

Library awarded grant for children's programs

The Greenwich Free Library has been awarded a Parent and Child Library Services grant from the New York State Education Department in the amount of \$15,044. The title of the grant is "Exploring My World." Gail Woll wrote the grant for the library and will be the project coordinator.

This project will bring preschoolers and primary aged children, their parents and teachers into the library to explore a series of activities related to their world. The series will include genealogy, ethnic backgrounds, pioneer days in Washington County, preschool play group for parents and children, careers, living with people with disabilities, imagination station - fun and fantasy, and science including 'My Body' and 'My Senses'.

The library will expose children and parents to library resources including books, computer programs, audiotapes, videos, educational toys and project tools and materials. Follow-up activities will be available for use at home and school.

The program will strengthen the bond between parents and children and build self-esteem of all participants through shared successes. Loan kits will be created to extend the units beyond the library's doors. The library will feature displays relevant to each unit for patrons of all ages, extending the programs to the entire community. This project will include presentations at the library for Headstart groups and at the WIC site.

Food for Kids program

The summer program, Food for Kids, is a happy occasion for young and old.

Held Monday through Friday each week, children arrive at the Commons at the rear of the Town office building on Academy Street.

A staff of young adults and senior citizens volunteer their time to serve lunch to the children, chat and play games for an hour in the late morning.

Other entertainment is offered such as a visit by pets from Petcetera.

After lunch, a school bus transports many of the children to the Greenwich Town Beach for swimming lessons.



The line forms in front of the lunch table.



Moose Mason and other senior citizens are ready to serve lunch.



Petcetera animals interest the kids.



Two little girls pet a creature.

Obituary

GORDON K. AUSTIN

Gordon K. Austin, 67, of Gansevoort, a former resident of Greenwich, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at Saratoga Hospital. Cremation was at Pine View Crematorium in Queensbury.

He was born December 8, 1932, in Cambridge, the son of George and Leola (Harris) Austin.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a former employee of Stevens and

Thompson Paper Company in Middle Falls.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Donald Austin.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice (O'Donnell) Austin of Gansevoort; three sons, Ron Austin of Gansevoort, Scott Austin of Ballston Lake and Les Austin of Argyle; a daughter, Carol Austin of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, William Austin of South Glens Falls; and several grandchildren.

Burned lunch



Greenwich firemen responded to a smoke condition at 70 Hill Street at 11:45 a.m. Monday. The cause of the problem was burned food on the stove. Firemen helped air out this house.



Legion Auxiliary News

Washington County American Legion Auxiliary meeting

Liberty Unit 515 of Greenwich hosted the monthly meeting of the Washington County American Legion Auxiliary at the Post rooms on Abeel Avenue on Thursday, June 15. President Ella Huntington conducted the meeting.

Following the report of committees, election of officers for the coming year, 2000-2001, was held. Elected President was Corinne Fairbanks of Captain Maxson Unit #634 of Cambridge, 1st Vice President Helen Woods of Liberty Unit 515, Greenwich; 2nd Vice President Ella Huntington of Hudson Falls Unit #574; Secretary Doris Sikorak of Unit 574 of Hudson Falls; Treasurer Noma Bump of Unit 574; and Sgt.-at-Arms Michelle Wren of Cambridge unit #634.

Incoming President Fairbanks has named her chairpersons for the year as follows:

Americanism - Beatrice Pierce, Cambridge; Auxiliary Emergency Fund and Chaplain - Ila Van Arsdal, Hudson Falls; Children & Youth, Ella Huntington, Hudson Falls; Community Service/Cancer Control - Marie Lambert, Greenwich; Constitution & By-Laws - Marlene Perry, Cambridge; Coupons - Marilyn Hanby, Salem; Education & Scholarship - Helen St. Clair, Greenwich; Empire Girls State - Doris Sikorak, Hudson Falls; Field Service - Helen Woods, Greenwich; Finance - Marghuritta DuFore, Hudson Falls; Historian - Helen Pond, Hudson Falls; Junior activity - Rita Porteous, Hudson Falls; Leadership - Helen Woods, Greenwich; Legislation - Olga Jaworski, Whitehall; and Membership - Noma Bump, Hudson Falls; National Security - Frances Hebert, Whitehall; Past President's Parley - Ella Huntington, Hudson Falls; Poppy/Poppy Posters - Lorraine Hunt, Cambridge; Public Relations - Anita Sherin, Greenwich; and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Helen Woods, Greenwich.

