



CLCS News

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The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we say good bye to a beautiful winter season at Copake Lake, we are all eagerly awaiting a big welcome to the advancing spring. It was gratifying to see how many residents and guests used Copake Lake over the past few months. Each year, more and more people are realizing that we can enjoy all four seasons at our hidden gem. Ice fishing, sleigh riding, snowmobiling, ice boat sailing, cross country skiing, snow tubing or just a healthy hike in the clean fresh air are just some of the many activities I have witnessed from my vantage point overlooking the lake and golf course. Copake Lake is a year round paradise and I urge every member to come experience all that our beautiful area has to offer.

Of course, with such a snowy winter, there should not be any problem with the lake level this year. Our Lake Management Committee will be monitoring the spillway as the lake thaws so we can best maintain a comfortable level for the summer. All of our committees work year round to make sure that Copake Lake is a place we can all be proud of and enjoy. We welcome input from our members and have openings on several committees. If you have an interest in taking a more pro-active role in CLCS, feel free to e-mail me at dchick1125@aol.com. I will put you in touch with the chairperson who can best use your help.

On that note, I would like to point out what some of our goals will be during 2011. Membership in CLCS is an important issue. Presently we send newsletters to over 650 homes but we only have 250 dues paying members. If you are not presently a member, please consider joining our great organization. If you have frequent guests, perhaps you can encourage them to join instead of bringing up a hostess gift. Do you really need another fish platter? We want to gather e-mail addresses for our members so we can send out important messages to keep everyone informed. A new website is also being developed that we are very excited about.

This year we will be revising the bylaws of our non-profit organization. NYS demands fiscal accountability of all registered non-profits and our goal is to be 100 % compliant in all aspects of our organization.

As always, safety is a major concern of CLCS. I urge you to post the Boating Rules and Regulations that are included in this newsletter in your home. It is also illegal to operate a Personal Water Craft (PWC) unless you have completed an approved certification course. If your guests are not certified, please do not allow them to operate a PWC by themselves. Remember, if you see illegal and unsafe activity on the lake, call the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at 518-828-3344 and report it.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to attend our 2011 Annual Meeting. This year it will be held at the Copake Town Hall on Saturday, July 9. There are experts on hand to speak about the lake ecology, safety and preservation. Members can express their concerns, voice opinions and ask questions. It is a great opportunity to meet the CLCS Board as well as your neighbors who care about Copake Lake.

I look forward to meeting as many members as I can this year while we are out enjoying our beloved Copake Lake. My door is always open to talk about CLCS and the concerns of our members. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Denise Chickery, President



This photo of an immature black-crowned night heron hunting along Copake Lake was taken by Micah Weaver of Hillsdale. It won first place in the youth category of the 2010 "Biodiversity: Captured in Photographs" contest sponsored by Columbia and Greene Counties Cornell Cooperative Extensions and Columbia-Greene Community College. Congratulations Micah!

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Get involved with CLCS. Join one of the many committees listed below or consider serving on the Board of Directors. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. **GET INVOLVED!**

*Chairperson

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2010 — December 31, 2010

Income:

Fundraising Activities	11,118.50
Contributions	69,603.50
Interest	1,393.66
Total Income	82,115.66

Expenses:

Operating Expenses	8,413.65
Lake Management	31,147.00
Education	440.00
Total Expense	40,000.65

Barbara Rindler, Treasurer

WINTER SOLSTICE, SUMMER SOLSTICE

Lots of snow and 15 inches of clear solid ice made for countless hours of winter enjoyment. An abundance of ice fishing, miles of cross country skiing, numerous hours of snowmobiling, fantastic views of fresh fallen snow covered trees, and the breath taking colors of the sunsets that hovered over our snow covered lake abound us during the winter season of 2011.

As we continue through the spring equinox where the days keep growing longer and longer leading up to the Summer solstice, we begin to think about putting in the docks, cleaning up the leftover leaves in our yards, deciding what beautiful flowers to plant and gathering all our necessities for entertaining. How exciting knowing soon we will be spending endless hours enjoying those summer days out on our boats, kayaking around the lake, barbecuing with family and friends, taking walks and basking in the warmth of the sun. During this time I hope you will take a few moments to send in the enclosed envelope with your yearly membership dues to the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Your membership dues are very much needed in order to help maintain the preservation of the lakes natural beauty.

The CLCS membership year is from January 1 through December 31. In order to have a vote in the July 2011 annual meeting you will need to be a member in good standing. We hope you will continue your membership with CLCS and we look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and contributions.

