Congratulations Class of 2008

Valedictorian
Corinna Ridgeway

Co-Salutatorians
Calvin Lesko
Lisa Radley

Corinna Ridgeway is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, American Legion Auxiliary, Girls State 2007 and the 2007 girls varsity lacrosse team.

Calvin Lesko is a member of the National Honor Society, the tennis and cross country teams, Upstagers, Science Olympiad and Envirothon.

Lisa Radley is a member of the National Honor Society. She was captain of the girls varsity lacrosse and soccer teams. She is a member of Envirothon, the Chenango Forks.

See Ridgeway, page 3.
See Lesko, page 3.
See Radley, page 3.

More graduation photos on pages 12 & 13.
Congratulations CF Students

Top ten students

Melissa Butkiewicz

Melissa Butkiewicz is a member of girls varsity soccer, Science Olympiad, girls junior varsity soccer, Clarkson University Pep Band, Upstagers Drama Club, Clarkson University snowmobile design team, high school jazz band and varsity track.

She was awarded the New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence and a Clarkson University Scholarship.

In the fall, Melissa will attend Clarkson University, where she will major in chemistry/biomolecular science.

Sarah Petko

Sarah Petko is a member of the National Honor Society. She was an 11-year member of the Girl Scouts, Science Olympiad, dance and a captain of the varsity swim team.

She received the Broome County Republican Women’s Club Award, Honor Roll Award and the Bronze Award in Girl Scouts.

She plans to attend the University at Buffalo, majoring in pharmacy. She currently works at CVS Pharmacy.

Joseph Silverio

Joseph Silverio is a member of Envirothon, Science Olympiad, CF Scholarship Foundation Committee, Band Officer-Secretary, varsity cross country and track and field teams. He will be attending the United States Air Force Academy after graduation.

Kristen Marie Warren

Kristen Marie Warren is a member of the varsity cheerleading team, yearbook club, Chenango Forks Band, vocal ensemble and the Upstagers. She participated in a Weather Watch internship.

She will attend Harvey Mudd College and major in biology and chemistry.

Adam John-Francis Kozina

Adam John-Francis Kozina is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the high and highest honor rolls. He is a member of Who’s Who in American High Schools in 2006 and 2007.

After graduation, John will attend Binghamton University where he will major in history.

Jacalyn Rose Valdes

Jacalyn Rose Valdes is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a four-year member of the varsity cheerleading team and the yearbook club. She belongs to the chorus and vocal ensemble and is a flute player for the concert and marching bands. She is a volunteer Spanish tutor to middle school students and volunteered with Seniors Helping Seniors.

She received the Oneonta Auxiliary Merit Scholarship, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State Award, All-American Scholar at Large Award and the U.S. Achievement Academy National Cheerleader and Band Awards. She is in the Oneonta College Honors Program. She is a four-year honor student, received a NYS School of Music Association Outstanding Rating the past four years and is a two-year Academic All-Star.

She will attend SUNY Oneonta, majoring in adolescent education with a focus in Spanish.

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Congratulations CF Students

Clark Elliott Cook

Clark Elliott Cook is a member of the National Honor Society, indoor and outdoor track and field, Envirothon, cross country, Devil’s Advocate Newspaper and the Boy Scouts of America. He participated in a Weather Watch internship and received the Clarkson Leadership Award and the NYS Envirothon Award.

He will attend Clarkson University, majoring in interdisciplinary engineering and management.

Bringing home the money

Chenango Forks Envirothon team competed against the best at the New York State Envirothon Championships May 21 and 22 at SUNY Cobleskill. The Forks team of Joe Silverio, Lisa Radley, Tiffany Evanchof, Dave DeYoung and Elliott Cook was pitted against 270 students from 54 other county champion teams. Unlike sporting events, Envirothon teams are unranked, so the Forks team had to face huge teams from downstate and urban areas as well as teams from New York City’s science magnet schools, Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Tech and the Manhattan School for the Environment.

The Forks team took first in environmental issues, second in oral presentation, tied for second in forestry and took third in wildlife. The Forks team placed second overall for the third time in the teams 13-year history. For its efforts, the team will divide a $1,250 scholarship prize. This is also Forks’ ninth top ten finish in state competition. Congratulations.

- Tim Conner, HS science teacher

A swamp makeover

On June 5, the plants were planted and the swamp beautified as staff members of the Baltimore Aquarium and Upper Susquehanna coalition helped high school environmental science students plant the wetland plants in Casey swamp. Students from Harshaw did their share with the help of the high school students. Months of hard work went into this project (see May edition, page 13 for details) and it was exciting for students to end the school year with the plants in the ground.

