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YATES COUNTY

— The 2019 Yates County Fact Book —

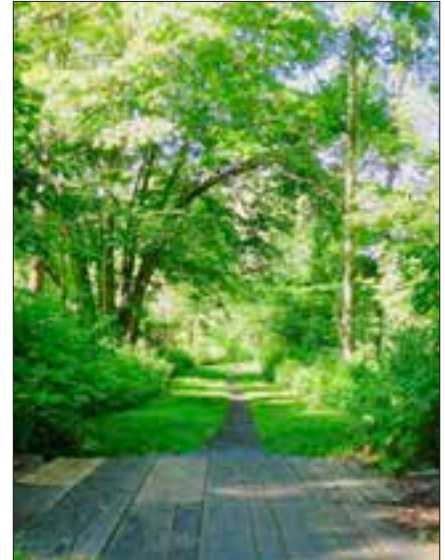
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25 Years of
Keuka Watershed
Improvement
Cooperative

Commemorating the
200th anniversary of
the death of Jemima
Wilkinson, the Public
Universal Friend

The Keuka Outlet Trail

Visit Yates County's pathway through history



The Keuka Outlet Trail follows the only natural waterway between two Finger Lakes — Keuka and Seneca — and it's the home of much of Yates County's history. Enjoy a stroll or bike ride along the trail, stop and rest at one of the benches or picnic tables. The Friends of the Outlet present a variety of events to help you connect to the trail and our history. A few are listed below, and information about others will be posted at our website and on facebook as details are finalized.

MAY 4: 9 A.M. A Walk on the Wild Side: A Spring Wildflower Walk — Dresden Trailhead Parking Lot. Enjoy an easy walk to see wildflowers on the trail led by a Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardener.

JULY 28: TIME AND LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED: Foraging with Friends — The Botanical Hiker will lead a wild plant walk along the trail. See the wild edible and medicinal plants in all their summer glory and learn how to forage them for your own meals and medicines!

AUG. 3: OAK HILL FOODS: Chicken Barbecue — Join us for a classic chicken barbecue fundraiser at Oak Hill Bulk Foods, 3173 State Route 14A, Penn Yan.

SEPT. 14: 8 A.M. Watch the Birdie! —Hopeton Parking Lot. Observe the birds on the Keuka Outlet Trail with Lynn Donaldson, Eaton Birding Society Trip Leader.

Visit www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for complete details

The Friends of the Outlet is an all volunteer not-for-profit membership organization that owns most of the Keuka Outlet Trail between Penn Yan and Dresden. Support the Friends of the Outlet by sending this form with a check to Friends of the Outlet, P.O. Box 65, Dresden, N.Y. 14441, or join at www.KeukaOutletTrail.org.



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Yates County

The 338 square mile territory within the present boundaries of Yates County comprised part of the original county of Albany, established in 1683. On March 12, 1772, Montgomery County was set off from Albany; Jan. 27, 1792, Ontario County was formed from Montgomery; and Feb. 1, 1823, Yates was taken from Ontario, and named in honor of Joseph C. Yates, then governor of the State of New York.

In 1826, a portion of Steuben County was annexed but sections were lost to Seneca and Tompkins Counties in 1828. The boundaries changed again in 1946, when parts of Seneca Lake were gained from Schuyler and Seneca Counties.

Religion has always been important in Yates County's culture, from the arrival of Public Universal Friend Jemima Wilkinson in the late 1700s to Marcus Whitman in the early 1800s, and Robert Green Ingersoll in the mid-1800s to the growing Mennonite community of today. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Wilkinson's death. For more about her and her followers, turn to page 66.

According to Cornell Cooperative Extension, of all the vineyard acreage in the region — 9,050 acres of vineyards in Yates, Ontario, Schuyler, Steuben, and Seneca Counties — 55 percent is in Yates County.

Elevations range from 445 feet above sea level at the Seneca Lake shoreline, to over 2,140 feet in the town of Italy. Yates County crosses two watersheds, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The county's total population has grown to 25,208 from the 19,009 counted in 1830, according to the U.S. Census.

On the Cover

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Keuka Watershed Cooperative (KWIC), established to protect and improve the purity of waters in the Keuka Lake Watershed by planning for uniform regulation of wastewater management regulations, and by pursuing appropriate action to resolve other potential threats to Keuka Lake.

All eight municipalities around Keuka Lake are represented on the KWIC board, and Yates County Soil and Water District is the KWIC manager. KWIC works with the Keuka Lake Association, Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, and the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization to protect the larger watershed which contains both Keuka and Seneca Lakes. Work is underway to develop a Nine Element Plan that will identify sources of pollution within the watershed, along with restoration and protection strategies.

KWIC helps municipalities share information and training opportunities. A Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training will be held April 29, 2019.

For more about KWIC, visit <http://keukawatershed.com>

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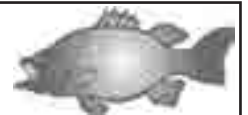
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Yates County Legislature

In 1972, because of unequal representation based on population, the Yates County Legislature became the county governing body, replacing the nine member Board of Supervisors that had been in existence for 49 years.

Yates County's nine towns are divided into four legislative districts represented by 14 legislators who are elected for two years.

The legislative districts are:

- District 1: Middlesex, Italy, Jerusalem (4 legislators)
- District 2: Benton, Potter, Torrey (3 legislators)
- District 3: All of Milo (4 legislators)
- District 4: Barrington and Starkey (3 legislators)

The Legislature holds an organizational meeting every two years, and members elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman appoints members to the five standing committees and as representatives to various boards and agencies.

Standing Committees

Each committee is appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature and includes a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman of the Legislature is a member of all Standing Committees. Committees generally meet the week before the legislature meeting. Schedules, agendas, minutes, and audio recordings are posted on www.yatescounty.org.

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William Holgate, chair; Timothy Dennis, vice chair; Edward Bronson, Daniel Banach, Richard Willson, Timothy Cutler, members.

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Median age:	41.7
Male:	48.7%
Female:	51.3%
Under 5:	6%
18 & over:	77.5%
65 & over:	19%
Veterans:	1,604
Persons/Sq. Mile:	75
Persons per household:	2.6
Median Household income (2017):	\$51,758
Per Capita \$ income (2016):	\$26,608
Percent below poverty:	13.1%
Total housing units:	13,847
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Median value of owner-occupied homes	\$128,900

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Town of Barrington

Barrington, located in the south central part of Yates County, was part of neighboring Steuben County until 1826, and covers almost 40 square miles.

Barrington's population in 2010 was 1,681. The town is bordered by Keuka Lake to the west, Milo to the north, Starkey to the east, Schuyler County to the south, and a small segment of Steuben County.

Barrington is one of the least developed or populated towns in Yates County with approximately 1,681 residents.

Over 100 years ago, people traveled from far and wide to visit Crystal Springs. Years ago, Barrington was known for its mineral springs and was a popular resort destination with a large hotel and auxiliary facilities. Today, not much remains of this former community in the small hamlet of Crystal Springs.

Now, their descendants travel to visit a popular farm and craft market, wineries that produce world class wines, quaint family farms, and the beautiful shore of Keuka Lake.

The only present-day hamlet evident in Barrington is Warsaw, a very small settlement which is located roughly in the geographic center of town.

The first settler in the Town of Barrington was Jacob Teeple, who erected

the first building in 1806, becoming the town's first tavern keeper.