Debra Ruggieri, Membership Chair



Winter on Copake Lake. Photo courtesy of Lindsay LeBrecht

CLCS 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors.
If you have contributed and your name is not on the list please email us at www.copakelakecs.org

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PROPOSED 2011 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

Organized to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

Saturday, May 14th	9:00 am CLCS Board of Directors Meeting The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, May 21st	9:00am-noon Town of Copake Clean-Up Day Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe-Jan School)
Saturday, June 4th	9:00 am-noon Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-up Corner of Route 7 & Lakeview Road
Saturday, June 4th	8:00 am-noon Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Route 23 County Highway Department. Go to www.columbiacountyny.com and click on solid waste division
Saturday, June 11th	9:00 am CLCS Board of Directors Meeting The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, June 18th	Copake Community Day 8:30am until evening Fireworks @ Town of Copake Park. Vendors, racers, parade, live music and much more family fun! Go to www.copake.org for more information and events schedule.
Wednesday, June 29th	1st Copper Sulfate Treatment of Copake Lake (if needed) 24 hours NO Swimming.
Monday, July 4th	1:00 pm Boat Parade on Copake Lake Begins at Southwest Colony
Saturday, July 9th	10:00 am CLCS Annual Meeting/Open House Copake Town Hall
Saturday, July 16th	6:30 pm 8th Annual Summer Bash The Greens Restaurant
Wednesday, July 27th	2nd Copper Sulfate Treatment of Copake Lake (if needed) 24 hours NO Swimming.
Saturday, August 6th	9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, August 20th	Copake Falls Day
Saturday, August 20th	9:00 - 9:30 pm Fireworks Copake Country Club/The Greens Sponsored by Columbia County Sno-Drifters Snowmobilers Club (not a CLCS event)
Sunday, September 4th	11:00 am CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle Drawing at The Greens
Saturday, September 10th	9:00 am CLCS Board of Directors Meeting The Greens Restaurant
Saturday, October 1st	9:00am Lake Management Planning Meeting (Place to be announced)
November	Finance Committee (Date, time and place to be announced)

All CLCS meetings are open to the public. Meeting times and locations may change. Please check website for any changes. www.copakelakecs.org

TOWN OF COPAKE CLEAN-UP DAY & COPAKE LAKE SHORELINE CLEAN-UP DAY

Although these two events are similar in nature, there are important differences to note.

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on May 21, 2011 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Copake Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe Jan School). You can bring your broken lawn chairs, old lamps, old mattresses, tires, and pretty much everything other than household garbage and hazardous waste. Go to www.copake.org for exact information.

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for June 4, 2011 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society for the express purpose of removing debris from the lake and from the shoreline that accumulated over the winter. Lake neighbors are asked to remove debris from the lake and shoreline and place

all debris along the lakeside of the road. CLCS will arrange for several "strong" helpers who will pick up the debris, load it onto a pickup truck, and dispose of the debris in the dumpster at the triangle of Route 7 and Lakeview Road (where we also have the CLCS Community bulletin board). Carmen Barbato, Inc. donates the dumpster for the three hours and the Town of Copake pays the tipping fee. Please respect these donations and do not bring any household rubbish to this dumpster. CLCS Board members Jed Luchow will be at the dumpster from 9:00 am-10:00 am, Danny Cohen from 10:00 am-11:00 am, and Shelly Gross from 11:00 am-12:00 noon. CLCS began Clean-Up Day over a decade ago and we have removed tons of debris from Copake Lake and its shoreline in that time.

Jed Luchow, Lake Management Committee

2011 COPAKE LAKE BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

BOATING HOURS: Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 pm and 9am (Town Ordinance).

NOISE: All watercraft must have effective mufflers (Town Ordinance). Watercraft noise must not exceed 75 decibels (NYS Law).

SPEED: All watercraft must slow down to 5 mph when less than 100 ft from shore, dock, or other vessel, or in “no wake” zones (NYS Law).

RIGHT OF WAY: Motorized watercraft must yield to swimmers and non-motorized watercraft (NYS Law).

AGE: Motorized boat operators must be 18 or over. Or, between the ages of 10 and 18 must have completed certified boating safety (NYS Law).

AGE: As of 1/1/04 ALL PWC operators 14 years and older must complete the NYS Safe Boating Course. Go to www.nyparks.com/boats/yb for more informations and to find a course closest to you.

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices: Children under the age of 12 must wear approved PFD while in a watercraft. Approved flotation devices are required for each person on board (NYS Law).
- b. Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a “look-out” over the age of 9 (NYS Law).
- c. BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- d. Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- a. Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- b. Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- c. Can only be operated between sunrise and sundown and the town ordinance speed limit on the lake is less than 6 mph between 8:00 pm and 9:00 am for any motorized vessel.
- d. May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- e. Reckless operation prohibited (wake jumping, weaving through traffic, or other maneuvers that jeopardize safety).