- Tim Conner, HS science teacher

High school and Harshaw students dig holes for the plants.
Congratulations CF Students

Class of 2008 - Future plans

Joseph Aston
SUNY Cortland-education

Mari Aswad
Elmira Business Institute-paralegal

Christopher Ballard
SUNY Oswego-journalism

Kaylee Barker
SUNY Delhi-culinary arts

Kristen Barker
SUNY Morrisville-equine science/management

Kendra Belanger
Keuka College-ASL interpreter/biology

Brian Bennett
BCC-music industry

Matthew Bennett
BCC-undeclared

Michael Bennett
BCC-criminal justice

Caleb Bomysoad
Brooks Institute of Photography-feature film productions

Alyssa Boughner
Alfred State College-nursing

Justin Bowersox
Houghton College-pre-physical therapy

Amanda Brewer
SUNY Potsdam-geological engineer

Nicole Brewer
SUNY Potsdam-chemistry & engineering

Allison Bruet
Broome Community College-undeclared

Melissa Butkiewicz
Clarkson University-bio-molecular studies

Joel Cacalli
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Garret Cade
St. John Fisher-business management

Dustin Caram
Broome Community College-mechanical engineering

Mitchell Carl
Broome Community College-business management

Carmella Ciaccielli
Tompkins Cortland Community College-photography

Clark Elliott Cook
Clarkson University-engineering and management

Alexis Craver
Broome Community College-undeclared

Ryan Crawford
Broome Community College-communications & media arts

Kyle Cunningham
Clarkson University-aerospace engineering

Chauna D’Angelo
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Geoffrey Daniels
Binghamton University-linguistics

David DeYoung
SUNY Brockport-environmental sciences & forestry

Sarah Dibble
on-the-job training-nursing

Alan Doyle
Broome Community College-hotel/resort management

Justin Doyle
Broome Community College-undeclared

Stephanie Dube
Broome Community College-engineering science

Judson DuBois
U.S. Navy

Paul Dybas
SUNY Albany-business

Talia Emm
SUNY Cortland-English

Megan Faughnan
SUNY Cortland-education

Andrealee Fernald
Broome Community College-undeclared

Michael FitzPatrick IV
Ithaca College-recreation management

Brent Fleicher
Broome Community College-undeclared

Rebecca Foster
Broome Community College-undeclared

Matthew Francis
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Timothy Galla
Broome Community College-undeclared

Brittany Gibbons
SUNY Oswego-undeclared

Michael Giblin
SUNY University at Buffalo-psychology

Maxwell Ginty
SUNY Fredonia-economics

Kelsey Gitchell
Broome Community College-undeclared

Crystal Goehring
Ringling College of Art & Design-interior design

Joseph Guth
Broome Community College-computer technology

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Congratulations CF Students

Thomas McMillen, III
Broome Community College-criminal justice

William Mikeska
Broome Community College-media arts

Melissa Miller
Broome Community College-education

Adam Mills
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Matthew Mirabito
LeMoyne-business

Sarah O’Neill
Broome Community College-education

Michael Oakley
work force

Jessica Parsons
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Victoria Pecho
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Joshua Petitte
Broome Community College-audio production

Sarah Petko
SUNY University at Buffalo-pharmacy

Aaron Phelps
Broome Community College-film production

Cody Phelps
TC3-computer information systems

John Phillips
Ithaca College-photography

Tyler Plahanski
St. John Fisher-prepharmacy

Danielle Pompette
Broome Community College-physical therapy

Lisa Radley
Ithaca College-physical therapy

Maria Redfern
Nazereth College-nursing

Michael Redfern
Rochester Institute of Technology-physician assistant

Paul Regan
U.S. Marines

Jacob Reynolds
Broome Community College-civil engineering

Tayler Richards
Broome Community College-business administration

Corinna Ridgeway
Hobart & William Smith Colleges-undeclared

Alexandra Rittenburg
Broome Community College-business management

Jenna Rupert
Broome Community College-nursing

Briana Hawras
Penn State University-meteorology

Kari Heater
Broome-Tioga BOCES-phlebotomy

Andrew Hertzog
Broome Community College-film production

Erin Honour
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Victoria Ingraham
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Carley Jagger
SUNY Oswego-psychology

