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Plans for the 2010 Chautauqua County Energy Conference & Expo Announced

New Essay Contest for high school seniors highlighted

Jamestown: -- Officials from Chautauqua County, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) joined together today to announce details of the 3rd Annual Chautauqua County Energy Conference & Expo. The major event will be held October 22nd and 23rd at the Chautauqua Suites Meeting & Expo Center in Mayville.

As part of the 2010 Energy Conference & Expo, the CCIDA is coordinating with the CRCF in announcing the Chautauqua County Energy Conference Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded based on essays written by high school seniors in Chautauqua County who will be graduating in 2011.

Randy Sweeney, Executive Director of CRCF, explained that the essay will need to focus on ways to power a compact fluorescent light bulb under the heading, "What Should Power This in 2020?"

"Each school will select one essay to be submitted to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation by the September 24th, 2010 deadline," Sweeney said. "Judging by an independent selection committee will begin October 1st."

Three winners will be selected, and they will be invited to present their papers at a special recognition session at the Energy Conference on Saturday, October 23rd. First Prize is \$500, Second Prize is \$350, and Third Prize is \$250.

For more information on the Chautauqua County Energy Conference Scholarships, contact the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation at (716) 661-3390. You can also visit their website at www.crcfonline.org.

Also as part of this year's Energy Conference & Expo, the CCIDA will again be hosting a poster contest open to all fifth grade classes in public and private schools, and home schooled students, at the fifth grade level living in Chautauqua County. The theme of the poster contest is "Energy Awareness."

Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards said teachers are being encouraged to work with their students by incorporating the poster contest into a teaching activity.

"It is intended to promote an awareness of energy use, 'clean' energy, energy conservation, and the factors which influence them," Edwards said.

Entries must be delivered to the CCIDA, 200 Harrison Street – 3rd Floor, Jamestown, NY 14701 by October 18th, 2010.

If you have any questions concerning the 2nd Annual Poster Contest, please contact Carol Rasmussen with the CCIDA at (716) 661-8900.

Edwards also encouraged the community to visit the CCIDA's website at www.ccida.com for the latest information on the 3rd Annual Chautauqua County Energy Conference & Expo, October 22nd and 23rd.

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