The first store was opened by Elijah Townsend, and William Cummings built the first saw mill. The names Wright, Knapp, Finton, Ovenshire, Disbrow, and Crosby, familiar now, were also instrumental in the town's history.

The Barrington Community Church is the center of many activities. And, as is fitting for a rural community with prime hunting land, the Barrington Rifle Club is second home to many town residents.

Barrington is home to the Windmill Farm and Craft Market, one of Yates County's largest visitor attractions. The friendly market draws thousands of shoppers and browsers every Saturday from April through December.

A rural community dotted with Mennonite farms and businesses, Barrington also has several miles of shoreline on Keuka Lake, and although there are no public beaches, many people rent cottages during the summer, or stay at one of the many bed & breakfast inns which includes Red Brick Inn, and Finton's Landing.

In addition to the beautiful country vistas, Barrington is home to a growing number of wineries, a distillery, and Barrington Holistic Healing Spa.

The Barrington History Group, an active group of enthusiastic volunteers, meets monthly on the third Monday at the Barrington Town Hall.



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The town board meets the fourth Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the town hall, 4424 Bath Road.

The planning board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The zoning board of appeals meets as needed.

Historic and Scenic sights

1. Crystal Spring, Crystal Springs Road & Charley Brace Road.
2. John Spicer brick house (1819), Route 230.
3. Ira Chubb Farm (1815-1820), Chubb Hollow Road.
4. McDowell farm (1814), Bath Road.
5. Eggleston Glen, Route 54.
6. Lake Keuka Community Church (1888), E. Lake Road.
7. George W. Finton house (1870s), 661 E. Lake Road.
8. Joseph Finton house (1806), Sturdevant Road.
9. Barrington Baptist Church (1867), Bath Road.
10. Amos Bellis house (1820), Bath Road.
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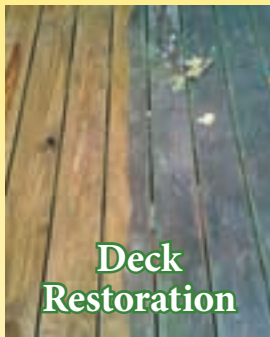
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Town of Benton

Benton is approximately 50 square miles in area, or about 32,345 acres. Seneca Lake forms the eastern border of the town, with Torrey to the southeast, Milo and Jerusalem to the South, and Potter along the west. Ontario County marks the northern boundary. The village of Penn Yan is located at the south central border. The town's population in 2010 was 2,836, up from 2,729 in 2005.

Named for Levi Benton, one of the original settlers of the area, Benton settlement was originally plotted at a crossroads location in the geographic center of the town, and was appropriately named Benton Center.

Farming and related agricultural businesses have always been important economic activities in Benton. The many farmsteads spread out across the township are proof of the excellent soils that make for exceptional cropland, orchards, vineyards, and pasture land.

The communities of Benton Center, Bellona, and Ferguson Corners are located in the town of Benton.

Important activities in the early development in the town include brick making, fruit farming, and the milling of flour and wood from water power on the Kashong Creek.



Historic and Scenic sights

1. William and Nichols cobblestone house (1844), Alexander Road.
2. Bellona Mill (1823), Pre-Emption Road.
3. Bellona Presbyterian Church (1894), Pre-Emption Road.
4. Eli Wood Y-shaped house (1849), Pre-Emption Road.
5. Kashong Glen, Route 14.
6. DeBartzch-Barton house (1787-1792), Old Route 14.
7. Jephthah Earl Cobblestone house (1845-50), Old Route 14
8. Angus Family cobblestone house (1831-34), 612 Route 14.
9. Mennonite Church, Baldwins Corners Road.
10. Benton Methodist Church (1855), Route 14A.
11. Abner Woodworth farm (1820s), Flat Street.
12. Jonathan Whitaker farm (barns c. 1800), Townline Road.
13. Jeremiah Finger house (c.1825), 1556 Carroll Road.
14. McAlpine farm (barns c. 1800), E. Havens Corners Road.
15. George Barden Cobblestone house (1830), 2492 Ferguson Corners Road.
16. Farm and barn with double cupolas (1800), E. Havens Corners Road.
17. Davis Benton tavern (1790s), 430 Pre-Emption Road.
18. Lovejoy Farm (1820s), Lovejoy Road.



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Town of Italy

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The town is roughly a six mile by six mile square, covering approximately 40 square miles. The bordering communities are Jerusalem to the east, Steuben County to the south, Ontario County to the west, and to the north is the town of Middlesex.

Italy crosses two watersheds, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. They are Chemung (02050105) and Seneca (04140201).

Italy Hill is the highest elevation above sea level in the county at 2,145 feet, offering dramatic views to the glaciated hills and valleys. Canandaigua Lake, the low point in the town, is 686 feet above sea level.

Originally part of the Town of Naples, which was organized as Middletown in 1789, Italy became a town of its own in February 15, 1815. It was first called Italy

Hollow and later, Italy Valley. The town of Italy was taken into Yates County upon the extension and organization of the county in 1823.

John Mower was reportedly one of the first settlers of the town, staking his claim to West River Hollow as early as 1790 at age 19. He built the first frame building in the rugged town.

The first postmaster was Valentine Graham, who was named to the post after building the town's first distillery around 1818. He was also justice of the peace and town clerk for several years. The first physician was Dr. Elisha Doubleday.

The Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail, a 55-mile hiking trail that is part of the 950-mile Finger Lakes Trail System, extends from Ontario County to the Hi Tor Management Area and south again toward Mitchellsville in Steuben County. It is the only portion of the Finger Lakes Trail that passes over land in Yates County.

Italy was once the home of a sizable Seneca Indian (Haudenosaunee) population. Many legends and Indian tales talk about the region and the birth of the Seneca people, which is believed to have occurred at an opening in the earth at the foot of Clark's gully. In more recent times, the population of the town is the lowest in the county, estimated at about 1,141 people.



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The planning board meets the third Thursday of the month.

Historic and Scenic Sights

1. Italy Hill State Forest
2. High Tor Game Management Area
3. Italy Valley Methodist Church (1856), Italy Valley Road
4. Jeremiah Fox farm (1815), Italy Valley Road
5. Parish farm buildings (mid-1800s), Route 245 and Parrish Hill Road
6. Clark's Gully
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Town of Jerusalem

Jerusalem has been the location of many important events in Yates County history, and home to scores of interesting and influential people. Ruins and artifacts from early Indian settlements can be found near Friend and Indian Pines.

Jerusalem is the largest town in Yates County. Covering over 63 square miles, it is located in the south central section of Yates. It is most recognizable by the seven-mile-long Bluff Point jutting into Keuka Lake. A portion of Penn Yan is located at its northeast corner.

The hamlet of Keuka Park, on the east branch of the lake, is home to Keuka College. Considerable development has occurred along the town's shoreline of Keuka Lake, usually in the form of seasonal and year-round homes.

When Jerusalem was organized in 1789 as part of Ontario County, it included the present towns of Benton, Milo, and Torrey, as well as modern Jerusalem.

It was named in deference to the "New Jerusalem" established there by Jemima Wilkinson, the Publick Universal Friend, and her Society in the late 18th century. There was enough population by 1798 to organize a town. When Benton was established in 1803, the town of

Jerusalem was left with township seven in the second range of Phelps & Gorham's Purchase, and that part of the seventh township in the first range that lay west of Keuka Lake. The part of Bluff Point south of the seventh township was annexed from Steuben County in 1814.

