

# S U M M E R 2 0 1 1



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:

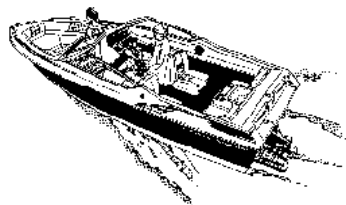
- Always ski with a spotter in the boat who is at least 10 years old
- Ski during daylight hours
- Maintain speed at or below 5 mph within 100' of shore, docks, skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Utilize navigation lights after sunset
- Provide an approved life jacket 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
- Minimum age to operate a power boat is 10
- Age 10 to 18 must complete a safe boating course to operate a power boat without adult supervision
- The minimum age for operating a PWC is 14
- "Everyone" must complete a safe boating course to operate a Personal Water Craft.



**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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Courtney Young

Nancy Young

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### Flare Lighting

Bret Fielding – Co-Chair  
Jay Manning – Co-Chair  
Eric Manning

### Sailing

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Dick Loomis – Co-Commodore

### Ski Clinic/Instruction

Ed Fake – Co-Chair  
Pete Lozier – Co-Chair  
Jill Marie Dippel  
Linda Fake

## 2011 Committees

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Tom Lyons  
Eric Manning  
Jay Manning  
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Judy Richards  
Bob Ryan  
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J. R. Zeitler

### Social Functions:

#### *Ice Cream Social*

Mary Peck – Co-Chair  
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Dixon Peters

#### *Luncheon*

Linda Fake – Chair  
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Dorothy Eifert  
Deb Hoffman  
Mary Jablonski  
Kathy Manning  
Marilyn Peterson  
Josie Roosevelt  
Maureen Offutt  
Audrey Smith  
Sue Tantalo  
Bonnie Van Wagenen  
Nancy White

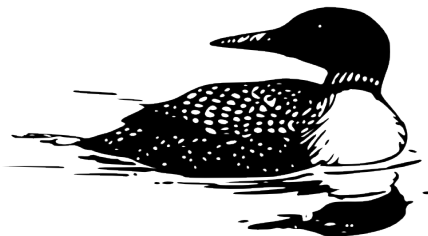
#### *Picnic*

Fred DeLucco  
Jill Marie Dippel  
Dorothy Eifert  
Henry Eifert  
Brian Franz  
Kristin Franz

Ken LaBelle  
Sherry LaBelle  
Diana Leaf  
Marilyn Peterson  
Bob Ryan  
Dan Tantalo  
Sue Tantalo  
Charles Thompson  
Shawna Thompson  
Elayne Umstead

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Maura Courcelle  
Jill Marie Dippel  
Lars Kulleseid  
Marit Kulleseid  
Lois Miller  
Alan Peck  
Mary Peck  
Linda Ruby  
Richard Ruby  
Charles Thompson  
Shawna Thompson  
Chuck Umstead  
Elayne Umstead



## CLPA President's Message

I would like to thank all of those people who have supported me as the president of the CLPA. This includes the CLPA vice presidents, committee members, our secretaries and treasurer during my time. Thank you as well to those members who keep a "low profile" while playing a significant role in keeping this organization strong.

Although the CLPA is in good shape, we can't stop here. Preserving the beauty of these lakes is a never ending battle. People need to step up, volunteer and play their part in protecting the place we love.

The three biggest issues as I see it are invasive species, proper control of the lake level and property taxes.

I believe that invasive species pose the biggest threat to our lakes. Everyone who resides or vacations around our lakes needs to be educated about the seriousness of this issue. Eurasian milfoil is right down the road and could easily be transported to our lakes and introduced by someone who decides to launch their boat, kayak or jet ski after navigating the waters of nearby Caroga Lake. All it takes is one incident. By monitoring the state boat launch, the efforts of volunteer lake stewards, and creating awareness through discussions at our annual meeting and information in this publication, we have been able to prevent the introduction of invasive species into our lakes. So far we have been extremely fortunate but the efforts of one man or a committee is simply not enough. Please alert all visitors to your camps and homes to the dangers, and make sure, that if they have visited another body of water, they need to inspect their watercraft before launching into our waters. If you have any doubt as to what to look for, please contact a member of the invasive species

committee listed in The Echo as they are trained by the experts in the field.

When we were hit with an extremely large amount of rainfall last August, the lake level rose very rapidly, and we saw flooding. One of these factors was inaccurate readings by the DEC's telemetry equipment located near the bridge between Green and Canada Lakes. The DEC office in Northville had no idea that the lake level had risen that dramatically until they were contacted by phone. The lake level committee went into action, meeting with the DEC to work on better ways to manage the dam at Stewarts Landing and monitor the lake level. When we were hit with yet another large amount of rainfall a month later, the lake level rose but not nearly to the extent of the previous storm. This was not a coincidence...it was due to the proactive and tireless efforts of your lake level committee members. There are other factors that also contribute to the fast rise of the water that are being investigated by the lake level committee.

There are only two certain things in life: death and taxes. The town of Caroga has the highest tax rate in Fulton County as well as one of the lowest equalization rates. Since many taxpayers in Caroga are not full-time residents, taxation without representation is a major concern. The CLPA continues to serve as a watchdog organization regarding unequal and unfair assessment practices that adversely affect lakefront owners while at the same time building a stronger voting base that will give members a voice in local government. Recent legal developments have enabled seasonal and part time residents to vote in this community where they have demonstrable ties to the community and presence such as property ownership. The information enclosed in your annual membership packet details how you



## CLPA Presidents Message

may be eligible to transfer your voter registration and a copy of the form you need to fill out to do so.

One of the best things we can do in this world is to be a good neighbor, helping others with something they wouldn't be able to do on their own. Alone, we can accomplish some things but together, there is no limit to what we can do. We need to set good examples for our youth. In a world that is more and more about "self", it is up to us to show the youth that there is nothing that a small group of determined individuals cannot do when banded together in a common cause.

Sincerely,

*Ed Fake*

*Editors Note – Fair treatment and representation has long been a problem. The following is an excerpt from the president's (Gerald P. Theisen) message in the 1964 Echo:*

Unfortunately, most of the C.L.P.A. members are in the unfortunate status of being "non-resident taxpayers". I am told that this status negates the right to vote at Town of Caroga elections. However, it does not deny us the right to be heard. I suggest that you make your feelings on the zoning matter known to the Supervisor and the Town Board. We ask for nothing more than fair treatment according to democratic processes but we should accept nothing that is less than what is fair.

### 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.

## SHORELINE CLEANUP AND ADOPT-A-SHORELINE

Although committee members were active all summer, the 2010 shoreline cleanup was conducted Saturday, August 21st. Volunteers included Warren Roosevelt, Joe Jablonski, Mike Hoffman, Bret Fielding, Bill Fielding, Sam Lee, and two weekend visitors, Boyd and Logan Akins. We had good weather, a good time, and Canada Lake ended up a little cleaner.

We will be looking for members and volunteers in 2011, so if you are interested in helping please contact any of the existing committee members or look for the announced cleanup date at the Canada Lake Store.

One observation we have made over the last two years is that much of the debris we cleanup is dock or construction related material. We feel much of this gets into the Lake during high water and ice periods between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Storing this material over the winter above these levels would go a long way in keeping the shoreline clean.

Adopt-a-Shoreline is a concept just beginning on Canada Lake. Most lake front property owners keep their own shorelines clean. The remaining shoreline belongs to the State, is undeveloped, or neglected. It is these waterfronts that can be adopted.

Volunteers would be asked to keep a portion of these areas clean. A few hours clean up each summer would greatly help the over all cleanliness of Canada, West, Lily, and Green Lakes.

We have a few families already involved and need many more. If you are interested or would just like to learn more, see or call Dave Hoffman 835-6066, 835-6056, 725-0487 or Warren Roosevelt 835-6235.

*Dave Hoffman*

## Schedule of Events: Summer 2011

### June:

26 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 St. Hwy 10

### July:

2 (Saturday) Kid's Beach Party/Activities Planning, 10:00 a.m.  
(Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult.)  
Location: Ackerbauer's, 163 Green Lake Road

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

9 (Saturday) CLPA Annual Meeting, 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Caroga Town Hall

20 (Wednesday) Ladies on the Lake Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Nick Stoner Inn

23 (Saturday) Water Sports Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

30 (Saturday) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CLPA Picnic, 1 p.m.  
Location: Roosevelt's, 332 County Hwy 111

### August:

6 (Saturday) 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Party, 10 a.m.  
Location: TBA

14 (Sunday) 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social, 2:00 p.m.  
Location: TBA

21 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: TBA

### September:

3 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:00 p.m.\*

**Note:** Check the bulletin board on the porch of the Canada Lake Store for the youth calendar and updates and times of additional activities.

**\*Please wait for the island to be lit before lighting your flares – Thank you!**

## Lake Activities Report

The summer of 2010 ended up feeling like one of those “good ole fashioned” ones that I remember from my childhood; a big improvement over the 2009 summer. We spent most of the season in swimsuits & sandals...as it should be.

As usual, our “kids’ beach party” Fourth of July weekend was used by the grown-ups to organize our activities & events for the season while the kids reacquainted themselves. The weather was not ideal but that did not stop us from our mission...planning lots of fun times for everyone visiting our lakes.

Because we had such great results last year, we organized a game night with pizza for the “twens” & a Mexican beach party for the teenagers right after the holiday weekend. Once we assist the older kids reconnect with one another; they seem to plan get-togethers on their own (some were barely seen by their parents for the rest of the summer). Thanks go out to the Franz family for hosting the 10-12 year olds and Lois Miller & Dixon Peters for setting up a fantastic fiesta on Dolgeville Point for the 13 & older crowd.

That following weekend, Brian Franz led a group of intrepid adventurers up Kane Mountain for our annual pilgrimage to the fire tower. What would a summer be without conquering your fear of heights by making your way up the tower and taking in one of the most amazing views in the Adirondacks?

