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Voters to decide police issue

NEW HARTFORD — Village taxpayers will be able to vote from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the New Hartford Fire House on whether the Village Police Department should be consolidated into a Municipal Police Department run by the town of New Hartford.

The village board has recommended consolidation and Mayor William Keiser III, in a press release, asked voters to support the recommendation.

He said consolidation would save taxpayers about \$20 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Grant program expands; seminars to start

The Decentralization Regrant Program, which has been administered in Oneida County by the Central New York Community Arts Council for the past seven years, will expand into Madison and Herkimer counties this fall. The New York State Council on the Arts has invited CNYCAC to implement the program in the two counties to form a consortium.

An 11-member panel of representatives from all three counties, will begin reviewing applications in late October from non-profit arts organizations for arts programming, said Patricia B. Endorf, CNYCAC associate director and the decentralization coordinator for the arts council.

Deadline is Oct. 22, and the grants will be for \$3,000 and less. A total of \$31,000 will be awarded. Programs for which support is requested should be scheduled to end by Dec. 31, 1985.

Application seminars in the three counties for interested groups will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rome Art and Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Arts Center in Old Forge, 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the new village offices in Boonville, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Little Falls Public Library and noon Sept. 26 at the Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica.

At the seminars, persons can talk to other

applying organizations as well as ask for assistance in filling out the forms, the coordinator said.

Funds are available for the expansion of existing community arts programs, development of new programs and expansion of programs into previously unserved areas. The awards are designed for high quality arts programs in the visual, performing, literary and media arts in the county which do not already receive direct funds from NYSCA, Endorf explained.

Copies of the 1984-85 guidelines and application forms are available at CNYCAC, 261 Genesee St.

MILITARY BRIEFS

Army National Guard Pvt. Geno Mellace, son of Frank and Raffalina Mellace of 109 Gansevoort Ave., Rome, has completed the Army personnel administration specialist course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Staff Sgt. Keith M. Boyer, son of Kenneth W. and Loretta A. Boyer of 2712 Brighton Place, has been selected to study for a bachelor's degree under the Airman Education and Commissioning program (AECIP) at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Boyer will attend the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Two area crewmembers aboard the guided missile destroyer USS King, based in Norfolk, Va., were re-