The year-round population of Jerusalem is around 4,469 persons, second only to Milo, which includes a larger portion of the village of Penn Yan. But in the summer, Jerusalem's population swells to over 6,000. Jerusalem is home to farmers, retirees, professionals, and the college community. People flock here to enjoy the recreational opportunities of the lake, the vinifera wines of the local vineyards, or the hunting, hiking, and natural scenic opportunities of the area.

A community playground was built near the Modeste Be-
dient Public Library in 2013, another recent addition.

In 2010, the board of Finger Lakes Museum and Aquarium announced plans to build its facility in Branchport. The former Branchport Elementary School is being renovated to become the Museum.

The museum's grounds consist of 13 acres, with access to Sugar Creek, the Creekside Center, and the Townsend-Grady Wildlife Preserve.



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Historic and Scenic sights

1. Wagner Mansion (1833), Skyline Drive.
2. Garrett Memorial Chapel (1933), Skyline Drive.
3. Keuka Lake State Park, Pepper Road.
4. Esperanza (1838), Route 54A.
5. Keuka College (1892), Keuka Park.
6. St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1867), Branchport.
7. Verdi Burtch Bird Sanctuary, Route 54A.
8. Williams farm (1840s), 2854 Route 54A.
9. Botsford house (1868), 3830 County House Road.
10. George Adams House (1872), E. Valley Road.
11. Larzelere's Tavern (1826), Hemlock and Back Roads.
12. Evans house and farm (1870s), Belknap Hill Road.
13. Dean farm (1840s), Corwin Road.
14. Friend home (1814), 3912 Friend Hill Road.
15. James Brown Jr. house (1820), Friend Road.
16. Friend Methodist Church (1888), Friend Road.
17. Scofield house (1860s), Friend Road.
18. Big Gully, Guyanoga Road.
19. Jubertown Swamp, Five Mile Creek.
20. Hayes farm (1873), 2505 County House Road.
21. Hampstead (1840), Route 54A.
22. Samuel Hartshorn house (1820s), 2756 Coates Road.
23. Still tenant house (1881), Route 54A.
24. Uriah Hanford house (1825), 125A W. Lake Road.
25. Former generating plant for the Electric Railway (1898), 367 W. Lake Road.
26. Isaak Walton League property, Guyanoga Road.
27. Town offices - Old schoolhouse (1880s)
28. Memorial to Red Jacket's mother, Route 54A, Branchport.

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The town of Middlesex was originally plotted as the town of Augusta in 1797, after the first settlers arrived around 1789.

Middlesex, along with Potter, was sold by Thomas Maxwell to Arnold Potter in 1789. Potter divided the 42,230 acres of land into 11 ranges.

The area known as Augusta was originally part of Ontario County, but its name was changed to Middlesex in 1808 because there was another town in Ontario County known as Augusta. In the years following the establishment of Yates County in 1823, Augusta was divided to make the present day town of Middlesex and its neighboring town, Potter, to the east.

Middlesex borders Italy to the south and Ontario County to the north. Situated along the shores of Canandaigua Lake, Middlesex is geographically the smallest town in Yates County, covering an area of 35 square miles.

The wooded hills and valleys are the pride of the town's inhabitants, who revel in the natural beauty.

Like its southern neighbor, Italy, this area was the location of many Seneca Indian celebrations and legends. For example, Bare Hill is the legendary site of the tale of the Great Serpent in which a young Native American boy kills the great snake with his bow and the hill was cleared as the writhing and dying reptile rolled down the slope.

Other Indian stories include tales about Vine Valley and Whaleback—better known as South Hill or Sunnyside. The

last Seneca Indian settlement left the region in 1815.

The first town meeting was held in Augusta April 4, 1797, presided by Arnold Potter. At the meeting, David Southerland was chosen supervisor and Nathan Loomis named Town Clerk. Some of the first legislation in the town regulated the height and design of rail fences.

In 2010, the town's population was 1,495. Middlesex is home to Dudley Poultry Co. Inc., wholesale supplier of dressed poultry products and imported hams.



Historic and Scenic sights

1. Vine Valley store (1890s).
2. Vine Valley Methodist Church (1891).
3. Indian site in Vine Valley.
4. Overackers schoolhouse (1874), Vine Valley Road.
5. Button Century Farm (1885-present), Vine Valley Road.
6. Bare Hill stone/earthworks.
7. Pine Corners cemetery (1797-present), Vine Valley Road.



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8. Polly Bates cobblestone house (1836), Route 364.
9. Luther Mather house (1815-20), Route 364.
10. John Blair house (1810-30), Route 245.
11. Saltbox house (c. 1800), Gray Road.
12. Rochester Folk Art Guild, Upper Hill Road
13. Middlesex Center Methodist Church (1845) Rte. 245
14. Asahel Green Farm (1850-1860) South Vine Valley Road
15. Vine Valley Walk of Honor, Vine Valley Community House.

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Town of Milo

The Town of Milo has the largest population in Yates County at approximately 7,006 people, and includes most of the village of Penn Yan.

Milo is located in the eastern half of the county, occupying a land area of 48 square miles. It is the only town in Yates County that borders both Seneca and Keuka Lake. Benton and Torrey border to the north, and to the south are Barrington and Starkey.

When Samuel Lawrence represented Ontario County in the Assembly in 1818, he formed a new township by a division of the Town of Benton, and proposed calling the area Milan. Because that name had already been chosen for a town in Dutchess County, he agreed to change the name of this town to Milo.

Long before white settlers came to the area in the 1700s, the land was home to Native Americans who named the principal waterway, now known as the Keuka Lake Outlet, Minneseta. Traces of these early inhabitants have been discovered in trails and burial grounds.

The names of early settlers included some still familiar names such as Lawrence, Hunt, Birdsall, Briggs, Supplee, Spink, Norris, Castner, Fitzwater, Jones, Goundry, Baker, Hazard, Vorce, Kimble, Knapp, Andrews, Hollowell, Sutherland, and Henderson.

As land became available following the Revolutionary

War, early settlers from Pennsylvania and New England migrated to Milo. The first wood frame house in Penn Yan was built by Abraham Wagener in 1800.

Much of the development that followed occurred along the Keuka Lake Outlet as water-powered mills processed locally grown raw materials: corn, wheat, timber, flaxseed, and wool.

Plum Point Creek in Himrod was an important mill stream at one point, but now is simply one of the area's magnificent ravines.

The area now known as Milo Center was originally called Nichols' Corners after early pioneers to New Jerusalem, Issac Nichols and his wife, Anna Boon.

The first Milo Town meeting was held at Isaac Nichols' house April 7, 1818, when those present agreed to raise \$150 for the poor. The first officers included Supervisor Avery Smith; Town Clerk Charles Roberts; Collectors George



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The town board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Milo Town Hall.

