

# S U M M E R 2 0 0 7



Canada Lakes Protective Association

# Rules of the Waves

**We all can enjoy our lakes if we all work together**

*A reminder from the Town of Caroga Navigation Committee*

## IT IS COURTEOUS TO:

- Operate your craft in a manner which does not endanger others
- Operate your craft in a manner which avoids excess noise

## IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

- To keep your trash and litter out of the lake and it is the law
- To operate your craft away from weed beds
- To keep soap out of the lake



## BOATING REGULATIONS:

- Always ski with a spotter in the boat who is at least 10 years old
- Ski during daylight hours
- Maintain speed at or below 5 mph within 100' of shore, docks, skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Utilize navigation lights after sunset
- Provide an approved life jacket for everyone aboard the craft
- Vests must be worn by all children under 12
- A throwable life preserving device must be present in the boat
- Do not operate a craft while impaired by any drug or alcoholic beverage
- Engines on all crafts must be reasonably muffled
- Operators are responsible for any damage caused by their wakes



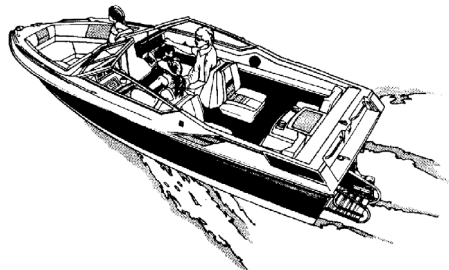
**For Emergencies Only**

**Dial 911**

**For Information Call  
Sheriffs Department**

**736-2100**

**IT IS EVERYONE'S  
RESPONSIBILITY TO  
USE COMMON SENSE  
AND ACT SAFELY**



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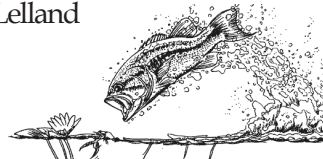
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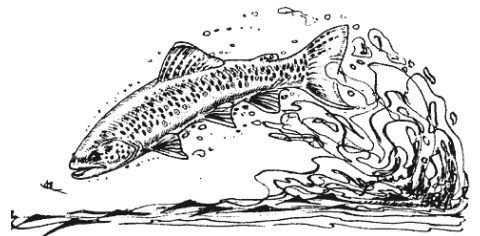
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#### Ice Cream Social

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## ECHO SUBMISSIONS

**Remember, we don't have an Echo without input from lake residents.** Start thinking now about how you can contribute to the 2008 Echo. Stories and family news should be sent to Judy Moritz by March 15, 2008 (preferably by e-mail: [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com)).

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The most efficient method for providing CLPA members with important, up-to-date information is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, and it is not correct or does not appear in the CLPA directory, please e-mail [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com).

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY Help Wanted!!



Please call John Broderick at 835-6150 or Chris Moritz at 835-3003 if you would be willing to volunteer for the highway litter pickup. You will not be committing for any special time; you will just be placed on the call list of potential volunteers.

## Schedule of Events: Summer 2007

### June:

24 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Byrnes Residence,  
101 Old State Road Canada Lake

30 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:30 p.m.

### July:

7 (Saturday) Kids Beach Party, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.  
(Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult.)  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

7 (Saturday) CLPA Annual Meeting, 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Town of Caroga Municipal Building

11 (Wednesday) Lake Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.  
Theme: Christmas in July  
Location: Pine Lake Lodge

21 (Saturday) 17th Annual CLPA Picnic, 1 p.m.  
Location: Cannon Residence, Fulton Road

28 (Saturday) Water Ski and Wakeboard Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

### August:

5 (Sunday) Ninth Annual Ice Cream Social, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: TBA (Check at C.L. Store)

12 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: TBA (Check at C.L. Store)

### September:

1 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:00 p.m.

**Note:** Watch for additional youth and other activities and updates on the CLPA Bulletin Board located on the porch of the Canada Lake Store.

## President's Message

The first time I experienced the Adirondack Mountains, and particularly the Caroga Lake area, was when I was 7 or 8 years old. My grandparents on my mother's side were quarter owners of a hunting camp on West Stoner Lake. Our family would use the camp for our vacation two weeks each summer.

I had a lot of tasks during our vacation. Since the camp had no electricity, running water, or road access, my jobs were to cut, split, and stack wood next to the wood stove so mother could cook the meals, and hand pump water each morning to fill two buckets of water for drinking. I also went across the lake with my dad twice a week to pick up two blocks of ice for the wooden ice chest in the kitchen. A deliveryman came from Unger's Ice House in Caroga Lake to deliver the blocks of ice to a dock on Route 10. I remember looking through a telescope at the dock across the lake to see when the ice was delivered, and then hurrying across the lake by boat to get the ice before it melted. I was also in charge of sprinkling quick lime down the two holes in the outhouse, so it did not stink so much. I could never figure out why there were two holes. Using the facility was never an experience I cared to share with anyone else.

Two generations later, as president of the CLPA, I have also had a number of tasks. I have had to contemplate the severe weather events (rain, wind, etc.) which we experienced last summer, and try to determine with the help of the Board of Directors whether these events were isolated or possibly an effect of global warming or a changing weather pattern. These changing patterns could change the severity of the rain and wind we experience for years to come. Future presidents will have a difficult, but important task to determine what and if any action should be taken.

I have also had an important task this term to act as a liaison between the governing

agencies of the Town of Caroga and the CLPA. For example, the Town of Caroga Building/Code Enforcement Officer believes that there is something in the Canada Lake water that makes us cantankerous and unable to get along with each other. I have assured him that there is nothing in the water, as my daughter Merryn and son-in-law John test the water regularly. I also assured him that with the town's help, we will work together not to be so cantankerous.

Steve Barker, our current Town Supervisor has informed me that he will not be seeking re-election for another term. If there is anyone in our organization who would like to really have an impact, here is your chance. I also hear that one or more of the Town Councilman positions will be open next term. So, here is our chance to make a difference in our town government.

Another task during my term as CLPA president was to encourage local, state and federal elected officials to find other sources of revenue to fund our government operations. The current method of real property taxation is unacceptable and threatens to force some of our long time family cottage owners to sell their property, as they cannot afford the taxes. In the coming years, the CLPA president needs to explore with government officials other avenues of obtaining revenues to operate the government other than Real Property Tax. One possible avenue to explore may be the Homestead Act.

In the coming years, a new task of the CLPA president will be to work with the Board of Directors to foster aesthetic values in our architecture and landscaping to preserve the environmental quality of the land surrounding Canada Lakes as we all know and love it for future generations. Other environmental issues that should continue to be on the Board of Director's minds are those which affect the water quality of our lakes. In

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past years, the CLPA has been very active in these areas and must continue to address concerns which include, but are not limited to contamination from septic systems and other sources, acid rain, invasive species, and land use management.

The above-mentioned tasks of the CLPA president are only partial, but I feel I have listed the ones that are on most people's minds. In this coming summer season especially, and in years to come, I urge all the people on the Canada Lakes to renew old friendships, reach out and meet new people, and reopen dialogs with your neighbors, so we can all understand each other's needs and expectations.

I also encourage all lake residents, both summer and winter, to become active in the CLPA. I encourage all members of the CLPA to attend the annual meeting, the annual picnic and the other CLPA events. These events are great places to meet people, become informed with lake issues, and express your input. It would also be a great benefit to the CLPA if one or more of our members served on the Caroga Town Board. We all must work together if we are to preserve our lakes, as we know them for generations to come.

In closing, my two-year term as CLPA president ends this coming August. After my term ends, if anyone has any wood to cut or split, water to pump, ice to fetch, or lime to sprinkle, I would be happy to help.

*Bill Fielding, President  
Canada Lakes Protective Association*

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR  
911 NUMBER?**  
IS IT POSTED IN VIEW FOR  
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL?  
Contact the town clerk to find out what  
your number is.

## Stewart's Landing Association Presidents Message

This has been quite a year for the residents of Stewart's Landing.

The flood of June 2006 caused problems for everyone. Many hours were spent tying down boats, docks and preventing property from going over the dam. The dock from the Lakeside Motel at Canada Lake now resides at Stewart's Landing.



January 14, 2007 brought a severe ice storm to the area. Stewart's Landing was without power for 4 days; on Tuesday January 27th our only road out was closed for most of the day.

Valentines Day February 14, 2007 the Stewart's Landing area received 42 inches of snow.

We look forward to see GREENER PASTURES and old friends.

*Henry Eifert, President  
Stewart's Landing Association*

## Flare Safety

Just as you would attend to a campfire, please be watchful when you light your flares at the beginning and end of the season. There have been incidences on the lake where docks have caught fire and sustained significant damage.

## Adirondack Committee Report

I offer greetings to all of the lake community as we approach spring of this year. This has been the year of the winter that was not until it got here, and then it was a reminder of what Mother Nature has in store for us. There have been ice storms, followed by strong winds, that have taken the power out for as long as three days. Thus, many will find trees and branches down when they return to the lake. We had a good old-fashioned blizzard that has deposited up to, and over, three feet of snow and the thermometer has registered 31 degrees below zero. The debates on “global warming” continue and we should all pay attention as science works through the many issues.

This is the time of year when I report to you on the activities of the past year and make some guesses for the coming year. Governor Eliot Spitzer became the leader of New York on January first, thus marking the end of the tenure of Governor George Pataki. The role of a governor is of great influence in our place as 50% of the land is State Land and protected by our State Constitution. During the 12 years Governor Pataki was in office, there was the addition of just over 1,000,000 acres of land, via fee title or easement, added to the Adirondack Park Forest Preserve. This means that there are many new places for all of us to enjoy and explore. Many of these acres were in the holdings of large paper companies and have not been open for public use for more than a century.

There has also been a major effort during that administration to review each of the “units” in the Forest Preserve. The Ferris Lake Wild Forest Unit Management Plan is still being worked on and should be of great interest to all of us in the CLPA. The major issues include the West Lake boat launch, the island, the launching

of boats at the dam and concerns about snowmobiling. Our friends at Stewarts Landing have voiced their concerns about the draft plan wanting to stop the launching of boats at the dam. There are also concerns from the snowmobile community about language to reduce snowmobile trail mileage in this unit. The plan has had public hearings and has not been presented to the APA as of this printing. I report to you that the size of our lake is now reported as slightly over 1,000 acres. This is the most accurate measurement that has been done and is the result of the latest technology. Also, this figure is important because in the State Land Master Plan it says that a lake must be of 1,000 acres or more in order to have an improved boat launch as we have on West Lake.

