

Fundraising efforts to focus on district planetarium

Williamsville Hall of Fame Nov. 9

The Williamsville Education Foundation Inc. has pledged its continued support of the district planetarium for the upcoming year, setting a goal of \$125,000 to fund additional projects at the facility.

The planetarium, located at North High School, is the only operable school-based planetarium in the Erie-Niagara region. In partnership with the school district, the foundation secured \$275,000 in grant money last year to upgrade the facility with new, digital projection equipment and programming software.

"We have made a commitment to this particular project because it truly is a unique educational asset that serves not only school children but also our entire community," said Trey Measer, foundation president. "People of all ages have an opportunity to expe-

rience incredible star shows free of charge on special program nights during the school year. As a community, we are extremely fortunate to have this rare resource in our own backyard."

In addition to its support of the planetarium, the foundation provides grants to teachers to enhance the educational opportunities for students and help fund worthwhile programs or activities that cannot be supported by the district's annual budget. Since the program began in 2001, the foundation has provided 19 mini-grants totaling nearly \$8,000 for projects directly impacting students. Last year, six grants were awarded.

"As our funding capability grows, we hope to expand this valuable program," Measer said. He also noted that a large, anonymous gift received earlier in the year would help support the mini-grant program.

The foundation also hosts the biennial Williamsville Wall of Fame, spotlighting outstanding alumni who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in service to their communities. The 2007 Wall of Fame Induction will take place Nov. 9 and will honor 13 alumni representing the district's three high schools. Ticket information for this premier event will be available in September.

Foundation officers named

The Williamsville Education Foundation Inc. has announced officers for the 2007-08 year, with Trey Measer, publisher of Bee Publications and a 1968 graduate of South High School, remaining as president. Other officers elected are: Jeffrey H. Katz, Partner, Katz & Bahre, vice president; Charles Fadale, a partner with Dopkins & Company, LLP Certified Public Accountants, treasurer; and



Measer

Dr. Richard Hitzges, retired Williamsville assistant superintendent for finance, secretary. In addition, Eileen Buzzard, Waterford Village Bank, was named to the board.

Established in 1996, the foundation's mission is to "gather and administer private resources to enhance the educational activities of the Williamsville Central School District and help ensure that its students receive the highest level of education."

To learn more about ways to contribute, visit the foundation's Web site at www.wedf.org.



This antique car was one of hundreds displayed at the 2006 Amherst and Williamsville Rotary Classic Car Show at the Amherst Pepsi Center. This year's show will be held 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15.

Gear up — car show is Sunday

Hundreds of snazzy, polished classic cars will be on display at the Amherst Pepsi Center this Sunday.

The fourth annual Amherst and Williamsville Rotary Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day is expected to draw car enthusiasts from around the country, showing off their vehicles from various eras.

Chairman Rickey (Lincoln) Wojtowicz, who is a Rotary Club member, has showcased his car in past shows, and said the nationally recognized judges will be overseeing the large variety of competitions.

"Prizes won at this show are worth serious bragging rights," he said. There are more than 20 categories, with three winners in each class, and special awards being handed out during the show.

Vehicles will be shown outside, as well as on the ice rinks at the Pepsi Center, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, across from the University at Buffalo's North Campus.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with judging at noon, Sunday, July 15. A chicken barbecue by Bijou Cafe will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the cost is \$8. To order a dinner, call 632-8891. Also at 4 p.m. the awards for the cars will be announced.

Throughout the day a basket auction, crafts, ice skating and face painting, provided by Amherst Y.E.S., will be available. At noon the U.S. Marines Drill Team will parade its colors.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Amherst Youth Foundation, which run the Youth and Family Center at 5005 Sheridan Drive. The center houses Melissa's Coffeehouse and an after-school program. The Williamsville, Amherst South, East and North Rotary clubs plan the event.

School News

Stephanie Mulhern, a 2007 graduate of Williamsville South High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. It was one of 358 scholarships awarded nationwide. She will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.



Congratulations

Amherst Central High School

Class of 2007

The class of 2007 has been awarded more than **\$4 1/2 million** in scholarship funding. They have been accepted to and are attending the following colleges and universities:

Allegheny State	Loyola of Maryland	University of Rhode Island
Alfred State	Nazareth	University of Rochester
American University	Nicholas Johnson	University of Science in Philadelphia
Barnard	MIT	University of Toledo
Boston College	Macalister	University of Vermont
California State at Long Beach	McGill	Utica College
California State Los Angeles	Medaille College	Villa Maria College
Cal Tech	Mercyhurst College	U.S. Naval Academy
Canisius College	Michigan State	Washington in St. Louis
Carnegie Mellon University	Morgan State	Wells College
Case Western	Niagara University	Westminster Choir College
Castleton	Ohio State University	West Virginia University
Cornell University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Williams College
Colgate University	Princeton	Wooster College
Curry College	Rice University	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
Dickinson	Ringling School of Art & Design	Xavier
D'Youville College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Yale
Daemen College	St. Bonaventure University	SUNY Albany
DePaul University	St. John Fisher	SUNY Binghamton
Drexel University	Savannah College of Art & Design	SUNY Buffalo (UB)
Edinboro	Seton Hall	SUNY at Brockport
Elon	Siena College	SUNY at Buffalo
Findley College	Susquehanna	SUNY at Cortland
Franklin Pierce	Syracuse University	SUNY at ESF
Gannon University	Temple	SUNY at Fredonia
George Washington University	Trocaire College	SUNY at Geneseo
Hamilton	University of Akron	SUNY at Oneonta
Hampton College	University of Chicago	SUNY at Oswego
Harvard	University of Cincinnati	SUNY at Potsdam
Hilbert College	University of Connecticut	SUNY at Stony Brook
Hobart & William Smith	University of Dayton	Erie Community College
Houghton College	University of New Haven	Herkimer Community College
Indiana University	University of N. Carolina at Wilmington	Hudson Valley Community College
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TUES. JULY 17 6:30PM
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WED. JULY 18 6:00PM
9th Annual SUPERCRUISE NITE
both sides of the canal

THURS. JULY 19 7:00PM
21st Annual TIM FRANK MEMORIAL
4 MILE RUN

FRI. JULY 20 6PM-11PM
BIKE CRUISE on Webster
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SAT. & SUN. JULY 21 & 22
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