowaga.

Born in Buffalo, he was a graduate of Amherst High School and served as a communications officer in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Returning from service, he graduated from Amherst College

in 1946 and was enrolled in Harvard Law School when his father, president of the family's Kulp-Waco trucking firm, became ill and he came home to help with the business.

He became president of Kulp-Waco, then became an executive with Higgins Erectors and Haulers when Higgins bought Kulp-Waco in 1964. With Higgins, he spent seven years overseeing

operations in Syracuse. He retired in 1991, but continued to work for Higgins as a consultant.

A 32nd-degree Mason, he was a member of Transportation Lodge 842, the Buffalo Consistory, the Amherst Shrine Club and Ismailia Temple. He worked extensively on arrangements for the annual Shrine Circus.

He was a vice president of the Engineering Society of Buffalo, a former president of the Construction Industry Employers Association in Syracuse.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, the former Dorothy A. Bilts; two sons, William A. III of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Ronald R. of Springfield, Mass.; two daughters, Nancy E. of Springfield and Susan H. Fayle of Elma; a brother, Roger A. of Longwood, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 1, in Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home.

### June H. Preve, elementary school teacher

June H. Preve, 74, of Williamsville, a retired elementary school teacher in the Williamsville and Clarence schools, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003 in Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, Amherst.

Born in Buffalo, she was a graduate of Amherst High School and earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

She taught second grade in Williamsville's Academy Street Elementary School for several years and in San Bruno, Calif., for three years. After raising her five children, she was an elementary substitute teacher in Clarence until 1970, when she retired.

She was active in Ascension Lutheran Church and was former president of the Buffalo Alumnae Panhellenic Association. She enjoyed playing piano and knitting.

Survivors include her husband

of 51 years, Herbert J.; four daughters, Barbara Mitchell and Gretchen McCallister, both of Orlando, Fla., and Melinda and Kristin, both of Amherst; a son, Kenneth of Jupiter, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, Feb. 27, in Amigone Funeral Home.

### Willard G. Fischer, M.D., family physician

Dr. Willard G. Fischer, 92, a family physician who made house calls until the day he retired at age 80, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, after a long illness, in the Eggertsville residence he built in 1941.

The Buffalo native, who retired in 1991 after 55 years of practicing medicine, graduated from Nichols School in 1928 and four years later from Colgate University, where he excelled in hockey

and tennis. He earned his medical degree from the State University of Buffalo Medical School in 1936.

He was chief of staff at Deaconess Hospital for several years and was a member of the staff of Buffalo General Hospital. He served as president of the Deaconess staff twice and was president of the Deaconess Hospital Foundation for several years.

An "old school" physician, Dr. Fischer was known not only for his medical care but for the emotional support he gave patients of his large private practice.

Dr. Fischer was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Amherst and served as president of its Sunday school for several years.

His wife, the former Helen Heinrich Ford, died in 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Holly Momberger of the Town of Boston and Melinda Keirman of Solon, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Martha "Mimi" Heaps of Orem, Utah; a son, Craig W. of Richmond, Mass.; two stepsons, Dr. Gerald Ford of Tempe, Ariz., and Donald Ford of Logan, Utah; 23 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

### Mary E. Freitas, retired hospital worker

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary E. Freitas of Williamsville, a retired hospital worker, was offered Tuesday, March 4 in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church.

Prayers were said in Amigone Funeral Home.

Mrs. Freitas, 71, died Saturday, March 1, 2003 in her home after a sudden illness.

She had worked for Erie County Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital in Cheektowaga and Sisters Hospital before going on disability retirement.



Freitas

Born Mary Friel in Salamanca, she graduated from Ellicottville High School in 1949 and from Sisters Hospital School of Nursing in 1952.

Mrs. Freitas was a member of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Amherst.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Joseph C.; two daughters, Mary Jo Talisse of Peachtree, Ga., and Kathleen M. Tzetzio of Williamsville; three sons, Joseph C. Jr. of Clarence, Thomas M. of St. Catharines, Ont., and Mark P. of Chester; a sister, Frances Freitas of Cheektowaga; two brothers, James Friel and Joseph Friel, both of Ellicottville; and 12 grandchildren.

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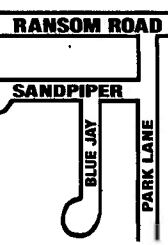
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## Meetings

### Women of Polonia offers scholarship

The Professional and Business Women of Polonia is accepting applications for its 2003 scholarship program. It provides financial rewards to American women of Polish descent who are furthering their education. Applications are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Professional and Business Women of Polonia Scholarship Program, in care of Annemarie Franczyk, 858 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14212. The application deadline is April 1.

### Risk management is March 6 topic

The Buffalo Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction will sponsor a Risk Management Boot Camp beginning at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew. The fee is \$35 per person and registration is required. For details, call Diane Burger at 668-4444.

### Cornell offering several courses

The Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations will offer 10 courses beginning Monday, March 10 at its Western Region office, 237 Main St., Buffalo. Included are Labor Relations Law, March 10-11; Introduction to Human Resources Law, March 12, and Problem Solving and Decision Making, March 13-14. To register, call Cynthia Price at cp42@cornell.edu or 852-4191.

### Housing seminars planned in March

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo will offer a free seminar on First Time Home Buyers, Equity Loans and Rewriting Mortgages from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Blind Association, 1170 Main St., Buffalo. The program will be presented by Jerry Brooks of GF Brooks Associates. The final session of the series, Understanding Your Credit Report, will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. For details, call 854-1710 extension 26.

## Brothers of Mercy to grant awards

The Brothers of Mercy Campus Foundation will honor Patrick Casilio Sr. and John Doran as "Humanitarians of the Year" during a dinner and auction event on Saturday, March 22 in the Msgr. Leo Hammerl Hall at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence.

Doran has had a long affiliation with the Brothers of Mercy senior care campus.

An attorney, he has offered legal counsel to the Brothers of Mercy congregation and to the management teams at the Sacred Heart Home, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Senior Apartment Complex.

A graduate of the University at Buffalo and the University at Buffalo's Law School, Doran was in private practice for several years before being named assistant Erie County attorney, a position he held for 23 years. He currently serves as the municipal law advisor for the Village of Springville. Doran is a resident of Glenwood.



Patrick Casilio Sr.

Clarence resident Pat Casilio Sr. serves as chairman of the board of Casilio Companies.

Early in his career he held positions as a draftsman, surveyor,



John Doran

general contractor and construction manager. He also taught at Canisius and Erie Community Colleges.

His current business interests

encompass commercial and industrial real estate development and brokerage.

Casilio received a degree from Erie Community College and attended the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering.

He has played a role in establishing two scholarships for students enrolled at Erie Community College.

Casilio is recognized in the community for sharing his talents with numerous and community organizations. He has also received numerous awards and citations including the Erie Community College Distinguished Alumni Award, Clarence Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, D'Youville College Presidents Award and Italian American Federation of Buffalo Man of the Year Award.

The catered dinner and auction event is open to the public. To make reservations, call 759-6985 extension 448.

## Zonta offers public affairs scholarship

The scholarship committee of the Buffalo Club of Zonta International is soliciting applications for the Young Woman in Public Affairs Award.

Applications for the award are reviewed and the preliminary winner, chosen by the Buffalo Club, is entered in the competition for the district award of \$500. Five district award winners are chosen from Zonta clubs throughout the world to receive additional \$1,000 awards.

Applicants must attend Buffalo public, parochial or private high schools. The deadline is March 18.

For an application call Maryruth Glowgowski, 830-6928, or log on to <http://www.zonta.org>. Click on "Programs" and then on "YWPA Program."

## eXubrio to launch software

The Clarence consulting firm of eXubrio has been hired by Zio Automation of Grand Island to develop the business plan and its new manufacturing process plant automation software suite, SequenceMaster.

eXubrio will develop Zio's software business model, business plan, and sales and marketing plans.

## Two serving on committee

Pat Casilio Sr. of Clarence and Anthony Picone of Picone Construction are serving on the advisory committee of the Construction Exchange of Buffalo and Western New York.

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## Antique show planned at events center

A "Heritage Niagara" antiques show will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16, at the Western New York Events Center, 11163 Main St.

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#### Wednesday, March 5

**FISH FRY** — The Ken-Ton Sertoma Club will hold its third annual Lenten fish fry dinner from 4-7 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Ave. For more information or to order tickets, call Tom Peters at 773-3859 or Jack Berry at 837-4793.

**SEPTSA** — The Ken-Ton Special Education PTSA will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Philip Sheridan Building, 3200 Elmwood Ave. in room 122.

#### Thursday, March 6

**MEETING** — The Judges and Police Conference of Erie County will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 7 p.m. at Cameo's Restaurant, 482 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda. To make reservations and choice of entrees, call Walter Lechowski at 833-7076. Cost: \$18.

**VARIETY SHOW** — The Town of Tonawanda Variety Show will be held from 7-9 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Ave. For tickets, call Bruce Ruark at 831-1001.

**MUSICAL** — Kenmore East High School will present "Meet Me in St. Louis" at 7:30 p.m. at the school, 350 Fries Road. For more information or tickets, call the school at 874-8402.

#### Friday, March 7

**AUCTION** — A theme tray auction will be held with doors opening at 6 p.m. at Master Builder Lodge, 173 Delaware Road. Drawings begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for age 6-12.

**CAMERA CLUB** — Twin Cities Camera Club will host Deanne Cunningham from East Aurora at 7:30 p.m. at the Brounschidle Post, 3354 Delaware Ave. For more information, call 689-8954.

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**MUSICAL** — St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute will perform "Les Miserables" at 7:30 p.m. at Rockwell Hall, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo. Check for ticket availability by calling the school at 874-4024.

#### Saturday, March 8

**COURSE** — A New York State certified six-hour point and

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#### Sunday, March 9

**DIVA BY DIVA** — "Diva by Diva" will be presented by Zonta Club at 2 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Ave. Tickets are \$35 at the door. For tickets to the performance or more information, call Pat Means at 542-1310 or e-mail at pam@acninc.net.

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#### Monday, March 10

**SCHOOL BOARD** — The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. in the Philip Sheridan Building community room, 3200 Elmwood Ave. The work session begins at 5:30 p.m.

**TOWN BOARD** — The Tonawanda Town Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2919 Delaware Ave. The work session begins at 4 p.m. in council chambers.

#### Tuesday, March 11

**GARDEN CLUB** — The Kenmore Garden Club will hold a meeting and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. at Warren's Restaurant, 561 Main St., Tonawanda.

**SUPPORT GROUP** — An Alzheimer's support group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Alterra Wynwood Assistive Living, 2971 Delaware Ave. For more information, call 874-3200.

**MEETING** — Dr. Sarah Slavin of the political science department at Buffalo State College will be the

guest speaker when the Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin School auditorium, 500-540 Parkhurst Blvd.

**TWINS CLUB** — The Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 2669 Sheridan Drive. For more information,

[www.motcofbuffalo.com](http://www.motcofbuffalo.com) contact Gennie Vitko at 876-4143 or by e-mail a gennvitko@adelphia.net.