Governor Spitzer has taken office and continues the same interest in Unit Management Plans. The Governor’s budget message included an infusion of new money to fight invasives, both aquatic and upland, and will add staff to the APA and the DEC to monitor, educate and help eradicate invasive species. There is a real commitment to our place in the new Administration. While Ferris Lake Wild Forest is along our lake shore, we should have an interest in all of the plans as these plans dictate how the lands will be managed and thus how we will use them. I have been very privileged to work on all the Adirondack issues for three Governors. I do feel that it is time to consider retiring and do look forward to sitting on the dock and enjoying all of our treasures in this very special place.

Our lake seems to have had its share of controversy during the past few years. The laws and rules that govern the Adirondack Park are some of the most complex in our nation. I always have offered that we could invite some

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staff from the Adirondack Park Agency to a meeting to educate and inform. The Town of Caroga is a partner in the administration of these rules and we must all be prepared to partner with the Town and be involved.

There are so many issues facing all of the land in our Park. The pressure on waterfront land is felt on every developed water body inside the “Blue Line.” There are the pressures of treating human waste, taxation, property value, and development on the little remaining raw land or total remodeling and/or removing existing structures. This is a very small list of examples but will require very complex answers. Some examples of each of these pressures can be found on our cherished lake. The point is that the pressures being experienced throughout the park are also being felt on Canada Lake. The solutions will not come easy, and we must all pledge to be calm and be vigilant. The players in this drama will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the APA, Town of Caroga, State of New York, CLPA, and all of us as individuals.

To further make the point on the pressure on the land, the Adirondack Park Agency has just reviewed the largest project that has ever come before the Agency. This is a 6,000 acre project that has over 700 single family dwellings. This project is proposed in the Town and Village of Tupper Lake. The APA has sent this project to public hearing and is now preparing to review another project that proposes over 400 units of housing located in the Village of North Creek. Couple this with the identified need for affordable housing and one sees the value of the land in our Park.

Issues of acid rain continue to be watched. There is some hope that the

acidification of our lakes and land has evened off. The deer take this past hunting season was up some while the bear take was slightly down. The moose herd continues to increase. Last year, 11 moose were killed by motor vehicles. It is probable that the herd now has a critical mass and the population will soon explode to become rather significant. In short, that means the cows and bulls are of sufficient number that they will easily find each other for breeding. The bald eagle population is continuing to do very well as their numbers are increasing.

Mapping of the Mohawk watershed continues and it is felt that we are doing fine on our lakes relative to invasives. I will encourage that we must not rest on this fact at all. We must continue to be vigilant and must always encourage that “best practice” be used. This must include washing our boats and trailers and even quarantining vessels that have been on infested waters. The very best practice would be to pressure wash your boat and trailer. An acceptable practice would be to do a visual inspection of your boat, motor and trailer and remove any foreign matter before launching. We can all help in keeping the quality of our waters as it is now.

I offer my sincerest wishes to each of you in the hopes that you have been well since last season. I hope your visits to our special place will be all that you wish for. This Park has only 134,000 year round inhabitants yet is visited by an estimated 12,000,000 visitors. The pressure on our place is also measured by the fact that 60,000,000 people are within a day’s drive. We live in a society where there is value in nature and wildness. Knowing this, we understand the value of our place and also the pressures placed upon it.

Please stay healthy, be safe and enjoy.

## Canada Lake Sailing Club

In short, there were great parties, many lessons for new sailors, clinics for experienced sailors, and, two successful nine-race series.

The season opener was hosted at the Farber camp during which Dan agreed to set the courses (and did a great job!), and Mary Kate agreed to head up the Starting Committee with Lisa "on deck" (well done Mary Kate and Lisa!!). Thanks to Lane for allowing the club to use a partly disabled Franzport! The traditional Blueberry Pancake Awards Brunch, hosted at the Long/Loomis camp, was the best feast ever. More parties are planned for 2007, especially post race debriefings with soda and beer for sailors, students, and observers.

Thirteen beginners were introduced to basic boat handling: Mary Kate, Archer, Jackie, Wesley, Emily, Hannah, Dillon, Ian, Greg, Dixon, Elizabeth, Ron, and Mariam. Five more experienced sailors attended clinics: Amanda, Kat, Lois, Nina, and Dan. Kat and Nina have become very competent boat handlers and should join in the race series in 2007. Dan has improved to the award winner level. Amanda qualified in July and plans to sail more next season. Lois led one race for several legs and in two others, beat both Dick and Courtney!!

The July Sailors/Winners were Elizabeth, Allen, Lois, Dan, Amanda, Dick, Nancy and Court. The August Sailors/Winners were Elizabeth, Allen, Lane, Lois, Dan, Nancy, Dick, and Court. Special awards were imposed during the Awards Feast. The coveted "Captain Capsize" award went to Lois. The "I Beat ..." awards went to Lois (having beaten both Dick and Court) and to Dick (who beat Court TWICE!). And the "Most Improved" award, a pair of padded sailing shorts, went to Kat who collected many bruises while practicing her lessons on West Lake.

A major goal for this '07 season is to involve more of our 'Olde Timers'. We

know where you live!! To mention just a few: Dick, Bill, Charlie, Francine, Billy, Art, Brian, Kim, Donnie, Mike, Minot, Rick, Dorothea, Parker, Jack, Linda, Dave, Jack, John, and John. Due to the flooding, the '06 special event was cancelled but check out the '07 calendar!! If you need help getting your boat together, ask any club member. Better yet, rejoin the club and take part in as many activities as you can!! If you can't get out, encourage a family member to use your boat for the many opportunities offered by the club.

Both Olde Timers and Novices should note that our races are not long. They range from six(6) minutes to fifteen(15) minutes in length and you can sail one, or two, or all three races on any given Saturday. If you can complete 3 races on 2 Saturdays or just 2 races on 3 Saturdays, you will qualify for an award!! Anyone with an interest in sailing is invited to come watch the racing at Franzport and stay for the Debriefing Party afterwards.

The second major goal for the 2007 season is to continue offering the best sailing bargain on the planet. Two intensive 2 hour lessons plus membership in the club (24+ races, 3 major parties, a debrief party each race day) plus the advanced clinics for only \$20! Most yacht clubs would charge \$200 and up for all that. Call 835-3701 for more information or attend the Season Opener at the Farber camp.

Finally, a challenge for the 18 student-sailors of '06: bring a friend to one of the parties and introduce them to the best carry-over sport on earth!! Can you imagine 36 boats racing in the novice races??

Special thanks go to John Brower who donated a Sunfish to the CLSC. The boat has been put to good use by our newest novice sailors, Mariam and Ron.

Looking forward to more fun in '07,

*Allen Farber and Court Young*



## Summer 2007 Calendar

- Sunday, July 1** Meeting at the Farber camp, 10 am
- Monday, July 2** Clinic for beginners of all ages at the Long/Loomis camp, 2 pm
- Tuesday, July 3** Clinic for adults at the Lawrence camp, 2 pm
- Wednesday, July 4** Novice and Old Timers 4th of July races at Franzport, 2 pm
- July Series:**  
Franzport, 2 pm  
Arrive early to have your boat tuned by expert sailors  
Stay for the debrief party after the races
- Saturdays  
July 7, 14, 21, 28**
- Sunday, July 29** Novice races at the Young camp, 2 pm  
End of July series party at the Young camp, 4 pm
- August Series:**  
Franzport, 2 pm  
Boat tuning starts at 1:30 each race day  
Debriefing party immediately after racing
- Saturdays  
August 4, 11, 18, 25**
- Saturday, September 1** Novice races at the Lawrence camp, 2 pm
- Sunday, September 2** Blueberry Pancake Brunch at the Long/Loomis camp, 10 am

**Note:** "Coaching" is available. Take a coach on board or be coached from a nearby boat, your choice!!  
Postponed races will be made up on Sundays.  
Sail six races to qualify for a trophy.  
Please wear a life vest when sailing in any CLSC event.

**Take advantage of the lessons, clinics, and coaching,  
call 835-3701 for details.**

## Lake Activities Report

Since school resumed this past fall, friends and family have asked me, "How was your summer?" I don't know about the rest of you, but I can only describe this summer as "odd" and "short". I think that Maureen Sasscer of Scott Lodge summed it up best when she said, "This summer I'm taking a mulligan."

The flood of 2006 got things off to a very soggy start. Since the water level left us without a beach and recovering from flood damage, the annual kids' beach party had to be postponed. Unfortunately, that is the time when the Youth Activities Committee normally finalizes the calendar of events for the summer with the parents in attendance. So, we just improvised and did the best we could with what Mother Nature handed us.

Kudos go out to the flare lighting team (Eric & Jay Manning and crew) who persevered even with less than ideal conditions on Nick Stoner Island at both the beginning and end of the summer season.

Thankfully, Storytime on the Island continued to be one of the highlights of our summer on the lake. It was even featured in the August 27th edition of the Sunday Leader-Herald. The editor was looking for "feel-good" stories of people enjoying the summer of 2006. Each week brought new people out to Nick Stoner Island to share stories, enjoy a snack, climb the rocks and make new friends. For some reason, Wednesdays almost always seemed to be a decent day weather-wise and we were only rained out once. The Wednesday after the ice cream social turned out to be a record-setting event. Over 40 kids & over a dozen adults (we lost track after a while) crowded onto the island and shared in the ice cream leftovers while listening to stories. We joked that there were so many of us that the island might sink. On a more serious note, with more & more people wanting to join us, space for docking boats is at a premium. "Boat-pooling" is becoming more & more of a necessity. If you have a party boat and would like

to provide water taxi service, or if you need a ride to Storytime, please let either Kristin Franz (835-2522) or me, Linda Fake (835-2447), know. Special thanks to our guest readers and those who helped supply snacks: Merryn Byrnes, Maureen Offitt, Mary Peck, Elayne Umstead and Carolyn Willard.

At Kids' Krafttime, we enjoyed a number of different activities. We created our own tie-dyed t-shirts at Mary & Alan Peck's home on Green Lake. They are brave & fearless people. There is nothing like inviting dozens of kids over to your house and handing over bottles of brightly colored dye to bring on the excitement. At Kristin & Brian Franz's camp, the kids drew designs on leftover stair treads that we then wood-burned and turned into custom cutting boards. One rainy Saturday, Mary Peck brought over jointed wooden fish and snakes for the kids to paint. Some of the snakes were so realistic that it gave some of the moms a scare. If you have a craft talent that you would like to share or would like to host Kids' Krafttime, we are always looking for volunteers.

