



March for Life

More than 100 people joined in the March for Life last Saturday, Jan. 23, commemorating the ninth anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion. The group participated in an ecumenical prayer service at Bethel Full Gospel Church on East Avenue prior to marching to the Liberty Pole where they placed a wreath in memory of the more than 12 million unborn children killed by abortion since 1973.

Renovation Project Begins at St. Joseph's

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital's multimillion dollar renovation and modernization project, Quest '82, was given approval by the state Review and Planning committee at its Jan. 7 meeting in New York City.

The recommendation was forwarded to Commissioner of Health Dr. David Axelrod for final action.

The project will result in 150,000 square feet of new and renovated service areas. Cost efficiency and energy efficiency will be enhanced, while medical and service units will be improved.

Planning for the project began in 1978 and the application was filed with federal and state agencies in December 1980.



Calendar

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN MUSIC — Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, tickets, \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4; Eastman Wind Ensemble, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, Eastman Theatre, free; 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, Eastman Theatre, tickets \$10, \$7, \$5, \$4; "Eubie Blake Celebration Concert," 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, Eastman Theatre, tickets \$12.50, \$10.50, \$8.50, \$7.50. For more information call Cynthia Cantrell Effron at 454-2620.

BEETHOVEN — David Effron conducting Eastman School Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, Eastman Theatre. Free.

FINANCES — "Handling Your Investments for the '80s," 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27, Charlotte Branch Library.

SLIDE PRESENTATION — Strong Museum slide show with Mary Kay Inghentron, 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, Scottsville Free Library.

CHILDREN'S FILMS — "Five Chinese Brothers," 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, Fairport Public Library; "The Challenge," 10:30 a.m., Jan. 29, James' Library, 200 Fairport Road; "Mary Had a Little Lamb," 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, Greece Public Library; "The Hobbit," 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, Lowden Point Library.

A DOLLAR DOES IT ALL DAY — Open house program throughout the Rochester Museum and Science Center featuring a variety of activities, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31.

Rural Project Busy in December

Owego — The holidays in November and December were busy times for the Sisters in the Tioga County Rural Ministry Project.

As noted in the report of Sister Mary Kruckow and Sister Sheila Geraghty, an increase from 10 to 44 basket requests at Thanksgiving tipped them off to what would happen at Christmas. But it wasn't enough to prepare them for the "deluge of requests" they report.

During the week of Dec. 13, they distributed 156 fruit baskets, 26 lap robes, and 33 boxes of donated candy to the elderly and shut-ins. Sister Mary Cornelia distributed another 18 baskets in Owego.

The rush at Christmas was such the two Sisters lost count of the number of items distributed. But, they assured their donors, "every mitten, hat, scarf, afghan and quilt given us is now keeping someone warm."

Their effort was in addition to that made by other Tioga county agencies, they report, and by several families who aided another family directly, and the donations of Tioga County's parishes.

"However, the work of Christmas has only begun," the Sisters warn. "The budget cuts, tax cuts, are inflicting great hardships on the elderly and the marginal. If we are going to continue to reach out to those in need, your generosity and self-sacrifice are necessary in the future."

Their year-end report notes

Religious Homeless After Fire

A two-alarm fire destroyed the third floor and attic of the St. Francis Xavier convent, 314 Bay Street, last Friday afternoon, leaving seven nuns homeless.

The seven, all Sisters of St. Joseph, were not at home when the fire broke out. Origin and cause of the fire still have not yet been determined.

According to Sister Margaret Brennan, a resident of the convent, the third floor and attic were not used.

Sister Betty Mulcahy, pastoral assistant at St. Francis Xavier and also a resident, said that the group has been staying with friends since the fire, but will begin the search this week for a residence in the neighborhood.

The seven are Sisters Mulcahy, Brennan, Janet Oakes, Pat Frisk, Eileen Daly, Christine Angione and Kathleen Clary.

that for six weeks during June and July, Sister Rosemary Sherman, a novice in the Sisters of Mercy, worked in Tioga County as part of her training. John Boburka, a candidate for the permanent

diaconate, also worked with Sisters Mary and Sheila.

The project's January newsletter also acknowledges donations from many groups and individuals.

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that in six minutes time he has consumed half a box of saltines, two ham sandwiches, a serving bowl full of cereal, three oranges and some bananas — I'm not sure how many. It is not my usual practice to count the number in the fruit bowl.

But the stark, empty condition of said container attracts my attention. I am sure there were six, maybe eight bananas before breakfast. And at least four after breakfast. I haven't eaten any. That leaves only the dog and the bottomless pit.

I look at the dog. She is innocent. "What happened to the bananas?" I say.

Easy Eater gives me a grin. "I put 'em away."

"Oh good," I say. It is Friday and the head of the house looks forward to a banana, on his cereal Saturday mornings, the only day of the week he eats breakfast.

I look around the kitchen, on top of the refrigerator, in the pantry. "Where did you put them?" I ask.

Easy Eater gives me another grin, the slow kind that ends up being silly.

He points to his skinny, skinny middle. "Right here," he says.

"teenage bottomless pit" shortly after our first baby was born and our 16-year-old nephew came to visit.

He was a pleasure to have around the house. Good company, Mike taught me how to play cards, would hold the baby while I tended to chores and would fend for himself when need be.

One morning he got up late as I was feeding the baby. "Help yourself," I said and watched in awe as he toasted a whole loaf of sliced bread and sat down to eat it with appropriate victuals.

I have been reminded of Mike's visit in recent weeks as the 14-year-old who resides at our house has made a few, albeit drastic, changes in his eating patterns.

He walks in the door at 2:30 p.m. every day and announces he is starving. After all, it has been two full hours since he had lunch.

My head still bent over the typewriter as he begins his forage through the cupboard and refrigerator, it takes me a while to realize

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