



Photo by Gerry Raymond

## Flowers at the park

Rosa Wynder watches as Utica Parks Department worker Harold Postal sets a plant at the Julius Duhart Memorial Park at Eagle and West streets. The park was dedicated in 1975 to the memory of Duhart, the victim of an accidental shooting at Utica Free Academy. The 15-year-old Duhart was a sophomore at the school and a few months away from earning his Eagle Scout award. Wynder is Duhart's cousin.

# Photonics takes a different turn

## Air Force could shut out private sector

By SUSAN C. NAYLOR  
Observer-Dispatch

The Air Force's decision to finance expansion of its photonics center at Griffiss Air Force in Rome will limit the degree of cooperation with the private sector in photonics research, Air Force officials said.

The Air Force has indicated it will spend \$10 million to build an entirely new photonics research lab by 1992 on the base, instead of on county-owned land, which was the original plan.

New York state so far has failed to approve financing for a cooperative venture with the Air Force on photonics. The Air Force wanted to build a 100,000 square-foot research center on 10 acres of land owned by Oneida County adjacent to Griffiss.

The joint effort was to include space and resources for members of the private sector, including representatives of local industry and academia. With the Air Force taking sole control of the project, such access would be limited, Francis Crumb, a Rome Air Development Center spokesman said.

The federal Technology Transfer Act, approved in 1986, requires federal centers specializing in the development of technologies to share information with the private sector.

The RADC will honor its commitment to do that, Crumb said, but no longer would be obligated to provide space or allow use of equipment there. The degree of cooperation, he said, would be determined by how much the state is willing to contribute.

Construction will begin Oct. 1 on a \$455,000 renovation project on the present lab at Griffiss.

Photonics research and development now takes place in a 50-year-old building that officials say is cramped and lacks any "frills."

The reconstruction project, which has been discussed for months, would result in the photonics staff doubling the first year, from 20 to more than 40, Crumb said. But the positions will be filled by engineers from outside the area, he said.

County officials have submitted five unsuccessful requests since January for state funding for the project. The \$18.4 million they requested in state grants and loans would be used to construct the lab and the Air Force has pledged to spend another \$30 million for equipment and utilities.

"The RADC commander's position is that the renovations should provide sufficient photonics space for the next two or three years," said William Oaks, director of RADC's Office of Research and Technology Applications. "We are open to proposals for expanded cooperation involving New York state, but we're not aware of any further progress on proposals submitted to the state."

Crumb said Tuesday the Air Force can no longer wait for the state to become involved. Rome Mayor Carl Eilenberg said yesterday a local industrialist may be willing to arrange financing for the construction of the lab. Crumb said Air Force officials certainly would consider such a proposal and it wouldn't be the first time private businesses have financed military endeavors.

Eilenberg declined to identify the person, but said "The money is there."

## Area legislators, candidates react to Air Force decision

By SUSAN C. NAYLOR  
Observer-Dispatch

Area legislators and legislative candidates had a variety of reactions yesterday to the news the Air Force is planning to build its own photonics laboratory.

"There is not a question of doubt in my mind that the blame for photonics rests squarely on Sen. Nancy Larraine Hoffmann," said Rep. James J. Donohue, Democratic opponent for the 47th District state Senate seat.

Donohue intentionally sabotaged the project, Meelan said, because it was not in his district and consistently has pointed the finger of blame at others to shield himself. Donohue denied the allegations, saying the blame for lack of photonics funding can be pinned on the "unsupportive people who control the Democratic purse strings in Albany."

"It was not the governor or the Assembly who questioned the site (the Air Force chose for the photonics lab), Meelan said. "He (Donohue) has got to accept total responsibility for the loss of the photonics lab."

office did everything Oneida County wanted done, including passing the bill in the Senate to fund photonics." He predicted Cuomo will announce sometime next year the state will fund the project "and take full credit for it himself."

"This is hardly a time to get too far ahead of ourselves," said Rep. Nancy Larraine Hoffmann, D-48, who includes the photonics site. "Let's just hope we learned something from the mistakes that have been made."

It may be a blessing in disguise that plans for a photonics lab in Rome are proceeding, said Assemblyman William Sears, R-115.