Storytime on Nick Stoner Island has become such a treasured tradition of our summers on the lake. Once again, the Canada Lake Store graciously allowed us use of their large rental

pontoon to ferry people back & forth each Wednesday. This has made it so much easier for happy campers to attend without the worry of dock space or hitting one of the infamous island rocks. Local author & storyteller Don Williams joined us in July and shared some entertaining Adirondack stories with us. A special thank you to all of my volunteer readers & storytellers over the years; with the support of people like you, this sweet tradition (started by Karen Riley many moons ago) continues on!

Despite the heavy rain early on, the annual water-ski/wakeboard clinic went very well again this year. Linda Clark & John Olm were quite the sight pulling into our dock, wakeboard & surfing equipment in hand, during the worst of the downpour...talk about dedication! While a few people took cover under the boat life canopy, many headed inside our camp to take advantage of the drinks & snacks provided by the CLPA. As usual, we had a mix of ages, abilities & activities. Some of the older kids got quite creative and found a way to turn a ski rope & the hemlock tree in our front yard into a wakeboard training apparatus while waiting their turn on a boat. At one point, we had eleven kids playing “King of the Mountain” out in the lake atop an old windsurfing board. Special thanks go out to my volunteers Pete Lozier, Linda Clark & John Olm, Diana “DeeDee” Leaf & Bob Ryan, Kristin & Brian Franz, Hilary Davis, Kate Riley, and, of course, my husband Ed for bringing a lot of sunshine-y smiles to a very grey day. There have been talks about reviving the ski club in the summer of 2011. Look for announcements on the Canada Lake Store bulletin board and in your email inbox.

## Lake Activities Report

As the CLPA president’s wife, I also had the pleasure of organizing the annual lake luncheon in 2010. The Nick Stoner Inn hosted over 70 for an afternoon filled with fun games, fellowship & yummy food. All attendees were asked to bring a non-perishable pantry or toiletry item for the Caroga Food Pantry at the North Bush Methodist Church. I can proudly say that, thanks to the generosity of our lake ladies, I delivered a trunk full of items that weekend to the church. If you have ever seen how much the back of my Pontiac Aztek can hold, you know that is saying something. A silent auction was also held during the luncheon to raise funds for the “flare festivities” that we all enjoy each Fourth of July weekend. I was overwhelmed by the amount & quality of donated items and we were able to contribute \$500 towards the cost of the wonderful display we enjoy each summer. Special thanks to all of the generous & talented people who donated items for the auction.

Once again, we were graced with beautiful weather for the annual CLPA picnic. Thanks go out to our gracious hosts, Mike & Mary Cannon and family, who helped make it all possible. As usual, Henry Eifert assisted my husband Ed in manning the grills, making sure that we ate through every hamburger & hot dog we ordered. His wife, Dorothy, was a great assistant as always and no one managed to escape without being welcomed with a name tag & a smile. The relay race was resurrected thanks to the efforts of the teenagers who did not want to see this event fall by the wayside. More kids than ever participated in events including kayaking, bicycling, running & canoeing and it was an exciting race

indeed. The winners, for the second year in a row, were “The Stoners”. To the planners go the spoils...

We hosted the 7th annual Pirate Party and our camp was busting at the seams with buccaneers a plenty. I think that I lost count after we hit 70 people...the weather was perfect & the pirate-themed bounce house was a big hit once again. As usual, everyone received a pirate tattoo & a new pirate name when they arrived and had a pirate-y photo op. My alter ego (“Dancin’ Misty Napier”) read pirate stories which we followed with our annual treasure hunt along the Canada Lake shoreline. I was having so much fun that I decided to stay in character after the party which caused quite a stir when I walked into The Nick Stoner Inn later that day dressed in full pirate gear and a mustache.

John Byrnes once again volunteered to lead a hiking group to Irving Pond to learn more about the little critters that reside in the stream that leads to Canada Lake. Fourteen happy campers enjoyed a hike to the pond, skipped stones across the water and then explored the creek & its inhabitants on the way back down. Little did we know that just a few weeks later Irving Pond would look completely different after a torrential rainfall washed out the remnants of the dam and sent massive quantities of flood water our way.

The ice cream social, thanks to our hosts the Byrnes, was a resounding success as usual. If you would be interested in hosting this event in 2011, please contact Linda Clark, our new VP of Lake Activities, or the committee chair(s) listed in The Echo.

# Lake Activities Report

Saturday, August 21st was a busy day around the lake. Karen Gniewek hosted Kids' Krafttime at her home on Schoolhouse Road and taught us all how to make scented candles for literally hours because the kids enjoyed it so much. Be sure to come to our house if you experience a power outage this summer...we are well stocked with enough homemade candles to light up the night. Later that evening, a "Family Music Night" was held at the Ackerbauer's boathouse on Green Lake. Nothing better than an acoustic jam session lakeside by a campfire...

As the season ended with our Labor Day flare lighting, I thought of what a fantastic summer it was. I couldn't help but be a bit nostalgic about my last season as VP of Lake Activities. What a run it was! I have said it over & over again but it bears repeating...I can't thank you all enough for all of your support. Kristin Franz & I (and the rest of our amazing volunteers) appreciate your generosity and what it allowed us to do for the children and young-at-heart who call the Canada Lakes home each season. It was an honor & privilege to serve and I know that you will show that same support to Linda Clark as she takes over as VP of Lake Activities and Jen Spinnoble and Jessica Fielding who will serve as your new Youth Activities chairpersons. The words "thank you" do not begin to describe the gratitude I have for all that the CLPA Board of Directors and the membership have done to make one of the most perfect spots on Earth an even better place for creating lifelong memories...see you on the water and on the lake shores!

With a grateful heart,

Linda Fake



## Don't Forget Life Jackets are Mandatory November Through May

Half of all boating deaths occur in off-season months. When your boat capsizes in cold water, hypothermia can quickly set in. Wearing a personal flotation device greatly increases your chance of survival. That's why New York State passed a law in 2009 requiring the use of personal flotation devices during the coldest months of the year. Anyone out on the water in a craft less than 21 feet long must be wearing a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device from November 1st – May 1st.

Learn more about boating and hypothermia at [http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education\\_safety/safety/ice/hypothermia.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education_safety/safety/ice/hypothermia.pdf)

Source: Waterworks, NYS Federation of Lake Associations, Inc., March 2011

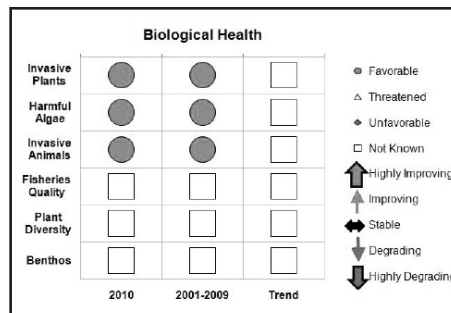
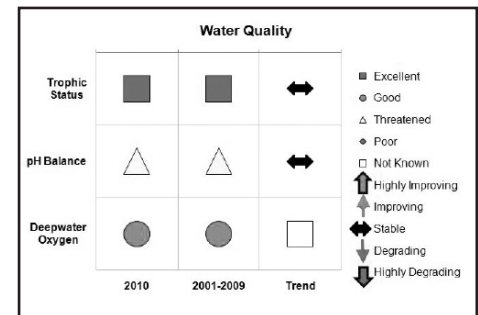
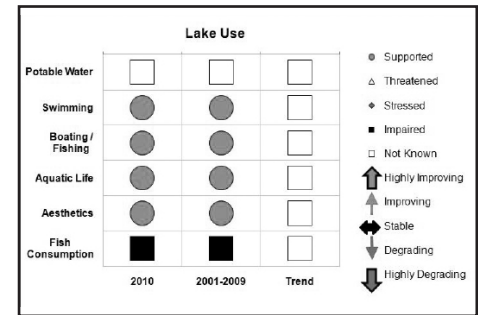
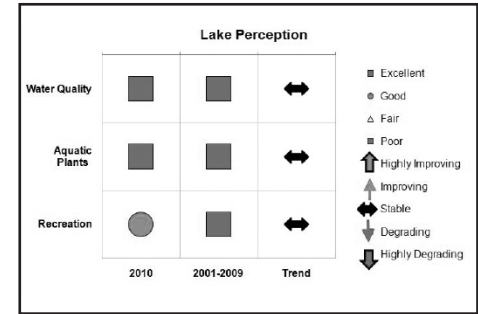
# WATER QUALITY REPORT

## CSLAP Program – 2011:

2011 brings several changes to the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program. Several new lakes have been on a waiting list to participate in the program, and in order to accommodate these new lakes, a rotational schedule is being implemented. Canada Lake will be one of about 25 lakes that will rotate out of the program for one year. This means Canada Lake will not be tested as part of the CSLAP program for the 2011 season only.

## CSLAP Program Results – 2001 to 2010:

Canada Lake has been participating in the CSLAP for 10 years. The NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has prepared a scorecard below for Canada Lake summarizing its Water Quality, Biological Health, Lake Perception, and Lake Use. This lake scorecard is the latest attempt to summarize the CSLAP data for each program lake in a way that can be simply understood and easily distributed to lake residents and other interested parties. This scorecard represents the best attempt to incorporate most of the information collected about the lake, but it is still a work in progress. This data is based solely on the data collected as part of the CSLAP monitoring program.



The complete 2010 CSLAP Summary report for Canada Lake, the lake scorecard, and a summary of the criteria used to create the scorecard can be accessed at: [www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water\\_pdf/cslrpt10CanadaL.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/cslrpt10CanadaL.pdf).

DEC CSLAP reports for Canada Lake and other NY lakes for previous years can be accessed by visiting <http://lakelist.nysfola.org>.



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## Bacteria Monitoring Program – 2009 and 2010 Season:

The bacteria monitoring program has been in effect for 4 years. The results of the last 2 years of monitoring have not shown any locations with repeated elevated total coliform levels, which would warrant further laboratory tests to further indicate possible septic pollution. This does not mean that septic problems do not exist on properties on Canada Lake. Keep in mind that the time of sampling, recent rain events and the specific spot along shore where the actual sample was collected are all factors that could alter results for a given area. More information about the bacteria monitoring program can be found in the 2007 Echo Publication.

