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# Name 121 students to MHS honor roll



**PROUD MOMENT** for Brion Beerle of Castleton comes as he accepts Bausch and Lomb Science Award from Ms. Jane Feisthamel, Maple Hill High School principal. Beerle attained school's highest scholastic standing in science subjects.

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Ms. Jane Feisthamel, Maple Hill High School principal, today announced the following honor roll for the period ending November 13.

One hundred twenty one students were cited for academic achievement including:

**GRADE 9**  
Joseph Bamberger, Beth Bednot, Nancy Best, JoAnn Boyle, Christopher Canonica, Sissy Danner, Darleen Dornay, Richard Folmsbee, Cathy Forsay, Joseph Garshman, Kathy Glavin, Christopher Hanson, Donald Hedrick, Peter Hienberg, Diane Jenis, Annette Ketter, Tina LaDuka, Maria Leonard, Marissa Maningas, Colleen Morgan, Sean Mullady, Reelene Noll, Melissa Peters, Debbie Pulikowski, Arlene Rappold, Daniel Ray, Lori Rex, Kathleen Roe, Matthew Stinner, Robert Tuttle, Denise Van Kempen.

**GRADE 10**  
Aracelly Alvarez, Kathleen Best, Bob Blaisdell, Amy Brewer, Jim Burton, Laura Carabaleas, Kimberly Daoust, Alicia Demianczyk, Christine Distin, Allison Donovan, Denise Girolami, Peter Knapp, Cheryl Kulp, Monica Maag, Lauris Murdock, Patricia Pillsworth, Heather Ridge, Peter Ruiz, Kevin Schanz, Tina Stollker, Peter Toop, Marlo Van Beusichem, Kim Van Nortwick, Joy Wasson.

**GRADE 11**  
Robin Adair, Debbie Adelmann, David Benjamin, Rosemary Bruce, Kim Burns, Joe Burton, Teresa Cross, Deena Dornay, Deirdre Dowling, Nancy Dudak, David Girolami, Brigitte Gysin, Sheila Heeran, Dolores Kabzinski, David Kretschmar, William LaDuka, Mastroiardo, Amy McGarvey, Marcia Metzger, Pamela Palmer, Rob Ray, Tom Roe, Alfred Rowell, Beatrice Santostefano, Laurie Sherman, Laurie Soltyis, Scott Storkman, Scott Van Slyke, Lori Williams, Wendy Wolf.

**GRADE 12**  
Dan Amodeo, Brion Beerle, David Buel, Dan Cali, Penny Busdicker, Susan Cassidy, Brian Conlin, Patrick Danner, Barbara Dunn, Larry Edson, Shelley Edwards, Laura Fedoreshenko, Steven Frazee, Susan Gabrielen, John Gersham, Heather Granan, Richard Green, Lisa Guarino, Richard Hanson, Mary Alice Heeran, Christine Hill and, Donna Honeyman.

Also Mark Ketter, Sylvia Knapp, Lori Lashway, Paul Lauridsen, Bob Leonard, Scott Liosky, Melissa Maters, Leslie Mirak, Patricia Paulding, Catherine Powell, Lois Sanger, Jeff Smith, Christine Tuohy, Scott Van deWal, Susan Weeks.

### OES chapter initiates candidates

At the regular November 17 meeting of the Castleton Chapter No. 668 OES, two candidates were initiated. Initiated were Rose Folmsbee and Diane Thomas, both of Castleton. Presiding was Suzanne Peckham.

Refreshments were served following the regular meeting by Marjorie Cooper and Nellie Wallace who served as hostesses.

The Chapter has scheduled their annual Christmas party for the first week in December at which time election of officers will take place. Members are asked to bring a donation for the Home at Oriskany to the December meeting.

### Tree sale scheduled by Scouts

Beginning this weekend, Boy Scouts of Castleton Troop 253 will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at 933 Maple Hill Road, Castleton.