**VISIT** — Bethlehem Chapter 634 will visit Master Builder Hall, 173 Delaware Road at 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 12

**PERFORMANCE** — The University of Notre Dame Glee Club will perform at 8 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Ave. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors and can be obtained by calling 883-3472 or at the door.

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# Lifestyles

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

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## Tool raffle scheduled

The Kenilworth Fire Company will hold its annual tool raffle from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the fire hall, 84 Hawthorne Ave. Tickets are \$15 and includes food, refreshments, and the chance to win one of 20 major prizes. There will also be a 50/50 split raffle.

Doug Platt, left, entertains and educates students as Renaldo Rodriguez meets Brenda Dubrowski, a girl who meets a blind person for the first time, who being portrayed by Brie Hofschneider.  
Photo by Albert T. McCracken Jr.



## Kids on the Block

*Puppet show fosters acceptance, understanding*

by AMY MASTERSON, Reporter



A puppet show designed to help youngsters accept and appreciate people with disabilities visited St. John the Baptist School in Kenmore last Friday.

The show featured puppets designed with various disabilities such as blindness, Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy. The presenters from People Inc. worked from a script designed by Kids on the Block, a worldwide organization that teaches about disabilities to elementary students.

In bringing the characters to life, Doug Platt and Brie Hofschneider dress all in black. The puppetry used is known as bunraku, a Japanese style. Their attire is designed to take the focus off them.

The puppets included Renaldo Rodriguez, a blind boy, Ellen Jane Peterson, who has Down's syndrome, and Mark Riley, a boy with cerebral palsy. Each puppet has a history; each puppet has age, a home, a family and stories to share about his or her life. Renaldo, for example, is said to be age 11 and attending Woodburn Elementary School. He has been blind since birth but still enjoys sports and playing checkers. Ellen Jane is age 17 and works at an animal hospital. In one of the skits, she meets Brenda Dubrowski, a "regular" girl who has never met anyone like Ellen before. She is age 11 and extremely inquisitive.

"It's easier for the kids to relate to the

puppets. They're generally the same age as the students; they're supposed to be 11 years old," Hofschneider said. "It's amazing how their attitudes change from the beginning to the end."

People Inc. also owns puppets that are autistic, epileptic and hearing impaired. Performers appear at schools across Western New York and organizations such as the Autistic Society.

"We get training on how to bring the puppets to life and how to answer kids' questions," said Platt. "We've had some doozies."

Fielding the questions of youngsters is probably one of the most challenging aspects of the show. They want to know if disabled kids can play sports, go swimming, do art; they ask if a blind person can hear better than a seeing person, how a person in a wheelchair uses the bathroom and how a blind person watches television.

"They're fascinated with Mark Riley because of his chair and his personality," Platt said.

During a presentation, puppeteers make sure their characters come across as having distinct personalities. By doing so, the emphasis is taken off their differences and placed instead on their similarities with others.

"Each character is different. We want to get across that people aren't defined by their physical characteristics but what's inside, what makes them unique," Platt said. "It helps fight the natural tendency to separate people by how they look."

People Inc. presents Kids on the Block with the help of the Kids Project of the Western New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office. Kids on the Block was originated by the mother of a child with cerebral palsy who wanted others to understand his condition. She was the first to design Mark Riley to represent her son. While

Kids on the Block has been around for more than a decade, People Inc. picked up the idea about five years ago.

For more information or to book a show, visit [www.people-inc.org/kidsontheblock](http://www.people-inc.org/kidsontheblock).

## The Kids on the Block





## Aurora Senior Calendar

### Monday

Workout hours — 8:30-4 p.m.  
Line dancing — 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Beginning line dancing — 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
Stitch and Bitch — 10 a.m.  
Scottish tartan weaving — 11 a.m.  
Senior Notes — 12:45-1:45 p.m.  
Bridge — 1-4 p.m.  
Euchre — 1-4 p.m.  
Swedish weaving — 9-10 a.m.  
Lunch served every day.

### Tuesday

Workout hours — 8:30-4 p.m.  
Exercise class — 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Tai chi — 10:10-10:45 a.m. beginners, 10:45-11:30 a.m. advanced  
Lunch served every day.  
Ceramics — 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Movie matinee — 1-3 p.m.  
Studio art — 1-3 p.m.

### Wednesday

Exercise class — 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Workout hours — 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Duplicate bridge — 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
(New players always needed)  
Yoga — 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Bowling — noon  
Lunch served every day.

### Thursday

Basketry class — 10 a.m.  
Lunch served every day.

### Friday

Computer class — 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Quilting class — 10 a.m. Riverside Quilt  
(Exercise for arthritis) 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wood carving — 1-3 p.m.  
Lunch served every day.

## Relay for Life kick-off set March 12

The kick-off for Relay for Life is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Akron House, 15 Main St., Akron.

Volunteers from Clarence, Akron and Newstead are planning the event, which is a remembrance for those who have died of cancer. It is one of Western New York's most successful events, which raised more than \$60,000 last year for the American Cancer Society's research and patient service programs. This year's ACS Relay for Life is set for June 14-15 at Akron Central School.

"If you want to help fight cancer, if you want to make a difference and if you want a way for

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you and your family to get involved in a project that's important and fun, come to the Relay kick-off," said Linda Domin from ACS.

The American Cancer Society is

a voluntary health organization that does research and provides education and advocacy programs. For more information, call 1-800-ACS or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Workshop will address pain management

Pain management expert Ellen Machamer Battista will host a free information forum on acute and surgical pain management at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence.

Battista is the owner of Pain Treatment Consultants of Western New York. She has published several articles on aspects of pain and pain treatment, and she is a well-known speaker on the topic of pain management.

Seating is limited. Call 759-7604 for reservations.

## Race for the Cure benefits cancer research

The third annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure is set for 11 a.m. Sunday, June 8 in Delaware Park behind the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

Western New York is one of 112 cities in the United States to host a Komen race in 2003. The goal is to raise funds for breast cancer research. Western New York has raised more than \$330,000 in the past two years and the WNY Affiliate has awarded grants to seven local organizations including The Cancer Wellness Center, Women to Women, the Center for Cancer

Care at Erie County Medical Center, Independent Health, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

The maximum of 75 percent of the net funds stay in this area to aid education, screening and treatment. A minimum of 25 percent supports the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program.

Race brochures will be available at Wegman's starting March 15 and online registration in early April at [www.wnyracefortheure.com](http://www.wnyracefortheure.com).

For more information call 504-5508.

## Clinic seeks massage therapists for client

The Amy Clinic at AIDS Community Services is seeking volunteer massage therapists.

Six massage therapists are needed to provide professional therapy on a continuous basis to clients with AIDS.

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To assist women who have been physically abused, Child & Family Services Haven House hosts women's support groups for victims of domestic violence.

The groups are held at two locations and open to women who wish to receive support and education. They are led by counselors.

Southtowns meetings are held from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday. In Cheektowaga, meetings are held from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday.

They are entirely confidential. For locations, call 884-6005.

Child & Family also provides a shelter for women and children. Services include shelter up to 90 days, a 24-hour hotline, counseling and legal assistance, follow-up services and programs for children who have witnessed violence.

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## Weddings & Engagements



**Karen Kristoff and Christopher Woodring**

### Kristoff-Woodring

Karl and Judith Kristoff of Williamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Kristoff, to Christopher Woodring, son of Millard and Karen Woodring of Olean, N.Y.

Miss Kristoff is a teacher at Washington West Elementary School in Olean. A 1995 graduate of Williamsville South High School, she received her bachelor of science in elementary education in 1999 and her master of science in special education in 2000 from St. Bonaventure University.

Her fiancé is a staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and is presently stationed in Johnstown, Penn. He is a 1995 graduate of Olean High School.

A summer 2004 wedding at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Williamsville is planned.



**Geoffroy M.A. Deconinck and Aimee K. Phelan**

### Phelan-Deconinck

Dr. John T. and Mrs. Patricia A. Phelan of Williamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Kathleen Phelan, to Geoffroy Marc-Antoine Deconinck, son of Marc and Suzanne Deconinck of Brussels, Belgium.

Miss Phelan is an actress and dancer with the National and International Theaters. A 1989 graduate of the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, she received her bachelor of arts from Marymount College in 1993. She received her master of fine arts from Columbia University in 2001.

Her fiancé is a chef at the Plaza Athénée in Paris, France. A 1990 graduate of LeCollege St. Michael, he attended the University of Brussels for three years then received his degree from CERIA Cooking School of Belgium in 2000.

An August 2003 wedding at St. Gregory the Great Church is planned.



**Kelly J. Smith and Louis P. Pinto**

### Smith-Pinto

John and Irene Smith of Clarence announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly J. Smith, to Louis P. Pinto, son of Louis and Joyce Pinto of Hamburg.

Miss Smith is a youth and family development specialist at Hillside Children's Center. A 1992 graduate of Clarence High School, she received her bachelor of arts in political science from Buffalo State College in 1998.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Hamburg High School. He received his bachelor of science and master of science in occupational therapy from D'Youville College in 2002.

A September 2003 wedding at The Chapel is planned.



**Bradley R. McEntee and Heather A. Vinz**

### Vinz-McEntee

Jeffrey and Cynthia Vinz of Lancaster announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Anne Vinz, to Bradley Ryan McEntee, son of Robert and Diane McEntee of Lancaster.

Miss Vinz is completing her master's program in library and information studies at the University at Buffalo. A 1997 graduate of Lancaster High School, she received her bachelor of arts in history from the University at Buffalo in 2001.

Her fiancé works at Delphi Automotive Systems. He is a 1996 graduate of Lancaster High School and attended Buffalo State College.

A September 2003 wedding is planned at Samuel's Grande Manor.



**Gregory D. Johnson and Elizabeth M. Lange**

### Lange-Johnson

Milton and Katherine E. Lange of Lancaster announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Lange, to Gregory Douglas Johnson, son of Mary Ann Dennis and the late Winston Johnson and stepson of the late Carl A. Dennis.

Miss Lange is an administrative assistant at Penske Corporation in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. A 1990 graduate of Lancaster High School, she is completing her degree in business administration at Buffalo State College.

Her fiancé is president of 7 South Communications in Rochester Hills, Mich. A 1990 graduate of Sexton High School, he received his degree in computer science from Oakland University in 1994.

A September 2003 wedding at Christ Lutheran Church in Sterling Heights, Mich. is planned with a reception to follow at The Club Monte Carlo in Utica, Mich.



**Sean M. Lozada and Rachel L. Wagner**

### Wagner-Lozada

Robert and Judith Wagner of E. Amherst announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel L. Wagner, to Sean M. Lozada, son of Dr. Rommel and Mrs. Ellen Lozada of Slingerlands, N.Y.

Miss Wagner is a consultant for Marshall Fields. A 1991 graduate of the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, she received her bachelor of science in social sciences from the University at Buffalo in 1996.

Her fiancé is a product design engineer for Ford Motor Company. A 1992 graduate of Bethlehem High School, he received his bachelor of science in physics from the University at Geneseo in 1996 and his master of science in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University in 1998.

An August 2003 wedding at Lake George, N.Y. is planned.