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2. Swarthout farm (1830s), 3115 Bath Road
3. Indian burial ground, Swarthout Farm
4. Keuka Lake Outlet Trail and mill sites
5. Blacksmith shed for canal (1833), Outlet Road
6. Jonathan Bailey house (1820s), Bath Road
7. Stage Stop (1825), 3648 Bath Road.
8. George Goundry farm (1803), 3667 Chubb Hollow Road
9. Francis Goundry saltbox house, Chubb Hollow Road
10. Saltbox Houses (two), Milo Center
11. Stephen Card house (c. 1800), Himrod/Lakemont Road
12. Bath Road packing houses (1800s)
13. Rapalee farm (1807-1845), Randall Road
14. Hall farm (1870s), Hall Road
15. Silas Hunt farm (1790; house c.1815), 1556 Milo Center Road
16. Hollowell farm (1790s; house much later), Milo Center Road
17. Stephen Cleveland house (1850), Old Route 14A
18. George Shearman house (1825-1868), 190 E. Lake Road
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Town of Potter

The town of Potter was established in 1832 by subdividing the town of Middlesex. An additional 1,000 acres of land was transferred in 1856 to complete the present day boundaries.

Originally a portion of "Potterstown," it was named after the former landowner Arnold Potter. The current land area of Potter is approximately 40 square miles.

The town is mainly agricultural with wooded areas, some swamp lands and muck lands for growing vegetables. A 2,000 acre muck land area is primarily owned by Torrey Farms. That broad expanse has been known to attract hundreds of rocket enthusiasts from around the U.S. who thrill town residents with their launches.

The character of the town is rural and quiet. Potter is located in the north-central section of Yates County and is bounded by Benton to the east, Jerusalem to the south, Middlesex to the west, and Ontario County to the north. Potter is the only town in Yates County that doesn't have direct land frontage on any of the Finger Lakes.

According to 2010 census figures, the year-round population of Potter is about 1,865, with the majority of the residents living in rural hamlets such as

Yatesville, Cole's Corners, East Potter, and Potter.

The population grew by 33 percent between 1970 and 1980, the largest increase during that time of any town in the county, due in large part to the influx of Mennonite families.

The Village of Rushville, located in the northwest corner of town, is split between Yates and Ontario County and is Potter's most sizable population concentration.

Organizations that meet regularly within Potter are the Rushville Lions Club, and congregations of the churches - Potter Baptist Church, Potter Community Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Historic and Scenic sights

1. James Hobart farm (1850), Italy Valley Road.
2. Yatesville Methodist Church (1837).
3. Potter Mansion (1790), Voak Road.
4. French Cemetery (1802), Harvey Road.
5. Potter Swamp/Wildlife Sanctuary, Flint Creek.
6. Thomas Smith House (c. 1800), Voak Road.
7. Abraham Lain house (1810), Route 364.
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Town of Starkey

Starkey was originally part of Steuben County, becoming a part of Yates County in 1826. Named for early settler John Starkey, it is located in the southeast corner of Yates County and covers about 40 square miles.

Starkey is bordered by Seneca Lake to the east, Schuyler County to the south, Barrington to the west, and Milo to the north. It also is home to the Glenora Falls that enters into the basin of Seneca Lake.

The area was originally part of a larger town named Frederickstown, after Frederick Bartles on March 18, 1796. Frederickstown included areas now belonging to Barrington, Starkey, Reading, Tyrone, Wayne, Orange, and Bradford. What is now known as Starkey was also a portion of the town of Reading.

The first settlement in Starkey was a place called Eddytown, later named Lakemont, an important point on the stage route between Geneva and Newtown.

The story goes that people living on the east side of Seneca Lake saw a column of smoke across the lake, and formed a group to investigate. Crossing to Big Steam Point, they followed the sound of a bell to a cow, who led them to

the cabin of William Eddy, believed to be the first dwelling in what became the Town of Starkey.

John Starkey built the Starkey's Corners first store about 1816 and established a post office in 1820. The Starkey Church was the first church of any denomination for many miles around.

The first Starkey Town meeting was held in 1825 at the inn of Isaac P. Seymour in Eddytown, where Timothy Hurd was named supervisor, James Norton, town clerk; and Samuel Kress Jr., Issac Lanny, and John Roberts, assessors.

The principal waterway in Starkey is Big Stream, which enters the town west of Dundee and pours over waterfalls and hillsides into Seneca Lake in the area now known as Glenora, or Big Stream Point.

The first settler at Big Stream Point was Silas Beers, who came to the area in 1815, and built a log house on the end of the point, followed by a Saw Mill. This was the beginning of a bustling, industrious time for the place that is now one of Yates County's most scenic neighborhoods.

The point was eventually home to sawmills, distilleries, grain mills, a woolen factory, plaster mill, and port for business and pleasure steamboat navigation, largely under the direction of a very enterprising businessman, Larmond Townsend, who bought the first property at Big Stream Point in 1829.



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After Townsend's business empire faltered, the community was renamed Glenora, meaning "Mouth of the Glen," by Joshua Ingalls.

The largest settlement within the township is the Village of Dundee, which was incorporated in 1848.

Other communities in Starkey include the hamlets of Rock Stream, Lakemont, Starkey, and Shannon's Corners. In recent years, new development has occurred along the Seneca lakefront bringing Starkey's year-round population to almost 3,573.

Starkey is home to several favorite local wineries such as Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, Glenora Wine Cellars, Fulkerson's Winery, Rock Stream Vineyards, Hickory Hollow Winery, Highland Cellars, Magnus Ridge, Shaw Vineyards, Bellangelo, and Starkey's Landing.



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 The zoning board of appeals meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Historic and Scenic Sights

1. Starkey Methodist Church and cemetery (1822), Lakemont/Himrod Road.
2. Dr. Henry Spence cobblestone house (Cobblestone Springs) (1848), 4306 Lakemont/Himrod Road.
3. Daniel Supplee Cobblestone house (1844-45), Dundee/Himrod Road.
4. Big Stream Gully/Glenora Falls
5. Rock Stream Gully
6. Rock Stream Presbyterian Church and Memorial Hall (1865 and 1931).
7. Enos Allen house (1815), Old Lake Road.
8. Peleg Briggs Wildlife Sanctuary, Log City Road.
9. Simeon Royce House (1825), Lakemont/Himrod Road at Hayes Road.
10. Timothy Hurd house (1810; altered), Lakemont/Himrod Road.
11. Log cabin (1810; encapsulated), 467 Shannon Corners Road.
12. Daniel Shannon house (1825) and millsite, Lakemont Himrod Road.
13. Pierce-Mitchell Houses (1820s-40s), Route 14A
14. Dundee Central School, Dundee (1938).

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Town of Torrey

Torrey may be the youngest town in Yates County, but it is home to the territory's first white settlement, located near City Hill, where the Public Universal Friend's first home was built near Hopeton in 1788.

Located in the northeast portion of the county, Torrey has a population of approximately 1,282 people, according to 2010 census figures. Covering an area of approximately 40 square miles, Torrey shares a border with Benton to the west and north, Seneca Lake to the east, and Milo to the south.

As it winds from Keuka Lake through Penn Yan and Milo, the Keuka Outlet bisects Torrey on its way to Dresden and Seneca Lake. The Outlet Ravine was the site of many historic events and activities.

The completion of the Crooked Lake Canal in 1833 influenced the prosperity of the village of Dresden and much of the surrounding agricultural community as a means to transport people, goods, and supplies between Keuka and Seneca Lakes.

In 1851, Torrey was formed from Benton and Milo in an effort to make the community of Dresden more important as a social and municipal center.

The County Board of Supervisors initially voted against forming the new township, but approved the proposition on a second vote. Supervisor Henry Torrey, from the Town of Potter, was given the honor of conferring his name on the new town.

In 1867, Dresden became an incorporated village, and in 1884, Fall Brook Railroad replaced the canal locks.

