



Potsdam Lodge #2074 presented the Potsdam Memorial Youth Project with a \$600.00 donation. District Deputy Tim Welp, of Potsdam Lodge, is pictured presenting the donation to Amy Murphy, who accepted on behalf of the Youth Project. The Memorial Youth Project provides "Elks Youth scholarships" to deserving Youths from the Potsdam and neighboring communities that allows them to participate in extracurricular activities of personal interest such as karate classes, Team Sports, musical and dance lessons and more. The Lodge has partnered and supported the mission of the Potsdam Memorial Youth Project team for several years.



Newark Lodge #1249 recently donated \$500.00 to the Middle School to help sponsor a substance prevention and awareness program for its students. Pictured is Exalted Ruler, Brad Whittaker (left), and Inner Guard, John Oakes, presenting the check to Prevention Counselor, Amanda Giansante.

Giansante said that, "Because of the Elks Lodge donation, we would be able to have the Rock Star Super Star program come to Newark Middle School. This program educates students on the troubles of addiction and gives a positive message about dream catching, personal responsibility, and rebranding sobriety. Everyone at Newark greatly appreciates this donation."



Newark Lodge #1249 recently hosted a fundraiser for the Wahoos Swim Team. Andy Correia, front center, entertained the guests with requested songs which ranged from the Beatles to Coldplay to CCR. The Wahoos is a not for profit parent run USA swim team for students ages 8 to 18. Emilena Wilck, front left, and Emma Correia, front right, represented the 35 participants on the Newark Team. Others associated with the group that are pictured in the back row left to right are John MacTaggart, Newark Elk and Wahoo Board Member; Traci Westcott, Head Coach; Rick Nichols, Assistant Coach and Scott Briggs, President of the Board. The Swim Team, Coaches and Board members were happy to announce that the event brought in \$643.00.



Portville Boy Scout Troop 631- Joseph Peace

son of PSP Jamie Peace and Yvonne was assisted by Scouts, families, and friends with his Eagle Scout Project. The large

pavilion in Lyman Baker Park, along the bank of Dodge Creek needed attention to the wood structure. With the approval of Mayor Emily Woodhead, the Village of Portville donated ladders, equipment, and the stain needed to complete the project. Village employee Anthony Aloj transported the materials to the pavilion. Scouts and families showed great teamwork in completing the project. Rev. David Blake, OFM, (Eagle Scout rank achieved in the early 1980s) spent part of a busy Saturday climbing ladders to help with the project. Area residents have remarked on the beauty of the structure.



Herkimer Lodge #1439 donated to the third graders at Herkimer Elementary, Mohawk Elementary, Richfield Springs and St. Francis de Sales School. A comment from one young student, last year I could not wait till I got my dictionary.

Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403

donated school supplies worth a total of \$ 500.00 to the Mechanicville Area Community Service Center and the Stillwater Area Community Center.

It is Hoop Shoot Season!

The weather has started to get colder but the sounds of basketballs bouncing have just started for everyone involved in the Hoop Shoot Program. The local Hoop Shoot programs are going on now. I know we are all working hard at achieving our goal of 100% participation; it's not too late to get things started. If you are unfamiliar or are having trouble hosting a Hoop Shoot please reach out to other lodges in your area to assist you. This is a great program and remember there may be a champion in your area just waiting to participate.

Below are the dates for NY States District, Regional, State, Tri State and National contests.

District

North Central District-Lowville Central School, Lowville NY-1/12/13

North Hudson District-Bard College, Red Hook NY-1/5/13

Northeast District-Cohoes Community Center, Cohoes NY-1/12/13

Ontario District-Oswego Middle School, Oswego NY-1/19/13

South District-Caputo Community Center, Ossining NY-1/12/13

South Central District-St Barts Rec. Center, Norwich NY-1/12/13

Southeast District-New Hyde Park Memorial High School, New Hyde Park NY-1/19/13

Southwest District-St. Bonaventure University, Allegany NY-1/5/13

Southern Tier District-Penn Yan Elementary School, Penn Yan NY-1/26/13

State Capitol District-Draper Middle School, Rotterdam NY-1/19/13

Central District-Herkimer County Community College, Herkimer NY-1/5/13

East District-Islip Village Hall, Islip NY-1/26/13

East Central District-Liberty High School, Liberty NY-1/19/13

Mid Hudson District-Arlington High School, La Grangeville NY-1/19/13

North District-Ausable Valley High School, Ausable NY-1/5/13

West District-St Francis Assisi School, Tonawanda NY-1/19/13

West Central District-North Rose Wolcott Middle School, Wolcott NY-1/19/13

Regional

West-Lockport High School, Lockport NY-2/9/13

Central-Oswego Middle School, Oswego NY-2/9/13

East-Ausable Valley High School, Ausable NY-2/9/13

South-Bethpage High School, Bethpage NY-2/9/13

State Finals

NY State Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls NY-3/2/13

Tri State

Wilkes-Barre PA-3/23/13

National Finals

Springfield MA-4/27/13

Please check then NY State Elks website for any changes.

A big thank you, to all that are involved. I know this year will be one of our best.

Any questions or suggestions please reach out to your Local, District and State Hoop Shoot Directors. We are always looking for ways to improve our program and reach out to more participants.

Fraternally,

William J. Reedy Jr.

NYSEA Hoop Shoot Director

Carthage Lodge #1762

sponsored a Chicken BBQ to benefit The Carthage Central Schools Football program. Three hundred and fifty halves were cooked and sold. As a result, the Lodge donated \$2,000.00 to assist the football program. Coach Sam Millich and members of the Carthage Comets Varsity Football squad assisted with the BBQ. This fundraiser is one of many annual events hosted by the Carthage Elks Lodge that supports youth activities in the Carthage area.

Carthage Lodge partnered with Carthage High School and hosted a special "Seniors Serving Seniors" dinner which was held at the Lodge dining room. The event was planned and conducted by the Carthage High School Senior Honors Class, under the direction of Sean McHale, who is also a Past Exalted Ruler of the Carthage Lodge. Over seventy-five dinners were served, with residents of Country Manor Nursing Home being served at no charge. Students from the Carthage High School Music Department provided entertainment for the seniors attending the event. On a separate occasion, the Lodge partnered with the Carthage Lyons and hosted a Senior Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at the Lodge. 156 complimentary dinners were on this occasion to attending seniors. Free take out service was provided. The Wilna Champion Shuttle service provided transportation to those needing it. In addition to Lodge members, six Carthage High School 12 Honor students volunteered and served the seniors. The event was a tremendous success and will become an annual function at the Lodge.



Ogdensburg Lodge # 772

sponsored an Annual Children's Halloween Party. The youths attending participated in face painting, a

musical song game, pumpkin decorating, a ring toss game and costume contests. Members of the Ogdensburg High School Varsity Football and Cheerleading Teams volunteered their time and assisted in organizing many of the activities. Some of the children attending are pictured with the student volunteers and Exalted Ruler Kevin Madill.