

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Brewster Lodge #2101** conducts a Student of the Quarter/Essay Award dinner each quarter during the school year. Students are recognized with certificates of achievement during the dinner. Leading Knight Harry Sherblom and Lecturing Knight Dominico DiMezza are pictured with student who is proudly displaying their awards at a recent dinner.



**Islip NY Elks Lodge 2533** once again sponsored the twenty-ninth Town of Islip "Just Say No To Drugs" Sharpshooter Basketball Contest. Funds provided are part of a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. ( l to r ) A Section 11 official; DDGER Bruce Trezise; Commission of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Kerry S. Bassett; ER Harold "Red" Thompson; Islip Town Councilman Anthony Senft; PER Norman Newkirk and a Section 11 official along with the Fourth and Fifth grade winners. This program reaches 8,000 students in 40 schools in the Township of Islip, New York.



**Johnson City Lodge #2821** has teamed with high school students who are learning about drug awareness and helping to relay that information to younger students. About 30 seniors from surrounding schools helped prepared questions for the "Elks Drug Quiz Show," which is put on by the Elks Lodge and intended for middle school students. The seniors, who are part of The New Visions Health Academy, gathered at the BOCES' Johnson City Learning Center recently to do research on the quiz questions. "80 pamphlets to be used to teach the middle school kids about the different subjects such as alcohol, tobacco, marijuana," said Lodge member Suzzane Whalen. "These guys at this point have those learning centers in their hands along with the pamphlets to go with them. They will pull the information from them and write the questions." This is the first year the Academy has joined the Lodge in efforts to educate middle school students on drugs. "I'm really hoping that these kids get on the right track and then they know the negative affects of substances and abuse that is associated with them," said Paige Santelli, senior at Vestal High School. "It is a growing problem and hopefully we can stop that and we can cut it down a little bit." The 'Elks Drug Quiz Show' will be held in the spring. A few seniors from the Academy will be judging parts of the show.

Picture to Right—Members of the Youth Committee at **Troy Lodge of Elks #141** ( l to r ) Walter Hughes, PER; Bud McGrath, PDDGER; Carolee Jasiewicz and Michael Caone presented 38 Student Dictionaries and Dictionary and Thesaurus to students at the Sacred Heart School in Troy, NY. They are pictured with the students following the distribution of the dictionaries.



**Lowville Lodge #1605** held a ceremony to honor Eagle Scout Bradley Curry. He is pictured during the ceremony receiving an Eagle Scout Recognition Award from Past Exalted Ruler Tom Compo . He is a scout with BSA Troop 162 from Lowville, New York.



**Oswego Lodge #271** was honored that State President Jerry Shook was able to present a Teen of the Month to Alaina Celeste from Oswego High School. Alaina was chosen by her counselor at Oswego High School. Alaina plans on attending Notre Dame College in the fall for engineering. State President Shook presented her with a certificate from the Oswego Elks. Alaina will attend a ceremony in May for Teens of the Month from Oswego High School, Mexico High School, Pulaski High School and BOCES. The Teen of the Month Program is one of the Oswego Elks largest youth programs. They have honored students for over 20 years. Each student will receive \$100.00 from the Oswego Elks at a dinner in May honoring their achievements.



**The Potsdam Elks #2074** held their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hockey Shoot. Those competing had a fun time. Elk members Mary Charleston and Bruce Wells co-chaired the event. Each of the participants received a complimentary Hockey Shoot t-shirt and prizes were awarded to the top three finishers in each division. A hockey puck was awarded for third and fourth place, 2 tickets to an upcoming Clarkson University Men's Hockey game for second place and a hockey stick autographed by the Clarkson University Men's Hockey Team went to the first place winners. Some of the contestants are pictured with Elk members Mary Charleston, Dave Dorothy, and Bruce Wells following the award presentations. Glen Clark and students from Parishville-Hopkinton Central School did an outstanding job creating a new scoring grid for the contest. The event was featured in the Watertown Daily Times and Courier Observer



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