## Evening ceremony unites couple

An evening ceremony on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14., 2003, united Holly S. Czerwinski, daughter of Richard and Susan Czerwinski of Dunkirk, N.Y. and David F. Powell, son of David and Donna Powell of Gowanda, N.Y. The wedding took place at First Church of Evans in Derby, N.Y. The Rev. Stephen Ridge officiated. The bride was escorted by her father.

Her white Shakespearean-style gown featured long sleeves, a beaded bodice and an empire cut and chapel-length train.

The matron of honor was Susan Czerwinski, the bride's mother.

David Powell, father of the groom, was the best man.

A reception will be held at a later date, as the groom serves in the New York National Guard. The bride and groom will spend their honeymoon in Key West, Fla.



**Mr. and Mrs. David F. Powell**

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# Volunteers needed to help homebound, elderly

by KATHARINE FELSCHOW  
Editor

One hour, one day a week: that's all it could take to help a homebound or elderly person in Cheektowaga.

Right now there are many such people in the area who will not receive meals because there are not enough volunteers to deliver them.

In order to help solve this problem, Meals on Wheels of Buffalo and Erie County has designated March "March for Meals" month, as part of a nationwide initiative to end senior hunger.

Throughout the month, they are asking members of the community to contribute to the program by making a monetary donation or by volunteering their time.

The organization launched the campaign in March of last year, marking the 30th anniversary of the date that senior nutrition programs were included in the federal Older Americans Act.

Volunteers deliver a hot meal for lunch and a cold meal for supper between 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The meals provide two thirds of a senior's daily nutritional requirements, Linda Naylor, volunteer coordinator, noted. The hot mid-day meal contains meat, two vegetables or juice, bread, dessert and milk. The cold supper is a sandwich or

cold plate, salad or juice, dessert and milk.

Volunteers will also deliver breakfast or a weekend package if seniors have no other resources.

"We want to assist families," Naylor said. "We don't want to take over for them, but help them."

Meals on Wheels will even provide meals for those with special dietary requirements, including people with diabetes, or those who need a low-sodium diet.

Meals on Wheels of Buffalo and Erie County operates out of three sites in Cheektowaga: the Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway; Maryvale Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Drive, and the Bell Tower Community Center, 10 Haley Lane.

Programs like Meals on Wheels are in almost every community in the United States, providing more than 1 million meals each day to elderly residents who cannot shop or prepare meals for themselves.

However, four out of 10 Meals on Wheels programs have waiting lists and Meals on

Wheels of Buffalo and Erie County is one of them.

Although the program does receive some funding from government sources, its success does rely heavily on donations and contributions from the community.

Thirty-two percent of the organization's \$3.5 million budget comes from people receiving the meals themselves, said Dick Gehring, executive director, Meals on Wheels of Buffalo and Erie County.

"Typically we ask for \$5 each day," Gehring said.

Contrary to what some believe, he explained, it's not a free ride.

"The recipients contribute to the program."

With those funds, he said, Meals on Wheels can take people off of the waiting list.

"We can turn it right back into the program to feed other people," Gehring said.

The number of people on the waiting list, once as high as 900, is 115.

"The Meals on Wheels program helps to keep people out of nursing homes and hospitals," Gehring added.

The cost of providing meals for one person for one year is \$1,244, versus nearly \$70,000 for nursing home care, he noted.

There are 283 active volunteers in the Cheektowaga area, and need is growing dramatically, Naylor said.

"We are always looking for volunteers," she said.

Because many people work during the day, Meals on Wheels has begun to work with area businesses.

Employees from area corporations such as Rich Products deliver meals during their lunch hour on a rotating basis, Naylor explained.

And it's not just the homebound that benefit from Meals on Wheels.

"You get to meet new people," Naylor said.

"It's an emotional experience: people who get the meals are always saying 'God bless you,' and 'thank you so much.' They're so grateful."

"It's a wonderful experience," she said.

For more information about Meals on Wheels programs or volunteer opportunities, call 822-2002 or visit [www.mowbuffalo.com](http://www.mowbuffalo.com).

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**"You get to meet new people...it's a wonderful experience."**

— Linda Naylor, volunteer coordinator, Meals on Wheels of Buffalo and Erie County

## Towns request proposal for solid waste collection

Erie County, in conjunction with the Towns of Cheektowaga, Elma, Lancaster and the Village of Depew, has issued a joint request for proposal for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclables, Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra said.

This collective effort is expected to capitalize on economies of scale and will result in reducing total costs to participating municipalities by as much as \$300,000.

"By working together and consolidating solid waste services, we can decrease waste disposal and recycling costs for Erie County residents while maintaining excellent service," Giambra said.

The county lowered solid waste management costs when it assumed the operation of the East Side Transfer Station. The takeover allowed access to all county municipalities at a reduced garbage disposal rate of \$40.55 per ton, leading to a more competitive market.

## Rhode Island tragedy spurs statewide standards

Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz (D-Cheektowaga/Lancaster) plans to introduce legislation to set statewide standards for the indoor use of pyrotechnics and establish penalties.

The tragedy in Rhode Island illustrates what can happen when pyrotechnics are used inappropriately and reinforces the need for comprehensive standards, effective enforcement of those standards and appropriate penalties for their violation.

Currently the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the New York City Administrative Code regulate the use of pyrotechnic devices, however enforcement and violations are handled by localities.

Tokasz has proposed establishing statutory standards governing the use of pyrotechnics indoors and appropriate penalties for violations of those standards. He has also proposed increasing penalties for the dangerous use of pyrotechnics.



**YUMMY**— Morgan Soto, 7, of Cheektowaga works on her plate of spaghetti during a dinner at Clarence


Town Park Sunday, March 2.

Photo by Albert T. McCracken Jr.

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## Bee Editorial

## Why not dissolve Sloan?

**W**ith village elections creeping ever closer, perhaps it's time to give the Village of Sloan a closer look. Why does it still exist?

A little less than 4,000 people live in Sloan, a small section of town near the city line, yet it has a mayor and a village board; a clerk treasurer, assessor, tax collector, historian, attorney and highway department.

But the village government doesn't get a whole lot done. That's because village board meetings more often resemble the set of Romper Room rather than a place to do official business.

Discussions between board members are conducted with little regard for one another, and interruptions, smirks and sarcasm often take the place of constructive conversation. Sure, shouting can get a point across, but it's not likely to lead to a consensus.

If they can't set aside their personal differences and accomplish what they were elected to do, they shouldn't be there.

Back in December, Mayor Kenneth Pokorski even proposed reducing the village board by two trustees, leaving two trustees and the mayor, the bare minimum required by state law.

His resolution was never seconded, but political motives aside, the mayor's claim that the move would save the village \$40,000 over four years brings up an interesting point.

If saving money is the goal, dissolving the village would be the best way to achieve that goal. Duplicating services is an inefficient use of taxpayer's money.

Sloan does not need its own highway department, assessor, etc. The Town of Cheektowaga, which Sloan is a part of, could provide those very same services.

Sloan, which once had its own police force, has already been patrolled by Cheektowaga Police for decades. Senior citizens use Cheektowaga's programs and facilities; children go to the Alexander Community Center for recreation programs.

Yes, people enjoy living in Sloan: it has its own neighborhoods, its own atmosphere. But will any of that really change if the village government dissolves? Not likely. People can still visit with their neighbors or run across the street to borrow a cup of sugar even if their streets are plowed by the town.

However, it will save residents money and make government more efficient. It's redundant to offer the same services twice to the same people.

Sloan has been a village since 1896, but tradition shouldn't be a reason to waste money. It's time to do what's best for taxpayers.

## Spindle items



**KATHARINE FELSCHOW**  
Cheektowaga  
Editor

fan of rabbits, but if we didn't take this

• **FURRY FRIEND** — I've adopted the Easter Bunny. Well, not really, but the new addition to my apartment looks just like him. Over the weekend, my roommate and I got a bunny. A cute little furry white one. I'm not actually a huge

one, it was just going to be used for medical research at UB, where she's in medical school. I didn't want that to happen, so now the little furball is in the sun room. My roommate's boyfriend thought of the name: Roxy.

• **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** — I'd like to wish my little brother and my Aunt Natalie happy birthday. I can't believe my brother is 17 already; yikes. As for my aunt, that will just have to be a secret.

• **TIME FOR CLASS** — Registration for the hundreds of programs being offered this spring at Maryvale Community Education begins Monday, March 10. New classes include Putting your VHS Videos on CD, an E-Bay

series, Basic Pie Making, Gardener's Gift Jar, Beginner Scrapbooking, Dancing in the Morning, Defy Procrastination, Introduction to Playing Folk Music and Mother's Day Tea Party. Many other classes in fitness, personal growth, swimming, finance, health, fine arts, computers, music and special interest areas are also available. Classes begin the week of March 31.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays. Telephone and fax registrations are also accepted. For more information, stop by the Maryvale Community Education Center, 777 Maryvale Drive, call 635-4666 or visit [www.maryvale.wnyric.org](http://www.maryvale.wnyric.org).

• **DO YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?** — Well if you don't, you're not alone. In an effort to try to combat this, Fidelis Care and the Catholic Health System (CHS) are working together during the national observance of Cover the Uninsured Week March 10-16. Fidelis and CHS will be at Tops Market, 5175 Broadway, Depew from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, March 10 with a mobile health van. They will be offering a variety of free health screenings, including blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol testing, and opportunities to apply in Fidelis Cares Family Health Plus, Child Health Paul and Medicaid programs. Those interested in applying should bring proof of age, address and income.

## Pre-K funding needs to be restored

**D**uring a recent visit to Buffalo, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver toured the Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center with members of the Western New York Assembly delegation and observed a thriving Buffalo pre-kindergarten classroom. The Speaker reiterated the State Assembly's continued support for pre-K funding and criticized the executive budget for eliminating pre-K funding.

Existing pre-K programs in my Assembly District have shown tremendous benefit to the children who participate. Yet, time and again, the demand for slots exceeds the capacity of these programs. The Governor's budget would force 60,000 children, statewide, out of prekindergarten classrooms.

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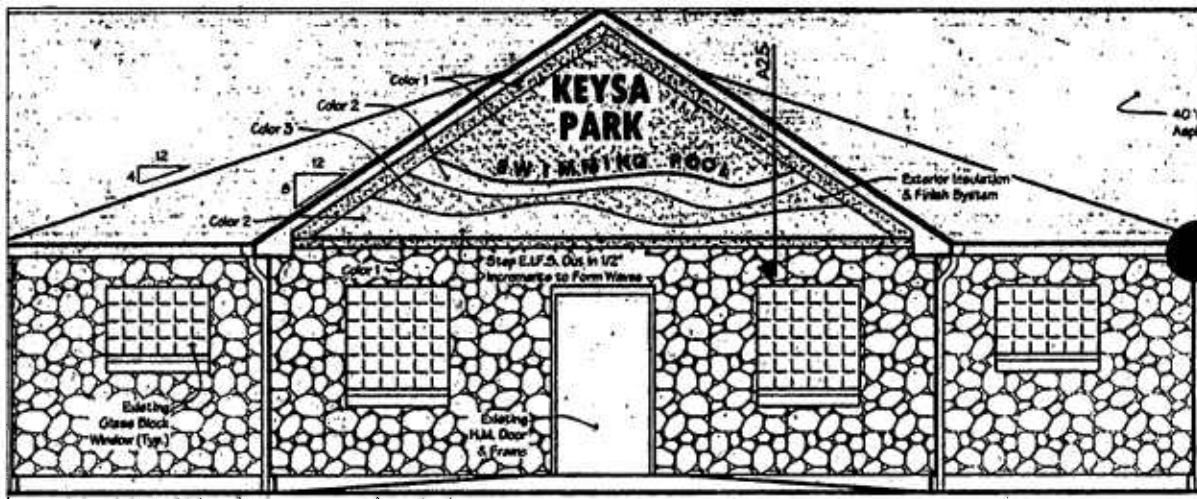
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## Bee Editorial

# If disaster strikes, are you prepared?

**D**o you know what to do in case of an emergency? It is becoming clear, in light of recent world events, that we must be prepared for anything. It's just become a fact of life, especially since Sept. 11, when terrorism touched American soil.