REGISTRATION: All motorized watercraft must be registered and display the registration numbers (NYS Law).

ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Help keep unwanted aquatic plants and zebra mussels out of the lake. Thoroughly wash your vessel and flush the cooling system at a location away from the shoreline.
- b. Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- c. Dispose or litter properly in bins on shore.
- d. Do not use soaps or cleansers in or near the lake.

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.

Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to: COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 518-828-3344.



“FOURTH OF JULY” 2011 BOAT PARADE

Once again, the Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade will take place at 1:00pm on July 4 (Monday) starting in Southwest Colony. With the holiday falling on a Monday this year, a long three day weekend should make this one of the best decorated July 4th Boat Parades yet. Debbie Ruggieri and her “Statue of Liberty crew” will judge this year’s parade. Once again prizes will be awarded in three categories, PWC or small vessels (such as kayaks and canoes), speedboats, and pontoon boats, with the much coveted trophy going to the best overall participant. Whether you decorate your vessel or cheer from the shoreline, the Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade is a lake event that is not to be missed.



WEBSITE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce the release of our new website, www.copakelakecs.org. Please visit the site and check out our new look. After numerous requests, we are now accepting memberships and donations on line. Stay informed and involved by receiving our E-News announcements, which will be sent out periodically throughout the season. You can join our email list directly from the website, or send your email to info@copakelakecs.org.



Karen Schutzer,
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HIDDEN HEROES

When I first moved into this area, I was impressed with the community spirit. Knowing and helping out your neighbors. Something that had been lost, from where I had come from. What a great place to live!

Hidden Heroes was started with the intention of getting to know our neighbors, their passions, their lives at and away from the lake. Emerging from the March 6th ice storm, with tremendous tree damage and most of Copake without electricity, has come a new breed of 'hidden heroes'.

From the Bird Roads, to Cove Colony, to President's Estates – every area around the lake -- neighbors were checking on each other's properties and each other. Moving downed branches, helping to clear roads, opening homes to neighbors, just making a telephone call telling someone downstate that their home was OK, what ever had to be done was done.

Yes, many were here because of their jobs. But alongside the Copake Highway Workers and Police Department, were NYSEG workers, tree men and utility workers, who were hours from their homes for days at a time. It was not easy work, by any stretch of the imagination.

The American Red Cross set up a shelter at Taconic Hills School. A warm meal, hot shower and a place to sleep, manned by

volunteers. The Town Hall and Parks Building were also opened to residents.

Our Fire Department was working overtime with pumping out flooded basements when they had to switch gears, responding to two house fires during the week. My personal thanks to William Baker, Craryville Fire Chief, who quickly responded to my office and thwarted an electrical fire.

Town Supervisor, Reggie Crowley, provided email updates on our State of Emergency, NYSEG progress and emergency weather updates. If you haven't signed up already, the Town of Copake has an emergency email notification system. If you wish to join, just send an email to emergencycopake@hotmail.com.

Also, Vana Hotaling, Town Clerk, maintains a list of residents who wish to be contacted in case there is an emergency, such as this. Reggie Crowley, Vana Hotaling and Chris Quinby called everyone on that list. If not reachable by telephone, Copake PD went there to make sure everything was all right. If you wish to have someone call you in case there is a town-wide emergency, please call Vana Hotaling, Town Clerk at 518-329-1234, #2 to register.

There were so many people working together responding to a horrific situation, it is impossible to name everyone. You know who you are, our "hidden heroes". Thank you just doesn't say enough.

Lindsay LeBrecht



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SAVE THE DATE! *SUMMER BASH*

My gosh, how time flies!!!! Can you believe it has been eight years since we started having the Summer Bash at the Greens Restaurant? Saturday, July 16th is the date. Cocktail hour will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. After dinner, the dancing and partying begins. **Always a sell-out.** Tickets are \$50 per person. If you can only join us for dancing, a \$10 donation is requested at the door starting at about 9:00 pm.

The most successful fund-raising event for the CLCS, we look forward to your joining us. Contact Colleen Closson at 325-3410 or Denise Chickery 325-1480 for tickets.



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A GUIDE TO AQUATIC PLANTS IN COPAKE LAKE

Copake Lake is home to a number of **native, desirable plants** that are good for the ecology of the lake and the well-being of its fish and wildlife. However, in Copake Lake there are also **non-**

native, invasive plants. These plants can destroy the ecology of the lake by spreading and choking out our desirable plants and eventually interfering with swimming, fishing, and boating. >>>

NATIVE (DESIRABLE) PLANTS

These plants are desirable for the well-being of Copake Lake.