As a lakeshore homeowner, YOU have a special responsibility to ensure that your septic systems are not polluting the lake:

### DO

- Limit the water entering your tank. Use water saving fixtures. Fix toilet float valves, leaks, and dripping faucets. Spread clothes washing over the entire week.
- Pump the tank when necessary. This means every two to three years, or as indicated by your annual inspection.
- Divert surface water drainage away from the absorption field. If you do not know the condition of your septic system, have the system inspected.

### DON'T

- Do not connect the basement sump pump or other “clean water” discharges to the septic tank.
- Do not put materials down drains that will clog the septic tank (fats, grease, coffee grounds, paper towels, sanitary napkins, disposable diapers, etc.).
- Do not put toxic substances in drains that might end up in the groundwater (cleaning fluids, oils, paints, disinfectants, pesticides, etc.).
- Do not use chemicals to clean your system. They may interfere with the biological action in the tank, clog the drain field by flushing sludge and scum into the field, or add toxic chemicals to groundwater. Starters are not necessary for new tanks or after pumping existing tanks.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

*Merryn Byrnes*

## TOWN OF CAROGA DIRECTORY 2011

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 2011 Directory. Copies are available at the Town Hall or the Post Office.

# WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE

Canada Lake experienced a significant flooding event this past summer due to approximately 4 inches of rain that fell between 7:00 AM August 22nd and 7:00 AM August 23rd, 2010. The lake level rose about 2.5 feet causing considerable damage to docks boats and shoreline as well as threatening to flood several homes. The West Lake boat launch was washed away.

It has always been difficult to control the water level of Canada Lake during a heavy rainstorm because of the long, narrow, winding, shallow channel leading to the dam at Stewarts Landing. However, a number of relatively new factors have made controlling the lake level even more difficult. These include the removal of the dam at Irving Pond about ten years ago and the recent reconstruction of the Pine Lake dam. The former dam at Irving Pond acted as a significant buffer as to how quickly Canada Lake would rise during an extended rainstorm, and the new dam at Pine Lake may offer less of a buffer than the previous dam. Compounding the situation during the storm of August 22nd and 23rd was a large beaver dam at Irving Pond backing up water in the Irving Pond basin that broke during the storm, releasing about six feet of water down the Irving Pond stream and into Canada Lake.

On October 7th Delegates of the Canada Lakes Protective Association (CLPA) and the Stewarts Landing Association (SLA) met with the DEC in Northville to discuss the situation. The DEC is responsible for the operation of the dam at Stewarts Landing. Several concerns observed during the 2010 flood were raised, and means of addressing these concerns along with other items were discussed, with the goal being more efficient and effective control of the water level.

Flood Images by:  
David Falvo  
Jim & Carol King  
Barbara Michaels





## WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE

These items included the following:

- Establishing an emergency response procedure with DEC. (During the flood, communication with the department was cumbersome, time consuming, and generally difficult.)
- Developing a proactive rather than reactive dam operating procedure: Draw the lake down early in advance of a forecasted heavy rain. Example of the benefit of an early drawdown was experienced during the heavy rainstorm of September 23rd and 24th 2010 – flooding did not occur.
- The maintenance of existing telemetric water level gauges at the lake and at the dam. (The gauge at Green Lake was not functioning properly)
- The need for telemetric rain gauges at the lake and at the dam. (None exist at this time and the gauges are necessary for the development of a watershed model in the future)
- The need for the installation of and use of remote control gate operation (operation from the DEC office) coupled with modeling of the watershed. Currently the gates are operated manually.
- Details related to the operation of the various gates at the dam.
- Discussion related to the benefit of removing the channel obstruction, (stone dam) at lot 75.

The water level committee is anticipating working with the DEC this spring following up on these issues.

*Tim Mitchell*

## ECHO SUBMISSIONS

**Remember, we don't have an Echo without input from lake residents.**

Start thinking now about how you can contribute to the 2012 Echo. Stories and family news should be sent to Chris & Judy Moritz by March 18, 2012 (preferably by e-mail: [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com)).

## 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. According to the state Health Department, Mercury can affect a developing nervous system in a fetus, infants and young children.

## CLPA PICNIC

All members are invited to attend the 21th annual CLPA picnic. Please bring a covered dish to share, and you may want to bring your own folding chairs. 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 2011 picnic scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at Warren and Josie Roosevelt's, 332 County Hwy 111 (London Bridge Road) on the bayou! Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for the day's events!

# REFLECTIONS 2012

## Canada Lakes Painters & Artists A Community Art Exhibition

June 28 – September 2, 2012  
At the Caroga Historical Museum

Can you believe that the CLPA will be 90 years old next year? And are you aware of how many wonderful and talented people have lived here over the past 90 years? One of the many talents of our residents is and was in the world of art. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have an exhibit of artwork, both past and present, to celebrate CLPA's anniversary? Well, as you have guessed by now, plans are underway for just such an exhibition and in order to make it a success we want and need your help.

For the show to be a success, we hope many residents will look around their camps and their permanent homes for artwork reflecting the lakes and surrounding area, and consider submitting them for the exhibition. Submissions must be made by July 15, 2011 this summer. We encourage you, therefore, to photograph now any paintings or drawings you wish to submit, particularly those that are NOT at the lake. Please join in this celebration of the lakes' artistic tradition!

Details and forms to submit works of art are included with this issue of the ECHO and can also be found on-line at [www.carogamuseum.org](http://www.carogamuseum.org). Details and forms are also available by e-mailing [Reflections2012CLPA@gmail.com](mailto:Reflections2012CLPA@gmail.com), on the Canada Lake Store bulletin board and from members of the planning committee:

Linda Smith, Chair, [Reflections2012CLPA@gmail.com](mailto:Reflections2012CLPA@gmail.com), 518 835-4404

Shirley Holliday

Lois Miller, [lmiller2004@hotmail.com](mailto:lmiller2004@hotmail.com), 535 217-3058

Judy Smith, [cozynook@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cozynook@nycap.rr.com)

Pat Snyder, [floraterre@comcast.net](mailto:floraterre@comcast.net), 518 835-2561

John Widdemer, [johnwiddemer@aol.com](mailto:johnwiddemer@aol.com)

Ellen Wood, [ewood002@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ewood002@nycap.rr.com)

Co-sponsored by the Canada Lakes Protective Association  
& the Caroga Historical Museum.

### Tips on submitting photos of artwork for Reflections 2012

One of the easiest ways to photograph artwork is to take it outside, preferably on an overcast day, and shoot it from above—if it is small stand over it, if larger shoot it from a ladder or stool. The intention is—if it is two dimensional artwork—to keep all sides parallel in the photo to avoid distortion. Art can also be shot inside using a light source from either side. Some people with scanners may be able to scan art directly if it is small enough.

Then send the photo(s) as low to medium resolution jpeg files, attached to an email.

## Canada Lake Sailing Club 2010 Season

Results for 2010 are as follows. Fourth of July Race: 1–Court Young, 2–Dick Loomis, 3–Dan Lawrence, 4–Lane Franz

Combined July/August Series (not enough races were sailed to award monthly trophies): 1–Court Young, 2–Dick Loomis, 3–Nancy Long, 4–Lisa Lawrence

The Canada Lake Sailing Club sails three races each Saturday starting at 2 p.m. from the Franzport starting line. Should inclement weather prevent or cut short the races, we sail the next day, Sunday, or add races on subsequent Saturdays. Trophies are awarded to qualifying sailors for both the July and August Race Series. If all 12 races are held during a monthly series, sailors need finish only six races to qualify. This allows sailors to miss six races and still be eligible for trophies. The CLSC makes appropriate qualifying modifications for shortened race series.

Races are sailed on a triangular or modified triangular course which is identified by the starting committee. A five-minute countdown is sounded prior to each race but you are encouraged to use a personal starting watch in order to get good starts. Usually we have a west wind on Canada Lake and the race is sailed counter clockwise around the buoys. Should we encounter east winds, we sail clockwise. We use the US Sailing racing rules in their simplest form.

Results are determined based on a low-point scoring system. Winning

a race is worth .75 points (there is a bonus of a quarter point for placing first). Second place is worth 2 points, third place 3 points, and so on.

We would very much like to see more participants in the club this summer. If you are interested in joining our friendly fleet, please attend the kick-off Sailors Meeting, Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. at Nancy and Court Young's camp on Dolgeville Point where we will welcome new members, enjoy refreshments, discuss season activities—including sailing lessons and clinics, review basic sailing rules, and collect dues—still only \$10 per sailboat.

*Dick Loomis & Court Young,  
Co-commofores*



### VEST REGULATIONS

- Every person in a boat must have a personal flotation device – wearable vest – type 2 on board.
- All persons under 12 years of age must be wearing their PFD.
- One throwable device must also be on board.

## CLSC 2011 Calendar of Events

**Sat., July 2, 10am**  
Sailors Meeting at the Young camp  
Fourth of July Races

### JULY RACES

**Sat., July 9** July Races 1, 2 & 3  
**Sat., July 16** July Races 4, 5 & 6  
**Sat., July 23** July Races 7, 8 & 9  
**Sat., July 30** July Races 10, 11 & 12

### AUGUST RACES

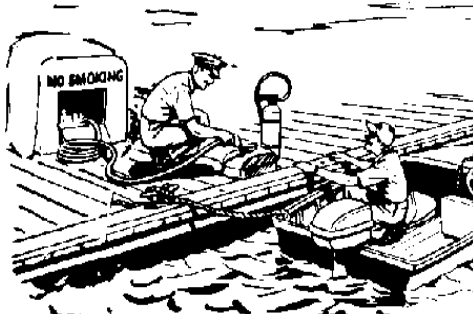
**Sat., Aug. 6** August Races 1, 2 & 3  
**Sat., Aug. 13** August Races 4, 5 & 6  
**Sat., Aug. 20** August Races 7, 8 & 9  
**Sat., Aug. 27** August Races 10, 11 & 12

**Sun., Aug. 29, 10am**  
Awards Brunch at Long-Loomis camp  
All races start at 2 p.m. from Franzport

**ALL SAILORS MUST WEAR LIFE JACKETS**

## Canada Lake Store & Marine News

After a perfect ice skating season at first, the winter of 2011 emerged as one with continuous snowplowing and lots of back breaking roof shoveling. However, winter enthusiasts were thrilled with plenty of the white stuff to engage in their favorite winter sports.



