

# Rambling Reporter

June 2016

## ***Southern Cayuga Central School District Class of 2016 — Valedictorian & Salutatorian***

### **Valedictorian -- Monica Groth**

Monica has achieved an overall grade point average of 98.85 through seven semesters, making her Southern Cayuga's Valedictorian for the graduating Class of 2016. She is the daughter of Michael and Sandy Groth. Monica has been an involved member of her class, participating in Drama Club & Musicals, High School Challenge/Masterminds, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, Peer Leadership and Music Club. She has also been a member of the varsity soccer and tennis teams. Monica will graduate with 27 college credits and she will be attending Wellesley College to study Environmental Research. Monica would like to acknowledge her teachers, friends and family for their support and generosity in helping her achieve this honor. She also would like to thank all who have worked with her to make her Southern Cayuga education so memorable. Best wishes to the Class of 2016.



### **Salutatorian -- Emily Kopp**

Emily has achieved an overall grade point average of 97.94 through seven semesters, making her Southern Cayuga's Salutatorian for the Class of 2016. Emily is the daughter of Bruce and Carin Kopp. Emily has been a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Music Club, Y-Pals, varsity soccer, basketball, tennis and cross country. She was also the Junior and Senior Class Vice President. Emily will graduate from Southern Cayuga with 27 college credits and will be attending Wellesley College to study Biology. Emily would like to thank her parents, teachers and coaches for all the support and guidance they have given her throughout the years. She couldn't be more grateful.

# Congratulations!

## ***SCCS School Tax Collection — Please Note CHANGES for 2016!***

**A new procedure will be in place for tax collection, beginning in September 2016. Please watch for further reminders!**

As done in the past, school taxes will be collected in the SCCS district office, beginning in September 2016.

### **NEW options for tax payments:**

- ♦ Make a credit card payment online through the SCCS website
- ♦ Payments by check may be left in a locked drop box located just outside the district office door in the entryway for the district office
- ♦ Payments may be mailed to SCCS Tax Collector, 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora 13026
- ♦ An employee will accept payment (including cash) in the district office on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon only during the tax collection season
- ♦ An employee in the district office will accept payments from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on the final day of the first and second installments and the final day taxes can be accepted

## ***SCCS Construction Update***

*by Superintendent Jensen*

The May 2014 voter approved construction project is nearing completion. After nearly two years of planning and waiting for state approval, construction of a new elementary parking lot began in the fall. Thank you to our Emily Howland families and staff for their patience during this ongoing work. As a district, we have made significant progress repairing infrastructure and the support of our community is greatly appreciated.

In addition, energy efficiency upgrades to LED lighting systems in classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, cafeteria, stage, and gyms are now complete. Initial energy savings are estimated to be \$24,000 per year, in addition to a substantial NYSEERDA rebate which will help offset approximately half of the installation cost for the new solar array. Since turning the solar system on in April, the engineers have begun to calculate additional energy savings.

Recent construction has included resurfacing the fire access pathways behind the school, resurfacing a large portion of the high school parking lot, and final grading and dredging work. During the month of June a new foundation layer will be applied to the track and tennis courts, along with the replacement of several exterior doors and ongoing upgrades to our heating system to gain additional efficiencies.

As we look ahead, the Board of Education will be reviewing the recently completed 2015 building conditions survey. The goal of the Board and administration is to maintain our facilities and to develop a fiscally responsible plan to complete the work in a timely manner. Over the next six months, the Board will create the SCCS Long-Range Facilities Plan, which stabilizes our local debt share contribution toward these projects and takes full advantage of the 81.2% building aid reimbursement rate from the state.

## ***Substitutes Needed!***

Substitute teachers, teacher aides, teaching assistants, nurses, groundskeepers, cleaners, school bus drivers and food service helpers are needed for next year.

Please go to our website and fill out an application or contact the district office for information.





Matt Henry, 1999 SCCS graduate and certified cross-fit instructor, talked to PE classes about the benefits of strength training and fitness for life.



### ***World-Class Fitness in 100 Words:***

- Coach Greg Glassman, CrossFit Founder and CEO (Courtesy of CrossFit Inc.)

“Eat meat and vegetables, nuts and seeds, some fruit, little starch and no sugar. Keep intake to levels that will support exercise, but not body fat. Practice and train major lifts: deadlift, clean, squat, presses, C&J and snatch. Similarly, master the basics of gymnastics: pull-ups, dips, rope climb, push-ups, sit-ups and presses to handstand, pirouettes, flips, splits and holds. Bike, run, swim, row, etc., hard and fast. Five or six days per week mix these elements in as many combinations and patterns as creativity will allow. Routine is the enemy. Keep workouts short and intense. Regularly learn and play new sports.”

### ***Junior/Senior Elective Lifetime Fitness Extreme Race Course!***



## Cayuga-Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Award Recipients 2016



**Monica Groth** is the COSBA student award recipient representing the Southern Cayuga Class of 2016. Monica is not only the Valedictorian of her class and a finalist for the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Award but also is a bright, inquisitive, friendly and motivated young lady. Monica's accomplishments while at SCCS have been most impressive.

Hard work, diligence and leadership are all words that best describe Monica in the classroom and as a member of athletic teams and school extra-curricular organizations. Her love of learning is genuine. It is her belief that she can impact the learning environment in positive ways with a smile and a kind word; she does this every day.

**Dean Winspear** has been recognized by COSBA as the outstanding school board member. Dean has served on the Board of Education since 2005.

Dean epitomizes the servant leader in our community, as he not only serves on our board, he also represents the interests of community on the COSBA board, along with numerous school committees, which have included facil-

ities, audit, budget, policy, safety & wellness, athletics, community action, and the agriculture advisory board. All of these positions have been volunteer roles; Dean has given countless hours of service to a community that he cares about.

Dean's experience in the construction industry has proven invaluable during recent capital projects at Southern Cayuga. His knowledge of construction, building processes and competitive bidding has helped the district to complete over \$8 million in construction projects since 2012. On many occasions, Dean's intimate knowledge of the campus and his ability to recall project dates and contractors has led to wiser decisions while working with architects and construction management. Dean is a tireless advocate for our students and community as he always makes himself available and is an individual who reaches out to those in need.

## Engineering is Elementary

by Kelly Gunderson

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Emily Howland worked successfully in teams as Environmental Engineers on a unit through Engineering is Elementary: A Slick Solution: Cleaning an Oil Spill. They were asked to use the Engineering Design Process to test different materials, imagine and create a plan, and then test their design and see if they could clean the oil spill in a model ecosystem. They were very successful and even improved their designs to save their ecosystems from disaster.







## ***The Anne Frank Tree Project Community Dinner and Author Visit***

*by Patrick Jensen*

The Anne Frank Tree Project welcomed author Linda Sue Park to Southern Cayuga on May 20 for the annual Anne Frank Tree celebration and community dinner. Special thanks go to the project committee members for organizing this wonderful event, along with many other events during the past spring. The evening began with an award ceremony to acknowledge Sydney Hasenjager, Paul Simkin and Jane Simkin for their generosity and their individual efforts to support others within our community.



Linda Sue Park then shared the story of the lost boys of Sudan in *A Long Walk to Water*. Linda Sue is the daughter of Korean immigrants who moved to the Rochester area when she was a young child. A life-long writer, Linda Sue graduated from Stanford University and is a 2002 Newbery Medal winning author for her book *A Single Shard*. *A Long Walk to Water* has become a popular read for middle school students, which tells the story of the conflict in South Sudan through the eyes of two young people.

“The *New York Times* bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours’ walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya’s in an astonishing and moving way.”

As a follow up to the story of Salva, our students will have the chance to meet the folks from the non-profit group Water for South Sudan. The group was founded by Salva and has already raised over \$836,000 and installed 279 wells in South Sudan. Special thanks go to the Anne Frank Tree Project for helping our students learn how the actions of a few individuals can make the world a better place.

<http://www.waterforsouthsudan.org>

### ***Thank you, Larry VanDeValk!***

After six years of service on the Board of Education, Mr. VanDeValk will be pursuing other interests. We appreciate the time and energy he gave to serve the Southern Cayuga school community!

Best wishes!



### ***Welcome, Matt Bennett!***

Matthew Bennett has been elected to his first term on the Board of Education. We look forward to working with him!



## Holocaust Survivor Marion Blumenthal-Lazan visits Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Site

by Tricia Ottley

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project was honored to welcome back Marion Blumenthal-Lazan and her husband, Nathaniel, to our sapling tree site on May 13. Marion and Nathaniel were in our area on a nine-day visit, in which they lectured at ten separate school districts in Central New York. This is the 15th consecutive year that Marion and Nathaniel have lectured in our region, sharing their message of how to make this world a better place by promoting hope, respect, education, hard work, acceptance of others, courage and the need for us all to be good to each other.

Marion's visit was especially meaningful, as our tree site, created by Phil Donovan, contains references and images inspired by Marion. Eleven boulders surround the tree site, representing the number of Anne Frank trees given to the United States. There are also four small round boulders of the same type of stone placed amongst the other boulders. These four boulders reference Marion's metaphor of the four perfect pebbles used in her book of the same name. Witnessing Marion walk around our tree site and search for the "four perfect pebbles" was a very meaningful and emotional experience for us all.



Marion was present at, and participated in, the planting ceremony of our sapling tree on June 12, 2013. She was also the keynote speaker at the "standing room only" ceremony held later that evening. You can view the video of the planting ceremony at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZLp87ziTJI>.

Marion Blumenthal-Lazan travels internationally as a holocaust speaker. Over one million students and adults have listened to Marion's lectures. You can visit her website at [www.fourperfectpebbles.com](http://www.fourperfectpebbles.com).

To learn more about the Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project, please visit us online at <http://sccsannefranktree.org> and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SCFrankTree>. To sign up for our e-newsletter, please send an email to [billzimpfer@netscape.net](mailto:billzimpfer@netscape.net) with the subject line Anne Frank News.

## After Prom Party Success

by Becky Davis

On April 16, members of the Junior Class and their guests attended the second annual After Prom Party. Students returned to the school immediately after the Prom to enjoy time together with food, games and a hypnotist. The After Prom Party Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for contributing to this event. Parents of the Class of 2018 who are interested in helping with next year's party should contact Becky Davis at (315) 364-7111 ext 2315 or at [davisb@southerncayuga.org](mailto:davisb@southerncayuga.org).

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## SCCS Masterminds News

by Carl Scheffler

As many of you know, our own academic team, the Southern Cayuga Masterminds became Syracuse West League Champions with an 11-win 1-loss record. Our only blemish this year was a loss to Skaneateles on their home turf during the last meet of the season. Not only was this feat an example of striving for academic excellence, Southern Cayuga gained recognition nationally by the organizations that run academic competitions across the country. As league champions last year, we attended national competition in Chicago where we finished 11 out of 66 teams; an excellent showing for our first attempt at this level of competition. This year we were invited by National Academic Quiz Tournaments and Questions Unlimited to attend their contests in Dallas, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Our team members chose to compete in New Orleans and with the generosity of the SCCS school district and BOE, the SCCS Boosters, SCCS PTO, SCCS faculty and staff, the Scipio Firemen, the community, anonymous donors, local businesses and the fundraising efforts of the team, our opportunity to compete at Nationals became reality on May 28. Team members who attended are Mitchell Fessenden, Monica Groth, Brett Jillson, Hunter Kermidas, Mark Larsen, Tanner Marshall, Christopher Morris, Samuel Nolan, Catherine Reynolds, Caleb Roman, Samuel Schneider and Matthew Signor. Not all were present for the awards presentation at Onondaga Community College on May 16.



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## PTO Corner

by Brenda Meade, President

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. It has been a wonderful year. Below is a partial list of grants the PTO was able to fund.

- Ninth Grade New York City Trip
- Seventh Grade Floating Classroom
- Sixth Grade Project Based Learning Math Activity
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Homework Club Support
- Roller Skating Party and PE Classes for Emily Howland
- After Prom Party Support
- Testing Snacks for Grades Three through Eight
- Senior Class Trip

To continue to offer support to these enriching activities, PTO needs to raise funds. Remember the Used Clothing Shed when cleaning and getting rid of clothing, shoes, blankets and linens. Please look for our fall fundraiser in the first weeks of school. Also, please consider joining the PTO. If our membership doesn't increase, we may have to consider disbanding. We currently have five or six members doing all of the work. If you are interested in joining us, watch the Emily Howland message board for the date of our September meeting. Enjoy your summer!

## Technology in Action!

by Dan Holden



Wow! What a great year! All of the Career and Technical students had a very busy year.

The **Middle School** program witnessed students learning how to organize their ideas, put a plan in place and execute a specific process toward solving any of the many problem solving activities. Working in cooperative teams the students learned about Newton's laws (Rocketry, CO2 Metris 500), density (Southern Cup), magnetism and electricity (Maglev cars), structural forces (Boomilever), simple machines (Rube Goldberg) and material science (Trash to Treasure). All of this was accomplished in a safe environment working in our fabrication lab equipped with power machines, hand tools and various forming machines. The students should have a strong foundation for the high school program and I look forward to working with many of them in the future.

Incredible! ... That's the word I use to describe this year's **Production Systems** classes. Consisting of 30 students divided into two sections, the students worked in teams to complete over 40 projects. All of the projects were service oriented, beginning with our annual "Toys for Tots" (described in an earlier edition) and culminating with over 20 projects fabricated in response to faculty and staff requests. The number of projects completed is so numerous that we have included a link you may access to see the work these students have accomplished. The nature of this body of work speaks volumes about the conscientious giving spirit of the students we have here at Southern Cayuga. We should all be very proud!



The **Energy Applications** class is in the process of completing their final exam, Kardboard Kayak Case Study. The Case Study focuses on the study of watercraft design, safety and the rules of the water, all useful skills when you live in the Finger Lakes region. The craft may only be fabricated from cardboard, duct tape, construction adhesive, newspaper and latex paint. We enjoyed our friendly competition against Union Springs for the 12<sup>th</sup> year and always look forward to this tradition. This case study is very educational and always entertaining!





## SCCS Ag Program Update

by Luke Carnicelli

The SCCS Ag program is in a good position and has a solid vision for the future. Below are the courses we are offering for school year 2016-17. The Ag program is strongly supported by community, BOE and district leaders. We have recently embarked upon a renewed k-12 vision for the use of our greenhouse, Hydro & Aquaponics and raised-bed planting. The vision of the program is more plant-based in the short term with an opportunity to move into the animal sciences in the future.

### HORTICULTURE/GREENHOUSE MANAGEMENT (.5 credit)

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This course is divided into two sections. Horticulture will introduce students to the parts of a plant, germination, plant reproduction and properties of soil. For the other half of the course, students will be introduced to the uses of the greenhouse, growing media, plant propagation, greenhouse operation and safety, hydroponics and bedding plant and vegetable production. **This is a half year course.**

### LANDSCAPING/GREEN INDUSTRY (.5 credit)

**Prerequisite:** Horticulture/Greenhouse Management.

**Course Description:** Students will be introduced to the marketing standpoint of greenhouse production. Activities will include Integrated Pest Management (IPM), marking plants, floral design, greenhouse structures and design styles, hardscaping and landscaping. **This is a half year course.**

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP (1 credit)

**Prerequisite:** Students must have been enrolled in at least two other agricultural classes and have been a member of FFA.

**Course Description:** Students will refine their agricultural skill sets to get career/industry ready. Topics covered will include wholesale vs. niche marketing, career prep, leadership refinement, business management, agricultural economics and a look at local and global trends. The students will explore the "Supervised Agriculture Experience" project. Planning and development of a cooperative SAE will be done in class. **This is a full year course.**

### AGRITECH SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTION (1 credit)

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This into to Ag/Tech course will focus to combine Agricultural and Technological concepts and applications into a comprehensive curriculum. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and leadership will become more than just catch phrases as students work hand in hand solving "real" world initiatives. Student teams will focus on school and community enhancement programs while gaining valuable experience working with modern tools. **This is a full year course. The course is team taught with a technology and agriculture teacher.**

## Ag Fair!



### AGRIMATH 7

This is a project-based course designed to develop and strengthen the analytical and numeric skills of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students via Ag and Mathematics. It is designed to prepare students to meet their present and future responsibilities as family and community members, consumers, home managers and wage earners. The goal is to educate students to think constructively, make sound decisions, solve problems and manage resources. The course will also focus on process skills such as communication, leadership, thinking and management. Why agriculture as a medium to study? In a country with the most efficient agricultural production, do we still have people starving? And how can we begin to change our situation, starting in our own community? In this year-long course, students will use critical thinking skills and apply them to mathematics and science and begin to answer all of these questions. By focusing on five areas of agriculture, Animal Science, Plant Science, Environmental Science, Agricultural Mechanics and Leadership, students will discover how careers in math and science are growing and will continue to evolve in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Students will also review principles of the National FFA Organization and how the leadership learned in FFA can lead to personal growth and career success. **This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for 82 minutes. The course is team taught with a math and agriculture teacher.**

### AG INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

#### DURING SCHOOL (1 credit):

Some examples of this class can include small engines, landscaping, agricultural communication, leadership, etc. Students must have been enrolled in an agriculture class and been a member of FFA in the past to be enrolled in this class.

#### OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL (1 credit):

This class is scheduled so the student has an SAE (supervised agricultural experience) outside of school for credit. Students must have completed at least two agriculture classes in the past, been an active member of the FFA and be working on either their junior or senior year of high school. Note: This is not only working (entrepreneurship or placement); goals are set, experiences are made and the teacher visits the worksite.

## SCCS Boosters Club

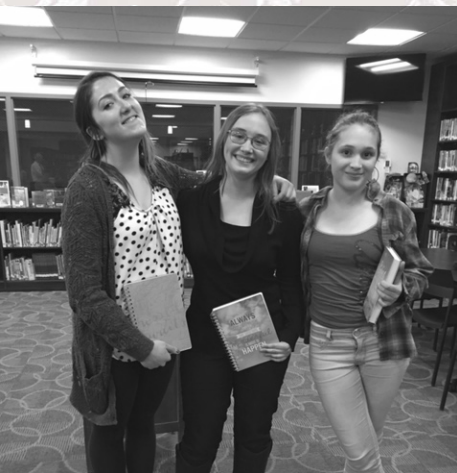
by Carin Kopp

The SCCS Boosters Club is proud to announce the disbursement of \$12,581 in funding for the 2015-2016 school year to SCCS-based activities and clubs! Donations were made to the following organizations: Class of 2019 for their NYC trip; Junior Class After Prom Party; SUPA Public Affairs trip to WDC; 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to WDC; 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Literacy Initiative; Masterminds; and SCCS Yearbook. Boosters purchased a pitching machine for the boys' baseball teams, sponsored meals for visiting teams during sectional play and funded senior recognition for multiple sports throughout the year. As a new initiative last fall, we purchased athletic bags for every student playing a JV or varsity sport at SCCS, which we will continue to do for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and new students who participate in the high school athletic program. Homecoming was made more fun last fall with each high school student receiving a t-shirt from Boosters Club to wear at the pep rally! We also own new banners to proudly represent SCCS at sporting events and tents to cover athletes in inclement weather! Finally, although not purchased yet, funding has been approved to purchase equipment for the indoor soccer club and SCCS weight room.

We would like to thank the many individuals and companies that supported the SCCS Boosters Club throughout the year. Whether you were a customer of our concession stand, attended our "Dinner and a Game" basketball fundraiser, purchased an ad for the basketball insert, volunteered your time or simply made a donation, your support made a huge difference as you can see!

The 2016-2017 school year looks to be an exciting one with some new Boosters Club initiatives! Please consider getting involved as a volunteer! We are a friendly group and welcome your participation. There are many ways to help us extend our reach – and that can happen by either giving us just a few hours of your time or becoming an actual member of the Boosters Club. Come and say hello to us at our SCCS Boosters Club welcome table during the sports orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 3. We will have sign-up sheets available if you are interested in working concessions next school year.

**PLEASE NOTE: The district is reviewing current classroom supply lists, to help lessen the burden on our Southern Cayuga families. Watch for the new lists from your child's teacher!**



## Poetry Slam!

by Bill Zimpfer

*The Source*, Southern Cayuga's student newspaper, sponsored the second annual Southern Cayuga Poetry Slam on April 5 in the Southern Cayuga Junior/Senior High School library. Seven student poets competed in the slam, with their work judged by a three-judge panel consisting of art teacher Peter Bakija, social studies teacher Justin Frisbie and assistant principal Cathy Haight.