This indicates that at least the Air Force is committed to photonics at Griffiss Air Force Base and are moving to get things rolling. Neal Rose, Republican candidate for the 48th District state Senate seat, it doesn't matter how the project is funded as long as it ends up in Rome. "That was the goal of everyone involved. It's a good news/bad news situation, though, to the extent that New York state may have impeded the project by not funding it, and that's regrettable."

# Utica selling notes to cover trash cost

By MIKE HOUSTON  
Observer-Dispatch

Comptroller Thomas Nelson reportedly unsure Utica's garbage bag system will be in place by Jan. 1, today sells \$1.3 million in tax anticipation notes to cover garbage disposal costs until March 31, the end of the city's fiscal year.

The money, says Deputy Comptroller Patrick Donovan, can be repaid several ways. Options: Increase the cost of garbage bags for the coming year — the price of the bags is not determined — or increase city taxes next year to

cover the note and interest.

The \$1.3 million note is expected to cost \$1.4 million, including interest, when it becomes due next September.

Nelson was in New York City yesterday planning to sell the notes today. Utica added half the garbage disposal costs for the current fiscal year — \$1.3 million — to the current city budget. The remainder was expected to come from a new fee for garbage collection, initially expected to be in place by next month. But the date has been pushed back, creating a

financing problem.

Although city officials now say the bag system should be in place by Jan. 1, Donovan and Nelson and other administration officials feel it will take longer. Thus, since city funds for garbage disposal expire in a few weeks, the city must move to ensure disposal costs are covered for the rest of the fiscal year, Donovan said.

Since Nelson is seeking tax anticipation notes, the move does not require approvals from the Common Council or the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The

council was told of Nelson's plans in a memo released earlier this week but Majority Leader Michael Cerminaro says he'd have preferred a joint meeting.

"It would have been nice for the comptroller to have addressed the council on this ... I'm sure that would have made it more palatable," Cerminaro said.

Cerminaro said he supports a four-month bonding proposal for garbage costs. That, he said, would allow Utica to borrow more money if the bag system is not in place by February.

# Whitestown, state nearer on landfill agreement

By AUDREY LEWIS  
Observer-Dispatch

WHITESBORO — The state and the town of Whitestown are moving closer to an agreement on a consent order for closure of the Whitestown Sanitary Landfill, said Supervisor William Goodman.

A draft of a consent order was presented to the town board last night which includes two provisions the town has bargained for since it began negotiating with

the state last year.

The provisions are for the landfill to remain open until Sept. 1, 1990 and for the town to receive 75 percent funding under the Environmental Bond Act for remedial work.

The landfill has been operating without a state permit since Oct. 31, 1987. The state has refused to renew the permit because it says the landfill contains materials that could pose a threat to the environment.

Although board members said they are pleased with the compromise the state has agreed to, they still are not happy with some of the order's language.

No details were divulged. Under municipal law, the town is not required to discuss items of negotiations out of executive session and the board did not want to go into executive session.

Councilman Michael Dubiel, however, called the concerns minor.

Goodman reminded the board "the day of reckoning is coming."

"The state has set no date on our making a decision on it, but we should not forget that there is the possibility that if we do not sign or refuse to sign the order that the landfill could be shut down immediately and we could lose the 75 percent funding."

The board directed the town attorney to make another effort to get the four or five areas of concern worked out.

## OBITUARIES

### Edward L. Reszetnik

Edward L. Reszetnik, 69, of Utica, N.Y., died Tuesday, September 20, 1988, in St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Utica, the son of the late Joseph and Charlotte Mroczko Reszetnik. He attended local schools, and graduated from the State Agricultural and Technical Institute in Morrisville, where he majored in Horology, which includes watch-making. On November 24, 1945, he was married to Josephine Kirwiel, in Holy Trinity Church. For over 35 years, he owned and operated Reszetnik Jewelers, at 450 Columbia St., Utica. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church, and served in W.W. II, for 4 1/2 years, 3/4 of that time in the European Theater with the Army of Occupation at Berlin Headquarters. A member of the First Infantry Division, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant, while overseas. He had attained the rank of Captain when relieved of active duty in November of 1945.



Mr. Reszetnik is survived by his wife, Josephine; one daughter, Wanda Mary Reszetnik, of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Jeanette Nacewicz, of Rome, N.Y., Mrs. Louis (Josephine) Vagliardo, Oneonta, N.Y. and Mrs. Leona Lazicki, Marcy, N.Y. Also surviving several nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be held Friday morning at 8:30, from the Drejza-Kowalczyk Funeral Home, 1156 Lincoln Ave., Utica, and at 9:00, from Holy Trinity Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Friends may call Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. James Kohan.