Today, the Keuka Outlet Trail provides recreational and open space opportunities for hikers, runners, and those interested in learning about area historic sites.

Torrey is home to Ferro Corp., and Abtex in addition to many area scenic farms and wineries, such as Fox Run Vineyards, Seneca Shore, Anthony Road Winery, Prejean Winery, Red Tail Ridge, Serenity Winery, and Torrey Ridge Winery. Climbing Bines Craft Ale Co., one of the area's first craft breweries opened in 2013.



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The planning board meets the third Monday at 7 p.m.

The zoning board of appeals meets the first Monday at 7 p.m.

Historic and Scenic Sights

1. Olney-Ryal cobblestone house (1835), Route 14
2. Youngs-Leach cobblestone house (1836), Route 14
3. Keuka Lake Outlet Trail and mill sites
4. Nutt farm (1820s), 1160 Nutt Road
5. Whitaker farm (c.1800), Townline Road
6. City Hill Cemetery (1789-), City Hill Road
7. Bruce's Gully (flows into Outlet)
8. Harris Flats and Indian burial ground, Dresden along Outlet
9. Kalorama (1849), Route 54
10. Hopeton Mill foundations (1794), Outlet at Hopeton Road



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Village of Dresden

Dresden is Yates County's only planned community. The basic design of the village was laid down in 1814 by surveyor Valentine Brother, who designed three large public squares and a rectangular street grid.

The Village is named for a city in Germany, and because of a township in another part of New York State, it was officially called West Dresden for a number of years.

The Crooked Lake Canal, built in 1830-33 along the Keuka Outlet, was the main source of prosperity for Dresden until it closed in 1877 because of dwindling traffic. Dresden was officially incorporated in July of 1867.

The 2016 population of Dresden was estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau at 296.

The Village of Dresden and Town of Torrey maintain a public swimming area in the village. Although the village is located on the shores of Seneca Lake, village residents' drinking water comes from



Keuka Lake via the Penn Yan Municipal System.

The U.S. Navy maintains a barge, used for sonar equipment testing, in Seneca Lake off the shores of Dresden. Abtex, a company that manufactures industrial brushes, is located in the former Dresden Elementary School, which was closed by the Penn Yan School District in the 1980s.

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Village of Dundee

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On June 24, 1848, 113 voters gathered in the home of Andrew Harpending and cast their ballots to decide the fate of the settlement that began to boom in the 1830s.

With 73 yeas over 40 nays, the community known as Dundee became a village. The village was named after an old Scottish hymn by a music-loving Presbyterian minister.

The area was originally settled around 1807 in a region with soil so sandy and barren, people nicknamed it "Arabia."

In 1807, Isaac Stark built a sawmill, and the village was known as Stark's Mill. In 1808, Benjamin Potter built a tavern in the village. In 1811, Samuel Harpending bought the tavern and opened a hatter's shop.

Because the Harpending family was instrumental in the area, the community was commonly called Harpending Corners.

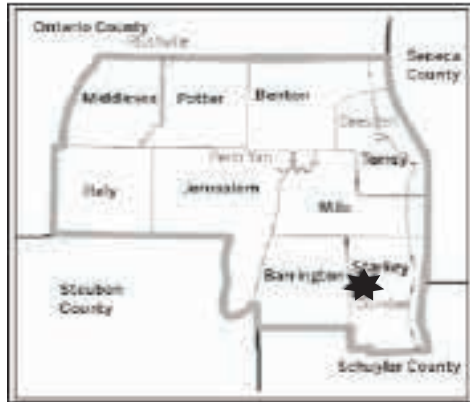
Dundee was the premier U.S. market for kiln-dried black raspberries at the end of the 19th century.

The village's downtown area has been rebuilt after two devastating fires in the 1800s. Since then, the community boasts one of the area's most active and well-prepared fire departments.

Outlaw Speedway, where amateur racers are sometimes joined by NASCAR stars in the area for races at Watkins Glen International, is south of the village.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the village's 2016 population at 1,654.

The Village of Dundee and Towns of Starkey and Bar- rington are collaborating on several community health initiatives under the umbrella of Our Town RoCKS funded by a multi-year grant.



Community Events

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The village planning board meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month.

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Much of the land that is now known as Penn Yan was owned by David Wagener. At one time there were really two little hamlets, one at Head Street (now North Avenue) and one at the foot of the lake, until Wagener's son, Abraham, brought the two communities together.

This second generation Wagener laid out the plan for Main Street, and donated the land where the original Yates County Courthouse stands.

In 1968, the Penn Yan firehouse, which was located on Main Street near the Lown's building, was destroyed by fire. A new firehouse was built on Elm Street later that year and dedicated in 1969.

Penn Yan, the Yates County seat, was rated one of the 100 best American small towns for quality of life in the 1980s.

The current village hall was built on the former site of the Elmwood Theater in 2004. Previously, the village offices were located on Maiden Lane and the Police Department was headquartered on Basin Street.



The village operates two parks on the shores of Keuka Lake — Red Jacket and Indian Pines. The village is joined with Dresden by the Keuka Outlet Trail. The village also maintains a boat launch on the Keuka Outlet, near the location where the steamboats of the past docked. The Keuka Arts Festival is now held in that area.

Incorporated as a village April 29, 1833, Penn Yan is home to Birkett Mills, Coach & Equipment, KanPak, Silgan Plastics, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital, and several other large employers and industries.

Penn Yan, Yates County, Milo, and Jerusalem have established a plan for development on the Keuka Lake waterfront from Red Jacket Park to the area along the Keuka Outlet, stretching to the Main Street bridge. In early 2014, officials from the village and Yates County signed agreements that lay the foundation for development of multiple residential units on the former site of Penn Yan Marine Manufacturing.

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According to the U.S. Census, Penn Yan's 2017 population was estimated at 4,784.

In 2018, Penn Yan was awarded a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant to help finance improvements in the village.

2019 Community Events (subject to change)

- Keuka Arts Festival June 8 & 9
- Cruisin' Night, June 21
- Sidewalk Sale the last Saturday in July
- StarShine, December 7

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The planning board meets in Village Hall, 111 Elm St., second floor at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

The historic preservation district commission meets in Village Hall, 111 Elm St., second floor at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

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Village of Rushville

Rushville, first known as Federal Hollow in the 1790s, was settled when Elias Gilbert built the first house in a corn field close to an inhabited Seneca Indian Village. In 1793, the Nathan Loomis family purchased land in Federal Hollow.

The community's name was changed to Rushville in 1818 when Dr. Ira Bryant suggested they honor Dr. Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the foremost physicians and teachers in the U.S. at the time.

On April 24, 1866, Rushville became an incorporated village by a special act of the state legislature. Then, January 21, a meeting of the legal voters of the village voted 109 to 9 to incorporate under the law of April 20, 1870. The village sits on the border between Yates and Ontario Counties.

A dedicated group of volunteers have established the Rushville History Room, which is located at 5 Main St., and is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The History Room includes a Veteran's Wall of Honor that features photos and information about veterans from 1818 to the present, genealogical data, family files, and scrapbooks on Rushville and other area history.

The population of Rushville in 2016 was estimated at 672.



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The Underwood Museum is home to a large and varied array of research materials about this historic figure. The public is welcome to visit the Yates County History Center at 107 Chapel St., to learn more about this incredible woman and the community of faith she established.