In the month of January, Howard and Chris attended Mercury School in New Hampshire for training and are in the midst of completing marine projects in the shop. By minding the store and doing her secretarial work for the marina, Hope stays very busy in the off- season. Bret displayed the Moomba ski/wakeboard boats he sells at the annual Great Upstate Boat Show recently. As soon as the ice goes out, he'll be concentrating on preparing the stored boats for their owners. Merryn continues to have a significant role in our business by placing purchase orders with vendors, inventory control, and technical support. Eric shoveled roofs and did errands for us whenever he wasn't flying. Bill and Heather kept busy ski instructing at the Canyons resort and saw some Canada Lake friends there as well. Heather is looking forward to reopening the Café for her 8th season.

Eric and Jess had a beautiful Canada Lake wedding last summer, and on April 13th, Embree Elizabeth was born. Except for the difficulty traveling to get there, Merryn, John, Anika, Kaelyn, and Dorothy were treated to another

great ski vacation in early March with the rest of the family in Utah.

In the latest issue of IMAGES magazine, sponsored by the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce, there is a photo on page 9 of Bret wake surfing on Canada Lake with a short article about our business. We will have free copies of the publication on the porch.

We are pleased to have the following people on our staff for the spring and summer of 2011:

*Katie Ackerbauer Green Lake*

*Ashley Foster Salisbury Center*

*Rich Emminger Salisbury Center*

*Steven Gagliardo Caroga Lake*

*Abigail Heroth Pine Lake/ Johnstown*

*Rennix Offut Potomac Falls, VA/  
Canada Lake*

*Kelsey Palcovic Caroga Lake*

*Christian Rohrs Gloversville*

*Matthew Sagan Johnstown*

*Kurtis Sprung Caroga Lake*

**What's new in the store?** Lovely heat and water resistant coaster sets are new and feature Canada Lake scenes, thanks to the photography of both Dave Hoffman III and Heather Fielding-Owen. We also have a Canada Lake, NY mug with a photo of Kane Mountain on it, also thanks to Dave. In addition, we have locally carved hiking sticks complete with a built-in compass for serious hikers. Tubing won't be the same after a ride on the Flipside by O'Brien with side whip accelerators underneath the tube.

## Canada Lake Store & Marine News

We are concentrating our efforts to offer fresher, healthier, and more natural food to you, so we are introducing all natural breads from the local Heidelberg Bakery and higher quality deli products, such as Boars Head. Fresh Seafood! That's right, we are excited to provide this area with an option weekly to pre-order a variety of fresh seafood, such as salmon, scallops, clams, oysters, and haddock to name a few. Orders will be taken by Tuesday for Thursday pick-up.

If you have a store account with us, we will be sending a survey in May to help us better serve you. We would like to get your feedback on a variety of areas, from products you would like to see us carry, to what you think we could add or change to provide the best possible shopping experience. Please consider taking the time to fill it out, as it will help us prepare for the future of your store.

Life is the Canada Lakes in the summer with all of its charm and relaxing power, as well as the fun-filled activities with family and friends. We sincerely thank our year round customers for their patronage, welcome the seasonal residents back to the lakes, and thank all of you for your continuous support of our family business.

*Bill and Dorothy*

### 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 that information to: [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com)

## Lake Effect Café News

Eight is going to be great!

2011 will bring the Café to the eighth season.

Throughout the season, folks have found fresh blueberry muffins a usual find, well, not if you want one after 11am.

And as my regulars will tell you, "the cinnamon buns are offered every other day and pie by the slice is available on the weekends".

The banana muffins will also go fast on Friday mornings, since Friday is when a group of local bikers meet at the store at 7:30am. They ride to Pine Lake or Stoner Lake, then bike back for choices like a chai latte, breakfast burrito, or organic yogurt with fruit.

When you see me out rowing my pack boat or hiking back to Indian with Keena, you will know it must be Wednesday, since the Lake Effect Café is closed that day.

With notice, preferably 48 hours, special orders are a fun way to share something made at the lake. Come on in and place your order or e-mail me at: [thelakeeffectcafe@gmail.com](mailto:thelakeeffectcafe@gmail.com).

Here are just a few ideas.

- Whole pies - you name it, I can bake it.
- Birthday cakes - sheet, round, bundt, even cupcakes
- Platter of lunch wraps
- Breakfast assortment of baked goods (variety of muffins, scones, crumb cakes)
- Box of assorted Lake Effect dessert squares (ex: lemon bars, hello dollies, brownies, Ann Boyd's pecan pie bars, Aunt Sue's disappearing marshmallow brownies, yummiel!)

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## Lake Effect Café News

### Summer 2011 hours:

8am - 5pm, Closed on Wednesdays

### Opening:

May: 28th, 29th, & 30th  
Memorial Day weekend

June: Saturday & Sunday

July & August: everyday but Wednesday

September: 1st - 5th (Labor Day, too!)

Here in Utah, Dad, Bret, Steve, & I are on the tail end of a wonderful winter in the Wasatch Mts. We are looking forward to Spring and getting back to the lake.

Thank you everyone for the wonderful support. I enjoy creating the goodies and providing a great gathering place at the lake. I look forward to catching up with all of you.

Cheers,

Heather

## Canada Lake Barge Service News

To my fellow Canada Lake residents,

As the Barge enters its 5th Season of Service, I would like to thank all of you who have had their septic systems serviced or updated or have had me come by and check the status of your current system.

During the 2010 Season of operation, several residents of the lake took advantage of the pumping service and ensured better operation as well as longevity of their current system. I would like to remind everyone that your Canada Lake septic tank works very differently than the sewer system that many of you rely on at your primary home.

## Canada Lake Barge Service News

Things to keep in mind:

- Conserve use of paper – excess paper can not only plug up your system, but can shorten the time needed between services due to solids build up.
- No foreign items flushed – basically anything other than #1 and #2 can damage your system and cause problems in the servicing of your system.
- Chemicals – chemicals such as cleaners with bleach and anti-bacterial soaps kill the bacteria that are needed to break down the waste in your system.
- Service – keep to a regular service schedule. Every 3rd year is a good rule of thumb to ensure proper function of your system.

As stated in previous years' Echos: To all the residents who took advantage of the pumping service, I thank you for your business, and I thank you for thinking about the quality of our lake. We are all so fortunate to have Canada Lake in our lives; let's make sure we give back to the lake that has given us so much. I would be happy to take a look at anyone's septic system and give my opinion on its condition and any recommendations I have for service. I have learned much in my first 4 seasons and have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly.

If you need anything transported to your cabin or need some things hauled away, let me know.

Sincerely,

Bret Fielding

## Kid's Korner

### Seeking the Whale

By Isa Butler

As I jumped into the freezing cold water of the lake I could feel the goose bumps form on my skin. The water took my breath away as it does every time I venture into it. I was off on a journey to seek the ancient whale that inhabits the deep of Canada Lake.

I have seen this whale every summer since my first year of life. In fact, my family has seen this same whale for the last sixty-two years. From the icy cold water the immense whale seems to be at least one mile away from my grasp as I stood on the shore of the island.

I was five years old and this was my first adventure without a parent leading me. I was off to touch the notorious whale and climb on her back. Without a parent's guidance and in water over my head, I felt tremendously uneasy and anxious, but I was also filled with excitement. Never before had a little girl been able to swim to the whale's back!

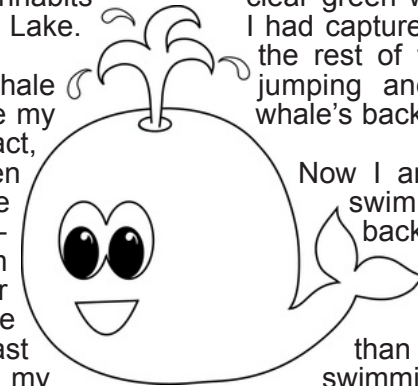
The whale's back surfaced above the dancing waters just as it had done summer after summer, posing a hazard to sailors and skiers alike. Now it was my turn to touch the whale's back, slide on her slimy side and stand triumphantly on her ridge back. I had seen my older cousins do this amazing trick of talent each summer.

I started swimming with the whale in sight knowing that it would be a long one mile until I reached her. The water splashed in my face, and I could feel myself going under. I didn't give up. I pulled furiously. Suddenly I touched her side. It was solid and cold, covered with green slime. I climbed up and let myself fall again into the clear green water. I had made it. I had captured the whale. I spent the rest of the morning in glory, jumping and swimming off the whale's back.

Now I am thirteen and I still swim out to the whales back. Two things have changed though. I realize now the whale is more petrified than real and instead of swimming a "mile" each time, I more or less just take a BIG, BIG jump and voila, I'm there!

Every summer we speed out in our motor boats to check on her. One day I am sure I will be out on the lake with my children telling them the myths of the past just as my mother has done with me.

*Isa is the daughter of Julia Butler. Her Canada Lake story was written April 19, 1995.*



**PLEASE DRIVE  
CAUTIOUSLY & SLOWLY  
WHEN TRAVELING  
ON THE ROADS  
AROUND CANADA LAKE  
THIS SUMMER**

## Kid's Korner

### Sunsets

By Meghan Smith

Sunsets  
Golden  
Ball  
Glowing  
Line

Slowly  
Falling  
Colors  
Melting

Cool  
Breeze  
Nothing  
Left

### Two Poems

By Claire Williamson

A stream  
A silvery ribbon  
Twirling around the earth.

Peace is so peaceful.  
It is like a breeze blowing.  
Settling on us.

*Poems inspired by Canada  
Lake. Meghan (9) and Claire  
(8) are the granddaughters of  
Linda and Hub Smith*

### A Warning on Ethanol-Blended Fuel:

The only fuel available on the lake for your boat engine now contains 10% ethanol, which will likely adversely affect your engine's performance.

