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At Saturday's free rabies immunization clinic in Irondequoit, Daisy, a 12-year-old Norfolk terrier owned by Linda Cummings (not pictured) of Irondequoit, tolerates her rabies shot given by Margaret Zarouba, DVM, a veterinarian at the Fairport Animal Hospital. Daisy is being held by Jody Stahlbrodt, a licensed veterinary technician at Pittsford Animal Hospital.

Taking a shot

Cats and dogs – and their owners – were lined up at the town highway garage last Saturday morning for the Irondequoit animal control department's free rabies immunization clinic, offered in cooperation with the Monroe County Department of Health. Pet owners could also purchase dog licenses at the event – which (we hope) only "pinched" for a minute!



Winston, age 6, and Frankie, 2, both Yorkies owned by Becky Stewart of Irondequoit, wait patiently in their carrier as she registers them before they get their rabies shots Saturday.

BK, IHS ready for graduation

Kearney class led by two Greece teens
'Energetic' class of 2006 says farewell

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A new graduation location and one of the largest graduating classes in recent memory are highlights of Bishop Kearney High School's annual commencement exercises Sunday morning.



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The school community will not only be saying farewell to the class of 2006, about 125 graduates strong, but also to Principal Louis D'Angelo and Assistant Principal Donna Gmelin, who are retiring.

Since the Theater on the Ridge at Kodak Park, where Kearney graduations have been held in recent years, was not available this year, D'Angelo said, "we had to scramble."

They came up with the Nazareth College Arts Center, where commencement will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 18, Father's Day.

The keynote speaker is state Assemblyman Joseph Morelle, D, Irondequoit, D'Angelo said, and Roman Catholic Bishop Matthew Clark is also expected to be on hand.

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They all nod their heads in agreement when classmate John Pellito calls the Irondequoit High School class of 2006 "very energetic."

"We're just jubilant, youthful in spirit, and have a passion that I find inspiring," agreed senior David Theisen.

As is tradition, a trio of students – Pellito, Theisen and athlete Victoria "Tori" Waheibi – have been chosen to address their 330 classmates at Sunday's Irondequoit High School commencement ceremony, which begins at 3 p.m. June 18 at the Eastman Theatre.

While the school ranks members of each class by academic average for colleges that want that information, "We're not about rank-



WAHEIBI



PELLITO



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IHS, Dake get new 'windows' to the world

Voters approved the \$600,000 replacement project back in May 2005.

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The reason for the project is energy efficiency, but the aesthetics aren't bad, either.

Those who pass by Irondequoit High School on Cooper Road couldn't help but notice as windows on the front of the building started being replaced earlier this month.

Instead of the old wood and aluminum windows backed by shades, there are sparkling new, high-efficiency, commercial-grade windows.

The reflective glass is actually tinted black with a paint-

like substance. There are a couple of reasons for that, said Bill Domm, the district's assistant superintendent for business. First, the tinting helps keep the windows cooler when the air conditioning is on, he said.

The other benefit is that the new windows conceal the drop ceilings, in some of the classrooms, that are actually below the tops of the windows.

The new windows do give the building facade a uniform, contemporary look. District voters approved the \$600,000 project in May 2005, and work was expected to get under way last summer. Three factors delayed it, Domm said.

First, the top two bidders on the project had a legal dispute, said Carol Crumlish, a spokeswoman for the district.

Next, Domm said, the district needed state education department approval before the project could begin, and that didn't come until the third week of last August. By that time, Hurricane Katrina had hit the South and building materials were in short supply.

Now, two different crews from Buffalo Road Glass, a local contractor, are working on the project.

Using lifts, "One crew takes the windows out and one puts them in," Crumlish said. They have been working B-shift, 3:30 to about 11 p.m., so as not to disrupt the school day.

The funding for the project, which won't be done until early August, is coming from the district's capital reserve fund, which is like a savings account, Domm said.

For those who might be raising their eyebrows at the expenditure following completion of the district's ambitious \$56.8 million capital project, new windows weren't done at that time.

The high school and neighboring Dake School were slated to get new windows as part of that earlier capital project, Domm said, but that portion of the plan was removed to cut costs.

The district tried to do additional weather stripping and caulking to extend the life of the existing windows, said Superintendent Jeff Crane, "but the cold air that got in around the windows was just not acceptable."

The capital project did give the district a new heating system, Domm added, that has allowed them to see, room by room, where they have been



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Workers from New York Environmental Technologies, based out of Rochester, and Buffalo Road Glass take down old windows and install new ones last Thursday at Irondequoit High School on Cooper Road.

losing heat, and money, from leaking windows.

The new windows do change the look of the buildings, Domm said, "but we think they're architecturally pleasing and blend in."

Crumlish said crews were expected to move from the high school to Dake School earlier this week.

All windows in the two buildings are being replaced this summer. The project is being completed with some additional money included as part of the 2006-07 school budget, Domm said.

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