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## Students enter science symposium competition



Angela Santoro and Michelle Schwab, seniors at Salem Central School, submitted science research papers to the judges of the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on February 7.

The JSHS is a unique professional scientific conference specifically for high school students and teachers. It is designed to promote experimentation and original research in the sciences, engineering and mathematics at the high school level and to publicly recognize students for outstanding achievement. It is sponsored by the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany.

Students from all over New York State are encouraged to participate. Papers and abstracts are reviewed by a panel of at least three scientific researchers who select approximately 50 students to make oral presentations or to display posters on April 6 and 7 at SUNY Albany. The winner of the speaker competition receives a \$4,000 scholarship and becomes Upstate New York's speaker at the National Symposium in San Diego.

Angela's research was conducted during the fall of 1999 under the guidance of Dr. Donna Ellis, a professor at

the University of Connecticut. Her research was entitled "The Effects of Various Wavelengths of Light on the Germination of Purple Loosestrife." Preliminary results indicated that the red wavelengths promoted the most extensive germination. Red, blue, green and gray regions of light were tested.

Michelle performed her research under the supervision of Assistant Professor of Microbiology, Holly Ahern, from Adirondack Community College. Her research topic was "Evaluating the Dose-Response Relationship between E. Coli and Two Antibacterial Cleaning Agents." Her purpose was to determine how well two antibacterial kitchen cleaners work under diluted conditions.

Both Angela and Michelle are students in the Science Research Program—a series of college level courses provided by SUNY Albany through their University in the High School project. Angela will spend next year in Bolivia under the Student Exchange Program and then attend Hartwick College where she has received a full four year scholarship. Michelle has been accepted at Adirondack Community College, SUNY and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, but has not decided which college to attend in the fall.

## Argyle junior to receive 2000 Xerox award



Carolyn Starkweather, a junior at Argyle Central School, will receive the Xerox Award in the Humanities/Social Sciences, presented by Xerox Corporation.

Xerox Award winners are selected on the basis of scholarship in the humanities or social sciences, leadership, and community service.

Carolyn will receive her Xerox Award during a presentation in June 2000. She also will be eligible to apply for a special Xerox Scholarship at the University of Rochester located in Rochester.

The Xerox Award in the humanities/Social Sciences recognizes

the academic achievements of outstanding students and seeks to emphasize the importance of a broad educational background in preparing students for future careers. The awards program recognizes students in high schools in all 50 states.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Starkweather. During her high school years, Carolyn has participated in many extra-curricular activities: Drama Club, tennis, Quiz Bowl Team, Math Team, Area All-County Music, Special Olympics volunteer, and Argyle Improvement Society Clean Up Walk.

## Violinist O'Connor world premiere

"The American Seasons," composed by Mark O'Connor, will commemorate Troy Savings Bank Music Hall's 20th anniversary.

A concerto for violin and chamber orchestra will be performed by O'Connor, a virtuoso violinist, on Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

## Pops Concert at Community college

The Adirondack Community college Music Department will present a Pops Concert on Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m. at the ACC Theater at the Bay Road campus.

This concert will feature the ACC Symphonic Band and Choral. The program is free and open to the public.

## Heart attack causes accident

A single vehicle accident in the town of Greenwich on Route 29 occurred on Wednesday, February 16.

Apparently, Vernon S. Alden, 69, of Colfax Road in Jackson, driving a 1992 Dodge pick-up truck, went off the left side of the road, struck a rock ledge, ending up in a private driveway.

Alden was a priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Hoosick Falls. A passerby witnessed the accident and went to the aid of the man. Upon checking on Alden's condition, the passerby shut off the engine and went to a nearby residence to summon assistance.

Fire and rescue units from Greenwich and the sheriff's department responded. Rescue personnel administered CPR. Alden was taken to Cambridge to the McClellan Medical System where he died. The cause of death will be determined by an autopsy.

Deputy Dominick Spiezio was assisted by Investigator Bruce Hamilton, Sgt. Chris Worthington and Under-sheriff Matthew Mabb of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

The rescue responders were the Greenwich Fire Department, First Responders and the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad.

## Victory Specialty doors closed

Par Packaging, Inc. and the Victory Specialty Packaging, Inc. are officially closed. All business operations were terminated on February 2. The two companies were each a part of the Thomas Group, Inc.

On that date, the companies consented to the requested surrender of all their operating and other assets to their senior secured lender, LaSalle National Bank.

The assets of the companies are currently being liquidated by the bank and its consultant, Kugman & Associates. Included in this is the completion of work in progress, final customer shipments and collection of accounts receivable.

## Snowmobile accident hospitalizes one

A personal injury snowmobile accident, which occurred on Wednesday night in the Town of Jackson was investigated by the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

According to the sheriff's personnel investigating the accident, about 9:30 p.m., James Clark, 26, of Cambridge, was operating a snowmobile in a private field in Jackson. Apparently he lost control of the vehicle causing Clark and his passenger, Carol Cicero, 26, of Hudson Falls, to fall off.

