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Barbecued pork dinner

PENN YAN—The Penn Yan Boys Basketball Team is sponsoring a Dinosaur BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday, July 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 each and are available from any varsity basketball player or the day of the barbecue. Dinners may be picked up at Polmanteer's Mobil.



Penn Yan Village Board

Pennsylvania Yankee to top PY village hall

By CONNIE MURPHY
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PENN YAN—The lighting rod/ornament topping the new Penn Yan Village Hall will be a 19th century-styled weather vane designed by Dexter Benedict. The final selection was announced at the June 22 Village Board meeting.

The design incorporates the logo of Penn Yan, depicting the Pennsylvanian and the Yankee shaking hands. The weather vane, which will cost \$2,600, will be made of stainless steel for durability and ease of maintenance.

Mayor Doug Marchionda, Jr. indicated the local Rotary Club plans to purchase the design by Sam Castner to be placed in the Village Hall lobby. That sculpture is a rod with grapevines intertwined around it.

Trustees learned there are still problems working out an agreement with Data Ventures, Inc. (DVI). Trustees had rejected the first contract, making it clear that a 10-year contract was not acceptable. However, a second contract recently submitted left the 10-year term in.

Also in the second contract, DVI asked for the authority to bring in another electric company to make repairs if village municipal does not get to it in a timely manner. This also is unacceptable.

"I think we need to step back and start over with these folks, if we choose to start over," said Marchionda.

Trustee Norm Koek agreed, "We need to be comfortable with it before we proceed." He added the village

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Penn Yan Flying Club celebration

By DOUGLAS ROBB
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MILO—Dr. Robert Jensen has been a member of the Penn Yan Flying Club (PYFC) since its incorporation in December 1940. He became associated with the Club a year before, but could not join until he was 16.

PYFC members believe it is the second oldest flying club East of the Mississippi. According to Paul Middlebrook, "Almost all flying clubs closed down during the war." To remain active, PYFC had to agree to post a 24-hour guard at the airport or remove all propellers from the planes.

Over the years the club gradually built a public use

airport of 110 acres and has grown steadily to a membership of nearly 200 today. In 1992 the Club sold 100 acres of the airport to Yates County to serve as the foundation for the present airport. The Club retained 10 acres for its use.

Currently, the Club owns six airplanes, including a 1946 J-3 Piper Cub which is believed to be the oldest, operational, one owner airplane in the United States. The J-3 is a 2-place airplane. It has no starter so like the old WW I biplanes someone must turn the prop to start it.

The Flying Club hopes to host over 3,000 people and 2000 plus airplanes for its Fly-

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Photo by Douglas Robb

Contact! With Marty Tones in the pilot's seat and Dr. Robert Jensen ready to spin the prop, they are ready to go flying in the Penn Yan Flying Club's J-3 Piper Cub.

Another class takes first step

By CONNIE MURPHY
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PENN YAN—Graduation ceremonies were held Thursday for the newest class to graduate from Keuka Lake School. The 25 graduates, wearing traditional mortarboards, walked to their seats to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Deb Fabris-Coon, director, told proud parents, relatives and friends that "today ends a first step in a long journey."

Addressing the Class of 2004, she said she was very proud of them for all the things they have learned how to do: count, color, bake, sing songs,

how to walk in the school building "with inside voices and walking feet," how to be a good friend and how to ask for help.

Lynn Canfield, who works with Keuka Lake School through Yates County, was the guest speaker.

Referring to the book "It Takes a Village," written by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Canfield said the word "village" is symbolic of all the people who have a part in raising a child.

"To me, Keuka Lake School is a village," she stated. "The County is very happy to be part of this village."