Additives such as Fuel Treatments, Engine and Fuel system Cleaners, and Fuel Stabilizers are available to properly treat your engine from ethanol-blended fuel. A little bit of preventative maintenance with each fill up will help your engine start easier, idle smoother, and perform better.

### 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 at 624 West Lake Rd*
  - *Dennie's at 342 South Shore Trail*
  - *Lichtneger's dock at 206 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.

# CAROGA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2011

145 London Bridge Rd. – Caroga Lake, NY  
(518) 835-4400 - [www.carogamuseum.org](http://www.carogamuseum.org)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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|------------|-------------|--|
| JUNE 30    | 6 PM        | MUSEUM OPENS: WHEELERVILLE STUDENTS' ART SHOW<br>• Ice Cream Social – Adults \$4 / Children under 10 - \$2   |
| JUNE 30*   | 7PM         | MUSIC: ANNIE AND THE HEDONISTS<br>• Acoustic, bluegrass and blues music by local artists   |
| JULY 7     | 7PM         | SPEAKER: ALEC REID - ILLUSTRATOR<br>• Recently updated Tannery Exhibit   |
| JULY 16    | 10AM – 4 PM | CRAFT SHOW:<br>• Crafters, Bake Sale, Raffles<br>• BBQ 11am – 3pm<br>• Music – Durey Creek Bluegrass Band  |
| JULY 21    | 7PM         | SPEAKER: CAROL SMALLEY - LOCAL AUTHOR<br>• Her book - "Around Caroga Lake, Canada Lake and Pine Lake"  |
| JULY 27    | 10AM        | IVY VINE PLAYERS PUPPET SHOW: GRIAN MACGREGOR<br>• All children welcome – free admission<br>• Co-sponsored by Caroga Historical Museum and the Canada Lake Protective Association  |
| JULY 30*   | 7PM         | MUSIC: THE SWING DOCS<br>• Swing, big band and rock music by professionals from Albany Medical Center<br>• Tickets \$12 p/p available at Caroga Historical Museum or at the door. Call 835-4400 for information.<br>• Performance held at Adirondack Paradise St. Hwy. 29A and 10, Pine Lake |
| AUGUST 4   | 7PM         | WELCOME RECEPTION: KATHRYN (ZIGGY) ZAJICEK<br>• August featured artist   |
| AUGUST 12* | 6:30 PM     | DINNER THEATER: ACME THEATER<br>• Mystery dinner theater – Cash bar available<br>• Tickets \$25 p/p – Advance Sale only by August 7th<br>• Contact Museum for tickets 835-4400<br>• Performance held at Adirondack Paradise St. Hwy. 29A and 10, Pine Lake                                   |
| AUGUST 18* | 7PM         | MUSIC: THE UPPER CATSKILL STRING QUARTET<br>• Performance held at Caroga Chapel – St. Hwy 10<br>• Free will offering   |

## WORKSHOPS

- JULY 14** 10 AM - 3 PM SCALLOPED KNIT BEADED NECKLACE: LISA BATES
- Required skills – Knit stitch
  - Class limited to 12
  - Bring lunch, size 2 or 3 straight needles & \$18.00 for materials. (Materials include yarn and beads to make two different necklaces)
- JULY 21** 10 AM - 1 PM SCHRERNSCHNITTE: DEBY TEST
- A Swiss/German way of cutting one piece of paper in a design
  - Class limited to 12
  - Bring manicure scissors, a black 5 x 7 picture frame (with drop in glass), and \$5.00 for materials.
- JULY 28** 10 AM - 3 PM BEADING: JOANNE CLARK
- Class limited to 12
  - Bring lunch and \$20.00 for materials
- AUGUST 4** 10AM – 3 PM PAINTING A “LAKE LANDSCAPE” ON PORCELAIN: CAT GRAVES
- Class limited to 6
  - Bring lunch and \$25 for materials. (Materials include tile and trivet with wood frame).
- AUGUST 11** 10AM – 3 PM BASKET WEAVING: EILEEN WRIGHTSMAN
- Class limited to 12
  - Bring lunch, shears, measuring tape, clothespins, awl, small tub, pencil and \$20.00 for materials.
- AUGUST 18** 10AM – 3 PM WATERCOLOR PAINTING: JUDY MORITZ
- Class limited to 6
  - Bring Lunch and \$20.00 for materials if needed

The cost of each workshop is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Send your check for the REGISTRATION FEE ONLY with your name, address and phone number to:

Sue Tantalo  
P. O. Box 1038  
Caroga Lake, NY 12032

For additional information on the workshops call Sue at 518-835-2733.

\* These events made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York Council of the Arts, administered through the Tri-County Arts Council.

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

A Year's 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 135, Caroga Lake, NY 12032.

Make check payable to Caroga Historical Museum.

## FORTEENTH SUMMER

There's something special about being fourteen; you're not a little kid anymore, although not really fully grown either – but more independent, and somewhat free to explore the world around you. At least that's how it was for me that summer at the lake.

My brother Jim had just turned sixteen, and we were “summer” friends with Lenny, sixteen and older than Jim, and Joey who was fifteen. The four of us were almost inseparable that summer, and the days were just packed with fishing, swimming, playing ball, going on long bike rides, and most importantly cruising in the motorboats.

There seemed to always be a friendly competition among us. It was usually each guy for himself, but sometimes we'd pair up and it would be Jim and I versus Lenny and Joey, or Joey and I versus Lenny and Jim, or Jim and Joey versus Lenny and me. Fishing in two boats we'd wager over who caught the first fish, the most fish and the largest fish. Somehow I was the most successful fisherman; I think it was because of my slow jerky retrieval on the Garcia 300 reel and the Shakespeare pole. The smallmouth bass loved it and the occasional walleye found it irresistible.

With our gloves and baseball we'd play running bases for hours at a time, but if we wanted a “real” ball game we had to walk or ride our bikes to the village - where there were more kids and the little league field that wasn't used much during the weekdays. We four were usually on the same team then, playing against some of the town kids. We played until we got so sweaty it was essential to go for a swim. The outlet from the lake ran behind the ball field. There was a “beach” (politely)

called Bare Bottom Beach. No girls allowed. We boys would strip naked and then run and jump off the bank, yelling, splashing, and cannon balling into the cold running creek.

Night times we spent hanging out at Lenny's house playing cards or shooting dice or “pitching” baseball cards, all the time listening to the local Rock & Roll stations on the radio. Once in a while we'd go swimming at night playing tag, or diving, or jumping cannon balls off the dock.

Down the end of the lake there was a bridge over a narrow but deep section of the lake not far from the outlet. We used to do tricks jumping off the bridge, swan-diving, doing flips, or tumbling and twisting in various combinations. The bridge was usually a daytime attraction, but sometimes in the evening we would go to the bridge by boat, park the boat and go up the hill to the store for soda or ice cream.

It was late August, one of those very hot humid nights where you can't get comfortable unless you are in the lake swimming. Jim and Joey decided to take one of the boats to the bridge to go swimming. Jim said they might go skinny dipping if nobody was there. Lenny and I stayed behind, saying we were not interested in going along.

Soon after Jim and Joey left, Lenny and I made plans to sneak down there in the other boat to play a trick or two on them. When we were sure they were far enough away so they couldn't hear us, we left in the other boat, moving slowly and quietly along the lake shore.

As we approached the bridge, we shut the motor off quite a ways out and rowed



## FORTEENTH SUMMER

toward the landing quietly. We heard Jim and Joey laughing and jumping off the bridge. With as much stealth as possible, we arrived next to their boat at the landing. Looking inside, we could see their clothes and towels and shoes on the seat of the boat. We took their belongings and quietly moved our boat back into the lake.

We rowed quite a distance out from the bridge before we started up our motor and turned our lights on, making our presence well known. I turned the spotlight on Jim who was ducking behind the bridge railings to barely hide his nakedness; Joey was getting out of the water trying to get up the bank to hide – his bare bottom shining in the spotlight.

Lenny and I turned our boat around and left abruptly, leaving the skinny dippers behind us - their shoes, clothes and towels neatly stowed in our boat. We laughed at the sounds of the two of them, yelling and cursing at us as we cruised down the lake. In the dark, it was not apparent to them who the people in the boat were.

We drove the boat back home and hid their belongings among the shrubs that grew along the lake shore. We then hid ourselves and waited for their arrival, which came quite a while after ours.

They were apparently interested in coming ashore as quietly as possible since they were both naked, and they really didn't want to draw any attention to themselves in that condition. We heard them whispering to one another as they tried to sneak toward Joey's house in the dark yard.

Fortunately for them, Joey's Mom had a clothesline with towels hanging out to dry. Jim and Joey each took a damp towel and wrapped themselves in it, proceeding to go inside Joey's camp. After a few minutes, Joey and Jim emerged, both dressed in t-shirts and shorts, but no shoes.

Lenny and I had gone to Lenny's camp. We had set up the Monopoly board as though we were at the end of a long involved game. When Joey and Jim arrived, we didn't say anything - just kept playing Monopoly. Jim began to tell us about their adventure down at the bridge, but it was already 10 PM, our curfew, and we had to go home.

On the way home, I asked Jim what happened to his shoes. He then admitted that their clothes and shoes had been stolen and he was wearing clothes he had borrowed from Joey. I didn't say anything more, as we opened the door to our camp. We both went to bed out on the front porch, which was our summer bedroom.

The next morning Jim and Joey found their clothes and shoes folded neatly at the end of the dock. They never asked us anything more about the incident, but I'm sure they figured out that they had been the victims of our prank

*John Snyder*

### FISH CATCHES

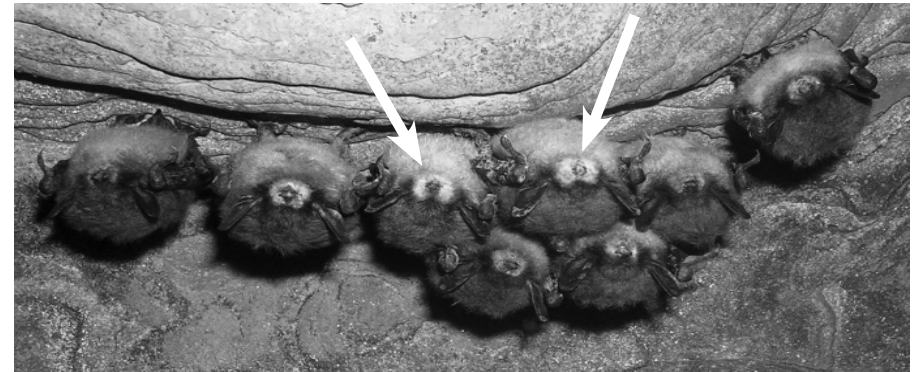
PLEASE REPORT YOUR FISH CATCHES AT THE STORE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL WHERE YOU CAUGHT THEM, JUST THE SIZE.