Tiffany Jamieson
Broome-Tioga BOCES-computer repair technician

Donald Jenks
work force

Jason Johnson
SUNY Oswego-business administration

Lauren Kanick
Broome Community College-business administration

Amanda Kerila
Laboratory Institute of Merchandising-fashion merchandising

Daniel Kermidas
Broome Community College-computer science

Adam Kozina
Binghamton University-history

Nathan Kucko
Alfred University-biomasis

Steven Kwartler
Cornell University-business management

Matthew Laine
Paul Smith’s College-wildlife and fishery sciences

Kelliann Lamond
Broome Community College-undeclared

Amanda Landon
Broome Community College-interior design

Aimee Lescault
Broome Community College-nursing

Calvin Lesko
Occidental College-cognitive science

Nicole Lewis
Broome Community College-interior design

Victoria Matt
Broome Community College-liberal arts

Alyssa Mayo
TC3/Cornell University-development sociology

Holly Mazursky
Broome Community College-nursing

 canoe
Awards and Achievements

Air Force Academy .................................................................................................................................................. Joseph Silverio
Alfred State College Alumni Association Scholarship ................................................................. Alyssa Boughner
Alfred University Dean's Scholarship ........................................................................................................ Nathan Kucko
Alliance with the Broome County Medical Society ............................................................................... Michael Redfern
Angie Traverse Memorial Scholarship .................................................................................................. Corinna Ridgeway
Anthony R. Rohman Memorial Sportsmanship Scholarship for Wrestling ........................................................ Matthew Bennett
Ashley Thorndike, Sr. Memorial Scholarship .................................................................................... Amanda Brewer & Nicole Brewer
Binghamton Area Girls Softball Association Award ............................................................................... Danielle Pompette
Binghamton-Johnson City-Endicott USBC WBA Bowling Scholarship .................................................... Victoria Pecha
Binghamton Police Emerald Society Scholarship .................................................................................. Paul Dybas
Broome Community College Dr. Leopold Eckler Scholarship .............................................................. Stephanie Dube
Broome Community College Incoming Freshman Scholarship .......................................................... Morgan White
Broome Community College Presidential Honor Scholarship .......................................................... Morgan White
Broome County Medical Society Scholarship ........................................................................................ Michael Redfern
Broome County Women's Republican Club ............................................................................................ Sarah Petko
Broome-Tioga Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship ........................................ Alexandra Rittenburg
Broome-Tioga BOCES Bill Sumner Sports Week Scholarship ............................................................. Caleb Bomysoad
Broome-Tioga BOCES Community Service Award ........................................................................ Caleb Bomysoad
Broome-Tioga BOCES Outstanding Student Award ........................................................................ Caleb Bomysoad
Broome-Tioga BOCES President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement .......................... Michael Oakley & Thomas Walsh
Broome-Tioga BOCES School-to-Careers Outstanding Student Award ............................................... Caleb Bomysoad
Cady Family Music Scholarship ........................................................................................................ Alyssa Boughner, Mike Fitzpatrick, Kelliann Lamond, Jared Seavey
Charles Sabine Memorial Award ...................................................................................................... Lisa Radley
Charlotte Kenyon Memorial Award .......................................................................................................... Calvin Lesko & Denise Thomas
Chenango Bridge Fire Company Scholarship ......................................................................................... Sean Wheeler
Chenango Forks Central Schools Statuette, Valedictorian ..................................................................... Corinna Ridgeway
Chenango Forks Central Schools Statuette, Co-Salutatorians ............................................................... Calvin Lesko & Lisa Radley
Chenango Forks Administration Award Scholarships ........................................................................ Calvin Lesko & Corinna Ridgeway
Chenango Forks Band Boosters Scholarship ......................................................................................... Kristen Barker, Carmella Ciaccelli, Geoffrey Daniels, Paul Dybas, Crystal Goehringer, Joseph Silverio
Chenango Forks Community Association Scholarships ........................................................................ Aaron Phelps & Brianna Hawras
Chenango Forks Good Sportsmanship Award ......................................................................................... Maria Redfern & Matthew Mirabito
Chenango Forks PTA Scholarship ........................................................................................................... Steven Kwartler
Chenango Forks Teachers’ Association Scholarship .......................................................................... Alyssa Boughner, Paul Dybas, Melissa Miller, Lisa Radley

