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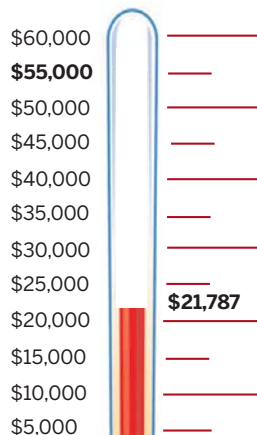
**Also inside today ...**

**Waterloo man headed to prison**

A local man who injured a police officer after being arrested for robbery will be spending the next several years in prison. Matthew Tyler, 24, of East Main Street, was sentenced Monday in Seneca County Court to five years in prison after pleading guilty to assaulting a police officer and second-degree attempted robbery.  
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**Your help is needed**



The Geneva Salvation Army is trying to raise \$55,000 through its Red Kettle campaign by Dec. 24. So when you see those Red Kettles around town, don't just walk on by. Give!

**TIMES  
POLL**

What's your favorite Christmas movie?

Answer at fltimes.com



Katy Groet, 25, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and The College at Brockport, is a bartender at Vonnie's Boathouse and Grille in the town of Geneva.

## Bartender with a bachelor's is smart about spending

*"The happy and efficient people in this world are those who accept trouble as a normal detail of human life and resolve to capitalize it when it comes along."*  
— H. Bertram Lewis

It costs a lot of money to go to college these days. Imagine the frustration when you get out and can't find a job that relates to the degree you've earned.

Katy Groet is a 25-year-old Penn Yan Academy graduate. She furthered her studies at The College at Brockport, where she excelled, even graduating a year early with a bachelor's degree. She majored in English literature and minored in art.

She admits to having questions on what the proper career path would be, something that is probably pretty common among college students making such an important decision at a relatively young age.

Heck, I'm the first to admit I had

**SHOESTRING BUDGETS**



By Spencer Tulis

This is Part 3 of a 5-part series looking how some local residents are struggling to make ends. Tulis, a columnist and chief photographer at the Times, can be reached at nyp2904@yahoo.com



no idea in college what I wanted to be "when I grew up." It wasn't until my 30s that photojournalism and I found each other.

For Katy, even with an English

literature background, she still wasn't sure what opportunities were available after graduating.

Since she loves writing, she felt being a copywriter might be a good fit. Her first job out of school was working for a radio station in Ithaca. She thoroughly enjoyed it and was pretty darn good at the writing part for commercials. The downside was too much depended on the radio advertising sales aspect. She dreaded that side of the business.

She exited that job to regroup and eventually found herself working as a bartender. For four years now she has been working at Vonnie's Boathouse and Grille in the town of Geneva ... and absolutely loving it.

She's not quite sure what others think of bartenders, but she hardly cares. For now she meets lots of great folks and is enjoying herself.

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## Kansas company buys PY Emmi Roth plant

By JIM MILLER  
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PENN YAN — A Kansas-based company called KanPak is buying Emmi Roth's village production facility.

The purchase price hasn't been released, but the deal is expected to close Thursday. The plant makes fresh dairy and aseptic products, including Siggis brand yogurt, bag-in-box milk and creamers.

"We're excited about it," said Steve Griffin, CEO of the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center. "Emmi Roth explained to me why they were doing it. It makes sense. It fits the business model of KanPak better than it did Emmi Roth, even though Emmi Roth had been making some significant invest-

ments. This is what KanPak does."

Emmi Roth's presence in Penn Yan dates back less than four years. The Lucerne, Switzerland-based company bought village-based CASP LCCC in August 2010.

CASP did aseptic and specialty packaging on a contract basis. Emmi Roth added a state-of-the-art production facility, which caught KanPak's attention.

"As a specialist for manufacturing of aseptic products, KanPak is in a good position to rapidly develop the site in Penn Yan," Matthias Kunz, Emmi Roth's senior vice president for the Americas, said in a press release. "This is

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## For the birds



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Mike Davis of Seneca Falls builds some bird feeders with sons Gavin, 6, and Garrett, 4, during a recent workshop at the Seneca Meadows Education Center in Seneca Falls.

## New Boys & Girls director coming 'home'

Christopher Lavin also will lead Community Center

By JIM MILLER  
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GENEVA — Christopher Lavin left Geneva to pursue a journalism career in 1982. Although he eventually landed in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla., and La Mesa, Calif., he longed to return.

Come January, he will.

Lavin was hired Friday as executive director of the Geneva Community Center and Boys & Girls Club of Geneva.

"I've basically followed the sun, but I've always felt like a Geneva kid living somewhere else," Lavin said Monday. "I always came home. I have family there. Some of my best friends are my former professors at Hobart. I always considered Geneva to be home, and I was just away."

Lavin, the brother of noted folk singer Christine Lavin and a former *Finger Lakes Times* reporter, will

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Lavin

## Geneva Chamber names new director

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GENEVA — Miranda Polmanteer is moving from one side of Seneca Lake to the other.

Polmanteer, who has been director of communications and tourism promotion for the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce for several years, will begin work in January as executive director and vice president of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce.

John Hicks will remain Chamber president and executive director of the Geneva Business Improvement District (BID), which shares office space with the Chamber.

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Polmanteer



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**WORD OF MOUTH:**  
"Another outlet center could mean disaster for our own local outlet center."  
— Josh Durso, Page 6A

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