Back by popular demand, our 2nd annual Pirate Adventure Day was held on July 15th. Even though the skies were threatening, we had an even bigger turnout than the year before. Over 75 children and adults pillaged the shores of Canada Lake. As we did last year, everyone who walked in the door was given a pirate name (check out this website: [www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com)), received their official pirate stick-on tattoo (all of the fun without all of the commitment), the pre-requisite eye patch and the official Canada Lakes Pirate Association ID card. The kids had great fun playing games including "Pin the Eye Patch on the Pirate", "Cannonball Pop" and "Hook the Pretzel". The skies started to open up but that did not stop our intrepid pirates from completing their treasure hunt. Thanks to Kristin Franz (in full pirate costume) for trekking around the shores of Canada Lake in the rain with dozens of little pirates in tow. Since the

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weather didn't seem to want to cooperate, we moved inside where Mary Peck taught us all a new sea shanty about how great it is to be a pirate. This is a side of Mary rarely seen (at least while dressed as a pirate). Iron Anne Rackham (my alter ego) led everyone in a "How to Talk like a Pirate" tutorial. I'm not sure that my vocal cords have recovered just yet. In keeping with the indoor pirate theme, we read pirate-themed stories such as "Henry the Buccaneer Bunny" and "How I Became a Pirate". Another way to keep kids happy on a rainy day is to feed them. There is nothing like Treasure Chest Cake, Briny Deep Jell-O with gummy fish and Sea Slime Punch to give the wee little ones a sugar high. Of course, that is when we send them packing for their home ports. We may be scurvy dogs but we're not dumb.

Once again, there is a movement to institute a "Pirate Night for the Grown-Ups". We will be finalizing a date and location by the first week of July. If you would be interested in either hosting or helping to organize this event, please contact Kristin Franz or myself.

Unfortunately, the day of the water ski/wakeboard clinic, the skies opened up and dumped another 4 inches of rain prompting the cancellation of the event. Instead, we tried to reach as many kids as possible by taking them out individually as time and weather permitted. Hopefully the summer of 2007 will be a bit drier.

The CLPA annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 23rd at Mike & Mary Cannon's camp on Fulton Road. The picnic was well attended with well over 100 happy campers present. There were quite a few new faces in the crowd. The weather was beautiful, the food delicious and a good time was had by all. Dozens of kids enjoyed the water and swam until their lips turned blue. Graciously, the Cannons have offered to serve as our host site for 2007. Apparently, we all behaved well enough to be invited back again.

The relay race event was a no-go. Not one team registered prior to the picnic. Year after year, participation has steadily declined, and there seems a general lack of interest. Consequently, the relay will be dropped from this year's schedule of events. Instead, we will plan for some sort of kids' activity that day at the picnic, most likely a craft event.

In 2006, we experimented with moving the ice cream social to a later date in August. This proved to be a "good thing". (No, Martha Stewart did not help Dixon scoop this year!) Carole & David Fisher were kind enough to volunteer their camp as the host site once again. The weather cooperated on that weekend (for a change) and a good time was had by all. Thanks go out to Kristin & Brian Franz, Dorothea Loomis, Dixon Peters and all of those who helped make our annual event a delicious and delightful time. As I mentioned before, the kids at Storytime benefited as well, gobbling up the leftovers. How do you have 40 kids on an island and still have peace & quiet? Give them all ice cream cones!

The Glove Theater in nearby Gloversville puts on a number of wonderful productions each & every summer with many of these geared towards the young & young at heart. We scheduled a trip to the Saturday matinee of "Charlie & The Chocolate Factory" on August 19th. To guarantee us seating, we needed to make reservations a week prior. Unfortunately, no one called or signed up so we cancelled the event. Unless we hear differently from the membership, we will not plan to include a show at The Glove for the 2007 season.

Since so many people asked for the Kids' Beach Party to be rescheduled rather than cancelled, we tried on August 29th to end the summer better than we started it (key word...tried). Once again, the weather was wet and this time you could feel fall in the air. Needless to say, the event was not well attended but we are hoping for better weather next summer. Anyone have an almanac?



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As you can tell, this was a summer full of challenges but we were not to be deterred. One way or another, we were going to have a fun-filled season; even if it wasn't sun-filled and I believe we accomplished that. But remember, this is your committee. We need your input as well as volunteers to assist us. The Youth Activities committee is always looking for campers to suggest new ideas or help us improve our most popular events. Since the Fourth of July falls in the middle of the week this year, our Kids' Beach Party is scheduled for the Saturday afterwards (July 7th). That is the time when we will be finalizing all of the details and putting together our schedule of events calendar that will be passed out at the annual meeting later that night. Please come and help us make 2007 a summer to

remember until then

## Water Quality Report

*This article will attempt to answer some of the commonly asked questions as a result of the flood last summer.*

### **How did the June 2006 Flood affect the water quality of our lakes?**

As we could all see from the cloudiness of the lake, the water quality of our lakes was certainly impacted as a result of the June 2006 Flood. A weather event with a significant amount of rain in a short time period causes the streams and tributaries in our large watershed to carry a large amount of sediment into the inlets of the lakes. As a result, the lake water becomes turbid, as we witnessed in the water clarity for the remainder of last summer. Sediment unloading into the lakes adds nutrients that impact our lakes' water quality.

At the peak of the flood, the water level no doubt reached some residents' tanks and leach fields, and some septic tank systems were likely compromised. As you are well aware, the effluent from septic systems contains nutrients that negatively impact water quality, as well as potential harmful bacteria that could also

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pose a public health threat.

### **When is it safe to swim in our lakes after a flood?**

Our lake benefits from a relatively quick turnover rate, meaning the water entering the lake exits our lake relatively quickly; the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) officials estimate around 2-4 weeks. There is almost a constant supply of fresh water entering our lake that helps to dilute any existing contamination. The water also has the ability to leave through the outlet at Stewart's Landing Dam, so the contamination shouldn't be allowed to concentrate and remain stagnant in the lake for too long. That being said, however, the location of your residence plays an important role in how quickly the water in front of your dock becomes safe to swim in. These factors include how close you are to an inlet (where there is a quicker turnover), the current (water flow) at your dock, and the condition of your own and your neighbors septic systems.

### **Why couldn't the annual CSLAP water testing give us more information on the lakes' water quality immediately after the flood?**

CSLAP is the volunteer program that is conducted each year by the water purity committee through the DEC and NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations). Through the program, the CLPA monitors overall lake water quality trends by analyzing for the presence of nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen, and chlorophyll *a*. These nutrients come from natural sources, such as sediment, and from human sources such as fertilizers, pesticides and septic leachate. The analytical results are not available to the CLPA for several months. The program also does not monitor all harmful chemicals and substances that may enter the lake, such as E.coli bacteria, petroleum products and other hazardous chemicals.

### **What are the criteria for public beaches with regard to swimming?**

The approved primary indicator of

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the water quality of a designated public swimming area with regards to septic pollution is the test for E. coli or Enterococci bacteria. The NY State DEC swimming guideline is <200 E. coli counts per 100ml of water. The public beaches are required to sample several times per season, as water quality conditions can change daily.

### **Can we drink the water in our lakes?**

Our lakes are **not** safe to drink under any circumstances. It is a recreational body of water only, which means it is safe for swimming and boating. It has never been classified as a drinking water supply.

### **Why did the town issue a No-swimming/No-boating advisory for our lakes after the flood?**

The Town of Caroga issued the advisory immediately after the flood as a precaution due to the danger of floating debris and the likelihood of some septic systems being compromised. In late July, the Town of Caroga collected one shallow and one deep water sample in all lakes in the town. These tests revealed that total coliform and E. coli levels in West Lake were above NYS DEC swimming guidelines. Following these results, the Town lifted the advisory for all the lakes except West Lake.

On August 10, 2006 the Town collected 5 samples from shallow and deep locations in West Lake. Much lower coliform bacteria levels were present in each of the samples. As a result, the Town lifted the advisory for West Lake.

One note worth mentioning is that most coliforms are not harmful, and many are found in both plants and animals. The total coliform count is likely to be consistently higher in West Lake due to the high organic content from the wetland areas surrounding a majority of the lake. To learn more about coliforms, visit [http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/water/drinking/coliform\\_bacteria.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/water/drinking/coliform_bacteria.htm)

### **Did the CLPA collect bacteria samples after the flood for the 2006 season? If so, what were the results?**

Since the program was under the

direction of the Town of Caroga at the time of the flood, the CLPA did not have the capacity to collect and analyze samples for bacteria for several weeks following the flood. In July 2006, the Town's bacteria monitoring program was discontinued for all town lakes. In response, the CLPA voted on a new monitoring program, and is summarized in another article in this Echo publication.

In October and November of 2006, the CLPA tested approximately 50 locations along the shorelines of Canada Lake, Green Lake and West Lake for fecal coliform bacteria. Most locations showed very little or no presence of fecal coliform bacteria. A few locations will be re-tested in the peak season to determine if any additional monitoring in these areas is necessary.

### **Can the CLPA conduct additional testing to determine our lakes' water quality immediately after a flood event?**

There is no one guaranteed test that will effectively determine if an entire body of water is safe for swimming. The dynamic nature of our lake system, combined with its large size and the minimum 24-48 hour turnaround time for any samples collected, make providing a quick determination of lake quality after a flood event impossible. The CLPA recommends you use your common sense and your own best personal judgement before swimming in any water body immediately impacted by a flood.

### **What are the CSLAP water quality results for the 2006 season?**

The DEC has not yet submitted the results from the sampling of the 2006 season. The report will likely show poorer water quality for the samples collected after the flood. Continued sampling for the next few years will be important in determining whether the flood contributed to an extended impact (if any) on our lakes' water quality. The water purity committee plans to report on the 2006 CSLAP report during the annual meeting in July.

Merryn Byrnes

## New Bacteria Monitoring Protocol

Due to the occurrence of the June 2006 Flood and to the abandonment of the Town of Caroga's lake bacteria monitoring program, the CLPA Board of Directors voted on a new protocol for the monitoring of bacteria on Canada Lake, West Lake and Green Lake.

Prior to June 2006, CLPA volunteers would collect samples at random locations along the lakes' shoreline once per season to be tested for the presence of coliform bacteria colonies, using the ColiCount method, an indicator of potential septic system problems. The Town of Caroga supplied the sample kits, as well as the equipment and analyses, and retained the results.