The Office of Emergency Services in the Town of Lancaster has been preparing for disaster long before that point, however.

Instituted approximately 10 years ago, the office has taken on an important role in the community.

Some have balked at the idea, fearful that they are trying to take over for police and firefighting services.

That's a narrow view to hold. Wouldn't it be better to have more people available in an emergency who are trained to help than not enough?

Being prepared takes a lot of work, though.

Volunteers with the Office of Emergency Services train three times a month, drilling for all types of emergencies.

They practice bus and tanker accidents and vary wind conditions in order to plan evacuation routes. They also plan out various strategies in case of an emergency at the Tops Distribution Center on Genesee Street and companies housing chemicals.

In addition, they train fire companies and officials in dealing with disasters. Town and village officials have been schooled to handle different emergency situations.

They must be doing something right if other towns are looking to Lancaster for advice and helpful hints.

When this organization began, the focus was on responding to earthquakes and floods. Natural disasters seemed to be the only thing we would likely have to worry about.

Unfortunately, times have changed and now they must focus on biological attacks and nuclear disasters.

With all this training and preparation, residents can feel safe that there is a plan in place for almost any situation that may arise.

The only paid position is that of the coordinator. Every one else is a volunteer from all walks of life. The common goal among these people is to keep the town safe.

The building has been refurbished using volunteer manpower and donated materials. The mobile communication center was once a bus that was donated by the school district. That also was refurbished using donated materials costing the town approximately \$1,000.

That seems like money well spent.

These individuals put in the effort and expect nothing in return. If an emergency should ever occur, we'll be glad they are there.

## Spindle items



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A friend of mine is a fan of Karaoke. This past Saturday my husband and I had the opportunity to experience real live Karaoke. We spent a couple of hours at a place in Tonawanda learning about all

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Now is just about the time of year that I get spring fever really bad. Tuesday's temperatures in the 20s felt like a heat wave, well sort of. At least we were on the plus side of the thermometer. What keeps me hanging on is the fact that there is just 14 days left until spring arrives officially.

### • CALL FOR NOMINATIONS —

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Meals on

Wheels has proclaimed March "March for Meals" month. The campaign's purpose is to recruit volunteers to help deliver meals to people who are confined to their homes. Although the need lies in the city, they are always looking for help at all of the locations including the site in Lancaster, at the Lancaster Senior Center. If you can spare some time during the week, call Ann Wadsworth, director of the Lancaster Meals on Wheels site, at 683-3771.

### • MEETING CHANGE —

According to Holly Pohl, publicity person for the Bowmansville Garden Club, the March meeting has been changed to 7:15 p.m. Monday, March 10 at Bowmansville Fire Hall, 36 Main St. The feature program will be dish gardens - so participants are asked to bring all the necessary items to make a small garden.

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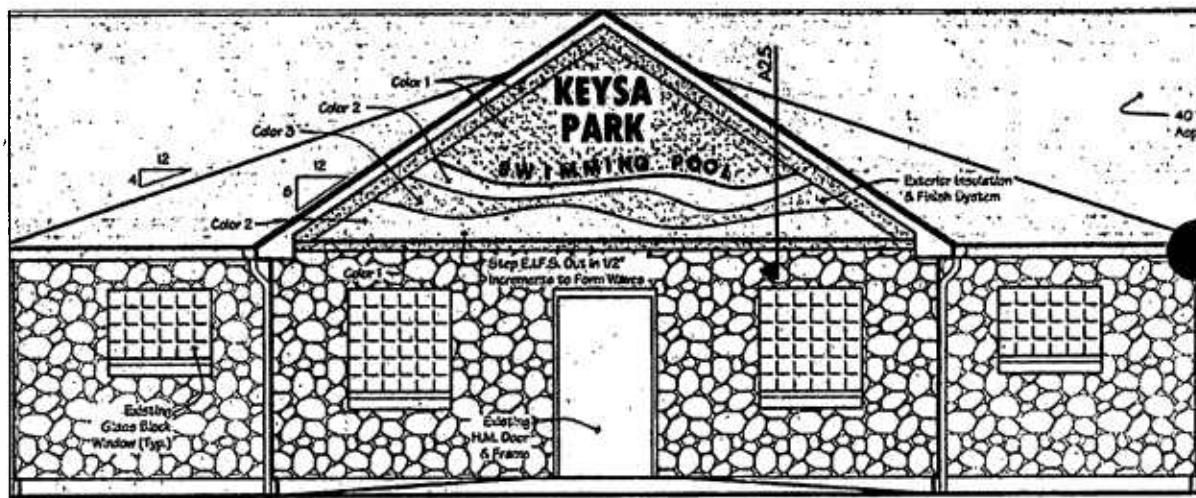
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Lafayette Square, Buffalo. State and local law enforcement, government and military officials will testify and topics will include plans and resources for the event of a disaster, the security of the state's borders and what actions state officials are taking to ensure safety.



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## Bee Editorial

# If disaster strikes, are you prepared?

**D**o you know what to do in case of an emergency? It is becoming clear, in light of recent world events, that we must be prepared for anything. It's just become a fact of life, especially since Sept. 11, when terrorism touched American soil.

The Office of Emergency Services in the Town of Lancaster has been preparing for disaster long before that point, however.

Instituted approximately 10 years ago, the office has taken on an important role in the community.

Some have balked at the idea, fearful that they are trying to take over for police and firefighting services.

That's a narrow view to hold. Wouldn't it be better to have more people available in an emergency who are trained to help than not enough?

Being prepared takes a lot of work, though.

Volunteers with the Office of Emergency Services train three times a month, drilling for all types of emergencies.

They practice bus and tanker accidents and vary wind conditions in order to plan evacuation routes. They also plan out various strategies in case of an emergency at the Tops Distribution Center on Genesee Street and companies housing chemicals.

In addition, they train fire companies and officials in dealing with disasters. Town and village officials have been schooled to handle different emergency situations.

They must be doing something right if other towns are looking to Lancaster for advice and helpful hints.

When this organization began, the focus was on responding to earthquakes and floods. Natural disasters seemed to be the only thing we would likely have to worry about.

Unfortunately, times have changed and now they must focus on biological attacks and nuclear disasters.

With all this training and preparation, residents can feel safe that there is a plan in place for almost any situation that may arise.

The only paid position is that of the coordinator. Every one else is a volunteer from all walks of life. The common goal among these people is to keep the town safe.

The building has been refurbished using volunteer manpower and donated materials. The mobile communication center was once a bus that was donated by the school district. That also was refurbished using donated materials costing the town approximately \$1,000.

That seems like money well spent.

These individuals put in the effort and expect nothing in return. If an emergency should ever occur, we'll be glad they are there.

## Spindle items



**MICHELLE MOORE**

Lancaster/  
Depew Editor

### • KARAOKE IF YOU CAN —

A friend of mine is a fan of Karaoke. This past Saturday my husband and I had the opportunity to experience real live Karaoke. We spent a couple of hours at a place in Tonawanda learning about all

of the regulars including "Frank Sinatra." Honestly, if you closed your eyes, you thought you were actually listening to Old Blue Eyes himself. Then there was the Depew cowboy who performed, what else, country tunes. I'm so proud of my husband. He loves to sing and got up to sing a song. He had

the place rockin'. I hear there's also Karaoke at the Fireside Inn in Lancaster. Who knows where we may venture out next.

• **I'VE HAD ENOUGH** — Now is just about the time of year that I get spring fever really bad. Tuesday's temperatures in the 20s felt like a heat wave, well sort of. At least we were on the plus side of the thermometer. What keeps me hanging on is the fact that there is just 14 days left until spring arrives officially.

• **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS** — The YWCA of Western New York is seeking nominations of young women ages 14-18 for the Ray of Light Award. Categories are academic/civic achievement, personal achievement and sports achievement. The deadline for submissions is March 28. Printable nomination forms available at [www.ywca-wny.org](http://www.ywca-wny.org), or by calling 852-6120 ext. 251.

• **HELP IF YOU CAN** — Meals on

Wheels has proclaimed March "March for Meals" month. The campaign's purpose is to recruit volunteers to help deliver meals to people who are confined to their homes. Although the need lies in the city, they are always looking for help at all of the locations including the site in Lancaster, at the Lancaster Senior Center. If you can spare some time during the week, call Ann Wadsworth, director of the Lancaster Meals on Wheels site, at 683-3771.

• **MEETING CHANGE** — According to Holly Pohl, publicity person for the Bowmansville Garden Club, the March meeting has been changed to 7:15 p.m. Monday, March 10 at Bowmansville Fire Hall, 36 Main St. The feature program will be dish gardens - so participants are asked to bring all the necessary items to make a small garden.

• **YOUTH CAMPAIGN** — Students at Hillview Elementary School were asked to donate 100 cents in any form to the

Lancaster YMCA's Partner with Youth Campaign in conjunction with the 100th day of school. Principal Kim Meüller said the students so far have collected approximately \$300. Each child was given a fake dollar bill to hang on their grade level's tree in the cafeteria.

• **DO YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?** — Well if you don't, you're not alone. In an effort to try to combat this, Fidelis Care and the Catholic Health System (CHS) are working together during the national observance of Cover the Uninsured Week March 10-16. Fidelis and CHS will be at Tops Market, 5175 Broadway, Depew from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, March 10 with a mobile health van. They will be offering a variety of free health screenings, including blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol testing, and opportunities to apply in Fidelis Care Family Health Plus, Child Health Paul and Medicaid programs. Those interested in applying should bring proof of age, address and income.

## Real property tax exemption for seniors

**A**s elected officials, it is important in today's economy that we work to find each and every way possible to relieve the tax burden on residents. As your legislator, and as chairman of the Legislature's Finance and Management Committee, I am consistently working toward this effort. In 1999 and 2000, I fought for, and voted to approve, a real county property tax cut for residents of over 30 percent. Perhaps more importantly, the legislature was able to approve these budgets knowing that we would not have to cut essential county services on which residents have come to rely. We accomplished it through smarter, more cost-efficient government.