Waterweed *Elodea nuttallii*



Bushy Pondweed *Najas guadalupensis*



Common elodea *Elodea Canadensis*



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



Pondweeds *Potamogeton pusillus*



A GUIDE TO AQUATIC PLANTS IN COPAKE LAKE

The CLCS Education Committee hopes that by using information about the weeds in Copake Lake as well as these pictures, each of our members can make informed decisions

about the growth of weeds and proper removal of weeds in their immediate area.

Joyce Crow, Co-Chair
Education Committee

NON-NATIVE (INVASIVE) PLANTS

If you find any of these plants it is best to pull them out by the roots, bag them, and discard.

Avoid tearing parts of the plant as many of them can re-grow from fragments.

CLCS is removing many of these invasive weeds through its spot chemical treatments.

Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Najas minor



Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Water chestnut *Trapa natans*



Leaves



Fruit



Be on the
lookout for
these
invasive
plants!

CCS AT CCC

The winter of 2011 was the perfect inaugural year for Cross Country skiing (CCS) at Copake Country Club (CCC). Snow blanketed the ground from the end of December through early March. It was wonderful to experience skiing on the same terrain that I play golf on the remaining months of the year.

Families and friends were able to rent equipment and pay a nominal fee to use the groomed trails of the country club. Many took the opportunity to also do some sleigh riding. Refreshments were available at the restaurant, along with sitting by the outside fireplace on the deck. The trails were created and marked for beginner through intermediate by color. Snowmobile tracks provided additional alternatives to the extra challenging parts of the course. Traversing the course via cross country skis as compared to being in a golf cart, gives a whole different perspective and respect for nature.

The CCC management has received positive feedback and considers the first year offering cross country skiing a success. Plans for next year include an expansion to the program. Will the weather be as supportive next year? Skiers are hoping, yes!! Congratulations and thank you to the Copake Country Club for offering this amenity. It gives us all a reason to look forward to the winter weather!!

COPAKE LAKE NEWS

- Many thanks to Bob Coutant (Denise Chickery's brother) for repair and maintenance on our County Corner bulletin board. The yellow jackets lost their home. Job well done.

- In January, there was a State of Emergency declared for Columbia County, when a Nor'Easter brought in 2 feet of snow. Reggie Crowley, Town Supervisor, has set up an email notification system, if this should occur in the future. If you wish to participate, please send an email to emergencycopake@hotmail.com to register your email address. It came in real handy during the March ice storm.

- If you wish to be checked on in the event of a local emergency, such as a severe weather, call Vana Hotaling, Town Clerk, at 518-329-1234, #2. She maintains a list of residents who will be called in case of such an emergency. If no one answers the telephone, Copake Police Department will send an officer over to make sure that everything is fine.

- A Copake Lake house fire over the winter, ended with a total loss for the homeowner. No one was injured. A tragedy for one can be a lesson for another. Are you prepared in case of a fire? When was the last time you changed the smoke detector battery? Do you have a carbon monoxide detector? Fire extinguisher? Family emergency meeting plan? Escape plan? What would you do in case of a fire?

- The bridge by Brown's Dam (Robinson Pond/Roe Jan Kill) is expected to be replaced this year. In April set-up work will begin and construction will follow. A detour will send drivers past Copake Lake. The bridge project should take between six to eight months. Also note that portions of CR 7 and CR7A will also be rehabilitated from Route 23 in Craryville to just past the West Copake Firehouse.

- **FLASH NEWS.** The Dutch Treat diner has re-opened as of April 1, 2011 under "old" management (not related to the age of our friends!). Sisters Patti Leonard and Brenda Marchionne are back and they have encouraged their mother, Helen Albright Clough, to come along with them to continue to make her salads and pies. Dutch Treat is open from 6:00am-3:00pm daily, but closed on Tuesdays. CLCS welcomes back Dutch Treat.

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Merchandise (net).....	1,500
Interest Income	400
	\$74,600

EXPENSES

Administration.....	\$3,000
Lake Management	56,100
Newsletter	4,500
Website.....	1,200
Professional Fees.....	1,800
Fundraising Committee.....	6,000
Education Committee.....	1,000
Membership Committee.....	1,000
Reserve Fund	(23,550)
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CLCS Members' Photos

Send your photos of beautiful Copake Lake and Copake Lake community events to Jed Luchow, Editor-in-Chief, at profluchow@aol.com. Please include: date of photo, event (if relevant), location of photo, names of individuals in photo, and name of person taking the photo.



