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From the Desk of Ralph Bentley, Supervisor

I would like to welcome our new Town Clerk, Krista Wood. Krista is doing a wonderful job. We hope Arlene is enjoying her well-deserved retirement.

The town has received a revised grant to implement the new Comprehensive Master Plan and to update our Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. These monies are available to finish updating the project. We will be scheduling public hearings for the summer months. Look for the announcement in the Adirondack Journal.

Warren County has applied for a new grant to replace old trailers with new ones. Anyone in need should apply to the Warren County Planning Department 1340 State Rte 9, Lake George, NY at 761-6410.

For the third year in a row, the town taxes have not increased. We are doing everything to keep the budget in line.

With the Luther Forest GlobalFoundries \$4.6 billion semiconductor plant operational by 2014, the projected 1465 employees and their families are going to need a place to live and play. The Town of Horicon has a great school system and the lowest taxes of any town in Warren County; and the drive from Malta, NY is less than an hour away. We should expect that there will be new people wanting to move to the area.

The Town Pavilion is nearly complete; John Belline, Jr. and the Boy Scouts of Troop 30 have done a nice job with the construction. If anyone would like to use the pavilion, see Dawn Higgins for rental requirements and use restrictions at 494-3647.

*The new rules against open burning are in effect. Burning of residential waste is prohibited with the exception for burning tree limbs and branches at limited times and circumstances. See Town Clerk, Krista Wood for a burning permit. All burn barrel permits are no longer valid and anyone still using a burn barrel is doing so illegally. The fine for the first offense is \$375.00. For more information on this see the town website, horiconny.gov click on the tab: **Transfer Station** or call them at 494-7906.*

Copies of the newsletter are available at Town Hall, in the public libraries of Brant Lake, Adirondack hamlets, and on line at our web site:

www.horiconny.gov.

Letter from Paul Smith, Highway Superintendent

Even after our big snowstorms of two plus feet, that kept our crews clearing roads and moving snow for days, the highway budget is still in line. With a somewhat mild winter we have been able to catch up on other needed work. Our crews worked tirelessly to make sure the roads were safe and the mounting snow banks were pushed back. A very big 'thank you' goes out to the highway team for their hard work and dedication to the town.

In other news: The town purchased and paid for in 2009 a new tandem plow truck, without increasing the highway budget and the Warren County Highway Association has elected me as President for this year.

Introducing Krista Wood, Town Clerk



I am very pleased to have the opportunity to become the Town Clerk following Arlene Mayer's retirement after 22 years of dedicated service to the Town. My goal is to continue providing the level of service the townspeople have come to expect. I look forward to working with all of you.

Editor's Note: Krista grew up in Blue Mountain Lake, where her family has lived for generations. Upon graduation from Indian Lake Central School, Krista attended college in North Carolina, graduating magna cum laude, with a B.S. Degree in Small

Business Management. After returning home from college, Krista met her husband Matt (Brant Lake Collision) and moved to Brant Lake. Together they have a seven-year old daughter Karli, a second grader at North Warren Central School. Krista's previous work history has provided her with the knowledge of various computer programs, extensive bookkeeping skills, as well as different aspects of public relations and believes this experience will help with the transition into her new position.

Brant Lake Milfoil Control Program Update

Doug Paton, President of the Brant Lake Association

First, I must commend all the many volunteers who devoted countless hours to help control milfoil in Brant Lake. Plainly, we could not have gotten as far as we have without your help! Lake residents reported 10 new beds through the milfoil hotline (532-4454) or E-mail using our web site: www.brantlakemilfoil.org. Last year, we documented and mapped 32 milfoil beds.

We are now entering the fourth year of weeding and matting; however, only in the past year have we made great strides in identifying and controlling milfoil. This is primarily due to the organizational skills of Luc Aalmans, Chairman of the Milfoil Control Committee, and the professional diving team of Andrew Lewis and 8 divers of the Aquatic Invasive Management, LLC. (A.I.M.) of Lake Placid.

This year and next should result in dramatic progress in this arduous task. Due to extraordinary fundraising efforts, we have exceeded our three-year goal of \$250,000. The Town of Horicon is a contributor to this cause and with their expanded support toward this year's commitment; the town has become a real partner in this effort.

The control of milfoil will not end in two years. We face annual maintenance efforts to control milfoil for the long term. This winter has been unusual with a reduced snow pack in the early months of winter, which has produced clear ice; and with lots of sun, this combination can contribute to milfoil growing under the ice.