## NEW YORK BAT'S

### New York State's Bats Facing Fatal White Nose Syndrome: Deadly Mystery Causing Devastating Decline in Bat Populations

Canada Lake, Green Lake and West Lake residents frequently saw neighborhood bats as the sun set across the sky. Since they eat flying insects at night, bats have always been an important part of our ecosystem in the Adirondacks. In past years on our boats as the evening drew near, we would spot



them coming out of roosts, or as we sped across the water, they would be nearby, coasting along and taking big helpings of insects. Unfortunately, those days were numbered. We as lake residents noticed a decrease in numbers, and scientists recently confirmed that some of our common bat species were declining by more than 95% due to a disease called "white nose syndrome". In the past two years, biologists have documented a dramatic loss of the Little Brown Bat, the Northern Bat, the Indiana Bat, and the Tri-Colored Bat (Pipistrel). More than one million bats have died since this illness was discovered!

**What is killing these bats?** The Department of Environmental Conservation in NY State began seeing large numbers of dead bats in caves and mines west of Albany in 2007; also, bats were flying out of hibernation sites during the daytime in the midst of winter and dying. Some thought these bats had rabies but this was not the case. A white fungus was noted on the face and bodies of these bats and they were dying of starvation, with very low body weight. This syndrome causes starvation due to depleted body

weight as vital fat resources are consumed at a much faster rate than normal. During hibernation, bat body temperatures are normally lowered and breathing is slowed so that they can survive the winter on their stores of fat, but the bats with white nose syndrome are waking up more often and thereby loose too much fat. NY State is researching this problem along with many other federal, state and private organizations. Since the syndrome was first noticed right here in the Albany area, it has spread to all of New York, New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Southern Indiana. New York State

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has over 128 caves and mines where the decline has been dramatic and devastating. Once we had over half a million bats in caves, comprising six species, with 90 percent concentrated in just ten sites. Since the disease spreads when the bats are close together in hibernation, our affected bats are now at risk of extirpation in the Northeast.

### What can we do to help restore the bat populations and why should we care about bats?

Bats are part of the vital chain that includes insect control and pollination. While you may consider a bat in your attic a pest, there are simple solutions to helping them find other roosting sites. Each bat consumes half its weight in insects every day, reducing the populations of those annoying Adirondack mosquitoes, black flies and other pesky insects without the use of pesticides! They conduct amazing maneuvers at night using echolocation, the ability to send out a high frequency sonar sound which bounces off everything in its path. The bat is able to determine, via the echo and extreme sensitivity to sound, whether it is a juicy insect or your boat! Would we be happier without several hundred thousand insects during our summers at the lake? Undoubtedly the answer is yes!

We can help small bat populations by mainly not destroying them if they are found in our homes, attics or boathouses. Instead, we can use recommended best practices to remove the bats (not during the period when they are reproducing).

Simple Devices can be installed that allow the bats to depart in the evening,

but prevent their return. Be sure to use licensed individuals who will use non-lethal methods to conduct bat control measures, otherwise they will be destroyed, thereby reducing our already threatened bat populations.

Install bat houses on your property, preferably painting them black and providing a southern facing exposure. More information about bat houses is available from the Organization for Bat Conservation: [www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org)

Support the research and restoration of our bat populations in NY State. Contact your local and state legislators to let them know that vital research funding must remain in place. Here are some organizations/agencies that are working to identify the source of the fungal infection:

US Fish and Wildlife Service: [www.fws.gov/whitenosesyndrome](http://www.fws.gov/whitenosesyndrome)

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: [www.dec.state.ny.us](http://www.dec.state.ny.us)

Bat Conservation International: [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org)

Please feel free to contact me at [enviro3232@aol.com](mailto:enviro3232@aol.com) or at Canada Lake, (518) 835-3432, to learn more about bat conservation and to find out how to build or purchase your very own bat house.

Many thanks to Carl Herzog, NY State Wildlife Grants Biologist at the Department of Environmental Conservation for his valuable input and expertise for this article.

*Rosemary Lee*

## PERMITS

Permits are required by the Town of Caroga for the following, but are not limited to:

- Demolition
- Swimming Pools
- Heating Devices
- Tanks
- Certificate of Compliance
- New Construction
- Signs, Awnings, Canopies
- Garages, Carports
- Plumbing
- Mobile Homes
- Building
- Additions
- Subdivisions
- Sheds
- Chimney Repairs
- Certificate of Occupancy
- Excavation
- Alterations
- Roofs
- State Environmental Quality Reviews
- Fences
- Decks

## SANITATION AND HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

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 requires owners of holding tanks to have them emptied by a registered pumping business by June 1st of each year and/or when they become 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitation Officer. The town clerk must be notified when pumping occurs.

For a list of registered sanitation pumping businesses, contact the Caroga Town Clerk or the Town Sanitation Officer at 835-4211.

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We started looking for a camp during the winter. Mary grew up in Gloversville, and her Dad still lived there. There was limited room for us when we visited, so we chose that as an excuse for looking for a place. So using "within striking distance of Gloversville" as our main criteria, we started looking. And I suppose I'd be lying not to mention "on the water" as a close second.

I was thinking that we'd take a few years of poking around the back woods and getting familiar with what was available, get serious after a few more and then finally come to some decision and try to buy. There were many reasons to delay...among them ferrying kids to all corners of the earth for soccer games. But I underestimated Mary's determination and shopping skills.

We started looking at the listings. Piseco, Sacandaga, Caroga, Canada, Stewarts Landing. Wait a minute, Stewarts Landing? Though she had lived much of her life in Gloversville, Mary had not even heard of Stewarts Landing. I was to find out later that it is one of those places where unless you have a reason, you don't go. Looking at the topo map, we could see a long finger of water leaving the west side of Canada Lake. "Have to check that out sometime," I said to my Brother-in-law Mike, skilled outdoorsman.

Mary and her Dad took a ride up that way to see if they could find a listed property. In the days before GPS devices fit our budget

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(OK, they still don't. I'm cheap.), they never found Stewarts Landing Road. I'm not sure they found County Road 119, or Mallett Hill Road, or any of the Fulton County Highway Department's fine thoroughfares near the western boundary of our watershed, but they did manage to have a nice lunch in Speculator. The next time we visited, improved navigational abilities allowed us to see a place that was listed. It was a small place right next to a creek that ran down from the swamp across the road. "This is nice. I could see us enjoying this place."

But that was not to be, at least not then, not there. Seems that a little earlier, the Hagens had the same idea about finding a camp, and this one would soon belong to them. Then fate or divinity intervened. A few weeks later, Mike drove up one snowy day and parked his car at the dam so he could cross-country ski down the road. He ran into Dips Nelson as she was taking her daily walk. She told him to have us stop in and see her the next time we were in town.

It is your misfortune if you never met Dips and her husband Tom. They live the good life on the S-curve halfway from The Bahamas to the dam. Upon entering their rustic home, I had the distinct feeling that they were happy to be residents of the finest place on earth, and no one could possibly provide them with any information that would make them have a glimmer to the contrary. Furthermore, there would be no transfer of information from them that they were not pleased to provide.

After we left, I asked Mary, "Does it seem like we just took a test?"

"Maybe so, but we must have passed. Dips gave us the contact numbers."

It turns out that the owner of the place two lots west of the Nelson's had unsuccessfully tried to sell during the previous year, but had not chosen to re-list the place at the time. In an uncharacteristic show of bravado, I cold-called the Bostonian owner.

I paid an inspector far too much to help me evaluate the place. What a joke. I was robbed. If I knew then what I know now... I thought that was what he was supposed to know. But perhaps it was for the best, since I never would have had any adventures in hiking, skiing, construction and plumbing, and more sadly, I may never have learned to start thinking like Dips and Tom.

After some brief negotiations, I was prepared to start waffling over the expense. "I don't know, Mary, I'm looking at the finances, and the market is not looking all that good, and our kids are off to college soon, and, and, and..."

"Buy it!" responded Mary, master of subtlety. Knowing what was good for me, the deed was done. And it's not hard to remember when we did that deed, since everything seemed to change that day. We started our residency at Stewarts Landing the same day the twin towers came down.

But that's not what this story is about. It's about the effect of another winter, right after we enjoyed the

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place for an entire year without notable mishap. In the hard winter of 2002-2003, a whole lot of snow was delivered free of charge to Fulton County. A thick blanket lay across the area, and that blanket was thickest on top of my garage. The cozy whiteness gets an inch or two deeper every time I tell the story, but I'm sure there were at least 7 feet of snow up there. But not for long. The east wall moved further east, and the west wall moved further west, and the roof took that as an invitation to invert itself and relax by depositing itself and all the snow on the contents below.



I don't mean to make you think that this was a great tragedy. The original owner, who built the structure, was purportedly a carpenter, but I hope for the sake of all his clients that he was a "finished carpentry" kind of guy. While inspecting the ruins, I couldn't help but notice a few flaws in his construction technique. I'll spare you all the details, but for an ill-advised shallow-sloped roof, you just don't connect butted joists with plywood nailed on one side, even if it did last for the 30 years prior to my possession.

And it was ugly. It had been constructed in the ever-popular "shack" style, with no expense taken that was not absolutely necessary. I'm pretty sure that the scraps from many a job ended up supporting

the place, and the purples and off-yellows that end up on final sale at the paint store completed the picture. But in no way did its lack of beauty diminish its ability to create a horrible mess in its demise.

My neighbor Pete tried to get in touch right away, but unfortunately, the contact information was in error. After I finally received one of those phone calls you never want to get, we headed up to survey the damage. After 30 seconds of careful analysis, I realized that there was absolutely nothing I could do about it until spring. And I had all that time to use for planning.

So I spent a good amount of time whining to my friends about my terrible misfortune. They were very empathetic. I received numerous supportive comments like, "Good riddance to that pile of junk," and "Too bad it didn't happen sooner," and "Just shut up. If you're lucky enough to have a place on the water in the Adirondacks, you've got nothing to complain about." Spirits buoyed by their helpful statements, I resolved to create a really nice 32' by 24' cement-floored parking space.

The summer was spent smashing, cutting, unraveling, hoisting, pulling, hammering and hauling. My friend Jim, an avid baseball player, volunteered to help in the destruction. I mention his affinity for that game because batting plays a big part in it. And Jim must be one heck of a hitter. He is not a very big guy, but every time he made contact with the sledgehammer, sections of garage that had been nailed tight for 30 years immediately parted



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company. And he did this all day long. Trying to keep up, my hands could no longer hang onto the swinging sledge after a few hours. "And there goes another one over the left field fence," he'd cry as another set of nails gave way. In tandem with the trilinger provided by my other brother-in-law, soon to become known as "Homefries," we had the parking lot cleared by fall. And some really fine bonfires that summer.



A note about camp names. For unknown reasons, each member of the construction crew has a camp name. Each describes the individual or his history and is commonly used to address the individual since the crew members only trait in common is that they are friends of mine. For example, while cooking, my brother-in-law prepares each home fry with individual care. Did you know that they are the perfect compliment to every meal? We call Jim, "Beer 30." But I'm getting ahead of myself. After we began the cleanup job, I was again complaining about the task to a friend (Bud Lightnin') from the Granite State, and he said, "Let's rebuild it. You've got the foundation already, so let's put it back up." I was dumbfounded. The idea had never occurred to me.

I know how to swing a hammer and pilot a table saw, but I never imagined constructing a building of any significance. But I couldn't get the idea out of my head. Soon after, my insurance man called to tell me that he was able to convince the policy holder that my natural disaster merited compensation, and the stage was fully set. On the last weekend of April the following year, a small band of Loonatics hailing from three states assembled on the barren concrete pad to reconstruct the garage. We were more than ready. We were armed with minimal construction knowledge, an overly optimistic building schedule, power tools of various pedigrees, and a floor plan designed using the housebuilding tools provided by The Sims computer game. We had a chef who thought he would share his meat-overload Atkins diet with the clan. We had tarps to partially protect us as we worked into the night while the heavens open up and attempt to wash us away. We held midnight planning sessions solving the problems of the day. We used fresh green boards supplied by a local mill that was so water laden that they squirted when nailed and out-weighed by four times their kiln dried brethren. We worked like dogs, ate like horses, drank like fish, smelled like pigs, and slept like logs while snoring in dissonance strewn about the cots and couches in the small adjacent house.

Finally, Bud Lightnin's circular saw gave a horrible dying cry, and he flung it off the just completed floor of the yet-to-be floor of the second story, narrowly missing the almost too aptly named "Cut-Boy."

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We realized we could go no further. Though lumber and unrealized plans remained, we had to quit, lest our tired and aching bodies follow the saw's example.



But unlike so many of our efforts in our working worlds back home, we all knew we had pushed ourselves to accomplish something very tangible and real. Something we could stand back and look at and congratulate ourselves about. And it felt so good we have repeated the escapade many times over.



To this day, I smile every time I walk into the structure we built.

*Randy Fredlund*

## Filling The Lake

Each spring, the DEC closes the Stewart's Landing Dam as soon as the ice melts on Canada Lake. They hear from residents on the lake daily, then sometimes hourly when it is close. Typically, this is the third week in April; however, it could be as early as the last few days in March or as late as the first week in May.

The water will then rise only as quickly as there is water to fill the lake. Some years, we see a rise immediately; other years it may take a few weeks.

## 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.

## BURGLARIES

This past winter our area was hit with a string of burglaries. Over a three week period numerous year-round and seasonal homes on Kasson Drive, Fulton Road, Jung Road, Green Lake Road, Point Breeze Road, Decker Road and Pine Lake Road were burglarized. Law enforcement officials in Fulton County got a break in the case thanks to an alert resident of Pine Lake who called the sheriff's department when he saw a suspicious vehicle in the area that matched the description a vehicle spotted when several seasonal camps had been entered. Not wanting them to get away before law enforcement officials arrived, he blocked the road with his vehicle and the four suspects fled into a heavily wooded area at the end of Pine Lake Road. A house-by-house search began, and the culprits were caught. Fulton County Sheriff Thomas Lorey said, "It was good the way the folks in the neighborhood were able to help. I give them a lot of credit." He said sheriff's investigators recovered stolen property worth thousands of dollars at the suspects' residences.

In December, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department charged Michael A. Luck, 25, and Raymond J. Dean, 20, both of Little Falls, with one count each of second-degree attempted burglary, second-degree burglary and grand larceny, all felonies. Carl C. Johnson, 25, of 44 Petrie St., and Edward Guyer, 17, of 9 Whited St., also of Little Falls, were charged with one count each of second-degree burglary, fourth-degree criminal mischief and petit larceny.

In my eyes, this concerned citizen is a true hero. At much risk to his own well being, he was not afraid to stand up to these perpetrators. He ducked reporters,

not seeking any fame for his actions. He simply did the right thing at the right time and wanted no recognition for it. Who knows how much longer this rash of burglaries would have gone on if he had not been alert and taken immediate action? As president of the CLPA, I asked the board of directors if they were in agreement with me that this individual deserved to receive the reward money that the CLPA has offered for such instances as this. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor, and he will be receiving the \$500 reward for his part in stopping this string of burglaries. It is refreshing to see someone take a stand and expect nothing in return – all the more reason that he should receive this award. He helped protect our lakes...and that is what the CLPA is all about.

*Ed Fake*

### 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, 835 - 4351

## Echoes

From **Henry Baker**: Here is something for our younger friends to contemplate. On September 24, 2010, Virginia T. Baker climbed Kane Mountain and climbed the ladder to the observation booth on the summit, 81 steps. She was assisted by her daughter, Caren. We celebrated Virginia's eighty-ninth birthday Monday, September 27th, 2010. She recommends a daily glass of red wine. Let's see you top that!

**Julia Butler** says: My son, Andrew P. Mahoney finished his residency in ortho surgery at University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ in June and will start a fellowship year at NYU in July specializing in shoulder and elbow so we hope that he will have more time to get to Canada Lake this summer.

**Mike and Mary Cannon's** daughter Allie was married to Jeff Perras on November 13, 2010 in Cozumel, Mexico. 40 guests departed from Miami for a four day cruise. The wedding was held on a beach at sunset in Cozumel. Katie Morrison of Canada Lake was the Maid of Honor and Gillian and Kristen Cannon were Bridesmaids. We could not have asked for a more PERFECT wedding in every way.

The **Davis** family is happy to report that Tori is moving back to the States after spending two years in Brazil. By the time you read this, she'll have a new job in either Austin, Cincinnati, Troy, NY or Manchester, VT! Parker and Igoe moved to Montreal in September, 2010, when Parker started a new job at Eidos, a video game development company. They are loving the city and trying to learn French. Hilary is still enjoying living in Saratoga and spending all her free time at the lake every summer. She's turning 40 this

year and can't wait for her birthday prom party! Jane, Tony and Millie are doing well in Vermont. Tony is happy to be off crutches and driving again after recovering from a broken leg in the Summer of 2010, and Jane is pretty happy he can drive again, too! Millie is turning 93 this year and plans to spend a lot of time at the lake as usual."

**Diane Halverson** reports that all of the Halversons and Montagues plan to be at the lake in June. Ward's news is that he has a book out, Simple Three, which helps parents with defiant children. His book is described on his website [www.simplethree.com](http://www.simplethree.com).

From **Susan Kasson**: We are pleased to welcome the latest addition to our family, Nathan Stephen Kasson, who was born in August 2010. Nathan is the son of Stephen John and Johana Kasson. He is the grandson of Susan and Burt Kasson, and Henry and Eugenia Vander Linde, as well as the great-grandson of Ana Rosa Rangel, Steve & Sandy Sheedy, the late Catherine McKenna, and the late John and Betty Kasson.

**Jud & Barbara Lincoln** are happy to announce a new Great Granddaughter, Ella Grace Pantke, born on Jan. 15, 2011. Her Parents are Shaun & Jessica Pantke, and her brother is Benjamin who will be 3 in June.

According to **Nancy Myers** the South Shore is continuing to multiply. Jessica Myers Blair and her husband had their 3rd child on July 13; Ziv Allen Frederick Blair, named after his uncle Fred (Fink). Ziv visited the lake for the first time in early November along with his 2 year old sister and 3 year old brother.



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The 7 children of **Ruth and Don Kerr** gathered in Schenectady in late October to celebrate the 90th birthdays of their parents. Most of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also present. Ruth and Don are planning to be at their camp on Kasson Drive this summer.

From **Judy & Chris Moritz**: 2010 was a wonderful summer with our family at the Lake. Our grandson Ian is chomping at the bit since he will be old enough (under watchful eyes) to drive the boat this summer. A highlight this March was Greg & family in Florida. We celebrated March birthdays: Chris, Anna, Molly (a 12 pound Shih Tzu) and Mark.

**Hub Smith** reports a “new Hub”, energized and feeling normal again after a triple bypass and aortic aneurysm surgery. The surgeon and staff at Brigham & Women’s in Boston did a superb job! Were it not for his paraplegia, he’d be on skis this season! Linda hopes you’ll all participate in some fashion as Recollections 2012 takes shape this year. Son Steve with Lynn, Meghan and Sarah are winding up their Belgian assignment and will have word where they’re going next after the Echo deadline has passed. They and daughter Alison Mitchell with Sid plus children Matthew and Claire Williamson hope to be able to spend much good time at the Lake this year, ideally with their Parkhurst cousins next door.