The newly adopted protocol is summarized as follows:

1. -Water testing will be conducted twice per season to test the presence of fecal bacteria along the shoreline (approx. 50 sites per season).
  - CLPA will order all sample kits, and will conduct analyses using the equipment donated to CLPA by the Town of Caroga.
  - Site locations will be selected based on a number of factors including owner's request, historical test results, historical frequency, and visual observations.
2. If any samples show significant number of coliform colonies, the site will be re-tested to confirm a suspect area.
3. If additional testing shows similar results, a surface water sample will be collected, and sent to a certified laboratory to be analyzed for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria, the best indicator of fecal pollution and the possible presence of harmful pathogens.
4. If the results show levels of *E. coli* bacteria above 200 ecoli/100ml (NYS Health Dept Swimming Guidance Level), a nearby septic system may have a problem. The residents nearest the sample location will be notified, and the CLPA will recommend a dye test of

nearby systems, or an inspection by a licensed professional, and will suggest some possible solutions for correcting the problem.

For more information about coliform bacteria, visit:

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/water/drinking/coliform\\_bacteria.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/water/drinking/coliform_bacteria.htm)

*Merryn Byrnes*

### Teens 10th Reunion

The 10th reunion of "Teenagers on Canada Lake" (circa 1956) was hosted by Dave and Carole Fisher on Aug. 4th 2006



Front Row seated, L-R: Jane Petrie Davis, Dolgeville HS, '61; Bert "Zip" Vonderahe, Johnstown HS, '56; Judy Rohrs Donnelly, Elizabeth Seton HS, '59; Tom Willard, Bethlehem Central HS, '59; Priscilla Louise Steuber Castilloux, Montville HS, '59

Back Row Standing L-R: Sue Doubleday Tantalo, Fayetteville Manlius HS, '56; Marty Gohn, Valley Forge Military Academy, '56; Mary Healey Livezey, Ursuline HS, '59; John Paul Miller, Tenafly HS, '56; Barb Yuenger Michaels, Bayside HS, '56; David Fisher, Niskayuna HS, '58; Linda Fisher Smith, Nott Terrace HS, '56.

## June 2006 Canada Lake Flood Facts

*Reported by Bill Fielding 7/4/06*

- The maximum water level elevation which Canada Lake reached at about 1 pm on Wednesday, June 28th (as recorded at the Green Lake Bridge) was 1546.92 feet, which is 3 feet 11 ¼ inches (almost 4 ft) above our normal summer level of 1543.1 feet.
- At approximately 7:30 am, Wednesday June 28th, the Canada Lake Store was notified by the Fire Department that the Pine Lake Dam may break. Dorothy Fielding, from the store, immediately notified, by phone, the owners of property in low areas, (Jung, Ruby, etc.) and other people who came in the store. At the same time, the Marina crew started taking boats out of the lake.
- The Pine Lake Dam never broke, but the water did go over the earthen spillway, eroding it away approximately 1 to 2 feet. Presently the gate at the Pine Lake Dam has been closed and is maintaining summer water level at Pine Lake.
- The maximum water level elevation reached at the Stewart's Landing Dam wall was 1544.25 feet, which is 15 ½ inches above regular summer level of 1543.1 feet. This means that the dam had no effect on the flood level (almost 4 feet above normal) which we experienced on Canada Lake. Rather, the Stewart's Landing channel leading to the dam restricted the flow.
- The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) acted in a timely manner opening the Stewart's Landing Dam in time. They continuously monitored the flow, and closed the dam so we did not fall below summer level as the water receded. During the major part of the flooding, the bottom gate was open 5 feet, according to emails from DEC Northville.
- The DEC was completely on top of the situation, and worked through the 4th of July weekend to control Canada Lake's water level and protect downstream property.
- The water level came within 8 inches of the top opening of the Green Lake Bridge.
- At approximately 10 am Wednesday, June 28th, the stream from Otter Lake washed over the Green Lake Road and broke the culvert pipe into two pieces. The breach was approximately 10 to 12 feet deep, and 20 feet to 30 feet wide. The road was repaired by the town on Thursday, June 29th, allowing limited traffic.
- Between 9 am and 10 am Wednesday, June 28th, the road to West Lake at the State boat launch was washed out by Saw Dust Creek, which is the outlet from Pine Lake and Stoner Lake. The culvert pipe remained intact, however. The town repaired the road Monday, July 3rd, and traffic was restored.
- The West Lake State boat launch is badly eroded and a lot of road gravel has washed into the launch and stream. Trailered boats cannot be launched. However, boats that can be carried to the launch can be put in Saw Dust Creek.
- The New York State Health Department contacted the Canada lake Store by phone on Monday, July 3rd, and asked if the business had been impacted in any health-related way. Bill Fielding said we were above the high water mark, but had no health impact to report. He went on to say that there was a lot of debris floating around the lake, and many people are concerned about water quality. The Health Department said that what we are experiencing is normal in a flood, and he was not overly concerned about these issues, and that the water quality should increase in a few days.
- Water samples were not collected by the CLPA water purity committee, or any other agency. During a flood condition, the water chemistry changes rapidly, especially in a watershed such as Canada Lake, where there is a relatively quick turnover of water through its many inlets and the Stewart's Landing outlet. Testing for *ecoli* bacteria in the water would take 24 hours to receive any results, and therefore the test results would not be accurate (to the current water quality conditions).

## Canada Lake Store & Marine News

Damaging winds, disruptive ice storms, blinding blizzards, & sub-zero temperatures certainly presented challenges for all of us in this area over the winter. Therefore our generators, chain saws, snowplows, snow blowers, & shovels were put into action several times. However, if you have been checking our web cam on your computer, you would have seen plenty of ideal days for cross country skiers, snowmobilers, & ice fishermen. A lake trout brought to us weighed 12.5 lb. on the store scale & it measured 31" long. Also a snowboarder with a kite was spotted sailing over the snow drifts on the lake.

Howard Dutcher & Chris Piehuta, our mechanics, went to New Hampshire twice for training at Mercury School. Now they are wrapping up their winter work refurbishing boats & motors before the stored boats & new ones are prepared for delivery & pick-up. Hope Piehuta, Bill's secretary, continues with her responsibilities in the marina & store. Bret, who will return to help us in the marina, will resume the O'Brien wakeboard demo program he started & help with the CLPA clinics for water skiing.

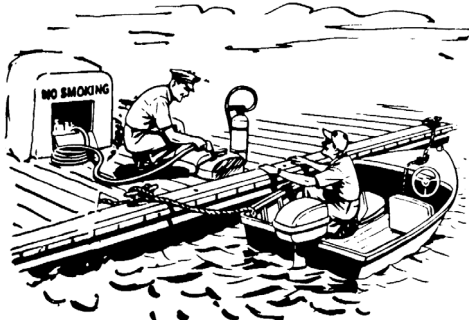
Speaking of O'Brien, the new Depth Charge 1 & 2 tubes promise to be very popular. Kids & adults will have a blast on the new O'Brien Fun Board, which is pulled directly by the boat, without getting tired arms & hands. In the gift shop we're excited about the new Canada Lake fleece vests & pullovers. The following staff will be working for us this summer:

Kari Clavette	Dolgeville
Ashley Dutcher	Gloversville
Nicole Jarvis	Bleecker
Nichole Nichols	Caroga Lake

Kelsey Palcovic	Caroga Lake
Christian Rohrs	Gloversville
Ben Rutkowski	Stratford
Brittany Sprung	Caroga Lake
Katie Sullivan	West Lake

By the way, we would really like to see more young people on our lakes apply for a summer job at the store, particularly if you're 18 years or older.

On to family news ..... Merryn, John, Anika, & Kaelyn spent one week in Park City, Utah in January skiing with the rest of the family at The Canyons. With most of the family out west, either ski instructing (Bill & Heather) or ski patrolling (Bret), that's the place to go. Heather enjoyed instructing some kids from the lake, Steve & Lynn Smith's



children Meghan & Sarah. They were on vacation at The Canyons in March. She will come back here this summer to run her Lake Effect Café. See her article in this issue. This winter Eric was promoted from First Officer to Captain with American Eagle airlines. On his days

off he also ski instructed at The Canyons & ski raced on his airline's ski team, both alpine & cross country, at various ski resorts in the west.

To those of you who have spent your winters away from here, we look forward to your return and wish you a very delightful sojourn at our beautiful lakes. We thank all of our patrons, both year round & seasonal, for your loyal support of the store & marine business. When one boat storage customer wrote to us recently "Take care of yourselves, a lot of people need you", it really made us stop & think. Please take care of yourselves too.

See you soon.

## RESPONSIBLE ILLUMINATION

In the spirit of being good neighbors, we should all periodically assess our nighttime lighting to see if we are doing the best we can to not shine excess light onto our neighbors' property, out over the lake, or into the sky. The use of proper lighting fixtures and shields can re-direct light downwards, thereby reducing the wattage we need for a given task, reducing troublesome glare for friends who come to our docks at night, and generally improving the natural environment of Canada Lake. For further information visit the International Dark-Sky Association ([www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)) and/or contact Alan Fiedler, who has flood light shields available at cost to interested Canada Lakers.



## RECYCLE

First and third Friday of each month

Put out by 6 am

Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office, stores, or Town Clerk's Office

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lake Activities Vice President Linda Fake is always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to help out, please call Linda at home (315) 429-3911 or at the lake (518) 835-2447.

## The Lake Effect Café

The date is January 24th, almost the mid-way point of the ski season here at The Canyons Ski Resort in Utah. Winter conditions are cold, with below average snow pack.....so instead of skiing on my day off, I'm thinking about how to make The Lake Effect Cafe better than ever!

I'm looking forward to providing an atmosphere for you to either start your day, get together and plan your day, or take a break in the day.

Let the Cafe be a place to be creative. All you musicians (or aspiring), come to the porch for some 'Pick'n on the Porch' from 2-5pm Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday all summer long.

What will be on the menu?

- Hot or iced coffee, tea, and espresso drinks.
- Italian sodas and hot chocolate.
- Fresh baked-from-scratch muffins, scones, coffee cakes, cookie bars, cinnamon buns (every other day), and pie slices on weekends. Whole pies available with 24-hour notice.
- Homemade Wraps ready-to-go for your last minute hike, made with seasonal fresh ingredients.

Free wireless Internet access also available during store business hours with your patronage.

Thanks for all your support for the past 3 summers!

So for now, I'll be busy thinking of new creative ideas for you and your families.

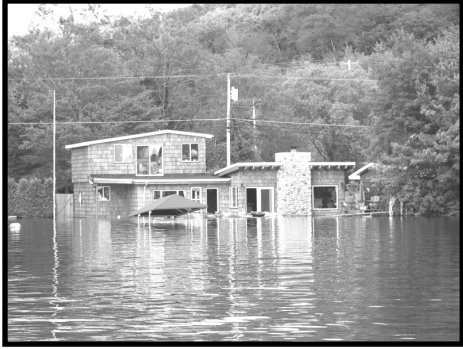
Thanks,

*Heather Fielding*

## Our Extreme Climate

Flood June 28 - 2006, Ice Storm Jan. 15, 2007 - Snowstorm February 14, 2007

Some say that with everything bad, there comes some good. The Flood that occurred



Lozier Home

on our lake in June 2006 may be a perfect example. As many of you know, we were victims of that flood. The water began to rise on June 27th and continued to rise for the next two days as the rain and runoff filled our lake. It was heartbreaking to watch the water rise and begin to run through our home.

As for the good, the support, kindness, and hard work of friends, our family, and people we had never met, will be the experience we will never forget. At any given time, there were 10-20 people at our home helping us. They took days off from work to help, loaned us pumps, plastic

tubing, rope, bags, a generator, moved furniture, helped us store furniture, filled and carried bags of sand, swept water to the pumps, went to the store for supplies, filled the generators, fed all of us for three straight days, and offered moral support. There were people who worked up to 8 hours a day to help us and then came back again each of the three days that the water rose. When we were so tired from not sleeping and working nonstop, they came and stood by us and took over the saving of our home. If it had not been for the kindness of so many, the water in our home would have been 2 feet high instead of 2 inches, and the damage would have been even more severe. If they had not been here, we together would never have been able to hold back the waters.

As we have said before, Canada Lake is an amazing place. The beauty of its people often outshines even the beauty of our lake. We want to thank all of you who were here for us; we wish we had the words to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and for helping to save our home.

Most Truly,

*Lauren & Peter Lozier*



Hutchinson Road



20 Wading In

### Flood Pictures



Cannon's New Dock

## Our Extreme Climate



Kasson Drive



Lois Miller Ferry



South Shore



West Lake Boat Launch

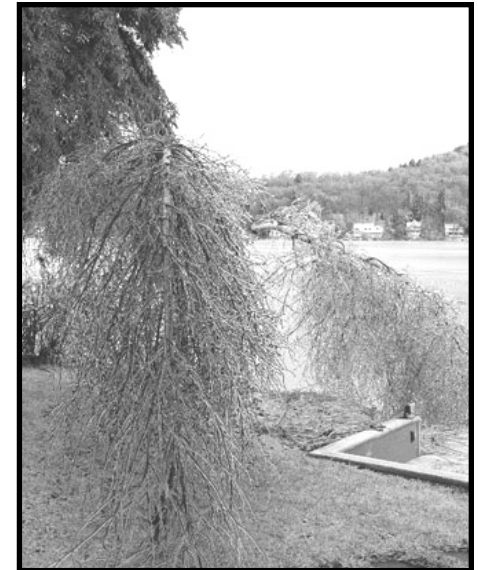


Stewarts Landing Dam

### Snow & Ice Pictures



Buried House



21 Weeping Birches

**Caroga Historical Association & Museum  
2007 Schedule of Events**

**Special Events**

- July 1** 1pm - 4pm\* **Museum Opens – Celebrating 30th Anniversary Family Fun Day**  
**Music – Revisions Barbershop Quartet**  
**Demonstrations:** Beekeeping, Spinning, Weaving, Woodcarving, Maplesyruping and Blacksmithing  
**Refreshments:** Pie and Ice Cream
- July 7** 7pm **Welcome Reception** for July's Featured Artists  
**Judy Moritz, Joann Resch** – Watercolor  
**Kathryn (Ziggy) Zajicek** – Pottery  
**Art Show** on Exhibit July 1 - 29
- July 14** 6pm  
7pm\* **Ice Cream Social**  
**Concert – Fritz Henry**
- Aug 4** 7pm **Welcome Reception** for August's Featured Artists  
**Ellen Panero** – Watercolor  
**Pete Habla** – Wood Sculpture Carvings  
**Art Show** on Exhibit August 2 - 31
- Aug 11** 6pm  
7pm\* **Ice Cream Social**  
**Concert – Annie and the Hedonists**
- Aug 17** 10am - Noon **Talk and a Walk at Tannery Site with Inger McDaniel**  
 Meet at Caroga Museum

**Craft Fair**

- July 21** 10am - 3pm Crafters, Bake Sale, Raffles, Food 11 – 3 pm  
 Music by **Durey Creek Blue Grass Band**  
 Woodcarving and Spinning Demonstrations  
 (In case of a hard rain, Craft Fair will be held at Caroga Town Hall)

**Workshops**

- July 12** 10am – 3pm **Woodcarving with Paul Stone**  
 Bring Lunch and exacto knife – Ages 14 and up  
 Limit 12 students

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- July 19** 10am – 3pm **Basket Weaving with Eileen Wrightsman**  
 Bring Lunch and \$15.00 for materials, 8 clothespins, dishpan, measuring tape, scissors, awl or jack knife  
 Limit 12 students
- Aug 9** 10am – 3pm **Beginners Hand Quilted Pillow with Linda Dolan**  
 Bring Lunch and \$10.00, scissors and stuffing  
 Limit 10 Students
- Aug 16** 10am – 3pm **Watercolor with Ellen Panero**  
 Bring lunch and own supplies  
 Limit 12 students

The cost of each workshop is  
 \$20.00 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members

To register:  
 Send your check with name, address and phone number to

Judy Smith,  
 P. O. Box 434, Caroga Lake, NY 12032.  
 Make check payable to Caroga Historical Museum.

**Concerts under the stars**  
 Bring lawn chairs and remember to dress for the weather.

In case of rain, concerts will be held at  
 Caroga Town Hall, 1840 State Hwys 10 & 29 A.

**DONATIONS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE APPRECIATED**

[www.carogamuseum.org](http://www.carogamuseum.org)

*\*These special events are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administrated by the Tri County Arts Council.*

**GARBAGE PICKUP - Tuesdays**

All garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20 gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Garbage may not include recyclables or trash such as diapers, kitty litter, yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station. Special hazardous waste collections are scheduled by the town or county.

See Town of Caroga Directory for transfer station hours.

**Become a Supporting Member of the Caroga Historical Museum**

A Years Museum Membership is \$20 single, \$25 family, \$50-99 Sponsor, \$100+ Patron.

Please send a check with name, address and phone number to Shirley Holliday, P.O. Box 434, Caroga Lake, NY 12032. Make check payable to Caroga Historical Museum.

## Canajoharie and the Arkell Museum

In last year's Echo I recommended Canajoharie's new Arkell museum as a world-class cultural experience available only a half hour's drive from the lake area.

The events of June 28, 2006, which impacted the lakes with damaging high water, were especially cruel to the communities in the central Mohawk Valley including Canajoharie.

The museum, which was about sixty percent complete, was squarely in the sights of the flood waters. Both the existing library and the new museum construction were inundated, and after the flood receded over twelve feet of water remained in the basements. We lost all of our mechanical and electrical equipment and suffered structural damages. Our schedule was set back over five months and the cost of repairs has exceeded \$1.5 million.

That said, I've since described our experience as a "disaster that could have been a catastrophe." This is because our collection of over 350 American master artworks, including our Winslow Homer collection, had been removed to other locations while we were under construction. Some were on display at wonderful museums in Europe and other parts of the U.S., some were receiving attention at art conservation labs and some were in secure storage off site. Damage to even a few of these masterpieces would be a distressing loss of important pieces of Americana.

Hopefully the opportunity to enjoy Canajoharie's great American artworks will still be available during the summer of 2007. We're working hard to finish the building, return the collection and open during July.

Our first changing exhibit will include works from our own collection including Winslow Homer oils and watercolors,

as well as landscape views by many of America's other greatest artists.

Our permanent exhibit will feature a fascinating look at the fusion of fine art and advertising employed by the early Beech-Nut Corporation. Bartlett Arkell founded Beech-Nut and was responsible for acquiring most of our art collection. This exhibit will feature a fun interactive exercise that will put your own advertising skills to the test. We'll also be re-introducing a charming Norman Rockwell painting that Mr. Arkell commissioned as an ad piece in the 1930's. This painting hasn't been on public display for over forty years. It will be shown alongside the ad that appeared in America's most popular magazines of the day.

For 2008 our line up of changing exhibits will include a major show of works by members of the Wyeth family (N.C., Andrew and Jamie) from the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland Maine. It's sure to be one of the cultural highlights of the entire region.

As a very interesting sidelight, several months ago we were reviewing some 1930's vintage Arkell family home movies. Some footage appeared showing Bartlett Arkell and other family members swimming in a lake. As the camera panned I was stunned to see Nick Stoner Island appear. My little bit of research leads me to believe the Arkell's were regular visitors to Canada Lake. Maybe next year I'll have some more history to share.

I hope you'll keep an eye peeled for our opening announcements as the summer arrives and that you'll take part of a day (rainy or not) to enjoy a great cultural experience right in our own back yard.

*Joseph Santangelo  
President and C.E.O.  
Arkell Hall Foundation Inc.*

## Fielding Ski Instructors

*While you were back at the old 9-to-5, or carting kids to and from school, how was Bill Fielding passing the winter?*

He was a ski instructor 2,000 miles to the west, at The Canyons, a popular resort in Park City, Utah. And so was daughter Heather, as she has been for the last dozen or so years. Also there was son Bret, a member of the Ski Patrol (a job that entails frequent bombing to destroy incipient avalanches). And often they were joined in their ski instructing by son Eric, when he had time off from his day job as an airline pilot.

How come the Fieldings, long synonymous with their Canada Lake Store and its marina, are out there amid the cliffs, canyons, avalanches and soaring mountains of northern Utah? "It started 12 or 14 years ago when we went on a family skiing vacation to Park City," says Bill. Heather, then a Montessori school teacher in Washington State, was taken with it and announced that she was moving there. She became a ski instructor at The Canyons. Four years ago she suggested that her dad -- then 57 and possessor of an instructor's certificate from Vermont -- join The Canyons ski staff. He did. For the season, wife Dorothy minded the Lake store.