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Congratulations CF Students

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Christopher Reardon Memorial Scholarship ............................................................... Victoria Matt
Cianchette Brothers Scholarship .................................................................................. Melissa Butkiewicz
Clarkson Grant ........................................................................................................... Clark Cook
Clarkson Leadership Grant .......................................................................................... Steven Kwartler
Clarkson University Scholarship ................................................................................... Sarah O'Neill
Congessional Medal of Merit ...................................................................................... Brianna Hawras
Cornell University Grant ............................................................................................. William Taylor
Dance Connection Award ............................................................................................. William Taylor
Daniela “Dani” Mariano Memorial Scholarship ........................................................ Mallory Zurenda
DAR American History Award .................................................................................... Lisa Radley
DAR Good Citizenship Award ...................................................................................... Bradley Wells
Diversity Scholar Award ............................................................................................... Maria Redfern
Dr. John R. Grasso, D.D.S. Memorial Scholarship ....................................................... Paul Regan
Dr. Robert Smith Memorial Foundation Scholarship ............................................... Lisa Radley & Alexandra Rittenburg
Dorothy Benjamin In Pursuit Of Education Scholarship .......................................... Jacalyn Valdez
Emily Gumaer Award .................................................................................................. Brittany Gibbons
Fairmont State University William Ryland White Scholarship .............................. Erica Stein
Frank G. Paul Award ..................................................................................................... Stephanie Dube & Jacob Reynolds
Frank Wilson Memorial Scholarship Award .............................................................. Michael Redfern
Grand Large Free and Accepted Masons of the State of N.Y. Scholarship ............. Jacalyn Valdez
Hatala Orthodontics Scholarship Award .................................................................... Morgan White & Paul Regan
Hearts and Hands Scholarship ..................................................................................... Megan Faughnan and Geoffrey Daniels
Hillcrest Rotary Club Scholarship ............................................................................... Nicole Brewer, Aaron Phelps, Lisa Radley
Hill-n-Dale Garden Club Award .................................................................................. David DeYoung
Hobart & William Smith Colleges Trustee Scholarship .............................................. Corinna Ridgeway
“Asbro/PYRD Scholar” ............................................................................................... Michael Redfern
India Pinney Memorial Scholarship ............................................................................. Maria Redfern
Ithaca Access Grant ..................................................................................................... Lisa Radley
Ithaca L. Hill & A. Newens Scholarship ....................................................................... Lisa Radley
Ithaca Leadership Scholarship .................................................................................... Lisa Radley
Jack Sherman Toyota Scholarship .............................................................................. Aaron Phelps
Jesse Baker Scholarship ............................................................................................... Aaron Phelps, Lisa Radley, Morgan White, Mallory Zurenda
Jessica Abbey Memorial Scholarship .......................................................................... Jenna Rupert
John L. Weaver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Adam Kozina

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John Phillip Sousa National Band Award ................................................................. Michael Fitzpatrick
James & Thelma Barrett Memorial Scholarship ................................................ Dustin Sturdevant & Joseph Silverio
Joseph P. Mangan Post 1194 American Legion Citizenship Award ................ Michael Redfern
Joseph P. Mangan Post 1194 American Legion Humanitarian Award ........ Corinna Ridgeway
Joseph P. Mangan Post 1194 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award ....... Kristen Warren
Joseph P. Mangan Post 1194 American Legion Personal Effort Award .......... Nathan Kucko
Kettleville Athletic Association ............................................................................. Jacob Reynolds, Allison Bruet, Joseph Aston, Victoria Matt
Kelly's Hope Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Allison Bruet, Garrett Cade, Rebecca Foster, Matthew Francis, Victoria Matt, Matthew Mirabito, Tyler Plahanski, Jacob Reynolds
Ken Spenard Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Thomas Voorhis
Keuka George H. Ball Achievement Award, Keuka Grant, Keuka Heritage Award ............................................................... Kendra Belanger
Laboratory Institute of Merchandising Academic Achievement Scholarship ................................................................. Amanda Kerila
Lemoyne College Lacrosse Scholarship ............................................................. Matthew Mirabito
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award ............................................................................. Michael Redfern
Maine Kiwanis and Southern Tier Technology Educator's Association Award ................................................................. Sean Wheeler
Mary R. Cook Scholarship ................................................................................ Melissa Miller
Matthew Ellis Memorial Scholarship ............................................................... Caleb Bomysoad & Shiloh Ulbright
McKay Gell Kopyar Memorial Scholarship ..................................................... Megan Faughman
National Merit Scholarship Finalist ................................................................. Calvin Lesko
New York State Association of Transportation Engineers Scholarships ................................................................................... Allison Bruet
New York State Attorney General Triple "C" Award ........................................ Melissa Butkiewicz & Paul Dybas
New York State Comptroller Achievement Award ......................................... Aaron Phelps
New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence ..................................... Melissa Butkiewicz, Calvin Lesko, Michael Redfern, Corinna Ridgeway, Kristen Warren
New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship ..................................... Nathan Kucko
Occidental Presidential Scholarship ............................................................... Calvin Lesko
Oneonta Auxiliary Services Merit Scholarship for Academic Achievement ...................... Jacylyn Valdez
Paul Smith's Presidential Scholarship ............................................................ Matt Laine
Pasqualina & Anthony M. Nanni Memorial Scholarship Award .................... Sarah O’Neill
Patrick Blair Memorial Award ........................................................................ Thomas McMillen, III
Port Crane Civic Association Scholarship ..................................................... Amanda Brewer & Nicole Brewer
Portfolio Squad Art Scholarship Awards ......................................................... Crystal Goehring
Portfolio Squad Art Scholarship Patrick Blair Emerging Artist Award .......... Andrew Hertzog
Robert Cushing Memorial Award .................................................................... Adam Kozina
Ryan A. Carr Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Paul Regan

