CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLAR/ ATHLETES AND STATE CHAMPS!!

NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS
FALL 2011 STATE CHAMPIONS

Section VI is pleased to announce that we had a team achieve the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for fall sports!! Congratulations are extended to the Sweet Home Girls Tennis Team is the 2011 State Champion with a team GPA of 97.775! (see page 5). Below are the state champs for all fall sports:

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Congratulations to all the Section VI fall scholar/athlete team award winners!! (see page 10)

SECTION VI 2011 FALL SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

(see pages 5-7)

Cross Country Team Champs
- Boys Class B East Aurora
- Boys Class D Barker
- Girls Class D Maple Grove

Football
- Class AA Orchard Park

Girls Swimming
- 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – Clarence (Rommel, Modes, Willis, Anthone)
- 50 Yard Free Style – Dina Rommel, Clarence

Girls Volleyball
- Class C Eden
## NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

### APPROVALS

- **Girls Basketball** - Approved waivers of the NCAA Rules to maintain the 3 point line at a distance of 19’9” and eliminate the requirement of the use of the restricted area arc.

- **Modified Softball** - Approved with section/league approval, innings 1-6 may be completed at five (5) runs or three (3) outs. The seventh inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions for that inning.

- **Modified Track and Field** - Approved with section/league approval, the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys’ hurdles may be increased from 30 inches to 33 inches and approved with section/league approval, a six (6) pound shot put may be used for modified girls’ track and field, rather than a 4K shot put.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

#### NYSPHSAA Sponsored Webinars

- The following webinars can be found on NYSPHSAA Website under Safety and Research or click this [link](#) to view any or all of the webinars.

  - **Hazing Webinar** - Todd Nelson,
  - **Skin Infection Webinar** - Todd Nelson and Molly Morgan
  - **Fueling Performance** - Molly Morgan

#### Skin Infection Outbreaks

- With a few reported skin infection outbreaks already this year, the NYSPHSAA has developed a guide to help schools address a potential skin infection outbreak. The guide can be found on the NYSPHSAA website under Safety for anyone wishing to learn more about preventing the spread of skin infections. Please feel free to contact Todd Nelson with any questions or concerns.

#### Sportsmanship Matters

- A sportsmanship brochure was developed by the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee and can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. The brochure can be printed and distributed by our member schools. Go to [www.nysphsaa.org/programs](http://www.nysphsaa.org/programs)

#### Concussion Management Reminder

- The new Concussion Management Law will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The NYSPHSAA is waiting on the proposed regulations and requirements from the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health. We have shared our recommendations to both agencies. Schools should begin discussions on how to address the new law and we will pass along any updates as soon as available. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at [www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org).

### Welding: The Welding Handbook is available at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) click on Welding Standards.

- **14 Day Rule** - A wrinkles cannot begin practice until the waiver is approved. The approval date of the waiver starts the 14-day clock for certification.
- **In order to compete, Selectively** - Classified athletes must weigh in excess of: 91 lbs. for 99 lb. weight class, 96 lbs. for 106 lb. weight class, 185 lbs for 220 lb. weight class and 210 lbs. for 285 lb. weight class. Students in grades 9-12 do not have to make minimum wt.
- **Skin Disease Form** - “For NYSPHSAA member schools an appropriate health care provider is defined as a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.”

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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Section VI will continue searching for partnerships that will enhance the relationship of our member schools and Section VI. Sponsorship funds that are not ear-marked are allocated for expenses incurred for individual sports participation at the NYSPHSAA Championships as approved by the Athletic Council.

Central Management and Assigning of Officials –ArbiterSports

Section VI is now into the fifth year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management of sports officials through ArbiterSports. All assignments from pre-season scrimmages to regional competition hosted by Section VI are completed in ArbiterSports. And the progress continues towards maximizing usage of all the capabilities of this software.

Payment of officials in ArbiterSports through RefPay is continuing for post-season levels of sports that are paid directly by the Section office. This was completed in fall for boys and girls soccer. For winter 2011-12, Girls Ice Hockey as well as Boys Ice Hockey will be paid using RefPay throughout the season. Payments are scheduled for the end of each month as the financial reports are received from the Federation treasurer.

In addition, Field Hockey joined the ranks of Boys and Girls Ice Hockey and Boys and Girls Lacrosse in using the Arbiter to evaluate sports officials. The coaches for these sports have access to their schedules and the officials assigned and evaluate the officials after each contest. A summary of the evaluations submitted has proven to be very useful to the Section Sportchairs in determining post-season assignments.

