

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Lyons Elks Lodge #869 sponsored their 24th Annual Carp Derby. The Lodge promotes the derby as a means of promoting community activities for residents of all ages. The derby was a catch and release program with maximum effort being made to release back all carp caught during the derby hours. There were four contest categories; boys, girls, ladies and men's. Prizes included trophies and fishing equipment. The derby took place between the two canal bridges in Lyons. The derby winners were **Girls:** Jillian Countryman, **Boys:** Jonathan Countryman, **Ladies:** Crystal Brown and **Men:** Joseph Scharick. Jonathan Countryman (14.4) caught the biggest fish. A good time was had by all. The winners from the different categories are pictured following the derby.

Elmira Elks Lodge #62 hosted their first ever College Fair with 35 regional colleges and over 100 people attended making the event a huge success! Live radio broadcast was provided by 94 Rock Radio Station and TV coverage was provided by, with a strong focus on ENF Scholarship Program. The event was headed by Member Christopher Callas, college recruiter for Keuka College; this is his fourth annual College Fair, first at the lodge and most successful to date.



Kinderhook Lodge #2530 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has again donated a combination of dictionaries/thesauruses to students at Berkshire Jr./Sr. High School. This marks the third year in a row the Elks have provided these important learning resources. Two years ago, as the school was launching its "Writing to Inform" strategy, the Kinderhook Lodge placed more than 100 dictionaries into the hands of the students. While students often rely on Internet resources, the availability of printed, high quality reference materials remains a valuable tool for students and teachers alike, and Berkshire Union Free School District appreciates the support of the Kinderhook Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth is one of New York State's leading nonprofit child welfare agencies, serving more than 8,500 children and their family members across New York State each year with innovative programs and services designed to keep families together, reunite families when needed, help children succeed in school and in their community, and prepare to become productive adults. With support from caring individuals and forward looking businesses and groups such as the Elks, we empower children, their families, and their communities to become healthier and stronger. Berkshire students are pictured with Mike Mitchell, Berkshire H.S. Principal; Jerry Shook, New York State President and a member of Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530; and Deb Minners, an employee at Berkshire and a member of the Hudson Elks Lodge 787.

Norwich Elks Lodge 1222 awarded a \$500.00 scholarship Miss Anasazi Acunto of Greene, NY. She began attending George Washington University in the Fall. This is Norwich Lodge's first year awarding their own \$500 scholarship to a Chenango County student. Miss Acunto is pictured with Doug Bruno, Exalted Ruler and Bill Aitken, Scholarship Chairman.



Johnson City lodge #2821 participated in the Broome County YMCA's 1st annual Trunk or Treat. Over 450 children came to collect candy and play games. Pictured are Elroy, Sue Whalen, PER EDQS Chair and Liz Laughlin, Inner Guard handing out Drug Awareness Program coloring books and candy.

Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks Lodge #2621 members delivered 286 dictionaries to 6 area schools. While presenting the dictionaries to 4th graders, Elk members also educated the students on the importance of being drug free and the dangers of drugs. They also handed out Elk Drug Awareness coloring books, comic books and book markers. The members attending noted the highlight of the day was seeing the excitement on the faces of the students when they hear that the dictionaries are theirs to keep. Lodge members are pictured with students from Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville.