

PEOPLE & PLACES

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You Should Know About These

Friday, October 30 Haunted Trail

The Haunted Trail, a scary hayride through the woods, will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and from 7 to 11 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31. Adults \$5; Children under 12, \$4. All proceeds benefit the Yates County Humane Society, Yates County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and Penn Yan's theater company, PYTCo. Call 315-536-3214 with questions or to volunteer.

Saturday, October 31 Trick or Treat fun

There will be lots of opportunities to have some spooky fun on Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Yates County area.

Penn Yan

Area service organizations are holding a Halloween party for all elementary and pre-school age children in St. Michael's Church Community Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Hotdogs, chili, cider and apples will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Trick or Treat hours in Penn Yan are from 6 to 8 p.m.

Windmill

Merchants at The Windmill welcome Trick-or-Treaters at the Farm and Craft Market

A parade and costume judging will be held at 3 p.m. followed by refreshments and costume.

Dundee

During the day in Dundee, an old-fashioned Halloween parade will be sponsored by the Dundee Fire Department Auxiliary. The parade will leave the parking lot of Five Star Bank at 1 p.m. and go to the school, where a parade and costume competition will be held.

During traditional Trick or Treat hours in Dundee from 6 to 8 p.m., all are welcome to participate in Trunk -n-Treat at Martini's Sure Fine at the corner of Water and Seneca Streets. Decorate your truck, van or car for the spirit of the evening, and hand out treats there.

Quality Wine Tours all year long, all around the Finger Lakes

By John P. Christensen

Touring the wineries of the Finger Lakes has long been one of the great experiences of our region, and one too few of us who live among them every day remember to do.

Questions abound. Which ones to visit? Where is that one? Are the wines any good? Who's going to be the designated driver? Quality Wine Tours has the answers.

Their Driver/Guides are up to date on all the wineries, take great pride in providing an enjoyable and tasteful experience, and take away all the worry of drinking and driving.

With 10 experienced, hospitable drivers, and a fleet of 14 luxury sedans, SUVs, vans, and stretch limousines, Quality Wine Tours can meet the sightseeing and transportation needs of couples or up to groups of twelve.

Company founder Jim Havalack sets the pleasant and safe experience of his clients above all else.

Over-consumption and unsafe driving can too easily mar what should be one of the most memorable moments people can have here in the Finger Lakes. Hiring Quality Wine Tours guaran-

tees this won't happen to you.

Beginning Quality Transportation in 1996, Havalack expanded into winery touring just three years later. And it has been a great success.

Quality is not merely a name; it is the company philosophy as well. The wine tours are meant to provide the best experience rather than the most.

Beyond the problem of intoxication, visiting too many wineries in a short period of time leaves the palate numb and incapable of distinguishing one wine from another.

Quality believes that choosing no more than 10 wineries to visit in a six or eight-hour tour makes for the best combination of education and pleasure.

Couples also have the option of a five-hour tour. With all the knowledgeable staff members at each vineyard, wine appreciation quickly becomes a new fascination.

When I asked Driver/guide Michael Knapp how he decides which wineries to recommend to his clients, he replied that it was by listening to all of his previous



Photo by John P. Christensen

This group of friends from Rochester enjoyed a Quality Tour of Keuka Lake wineries last week. The company also offers custom tours on other Finger Lakes Wine Trails.

clients comments after each visit.

Today's route includes Hunt Country, Stever Hill, Doctor Frank's, Bully Hill, Ravines, MacGregors', Barrington Cellars, Rooster Hill, and Keuka Springs.

His clients are a group of friends from Rochester who have been trying to get together for over two years. The young women happily chat on their way back to the luxurious van about their likes and dislikes among the wines and what they had decided to buy.

That immediate feedback on both the wine and the winery is the best gauge possible, and Knapp pays close attention to every word to

piece together his impressions.

"The great thing about Keuka Lake is that it's hard to find a bad winery," he says.

Impeccably dressed, groomed, and faultlessly well mannered, he immediately wins both the trust and appreciation of his jovial group.

Quick to open doors and carry cases for his clients, Knapp's calm and easy charm smoothes over any difficulty.

Quality Wine Tours also offers numerous packages in conjunction with area hotels and bed & breakfast inns.

For local residents, pickup at home for the tour

followed by a romantic dinner and the return home, is a way to make any evening, anniversary, birthday, or family visit truly special.

Do what so many of us forget to do — take the opportunity to visit and appreciate our local wineries, and make it all the more memorable with the help of Quality Wine Tours.

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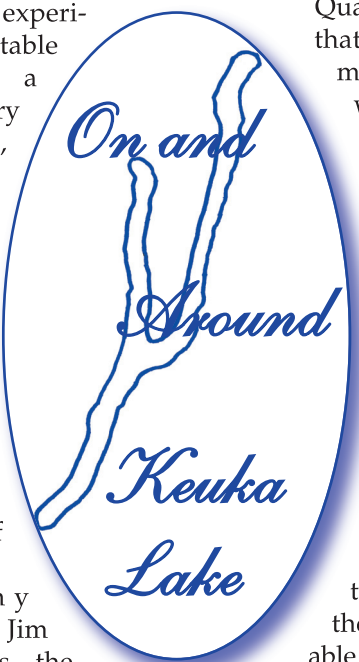


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The luxurious van is one of a variety of vehicles, but luxury sedans, SUVs and stretch limos are also available



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Driver/guide Michael Knapp pays close attention to the comments he hears from his passengers. This helps him decide which wineries will suit each group.

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