These appointments will be ratified at the September meeting.

Unit Presidents for the year 2000-01 are:

Whitehall Unit #83 - Olga Jaworski; Granville Unit #323 - Phyllis Whitney; Greenwich Unit #515 - Helen St. Clair; Hudson Falls Unit #574 - Edna Sexton; Cambridge Unit #634 - Michelle Wren; Fort Ann Unit #703 - Sue Allen; and Salem Unit #812 - Marilyn Hanby.

All meetings are held the third Thursday of the month with the exception of July, August and January when no

meetings are held. The dates and places of these meetings are as follows:

September 21, Cambridge; October 19, Salem; November 16, Granville; February 15, Hudson Falls; March 15, Greenwich; April 19, Whitehall; May 17, Granville; and June 21, Hudson Falls.

Executive committee - Rita Porteous, Ila Van Arsdal and one other to take place of Helen Woods - to be named.

Finance committee - Marghuritta DuFore, 1 year; Connie Green, 2 years, Mildred Plude, 3 years.

The annual fall conference of the American Legion Auxiliary is to be held on September 18, location to be announced.

On Wednesday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the annual Veterans Field Day will be held at the Cambridge Legion Post. All county Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are urged to attend and should bring a dish to pass for the lunch at noon.

Engagement announced



Tom and Cyrese Eldredge of Greenwich have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dawn L. Eldredge of Minneapolis, MN., to Jeffrey W. Kempenich also of Minneapolis, son of Clarence and Ethel Kempenich of St. Paul, MN.

The future bride is a graduate of Greenwich Central School and Marist College with a bachelors degree in communications/public relations. She is employed as a business analyst for Allina Health Services in Minneapolis.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Johnson Senior High School in Saint Paul. He attended Macalester College, St. Paul, Edinburgh University, Scotland and received a bachelors degree in philosophy from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He is employed as a senior technical analyst for the Target Corporation in Minneapolis.

A fall wedding is planned.

Funds available to farmers for economic development

According to Governor George E. Pataki, there is a new \$500,000 agricultural economic development grant program designed to create jobs, boost the rural economy and help New York's 39,000 farms thrive.

The program, dubbed "Grow New York," will provide one-to-one matching funds for demonstration projects, feasibility analyses and project research aimed at addressing New York's agricultural development needs and opportunities.

Matching funds of up to \$50,000 may be awarded to individual farmers and various agricultural businesses, organizations, local governments and institutions. Projects should focus on one or more of the following objectives: development and expansion for New York agricultural products, improvement of production capacity, creation of new technologies, and improvement of efficiency.

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP), potential applicants should contact the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The deadline for submission of proposals is August 31.

The "Grow New York" program is one of several new agricultural funding measures passed as part of the 2000-01 budget. A \$200,000 Farmers' Markets grant program was also created this year. In addition, \$200,000 was included for the Farmland Viability program enacted last year, and another \$300,000 for the Pride of New York marketing program, introduced by the Governor in 1996.

In all, \$1.5 million was provided for agricultural economic development and farmland viability in the 2000-01 state budget. There are currently 39,000 farms in New York State, a number that has increased since 1995, following years of huge declines.

Early stage support group for Alzheimer's victims

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has introduced a newly designed support group aimed at providing an opportunity to receive encouragement, assistance, and moral support for both the individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and their caregiver.

The Early Stage Support group will meet in Albany twice a month for twelve weeks and then will break for a short time while evaluations of the program and participants can be made. The date of the next support group will be February 28. An additional evening Early Stage Support group is scheduled to start in Schenectady in April.

For more information regarding this program or to register, contact the Alzheimer's Regional Branch Office located in Glens Falls.

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