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LEARN AND SERVE

Over the past four years the Albion Central School system has been awarded a Learn and Serve America Project. This federal and state funded grant for the present season was procured by Dr. Ada Grabowski, assistant superintendent with the help of teachers Roger Klatt and Doug Mergler. In consultation with the county historian, a project for Albion eighth graders was conceived with Mr. Mergler in charge.

Past projects under the guidance of teachers Jeff Evoy and Sally Mattern have included: The Vietnam War Memorial at the Middle School and a booklet relating to the Vietnam War, the relocation of the World War II Memorial, Welcome to Albion signs and participation in the Community Kitchen site at Christ Church.

This year's project which involves all 200 eighth graders, is history-related and like the other projects endeavors to get students involved in their community at a young age. Thirty hours of volunteer community service are now required for high school students to graduate. The Learn and Serve Project endeavors to prepare students for this civic duty.

The projects for this season include eighth graders in a team designing an informational kiosk for the historic Court House District in Albion. Terri Wood from Lono Wood Art Co. is acting as a consultant on the design phase. Another team will work out a dedication ceremony at the Strawberry Festival. To prepare them for this with background, the County Historian presented a slide program on the history of the Historic District.

Other eighth graders will be working through the Cobblestone Museum. Here a team will create a map of the grounds for an existing kiosk while another team of students are working on informational labels for artifacts in the Farmers Hall. Several teams of students are expected to provide six hours of maintenance work at the museum including cleaning and lawn work.

The students who are pictured here are the Cobblestone Guide Team. Shown on the steps of the Cobblestone Church, these students will act as museum guides in the seven historic buildings at the museum on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9



from 1-5 p.m. when the museum is open free to the public. The Cobblestone Museum is located at Rts. 104 and 98 two miles north of Albion in the Town of Gains.

Eighth graders pictured here include: Ashley DeBoard, Techelle Stephens, Cassie Layhee, Katie Laine, Erin Wadhams, Matt Vandegenachte, Joseph DiBella, Staci Atwood, Paul Makowski, Jesse Colmenero, Amanda Fletcher, Sabrina Pearce, Marissa Zaczek, Challie Mathes, Amanda Bidell, Emily Irwin, Andrea Brown, Brian Lusk, Leslie Kelley, Rachel Drew and Gina Yaskwich. These students recently visited the museum for a two-hour training session with museum personnel and their team leader teacher Sally Grimm.