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Erica Stein
Rachel Strauss
Shiloh Ulbright
Sean Wheeler
Morgan White
Allison Zevotek
Mallory Zurenda

Chenango Forks Scholarship Foundation

A one-time award given to students planning to further their education who have demonstrated initiative, a good work ethic, strong community involvement, academic achievement, financial need and well-developed career objectives and goals.

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Physics at the park

Studying physics at Hershey Park...not a typical day in the classroom but plenty of fun indeed. On May 15, Mrs. Laine’s high school physics students took a trip to Hershey Park for physics day. While at the park, the students completed a lab assignment that corresponded to different rides at the park. They took measuring devices on the rides with them and calculated such things as G-forces, kinetic energy, centripetal acceleration, centripetal force, period and velocity. It was a great review of concepts learned throughout the year. Students rode the carousel, the pirate ship, the claw and the tidal force, but they had the most fun measuring G-forces on the roller coasters! Did you know that you experience the force of four g’s on the storm runner? What a thrill!

-Sabrina Laine, physics teacher
Congratulations CF Students

Honors banquet

During the Eighth Annual Honors Banquet, students in grades nine through twelve who earned an overall average of 90 percent or a weighted average of 91 percent for the first three quarters were honored. Students and their parents enjoyed a wonderful dinner and ceremony in recognition of their achievement.

Temporary principal at high school

After filling in as the temporary principal at the high school, Rex Hulbert will be completing his assignment this month. Beginning August 1, Mrs. Karen Poland will become the new temporary high school building principal through June 30, 2009. On May 28, 2008 the board of education (BOE) reviewed the matter of the high school principalship for next year and appointed Mrs. Poland during Mr. Mike Flynn’s absence. Temporary appointments are utilized to fill a vacancy when a person has been granted a leave of absence. In Mr. Flynn’s case the BOE took this action at its May 8, 2008 meeting for the period of July 17, 2008 through July 16, 2009. Mrs. Poland’s temporary appointment commences on August 1, 2008, and concludes on June 30, 2009, or sooner based upon Mr. Flynn’s progress.

Look for more details in the September edition of the Chenango Forks newsletter on new staff members joining our school district.

-Bob Bundy, superintendent
First-graders at Harshaw spent a morning touring the Price Chopper grocery store. The students were able to see some of the behind-the-scenes activities that take place at the bakery and meat departments. After the store tour, they enjoyed walking the trail at Otsiningo Park. A special fruit tray treat provided by Price Chopper was enjoyed by all at the park.

-Pat Lawton, first-grade teacher

Without stepping on a plane, students in Spanish IV travelled to the shores of Lake Titicaca in Bolivia—virtually. With help from Michelle Bartholomew, Broome-Tioga BOCES and Global Nomads Group, students learned about political and social issues in Bolivia by attending a live video conference in our school’s distance learning lab. They learned about the country’s controversial new president, Evo Morales, and about the issues facing the indigenous majority in this highly-divided South American country.

Students also heard about some of the myths surrounding the lake, including an ancient temple that was discovered in the water. Our students shared information in Spanish about our region and were able to ask personal questions of the Bolivian students. The video conference ended with the Bolivian students demonstrating a traditional dance from their region. What an amazing technology, allowing our students to “travel” to Bolivia and still be back in time for their next class.

-Mandy Black, HS Spanish teacher

Each year Mike O’Hearn, MS written expression and reading teacher, and Patti Sweeney, MS library media specialist, collaborate on a research unit that requires students to write a position/opinion paper. To that end, the two teachers plan on having sixth-grade ELA students take their position papers and create a short documentary using the research from their written work.

Students will work together to create short documentaries using i-movie technology. They will borrow the BOCES mobile Mac cart for about four weeks in March 2009 while students create their projects. This will enable each student to have a laptop for most of the project. The Mac Notebook acquired through the grant will enable the teachers to set up stations where students can fine-tune their i-movies after the mobile cart is sent back to BOCES. The three digital cameras also have video clip capacity so students can use a combination of pictures and video to create their digital projects.

Sweeney said, “Mike and I believe that allowing students to participate in this project will reinforce their learning while allowing them to communicate what they have researched and written in a multimedia format.”