As a shoreline property owner, you have always, and still do have, the opportunity to weed milfoil from your property. Working in less than six feet of water is permissible and necessary because, milfoil within your property boundaries leads to significant negative impact on your land's value.

(Milfoil Control Program ...continued)

As part of the control program, we plan to encourage the lake associations to create their own teams to patrol their shorelines for milfoil. We will conduct training sessions for these teams in removing the plant and drying it. Dry (dead) milfoil makes excellent mulch.

People in Business Profile:**Becky (Ross) Smith — Becky's Bloomers**

After working various part and full time jobs over the years, my growing desire to have my own business was finally realized in September 2007 when I bought the existing flower shop in Chestertown. With the help and support of my husband, I operated the shop for a year at its location next to the Grand Union before moving to the Rite Aid Plaza just down the road. Having lived in Horicon all my life, I smile when someone comes into the shop for the first time and recognizing me, says, "Oh, you're the Becky that has this!"

Although our focus is flowers, we do carry other items. We offer fresh and dried floral arrangements for all occasions, including weddings and funerals. We also have plants, balloons, fruit baskets, gardening, flower books, and gift items and provide delivery service, too. We currently have two wire services to provide customers the ease of sending flowers long-distance: www.bloomnet.net and www.flowershopnetwork.com. In addition to flowers, we carry many locally produced items, which is a pleasant surprise to customers looking for something "made in the Adirondacks." Showcased are rustic woodworks made by my husband, Curtis Smith (CRS Rustics) which include signs, mirrors, tables and smaller household items (custom orders are also welcome).

My aim is not only to provide excellent service and product, but also to help the local communities in various ways. I believe opportunities are given to us in order to help others.

We are located at 6272 State Route 9, Chestertown, and can be reached at 518-494-5416 or bloomers@frontiernet.net / www.beckysbloomers.com. Hours are Monday-Friday: 9-4 (5PM in summer); Saturday 10-1PM; closed Sundays.

Craig House — Northwoods Concrete Inc.

I started a construction business in Brant Lake, Northwoods Concrete Inc. in February 2004. After graduating from North Warren Central School and Paul Smith's college with a major in Business Administration, I began modestly with one other employee and one truck. First year's sales were over \$500,000. Initially, Northwoods Concrete business consisted mainly of pouring residential foundations and garage slabs;

however, we have expanded, and currently we are targeting larger commercial projects such as various State Trooper Barracks, several Jolley Stores and most recently the new Tupper Lake Medical Center.

Northwoods Concrete, Inc. offers a wide range of concrete construction services including slabs, sidewalks, residential or commercial foundations. We have traveled as far as Montgomery, Cranberry Lake and Warsaw, NY and are willing to go wherever the jobs take us.

Last year, Northwoods expanded to include Northwoods Holdings, LLC. This company built the new Mountain Heritage Apartments in Chestertown, which opened on August 1st 2009. The apartment building has four 2-bedroom units and four 1-bedroom units. The downstairs apartments are handicap friendly.

The Northwoods' Companies continue to pursue new opportunities, and we keep up to date on new products that will help us provide exceptional customer satisfaction.

Veterans Memorial Park

Harry Balz, Clerk of the Works



The Town acquired 2-1/2 acres of an abandoned lot and over time created the Veteran's Memorial Park honoring the citizens of Horicon who have served their country.

The Highway crew cleared the lot of overgrown brush and trees, relocated the flagpole, built retaining walls and walkways. Phase II is under way to expand the clean up and to include construction of the walkways from the General Store to the ball field along with park benches.

A memorial service for PFC Jeremiah Monroe was held last fall. This event was attended by many including dignitaries and residents of surrounding communities.

Editor's Note: The hamlet of Adirondack has begun to implement portions of the Community Development Strategic Plan. An excerpt from the Strategy Action Task List states "To Encourage residents and visitors to walk to destinations within the Hamlets by installing, sidewalks and curbing along the major streets within Brant Lake and Adirondack..."

East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA)

Contributed by Jerry DiGiovanni, Vice President



Ice Cream Gala Get Together

Left to right: Steve Fahey, Bill Hoff, Vince Blando, Bill McGhie

On Saturday, August 29, 2009 we held our first Ice Cream Gala at the Adirondack Public Library. Over 60 attendees scooped ice cream, donated by Stewart's Shops, into cones, dishes with every special topping possible to create their own fantasy combinations. The get together was a terrific opportunity for folks to meet and get to know each other, discuss the past summer events and share their upcoming fall/winter plans.

