

Free practice testing for the SAT available

To give students a leg up in today's highly competitive college admissions market, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, the first and largest provider of test preparation and admissions services nationwide, is offering Western New York area students a free practice run.

The essay portion of the SAT will be tested at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, and a free practice SAT test will be administered at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Buffalo Kaplan Center located at 520 Lee Entrance, University at Buffalo Commons, Suite 201, Amherst.

In addition to the free essay practice run under timed conditions that simulate the actual testing environment, Kaplan will provide advice from experts to help students score higher, including how to recognize what the essay graders want and inside

strategies on writing high-scoring essays. Students will receive their graded essays following the session to help them adjust their preparation accordingly.

"From speaking with students across the country, we know that the essay component and the extended length of the exam are the areas that are causing the most anxiety about the new tests," said Carl Nuessle, center manager of the Buffalo Kaplan Center. "Kaplan aims to boost students' confidence on the tests by giving them a practice run and helping them target their preparation for the real thing."

Preregistration for Kaplan's free events is recommended, as seating is limited. For more information or to register, go to www.kaptest.com/enroll or call 1-800-KAP-TEST.



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD — Martin J. Bauer of Amherst, center, recently received a plaque as a Melvin Jones Fellow — the highest award given by the Lions Club International Foundation — from Gary Greenwood, a past district governor of the Lions, as his wife and Amherst Lions president Mary Sue Bauer looked on at Dandelions Restaurant. The award is named after the founder of the Lions, now the world's largest humanitarian service organization. Bauer is a past president of the Amherst Lions.

Energy Fair scheduled for electric, gas customers

The New York State Public Service Commission is participating with National Grid and National

Fuel to sponsor a Western New York Energy Fair.

The event will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst.

The fair will provide electric and natural gas utility customers an opportunity to learn about their options for purchasing ener-

gy supplies. Representatives from energy service companies will be in attendance to offer information and enroll customers in the programs being offered.

In addition, representatives from the PSC, National Grid and National Fuel will also be available to answer questions.

Visit nationalfuelgas.com.

Emergency team training scheduled

Community Emergency Response Team training will be offered this month by the Town of Amherst.

The basic CERT training program is a 20-hour course divided into nine sessions including both academic and hands-on instruction. It is designed to enhance individual and community readiness in the event of natural or manmade disasters and emergencies.

The next class begins Monday, Jan. 22. To register go to www.amherst.ny.us and type keyword "cert". For additional information call Dominic Creamer at 631-7121.

ECC awarded \$150,000 grant from Statler Foundation

The Hospitality Management Department at Erie Community College's North Campus has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Statler Foundation.

The grant will be used to construct two new computer labs. In addition, funds will be used to update all current student workstations.

The Statler Foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in grants to ECC in the past 10 years. In addition to grant funding, the Statler Foundation funds scholarships for ECC's hospitality students in the amount of \$75,000 per year.

Kadimah School accepting applications for 2007-08

Kadimah School of Buffalo, 1085 Eggert Road, Amherst, is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year.

The school offers a curriculum for students from 18 months through eighth grade.

"Making an investment in your students' general and Jewish education has the potential to change the Jewish future," said Jill Mazzola, director of admissions. "Building Jewish futures and strengthening Jewish identities one student at a time is the goal at Kadimah."

Since its inception in 1959, Kadimah School of Buffalo has provided a competitive and progressive education to thousands of students, she added.


Teachers work with small groups of students — challenged, average and gifted.

"A strategic, tailored approach to teaching is developed because students learn in different ways," Mazzola said. "Students experience learning through using the five senses. They learn through hands-on activities; they see, hear, touch, smell and sometimes even taste as they learn. Individual learning styles and needs are recognized and celebrated."

For more information about Kadimah, call Mazzola at 836-6903, ext. 105, or visit www.Kadimah.org.

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