And looking to the future, ArbiterSports is currently building a scheduling program called ArbiterGame (see page 4), to work in conjunction with the assigning program. The anticipated release date is May 2012. This program will be investigated by Timm Slade, Section VI Executive Director, as a possible alternative for member schools who use separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar.

The general public can access arbitersports.com for schedules. Instructions for ArbiterSports can be found on the Section VI website, under General Information, click on Forms and Information….. look under “A” for Arbiter. Once again, all assigners are to be commended for their cooperation, efforts and accomplishments!!

Reminder

Spring Sports Officials: Sign-in and update your availability on ArbiterSports by February 24 in order to receive assignments!!! A reminder (with instructions) will be emailed by February 10.

Sub-Assigners: Verify rosters and rankings in ArbiterSports and notify the Section office of any updates required for their season before assigning begins.

Officials, Assigners and Athletic Directors: Comply with the timelines posted on the Section website for 2011-12 → North and South
### ArbiterSports Developing New Game Scheduling Solution

ArbiterSports, the established leader in referee management solutions, is developing a new game scheduling solution for school athletic departments. The new product, called ArbiterGame, will enable athletic directors and staff to manage the entire school athletics process, from arranging the first pre-season practice to paying the security guards who work the season finale.

As per Claire Roberts, CEO of ArbiterSports “We are building ArbiterGame in response to the longstanding request from officiating coordinators and ADs for a complete solution that allows management of sporting events from a single account, ending the frustration of cobbling together different systems to coordinate the many aspects of athletics.”

ArbiterGame will empower athletic departments to schedule games, manage teams, create rosters, arrange transportation, change venues and times, send notifications, see officiating crews, pay referees and other game staff electronically, and to track the entire process online.

ArbiterGame will be built on the powerful ArbiterSports platform, ensuring that it works seamlessly with the entire line of ArbiterSports products and benefiting all ArbiterSports clients by simplifying the exchange of game information. Phase one of ArbiterGame will be released by June 2012 in Michigan with an anticipated date for Phase two (mass release) in the fall of 2012. Version 3 is planned for January 2013. Visit arbitersports.com or call 1-800-576-2799 today for more information. Press Contact: Matt Evans ArbiterSports press@arbitersports.com 801-576-1251
CONGRATULATIONS
Sweet Home 2011 Girls Tennis State Scholar/Athlete Champions

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has announced that the Lady Panthers have been designated as the 2011 NYS Scholar Athlete Champions for girls tennis. The honor is given to the one team in each sport that has the highest team combined grade point average. The NYSPHSAA was on hand December 21 to congratulate the team and present them with a banner to hang in the gym.

The 27-member Sweet Home team compiled a state-leading 97.775 GPA. Team members are Kristine Becker, Vineetha Bheemarasetty, Julieanne Burke, Erica Craft, Jennifer Eremionkhale, Taylor Falzone, Sarah Fiordaliso, Courtney Harm, Mary Hejna, Stephanie Izard, Becky Jasen, Katherine Keefe, Rebecca Link, Ema Makas, Alicia May, Sumin Nam, Kaitlin Phillips, Kayla Plotner, Kathryn Rogemoser, Jessica Ruber, Farah Sahibzada, Ashley Streebel, Chloe Thai, Grozdana Vidovic, Emily Wesolowski, Cassie Williams and Alexa Zak. Sweet Home girls varsity tennis is coached by Crystal Barnes.

Section VI is pleased to congratulate the Sweet Home Girls Tennis Team for achieving the State Scholar/Athlete Championship!!

Eden Girls Volleyball Takes the Class C Championship

By Coach Robert Pierce

When the Eden Lady Raiders volleyball team hopped on the bus on a late November morning headed to Glens Falls, the battle cry of “Three-peat” was in the air. But less than a month earlier, prospect of getting that opportunity looked grim. Early in October, all-state senior libero Becca Shoemaker broke her wrist and the prognosis of a return was dim. On top of that, sophomore middle Heather Holscher injured her hitting shoulder near the end of the regular season and the Raiders were heading toward playoffs minus two starters. Fortunately, with the eventual return of both players and stellar play from senior setter Tori Eschner and Gatorade Player of the Year finalist Kendall Pierce, Eden stormed through the playoffs to return for the 10th time to play for the Class C state title.