### Miss Joanne I. Fogerty

HERKIMER — LITTLE FALLS — Miss Joanne I. Fogerty, 22, who resided at 323 Eureka Ave., Herkimer, passed away Monday evening, September 19, 1988, at her residence, unexpectedly. Death was due to natural causes.

She was born May 18, 1966, in Little Falls, daughter of William J. and Gloria Lowell Fogerty. She graduated from Little Falls High School, Class of 1984. She resided in Little Falls and Herkimer area her entire life.

Prior to her employment at the P & C, she was employed as Delivery Representative for the USA Today Newspaper.

She is survived by her parents; maternal grandfather, George Lowell, of Mohawk; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 23, 1988, at 10 a.m. from the Drejza-Kowalczyk Funeral Home, Inc., 42 N. Ann St., Little Falls, N.Y. Interment will take place in the family plot at Rural Park Cemetery, Ingham Mills. Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects at the funeral home, Thursday afternoon and evening, from 2-4 and 7-9, and attend the funeral.

Arthur J. List  
ILION — Arthur J. List, 78, of 227 Second St., Ilion, passed away Tuesday, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 23, at 11:00 a.m., from the Drejza-Kowalczyk Funeral Home, with interment in Crown Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours at the funeral home are 2-4 and 7-9. Friends are asked to consider donations to the Ilion Ambulance Fund.

### Anthony A. DeBernardis

Anthony A. DeBernardis, 42 of 12 Prince Court, Loudonville, NY, formerly of Utica, died September 20, 1988.

He was born in Utica, son of Anthony and Vivien Harper DeBernardis. He was a graduate of Utica College and had attended the University of Tennessee Law School. Mr. DeBernardis was employed by the



Hardford Insurance Co., as a compensation hearing representative. He served in the U.S. Navy in Viet Nam at Subic Bay in the Philippines. He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Church in both Albany and Utica, and was a member of the Right to Life Committee, Inc.

He leaves three beloved sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Frank (Anna) Trevisani, Utica; Mrs. Richard (Angela) Zarski, Liverpool; Mrs. Ralph (Virginia) Belt, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Attorney Leon J. DeBernardis and Claude A. DeBernardis, both of Utica; 16 nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Helen Ensing, Selkirk, NY.

Funeral services at the convenience of the family from the Doyle Funeral Home and from St. Francis de Sales church at 10 Friday morning. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, those so wishing may make donations to the N.Y. State Right to Life Committee, 41 State St., Albany, NY 12207, in Anthony's memory.

### Frances Butitta Colella

Mrs. Frances Butitta Colella, 91, a resident of the Presbyterian Home, and former New Hartford resident, died Sunday, September 18, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

She was born in Bagheria, Sicily, Italy, August 15, 1897, the daughter of Frank and Concetta Aiello Butitta. She came to this country as a young girl, and in 1922 was married to Biaggio Colella. After 60 years of marriage, Mr. Colella died on October 3, 1984.

Mrs. Colella is survived by two sons, Frank Colella, of Fla., and Joseph Colella, of Va., four daughters, Jean, of Va., Nancy, of Va., Margaret, of New Hartford, Helen Mancini, of Utica, and Stella, of Utica.

Butitta, of Utica; also surviving are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one brother, Carmine Butitta.

A private funeral will be held at the convenience of the family, with the funeral service at the Doyle Funeral Home, 700 Rutgers St., corner of Mohawk St.

### Cecelia Mamulski

NORTH UTICA — Cecelia Mamulski, of North Utica, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday, September 20, 1988.

She is survived by her only son, Edward Mamulski, of Utica.

Friends are invited to attend her funeral, THIS MORNING, at 9:00, in Holy Trinity Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Burial will be in St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements to American Cemetery, 1156 Lincoln Ave., Herkimer, N.Y.

### Mrs. Mary M. Berecka

Mrs. Mary M. Berecka, 92, a resident of St. Joseph's Nursing Home, formerly of Millgate St., Utica, passed away Wednesday morning, September 21, 1988 at the Home.