We held a long awaited drawing for the grand prize: a large moose woodcarving, appropriately named, "Mickey Moose." The proud winner was George Felter of Blue Sky Estates.

This was indeed a great fundraiser for ESSLA, to enable us to continue our educational programs and Scout projects in support of controlling Eurasian milfoil on Schroon Lake. Special thanks go to Bill McGhie, Association President, for his leadership team in orchestrating this very successful summer special event. We look forward to holding similar gatherings in the future.

ESSLA continued - Scout Program;



ESSLA Scouts Assisting Diving Team

The Schroon Lake Scout Program, co-sponsored by the East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA) and the Schroon Lake Association (SLA), successfully concluded its first year of milfoil control efforts in 2009. This program now in its second year, relies on volunteers for the surveillance, identification and recording of Eurasian milfoil in the lake and river so that it can be removed by hand harvesting. Accordingly, the Scout Program allows our professional dive team to concentrate on the laborious task of diving to hand harvest the weed. In this way, we achieved more dive hours and more plants removed without incurring exorbitant expenditures.

The program goals are to recruit 40% of the 528-shoreline owners over a five-year period. Currently we have 65 and plan to add 60 per year for the next three years. A DVD training video is available for the volunteers

who are requested to patrol their respective waterfronts out to a depth of 16 feet at least once per year; and some volunteers cover extended shoreline distances up to one mile. The response has been outstanding! The 24.5-mile shoreline of Schroon Lake, in two counties, was scouted 68% in 2009. IN 2010, the plan is to cover 100% of the lake and include another 10.4 miles of the river outlet. The Scouts conduct a visual surveillance and leave a floating marker to identify and report the location of milfoil. Verification checks are made of individual findings, which are then mapped with a GPS location and relayed to the diving team. A year-end report is available on the ESSLA web site: www.essla.org

Those interested in joining the Scout volunteer pool can view a 30-minute DVD on our web site, and contact us via the communication link.



*Mark your
Calendars
✓*

TBA	Fishing Derby – Brant Lake Mill Pond	
July 10	Summerfest-Chester Municipal Center	
July-August	FREE Sunset Concert Series on Thursday Evenings from 7pm–dusk at Dynamite Hill. Inclement weather concerns—held at Chester Municipal Stage	
	July 15	Zucchini Brothers
	July 22	Deja Blue
	July 29	Aged in the Hills
	Aug 5	Sara Milonovich
	Aug 12	Jim Gaudet & The Railroad Boys
	Aug 19	Maria Zemantuaski & Flemenco Dancers—held inside at the auditorium for dancers
August 7	Horicon Day—Horicon Community Center—Brant Lake	
October 9	Great Brant Lake Duck Race—Multiple Activities Scheduled: ♦ Pancake Breakfast ♦ Quilt Show ♦ Duck Race ♦ Pumpkin Painting	
October 17	11 th Halloween Pug Parade	
North Warren Chamber of Commerce www.northwarren.com or info@northwarren.com PO Box 490, Chestertown, NY 12817		



The Chester-Horicon Youth Commission

sponsors several events during the year. Winter programs include cookie decorating, basketball for girls and boys grades 3 - 6, a ski swap and a ski program, along with monthly movie nights. The New Year's double feature Night at the Museum I and II was a great success. The summer sports programs include soccer, basketball and swimming lessons along with the Summer Fest and Seagle Music Colony presentations. The Youth Commission is

always looking for new members and volunteers. Here are some of the events planned for 2010. If you would like more information contact, **Nicole Howe at 494-7725 or email: njdj@frontiernet.net**

- Movie Nights:** March 12th: Planet 51
- April 16th: Alvin & the Chipmunks, The Squeakquel
- May 14th: TBA
- June 11th: TBA

Lock In: March 26th 11 pm - 5 am - Adventure Racing

Take Over the Hill: TBA

Summerfest: July 10th, Chester Municipal Center

Jack and the Beanstalk: July 24th, presented by Seagle Music Colony.

Upcoming Youth Commission meeting dates:
April 13th and June 1st, 2010.

**NOTICE:
Time change:**

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will now begin their meetings at **7:00 PM.**

The Town Board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM.**

All meetings are held at the Community Center, 6604 State Rte 8, Brant Lake, NY

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

in the North Warren Area

The North Warren Chamber of Commerce is preparing a Directory of ALL businesses and organizations in the area. You do not need to be a member to be included. The goal is to distribute 2000 to 3000 copies when completed.

Please list you Business name and Phone number and send your information to:

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Pottersville, NY 12860