Senior Lindsay Hobart took first place for the second year in a row, with senior Molly Murphy finishing second. Freshman Scarlet Lonsky was awarded third prize.





## Congratulations!

by Cathy Haight

Senior Emily Kopp has received two prestigious awards. Emily has been named the NYSPHSAA Section IV Female Scholar Athlete of the year. She received her award at the Section IV Athletic Administrators award Banquet on May 11. Emily has also been named to the Basketball All-State Class D First Team by the New York State Sportswriters Association. This is the first time a Southern Cayuga girls' basketball player has been named to the all-state first team. This caps off a season where Emily has won numerous awards. The following are highlights:

- 2015 Christmas Tournament All-Tournament Team
- 2016 IAC Small School North Division Most Valuable Player
- Finger Lakes Board Officials Player of the Year, 2015-2016
- 2016 *Citizen* Girls Basketball Player of the Year
- Section 4 Basketball Coaches Association of NY, Class D, Girls Basketball Player of the Year
- Section 4, All-Section Girls Basketball Team
- Time Warner Cable News Scholar Athlete of the Week, January 2016
- ESPN Fueling Excellence Player of the Week, December 2015
- Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Academic All State Team for 2016



Thanks for your continued support of **Labels for Education** and **Box Tops for Education**. Please include the entire portion of the label and send these items to the elementary school office.



## The SCCS Backpack Program

In keeping with their organizational goals of (1) attempting to reduce the hunger gap experienced by students in our community, (2) helping children attend school better prepared to learn, and (3) thereby increasing the likelihood of academic success, The *Southern Cayuga Backpack Program* covered the cost of providing a warm breakfast for all students in grades 8-12 in attendance for morning Regents exams during the week of June 13 through 17. This is one of the new ways we are exploring to feed the children among us who are in need. We are very grateful for the generous donations from the community which make the Backpack Program possible. Thank you to all who have supported us. The *Southern Cayuga Backpack Program* is a collaborative initiative of the King Ferry Food Pantry and Southern Cayuga Schools.

Support for the food pantry comes from the local community in the form of cash contributions, food drives and volunteers. Contact Debbie Patrick at (315) 497-2049 to see how you can help!

## Ag Fair!



## DARE Class 2016

by John Nedza, School Safety Officer

In October 2015, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a "Keepin' it Real" DARE ( Drug Abuse Resistance Education) class. The class has ten lessons and is based on a kids-through-kids approach. The focus is on improving the overall psycho-social development rather than a strict drug prevention approach.

The class has five core competencies; self-awareness and management, understanding others, communication and relationship skills, responsible decision making and handling risks and challenges. Students use the decision-making model of "**D**" to Define your problems, challenges and opportunities; "**A**" to Assess your choices; "**R**" to Respond by gathering facts, information and health effects; and "**E**" to Evaluate your decision. The students learn responsibility, risks and consequences, how to deal with peer pressure, bullying and stress, the basics of communication, conflict resolution, helping others and developing a help network. For each lesson the students write in their journals what they have learned and how they will use it during the next week. Students also write an essay describing what they have learned. Essays are graded for ELA and some are selected to be read at DARE graduation. This year's essay winners are Brendon Dhameeth, Justin Jillson, John Robin and Lauren Thompson. The DARE Medallion winner is Sage Reynolds. DARE shirts were provided by the Cayuga County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association.

During the DARE trip to Darien Lake on June 4, students got to see Mr. Clapper and Mrs. Smith on the Superman Ride and they all returned home with great memories.





*See you at the library  
this summer!*

## **Summer at Hazard Library**

### **Thursday Programs @ 10:30 AM**

@ Friends Meeting House in Poplar Ridge  
June 30 -- Summer Kick off/Magic Show  
with David Moreland

July 7 -- Concert with Paul Killion

July 14 -- Concert with Judy Stock

July 21 -- Storytelling with Jay Stetzer

Project made possible, in part, with public funds from NYSCA's Decentralization Program, administered locally by Finger Lakes Community Arts Grants (FLCAG) and in part by Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation.

### **At the Library**

@ 10 AM on Tuesday mornings "Science on the Porch"

Learn Chinese @ 10 AM on Thursdays in August!!

End of Summer Program on August 25 with Jim VanArsdale

## **Aurora Free Library Summer Fun**

All ages are welcome at all events! Stop in, tell us what you are reading and enter to win prizes!

Family Storytime Fun Wednesdays in July starting at 9:30 am (doors are open 9 to noon)

MONDAY NIGHTS at 7 pm in July:

July 11, Merry-Go-Round Youth Theatre "Tortoise vs Hare: Rematch!" in Village Park (co-sponsored by Village of Aurora)

July 18, Actor David Engel performs "Pirate School"

July 25, Game Night with the Game Truck

### **Other Special Events:**

Wednesday, June 29, at 10 am, Hawk Creek Wildlife Center Raptors!

Wednesday, July 6, at 8 pm, Zoo Movie Night

Tuesday, July 12, at 7 pm, Sci-Fi and Fantasy Teen

Trivia Night with Bakija

Tuesday, July 19, at 7 pm, Teens Rock the Opera House

Wednesday, August 3, Book Club 7:15 pm, The Boys in the Boat (call for location)

Saturday, August 13, at noon, Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic with Musician Topher Holt; bring a lunch and a teddy bear at noon; show begins at 12:30.