Graduate Seth Jackson-

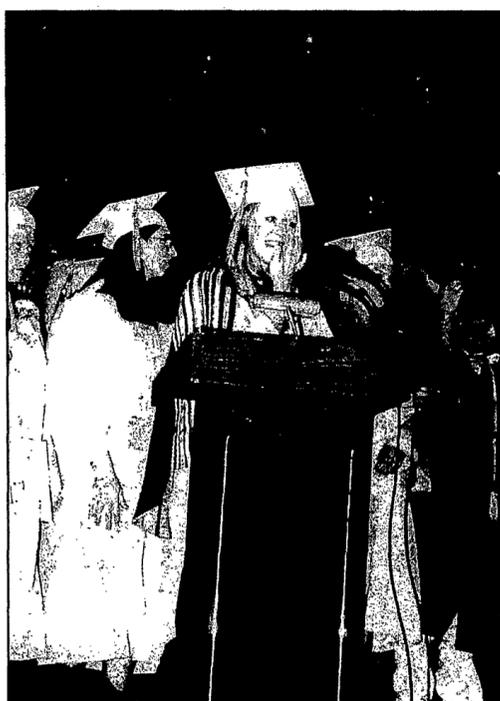


Photo by Mark Griffin

President of the Class of 2004 Megan Van Keuren gives the instructions to the class body that they can transfer the tassels on the caps from the left to the right side signifying their completion of the graduation ceremony. Many cheers and tears flew at this time.

Media workshop for grandparents

By CONNIE MURPHY
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PENN YAN — A rising segment of people are family caregivers. Their responsibilities may include taking care of an elderly parent or spouse, taking a friend to doctor's appointments or the store, provide meals for a neighbor who is ill or raising grandchildren.

ProAction Yates Office for the Aging offers family caregiver support programs for anyone caring for a loved one. They provide information and referrals and counseling, as well as a chance to meet people who are in similar situations through support groups. They offer respite (a chance for the caregiver to take a break) and assist with minor home modifications and help in obtaining equipment and supplies.

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren has reached epidemic proportions. In the United States, more than one in 12 children live in a home with no parent present. In New York State alone, 143,014 grandparents are raising their grandchildren.

Nitra Hillyer, Caregiver Coordinator, said there are

many reasons grandparents choose to raise their grandchildren, including divorce, abandonment and parental addictions.

In many cases, she pointed out, if the grandparents are unable to take on the responsibility, the grandchildren could be sent to foster homes.

"Grandparents will sacrifice everything they have to save their grandchildren," Hillyer said. But to do so is a struggle - financially, emotionally and physically.

Because of the large age difference, grandparents are usually not in touch with this generation. In an effort to help bridge this gap, the Office for the Aging and the Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes are sponsoring a workshop, "Media Literacy for Grandparents," on July 14.

For years, the media, including television, movies, video games, commercials, magazines and billboards, have targeted children with alluring messages.

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Music festival opens

By DOUGLAS ROBB
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BRANCHPORT—As part of a summer-long music festival, Richard Auldron Clark brings his most promising students to Keuka Lake each summer for an intensive two-week immersion in music.

Clark has been "wonderfully surprised and pleased how appreciative Finger Lakes audiences are." He believes the audiences "come to the concerts for the right reasons - to hear good music in an intimate setting where they can actually interact with the musicians."

Clark tries to pick pieces the audience may not have heard before. He concentrates on the great masters and attempts to achieve a balance for both his artists and the audience. He is 100 percent sure the Chamber Music Festival will become a permanent, annual event. In fact, he has turned down his many invitations to guest conduct elsewhere to focus his attention and efforts on the Finger Lakes. The one exception, he will still guest conduct the Indianapolis Symphony.

These intimate chamber music concerts are an excellent way to introduce younger listeners to classical music. You are practically sitting with the musicians. The pieces are light, short and fun.

Tickets are \$15 each for the season's concerts. A "Make-Your-Own-Series" ticket of six punches is available for \$75, and can be used in any combination for any number of people. The remaining music concerts are:

Sunday, July 11, 2004, 8 p.m. at Norton Chapel, Keuka College, Keuka Park: Dvorak-A Major Quintet and Brahms-F Minor Quintet

Saturday, July 17, 8 p.m. at the Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls: Schubert- Trout Quintet; Works of Women Composers: Rebecca Clark-Songs, Amy Beach - Songs; Cecil Chaminade - Piano Trio #1

Saturday, July 24, at 8 p.m. at Hunt Country Vineyards, Branchport: Dvorak- String Quartet in C Major "Ameri-

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Photo by Connie Murphy

Nicholas Bennett (r) receives a bottle of bubbles from Vidas the Clown (Pete Deth) after receiving his diploma from Keuka Lake School during graduation ceremonies.