She was born in Lithuania, January 9, 1896, daughter of Pius and Madeline Antanavage. As a young girl, she moved to the U.S.A. and to Utica, where she was raised and educated. She later married John Berecka in Utica. Mr. Berecka died in 1963. Mary was a member of St. George's Roman Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Sacred Heart Society of St. George's Church.

Mrs. Berecka is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mrs. John (Julia) Lusky, Stittville, Ann and Adam Dirda, Stittville, Helen and Charles Lusky of Barneveld; two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Jane Berecka, Utica, Albert and Stella Berecka, of Stittville; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Marchionis, Utica, and Miss Elizabeth Antanavage, Utica; also surviving are eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and Vincent Antanavage, and two sisters, Margaret Skermont, and Anna Deveans.

The funeral will be held Friday morning, September 23, 1988 at 9:30 at the Heintz Funeral Home, 1517 Whitesboro St. and at 10 o'clock at St. George's Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will be in St. George's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday 2-4 and 7-9.

### Fred M. Gokey

MARCY — Memorial services for Fred M. Gokey, will be Thursday morning, at 11:00, at the Marcy Community Church, with the Rev. Harold A. Beaudry officiating.

Mr. Gokey died August 13, 1988, in Miami, Fla. He made his home recently in Okesechobe, Fla., with his late wife, Dorothy, after having lived and worked in Marcy for several years.

Fred was employed at the New York Central Railroad for many years, and worked as a security officer at Marcy State Hospital, retiring in 1972. He was an active member of the Marcy Community Church, the Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He was a W.W. II Veteran of the Pacific.

Surviving Mrs. Gokey are one stepdaughter, Mrs. Norma Wilson, Denver, CO; one son, Donald C. Cannain, of Manlius, NY; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon, at the convenience of the family, at Crown Hill Memorial Park, Kirkland. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Surridge & Roberts Memorial Home, Inc., 40 Main St., Whitesboro.

### Dorothy L. Hood

FORESTPORT — Dorothy L. Hood, 77, widow of Lewis G. Dean, died at Sunset Nursing Home, Boonville, on September 21, 1988.

Survivors include a son, Lewis R. Dean, Boonville; a daughter, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Loeber, (Oriskany, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. Another daughter, Mary Lou Samaroo died on April 11, 1987.

Funeral on Friday, at 9:30 a.m., at Trainer Funeral Home, Boonville, and at 10, at St. Joseph's Church, Boonville. Burial in St. Agnes Cemetery. Calling hours 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

### Mrs. John Francis Pryor

Vena Wester Pryor, of 118 Richardson Avenue, died September 20, 1988, at the Faxon Hospital.

Mrs. Pryor was born in Whitesboro, on October 23, 1904, the daughter of Gertrude Speers and Klaus Wester. In 1929, she was married to John F. Pryor who died in 1946.

A graduate of New Hartford High School and the Utica School of Commerce, she did secretarial work for many years, including 17 years at the First United Methodist Church of New Hartford.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of New Hartford and its various societies, the WYCA, a member of the Folt's Home Auxiliary and a member of the White Shrine and its Patrol.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Herbert (Winifred) Clough, of the Masonic Home, Utica and Mrs. Richard (Helene) Sheldon, New Hartford. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service, Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of New Hartford, with the Rev. Carl K. Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Green Lawn Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, please remember the memorial fund of the First United Methodist Church of New Hartford, in her memory.

Arrangements are with Friedel, Williams, Coriale & Edmunds Funeral Homes, New Hartford.

### Mrs. Mammie F. Zierke

NEW HARTFORD — Mrs. Mammie F. Zierke, 83, a resident of the Charles T. Strin Home, formerly of Addington Place, Utica, died Wednesday, September 21, 1988, at the Home, after a long illness.

She was born August 12, 1895, in Hannibal, NY, the daughter of Stephen and Della Dole Baldwin and received her education in Fulton, NY schools. She was married to Richard A. Zierke, in 1928, in Niagara Falls. He died in 1967. She was a former resident of Dearborne, MI. and was of the Methodist faith.

Surviving Mrs. Zierke are one stepdaughter, Mrs. Norma Wilson, Denver, CO; one son, Donald C. Cannain, of Manlius, NY; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon, at the convenience of the family, at Crown Hill Memorial Park, Kirkland. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Surridge & Roberts Memorial Home, Inc., 40 Main St., Whitesboro.

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In loving memory of our beloved Todd, who passed away 14 years ago, September 22. Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Grandmothers

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