Playing possibly its best volleyball of the season, Eden swept the State Tournament semi-final pool play with a 6-0 record, then dominated section 9 representative, Rhinebeck, in the finals 25-20, 25-12, 25-12 to win their 3rd straight title and record-setting 9th overall. Sophomore outside hitter Lainy Pierce led the way with 18 kills in the final and 25 points scored total. Shoemaker was selected for the Sportsmanship award while Eschner and Kendall Pierce were named to the All-Tourney team. Kendall was MVP.

Also earning state championship medals were: Juniors Meghan McCarthy (four blocks, two kills), Lydia Baake (three digs, ace) and Jackie Bonzar (four digs); Sophomores Heather Holscher (two blocks), and Taylor Mitchell; freshman Kailee Ballou (two block, ace). Eighth-grader Megan Ballou and seventh-graders Molly Brier and Sam Burgio.

Eden finished with a record of 37-5-3 that includes every time faced another team, including tournaments.
**Section VI Cross Country Teams Shine at State Competition**

**EAST AURORA - CLASS B BOYS STATE CHAMPIONS**

East Aurora team accomplishments include ECIC Division and Overall Champions for the 11th consecutive year, Section 6 Class B and Overall Champions and New York State Champions for the 2nd consecutive year. The team had a 3rd place finish at the NY State Federation Championships. In addition, the East Aurora boys set the Section 6 Elma Meadows All Time Time Record. Individually, all 7 athletes were ECIC All Stars and All Western New York Runners of the Year as follows: Sean Phillips and Elliott Martynkiewicz were First Team, Gene Baritot and Brendan Keany Second Team and Larkin Bohanan was Honorable Mention. Boys Runner of the Year was awarded to Sean Phillips - 11th Grade and Matt McLaughlin - 8th Grade. Coach Walt McLaughlin was awarded Co-Coach of the Year.

*Pictured are First Row L-R: Larkin Bohanan, Elliott Martynkiewicz, Nick Zee. Back Row L-R: Corey Hensen, Sean Phillips, Brendan Keany, Gene Baritot, Matt McLaughlin, and Coach Walt McLaughlin*

**MAPLE GROVE - CLASS D GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONS**

The Maple Grove Lady Dragon Harriers were unbeaten throughout the State meet, winning the overall Red Dragon Invitational, the Championship in the Small School Seeded Race at the McQuaid Invitational, Large School Southern Tier Invitational, CCAA Championships and the Section 6 D Championship as well as D State title. The last time the Ladies lost was at the State meet 3 years ago when they finished 2nd to Greenwich.

Members of the team and their accomplishments include:
- Hope Pietrocarlo: 8th grade, CCAA Runner of the Year, Class D Section 6 Champion, 3rd at States, 1st team All Western NY
- Caroline Benson: 10th grade, 1st team CCAA, 2nd team All Western NY, top 20 at States
- Megan Marsh: 8th grade, 1st runner-up at States, 1st team CCAA, 1st team All Western NY
- Katelyn Benson: 12th grade, 1st team CCAA, CCAA and Section 6 Sportsmanship Award, Maple Grove Fall Season Scholar Athlete Award
- Taylor Norris: 10th grade, 1st team CCAA
- Stephanie Krempa: 11th grade
- Abby Sirwatka: 10th grade

**BARKER - CLASS D BOYS STATE CHAMPIONS**

The Barker Boys Cross Country team has taken the State Championship title with the final team score: Barker 43 Berne-Knox-Westerlo (Section 2) 60. This was the second championship for Barker Boys Cross Country, the first being in 2009. Joe Platt was the top finisher placing ninth with a time of 18:20 on the 5k course. “Our season was based on focus and hard work” said Barker coach Paul DerSarkissian. Three of the team members Tyler, Michael, and Jedadiah were on the 2009 championship team as well. In 2011, the team was also the undefeated Niagara-Orleans Champions, Section VI Class D Champions, and a Scholar-Athlete Team. In addition, Coach DerSarkissian earned his 100th win for Boys Cross Country and was named Co-Coach of the Year. Athlete statistics include:
- Jordan Bender, Junior, 19th place with a time of 18:45, First Team All Niagara-Orleans and All-State Team
- Michael Lantinen, Senior, 17th place with a time of 18:38, First Team All Niagara-Orleans, Honorable Mention All-WNY, and All-State Team
- Tyler Scheving, Senior, 12th place with a time of 18:28, First Team All Niagara-Orleans, Second Team All-WNY, All-State Team, Section VI Sportsmanship Award, and All-WNY Scholar-Athlete
- Jedadiah Platt, Senior, 9th place with a time of 18:20, Second Team Niagara-Orleans and All-State Team
- Marc Delamarter, Senior, 23rd place with a time of 18:58, Second Team Niagara-Orleans
- Sergio Cruz, Freshman, 24th place with a time of 19:00, Second Team Niagara-Orleans
- Anthony Diez, Senior, 41st place with a time of 19:47, First Team All Niagara-Orleans