-Patti Sweeney, MS library media specialist
class of 2008!
Congratulations CF Athletes

Scholar/athlete teams

On and off the playing field, our scholar/athletes excel. To be considered a scholar/athlete team, each “eligible” varsity sport is given a required number of scholar/athletes for that particular sport as determined by the NYSPHSAA. For example, 12 is the required number for the girls soccer team, while seven is the required number for the golf team.

An average of the required number of athletes’ GPA earned during that sports season’s marking period is computed. If this average is 90 percent or greater, the members of the team earned the award. Additionally, each varsity team member (beyond the required team number) will be recognized individually if their report for that sport season is 90 percent or greater.

Congratulations to all our student/athletes for their successes, both in the classroom and on the field of play.

-David Hogan, athletic director

Spring sports end-of-season highlights

Track & Field - Coach Jason Motell

All-conference: Christy Guzenski - high jump

All-division:
Michael Giblin - discus
Damien Bausenwein - high jump
Emily Lowe - 3000 meters, 1500 meters, steeplechase
Nolan Haycook - shot put
Brent Fleicher - pole vault
Michelle Staiger - 200 meters, 800 meters

Academic all-stars: Nicole Brewer and Elliot Cook

Sportsmanship: Becky Foster and Aaron Phelps

Team highlights: Girls team tied for division championship
Congratulations CF Athletes

Girls lacrosse - Coach Jessica Russell

All-conference, 1st team:
Kate Gillette, Lisa Radley, Amber Sabo

All-conference, honorable mention:
Liz Tiffany, Chelsey Hall, Tiffany Evanchof

Academic all-star: Lisa Radley
Sportsmanship: Maria Redfern

Boys lacrosse - Coach Mark Freije

All-division, 1st team:
Jake Reynolds, Colin Wheeler, Derek Sturdevant, Dustin Sturdevant, Tom Markham, Joe Aston, Matt Mirabito, Matt Pratt, Nate Oberhaus, Ryan Freije, Shane Baron and John Deordio.

All-division, 2nd team: J.T. Felter, Clint Cade

Academic all-star: Dustin Sturdevant
Sportsmanship: Matt Mirabito

Team highlights: Class B Section IV Champions
Division II Champions

Softball - Coach Kelsey Green

All-conference: Michaela Transue

All-division: Briana Hawras, Meghan Spencer, Danielle Pompette, Allie Krolczyk

Academic all-star: Briana Hawras
Sportsmanship: Danielle Pompette

Tennis - Coach Mike Rullo

All-conference: Nate Kucko - singles
Justin Doyle & Chris Spear - doubles

All-division: Nick Reynolds - singles

Academic all-star: Calvin Lesko
Sportsmanship: Justin Doyle

Golf - Coach Dan Nitto

Team highlights: Class B Section IV Champions. This was the third team championship in the last four years for the Forks golf team. The team scoring was lead by senior captains Derek Sturdevant and Tayler Richards. Derek shot a 79 and was third in the overall standings and Tayler shot an 80 to come in fifth. Dan Molter, John Rupert, Corey Fletcher and Zach VanKuren were the other members of the team.

Back row: J.T. Felter, Nate Oberhaus, John Deordio, Derek Sturdevant, Matt Pratt, Jake Reynolds, Joe Aston, Shane Baron and Colin Wheeler. Front row: Ryan Freije, Clint Cade and Tom Markham.

Baseball - Coach Jim Bender

All-division: Tom McMillen, DJ Smith, Justin Flannery

Academic all-star: Geoff Daniels
Sportsmanship: Paul Dybas

Matt Rolson, Justin Doyle, Chris Spear, Nick Reynolds and Calvin Lesko.
**Caught with character**

*It's who you are. It's what you do. It's the way you live your life. Character counts!*

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Congratulations CF Students

Alum visit classrooms

They used to be Forks students, now they are college students sharing their experiences with future Forks college students. Recently, several of our successful alums returned to their old classrooms at Chenango Forks as instructors.

Brittany Cronk, a graduate student at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, returned to her environmental science class, now CF-BCC Environmental Science, to teach a two-day lesson on mosses.

Emily Sanderson, a meteorology student at SUNY Oswego, returned to her CF-BCC Meteorology class to discuss forecasting.

Carolyn Strauss, an environmental studies major at SUNY Plattsburg, who also specializes in GPS and GIS, visited CF-BCC Environmental Science class to share her experience working on special assignment for the Adirondack Park Agency. Carolyn's work using her GIS and GPS skills helped identify sensitive and remote wetland areas that will hopefully now be protected by new regulations.