Cicero suffered back and internal injuries and was airlifted by helicopter to the Albany Medical Center to be treated.

The accident was investigated by Deputy Dominick Spiezio, Sgt. Chris Worthington and Investigator Bruce Hamilton.

Rescue units responding were the Shushan Fire Department, Shushan First Responders, Cambridge Fire Department and Cambridge E.M.S.



From snow, medium temperatures, to heavy snowfall to 42 degrees—that was the story of the weather during the past week.

Four to six inches of snow fell during the day on Friday, and even more accumulated overnight and through midday on Saturday. The total snowfall for the two-day storm in this area was about 16". By the time the last flurries had settled on Saturday afternoon, in Greenwich we had a ground cover from the season's accumulation of 23".

By Tuesday, the snow depth had sunk to 15". Warm temperatures on Wednesday and throughout the remainder of the week will reduce the snow pack considerably. By week's end, the Batten Kill should open. Some flooding may be expected in low lying areas.

Temperatures and conditions for the past week follow:

Date	Conditions	High	Low
16	1" snow, cloudy	33	18
17	Sunny & chilly	34	10
18	Snow, 3 to 4"	18	8
19	12" snow	32	12
20	Sun and clouds, snow flurries	34	12
21	Mostly sunny	34	14
22	Mostly sunny	42	16

## Supervisors hear protests

### Mining and jail site draw opposition

By Tony Basile

The regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors Friday morning was attended by many residents of the towns of Hartford and Salem, who turned out to protest construction projects in their respective towns. At issue were a proposed mining operation seeking to locate in Hartford, and the construction of the new county jail on Rextleigh road in Salem.

The meeting opened with an impassioned presentation by Marie Fountaine of Hartford, the owner of a 132-acre farm that has been home to six generations of her family. Mrs. Fountaine represented a group of Hartford landowners who strongly oppose the Joint-Galusha Smith Basin Mining Project, a stone mining operation presently seeking DEC permits to operate in that town.

The principal concerns of the 55 landowners adjoining the site as well as several nearby farmers, is the potential destruction of the aquifer from blasting, increased heavy truck traffic on Route 149, air and noise pollution from the blasting and crushing operations, and the loss of wildlife habitat.

While the mine will bring eleven new jobs to Hartford, it will also bring between 150 and 200 heavy truck trips per day on Route 149, with a potential of increasing that number to 52 trips per hour once the mine is in full operation. The estimated life span of the mine is between 100 and 200 years. While Route 149 is a winding country highway, it is also a direct route between Route 9 in the Lake George area and Route 22 in Granville. Residents fear that this traffic will impact their physical safety as well as the peaceful rural nature of the area.

### Opposition to jail site

Following the scheduled presentations, several Salem residents in attendance spoke out against the location of the new county jail on a county-owned parcel of land on Rextleigh road. A petition opposing construction on that site was presented to the board. The petition contained about 160 signatures

gathered from throughout southern Washington county.

Residents near the proposed site fear the loss of the rural nature of the area, and the impact on tourism at the Rextleigh covered bridge. They also expressed aesthetic concerns over the night sky being lighted by security lights at the site.

The present jail in the Village of Salem does not meet state standards of prisons, and has been operating under waivers issued by the Department of Corrections for a number of years. A few years ago, the county was informed that these waivers would no longer be issued if positive steps were not undertaken to renovate or rebuild the facility.

At that time, a well-advertised public meeting was held at the Salem high school, and it was attended by approximately 350 Salem residents and several town supervisors. The consensus of opinion expressed at that meeting was that the county should build a new jail on a different site, but that the jail should remain in the town of Salem for economic reasons. There was little or no opposition to the jail's remaining in the town voiced at that meeting.

As a result of the information gathered there, the county opted to keep the jail in the Town of Salem, and arrangements were made to purchase the Rextleigh road site from the Town of Salem. In the intervening months, construction plans were made and consolidated.

Only recently, has there been any significant opposition to the site voiced by Salem residents, and those now opposing the project fear that their opposition may be too little, too late. Most believe that the construction of the jail on Rextleigh road is a done deal at this point, and several efforts by newly elected Hartford Supervisor Ken Wheeler to put the matter on the ballot in the next election have been rejected by the board of supervisors.

State law does require, however, that the removal of the civil office section of the sheriff's department be approved by the electorate within the county, and the board approved a resolution to place a

proposition authorizing the removal of the civil office to the Rextleigh road site on the November 7 ballot.

### Burn plant considerations

Efforts are currently being made by the county to explore the feasibility of refinancing the burn plant to ease the interest burden on the taxpayers. Because of the burn plant, however, the county's bond rating is poor, and efforts to refinance may have to be backed with a pledge of sales tax revenues. A public hearing on this refinancing plan is scheduled for March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the supervisors chambers in Fort Edward.