Detail provided by Yates History Center

Jemima Wilkinson, best known as the “Publick Universal Friend,” is historically renowned both nationally and in Yates County.

Locally, Jemima and her group of followers, the Society of Universal Friends, formed the first pioneer settlement in what is presently Yates County. Consisting of almost 300 members in 1790, this community was the largest of its kind west of Utica. Nationally, Jemima was the first American-born woman to form a religious society.

The eighth of 12 children, Jemima was born to Jeremiah and Amey Elizabeth Whipple Wilkinson Nov. 29, 1752. The Wilkinsons were fourth generation Quakers who ran a prosperous farm in Cumberland, R.I. Jemima was 12-years-old when her mother died in 1764 following the birth of her sister, Deborah.

In her early 20s, Jemima fell mortally ill and experienced a period of unconsciousness. As she recovered, she spoke of a vision experienced during her illness which directed her to “preach to a dying and sinful world.” At the age of 24, Jemima announced that, during her illness, she had died and that her body now housed the spirit of the “Publick Universal Friend.” During the remaining 43 years of her life, Jemima never faltered in the role of a reborn spirit called to preach to an unrepentant world.

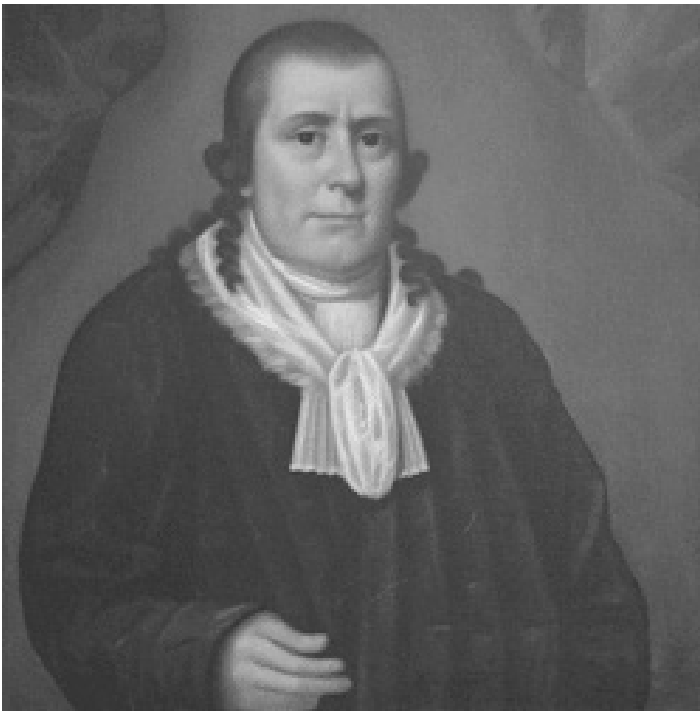
Jemima, in the name of the Public Universal Friend, began preaching throughout Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, where crowds packed meetings to hear this attractive young woman preach.

Jemima’s perception of women and their roles both at home and in society was strongly influenced by her Quaker upbringing. Her beliefs and preaching were also influenced by her association with the New Light Baptists and the writings of English Evangelist George Whitfield. The basic tenants of the Friend’s movement — repentance, pacifism, full equality, and abolition — greatly resembled the Quakers and other movements of the era. The Friend was able to attract converts by her deeply held beliefs and charismatic and inspirational preaching style. Many who heard her speak were uncomfortable with both a woman preaching and with the values she spoke about. Her critics charged her with fraud, blasphemy, sexual promiscuity, theft, and even murder.



The Bier Board, made of cherry wood by Robert Jordan, was used for the laying out of the remains of the Universal Friend. It is part of the exhibit in the Scherer Carriage House at the Yates County History Center.

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This portrait of Jemima Wilkinson was painted by John L.D. Mathies in 1816. She wore a robe with wide flowing sleeves such as those worn by the clergy in the pulpit, with a man's white kerchief or cravat around her neck.

Jemima yearned for a community of the faithful, apart from the world, where she and her followers could live and work in peace — a new Jerusalem. In 1788, the first party of 25 members of the Society of Universal Friends arrived on the western shore of Seneca Lake and began to build homes, a gristmill and a sawmill in the wilderness near the Keuka Lake outlet. In 1790, Jemima and the bulk of her followers journeyed to this area, and on a high point near the original landing established the community of “City Hill.” After many years of developing their property, a question arose about title to the land that the settlers had purchased. Some members of the Society of Universal Friends remained at the original site to settle those questions while Jemima and a goodly number of Society members relocated to the town of Jerusalem. Jemima spent the next 20 years of her life in a large log cabin built for her near the Sugar Creek. She traveled between the two communities to preach and to heal the sick.

The tract of land in Jerusalem township where Wilkinson's final home was built was of 1,400 acres and deeded to her friend and companion, Sarah Richards. This is explained in a petition in which Jemima stated that she “being wholly devoted to her Religious Duties & deeming it inconsistent herewith & unbecoming her character to have any personal concern or agency in pecuniary or temporal concerns constituted Sarah Richards, one of her most Trustworthy Followers and Friends, Trustee of the lands.

In 1814, a very ample house was built for her on what is now known as Friend Hill Road in the town of Jerusalem. She lived there until July 1819, when Jemima “left time.” The privately-owned home still stands, and is part of the Yates County Women's History Trail.

The secret of the location of her final resting place is still kept by descendants of her followers.



Jemima Wilkinson's coachee is the center of the History Center's exhibit.

JUNE 28 & 29, 2019

Speak to the Light: Two Centuries of Women's History in the Finger Lakes

To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the death of Jemima Wilkinson, The Yates County History Center is hosting *Speak to the Light: Two Centuries of Women's History in the Finger Lakes* June 28-29 in Penn Yan.

Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, who will give a Keynote speech Friday evening about her anthology, “*Women's Suffrage*.” One of the first American women to receive a Ph.D. in Women's Studies, Dr. Wagner is the Founder and Executive Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue in Fayetteville, N.Y.

Other speakers during Friday's sessions will include Dr. Paul Moyer, professor of history at SUNY Brockport and author of “*The Public Universal Friend*.” Other speakers will discuss Lucretia Mott and the influence of progressive Quaker women on the women's rights movement; Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first ordained female minister in the U.S., women involved in the Underground Railroad; and the Fox sisters, spiritualism, and its effect on the women's rights movement.

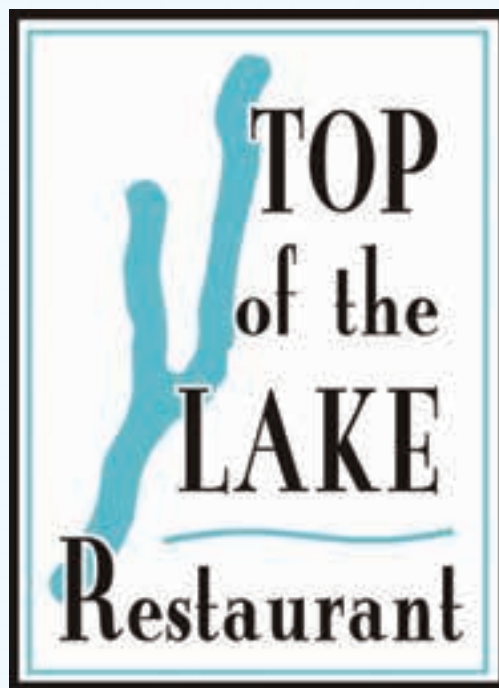
Saturday's activities include an open house and lunch at the Yates County History Center and a bus tour of historic sites of Yates County.