Monday, August 15, at 7 pm, Pop Artist Michael Albert will discuss his art followed by a Collage Workshop where everyone can make their own art!

Friday, September 16, Book Lovers' Ball at the Aurora Inn!

Check our website [aurorafreelibrary.org](http://aurorafreelibrary.org) and our Facebook page and [summerreadingsccs.com](http://summerreadingsccs.com) for more info!

### **Hazard Library**

2487 State Route 34B

Poplar Ridge NY 13139

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Facebook Hazard Library Association

Tuesday 9 to noon and 2 to 8

Thursday 1 to 8

Saturday 9 to 2

### **Aurora Free Library**

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Facebook Aurora Free Library

Monday & Friday 3 to 8

Wednesday 10 to noon AND 3 to 6

Saturday 10 to 3

## 2016 Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation Awards

by Caitlin Rejman

This marks the 26<sup>th</sup> year that the Scholarship Foundation has made financial awards to our district's students. Over the past 26 years, the Foundation program has made 243 awards, totaling over \$223,000 in financial support for our students and graduates, every dollar of it raised by generous members of this community who believe in the value of continuing education for our district's youth.

Our annual fundraising *Phonathon* in February is our most significant source of dollars for scholarship awards, with all funds raised locally awarded locally. Due to the faithful and generous support of our community, this year's *Phonathon* exceeded our \$11,000 fundraising goal. The Scholarship Foundation was able to make four additional awards funded through interest income earned on our Scholarship Foundation endowment. Your generous *Phonathon* donations this year, coupled with earned endowment interest, allowed us to make fifteen \$1,000 awards - the most ever awards made in a single year - to SCCS seniors and to district graduates pursuing undergraduate degrees.

Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation award applicants are evaluated on their academic record, their demonstration of community service and commitment to work, as well as their completion of an essay detailing why they feel they are deserving of such consideration. The George Peter Service Award is given in memory of a founding Scholarship Foundation board member whose legacy is a lifetime of dedicated and selfless service to others, and countless contributions of time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm to many organizations. A student awarded the George Peter Service Award has demonstrated his or her own commitment to service to their school and to the wider community.

The Board is very pleased to announce this year's award recipients:

### ***High School graduating seniors***

Emily Kopp, George Peter Service Award  
Mitchell Fessenden  
Cody Butzer  
Monica Groth  
Sam Schneider  
Caleb Roman  
Claire Colton  
Sarah VanDeValk

### ***SCCS graduates pursuing continuing education***

Michaela Groth  
Heidi Bastian  
Emily Fedrizzi  
Stephen Farkas  
Larissa Furness  
Cassandra Vernon  
Zachary Davis

At its annual meeting in May, the Scholarship Foundation also elected new officers and committee chairs.

Carin Townsend Kopp, President  
Jane Manning, Vice President  
Laura Burns, Secretary  
Steve Zabriskie, Financial Advisor  
Marian Brown, Fundraising Committee Chair  
Susan Sloan, Awards Committee Chair  
Elsie Torres, Nominating Committee Chair  
Caitlin Rejman, Publicity Committee Chair

The Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation is always seeking new board members. If you are interested, please contact Jane Manning at [manningj@southerncayuga.org](mailto:manningj@southerncayuga.org)





## *Opportunities for Summer Fun*

### **KING FERRY GOLF CLUB -- GOLF CAMP**

**1309 CLEARVIEW ROAD, KING FERRY, NEW YORK 13081  
315.364.7343 OR KINGFERRYGOLFCLUB.COM**

**Level One Camp: Ages 8 - 13**

**July 11 - July 15; 8:30 am – 1:30 pm; \$150**

For beginners and those with a minimal skill level or little experience.

**Level Two Camp: Ages 8 - 16**

**July 18 - July 22; 8:30 am – 1:30 pm; \$150**

For those with some golf experience and a basic to advanced skill set.

To promote optimum individual instruction time, the maximum number of participants for each camp is 12 students. Pre-registration is required. Instruction provided by local Southern Cayuga resident and physical education teacher Dennis Johnson. Go to [www.kingferrygolfclub.com](http://www.kingferrygolfclub.com) for more information and registration forms or contact Dennis at [djj717@yahoo.com](mailto:djj717@yahoo.com).



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### ***Foreign Language Camps***

Held at Peachtown Elementary School, in coordination with the Wells College Dock  
Taught by Peachtown Elementary teacher Karin Trouyet

**Register: Karin Trouyet, 858.527.2286; [ktdifolco@gmail.com](mailto:ktdifolco@gmail.com)**



Grades Pre-K-2

June 27 - July 1; 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; Cost \$150  
Games! Visual Aids! Songs! Cooking! Costume Play! Hands-on Projects! Cultural Celebrations! Fun!

This camp is a fun and engaging way to introduce young children to the French and Spanish languages.

For Grades 6-8

August 8-12; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Cost \$200  
Campers will experience French and Spanish instruction in a fun and immersive environment. This camp includes vocabulary building games and activities. Campers will also participate in cultural celebrations and cooking. Please send a packed lunch and snacks, along with a bathing suit and towel for afternoon swimming as weather permits.

