



# Thunder on the Niagara

Photos by Bruce Gentz

Above, Bill DeGlopper carries Old Glory in boat JS-78 during festivities at the event, off Gratwick Park in North Tonawanda.

Above right, Boats capable of speeds well over 100 mph race on the Niagara River near Grand Island during the Aug. 29-30 weekend, part of the annual Thunder on the Niagara event.

Right, GP:50 Intensity, owned by Ken Brodie Sr. and driven by Ken Brodie II, was another Island crew taking part in the races.

Below, S9 Rewinder, owned by Greg Barker and driven by Mark Johnson, was a local favorite in the Thunder on the Niagara. Barker is from East River Road.



# Get ready for Vikings football

Grand Island opened the 2009 high school football season with a 32-29 loss to Williamsville South at Masters Field. (photos by Larry Austin)



Driving for a potentially tying or winning score, Grand Island fumbled the football with just under 7 minutes left to go. The Billies recovered at their own 26-yard line and held on for a 32-29 win.

# Soccer wraps up



The beginning of the school year was also the end of the summer soccer schedule. The eight-year-old division finished play in a slight rain Aug. 29 at Veterans Park. Ice cream followed for many players.



Nick Kellner of Grand Island can see a clear path to the end zone after taking in a pass over the middle from Vikings quarterback Joel Klock in Saturday's game against Williamsville South. Kellner went 39 yards for a touchdown, cutting the Billies' lead to 19-17 in the first half. The Billies won at Masters Field 32-29. (photo by Larry Austin)