Underwritten in part by grants from Yates County Tourism Advisory Committee and the Nelson B. Delevan Foundation, the conference will be held at the Hampton Inn, 110 Mace St., Penn Yan.

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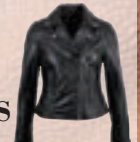
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309 Lake St.
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 Find Yates Next Gen on Facebook

Child & Youth Services

4-H

See listing for Cornell Cooperative Extension on page 10.
 yates.cce.cornell.edu

Child and Family Resource Center Inc.

263 Lake St.
 Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527
 315-536-1134
 cfr.info@cfresources.org
 www.cfresources.org
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62 Main St.
 Dundee, N.Y. 14837
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Penn Yan Middle School Guidance Department

515 Liberty St.
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Clerical assistant: Grete Christensen

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Community Groups

Contact: Edith Mann Backacres1947@gmail.com
 On Facebook at Civic Diversity and Dialogue.

The purpose of the Civic Dialogues group is to engage the community, public officials, and organizations in civil conversations, discussions, and events about diversity, social justice, and economic issues in Yates County. The group hosts panels and gatherings at the Penn Yan Public Library, as well as other events at various locations.

Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning & the Finger Lakes

301 South Main St.
 Horseheads, N.Y. 14845
 607-739-3900
 Randi Hewit, president
 rlh@communityfund.org
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5368 County Rd. 24
 Stanley, N.Y. 14561
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• **Seneca Lodge #308**

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Lions Club-Rushville

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To run for a political office in New York State, you must be a resident, 18 years old and a U.S. Citizen. In order to have your name appear on the ballot for an office, you will have to pass petitions to collect a certain number of signatures.

Information for candidates and voters can be found at the Yates County Board of Elections page at the Yates County website, www.yatescounty.org.

Information is also available at the Board of Elections office in the Yates County office building, 417 Liberty St., Penn Yan, 315-536-5135. See the Board of Elections listing on page 10.

Information about the New York State Board of elections can be found at www.elections.state.ny.us.

Information about political parties can be found on page 99.

Yates County

SHERIFF (4 YEARS): Ronald Spike (R)

CLERK (4 YEARS): Lois Hall (R)

CORONER (4 YEARS) : Brian Champlin (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT I: four seats representing Italy, Jerusalem and Middlesex (2 years): Edward Bronson (R), Timothy Cutler (R), Douglas Paddock (R), Elden Morrison (R).

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT II: three seats representing Benton, Potter and Torrey (2 years): Terry Button (R), Timothy J. Dennis (R), Richard Willson (R).

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT III: four seats representing Milo (2 years): P. Earle Gleason (R), Leslie Church (R), Daniel W. Banach (R), Carlie Chilson (R).

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IV: three seats representing Barrington and Starkey (2 years): William R. Holgate (R), Bonnie L. Percy (R), James P. Multer (R).

Town Offices

BARRINGTON

SUPERVISOR (4 YEARS): Steve Perry (R)

TOWN CLERK (4 YEARS): Joy Perry (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Susan Lange (R) and Calvin Crosby (R).

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS): Vacant

BENTON

SUPERVISOR (2 YEARS): John Prendergast (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Alan Tomion (R) and Richard Harper (R)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (4 YEARS): Bobbi Wolfe (R)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (4 YEARS): Jeffery Mann (R)

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS): David Grace (R)

ITALY

SUPERVISOR (2 YEARS): Margaret M. Dunn (R)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (2 YEARS): Debbie Craig (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Richard Craig (R) and Malcolm MacKenzie (Blank)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (4 YEARS): Steve Faulkner (R)

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS): Timothy McLoud (Blank)

JERUSALEM

SUPERVISOR (2 YEARS): Patrick Killen (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Paul Anderson (R) and Daryl Jones (R)

TOWN CLERK (4 YEARS): Sheila McMichael

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (4 YEARS): Robert Martin (R)

MIDDLESEX

SUPERVISOR (2 YEARS): Wayne Dunton (R)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (2 YEARS): Lynnette Miller

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Leon Button (R) and Jack Bauer Jr.(R)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (2 YEARS): Todd Conaway (R)

MILO

TOWN SUPERVISOR (4 YEARS): Leslie Church (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Dale Hallings (R) and Arden Sorensen (R)

POTTER

TOWN COUNCIL(4 YEARS): two seats held by Larry Lewis (R) and June Pendleton (R)

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS): Deborah Hugg-Tober (R)

STARKEY

SUPERVISOR (4 YEARS): George Lawson (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): two seats held by Jack Ossont (Blank) and Frederick Shoemaker (R)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (2 YEARS): Ralph Warren (R)

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS) Helen Halbritter (R)

TORREY

SUPERVISOR (2 YEARS): Patrick H. Flynn (R)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (2 YEARS): Betty Daggett (R)

TOWN COUNCIL (4 YEARS): Lawrence Martin (D), Peter Martini (D)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (2 YEARS): Timothy. Chambers (R)

TOWN JUSTICE (4 YEARS): George Thompson (R)

Where you vote

BARRINGTON: Barrington Town Hall, 4424 Bath Rd, Penn Yan

BENTON (DISTRICTS 1 & 2): Benton Town Hall, 1000 State Route 14A, Penn Yan

ITALY: Italy Town Hall, 6060 Italy Valley Road, Naples

JERUSALEM (DISTRICTS 1 & 4): Keuka Park Firehouse, 522 Assembly Ave., Keuka Park

JERUSALEM (DISTRICTS 2 & 3): Branchport Firehouse, 3686 State Route 54A, Branchport

MIDDLESEX: Middlesex Hose Co., 5537 Water St., Middlesex

MILO (DISTRICTS 2, 3, 5, 6): Penn Yan Academy gymnasium, 305 Court St., Penn Yan

MILO 4: Himrod Firehouse, 3530 Himrod Road, Himrod

POTTER: Potter Firehouse, 1255 Phelps Road, Potter

STARKEY (DISTRICTS 1 & 2): Dundee Village Hall, 12 Union St., Dundee

TORREY: Dresden Firehouse, 3 Firehouse Ave., Dresden



From the Chronicle-Express Archives: Mennonite Buggies

Our Mennonite neighbors

A visit to Yates County's Mennonite country can be a rewarding and fascinating experience. From tranquil farms and the clip-clop of horse-drawn buggies to energy-producing windmills and delicious foods, plenty of opportunities exist for a glimpse into our neighbors' way of life.

Please be considerate of the Mennonites and their lifestyle. They do not solicit or encourage people to take their pictures or knock on their doors. Please remember that they are not actors or spectacles, but ordinary people who believe deeply in Christianity and have chosen a simple, humble, and peaceful way of life that is different from the outside world.

