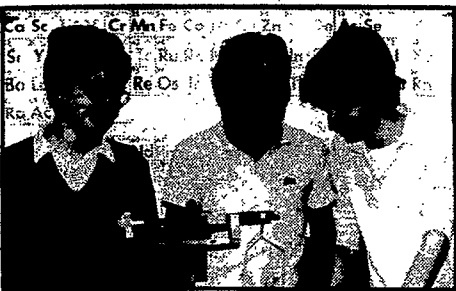


# Neighbors



**YOUTHFUL SCIENTISTS** — Jeffrey Ciavari, Jason Marcaida and Sean McIntyre work on their projects for Our Lady of Help School's science fair, which will take place on Wednesday, May 13.

The Alcoholism Council of Chemung County has presented Sister Margaret Adelaide Owen, SSJ, with its 1986 Edward M. McNulty Award for outstanding professional performance in the field of alcohol and drug abuse.

A member of the council's board of directors, Sister Owen served as administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira from 1942 to 1973. During those years, she recognized alcoholism as a disease rather than a moral issue, and helped to establish the hospital's Southern Tier Alcoholism Rehabilitation Services (STARS) in 1973.

Sister Cheryl Lee, SSJ, has been recognized for humanitarian service with the Vicki Russo Award, presented by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley. The award was established in memory of Russo, an advocate of gay rights.

As chaplain to Dignity/Integrity for the past seven years, Sister Lee has provided counseling for gay and lesbian Catholics and Episcopalians, and for their families. Sister Lee, who has served as a liaison between the Diocese of Rochester and the gay community, also serves as youth minister at St. Christopher's Parish in North Chili.

The Genesee Valley Division of the National Association of Social Workers has chosen Helen Guthrie, director of Nazareth College's social work program, as social worker of the year.

Guthrie joined the Nazareth faculty in 1965 and will retire as director at the end of this academic year.

Several Cardinal Mooney students enrolled in a course on law and criminal justice participated in a mock trial last month, sponsored by the New York State Bar Association.

Members of the mock trial team from Cardinal Mooney included Gail Balcerak, Jamie Koch, John Goselin, John Stables, Joe DiLeo, Chris Langlois, Sean Melder, Elaina Martinez, Kris Rokosz, Chris Kotzel and Emma Orsi.

The students prepared their case with guidance from lawyers Thomas Hartzell Jr. and Andrea Morano Quercia and moderator Sister Marlene McQueeney, RSM.

In the first round of the competition, the Cardinal Mooney team assumed the role of the plaintiff and won their case, but they were defeated in the second round.

Seven students from the Aquinas Institute of Rochester traveled to Notre Dame University last month to participate in the International Student Leadership Institute.

Mark Simonelli, Ted Mancini, Todd Reyners, Alanna Parrinello, Chris Lootens, Brian O'Sullivan and Paula Bentivegna were chosen for the weekend trip because of their leadership roles at Aquinas. They were accompanied by faculty moderator Kathleen Mahoney.

The students said they returned with new ideas and the realization that teenagers at many schools struggle with similar problems.

Eastman Kodak Company has made a \$45,000 grant to Nazareth College. The grant will benefit the college's Kodak Scholars Program, which gives participants up to 75 percent of their tuition costs for up to three years. Kodak instituted the program to recognize and support academic excellence.

Nazareth students currently designated as Kodak Scholars are: Donna Herman, a senior mathematics major from Endicott; Benjamin Barrow, a junior business administration major from Bliss; and John Backus, a sophomore biochemistry major from Webster.

A videotape of a tornado was among the highlights of meteorologist Bill Peterson's presentation to fifth-grade students at Mother of Sorrows School in Greece. Peterson, who appears daily on WOKR-TV, Channel 13, in Rochester, visited the school to offer a lesson on weather reporting.

Students from St. Mary's School in Waterloo won first-, second- and third-place honors in an essay contest sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary No. 6433 of the Waterloo VFW.

Steve DeNard received \$25 for his first-place entry. Beth Hunter earned second place and \$15. Melissa Poorman's essay was chosen for third place and a \$10 prize. The topic for their essays was "100 Years of Freedom."

Proprietors of a Chinese restaurant offered eighth-graders from Good Shepherd School in Henrietta a glimpse of the culinary history and customs of China last month.