*Pictured from left to right: Jordan Bender, Michael Lantinen, Tyler Scheving, Jedadiah Platt, Coach DerSarkissian, Marc Delamarter, Sergio Cruz, Anthony Diez*
Orchard Park
Football Wins
Second Class
AA State Title

Excerpted from the Buffalo News

Orchard Park completed a perfect 13-0 season as it won its second state title, holding on to the very last play to beat Newburgh, 21-13, in the New York Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Championship. OP won its second title in four years and joined the 2008 OP team as state champions when senior Okoya Anderson intercepted a Hail Mary pass in the end zone on the final play of the game.

OP took a 7-0 halftime lead thanks to senior quarterback David Crowley (10 of 17, 92 yards, touchdown, interception) and senior receiver Ben Johnson (6 catches, 109 yards). Holding a one touchdown lead in the third quarter, OP went to the Big Cat formation with 6-foot-2, 225-pound linebacker Fitzgerald taking the snaps. "I just felt we needed a push at that time," said OP coach Gene Tundo. "It just energized our team." Fitzgerald had 7 tackles on defense and ran 10 times for 37 yards and 2 touchdowns, including a 1-yard run with 6:27 left in the third quarter and a 4-yarder with 10:48 left in the fourth.

The championship game awards went to Fitzgerald (sportsmanship), Johnson (MVP), Crowley (most valuable offensive back) and senior 6 foot-3, 300 pounder Devon Leach (most valuable offensive lineman). Junior Connor Eddy led OP with 10 tackles.

Clarence Girls Swimming 50 Freestyle Individual Champion

The 50 Freestyle Individual Championship won by Clarence Sophomore Dina Rommel was the first individual state title in school history for the Clarence girl's swimming program. Dina's winning time of 23.48 broke the Section Six record, her own previous school record and qualified as an automatic All American time. In addition to Dina's accomplishment, Clarence's 200 Freestyle Relay team of Dina Rommel, Sydney Modeas, Claire Willis and Rebecca Anthone, captured the State Championship title in 1:37.36. The winning time broke their own previous school record and qualified them for All American consideration.

All four swimmers are members of this year's ECIC Division 1 League Championship, ECIC Large School Championship and Section 6 Championship Team. At the New York State Championships for the second year in a row Clarence finished first in team score.

Dina Rommel
CONGRATULATIONS to the SECTION VI
All WNY Fall Scholar Athletes

Section VI has selected the winners of the All WNY Scholar Athlete award for fall sports. There were 795 nominations for the fall award. 132 were selected as winners. 31 nominations will be held for spring (boys and girls golf). The remaining 632 nominees will receive Honorable Mention. Congratulations to all winners and nominees!! The criteria for this award are: Overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters, starter or important reserve, seniors only. The nomination form can be found on the section website. Click on Forms and Information, then on All-WNY.

Fall Scholar Athlete Winners

Emerson
Girls Volleyball Rachelle Cassatt
Girls Cross Country Shannon Murphy
Girls Soccer Megan Steele

Falconer
Boys Cross Country Alexander Crise
Girls Tennis Sarah McGowan
Boys Soccer Alexander Warren

Forestville
Boys Cross Country Hannah Kellner
Girls Tennis Elizabeth Pellegrino
Boys Volleyball Sameera Toenjes

Fredonia
Boys Cross Country Christopher Brouschidle
Girls Soccer Katlyn Holt
Girls Cross Country Samantha Kahl
Boys Soccer Dominic Morell
Football Zach Smith

Grand Island
Boys Cross Country Raia Deyall
Girls Tennis Jillian Hammell
Boys Volleyball Brian Kiel

Holland
Girls Soccer Candis Kapusciniski
Boys Soccer Mitchell Maloy

Holy Angels Academy
Girls Cross Country Madeline Zuchlewski

Immaculata Academy
Girls Volleyball Natalie Rieman

Iroquois
Girls Soccer Lauren Marks

John F. Kennedy
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Medina
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Mt. Mercy Academy
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Nardin Academy
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Newfane
Field Hockey Anna Malone
Football Maxwell Russell
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Niagara Falls
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Silver Creek
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St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
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ALL WNY SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM- MODELS OF SPORTSMANSHIP IN ACTION

Sportsmanship just doesn’t happen…it must be taught! Students learn immeasurable and unique lessons through interscholastic athlete participation. Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for secondary students involved in school sports, sportsmanship is primary. Student athletes who learn to value and practice sportsmanship are developing the characteristics of good citizenship. Honesty, generosity, self discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior and a commitment to fair play are all demonstrated in sportsmanship. These are the criteria for the All WNY Sportsmanship award.