Available will be balsam, spruce, scotch pine as well as plain and decorated wreaths. The sale will be held weekends only beginning on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6, and continuing on December 12 and 13 and December 19 and 20. Trees will be sold for the next three weekends between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. by scouts. Persons needing more information on the sale are asked to call 732-7178 or 732-4293.

### Key Club holds drive

The Maple Hill Key Club is holding a special subscription

drive for *The Chatham Courier* during the month of December.

Club members will be asking friends and neighbors to sign up for a one year subscription to the *Chatham Courier*. For each subscription acquired by the high school students, a portion of the subscription fee will be donated back to the Maple Hill Key Club by the newspaper.

Persons who wish to assist the local high school students in the subscription fund raising project are asked to call Key Club President Paul Harter at his home 732-2296 with their subscription information. Subscriptions must be paid for when turned over to the *Chatham Courier* by Key Club members.

### Knapp is winner of DAR award

Sylvia Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Knapp, and a senior at Maple Hill High School, was selected by her peers to be her school's participant in the Fort Crailo Chapter of the 1982 DAR Good Citizens Award.

The DAR Good Citizens Award is a contest open to members of senior classes of public and private schools. The aim is to stress the qualifications of Good Citizenship among high school boys and girls. The School's Good Citizen must possess, to an outstanding degree, the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The state winner will receive The National Good Citizen Award is a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice and a five-inch sterling silver bowl.

### Brion Beerle earns B&L Science Award

Brion Beerle, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Beerle, was named winner of the annual Bausch and Lomb Science Award this week at Maple Hill High School.

The Science Award — a handsome bronze medal — is presented each year to winners at more than 8,500 participating schools throughout the United States and Canada.

"The Bausch & Lomb Science Award is especially significant," according to Ms. Feisthamel, principal, who made the presentation, "because it recognizes the senior student at our school who has attained the highest scholastic standing in science subjects."

As winner of the Award, Brion is eligible to compete for one of several four-year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester, Rochester. Scholarship winners are selected on merit, and stipends, based on need, could range up to \$4,500 per year. Surveys indicate that the Award has encouraged more than 30 percent of the winners to follow scientific careers.



"NIFTY GADGET, EH?" says Dr. James L. Layne as he points to scan converter for Rotary Club President Al Jensen. Roger Maag, MHS senior, left, adjusts camera for "live" scan demo show.

## MHS students demonstrate 'slow scan' for Rotarians

Two Media Staffers at the Maple Hill High School, senior Roger Maag and sophomore Patricia Pillsworth, recently brought the wonders of space television technology to members of the East Greenbush Rotary Club. The two high school students were accompanied by their teacher, John Kienzie.

Roger, Patty and Mr. Kienzie demonstrated slow scan television to the Rotarians and showed pictures the Media Staff received from the Voyager 2 space probe last summer via the Jet Propulsion Lab and ham radio.

"Rotary is perhaps best known for its highly successful exchange student program," said teacher Kienzie, "but Rotarians are also looking to the future and want to be informed of the latest advances in technology as it is being applied in our schools."

The students first

demonstrated how "slow scan" works, converting pictures into sound, transmitting them and then re-establishing the original picture. They then played the edited tapes of the Voyager 2 pictures which were received at the Maple Hill High School's radio station WB2VCR by relay from fellow "hams" at the JPL

in Pasadena, California. The students explained as AV Club members, "we do much more than change bulbs."

Finally, the students turned their slow scan camera on their audience, giving a live demonstration of how pictures are set up, captured and sent from memory storage.

## State executives elected Murphy

William J. Murphy, Rensselaer County Executive, was elected president of the New York State County Executives' Association at a meeting held in Boston last week.

James Coyne, Albany County executive, was named Treasurer.

Murphy succeeds Alfred Del Bello, Westchester County Executive, as association

president. Other officers include Joseph Gerace of Chautauque County, first vice president and Louis Heinback of Orange County, second vice president.

