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Sarah Muller (photo, at left) does her impression of Michael Jackson as she lip-synchs the pop performer's hit, 'Beat It,' during a youth talent show at Greece's Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center May 28. Parishioner Glenn Allargice (top) videotapes one of the acts.

CTNA is sponsoring video-making contest

Diocesan school and youth organizations are invited to participate in a national video-making contest.

Catholic Telecommunications Network of America, based in Washington, D.C., is offering \$1,000, a plaque and air time on CTNA for winning entries. The contest is open to youths and young adults up to age 28.

Programs must be original and run between 27 and 29 minutes. Themes should reflect the importance of religion and values in the entrants' daily lives.

These videos may be submitted in one of two categories: high school or college/young adult. Awards will be presented next January.

Interested applicants may obtain contest guidelines by calling Father Dennis P. Diehl, 202/541-3444, or by writing to Youth Video Contest, CTNA, 3211 Fourth St. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Tickets available for benefit

ELMIRA — Tickets are still available for "Sweepstakes '93," a fundraiser for the Holy Family School System.

This sixth-annual gala will take place on Friday, June 11, at the Elmira College Campus Center. Several cash and merchandise prizes, including the top prize of \$10,000, will be drawn for that evening beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per couple and will include one of 475 sweepstakes entries, along with hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Ample seating will be available.

Call 607/734-4414 for tickets.

Hospital to offer seminar

SODUS — Myers Community Hospital will offer a free baby-sitting seminar for girls and boys, ages 12 and older, on Saturday, June 5.

This informational session will be held from 8:30-11:15 a.m. in the dining room of the hospital, located on Middle Road. Topics to be covered will include emergency care when baby-sitting, fire safety, the danger of medicines and poisons, and care of babies and toddlers.

To reserve a seat for the June 5 program, call Kim Flasco or Peg Berndt at 315/483-9161.

AQ band earns two firsts

ROCHESTER — The Aquinas Institute band recently earned two first-place finishes at the North American Music Festival.

This competition was held Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, in Virginia Beach, Va. Under the direction of James Ferris, Aquinas captured first place in the Class AA concert band division as well as the Class AA marching band category.

In addition, AQ finished third in the Class AA jazz band competition.

Teenagers tap their talents for Greece parish's show

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

GREECE — Although these performances were reminiscent of television shows such as "Amateur Hour" and "Star Search," the one TV talent program that would not have belonged at this event was "The Gong Show."

Whether the acts were polished or a bit rough around the edges, all youth performances received lots of applause during a talent show staged by the Holy Name of Jesus Church junior and senior high-school youth groups.

The first-ever production took place last Friday evening, May 28, at the Holy Name of Jesus Church Parish Center, located on St. Martin's Way.

"One thing about this youth group is that they're very accepting of other kids. They encourage and reward each other," remarked Pat Donohue, the youth group's coordinator.

Teens entertained their audience with a smorgasbord of acts, mostly musical in nature. Some of the performances included a rap quartet; various lip-synching and Karaoke routines; a ragtime piano piece; and a 1960s medley by members of the Greece Olympia High School concert band.

One of the most popular acts came from 17-year-old Sarah Muller. Dressed as Michael Jackson, Muller gyrated around the room to the sounds of Jackson's 1983 hit song "Beat It." The Olympia High junior drew especially loud cheers with a skillful rendition of Jackson's "moonwalk."

After the show, Muller noted that she had originally performed her Michael Jackson routine during a talent show at Olympia last December. It went over so well that youth-group members at Holy Name asked her to re-create the role.

Asked where she came up with her black wig, Muller replied, laughing, "My mom used to (portray) a clown, so I took her wig and cut it down a little."

Adults also got into the act. Donohue did a stand-up comedy bit, attempting to spark audience enthusiasm by conducting an applause contest among three sections. Donohue good-naturedly turned the competition into a boo contest after a couple of his jokes fizzled.

Meanwhile, Maria Grout, volunteer youth minister, added a nice touch with her strong voice on a song called "Little Flowers."

Donohue noted that most of the entertainers were performing for the first time ever in front of an audience.

The youth coordinator acknowledged that fun activities like these add a sense of balance to parish youth groups.

"We like to show that Jesus lived a full life; that he had fun and got together with people. There should be a time for prayer, a time to be alone, and also a time to come together," commented Donohue, whose group has about 20 junior-high members and 25 senior-high participants. senior-high level.

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