Since the historic county tax cut, I have fought for budgets that continue to hold the line on the county's property tax levy. In a time when other counties across New York State are substantially raising taxes and/or cutting services - 19.4 percent in Nassau County, 31.7 percent in Westchester County, and 23 percent in Albany County, for example - Erie County is holding steady.

I'm pleased to have recently sponsored vital legislation to expand Erie County's Real Property Tax Exemption for Seniors. Now, by increasing the income eligibilities, even more senior homeowners in Erie County will be able to take advantage of this beneficial exemption.

In quickly moving this initiative forward, and presenting it to the community, seniors will have an opportunity to look ahead to their financial situation going into next year. With ever rising health care costs, our seniors need all the help they can get. Increasing the exemption is a great way for us to help our senior citizen neighbors.

For seniors new to the exemption, here's how it works: Any seniors 65 years of age and older who have owned their property for the past 12 consecutive months - and reside at that same property - and who meet the income levels listed below, will qualify. Seniors can acquire an application for this tax exemption at your local assessor's office, but my District Office staff will certainly be available to help anyone who needs assistance. Seniors can contact my office at 681-6666, or stop by at 5580 Broadway, in the Village of Lancaster.



**DALE LARSON**

Erie County  
Legislator

Remember that all applications for property tax exemptions - whether they be this senior exemption, STAR or Veteran's exemptions - must be submitted by May 1 to your local assessor's office.

I am proud of the fact that here in Erie County, we're successfully finding ways to relieve the tax burden for residents. This exemption for seniors is a proof of our commitment, and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to report it to you.

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**JAZZ PERFORMANCE** — Holly Emery, Sheila O'Brien and Cassie Smith perform with other members of the West Seneca West High School vocal jazz group last weekend at the auction for the West Seneca Satellite for the Variety Club telethon. The event, held at the Harvey D. Morin Post 2940 VFW, also included raffles, karaoke, games for children and other entertainment.

Photo by John Rusac

## Master plan forum seeks vision, ideas from public

by BETH HUTCHINSON  
Editor

Organizers of a March 11 public forum to discuss development of the Town of West Seneca master plan would like to see 250 people at the meeting, but they know what they're up against, a perception that officials won't pay attention to what they say.

"Please come out and talk to us," said Jim Lawson, who is chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. "People say they want us to listen. We're listening."

The forum, the second of two meetings in which citizens are being asked for their ideas on the town's growth, development, land use, historical preservation and other issues, is slated for 7 p.m. at the West Seneca Senior Center, 4620 Seneca St., West Seneca.

Drew Reilly, a consultant with Wendel Duchscherer, the firm hired by the town to develop a master plan, said he needs two "huge things" from the general public: their vision of the community and their ideas, which are generally specific to their own neighborhoods.

"I can't tell the community what their vision is," said Reilly. "They

have to help me establish it."

Lawson wonders what a "town center" would encompass for most people and what it would look like. Also, where are the entrance points to West Seneca? Do people envision some grandiose entrance? If they could start over and look at the town, what would they want?

"It's all about what do they see," said Lawson. "It's all about outside opinions."

Reilly asked another question: Should West Seneca be a destination, or should it service only the people who live there? But he noted that even if people don't want growth, they can't really stop it.

"Towns and villages can't stop growth, they can only control it," Reilly said. "There are going to be pressures, and you must have controls in place when it happens."

Reilly remarked that the town can set guidelines, although officials don't have much say at the moment about what happens to private property, such as the Seneca Mall site. But he said future zoning decisions could affect what citizens will eventually see there. He said the town can offer a general direction.

Reilly said West Seneca has an

interesting mix of components. He said the town has its "city side" and southern suburbs, as well as an industrial corridor and the vestiges of an agricultural community.

"What we have is what we have," said Lawson. "We're never going to be East Aurora."

At the March 11 meeting, the audience will be asked for its ideas. At the following meeting, which has not been scheduled, Reilly will present his own ideas based on what he has heard in the first two sessions.

"We need them before that last phase, when I put pen to paper," said Reilly. "Typically most people want to wait until the end and throw darts."

Lawson added, "It's an opportunity to give your footprint to what's going to happen with the future of West Seneca."

Reilly said that a master plan can affect a community's future. "It can affect the perception, the feel of a community. It is a local law. It is as important as rezoning land. It has that weight to it."

He said a comprehensive plan must be considered in all state and federal actions, and a town is actually controlled by its plan. At the same time, it is not binding and can be updated.

### School budget forum

## Reduced bus services unlikely despite savings

by BETH HUTCHINSON  
Editor

There are no proposals to reduce bus service in the West Seneca School District, but it would save money in difficult budget times, according to a presentation at Monday night's budget forum.

Transportation Supervisor Lawrence L. Kaminski said the district might consider an extension of ride time, fewer stops and other adjustments, but he also said any change in transportation policy would require a public vote.

Comparing school district policy to state requirements, Kaminski said West Seneca - which buses all students - is extremely liberal in its pickup and delivery process.

The district tries to ensure that

no K-6 students will walk more than 1/10 of a mile to a bus stop and grades 7-12 no more than 3/10 of a mile. The state says a district may require K-8 youngsters to walk up to two miles and 9-12 up to three miles from their homes to their schools.

School districts are not required to provide transportation to students directly to and from home. A board can use its discretion in designating pick-up points. And Kaminski noted it is the legal responsibility of parents to see that the child reaches that location safely.

Also, students living 1 1/2 miles or less from their school buildings do not receive state reimbursement for transportation. In West Seneca, 35 percent of students are transported without reimbursement.

But Kaminski noted that

mileage limitations, bus stop locations and service can only be changed by a special proposition passed by a majority of voters. Changes cannot take place even under a contingency budget.

Other highlights of the transportation presentation: the district is in the second year of a \$2.1 million bond-financed program to replace aging buses. The goal is replacement of 10-12 percent of the 112-vehicle fleet each year.

There are also plans to add such accessories as AM-FM radios with a public address system, sound deadening packages and video surveillance.

Kaminski also said the cost of diesel fuel has gone from 58 to 92 cents per gallon and could go higher given world events. He noted that the price was \$1.38 per gallon during the Persian Gulf War.

But Kaminski said one of the most significant issues the transportation department faces is absenteeism. He said 25 percent of drivers can be out on a given day, creating additional costs for substitutes.

Asked if other districts could help in such situations, Kaminski said those districts have the same problem.

This was the second of two budget forums open to the public, with this session focusing on transportation, athletics, music and buildings and grounds.

The board also heard from Timm Slade, director of health, physical education and athletics, on such concerns as practice times and community use of gymnasiums.

Some board members questioned the wisdom of letting the town or community education

classes use school facilities when the district is sending lacrosse players to another site for practices, but Slade said the larger venue is better for lacrosse.

Another concern involved allowing outside groups to use school gymnasiums when students must practice as late as 11 p.m. Slade said there are enough programs going on that the lateness of the hour is necessary no matter who is using the facilities.

"I think we should have first shot at them," commented Nancy Lesakowski, a member of the school board. "If we need them we should use them."

As for future needs, the athletic department would like to add modified programs in the areas of boys and girls lacrosse and field hockey.

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## Bee Editorial

# Sidewalk citations: It's about time

The Town of West Seneca has begun issuing summonses to some Union Road property owners who have failed to clear snow from their sidewalks.

It's about time.

The sidewalk ordinance placing responsibility for the walks on property owners was adopted more than a year ago. The action came at the beginning of the 2001-02 winter season and before the seven feet of snow that surprised the town that Christmas week.

Last year, some Union Road property owners who didn't abide by the ordinance received a warning in writing, but they escaped a summons, perhaps because the town wasn't eager to enforce the statute.

Supervisor Paul T. Clark had said the town planned no Draconian measures to enforce the ordinance and, in fact, wanted to assist the elderly and others burdened by the law.

The town was as good as its word, attempting to put people in touch with groups which would help them clear the walks, as well as not citing those who failed to remove the snow.

So why were approximately 30 summonses issued last week? Building Inspector William Czuprynski said the town had received calls complaining that officials weren't enforcing the law. Mounds of snow in front of some Union Road businesses and residences apparently forced walkers to stay home or take to the street.

Keeping walkers out of the street and preventing fatalities caused by blocked sidewalks was the whole point of the ordinance. Those who championed such an ordinance feared an accident like the one two years ago that killed three teenagers on Niagara Falls Boulevard.

The Bee received complaints as long as a year ago about the town not enforcing the ordinance.

It did seem as if the town was just waiting for the snow to melt, hoping it wouldn't be necessary to issue any summonses.

Why would the town board adopt an ordinance and not enforce it? While establishing responsibility for the walks was considered necessary, officials were less than enthusiastic about the measure, which drew considerable opposition.

But that's just part of the problem. The town would likely require more manpower, and thus more funding, to keep an eye on sidewalks throughout the town. That's not likely given the current economy. That's why individuals cited to date live or work on Union Road, where walkers are particularly unsafe in the street.

Of course, complaints from other neighborhoods would likely prompt action. That means people must pick up the phone and call town hall if their sidewalks are covered or blocked.

## Spindle items



BETH HUTCHINSON

West Seneca Editor

**• LOOKING FOR SPRING** — No, it's not spring, but I always think of March 1 as an indicator that better weather is practically on the doorstep. Alas, it doesn't look that way this year. One would guess that spring-like weather is many weeks away.

It's a mark of just how bad this winter has been that people are pleased when the temperature rises even a few degrees. Coats are thrown open, mittens stuffed in pockets and hats left on the shelf. Attitudes seem to change, with people nodding and smiling.

A young man working in a West Seneca service station remarked that a 30-degree day seemed like 50 after our recent experiences. In fact, he was sure the temperature was 50 until he called the number for time and temperature. It's 14 days until the official onset of spring.

**• WEST SENECA SATELLITE** — Last weekend's auction hosted by the West Seneca satellite of the Variety Club telethon raised \$88,000 for children's charities. That's a satellite record, according to Helen Itzenplitz, auction chairman.

"I am so thrilled," said Itzenplitz, noting her satisfaction is seeing children who have benefited from such fund raisers. "It just makes you feel really great that all your work is worthwhile."

Congratulations to all involved, especially the West Seneca Teachers Association, the chair organization and West High School teacher Joseph Cantafio, chairman.

**• LAPS FOR LIFE** — Students and faculty from Fourteen Holy Helpers School raised more than \$2,000 in pledges from their participation in the second annual Hunter's Hope "Laps for Life" program, which funds research for the treatment and cure of Krabbe Disease and other leukodystrophies. The participants accepted pledges for running laps around their gym during physical education classes.

Hunter's Hope Foundation, established by former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly and his wife, Jill, attempts to spread awareness about their son Hunter's Disease and to support further research. Everyone involved in the effort received a T-shirt, Hunter's Hope candle and an invitation to Hunter's birthday party, held Feb. 14 at Chestnut Ridge Park.

**• BOOT DRIVE** — The West Seneca Fire Chiefs Association collected almost \$12,000 last week during its annual boot drive. Area fire companies, under the

direction of Dave Koehler, were out despite the frigid temperatures, to "fill the boot" for the sick and disabled children of Western New York. This year's effort brings their total for the past four years to more than \$60,000.