-Tim Conner, HS science teacher

Everyone’s doing the limbo

It was a day of the lowest of lows...that is, the kind of lows you find in a limbo contest. Congratulations to 44 students from Kenyon who made it under level 6 (1’ 4”), qualifying them for our annual limbo contest in May. The 2008 limbo champion is fourth-grader Casey Lindow. Casey made it to level 9 (1’ 1”).

Great job everyone.

-Kelly Hillis, Kenyon PE teacher

The biggest loser

You may recognize him from his appearance on the reality show “The Biggest Loser,” or maybe you know him through the district where he runs a strength and conditioning program during the summer. Either way, Trent Patterson has made a positive impact on those around him.

Patterson recently finished participating on the show “The Biggest Loser” when he worked hard on his weight, losing 142 lbs. Because of his success on and off the show and his fitness program in the district, staff thought it would be a great learning experience for students to meet him. He met with Kenyon students and teachers to give advice on staying healthy and fit. He urged students to eat fruits and vegetables, drink plenty of water and keep active. Thank you Trent for your advise. Everyone will continue to work hard on following that advise.

-Kelly Hillis, Kenyon PE teacher
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Twelve schools, including Chenango Forks, successfully applied for the “Excelsior Scholars Program” grant from the NY State Department of Education for eligible students completing seventh-grade in June 2008. The criteria for eligibility for the program were quite high. To qualify, students had to maintain a grade point average of 90 or above in math and science in grades five, six and seven and have scored at level four on the state assessments in math in grades five and six. Chenango Forks has 13 students who met these criteria. Six students applied for the two spaces available to CF. Congratulations to all eligible students and to those who applied. Special congratulations to our two students selected to participate, Riley Walsh and Eric Yonda.

Riley and Eric will represent Chenango Forks MS at the “Go Green Institute” at Binghamton University July 7-18. The two-week program will bring together approximately 50 of the Southern Tier’s best and brightest seventh-graders in an intensive ten-day, hands-on learning experience centered around the theme of a green living environment. With a faculty-to-student ratio of one-to-five students will deepen their understanding of some of the most important science concepts and skills relating to our living environment. At the conclusion of the institute, students will share what they learned at a reception and poster session that will be open to the community. “Graduates” of the program will receive special recognition from N.Y.S. Governor David A. Patterson.

While learning at the institute, Riley and Eric will see two of their MS science teachers, Mrs. Carol Church and Mrs. Karyn Church. The CF district was also successful in applying for a grant for area science teachers to collaborate with Binghamton University and other schools in the region to focus on strategies and resources for the teaching of science for students in grades five through eight. The first two days of the teachers’ seven-day workshop will overlap with the last two days of the Excelsior Scholars Program. Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Church and Mrs. Karyn Church on their acceptance into this program. ■

-Carol Denz, assistant superintendent

The PTA ends school year with fun for all

Your Chenango Forks PTA ended the school year with a wave of activities and programs in support of our schools and students.

At Harshaw, we sponsored a puppet show for students on June 16 and then topped off the year by supporting a picnic for students and teachers that included popcorn, cotton candy and patriotic souvenirs.

Kenyon students and teachers enjoyed a Country Fair, complete with a D.J. and, of course, cotton candy and popcorn, courtesy of the PTA. Earlier we sponsored souvenirs for both the fourth-grade field trip to Cooperstown and the fifth-grade field trip to the Anthracite Heritage Museum.

Middle school sixth-grade students were treated to an advance screening of “The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian,” augmenting their understanding and enjoyment of the book of the same title they read for class.

The PTA also funded a caricature artist to entertain at the High School After-Prom Party.

Finally, the PTA was pleased to present graduating senior Steven Kwartler with a $500 Scholarship, recognizing his exceptional spirit of volunteerism at school and in the community. Over the years, Steven contributed over 100 hours of volunteer work, both to the PTA and to other school and community organizations. Steven will be attending Cornell University in the fall. We wish him great success in the future.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Call any one of our 2008-2009 PTA officers and we’d be glad to help:

President: Shari Sterling 204-0086
Vice-President: Michele Ashman 648-2298
Treasurer: Dawn Krisko 727-8321
Secretary: Barry Arnold 648-2071

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy summer. We’ll see you in September. ■

-Barry Arnold, PTA secretary
Students earn top honors at video festival

The Chenango Forks Fine Arts Department, and Rachel Bender, are proud to announce that two of our student projects tied for best K-6 entry in this year’s Rod Serling Video Festival.

Julia Moore and Lindsay Bendick’s animated short film “The Dancers Dream” and the animated short film “Hollywood Heist” by Makenzie O’Brien, Abby Rosko and Antonia Lobacz, were both chosen by the judges for this honor.