Because these arrangements are underway, the board voted to continue making payments to the burn plant, rather than to stop payments and placing the money in escrow. It was feared by the board majority that stopping payments at this time would have an increased adverse effect on the county's credit worthiness. Several supervisors, however, expressed their concerns over the lack of progress in the county's negotiations with Foster Wheeler, and it may only be a matter of time before a majority of the board votes to suspend the burn plant payments.

Additionally, a lawsuit has been commenced by the Warren Washington Industrial Development Agency against Foster Wheeler, and the board voted to place Washington county on the suit as a party plaintiff, since technically, the county, not the IDA is making the payments on the plant.

The board also approved a resolution requesting the introduction of a bill in the state legislature authorizing the county to implement a solid waste generator fee, tax and/or charge billable, together with the authority to establish a hauler licensing and/or regulating program. An additional resolution authorizing and making a home rule request is required to be passed by the board before the legislature will adopt that requested legislation. The requirements and ramifications of the second resolution were not discussed at Friday's meeting.

## Archaeological dig at Lake George

Adirondack Community College (ACC) will offer students the opportunity to uncover a bit more history again this summer.

ACC will host an Archaeology Field School from July 17 through August 25 at Fort William Henry, Lake George. The dig will be supervised by Dr. David Starbuck, who has extensive experience in excavating military sites of the 18th century.

Two-week sessions of three credits each are being offered, and students may take a maximum of six credits. Classes will meet at Fort William Henry from July 17 through July 28, July 31 through August 11, and August 14 through August 25.

There is a tuition for New York state residents per credit hour. The tuition for out-of-state residents per credit hour is much higher.

This will be the fourth archaeological field school at the fort, and excavation trenches have already been dug, exposing buried log walls and prehistoric campsites within the parade ground of the reconstructed fort, as well as dumps outside the walls of the fort.

This year's field school will continue excavation work inside the West Barracks of the rebuilt fort, and students will have the opportunity to expose building foundations and to work in the field laboratory.



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## Entrance exams for Practical nursing

The F. Donald Myers Education Center has announced dates for entrance exams for the Practical Nursing (PN) program. Passage of the exam is required for all prospective PN students.

Exams will be held at the Myers Center on Henning Road in Saratoga Springs, at 9 a.m., on March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 28 and May 19. The exam will also be held at 6 p.m. on April 13 and May 11. The exam takes approximately four hours and is a basic aptitude test that evaluates skills in math, science, spelling, reading comprehension, judgment and personal adjustment. An exam fee and preregistration are required for adults; there is no fee for high school students.

Passing of the exam is one of the qualifications for entrance into the September 2000 17-month PN program and the one-year full-time PN program for adults.

## Caritas offering volunteer training

Volunteers are desperately needed to work with seriously and terminally ill individuals and their families in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties.

A free, informative Volunteer Training Program, presented by area health professionals, is being held in Glens Falls at the Caritas office, on Saturday, March 25, Sunday, March 26, Tuesday evening, March 28 at the Glens Falls Cancer Center, and Thursday evening, March 30 at Caritas at 28 Sherman Avenue, Glens Falls.

Caritas' free, non-medical services include respite for caregivers, emotional support, companionship, diversion for children of an ill parent, and bereavement support.

## One act plays at Skidmore

Skidmore Theater will present two one-act plays: *Before Breakfast* by Eugene O'Neill, and *Rodents & Radios* by Richard Caliban.

Performances are Thursday to Sunday, March 2 - 5, in the Studio Theater. Show times are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Seating is limited; reservations are strongly recommended.

## Continues efforts to pass Fritzie's Law

Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea (R-C-Saratoga) is continuing his efforts for the passage of the Fritzie's Law.

The law, named for John Fitzgerald of the Town of Wilton who died after a pharmacist dispensed the wrong prescription and failed to notify Fitzgerald of the error.

According to D'Andrea, no specific procedure is taught in pharmaceutical schools to follow when incorrect medicines are dispensed and no statutory procedure required. Fritzie's Law would correct this and perhaps prevent another incident such as Fitzgerald's.

The state Board of Regents did approve a new set of rules designed to prevent medication errors and reduce illegible prescription requests by increasing interaction between the pharmacist and patient and doctors sending in prescription by facsimile or electronically.

D'Andrea hopes the legislature will pass Fritzie's Law.

## Basic course in gardening

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Hudson Falls is offering a training program to individuals who would like to find employment in the horticulture, landscape or vegetable production industry.

The training program will begin in March, continuing through April. It will meet on four consecutive Thursday evenings and two Saturdays. Pre-registration is required by March 14.

For information, contact Sandy Buxton at the Extension office in Hudson Falls.

## Herbalism workshops

The Adirondack Community College (ACC) Office of Continuing Education will offer a pair of workshops in March designed for the aspiring herbalist.

An *Introduction to Herbs* workshop will be held Monday, March 6, and Monday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A second workshop on planting a medicinal herb garden will be held on Monday, March 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a tuition charge for each workshop.

To register for these workshops, contact the ACC Office of Continuing Education in Queensbury.