This column seems to be largely about fundraising projects to benefit children, particularly sick children, but what could be a better topic? It's great that so many different groups are working tirelessly to help these young people.

**• DISNEY TRIP** — On President's Day weekend, three of West Seneca West High School's performing ensembles traveled to Orlando, Fla., to perform at Walt Disney World. The Bel Canto Singers, the wind ensemble and a combination of the orchestra and string ensemble were chosen to perform after sending in a formal audition tape and photographs. They performed in Tomorrowland on what was described as a beautiful Saturday. Sigh.

## Solicitations controlled by town

I don't know about you, but I've seen enough snow for the season. It seems the older I get, the less kick I get out of winter's first snowfall. By this time of year, we're all looking forward to the crocuses, tulips and daffodils to again be welcome guests in the Town of West Seneca.

An extra hour of sunlight each day is another welcome rite of spring, but which also brings the annual influx of solicitors into town, along with my annual message of advice on the topic.

Most solicitors offer their wares or services in the spirit of good business practices and have established themselves in the community. But certain groups canvassing the town have used methods that do not rest well with residents.

The town clerk's office is charged with the issuance of permits under the peddlers, solicitors and canvassers ordinance and feels the same frustration when instances of abuse arise. A significant increase in the permit fee has successfully "weeded" out a number of the more undesirable solicitors.

I can suggest an easy and fast way to avoid unwanted solicitations. Simply display a "no soliciting" sign on your residence or business. These inexpensive notices can be purchased in most paper supply stores or can take the form of a simple handwritten notice.

Also, the Town of West Seneca regulates the hours for soliciting, from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Be alert to anyone who appears at your home at an unreasonable hour. Remember that you have no obligation to open the door to a stranger. And every solicitor or peddler is required to carry a license at all times and produce that license upon request.

The ordinance also prohibits a peddler from frequenting any street in the Town of West Seneca "in such a nature

so as to cause a private or public nuisance." While the language of this provision may be somewhat ambiguous, if suspicious behavior occurs, or if you have any doubt at all about the character of an individual going door-to-door in your neighborhood, a phone call to the police department or the town clerk's office is warranted.

A solicitor with good credentials will respect the rights of residents and carry out his or her activities in a law-abiding manner. At the same time, I am aware of the continuing objection of many people to solicitation in general. One of the growing concerns deals with the detraction from our local businesses by either the corner vendor or the door-to-door variety.

In the last few years, one of the more common types of solicitation has been couched in the "research and lobbying" of certain groups. While most of us have no problem in assisting legitimate organizations meet research goals, you should know that some groups use this technique as part of their fundraising objectives.

Often times, I hear the complaints about overzealous canvassers who don't like to take no for an answer. And the residents making the complaints are usually those least able to donate, but who succumb under pressure. So use caution and common sense when asked to donate, and don't be afraid to say no.

If you have questions concerning solicitation in West Seneca or require the services of the town clerk's office in general, contact me by phone at 674-5600, extension 215, by e-mail at wisniewp@nysnet.net, or by stopping in my office. The town clerk's office is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Wednesday evenings until 7 p.m. Of course, we're open 24 hours a day onsite at westseneca.net.



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# Different faiths gather for World Day of Prayer

by BOB RECOTTA  
Editor

At a time in our nation's history when war clouds are rumbling on the horizon and it seems armed conflict with Iraq is inevitable, people from around the world are gathering together to raise their voices in prayer.

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church will host World Day of Prayer at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at 4369 South Buffalo St.

The service is put together by Church Women United. Different area churches are used each year, and the liturgy is written by women from a different country each year.

"This year, the theme is 'Holy Spirit, Fill Us,'" said Isadora Ulrich, an Orchard Park resident of Church Women United. "It was written by the World Day of Prayer women of Lebanon. The entire service was written by women of that country."

Roberta Grimm, of Church Women United, said this year it was especially appropriate for the women of Lebanon to prepare the liturgy.

"The women of Lebanon suffered a lot through war," Grimm said. "It's a beautiful and important country. It's a very poignant program. The women speak of their condition, their suffering, but also a great deal of hope."

Last year's liturgy, entitled "Challenged to Reconcile," was written by women from Romania. The 2004 liturgy, "In Faith, Women Shape the Future," will be prepared by women of Panama. Women in Poland, South Africa and Paraguay will prepare the 2005-07 liturgies.

The origins of the World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in missions, both in their native countries and abroad.

One of the major concerns of women who organized the original World Day of Prayer was the plight of women and children

worldwide. In 1861, women founded numerous women's boards for foreign and home missions so they could work directly with and for women and children.

One of the big attractions of the original day of prayer was the spirit of cooperation. World Day of Prayer was, and remains, an interdenominational event which brings women of many different faiths together.

Rev. Richard Young, pastor of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, will be giving the homily for the World Day of Prayer service. He said he took his inspiration from the Lebanese women's liturgy. The women chose scriptures from the Book of Acts speaking of the first Pentecost, when Jesus' disciples were first filled with the Holy Spirit, and from Paul's letters to the Galatians, which speaks of fruits of the spirit.

"What they were hoping folks would connect with is the spirit of God, how it might manifest itself in lives, communities and churches," Young said. "The overall theme is wisdom in prayer and being sensitive to what we are praying for."

Young said he also wants those attending the service to think about the gifts of the spirit, such as love, joy, peace and patience.

"What I want to do is lift those up and have them reflect for themselves on which of those gifts do they have and which do we wish we had," Young said. "Maybe we can make that the challenge as we travel through Lenten season, trying to be aware of one of these gifts."

Young said that, while he did not tailor his sermon to reflect current world events, it's not hard to think about how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are needed at this time in history.

"While war may be inevitable and sometimes necessary, what God holds up for us is this vision that is different from that," Young said. "It's marked by peace, joy, kindness and goodness. Hopefully that's what we are working toward."



**LIGHT TOUCH** — Rachel Ward, left, gets some last-minute touch-ups from teacher Kim Slocum before the Ellicott Elementary School production of

"The Jungle Book" Saturday, March 1, at Ellicott Elementary School.

Photo by John Normile

## Community leaders honored at Erie Community College ball

Erie Community College will host its second annual Chairman's Ball Saturday, March 22, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, with cocktails and a silent auction at 5:30 p.m., an award presentation at 7:15 p.m. and dinner to follow.

The black-tie gala will pay tribute to four community leaders who, through their generosity, resources and professional expertise, have advanced ECC's mission and whose involvement with

the college illustrate what successful education-community partnership can yield.

Jim Ball, president and owner of Jim Ball Pontiac-GMC-Buick will receive the Light of Leadership Award. Jack Connors, publisher of Business First of Buffalo, will receive the President's Outstanding Communicator & Educational Advocate award, while Marion Cane-do, superintendent of the Buffalo Public Schools, will receive the

Outstanding Educator award.

The Outstanding Corporate Friend award will be presented to Paul Stasiak, president of Niagara Frontier Automobile Dealers Association.

Tickets for the ball are \$125 per person or \$1,250 for a table of 10.

For more information on the Chairman's Ball, call Susan Marchione, assistant to the president, at 851-1114, e-mail marchione@ecc.edu.

## Erie County Soil and Water District accepting orders for seedlings

The Erie County Soil and Water District will be accepting orders for its annual tree and shrub seedling programs.

All orders, which are tax exempt, must be received by Friday, March 28 and will be available for pick-up Saturday, April 26, at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg.

The program offers more than 40 varieties of plants, sold as one to two year old bare root seedlings. They will range from six to 24 inches tall. White pine, blue spruce and douglas fir are also available as transplants, which have thicker stems, more branches and larger root systems

than bare-root seedlings.

The 2003 program also includes:

- 14 varieties of Broadleaf Deciduous trees, including White Ash, Red Maple, White Oak and Black Walnut.

- 13 varieties of evergreen/conifer trees ranging from Austrian pine, Scotch pine, blue spruce, douglas fir and hemlock.

- Nine varieties of conservation shrubs, including hazelnut, American elderberry, red osier dogwood, rugosa rose and Streamco willow.

- Four wildlife-attracting seedling packs, including native

New York wildlife, bird and butterfly, wet area and the homeowner pack.

For more information, or to obtain a 2003 Conservation Tree & Shrub Seedling Program order form, call Erie County Legislator Steve McCarville's district office at 652-9088 or e-mail mc-carville13th@aol.com.

### Clogging group performs at fundraiser

The Kickin' Rhythm Cloggers will host their second annual fundraising performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the West Seneca East Middle School, 1445 Center Road, West Seneca.

### Public Notice

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## Bee Editorial

# School board members have common goal

*There ain't no good guy, there ain't no bad guy,  
There's only you and me and we just disagree.*

Dave Mason

When you are young and ideological, it's easy to see the world in terms of black and white, right and wrong. It's more comfortable to perceive those whom you don't agree with as icons rather than flesh and blood human beings.

Experience reveals, however, that is rarely, if ever, the case. It is certainly not the case with the Orchard Park Board of Education. Despite what some in the district think, John Finster is not some black-hatted villain tying the district's budget to a railroad track while pulling on his mustache and laughing maniacally. Superintendent Charles Stoddart is not

sitting in his office thinking of ways of milking every last tax dollar out of the residents of Orchard Park.

Both are merely men, men with strengths and faults. Finster and his fellow school board members and Stoddart and the rest of the school district administration are currently trying to accomplish a seemingly Herculean task - maintaining the high quality of education in the Orchard Park School District while still keeping the tax rate manageable.

Will they be able to agree on the best way of doing this? Probably not. Each person involved in this process comes in with a different perspective and a different set of priorities. But they are trying, and trying to do so in a civil fashion suitable to a district with Orchard

Park's reputation.

So far the rhetoric regarding the budget has been low-key, from the administration, the school board members and the public. As the district moves closer to the budget deadline, it may be tempting to crank up the rhetoric, especially as pet programs appear on the chopping block.

The premise Finster, Stoddart and the other board of education members are operating under is, no matter whether they agree or disagree on the means, the same, to provide the best affordable education for the children of the district.

Residents would be well-suited to remember that also, as the fight to construct a palatable budget continues.

## Spindle items



BOB  
RECOTTA  
Orchard Park  
Editor

### • THEY SAY THE NEON LIGHTS ARE BRIGHT IN OR- CHARD PARK

— Usually, when the elementary schools in the district hold events, because of my schedule, I am only able to go to Windom's events, and that's only because my future

step-daughter, Ellyn, is a fifth grader at Windom and involved in some way or another.

This week, however, I was lucky enough to attend the Windom and South Davis operettas.

Both schools did an amazing job. They

put the Christmas pageants we used to put on at St. Vincent's to shame. The costumes and the scenery for both plays were dazzling. I don't know which was better, seeing Windom principal Charlie Galuzzo in a toga or South Davis principal David Lovering dressed as a penguin.

The children, of course, made the show. All the kids did a super job (especially the aforementioned Ellyn Wilson and future niece Audrey Sellepack, a first grader at South Davis, in a tour de force performance as a penguin.)

I do have a suggestion for next year's play at Windom. You might want to look into doing what South Davis did this year - having the play in the middle school auditorium. We arrived at 6:35 p.m. Monday for the 7 p.m. curtain and had to sit in the third row from the back. By 7 p.m., it was standing room only.