Both films were created as a cooperative cross-curricular literacy unit in Mrs. Bender’s 2007 third-grade class. Seven short stories were written, edited and turned into storyboards in Rachel Bender’s classroom. Characters were designed, painted and then modeled in Debbie Abbey’s Kenyon art room.

The students then worked with Keith Rosko from the HS Art Department to learn how animation works, how the camera and stop motion work, and how to shoot the actual movies.

An awards ceremony was held Friday June 6, in the Helen Foley Theater at the Rod Serling School of Fine Arts (Binghamton City School District), which was followed by a screening of all the award winning films.

The films can be viewed on the Visual Arts Department Web page under the “what’s new section”.

-Keith Rosko, HS art teacher

Invention Convention

Creativity and ingenuity. That’s what two students used in their inventions that earned them recognition at Invention Convention held in May at Binghamton University. Third-grader Aidan Houlihan and fifth-grader Alex Stout-Moran both received recognition for their unique inventions. Aidan was one of 25 finalists selected to go to Buffalo to be recognized as a finalist at the state level.

Aidan’s invention was a cell phone charger that attaches to a computer keyboard. The energy a person uses depressing keys is transferred into energy to charge the phone.

Alex’s invention was a steering wheel heating cover with a retractable battery that can plug into the cigarette lighter to be recharged. When the car engine is turned on, the wires in the cloth heat up the cover, making a warm steering wheel for winter driving. Congratulations to both students.

-Linda Myers, communications coordinator

Chess tournament

The final lunch time chess tournaments of the year were completed in May. Tournament two ended with Devin Hopkins claiming first place and Mason Rowe taking second. The third tournament brought an exciting finish as the final round ended in a three-way tie. A tiebreaker took place to determine the final winners. When the dust cleared, Michael Bubniak took first, Robert Story took second and Caleb Gould placed third. All the kids who participated showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed working their brains in a different way than usual and all during lunch.

-Drew Allport, fifth-grade teacher
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Forks “high-performing” district

Chenango Forks School District was named “High-Performing/Gap-Closing” district under the No Child Left Behind Act, Regents Chancellor Robert M. Bennett and State Education Commissioner Richard Mills announced in May. Forks is one of 1,759 public schools on this list.

Superintendent Bob Bundy said this is a reflection of the hard work both staff and students do each and every day, adding, “Staff, students and parents should be proud of this distinction. The dedication and commitment staff have to our students shows in the success our students find in the classroom as our students continue to meet or exceed the state’s expectations.”

“High-Performing/Gap-Closing” schools and districts have been recognized because they met all applicable state standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and math during the 2006-07 school year and also made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in ELA and math for two consecutive years.

-Bob Bundy, superintendent

Earth Fest

Doing their part to help our planet was what four middle school students had in mind when they participated in Earth Fest held in April at the Roberson Museum.

Nicole Clark, Ronni Crandle, Katelyn Luke and Gabriella Martinichio volunteered their time to staff a table with a make and take project for children. They created new bookmarks out of popsicle sticks. Using glitter glue, rhinestones, mini pom poms, foam stickers (flower, ladybug, butterfly and bee designs,) markers, squeezable paint, tacky glue and the clean popsicle sticks the students helped children create their own bookmarks. Over 300 were made that day by children ages four to eleven along with a number of adults who enjoyed making their own bookmarks.

The four middle school students did such a nice job that they were asked back next year’s Earth Fest.

-Linda Myers, communications coordinator

Important special education services notice

Please read if your child is receiving special education services as a student with a disability.

The New York State Education Department requires a parent questionnaire regarding special education services to be completed by the parents in the Chenango Forks School District between January 2008 and July 2008. The information you provide will assist in improving how school districts help parents of students with disabilities to be involved in their children’s special education programs. Parents in school districts throughout the state are completing this survey. Some questions will apply to the school district, others to the specific school your child attends.

You can easily take this survey via the Internet at www.vesidsurvey.com/parent. The school district code to use for access is 030101. Questions regarding the survey? Please contact Maggie Nugent, committee on special education chair, at 648-7589.

-Maggie Nugent, school psychologist
Bilingual Books

First-grade students got a head start on learning another language with the help of some high school students who helped them learn Spanish.

In June, students in Mrs. Black's Spanish IV class translated children's books into Spanish. Once the books were translated, students in Mrs. Reynolds-Slocum's first-grade class read the books in English and Mrs. Black's students read the books in Spanish. The readings were recorded and made into podcasts that include pictures of the pages of the books. The final projects are available on Mrs. Black's Web site and make a great tool for exposing younger students to the Spanish language. Check them out at www.cforks.org/black-podcasts.

-Mandy Black, Spanish teacher