This award program is carried out seasonally for all sports in Section VI. Each division for each sport within the league is asked to select a team that best exemplifies good sportsmanship to receive the team award. The team selected then chooses one student athlete to receive the individual award, an All WNY Sportsmanship patch. The names are given to the Section VI Sportchair or directly to the Sportsmanship Coordinator Doug Beetow*. The selection criteria, as stated above, will identify the very best we have to offer in Section VI. The award winners are models of sportsmanship in action and this program is designed to recognize and honor them. Contact Doug Beetow* with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to the All-WNY Sportsmanship selections for fall 2011 listed below. These athletes will receive a certificate.

Section VI ALL-WNY Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship – Fall 2011

Field Hockey
ECIC Pioneer
NO Kenmore-East

Football
AA-North Niagara Falls
AA-South Clarence
A-North Williamson North
A-South Lake Shore
B- East Medina
B- West Tonawanda
B- South Eden
C-North Gowanda
C-South Catt/Little Valley
D I Prep
DD Forestville

Boys School
Amherst
Clarence
Hamburg
Williamsville South

Girl’s Soccer School
Southwestern
Cassadaga Valley
Ellicottville
Clarence

Gymnastics School
Amherst
Clarence
Hamburg
Williamsville South

Individual
Courtney Wittmeyer
Alia Nikisher
Marris Winkfield
Alec Dietsch
John Inglut
Stephen Rogenmoser
Corey Law
Mitch Eck
Alex Sternisha
Josh Forester
Devonte Whittett
Nate Scott
Joe Caccamise
Josh Menegaux
Jonathan Zirna
Scott Klubek
Nathaniel Roberson
Erica Stevens
Courtney Gray
Felicia Elom
Emily Davidson

Girl’s Soccer
Buffalo
Cassadaga Valley
Ellicottville
Clarence

Girls School
Sweet Home
Amherst
Eden
Niagara Wheatfield
CSAT

Individual
ECIC 2
ECIC 3
ECIC 4
NFL
NO

Boy’s Soccer
Buffalo
McKinley
Southwestern
Randolph
Franklinville
Will North
Pioneer
Alden
Niagara Falls
CSAT

Individual
Buffalo
ECIC 1
ECIC 2
ECIC 3
ECIC 4
NFL
NO

Boy’s X-Country
Buffalo
Frontier
West Seneca East
Lake Shore
Eden
Lockport
Medina

Individual
Buffalo
ECIC 1
ECIC 2
ECIC 3
ECIC 4
NFL
NO

Girl’s X-Country
Buffalo
City Honors

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SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, The Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program.

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FOOTBALL
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North Tonawanda 94.705
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GIRLS GOLF
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GIRLS GYMNASTICS
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Chemical Awareness Corner
Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairman Matt McKenna, Lackawanna 827-6727 x5 mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org

Committee Plans
The chemical awareness committee has been re-established and will meet on Friday January 20, 2012. Our team consisting of myself, April Preston (CCAA), Brian Wild (ECIC), John Forucci (NFL) and Joe Caprio (N.O.), will construct committee goals and share new ideas in the ever important topic of chemical awareness. We will discuss creating a partnership with ECCASSA and each county’s Chemical awareness prevention agency. Additionally, we will examine ways to assist in the fundraising efforts for “Kids Escaping Drugs and The Renaissance House.” We will also examine the idea of bringing in nationally renowned speakers to speak with our coaches and athletes. One such individual is Chris Herren. Chris has struggled with substance abuse for much of his basketball career. Drug-free since June 4, 2008, and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, Chris has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. He attends meetings daily to support his substance free lifestyle and often speaks before groups to share his experiences and road to sobriety.

Pertinent Articles
Please use the hot-links below to important information on Energy Drinks:
• From the American Athletic Institute ➔ Energy Drink Warning
• From USA Today ➔ Young Athletes and Energy Drinks – A Bad Mix?

If you wish to share any ideas or concerns that have cropped up in your districts, please feel free to contact me at 716-827-6727 ext 5 or email mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org. Please remember we do have a great resource page on our Section website under chemical awareness. Click ➔ Section VI Chemical Awareness Page.