### REMEMBER!!

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

## Echoes from the Past

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

### 1971

Gene and Ruth **Fink**, of the South Shore, visited Phoebe and Tod Ballard in Florida this winter. They also took a photo of Marie and Skeet Sliter doing, of all things, nothing! Nancy Fink graduates as Sociology major this June from the University of Denver. Fred is attending Boston U. Dave is a student at Alfred Tech. College. Ricky will be a junior at Niskayuna High School next fall.

Jack and Gretchen **Fielding** are owners of the brown cottage, the third west of the store on Old State Rd.... Announcement has been made of the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Timothy Karl Mitchell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy D. Mitchell of Ballston Spa. Plans are being made for their August 7th wedding in the Caroga Lake Chapel. Sue is known to many at Canada Lake, having worked at the store for Skeet and Marie the summer of ‘69....Their son, Bill, who is employed by GE Technical Services Co. in foreign assignments, returned to this country in April from a 2 year job in Australia. He was married to Dorothy Sheffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sheffer, Burnt Hills, N.Y., last September in Sale, Australia.

### 1981

Note from the George H. **Rohrs**: Rohrs-Healey family back for 62nd year at the Lake. Chris Rohr’s has taken a new assignment as National Sales Manager of Station WDIV-TV (NBC) at Detroit, Mich. Irene (Rohrs) Healey & Lou now have 22 grandchildren. George & Jeanne Rohrs visited Alice & Hal Schumaker at Vero Beach in February.

## Echoes from the Past

Note from Barb & Doug **Leaf**: Lots of news from the Leafs this year! We happily look forward to the start of our 12th summer at the lake, this time at a new address! We’ve bought Helen and Bernie Caringe’s camp and should be “settled in” by the time you read this. We are all so excited about it! Dee-Dee spent the fall semester studying in London. She will graduate from St. Lawrence May 24....Cindy is about to end her fourth year of teaching 3rd grade in Bethel, Conn., and is working towards her master’s degree....Doug and I visited Dee-Dee in London in October, then toured the lovely countryside and went on up into Scotland. It was certainly a trip to remember! Can’t wait to see you all soon!

This winter Debbie and David **Hoffman** became the proud parents of a baby boy - name, David Hoffman III. Congratulations.

### 1991

Jud & Barbara **Lincoln** of Kasson Drive have 2 new grandchildren this year, making a total of 13. Son, Jay & Trissa Pantke have a second daughter, Hannah, born December 1, 1990. Daughter Cynthia & Stanley Lincoln/DeCusatis have a second son, Gabriel, born August 10, 1990. Daughter Karen (Pantke) and Chet Herman have a new restaurant on Route 17, Myrtle Beach, S.C., called “The Mayor’s House”. Stop in and visit if your down that way, the food is great!

Parks **Landis**’ family ranks are also swelling, as Gary and Nancy Landis Hochberger and Kathy and Bill Landis are expecting late this year. The next generation is growing on Dolgeville Point too. Christopher **Fragomeni** was born August 17, 1990 on grandmother, Willie Roda’s 75th birthday to Tony and Mary Roda Fragomeni.

We have received announcement of the birth of Alexandra Downey **McLelland** to Sharon and Bruce McLelland on April 13th, 1991. Cindy McLelland and Chip Brennan will be married at Colgate Memorial Chapel on August 3, 1991. They are children of Jim & Cathy McLelland and Tom & Ilo Brennan.

### 2001

Ruth and Don **Kerr**, to celebrate their 80th birthdays took their entire families on a cruise of the Virgin Islands. The entire family totaled twenty one - everyone showed. They had a wonderful time.

Intrepid entertainer Bonnie Yates **Buckner** of Lantana, Fla., spent her 80th year still tapping up a storm. In July, she won first place in the Show Stoppers East Coast finals in the over- 70 age group. She placed third in a New York City I Love Dance Competition in August. In September, she performed at the Fulton County Women’s Republican Club banquet. In October, she danced in Houston at a reunion of her late husband’s shipmates from the U.S.S. Texas.

*Editors Note: Bonnie was on National Television (CBS) on January 4, 2011 trying out for the “New York Competition” of the “Live to Dance” show. When asked her age she replied, “90 years young”.*

Bonnie and Neil **Van Wagenen**, 440 Kasson Dr. have a new grandson born Feb. 16th to our daughter Susan and husband John Formisano. This is their fourth child. His name is Luke Anthony. Have six grand children now. Expect all will be at camp this summer. We are also excited to be moving into our new home sometime in June. Have been working on it all winter.



## IN MEMORIAM

VICTOR ADAMS IV  
WILLIAM BOUGHTON BATES  
FRANK PARKS LANDIS  
WILLIAM L. LOOMIS  
JAMES THURE PETERSON  
JAMES WHITNEY

## Remembrances

### Victor Adams IV

Vic Adams loved Canada Lake. His first visit from his home in Detroit was in 1937 – when he was 13 years old. Except for a few years during WW II, he spent some time at Canada Lake every summer until 2002, when health issues prevented his visits. However, he never tired of hearing the stories as to who were in their camps and what was going on on the Lake.

*Cynthia Leslie*

### William Boughton Bates

1918-2010

Editor of the Echo for 25 years

CLPA Board Member

Sailing Club Member.

Canada Lake was our dad's Shangri-la. He and mom discovered the lake back in the early 50's through their friend Bud Osborn. Taken with the beauty and affordability of lake property, mom and dad created a paradise where their four kids could run barefoot through the

woods, swim until their skin wrinkled, collect salamanders, water ski, motor boat to the store to buy candy, and sail and play with friends.

Dad's love of camp was infectious as was his love of people. He became a trendsetter for all those with camp envy who would eventually buy property and become part of the Canada Lake family. We can't imagine having a better childhood or a better father.

This was dad's heaven on earth and we all miss him.

*With love, Bud, Mark, Deonie and Jeff*

### Frank Parks Landis

F. Parks Landis was born February 2, 1921 and reared in Scranton PA. Parks had a great love of the outdoors. Parks discovered and fell in love with Canada Lake in 1955, building his "split - level boathouse" on the rocks of the south shore, and constructing the more accommodating "upper camp" in stages over the years.

Parks served on CLPA committees and did much service work to benefit our lake.

## Remembrances

A chemist by training, Parks' analytical skills led him to begin tracking the pH trend in our lake waters, and assumed the job of sampling for, and performing, coliform counts. An Air Corps navigator in WWII, Parks' interest in maps led him, with Bev Hoffman's help, to create the property map of Canada Lake which enhances our annual directory.

After his 1980 retirement Parks spent long summers at Canada Lake with his wife Liz, and after her passing, his wife Lucy. Parks, age 90, passed away in Eustis, FL on Feb. 26, 2011 owning wonderful memories of his many great friends at his beautiful Lake.

*Kathy Landis*

### William L. Loomis

My brother, William L. Loomis, son of the late LeRoy and Evelyn Loomis, passed away suddenly at his home in Dolgeville on March 15, 2011. While he was young, he spent every summer on Canada Lake. Although he has not spent much time at the lake in several years, he always enjoyed it when he did come. He will be missed deeply by many of his friends and especially myself.

*Dorothea Loomis*

### James Thure Peterson

When I brought my new husband to Canada Lake in 1987, I wondered about his reaction. Jim, who often claimed to be "just an old country boy from Kansas", did not disappoint me. He thoroughly enjoyed his summers at the lake and worked hard to keep Camp Jayhawk upright.

From replacing windows to building a deck to remodeling the kitchen, he was busy every day. He encouraged his children and grandchildren, all Kansans,

to visit. Reluctant at first, the serenity and beauty of our lake eventually captivated them. The youngest, Jamie, actually moved to this area as an intern and then as a veterinarian in Johnstown for two years. He still visits often with his family.

Jim, who was known for wearing a brimmed hat, enjoyed piloting the speed boat for the grandchildren's tubing and loading the pontoon boat for scenic voyages around the lake. In earlier years he and Jamie canoed to Stewart's Landing and the Lagoon. He walked Fulton Road every day, even when his health problems surfaced. Well-liked, he always found time to visit with the neighbors.

Unfortunately, this splendid life came to an end on July 11, 2010 when Jim succumbed to metastatic cancer at the age of 72. He is missed by many and will be remembered as the man in the hat, the country boy from Kansas, who grew to love Canada Lake.

*Marilyn Peterson*

### James Whitney

Our friend and long time summer neighbor Jim Whitney from Stewarts Landing Road died on November 24th 2009 at his winter home in Florida. We found out too late to have it included in the 2010 Echo.

Jim was pre-deceased by his wife DeAnn and is survived by his Daughter Karen as well as two Granddaughters.

Jim was best known for his dry wit and his artistic abilities. His Adirondack crafts are well known and sold throughout the Adirondack mountain stores.

His friends all miss him terribly.

*Jim and Carol King*



For all you Canada Lake History Buffs – From John Blackmon: “This is a picture of my Grandfather, G. Clark Easterly at about 4 years old in 1898 at a dock at Canada Lake. You can clearly see Nick Stoner Island on the right of the picture. I would love to know where that dock might have been located on the lake”. OK Canada Lakers where is it? Send your thoughts to [echo@carogalake.com](mailto:echo@carogalake.com).



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

**A BIG ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  
THANK YOU!**

John, Chris, and Roy would like to thank the many volunteers who helped on our pickups in 2010. Many hardy souls gleaned trash from the roadside on 5 mornings during the summer. We could always use more help. If you would like to join this dandy intrepid crew, please call John Broderick (835-6150) or Chris Moritz (835-3003).



## Safe Boating Course:

The Safe Boating Course is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> at town hall - call 835-4211 to register.

## GARBAGE PICK-UP

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.

## 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.
- The minimum age for operating a PWC is 14.



## RECYCLE

First and third Friday of each month – put out by 6 am. Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office or Town Clerk's Office.

## Flare Safety

**Just as you would attend a campfire, please be watchful when you light your flares for the 4th of July & Labor Day. There have been incidences on the lake where docks have caught fire and sustained significant damage.**



## 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

Scale 1/2 of Canada Lake Map