Officers serve a one-year term without compensation. Murphy is also first vice president of the National Association of Counties, based in Washington D.C. He will become president in July.

## Area 4-H members hold Achievement Night

Area 4-H members held their Achievement Night recently at the Emmanuel Reformed Church on Maple Hill Road in Castleton. Acting as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Gina Cummings with an original dedication poem written by area poet Gwen Pease and read at the Achievement Opening Ceremony by Gilbert Rogers, a representative of the Castleton Kiwanis Club. Coordinators for the evening were Gwen Pease and Kay Cummings.

Presenting 4-H County Awards and medals was Sue Lemka, a member of the 4-H Program Committee. Receiving the Honor Club and Seal of Achievement were members of the Castleton Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Fashion Revue Medals were presented to Dolores Kabzinski and Cathy Teeter. Special presentation of the Pearl 4-H Clover for 15 years of 4-H Leadership was given to Mrs. Gwen Pease. Gold 4-H Clovers were presented to Mrs. Lois Bult and Mr. James Bult for their ten years of leadership in the local 4-H program. Achievement Certificates were also presented to leaders and 4-H members who have completed the 1980-81 4-H year.

Installation of all area 4-H officers was performed by Albert Van Nendrynen of the Castleton Kiwanis Club. Summary for the 4-H year was given by District 4-H Club Leader Lois Bult.

Participating in the 1980-81 Achievement Night were members from the 4-H clubs, the Castleton Busy Beavers, Castleton Lucky Clovers, Hand and Heart, Happy Home Helpers, Hudson Valley 5-H'ers and Southern Livestock. Other 4-H members participating were Lee Carkner, Brad Steffek, Yvette Duquette, Dolores Kabzinski, Bobbie Jean Johnson, Tom Bult, Debbie Bult, Richard C. Hines, Martin Pease and Lauri Jones.

On Saturday, December 19, local Brownies from the Castleton area will be on hand welcoming Santa Claus with Christmas songs in front of the Castleton Convenient Market on Main Street.

Santa is expected to arrive at 1:00 p.m. and after being welcomed by the local Brownie Troops will be in the local Convenient Store till 4:00 p.m. Children in the area are invited to stop in and visit with the jolly fellow.

## Students will stage 'The Sound of Music'

Fifty-five students at the Maple Hill Middle School will take part in the presentation of "The Sound of Music" planned for April of next year.

The production is being directed by Ms. Marilyn Cohen assisted by Ms. Dorothy Des Lauries as musical director. Student director is Kristina Van Beusichem, a member of the sixth grade class at Maple Hill Middle School. Drew Stark, another student, has been named as the backstage manager.

Main characters will include Mary Beth Schanz playing the part of Maria Rainier; Tim Glavin as Frans, the butler; Travis Miller as Captain George von Trapp; Melissa Tuohy as Miss Schmidt, the housekeeper; Stephanie Pitcher as Liesl; Michael Gaylor as Friedrich; Stefanie Blarado as Louisa; Steve Van de Wal as Kurt; Becky Stinner as Brigitta; Karen Eno as Marta; Kerri Finkle as Gretl; Jacob Miller as Rolf Gruber; Tabitha Front as Elsa Schneider; Olen Honeyman as Miss Detweiler; Michael Toop as Herr Zeller and Tim Glavin

as Admiral Von Schreiber. Nuns of the Abbey include Onna Harter, Katie Murphy, Shellie Hoffman, Maria Alvarez, Beth Eno, Sarah Pitcher, Sandy Hilbert, Jenifer Whiston, Marci Reickert, Kristen Kupla, Karen Larson, Tammy White, Candee Gorman, Peggy Bennett, Lori Reickert, Lynne Hudson, Christine Corsi, Kerrie La Duke, Laura Turkel and Linda Hanna.

Playing the part as neighbors will be Nadine Bocci, Colleen La Fontaine, Shannon Johnson, Sundry Carpinello, Chrissy Buono, Allison Corsi, Tammy Gleason, Dawn Hanna, Peggy Reid and Beth Lashway.

