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**Answering the call**  
Charles Ackley Jr. of Walworth comes to the rescue on a regular basis — as an assistant director of admissions counseling at Keuka College and while serving in the Army National Guard.

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**Abuses alleged**

The advocacy group Farmworker Justice has released a report highlighting what it sees as abuses within the agricultural guestworker program.

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**School bus vote**

Geneva voters will be asked to approve the purchase of eight new school buses Sept. 20.

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**4-H club donation**

Members of the Gorham-based 4-H club "Kaleidoscope Paws" accepted a check last week from one of their biggest supporters, Tractor Supply Co. of Geneva, to benefit Ontario County's 4-H program.

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**Coming Friday ...**



**Nest Feathers**

The Inn at Miles Wine Cellars at 168 Randall Crossing Road near Himrod was built in 1802, with the tasting room officially opened by the Doug Miles family in July 2001. The Inn will have its grand opening Sept. 15.

**On the Web**

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**POLL**

**Kids around the Finger Lakes are starting school this week. What kind of a grade would you give New York's education system?**

Go to [www.fltimes.com](http://www.fltimes.com) and scroll down to answer. A new poll runs each week with the answers the following Monday.

## Progress on boat museum

With contracts ready to be signed, senator files paperwork for \$2 million state grant for city lakefront project

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GENEVA — The construction of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum and a Visitors Center on the city lakefront inched closer to reality this week.

City Council learned Wednesday that state Sen. Michael Nozzolio, R-54 of Fayette, submitted paperwork to the state Senate Finance Office to obtain a \$2 million state grant for the city. The money would come from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

"There are contracts for an architect and a construction manager

that are completed, but not signed," City Manager Mathew Horn said. "Once the grant is approved, we can sign those contracts and design the building and put it out to bid.

"DASNY requires that we spend the money up front and then apply for reimbursement from the grant," Horn added.

Horn said as soon as a contract with DASNY is in place, he will approach Council with a proposal to borrow \$2 million in the form of a Revenue Anticipation Note. It allows the city to borrow the money for up to two years; it would

be paid off by the grant money, which would be distributed after the project is completed.

The boating museum is involved in a fundraising campaign to help defray the cost of the building.

The facility will be built on the site of the current Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce. The city-owned Chamber building will be demolished.

In other action:  
■ **POLICE CONTRACT** — Council voted 8-1 to approve a new, three-year contract with Local

■ See **MUSEUM** on Page 4A

### Slippin' and slidin'



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This week's rainy weather has made for a rough start to the high school sports season, with many contests washed out yesterday. For the Penn Yan and Geneva boys soccer teams, however, it was game on. Above, Penn Yan's Eric Johnson (left) tries to get a shot off as Geneva defenders Giorgi Bekauri (11) and A.J. Brewer close in during a Finger Lakes East game at Penn Yan Academy. For more on that game and others that went on despite the rain, see Page 1B.

## Lyons Village Board delays water rate hike

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LYONS — The Village Board, urged by a crowd of concerned taxpayers, held off Tuesday on raising the water rates by more than 30 percent.

However, Mayor Corrine Kleisle believes water rates must go up, and she hopes the board will vote later this month.

"We have to increase," she said Wednesday, citing the deficits in the water and sewer funds. "If it's still the same percent, I don't know. I know it's going to have to be a pretty good size."

The trustees did vote to approve a smaller increase to the sewer rates.

About 40 to 45 people attended Tuesday night's public hearing on the rate increases, and most of them addressed the board. They had questions about the state comptroller's recent audit of the water and sewer funds and concerns about the frequent leaks that have caused significant water loss.

"We're working as fast as



Kleisle

## Grapeseed oil processing plan on track

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ROMULUS — Seneca BioEnergy plans to begin commercial production of grapeseed oil later this month, a development three years in the making.

That could be followed by production of biodiesel fuel in December.

In 2008, Seneca BioEnergy purchased two warehouse buildings, with more than 40,000 square feet of space, at the former Seneca Army Depot. Private money and a Restore New York grant paid for infrastructure upgrades each of the past

two years.

In the past year, the company completed a series of pilot tests in biodiesel production and grape-waste processing and finished building improvements.

Michael Coia, chief executive officer of Seneca BioEnergy, said the Restore New York money and other state economic development improvement funds earmarked for the depot have been vital at his Seneca

AgBio Green Energy Park. "Specifically, two businesses have been able to get improved electrical and natural gas service from NYSEG, and we have been able to convert warehouse space to manufacturing space and are now prepared for commercial operations, creating jobs at the former depot," Coia said.

"We will be processing grape waste from regional wineries, called pomace, from the production of

wine. We separate grape seeds from the waste for pressing and bottling of the Finger Lakes first grapeseed oil."

Grapeseed oil is healthful and tasty and can be used for cooking, salads, dipping and cosmetic lotions, Coia said.

The product will be called Finger Lakes Grape Seed Oil. It will be available from the company website and at wineries that donate their grape waste to the company.

The company also will be processing local vegetable and waste oils to produce

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## Ex-cop's father back in Benton court

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BENTON — A man accused of meddling in the legal problems of his son, a former Geneva police officer, continues to proclaim his innocence.

Last night in Town Court, Justice David Grace set an Oct. 5 date for motions to be argued in the case of Richard A. Regan Jr., who has been charged with fourth-degree witness tampering, a misdemeanor.

Regan, 67, of 10558 E.

Lake Road, Hammondsport, was charged by Yates County Sheriff's Office investigators in June. He pleaded not guilty to the charge later that month and has said repeatedly he's been falsely accused.

According to investigators, Regan attended Town Court April 6 for the driving-while-intoxicated trial of his son, Richard A. Regan III. While jury selection was in progress, the elder Regan allegedly discussed the case with a prosecution witness and asked the witness to

alter his testimony.

The court was unable to pick enough jurors from the jury pool, so Regan Jr.'s trial was postponed until July. That's when a jury found Regan III, a former Geneva police officer, guilty of DWI, failure to keep right and refusal to take a breath test.

Regan III was arrested during the early-morning hours of March 31, 2010, after leaving a Geneva bar following his shift as a

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## In Sunday's edition ...



Local residents and officials look back on the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and reflect on how much has changed since those tragic events a decade ago.

**WORD OF MOUTH:** "Ten years later, the question we might be asking: What has gone wrong with us?" — Clifford D. May, Page 8A

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