The students, who had recently finished a unit of study on China, visited the Shanghai Restaurant, owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Sun.

The Suns prepared a variety of Oriental dishes for students and school staff members to sample. Mrs. Sun also explained traditional Chinese methods of preparing and serving food.

A 34-year-veteran of active and reserve military service, Norman J. Rappl has been awarded the United States Army's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal.

Rappl, a major general in the United States Army Reserve, commanded the 98th Army Reserve Division, headquartered in Rochester, from 1982 until February, 1987.

A graduate of the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, Rappl lives in Irondequoit and belongs to Christ the King Parish. He and his wife, Bernice, have five children.

Grace Carson is one of three recipients of the 1987 Outstanding Adult Student Award from SUNY College at Brockport. The award recognizes students who successfully combine academic achievement and the demands of student life with family and community responsibilities.

In 1983, Carson enrolled as a part-time graduate student in English literature. She has maintained a 3.92 grade point average while raising two children, working full-time as a teacher at St. Helen's School in Gates, and tutoring students at Brockport's Learning Skills Center.

Carson has also tutored adults studying for their general education (high school equivalency) diplomas and served as a counselor for Rural New York Farmworkers Opportunity, Inc. A resident of Hilton, she is an active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hamlin.

Teachers at Guardian Angels School in Henrietta are seeking to improve their methods and communication by participating in the Madeline Hunter Essential Elements of Effective Schools program.

The program gives titles and definitions to a series of time-tested teaching methods, such as setting the tone for a lesson or monitoring learning through exams and projects.

"Teachers have been doing these things for years," explained Guardian Angels' Principal Catherine Kress. "The real plus is that it gives teachers a universal language."

Teachers participated in an initial workshop last January, and are planning a follow-up session in May.

Students at St. Michael's School in Penn Yan have "adopted" Sisters of St. Joseph who are working at the Rochester congregations' mission in Brazil. As part of a Lenten service project, each grade is offering prayers and alms to support a particular sister's work. This month, students will hear one sister's personal description of mission work when Sister Dolores Turner, SSJ, visits the school. Sister Turner served at the mission in Goiania, Brazil.

Volunteers in the Catholic Family Center's STAR Program were saluted at an old-fashioned ice cream social this month at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Brighton. Friendly's Family Restaurant donated the ice cream and toppings for more than 200 guests. The Sparklers, a senior citizen's kitchen band, provided musical entertainment.

STAR recruits and trains volunteers to provide non-medical home support services — such as visiting, transportation and light housekeeping — to elderly people.

Ten students have earned two-year scholarships to attend Notre Dame High School in Elmira next year, according to Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM, principal.

Scholarship winners are: Beth Ann Bednarek, Jeremy Poletto and Lillian Gu of Epiphany School, Sayre, Pa; Atif Chaudhry and Victor R. Berliner of St. Mary Our Mother School, Horseheads; Brian Sheehan, Christine Huddle and Sheila Ann Burke, Holy Family Junior High, Elmira; and Fared Sheikh and Michael Ramich, Ernie Davis Junior High, Elmira.

Each student will be eligible to receive \$200 per year, as long as he or she maintains an 85 average.



Two students from Christ the King School in Irondequoit, first-grader Jamie May (left) and eighth-grader Jennifer May, have been chosen regional winners in a National Poster Contest sponsored by Fun Services, in conjunction with Santa's Secret Workshop. Each girl received a \$50 savings bond.

Basilian Father Albert R. Gaelens, CSB, a former principal and teacher at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, has been appointed principal of St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas.

Father Gaelens spent more than 20 years as a teacher and administrator at Aquinas before moving to Houston in 1978. He began teaching science, algebra, theology and world history in 1955. Ordained in 1960, he served as dean of students from 1962-64, and as vice principal from 1964-66. In 1970, Father Gaelens was named principal and secretary of Aquinas' Board of Trustees, and held both posts for seven years.

Fifth-grader Frank Kress's drawing has earned second place in the fourth- to sixth-grade category of the Automobile Club of Rochester's third annual Local Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

A student at St. Ambrose School in Rochester, Kress was the only Rochester Catholic school student among those honored at an awards luncheon April 9. Along with other local winners, his poster will now be entered in the National Traffic Safety Poster Contest. He is the son of Glenn and Josephine Kress of Rochester.

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