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### ***The SCCS Pool***

#### **POOL RENTAL**

The SCCS Pool is available for rent!  
Schedule your child's birthday party here!!  
Contact Cathy Murray for information  
[murrayc@southerncayuga.org](mailto:murrayc@southerncayuga.org)  
Cell phone 315 730-7087

### ***Wells College Swim Camp***

June 27 to July 1; 9:00 to 4:30 pm; ages 8 to 14  
Must be able to swim 25 yards (one length)  
Cost is \$40 per day or \$175 for the week  
Includes lunch and tee shirt  
Register at [www.wells-express.com/camps](http://www.wells-express.com/camps)  
Contact Trish George 315-364-3413 or  
[pgeorge@wells.edu](mailto:pgeorge@wells.edu)

## More Summer Fun Opportunities!

Camp Caspar Gregory, a youth camp located on Lake Road in Aurora, is gearing up for its 76th season of fun. A dozen new kayaks and paddleboards have been purchased for more waterfront fun and each week of camp has its own theme-based set of activities:

### **Week 1 MEDIEVAL WEEK** July 10-15

Hear ye, hear ye! Camp Gregory is in search of brave campers to help defend from evil dragons, wizards and knights! Come perfect your archery skills, watch a real jousting match by Paragon Stables, build your own armor and create fun skits to perform in front of all the Lords and Ladies!!

### **Week 2 PIRATE WEEK** July 17-22

Argh, matey! If Pirate Ships, Treasure Maps, and Golden Coins will make you walk the plank, this week is for you! Create a lake-worthy ship that'll be the envy of all your fellow pirates. See if you can survive battle on the waters of Cayuga! There will also be the chance for all pirates to ride the white water rapids at Letchworth State Park!

### **Week 3 MYSTERY WEEK** July 24-29

This fun-filled week will have campers searching for clues & answers. All will use their creativity and deductive reasoning skills to solve mysteries and riddles as a team, participate in challenges and hone their investigative skills. There will be an extra special mystery event that no one will ever forget!

### **Week 4 SUPER HEROES WEEK** July 31-Aug 5

Calling all Super Heroes!! Do you have what it takes to become one? Campers will create their own "Secret Identities," complete with cape and mask, improve their super skills, make new friends and attempt to save Camp Gregory from a **Super Villain!** This is a special week for the **heroes** in our lives!

**Come join in the fun!** There is still space for both day and overnight campers, most weeks. A new financial aid program is available to assist in camperships for students. For more information, go to [www.campgregory.org](http://www.campgregory.org) or call Ginny Green at 315-406-1201

## ***Come to the Wells College Dock!***

*by Janet Murphy*

### **Aurora Summer Swim Program**

June 27 to August 21

Saturdays to Thursdays 1:00 to 5:00

Fridays 1:00 to 7:00 for family swim evenings

Swim lessons Mondays thru Fridays

July 11-15, July 25-29 and August 1-5

Beginners 1:15 to 1:45

Advanced 2:00 to 2:30

## ***Morgan Opera House Event***

*by Carin Kopp*

Please join us for an intimate evening of story-telling and singing with one of Nashville's most acclaimed songwriters, CMA winner and Grammy nominee, Billy Montana! The Morgan Opera House will host an incredible evening of award-winning talent as Montana sings and shares stories behind the songs he has written performed by top artists such as Blake Shelton, Garth Brooks, Lee Brice, Martina McBride, Jason Aldean and Kenny Chesney.

Montana first picked up a guitar as a teenager in rural upstate New York, encouraged by his musician father. After graduating with a degree in agriculture from Cornell University, Montana decided to try music full time and traded his dream to farm for a record deal with Warner Brothers!

Save the date for Saturday, July 23, at 8:00 pm at the Morgan Opera House. Tickets for the performance are \$20 per person. Limited tickets are available for an additional \$10 per person to attend a *Meet & Greet* party, at a home in Aurora from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with Billy Montana, sponsored by a local benefactor. Contact [concert@rochester.rr.com](mailto:concert@rochester.rr.com) or call Ed Heslop, SCCS Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, at #315.521. 2538, to purchase advance tickets or for more information. Net proceeds will benefit the King Ferry Food Pantry and the SCCS Girls' Varsity Basketball team!





## 2016 Aurora & Hazard Libraries and SCCS Summer Reading Log

**GOT BOOK?** There are about 70 days of Summer Reading Time. Every day you read, check a box. **Each check is for 15 minutes of reading.** Add up each week's worth checks. Add all the weeks up and you get your total, fill in box at bottom. **Please Don't Forget: Bring this log back to school on your first day back, for a special surprise! Don't Attend SCCS? Bring log to the library after August 15<sup>th</sup> & claim your prize.**

**Make it a great summer!**

Like this:							Book Name & Weekly TOTAL
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1 check = 15 minutes Count checks multiple by 15 = total minutes read!

Grade going into: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

							Don't forget your favorite books...list them below & share your recommendations!



After you have read for 20 days, you get a **FREE ICE CREAM!** See your favorite librarian. Show them this log & they'll give you a coupon for free ice cream!

**TOTAL FOR SUMMER READING**  
**Hours/Minutes Read:**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUMMER READING BINGO BOARD!**

You ONLY have about 70 days of SUMMER! You need to make them count!  
Here's a Bingo Board to guide you to some fun must-do summer activities!  
Show us, this, your Summer Reading Bingo Board at events or the library & we'll stamp them.  
Once your card is filled you'll get a prize at the Library!