Usually Bill arrives in Utah about a week before Thanksgiving. The season winds up in early April (the 8th this year), and it's back here, selling and servicing boats for the summer.

Park City, the U. S. Ski Team's permanent headquarters, as well as the site of several of the 2002 Olympic events, is big in ski circles. Its runs range from green (for beginners) to double diamonds that challenge experts. Bill's workday at The Canyons, which encompasses 3,700 acres and eight different mountains, begins at 9 am, "But ordinarily," he says, "I go to the mountains about 7:30 to enjoy that experience." He finishes about 4 p.m.

Park City, a silver mining boom town in the 19th Century, is 7,000 feet above sea level. Mt. Marcy, New York's highest, is only 5,344. Our Kane Mt. seems puny at 2,200. And that's just for starters. The mountains which surround Park City go on up to 9,900 feet, just short of the 10,000 line, above which timber doesn't grow.

As spring rolls round, Bill can see, from the chair lift, moose on the mountainside below. In winter, ermine, their coats white for the season, foxes and occasional wolves can also be spotted. So can occasional celebrities. "Tiger Woods skis at The Canyons once or twice a year, though I'm not his instructor."

The panorama from Park City is of jagged, saw tooth peaks...."Much younger mountains, typically with much steeper slopes than our rounded Adirondacks. In the mining days the heavy timber was pretty well logged off and has been succeeded by aspen groves and red pines." Though the cover is ideal for skiing, there were no extraordinary (Oswego-like) short-term snowfalls last winter, Fielding says. But during the season three years ago a record deposit of 600 inches fell. Temperature ranges he finds roughly comparable to winters here. "But the sky is usually cloudless, so the sun warms the slopes and you don't experience bitter cold".

Now the enterprising Fieldings are back at the lake for the summer and fall....Bret's working with his parents at the store and marina and Heather's running her coffee-and-pastry shop that's become a popular mecca. The space adjacent to the store became available four years ago when Bill and Dorothy decided to end the contract post office. With the advent of the new post office at Caroga Lake, they couldn't offer the high tech services of a modern post office and many people decided to rent at the new Caroga facility. "It worked out well and we've been thrilled with the success of Heather's business in that space," Dorothy said.

## My Special Adventure

Screech! Hey, I don't think we are where our hike is supposed to begin yet! We all get out of the car. The sun is so bright I'm squinting and just barely see a washed-out bridge right in front of us. Dad says it happened earlier in the summer because of all the rain and maybe we can take a new trail.

Over the bridge we go, and we see a sparkling stream. At the edge, there are lots of rocks, and on the bank there are a few giant boulders. On those we eat a wonderful picnic. I guess it isn't a total disaster.

Meanwhile, Dad is researching another trail nearby. The trail is a bushwhack to a waterfall. A bushwhack means there is no marked trail. It sounds a little shaky to me, but I go anyway. We continue up the stream to where the bushwhack begins.

My family starts up the stream rock-hopping, until we can't continue. From there, we go to the bank. With bugs buzzing in my ears, this is not the most comfortable, but it is not horrible either. The cool breeze is calming. Soon we are at the top!

At the top, we sit beneath the waterfall and eat gorp. The water is freezing so we don't stay in long. On the hike down we mostly stay on land. The return trip goes a lot faster. This hike actually turns out awesome!

When we get to the bottom,

Dad looks around and tells us to come over. It turns out that we ate lunch sitting on a rock with poison ivy next to it. Poison ivy is everywhere! We all get in the car and go back to our lake house where we scrub ourselves with dish detergent. Luckily, only Kara gets a little. What an adventure!

Father's note: The adventure was supposed to be a hike into the gorge of the West Branch of the Sacandaga—an excellent hike (although difficult) described in guidebooks by Barbara McMartin. We did not know the bridge over Jimmy Creek along West River Road was washed out by the flooding of June 2006, so that was as far as we could drive. Since we were right there anyway, we opted for another bushwhack up to Jimmy Creek Falls, also described by Barbara McMartin. Although I've never seen poison ivy in the Canada Lake area, there is certainly a lot of it along the north bank of that stretch of the Sacandaga.

*Anne Freeman*

*About the Author: Anne Freeman is 10 years old and is a 4th grade student at Center School in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She has two older sisters and one younger brother. In her spare time she likes to read. Canada Lake is one of her favorite places to be. She has not yet experienced poison ivy, and would like to keep it that way!*

## Recollections

My earliest recollection of Canada Lake in the winter was during college days in the nineteen thirties while on Easter vacation at Mabel and Kenneth Widdemer's camp on the north shore in 1937 and Christmas of 1938. We traveled by bus to Fonda and hitched and walked to the lake. Our plan was to stock up on food at the Canada Lake store. At that time the store was located on the far side of the new route 10. When the new road was constructed, the store was turned around and moved across to the old state road location where it now sits. The storekeepers, Mr. and Mrs. Austen, lived in a travel trailer located next to their store. When we arrived, we discovered that the Austins had left with their trailer and were spending the winter in Florida. While at the lake we split wood for the kitchen wood stove, ice skated, climbed Kane Mountain on snow shoes and read our books in the evening.

After purchasing the Barclay camp on the south shore in 1949, I invited members of the Adirondack Mountain Club of Albany to spend New Year's Eve at camp. Eighteen club members celebrated New Year's Eve on the ice in 1952. The following day we made a 16mm movie which we titled "Home for the Holiday".

I recall that in the 1930's "Skeet" and Marie Sliter lived year round in a comfortable home on Dolgeville Point. "Skeet" was a legend - a World War I pilot, a woodsman, an

avid hunter and a jack of all trades. During the winter months "Skeet" repaired outboard motors and boats in his cellar shop. He operated Sliter Marine Service and had the franchise for Johnson Motors. I still have the 5 and 1/2 hp Johnson he sold me in 1952 for around \$550.00. "Skeet" was a pioneer and a true North Country entrepreneur. He and Marie owned and operated the Canada Lake Store before retiring to Mount Dora, Florida.

During the winter season the Sliters crossed the ice in their 1929 Model A Ford vegetable truck which on one occasion fell through the ice at their Dolgeville point dock. When the ice was ready to go out, the Sliters took their canoe across the ice and were ready to jump in whenever the ice gave way.

During the winter of 2006, while vacationing in Florida, to my utter amazement I met a neighbor who lives in Oppenheim and was acquainted with the Sliters during their time at the lake. Furthermore, he had purchased and restored their old Model A Ford which he added to his collection of vintage cars.

June and I moved to Florida in 1956 and returned to New York State in 2002. During the Florida years we often exchanged houses and automobiles with Canada Lake friends during the winter months. The Kerrs, Bates and Fiedlers were delighted to enjoy a two week rent-free vacation four hundred feet from the ocean in our Florida

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home in Deerfield Beach while we had a "taste" of winter in their homes. During our winter house exchanges we always included a night or two at our south shore cabin crossing the ice on skis or snowshoes and dragging Bill Place's old toboggan loaded with supplies. At times during our February visits the temperature dropped to 18 below zero, but we were always comfortable in our 20'x20' insulated cabin and managed to raise the temperature to 70 degrees with the help of Bill Bates's old Franklin stove.

We are no longer able to ski across the ice or spend time at camp in the winter, but we still enjoy summer on the south shore while treasuring memories of winter camping in years past.

*Norris E. (Bud) Osborn*

### CLPA PICNIC

All members are invited to attend the annual CLPA picnic. Please provide a covered dish to share, and plates and utensils for your own use. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for younger children are provided. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending. We urge all members and their families to join us at the 2007 picnic scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, July 21 at Cannon's residence, 230 Fulton Road. Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for information and sign-up for adult special activities.

## SANITATION AND HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

As of June 2003, drawings from an architect or other licensed professional are needed for new installations, repairs, alterations to septic systems and holding tanks. Sanitation permit cost is \$25.

Local Law #3-2006 requires owners of holding tanks to have them emptied by June 1st of each year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitation Officer. For a list of registered sanitation pumping businesses, contact the Caroga Town Clerk or the Town Sanitation Officer at 835-4211.

## FIRE TIPS

- Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.
- Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.
- Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located.  
*Sonnenberg's on West Lake*  
*Warren Dennie's on South Shore*  
*Lichtneger's dock on Dolgeville Point*  
*In Bill Fielding's work boat*
- Know how to operate these pumps or ask any director for instructions.
- Call 911 for the Fire Department.
- Know your 911 number when you call.

## Marion "Bonnie" Yates Buchner '41

*Bonnie Buchner is the proprietor of the Lakeside Motel. This biography appeared in the program for the State University of New York College at Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame, 2006 Induction.*

When she was a 17-year-old college freshman in the late 1930s, Marion "Bonnie" Yates Buchner '41 declined a job offer to dance with the famed Radio City Music Hall Rockettes in favor of earning her degree.

She graduated from Cortland and devoted 40 years to being a teacher and guidance counselor, but she never stopped dancing. Seventy years later, Buchner is still winning statewide competitions, entertaining young and old alike with her infectious love of dance, and tap dancing weekly at the National Dance Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where her life's story is featured.

A SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumna, Buchner was raised in Caroga Lake, N.Y. At age 15, she established her own dance school and had 59 students perform in its inaugural recital. She graduated from Fultonville (N.Y.) High School.

At Cortland, she took advantage of every sport opportunity available to female students at the time. She played tennis, basketball and field hockey. She swam and was secretary and treasurer of the Women's Aquatic Club. She danced under the direction of legendary Cortland instructor Mary Washington Ball, whom she credits as mentor and inspiration. An Alpha Delta sorority sister, Buchner taught dance to youngsters in the community at the Cortland YWCA on Saturday mornings and performed a figure skating exhibition at the newly opened Randall Field rink.

Buchner, who later earned a master's degree in counseling education from SUNY Oneonta and another master's degree equivalency in political science and public administration from SUNY Albany, taught in Fort Edward, N.Y., Glens Falls, N.Y., Quincy, Mass., and Wheelerville (N.Y.) Union Free School. She also worked as director of guidance at both Galway (N.Y.) Central School and Fonda-Fultonville (N.Y.) Central School.

She received a presidential invitation to participate in the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was appointed by the New York State governor to serve on the Conference on Aging and to chair Fulton County Physical Education. A former New York State Fair "Volunteer Woman of the Year," Buchner ran unsuccessfully for the New York State Assembly. She was a member of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's Speakers Corps and is a past president of the Women's Republican Club of Fulton County.