When visiting the Mennonite community, please keep in mind the following basic rules of courtesy:

- **DON'T STARE**, gawk, or otherwise be disrespectful. Do not enter private property without permission.
- **WHEN DRIVING**, watch for slow-moving buggies (especially at night), and give them plenty of room when following or passing. Please slow down. To avoid spooking the horses, keep headlights on low-beam and do not sound your horn.
- **BUGGY HORSES** are valuable property. Do not feed or pet horses tied to a hitching rail or harnessed to a buggy. Think of them as a service animal with a job to do.
- **THINK ABOUT PHOTOS OR VIDEOS**, please. Many Mennonites consider posing for photographs to be an unacceptable act of pride and imagery. They will usually allow you to photograph their homes, farms, and buggies if you ask respectfully, but even this can be intrusive and is better avoided. If you must take pictures, consider a telephoto lens, and avoid taking any photos which include recognizable faces.
- To learn more about their culture, visit a Mennonite owned business and talk with the shop keepers. Most enjoy a good conversation, especially if they don't feel they are being "on display." Be aware of your own attire. Bathing suits are generally not appropriate in any business. Please respect the "Closed Sunday" signs.

Enjoy your visit to Yates County, but be sure to follow the 'golden rule,' and treat our neighbors and their property the same way you would wish to be treated.

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This organization holds an annual auction event in June with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Haiti relief efforts. This year's auction will be held June 14-15 at the Yates County Fairgrounds near Penn Yan. The organization has tables and chairs available for rent at other times of the year.

Contacts:

Melvin Hoover 315-536-0787

Eli Riehl 315-521-6495

Website: hbanewyork.org

On Facebook: New York Haiti Benefit Auction

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Penn Yan Community Garden

P.O. Box 616

Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527

pygarden.blogspot.com

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Penn Yan Flying Club

2487 Bath Road, CR-17

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Dundee Area United Fund

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 www.FingerLakes-Music.org

The FLCMF sponsors an annual series of chamber music concerts in June and July, including free concerts for schools and camps. Musicians for all concerts are from the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Richard Aulden Clark.

Penn Yan Theatre Company (PYTCo.)

The Sampson Theatre
 P.O. Box 106
 Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527
 315-536-1181
 www.pytco.org

The Penn Yan Theatre Company has been entertaining the Yates County area since 1978 with summer musicals, youth theater, plays, cabarets, and dinner theatre productions. Currently raising funds for the restoration and renovation of their century-old vaudeville/opera house, the Sampson Theatre on East Elm St., PYTCo. welcomes all who want to help live theatre thrive in the Finger Lakes.

Penn Yan Art Guild

127 Main St.
 Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527
 315-536-8226 or 315-536-6814
 www.pennyanartguild.org
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The Penn Yan Art Guild welcomes aspiring, beginning, and established artists and anyone interested in exploring and creating art to join.

Rochester Folk Art Guild

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Yates Cultural Recreational Resources Inc.

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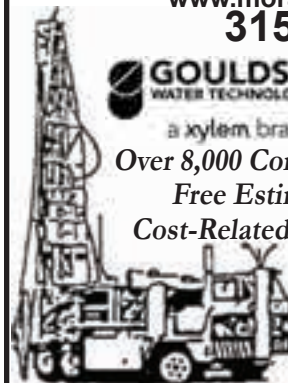


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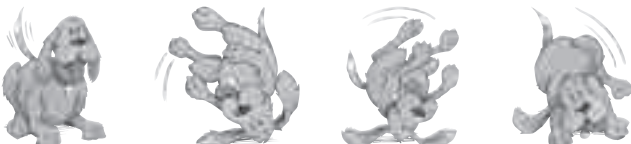
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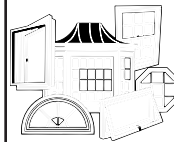
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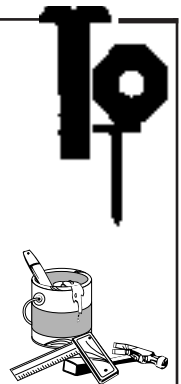


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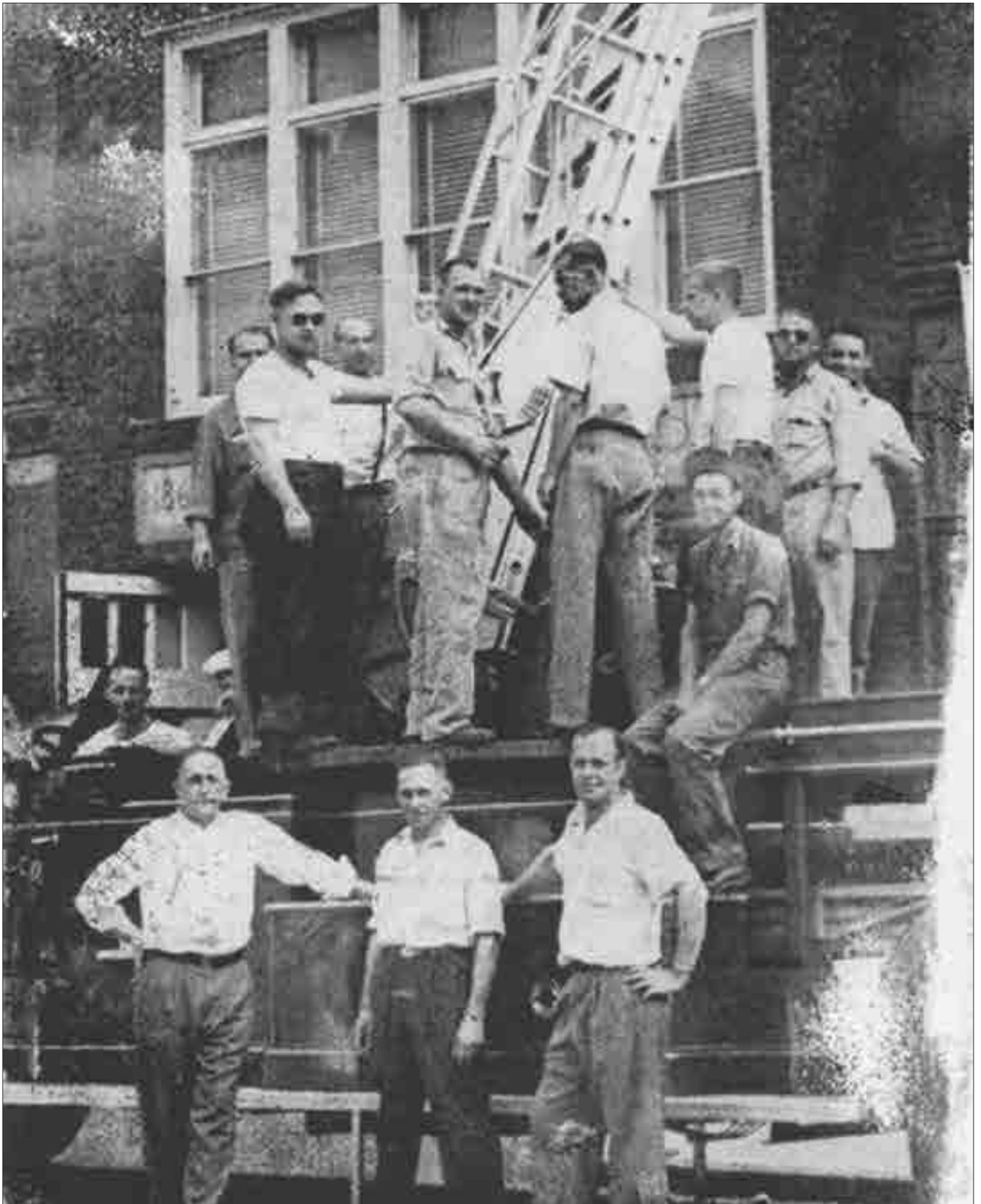
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