If reserving the middle school is a problem, maybe adding a third performance will help cut down the crowds.

Still, both schools did a great job and everyone involved should be proud. I would like to recognize everyone involved who made these shows a success, but that would have taken up my whole Spindle (causing me to write less, making less work for me. Hey, wait a minute...).

Suffice it to say, if you see a teacher or a parent from either South Davis or Windom, assume they had a hand in their productions and thank them.

Also, anyone who went to the Eggert and Ellicott productions who wants to send in a mini-review in the form of a letter to the editor, I would appreciate it. I'm sure those schools worked just as hard on their productions and deserve just as much credit.

• **TRADING SPACES** — In addition to being in town for the operettas, I was also fortunate enough to be able to work the Bee booth at the Chamber of Commerce Trade show.

I took the 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday shift and, I have to admit, the first part of the morning was a little slow. By noon, however, things had picked up considerably. I want to thank everyone who stopped by with their comments and suggestions, including the mother of Mary Katherine Kulp, an Irish dancer who was featured in last week's Bee.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Lisa DeBlasi, Magda Ostrowski and Jenn Snyder, a trio of 10th graders from the high school.

The three girls, from the high schools business club, were hawking coffee on a cart during the event, which was a tough sell considering the hospitality room had free coffee for exhibitors.

While the three girls couldn't match the hospitality room's price, they more than made up for it in entertainment value. As they traveled around from booth to booth, they would sing, dance, put on skits and otherwise cajole patrons into buying java.

## Easing seniors' tax burden

In today's economy, it seems as though the dollar is getting a little thin. The costs of everyday needs are rising, and the expense of running a household is forcing all of us to give a little extra attention to our budgets each month.

My fellow legislators and I are working to try to ease the tax burden on Erie County residents. Last year, while counties across New York State were planning to raise property taxes, we fought for a budget that held the line on the property tax levy. More importantly, we voted to approve that budget knowing that we wouldn't have to cut into essential county services on which our residents have come to rely.

Now, we're doing more, and this time we're working for seniors in our community. In our legislative session on Monday, February 24, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution expanding the Real Property Tax Exemption for Seniors. The expansion, which increases the income eligibility limits for seniors, will make it so a greater number of our senior citizen neighbors will qualify for the exemption. I'm hoping that greater accessibility to this tax exemption will encourage more and more seniors to remain in their homes.

My fellow legislators and I have acted quickly to move this initiative forward, giving seniors the opportunity to plan ahead. Our seniors have paid their dues, and it's important that we fight to make sure they're taken care of. This exemption is a tremendous way to take care of them.

Here's how the exemption works: Any seniors 65 years of age and older who have owned their property for the past 12 consecutive months - and reside at that same

property - and who meet the income levels listed below, will qualify. Seniors can obtain an application for this tax exemption at their local assessor's office, but my District Office staff will certainly be available to help anyone who needs assistance. Seniors can contact my office at 652-9088, or stop by 158 Quaker Road, Suite A.

Remember that seniors must submit their applications for this exemption by May 1 to their local assessor's office.

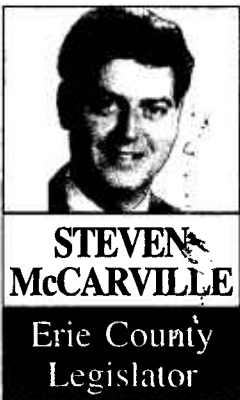
I'm proud of the fact that in Erie County, we're finding ways to relieve the tax burden for residents, and this exemption for seniors is proof of that commitment, and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to report it to you.

**Annual Income Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation By the County of Erie**

Up to \$21,500 50 percent  
More than \$21,500 but less than \$22,500 45 percent  
\$22,500 or more, but less than \$23,500 40 percent

\$23,500 or more, but less than \$24,500 35 percent  
\$24,500 or more, but less than \$25,400 30 percent  
\$25,400 or more, but less than \$26,300 25 percent  
\$26,300 or more, but less than \$27,200 20 percent  
\$27,200 or more, but less than \$28,100 15 percent  
\$28,100 or more, but less than \$29,000 10 percent  
\$29,000 or more, but less than \$29,900 5 percent

I believe that taking care of our senior citizens is one of our greatest responsibilities as a community. This initiative certainly doesn't solve the financial challenges our region faces, but it will touch many of our neighbors' lives. I'm proud to have supported it.



STEVEN  
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Erie County  
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# ELMA REVIEW

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## NYSEG Substation Plan To Serve Elma's Growth

NYSEG plans to construct a substation in the Town of Elma this spring to meet the growing electricity needs of existing and new residential and business customers in West Seneca and Elma. The substation is expected to be in operation in time to help meet high electricity demand this summer.

"This area is continuing to grow," said Brian Eldridge, NYSEG's West Region managing director. "We need to add facilities to keep pace with demand for electricity and ensure continued reliability of the essential service we provide."

Eldridge said the facility will improve service to a major area employer, Moog, Inc. Further, the new facility will improve service to customers served by the Blossom Substation at Bullis and Transit Roads, and allow for continued growth in the Seneca Street and Transit Road area in Elma and West Seneca.

The new substation, on NYSEG property on Seneca Street in Elma, will occupy a 50-foot by 60-foot fenced area.

NYSEG has already obtained the necessary permits for construction of the substation from the Town of Elma and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A substation is of electrical equipment that performs two major functions: regulation of electricity voltage and routing electricity through distribution circuits to homes and businesses.

### PAIGE HUETTER ON DEAN'S LIST

Paige Huetter of Elma has been named to the Dean's list at the State University of New York College at Cortland for this past semester. Huetter is the daughter of Jim and Lynn Huetter of Elma and a 2002 graduate of Iroquois High School.

## Just Around the Corner



### Hubbard's House

This is a view of Elbert Hubbard's house on South Grove St. in East Aurora prior to 1905. Portions of the house became part of the Roycroft Inn which joined the original Roycroft building to the north and the Hubbard house to open as an inn in 1905. The Roycroft campus buildings used labor and materials from surrounding towns as the campus expanded from its single structure to the complex that still stands today.

## Sheriff's Office Reports Area Activity

The Erie County Sheriff's report the following calls in Central - Elma, Marilla, and Wales.

**Feb. 15**

A residential alarm was reported on Girdle Road. The Elma Meadows Subdivision was checked for winter parking violations. A suspicious vehicle reported on Seneca Street was checked by patrol. A two vehicle property damage accident was reported on Bullis Road at Girdle Road. An operator was charged with failure to yield. Patrol assisted a citizen on Rt. 20A. A domestic disturbance was reported on Old Big Tree Road. One subject was referred for a mental health evaluation. An alarm was checked on Kinsley Road. Patrol checked a Hall Road residence for a suspicious male. Patrols checked Hunters Creek Road for a report of a man walking in the area with a gun. A motorist was assisted on Chairfactory Road. Disorderly persons were reported at a church function on Clinton Street.

**Feb. 16**

Elma Meadows Subdivision was checked for winter parking violations. Patrols assisted Lancaster PD at a fight call on Transit Road. An alarm was checked at the Elma Plaza. A suspicious vehicle was checked on E. Blood Road. Sheriff's fire investigators were called to a structure fire on E. Creek Road. A domestic disturbance was reported on Schwartz Road. A hit and run property damage accident was reported on Main Street in Elma.

**Feb. 17**

The welfare of an employee at the Moog plant was checked by patrol. Suspicious vehicles were checked at a Jamison Road business. A vehicle parked on Seneca Street sustained window damage. A personal injury accident was reported at Bowen and Bullis Roads. A personal injury accident was reported at Two Rod Road and Jamison Road. The welfare of a Bullis Road resident was checked by patrol. Deputies got two horses out of a barn which caught fire on Four Rod Road.

**Feb. 18**

An injured deer was dispatched on Jamison Road. An alarm was checked on Jamison Road. A larceny from a vehicle was reported on Clinton Street in Elma. Patrols recovered a vehicle which was being used without permission by two teens on Seneca Street. The investigation is ongoing. A two-vehicle personal injury accident was reported on

Maple Road. A two-vehicle property damage accident was reported at Seneca and Northrup Roads. Animals were reported in the roadway on Rt. 20A. A motorist was assisted by patrol on Clinton Street in Elma. A car/deer accident was reported on Rt. 78. Patrol charged a motorist with aggravated unlicensed operation after a traffic stop on the Rt. 400 expressway. Williston Road was checked for a report of suspicious activity. Patrols checked a reported disturbance at the Bush Gardens Mobile Home Park.

**Feb. 19**

A car/deer accident was reported on Maple Road. A dead deer was removed for the road on Merlau Road. A two-car property damage accident was reported on Rt. 20A. Patrol took a bad check complaint at the Elma Plaza. Found property was turned over to patrol on Transit Road. A citizen was assisted by patrol on Townline Road.

**Feb. 20**

Transit Road was checked on a traffic complaint. The Rt. 400 expressway was checked for a report of erratic operation. Patrols checked a disturbance reported at a residence on Gaylord Court. A motorist was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation after a traffic stop on Transit Road.

**Feb. 21**

Patrol charged a Four Rod Road resident with criminal contempt after responding to a disturbance at a residence on Four Rod Road. An alarm was checked on Bear Road. The Wyoming County Sheriff's Office was assisted with serving a warrant on Bowen Road. A harassment complaint was taken at the Motorola Plant in Elma. Patrol assisted a Jamison Road resident with a family problem. A citizen was assisted on Bullis Road. Transit Road at Clinton Street was checked on a traffic complaint.

**Feb. 22**

A suspicious vehicle was checked on Seneca Street. Patrol checked a report of a male chasing another male on Bowen Road near Jamison. The subject was advised. A snowmobile trail on Three Rod Road was checked for a stuck motor vehicle. A male motorist was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, after a traffic stop on the Rt. 400 Expressway. The welfare of a Bullis Road resident was checked by patrol. Patrol assisted a Williston Road resident with a family problem. Wires

were reported downed on Clinton Street. Patrol requested warrants of arrest for a Gaylord Court resident after a

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### Public Notice

Effective January 1, 2003, NYSEG revised its electricity **delivery** prices in accordance with an order issued by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC). The revisions are designed to move **delivery** prices closer to the actual cost of providing **delivery** service.

NYSEG's **delivery** prices are now fixed through December 31, 2004. The company's overall **delivery** revenue is frozen through 2006.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's electricity tariffs (PSC Nos. 90, 115, and 118 - Electricity) as approved by the PSC. NYSEG's filed tariffs are available at [nyseg.com](http://nyseg.com).

#### Residential Customers

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for most residential customers increased about 5%, on average. These prices are still an average of 8% below what they were prior to a 13% decrease in electricity prices in March 2002.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for residential customers on day-night service increased about 6%, on average. These prices are still, on average, 7% below what they were prior to a 13% decrease in electricity prices in March 2002.

NYSEG's Fixed Price offering includes fixed **delivery** and **supply** charges.