She and her husband, Ronald, a former Naval commander, had four children: Bonnie, Bruce, Cheryl and Denise. When Ronald passed away, she immersed herself in dancing. She volunteers to entertain at nursing homes in Florida. She represented New York State in the Ms. Senior Citizen competition. Recently, she won the Platinum First prize at the Showstopper International Convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and has been invited to dance in Lyon, France, this year.

### Overlapping Jurisdiction in the Adirondack Park

The need for a permit depends on the land use area in which the property is located – proximity to water bodies, streams and wetlands.

The following activities in the Adirondack Park may require an APA Permit, and ALSO require contact with the Town of Caroga Code Enforcement Officer:

- Selling or gifting a portion of your land.
- Filling, excavating or otherwise impacting a wetland.
- Altering the natural flow, level or condition of a stream, lake or pond.
- Constructing a retaining wall, deck, or other structure within 100 feet of a shoreline.
- Cutting vegetation within 35 feet of a shoreline.
- Clear-cutting more than 3 acres of your land.



## Echoes

The **Broderick** family has seen some changes this past year. Jan underwent a total hip replacement and total knee replacement. Both were very successful. Now she is ready to run the marathon! (Don't I wish!) Our grandson, Stephen, graduated from Dutchess Community College and is now attending SUNY Albany. He is doing a business internship with a local finance firm. His sister, Chrissy, and her fiance Craig were married last November and are in the process of buying a new home. Of course, we can't wait for them to add to our family. Our son, Gary, was elected vice president of the New York State Snowmobilers Association and represents our state at national and international meetings. Alan, our youngest, has started his own business, DB&R Sales and Marketing, Inc. and plans on making his first million before the age of 45!! And he may just do it! Our Ohio granddaughter, Brittany, has won a national lacrosse scholarship and plans on attending Wagner College on Staten Island in the fall. Now she is just a train ride away from us so we plan on seeing a lot more of her. All in all, it has been a very good year for our family. Regards to all our CLPA friends!

**Warren Dennie** writes.....2007 will be my 80th consecutive year coming to Canada Lake. I started coming to the lake when I was 4 months old (1927). I was carried on my father's back to my Uncle's camp on Green Lake (Tracy Bogart).

**Rick & Kathy Fink** are now the proud parents of two children adopted from Abakan, Kakasia Region of Siberia, Russia. Nicole, age 2 and Vanya, age 4 arrived in the US with us on October 13th after a harrowing two week trip to the area 3000 miles east of Moscow. They have adjusted quite well to their new life. Both are in pre-school and are already age appropriate in speaking English. We look forward to introducing them to the Canada Lake community.

Rick is recovering from neck surgery this March and may need extra lake time to

facilitate a full recovery. The **Halverson** family is pleased to announce its latest member, Alexandra Diane Halverson, born May 26, 2006, who will be one year old this summer. Liana and Tom Montague will be at the lake, along with Diane and Lowell Halverson, this coming August.

**John Leonforte and Rosemary Lee** of Dolgeville Point are celebrating the second birthdays of their two grandchildren, Logan Lee McCormack, born on March 15, and Elizabeth Claire McCormack, born on June 3, both in 2005. Todd and Jennifer are Logan's parents, and William and Diana are Elizabeth's.

John is retiring from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection after 33 years and plans to spend the entire summer at Canada Lake for the first time. Rosemary will be commuting with Eugene, one of our three dogs, while Lucy and Charlie will enjoy an endless summer with John.

We traveled to Boulder, Colorado to visit with Bryan, who is managing his moving business, and enjoyed the beautiful city of Boulder, the national parks, and Golden, with a visit to the Colorado Railroad Museum.

News from the **McLelland** home.....Jim and Cathy McLelland will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 7th.

From **Nancy Fink Myers** regarding the annual (sometimes) South Shore Swim.....



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Those who live on the South Shore are a hardy bunch and when the spirit moves us have been known to take an impromptu, robust "swim across the lake". In this picture, taken summer 2006, South Shore residents Mathew Osborn, Erin Bomberger (guest), Trish Osborn, Dorothy Osborn and Jessica Myers Blair are shown after the great event.

**Petrie/Davis** news.....Parker and Igoe purchased a lovely home in Sandown, NH. Parker works for Mad Doc Software in Andover, MA and Igoe works in Wakefield, MA. for a Human Resources Co. Hilary bought a condo unit in Saratoga, NY. She is working on her MBA in the U of Albany executive program while working full time for Mohawk Paper. Tori is still teaching high school English at the Bolles School in Jacksonville, FL. She was accepted in the Breadloaf English Masters Program and spent last summer studying at Oxford University in England. This summer she'll study at Middlebury in VT. We hope you all saw Tori, the Fielding's and the Manning's perfect the 3 and 5 man pyramid in August. Donny White (at 50) skied barefoot! Pretty impressive for all six people.

Tony enjoyed snow skiing and started trap and skeet shooting again. Jane played a lot of platform tennis and bridge and hiked all winter. Mother Millie is 89 and is looking forward to another summer at the lake.

In March, we attended Ellen Dennie's wedding in NC and had a wonderful time with Hilary, the Dennies and Lowell and Diane Vosburgh Halverson. Hilary also spent time at New Years with the Kalpins and Ward and Kim Halverson. We're looking forward to seeing family and friends at the lake again this summer.

From **Chris Rohrs**.....2007 will be our 6th summer on Fulton Road. Our youngest, Mary Grace, starts college this August so Kathy and I hope to spend more fall weekends at the Lake. Our son Chris spent his spring semester in London and will be a senior at Notre Dame in the fall. Our

oldest, Annie, works at Harper Collins in NYC and often weekends with us at the Lake.

Across the Lake at the main family camp on Kasson Drive, my mother Jeanne Rohrs will be 95 this August.

From **Phyllis Sandford** .... Mary Sandford of Kasson Drive was married to David Flaherty on April 14, 2007 at St.James Church in North Creek with the reception being held at the Copperfield Inn.

Robert and Phyllis are looking forward to arriving at the lake in May for the summer. This is when we get to spend more time with our ten grandchildren. Phyllis went on a trip to Peru in March and is planning a trip to Italy in August. Cynthia Carpenter has been spending her winter in North Carolina and Florida.

**Doug and Judy Smith** report that "A CELEBRITY IS BORN". We are proud to announce the arrival of our first grandchild, Benjamin Nolan Smith. Ben is the son of Jeff & Patty Smith who have already introduced Ben to our beautiful lakes!



Little did we know that this little guy at five months would have a photo shoot with our new governor. We hear that Ben is on a first name basis with the governor! Ben was on a flight to Hutchinson Island to visit his Gramma & Grampa Smith when "Elliot" introduced himself to Ben. Ben will be available for comments this summer at Green Lake!

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**Steve Smith** writes.....Meghan and Sarah Smith from the Fisher/Smith camp skied at the Canyons in Park City with Heather Fielding as their fantastic ski instructor. Lynn, Steve, Meghan and Sarah had a great winter vacation at the Canyons. Heather was great and we connected with Bill, Bret and Eric Fielding.



From **Sue Tantalo**.....This has been the winter that was, Dan spent most of the winter in FL while I spent most of January through most of April helping our daughter Terri, in Boston, with her new twins, Lillian and Gunther, born early on January 19th. The highlight of Sue's winter was CX'ing with Lake friends over Presidents' Day weekend. We look forward to showing off our new grandchildren this summer and anxiously await the birth of our first Great Grandchild in June.

From the **Tevebaugh/Ehmsen/Yarnell** family on the south shore.....The Tevebaugh Camp welcomes its next generation; Lena Ehmsen Randle was born July 3, 2006, to Erika Ehmsen and Steven Randle. The happy family resides in San Francisco, where Erika is an editor at Sunset magazine and Steve is a veterinarian. Proud grandparents Jean (Ruth and Teve's daughter) and Ron Ehmsen make frequent trips up the California coast from Santa Barbara to play with Lena, who got to meet great-grandma Ruth and the Yarnell clan at Thanksgiving 2006 in Pennsylvania. Erika, Steve, and Lena hope to make it out to the lake next Fourth of July to celebrate Lena's 2nd birthday with those traditional Canada Lake flares.

**REMEMBER!!**  
A non-motorized craft  
always has the right-of-way

**FISH CATCHES**  
PLEASE REPORT YOUR FISH  
CATCHES AT THE STORE.  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL  
WHERE YOU CAUGHT THEM,  
JUST THE SIZE.

### HEALTH WARNING ADIRONDACK FISH CONSUMPTION

In 2005, the NY State Department of Health issued a warning urging that women of child-bearing age and children under 15 avoid eating largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, pickerel, walleye, and larger yellow perch from all water in the Adirondack mountain region because of mercury contamination. Trout, catfish, smelt and other popular food fish have not been found to have elevated mercury levels. Mercury can affect a developing nervous system in a fetus, infants and young children, according to the state Health Department.

### Lake-Friendly Soaps?

There really is no environmentally friendly way to lather up in a lake. A few generations ago, taking a bar of Ivory soap down to the lake for a bath created a fairly small human impact on a big body of water. But there are more people now, more pollutants in the water, and more chemicals from the shore washing into the lake.

Soaps can create algae blooms, which greatly alter the health of a lake. Even products that contain only natural ingredients may affect ecological balances in unintended ways.

From Cabin Living, February 2007

## Echoes from the Past

*Many of our families have spent summers on the lake for generations. Below are news excerpts published 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago in The Echo.*

### 1967

Michael **Hoffman** has been accepted at Colgate University. Peter Hoffman is on the varsity hockey team at Colby College in Maine. Both are sons of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman of Rochester, Minn.

Miss Joyce **Tevebaugh** has accepted summer employment with Argonne National Laboratory at Argonne, Ill. This fall she will start graduate work at the U. of California at Berkeley. She graduates from the U. of Wisconsin at Madison on June 5 in the field of chemistry. Miss Jean Tevebaugh is engaged to be married on August 12th. She will attend Washington University at St. Louis, Mo. this fall semester as a senior.

Jane Ann **Petrie**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Arnold Petrie of Dolgeville and Canada Lake, was married to Mr. Robert Anthony Davis. She completes 2 years of teaching in Suffern HS, and they are building a new home in Vermont. Nancy Ellen Petrie graduated from St. Lawrence University June 4, 1967 with a B.S. degree.

### 1977

The **Sasscer** family always seems to have a lot going on. On January 1 our son Larry, who is chairman of Science & Math at Northern Virginia Community College where they call him Dr. Sasscer, was married to the former Monica Flynn. We are very happy with our lovely new daughter-in-law.