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>Go jump in the lake!</b>	<b>Attend a library program</b>	<b>Read under a tree</b>	<b>Read enough to get free Ice Cream.</b>	<b>Participate in Science on the Porch</b>
<b>Read the greatest book.</b>	<b>Your own choice. Tell us about it!</b>	<b>Read with ice cream!</b>	<b>Take a hike!</b>	<b>Write a story or poem!</b>
<b>See a shooting star!</b>	<b>Read to an animal!</b>	<b>Draw a new cover for a favorite book</b>	<b>Watch fireworks!</b>	<b>Ride a bike!</b>
<b>Recommend a book to a friend.</b>	<b>Read with your favorite adult</b>	<b>Share a picture of you reading</b>	<b>Attend a musical program.</b>	<b>Check out a book at the library</b>
<b>Come to Community Read Event</b>	<b>Read with an adult.</b>	<b>Watch the sunset!</b>	<b>See a movie!</b>	<b>Use a Little Free Library</b>

### **More information resources:**

**Website:** [www.SummerReadingSCCS.com](http://www.SummerReadingSCCS.com)

**Facebook Page:** SummerReadingSCCS

**Twitter:** @SummerReadingSC

**Email:** SummerReadingSCCS@gmail.com

Please share your Summer Reading pictures with us – use hash tag #SummerReadingSCCS so we can find you!

*SUMMER READING SCCS 2016 – “When Our Youth Read, We Are All Winners” is a community partnership comprised of Aurora Free Library, Hazard Library, SCCS Students, Teachers & Administration, SCCS Literacy Committee, & The Southern Cayuga Community. This project is funded by the Bernard Carl & Shirley Rosen Library Fund. Any questions or concerns, please call 607-279-3071*

**AURORA FREE LIBRARY 315-364- 8074 / HAZARD LIBRARY 315-364- 7975**





## 2016 SWIM AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Sponsored by the  
TOWNS of GENOA, LEDYARD, SCIPIO and VENICE

**WHEN:** July 5 thru July 29 (Weekdays Only)  
**WHERE:** SCCS POOL  
**TIMES:** Swim Group 1 - King Ferry/Scipio/Ledyard: 9:00 am to 10:30 am  
Swim Group 2 - Genoa/Venice: 10:30 am to noon

### RESTRICTIONS:

- Participants must be three years of age or older to participate.
- Children ages three or four must be accompanied by an adult.
- Swimmer must be three feet tall and at least five years old to ride the bus.

This Recreational Swim Program provides instruction at four different levels. There is no enrollment fee for this program and it is open to all children meeting the requirements stated above who reside in the Southern Cayuga Central School District. Transportation via bus pick-up for **Group #1** is at **8:40 am at the King Ferry Firehouse parking lot and will return those swimmers there at 10:45 am. Bus pick-up for Group #2** is at **10:10 am in the parking lot of the United Church of Genoa and will return swimmers from that group there at 12:15 pm.** Children must be supervised at the bus pick-up locations prior to boarding the bus and parents or guardians must be at the drop-off location when participants are returned from their session.

**\*\*\*\*This program is monetarily funded by the Towns Genoa, Ledyard, Scipio and Venice and is cost shared based on participant enrollment in those respective townships.**

**Questions: Please contact Lorie Sellen-Gross at 315.364.7733 (H), 315.935.9726 (C) or at 315.364.8428**

### REGISTRATION: PLEASE CLIP AND USE THIS ENROLLMENT FORM

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#### 2016 Swim and Recreation Enrollment Form

This form must be completed by the participant's parent or guardian. It is to be brought with the participant on the first day of the program. If the form is not provided by the second day of the participant's attendance, the student will not be allowed to participate or ride the bus until the form is received by the Program Director.

My son/daughter has my permission to participate in the 2016 Swim and Recreation Program. I understand that if my son/daughter fails to obey the established rules and personnel of this program, dismissal from the program is warranted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency, please provide contact (name, address, and phone number):

\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

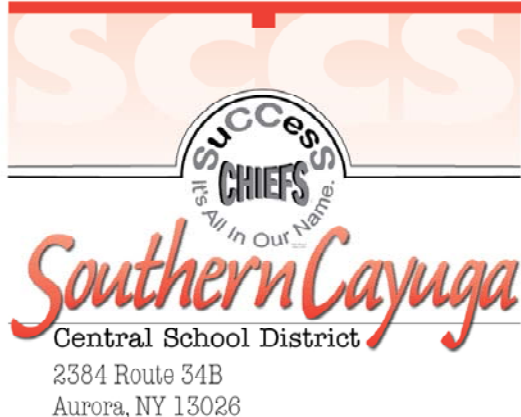
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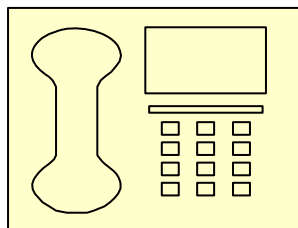
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### *School Messenger*

Please be sure the district has your correct emergency contact information, including your phone number(s), email address and mailing address. You can add or revise your information from a link on our website, or by calling 315 364-7111, ext 2114.