Search Party members will include Stacey Stone, Laura Jones, Debbie Bult, Tasha Ali and Laura Smith. Play rehearsals have already begun for the April presentation with the sounds of "Preludium" ringing through the halls of the elementary school. After the holiday, work will begin on the costumes and scenery to be used for the production.

## TALES OF OLD COLUMBIA



### Seminary founded at Claverack in 1777 provided young nation with many statesmen

IT WAS VERY difficult that first term, but had it not been for the strong will of its founder and first principal, the Washington Seminary at Claverack might have survived only a few days.

The sound of its bell, calling the students to class for the first time in September, 1777, broke through the tense waiting hush which lay over the whole land. The boys who answered its summons came slowly, reluctantly, with many backward glances. The idea of sitting down to their books when at the very moment the great battle might have begun with their fathers and older brothers in the very midst of it, seemed unbearable.

But like a silken jess from which they could not free themselves, the will of Dr. John Gariel Gebhard drew them to him and their studies.

He had been teaching since his arrival to take over the vacant pastorate of the Claverack Reformed Church.

The sons of several village families had become 18th century "drop outs" so he determined to provide facilities for their instruction.

Thus he had plans for the establishment of a Seminary, the term then simply connoting a place of study and when the Revolution came, he refused to abandon them.

While the people of the State of New York waited for the battle which they knew was coming, and which would be Saratoga, though they did not know that, Washington Seminary, named for the man then leading his country in its desperate struggle for birth and life, held its first classes.

THE COURSE OF STUDY, as laid down by Dr. Gebhard, included English, Latin, Greek and mathematics. There were, besides the founder, two teachers, Dudley Baldwin, who was in charge of the classical department, and Abraham Fonda, who taught English.

After the Battle of Saratoga, the students were better able to concentrate on their work and the next enrollment grew.

Dr. Gebhard now felt he could retire from active instruction in the school to devote more time to his pastoral duties and so, in 1870, Dr. Meigs was appointed principal. He served until he was succeeded by Andrew Nayfield Carshore.

This man had a remarkable history, both before and after coming to Washington Seminary.

Born in England, he was nevertheless sympathetic to the cause of the American colonies but he had been impressed into service with the British Army and came to this country with General Burgoyne. After the latter's defeat at the Battle of Saratoga, he had left the Army and for awhile taught English at the Kinderhook School.

Dr. Gebhard had become interested in him and taken him into his home. The man had not been well educated, but Dr. Gebhard found he had a mind of brilliancy unequalled in his experience, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge and education. Dr. Gebhard taught him Latin and Greek and became so impressed with his genius, aptitude, and culture that he put him in charge of Washington Seminary.

His reputation as a school master spread and the Seminary gained a new fame and luminarity and its enrollment reached a hundred students.

FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS he retained his position at the Claverack institution, and then when, under the operation of a State law, the Washington Seminary was about to merge with the public school, an academy was built at Hudson, with the understanding that Mr. Carshore would accept its principalship.

And the Washington Seminary ended its career of service. In its more than a quarter century of existence it had educated a great many boys and many of its students went forth from its portals to attain fame and prominence not only in their own community but in the nation. On the roster of its alumni were a Governor, a minister to Spain, a number of Senators, Congressmen and army officers, and more than a few brilliant lawyers, doctors and other professional men.

## Cancer Society plans breast exam program

The Emmanuel Reformed Church located on 1250 Maple Hill Road in Castleton, in conjunction with the Rensselaer County Unit of the American Cancer Society, will be sponsoring a free breast self-examination program for women in the Castleton-Schodack community.

The special program will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. and again on Thursday, December 16, at 3:30 p.m., so that all interested women in the area can attend. Advanced registration is requested. To sign up women are asked to call Mrs. Elaine Kiefer at 732-2292 as soon as possible.

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