Ruth **Fink** is now Mrs. Donald Kerr of Schenectady. Don sails a Lightning at Mayfield, but they are expecting to spend much time at Canada Lake. Nancy Fink will be married June 26 in Colorado and expects to spend part of her wedding trip at the lake. Rick graduated from college in May and will be working for an accounting firm in New York. He also hopes to be at the lake weekends.

Dr. Arden **Zipp**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arden Zipp, has been made head of the Chemistry Dept. at SUNY Cortland. His wife, Sybil, has received her Ph.D. in Chemistry and is now working

in Binghamton. Another son, Alan, has taken over Zipp Hardware in Dolgeville, which leaves Arden and Dorothy with more leisure time to spend with their 6 grandchildren. Daughter Andrea Shaver is a nurse in Little Falls Hospital.

### 1987

News from the **Lincolns**: Our son James Pantke and his wife Tressa had a baby girl, Alexandra, born August 8, 1986.

The **Halversons** report two big news items. Lianna will be a freshman at Wellesley College in the fall. Lowell's book *Divorce in Washington, A Humane Guide*, is now out in New York State. Co-authored with New York lawyer, Greer Raggio, *Divorce in New York* offers a less stressful and damaging solution to ending marriage than courts and anger. It was serialized this winter in several upstate papers.

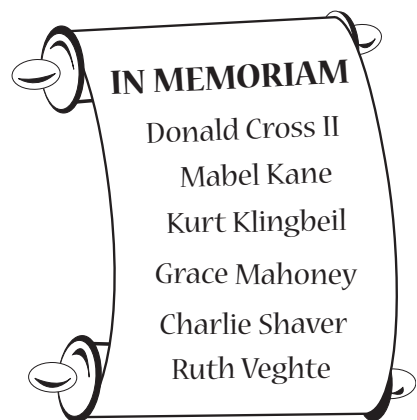
The **Morrison** Family has a new addition. Luanne and Jim had a baby girl, Alyssa, on February 10th, 1987.

### 1997

From the **Petersons** at Camp Jayhawk on Fulton Rd.....Son Jamie will receive his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University on May 16.....Son Tim will receive his BS from Kansas State on May 17. Marilyn's mother, Ruth Walrath, formerly of St. Johnsville and now of Greenville, So. Carolina, was seriously ill in January, following complications from surgery, but is recovering nicely now. Marilyn and Jim Peterson are both retiring at the end of May. ....We are anticipating spending longer summers at the lake beginning this year and look forward to seeing all of our Canada Lake friends. We will arrive the middle of June with daughter Kathy and grandsons Max and Sam for our 17th summer at beautiful Canada Lake.

Justin **Memmmott**, son of Karen and Jim Memmmott of South Shore Trail (and Wethersfield, CT) was named an English-Speaking Union Scholar. Justin will have the privilege of attending a school in Great Britain, on full scholarship, for the academic year of 1997-98. Justin currently attends Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut; he will graduate this May.

## Remembrances



### **Mabel M. Kane**

Mabel M. Kane of Hutchison Road died peacefully on June 20th, 2006 after a stroke, with family at her side. Earlier in June, she had enjoyed a birthday party for her son Bill at Mike and Nancy's home in Newton and had driven with her daughter, Barbara, to the Lake for what would have been her 77th summer. Although frail in recent years, she had been looking forward, as ever, to seeing all her friends on the Lake, in town, and at her favorite destinations – the Post Office, the Store, Gloversville Public Library, and the "Dump".

Mabel first came to Canada Lake in 1929, when her father, the Rev. Boyd McCleary, bought what is now the Aldinger camp on Green Lake. The four McCleary children and their mother spent summers at the camp, while Boyd joined from his parsonage in Bellaire, Ohio when work permitted. After she married Vincent Kane, the Kane family,

including children Mike (1940), Bill (1946) and Barbara (1950) spent Julys at the McCleary camp. She always treasured happy memories of her years on Green Lake, such as rowing to and from the Auskerada (site of the former Lakeaire motel) for dances as a teenager, and of an older generation of Green Lake friends and neighbors – the Dureys, Rileys, Denkers, Sponenbergs, Hoffmans, Langworthys, Dunstans, Beekmans, and Bogarts.

In 1952 Mabel and Vincent bought the James Stanley camp on Canada Lake's south shore, which proved a beloved summer retreat for them and their children for almost 30 years; it was destroyed in an electrical fire in April 1980.

After renting on Green Lake for several summers, in 1986 Mabel purchased the Gerald Theisen camp at 127 Hutchinson Road, and summered happily there, welcoming many visits from family and friends, for the rest of her life. A daily swim in the Lake was a cherished part of her routine, through her 89th year, and she delighted in playing the piano, sighting Canada Lake loons, maintaining her camp and grounds, and telephoning friends for long chats.

The Kanes were early members of the CLPA; Mabel served as secretary under Bud Osborne, and later as the association's first woman Director. She loved the lake and the lake community, and always felt this was her true home. Her family, friends,

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former students, and colleagues miss her greatly. A memorial service in her honor was held on a beautiful autumn day in October at the North Bush Methodist Church.

*Mike Kane*

### **Kurt Klingbeil**

Kurt Klingbeil from Green Lake passed away suddenly on July 15, 2006, after a brief battle with cancer. His ashes, and those of his wife Lois, were distributed around the camp as per their wishes. Their three daughters will share the camp, but retain the name 'Klingbeil camp' in their honor.

*Barbara Lahut*

### **Grace Mahoney**

It is with sad hearts that we let you all know that Grace Mahoney passed away on February 20th; she had just turned 99 on January 20th. She so loved spending time at our camp on Canada Lake. She would sit on our front porch and listen to the beautiful loons for hours.

She came to Gloversville in 1929 to teach Home Economics at the former Estee High School. She married Robert Emmett Mahoney in 1936, and they purchased the camp in 1962.

Tim and Butch spent endless summers enjoying Canada Lake. With Tim and I purchasing the camp, the "Mahoney Tradition"

will continue, and now there will be a new generation with our grown children enjoying "endless summers" on our beautiful Canada Lake.

*Cindy Mahoney*

### **Charlie Shaver**

Charlie Shaver was first introduced to Canada Lake in 1968, when he started dating Andrea Zipp. They were married in 1969 and had 3 children, Chaz, Christen & Chad. Charlie worked for the US Postal Service for 31 years while also running the family dairy farm. But he still found time to fall in love with Canada Lake & enjoyed renovating the Zipp camp.

You could "drop in" on Charlie, and he always made you feel like you had a "golden invitation." He was always ready to help his family, friends and neighbors with any project. His 8 grandchildren brought much enjoyment to him. He spent many hours swimming, fishing, boating and kayaking with his family. We loved sitting around their campfire in the evening hours sharing laughs, stories, fireworks, toasted marshmallows and a few cold ones with Charlie, Andrea and their family, and sometimes our family too.

Charlie was 56 years old, He will be sorely missed.

*Audrey & Roy Smith*

## Dye Testing For Your Septic System

- Have you noticed septic odors outside your home or camp?
- Are you uncertain when your septic tank has been pumped, or has it been longer than 1 to 3 yrs (depending on usage)?
- Is your septic old, and/or has it not been properly maintained?
- Do you suspect your system might have a problem?
- Do you care about the water quality of our lakes, and want to control the addition of pollutants into the lakes from your property?

**If you answered YES to any of these questions, you might want to consider performing a dye test on your system.**

### What is a dye test?

A dye test is a relatively low cost, non-invasive method for the testing of private sewage treatment systems. It involves flushing a special dye down a toilet or other drain combined with a known quantity of water sufficient to put a working load on the absorption system. If dyed wastewater leaks to the ground surface, a serious septic failure exists. The dye may be visible within 20 minutes or may take up to 5 days. It is a useful test for determining serious septic failures, but it will **NOT** reveal every septic failure condition.

**You can conduct a dye test at your lake residence by either:**

1. Self test. The CLPA has the dye test tablets and the detailed written instruction guide, which includes how to prepare the system for the test, the number of tablets your

system will need, and what to look for while conducting the test. The instruction guide can also be found on the web at:

<http://www.inspect-ny.com/septic/dyetest.htm>

2. Ask the CLPA to conduct the test for you. If you are uncomfortable administering the test, or you have time constraints, CLPA may be able to conduct the test for you.
3. Contact a licensed professional.

Regardless of who performs the test, listed below is some information that is necessary before performing a dye test:

- DO NOT Pump out your septic system before you conduct the dye test. Wait until after the test.
- If possible, locate your septic system and leach field, all indoor piping leading to the septic tank, and the size of the tank (in gallons).

### What if the dye test shows a septic system problem?

A dye test could indicate one or more of a variety of possible problems with your septic tank system. A licensed professional should inspect the system to determine the problem. Contact the Fulton County Health Dept at 736-5720, or the Town of Caroga Sanitation Officer, Mike Heberer, at 835-4211 for more information.

*The CLPA could use your help conducting these tests for your lake neighbors. Please contact Merryn Byrnes at 835-8026 for more information or to volunteer to help.*

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Each person on or being towed must wear a life jacket (PFD).
- The PWC must have a USCG approved backfire flame arrestor.
- If so equipped, the engine cutoff lanyard must be used.
- No operation between sunset and sunrise.
- No PWC may be operated within 500 ft. of a designated swimming area except when launching and then 10 MPH (straight out).
- Safety equipment such as a distress signal or horn must be on board.
- New York State Law prohibits:
  - weaving in and out of traffic
  - intentional last minute swerving except to avoid collision
  - wave jumping
- Anyone operating a PWC in New York State must complete a safe boating course.
- Beginning in 2009, the minimum age for operating a PWC will be 14. Until 2009, children 10-13 may operate a PWC if they hold a boating certificate and are accompanied by someone over 18 who also holds a boating safety certificate.

## Town of Caroga 2007 Directory

Please be informed of the Town of Caroga's codes, permit requirements, tax information, garbage and recycling pickups, transfer station information, and other valuable local services and events available to you!

This information and more can be found in the Town of Caroga 2007 Directory. Copies are available at the Town Hall, the Post Office or the Canada Lake Store.

## Safe Boating Course

The Safe Boating Course is scheduled for June 16th and July 7th at town hall call 835-4211 to register.



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## NICK STONER ISLAND

CLPA has the responsibility for maintaining the Island. Enjoy but please clean up after yourself.

- Take your garbage off the Island
- Clean up after your dog
- Make sure fires are out



Fire Pumps