#### Nonresidential Customers

Depending on a nonresidential customer's electricity supply choice, rate or service classification, and usage characteristics, their total electricity prices may have increased or decreased.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 electricity prices for most nonresidential customers increased, on average, 10%. These prices are still an average of 3% below what they were one year ago.

Under NYSEG's Fixed Price offering, on January 1 total electricity prices for large industrial customers and customers with high load factors increased approximately 16%, on average. These customers previously received price decreases totaling 28% over the past five years.

NYSEG's Fixed Price offering includes fixed **delivery** and **supply** charges.

#### Customer Choice

Also on January 1, NYSEG electricity customers' choices for electricity supply went into effect. Electricity supply choices included the Competitive Supplier Price Choice, NYSEG Variable Price Choice, NYSEG Fixed Price Choice and NYSEG Fixed Price Choice with Supply Credit.

Residential and small business customers who did not make a supply choice were assigned to the NYSEG Fixed Price Choice. Large businesses and industrial customers who did not make a supply choice were assigned to the NYSEG Variable Price Choice. Retail access customers prior to October 1, 2002 whose supplier did not make a supply choice for them were assigned to the Competitive Supplier Price Choice.

NYSEG electricity customers will continue to have the opportunity to buy their electricity supply from NYSEG or a competitive supplier.

NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION  
Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park  
Binghamton, New York 13902

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## SUSAN TURNER ON DEAN'S LIST

Susan Elizabeth Turner of South Wales has been named to the Dean's list at SUNY Geneseo for the 2002 fall semester. She is a sophomore majoring in the Bachelor of Science Education/Childhood/Special Education program.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 8 P.M. at the Elma Town Hall, Bowen and Rice Roads, to hear the following:

Appeals Case #926, for Robert S. and Michelle Reis, 1091 Bullis Road, who are requesting a variance to build a 30'x40' detached garage for personal storage only, no business use. Res. C, 52-6.

All persons in interest will be heard at this time.

Richard Murzynski, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
10-1

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of a Special Meeting of the Spring Brook Fire District No. 1 of the Town of Elma.

Please take notice that a Special Meeting of the Spring Brook Fire District No. 1 of the Town of Elma will be held on the 10th day of March, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on that day at the Spring Brook Fire District No. 1 Hall at 70 Pound Road, Elma, New York.

This notification is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Spring Brook Fire District No. 1 of the Town of Elma.

Carol A. Szwaczkowski  
Secretary  
10-1

### Legal Notice

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the following resolution calling for a Special District Meeting as follows:

#### A RESOLUTION AS TO SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Iroquois Central School District, in Erie County, New York (the "District"), as follows:

**Section 1.** That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the policies of this Board, or the previous minutes of this board, or otherwise.

**Section 2.** That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the District shall be held in the District Intermediate School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon provision hereinafter set forth.

**Section 3.** That the notice of said Special District Meeting, including the propositions to be voted upon shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the notice is hereby given Iroquois Central School District shall be held at the Iroquois Intermediate School Gymnasium, 2111 Girdle Road, Elma, NY, in the District on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and

9:00 p.m., prevailing time, for purposes of voting on the following proposition to authorize the expenditure of monies from a capital reserve fund of the District:

#### Proposition #1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Iroquois Central School District is hereby authorized to expend during the 2002-03 fiscal year from (1) the General Capital Reserve Fund of the District (as established by a vote of the qualified voters of the District on May 21, 2002), an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and (2) from the Interfund Transfer Account of the District General Fund, an amount not to exceed \$75,000; and that all such expenditures shall be used for purposes of funding (a) construction of various District roads, driveways and parking areas, (b) improvements and embellishment of parks, playgrounds and recreational areas within the District, (c) reconstruction of the various buildings of the district, and (d) the purchase of associated safety and maintenance equipment.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the above proposition.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots to vote on the proposition may be obtained from the Office of the School District Clerk, 2111 Girdle Road, PO Box 32, Elma NY 14059 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. prevailing time. Such applications shall be available commencing thirty (30) days prior to said special district meeting. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before said special district meeting, is the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before said special district meeting is the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. All absentee ballots must be delivered to the Office of the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of said special district meeting, March 11, 2003. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to said special district meeting, except Saturday and Sunday.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said special meeting. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years old or older, (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the special meeting, and (4) not otherwise prohibited from voting pursuant to the Election Law. The School District requires all persons offering to vote at the special meeting to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver governmental identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District also requires all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Date: January 8, 2003.

FOR THE IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ELMA, MARILLA, WALES, AURORA, LANCASTER, ERIE COUNTY, AND BENNINGTON, WYOMING COUNTY, NEW YORK.

LYNNE M. CONNOR  
District Clerk  
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Kiwanian Deb Specht-Gardon with Elma Relay Chairperson Lori Redlinski.

## 'Relay for Life' Chairperson Outlines Event for Kiwanians

Lori Redlinski, the event chairperson for the upcoming Relay for Life, an activity for the American Cancer Society, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Marilla meeting at the Marilla Grill last week.

Redlinski and her husband, Dr. Duane Redlinski are volunteering to head this first annual event in Elma for the American Cancer Society. The Relay is a signature event for the society and honors those who have survived cancer and strives to raise funds to fight the battle against cancer. The event takes place June 13-14, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Iroquois High School Campus and running until 9 a.m. the next morning.

Groups who participate form a team, pick a theme such as the 70's and decorate a campsite where they will be staying overnight. Businesses, families, civic organizations and churches are some of those forming teams and each participant is asked to try to raise \$100. The teams can register at the event kick-off on March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Iroquois

High School Dining Hall and those registering there can save one-half off the usual registration fee.

Various events will be held at the relay, including a luminaria ceremony with votive candles placed in a paper bag in honor or memory of someone who has battled cancer. A survivor's lap will be walked by those who have survived cancer, with other laps being walked by participating fund-raisers. There will be booths selling items to raise additional funds, music, food, magicians and the activities will last all through the night.

The Relay for Life at Iroquois Central School is one of seven Relays in Erie County, one of 14 held throughout western New York, and one of over 3,300 across the country. For information, please contact Dr. Duane and Redlinski at 655-2108.

The next meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Marilla will be a Board of Director's meeting and a presentation by Lt. Gov. Pat Blizniak, on March 6, at the Marilla Grill at 6 p.m.

## MICHELE KRAJEWSKI ON DEAN'S LIST

Michele Krajewski of Elma has been named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2002 semester. To qualify, students must attain a 3.25 academic grade-point average for the semester.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE NEW TOWN HALL TOWN OF ELMA, NEW YORK

Sealed bids for the New Town Hall, Town of Elma, New York will be received by the Town Clerk at her office in the Town Hall, 1910 Bowen Road, Elma, New York on or before 2:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room, Elma Town Hall, 1910 Bowen Road, Elma, New York.

This project of four (4) contracts for the construction of a new Town Hall consisting of: 1) General Construction Work; 2) Electric Work; 3) HVAC Work; 4) Plumbing Work.

Plans and specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of the Architect/Engineer, DiDonato Associates, P.E., P.C., 689 Main Street, Buffalo, New York between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., from March 4, 2003 to March 25, 2003, except Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays.

A Deposit of \$100.00 per set is required [two (2) checks of \$50.00 each payable to DiDonato Associates]. Bidders will receive a refund of the entire deposit upon returning plans and specifications in good condition within thirty (30) days of the bid award; non-bidders will be refunded one-half of the deposit upon the return of such plans and specifications in good condition within the thirty (30) days following the award of the Contract.

Proposal shall be made and received upon the following conditions: Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit of a certified check, payable to the Town of Elma, for a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of such total bid amount, conditioned that if the proposal is accepted, the he will execute within fifteen (15) days from the date of the acceptance of the proposal, a suitable security bond in the amount of the Contract, conditioned for the faithful and prompt performance and completion of the Work specified in the Contract.

Upon acceptance of his Bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a Contract pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Documents, or fails to give the further security prescribed in this Notice, with the same time limited therein, then the check deposited as aforesaid and the monies standing to the credit of the same, shall be forfeited to the Town of Elma as liquidated damages, or the payment of the bond enforced for the benefit of the Town of Elma. The Town of Elma reserves the right to waive informalities in or to reject any and all bids.

Questions concerning the Bid Documents shall be addressed to the following parties:  
Questions concerning the Bids, Architectural, Civil, or Structural Design:  
DiDonato Associates, P.E., P.C., 689 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
716-656-1900, Fax: 716-656-1987  
Attention: Frank J. Burkhart Jr., R.A.  
Questions concerning Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection Design:  
Hewitt Monahan Associates  
17-29 Main Street, Suite 202  
Cortland, New York 13805  
607-756-4485, Fax 607-756-4576  
Attention: Mr. John Hewitt, P.E.  
Dated March 4, 2003  
John Dudek  
Supervisor, Town of Elma  
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## JONATHAN DARE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Jonathan Dare of Marilla has been named to the Dean's List for the 2002 fall semester at Canisius College. He is a freshman Mathematics and Statistics major.

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

### 3519 UNION ROAD, LLC

The Articles of Organization of 3519 Union Road, LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on February 6, 2003. The New York Secretary of State ("NYSS") has been appointed agent for service. The name and address of the registered agent upon which process may be served and which will receive copies of service from the NYSS, is: 3519 UNION ROAD, LLC, 3519 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York 14225. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed. It will have its principal office in Erie County, New York.

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## ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF

### SAFETY DEVICES FOR ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PARTITIONS

#### for IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Iroquois Central School District, Erie County, New York, herein called the Owner on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 11:30 a.m. prevailing time, at the Iroquois Central School District, 2111 Girdle Road, Elma, New York 14059, will receive the proposals for the Installation of Safety Devices for Electrically Operated Partitions in all of the following buildings:

Iroquois High School  
Iroquois Intermediate School  
Iroquois Middle School  
Elma Primary School  
Marilla Primary School  
Wales Primary School

The proposals will be at that date and time place publicly opened and read in the Board Room at Iroquois Intermediate School, 2111 Girdle Road, Elma, New York. All work shall be done in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by Gordon W. Jones Associates, Architects, Suite 200, 6265 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York, 14221. All bidders shall be expected to keep prices bid firm for 45 days from date of bid opening, during which time the Owner will be able to make awards therein.

Plans and specifications are available to prime contractors on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at the Architect's office for a deposit of \$50.00 per set.

The deposit will be refunded to all Prime Contractor Bidders returning the drawings and specifications in good, unmarked condition, within ten (10) working days after the bid opening. Prime Contractors who are non bidders returning complete sets in good, unmarked condition within the above time limit will be refunded \$25.00. Prime Contractors who are non bidders returning complete sets in good, unmarked condition at least four (4) calendar days before the bid opening will be refunded the full deposit amount. No part of the deposit will be refunded for partial and or damaged sets of the drawings and specifications.

The proposals will be made as specified by the Architect in the information for Bidders and will include a Certified Check or a Bid Bond in an amount of not less than 10% of the Base Bid. The Bid Bond will state that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if awarded by the owner and execute further security for the faithful performance of the contract as required by the Owner.

Bidders will note the required conditions of employment and the minimum New York State Labor Department prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to advertise anew, and to award a contract for the whole or such portion of the work as it, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the best interest of the District.

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