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Taking that concept one step further, how do we reduce the impact of our "footprint"? Recycle.

Since 1989, recycling has been mandatory in Columbia County. At the Transfer Station on CR7A/Center Hill Road, you may take for free:

- Tin and aluminum cans.
- Plastic bottles #1 and 2. (no anti-freeze or motor oil bottles)
- Clear, brown and green glass bottles.
- Plastic coated milk and juice containers
- All paper products – junk mail, cardboard, cereal boxes, newspapers

In the upper section of Transfer Station, you may take for free:

- Light bulbs
- All types of batteries
- Aluminum, brass, copper and stainless steel

You may pay to dispose of air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers without freon in Copake. If the freon is still in the appliance, it must be taken to the Greenport Transfer Station. If the appliance has had the freon extracted there must be certified proof from an appliance dealer prior to disposal. Even if you believe the appliance does no longer contain freon this appliance still must be taken to the Greenport Transfer Station as there is EPA required paperwork that must be submitted with the appliance.

You can also pay to dispose of all your other trash items at the Copake Transfer Station.

Every year, Columbia County holds a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day over on Route 23B in Hudson. This year it will be held on Saturday, June 4th, from 8 am to 12 noon. There is where would dispose of items such as oil based paints (latex paints should be left to dry out and then placed with the regular household garbage), stains, varnishes, solvents, gasoline, kerosene, car wax, swimming pool cleaners, insecticides, weed killers, aerosol cans (not empty – empty should be put in your regular trash), photo chemicals, fiberglass resins, rug cleaners, spot removers, etc.

Many grocery stores now accept plastic bags free for recycling. I even include cleaned frozen food packaging.

This past year, the Copake Police Department held an event where you could turn in your prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, pet medications and such. Personally, I went there with over 25 items (didn't realize I had aspirin that expired in 1998 in my cabinet). The prescription medication personal information is blacked out. Whatever you do don't flush expired medications or unused portions. We don't want them to end up in the watershed. We are expecting to have another event this year so that these types of items are properly disposed of.

The Copake Highway Garage on School Road, off Route 22 by the old Roejan School, is also a place where you can dispose of all

your "white" metal appliances and all other types of metal for free. Freon does not have to be removed. What's great about this is that the Town is paid for the metal, which helps defrays costs. In 2010, the Town was paid over \$9,000 from the vendor. The Highway Garage is open Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Don't forget that Copake Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Highway Garage, another great opportunity to clean out unwanted items.

If you have housewares, clothes, furniture that you need to dispose of, think about local charities -- Good Will, Salvation Army, Second Show (benefits Columbia Memorial Hospital), the several churches have second-hand shops. The Purple Barn on Route 23, a great source for Halloween costumes, is known to take in used clothing. There are also bins for clothes and shoes at the Copake Transfer Station. If you are remodeling, Habitat for Humanity now has a store where you can take items in good shape.

If you can reuse or reconfigure an item even once to delaying it arriving in a land fill, it helps.

Thanks to Bill Gregory, Copake Town Highway Superintendent, and Jolene Race, Director of the Columbia County Solid Waste Department for their help with this article.

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Lindsay LeBrecht

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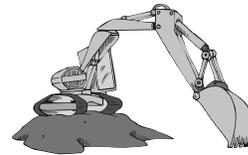
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Unchanged is the definition of "accompanied" if the adult, certificated operator is "on the same machine" - which permits operation at any age. Also unchanged is the current law that permits unaccompanied children above the age of 10 who hold a boating safety certificate to operate a power driven vessel OTHER than a jet ski.



Although the law does NOT require it, it would be prudent to suggest that all minor aged jet ski operators carry suitable proof of age on their persons in addition to their Boating Safety Certificate.

For more information go to the New York State website, click "Departments", then "Parks, Recreation, etc". and follow the links to "Navigation Laws" or go to: www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating/navigation-law.aspx

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The brand new musical comedy review is by the same team – local writer/artistic director, Carl Ritchie and Los Angeles composer, Wayne Moore - who wrote the previous season’s musicals. “The Real (Desperate) Housewives of Columbia County!” tells the story of four funny, fabulous women. Two are locals and two are weekenders, in a world where there may be ups and downs – and the occasional cat fight - but Happy Hour is always just around the corner.

The new show is based – very loosely - on those ubiquitous Reality TV shows. The hilarious musical numbers are all new songs

such as, “Don’t Fool Around on Your Broker”, “Shop Till You Drop” and “A Good Handyman is Hard to Find”.

“The Real (Desperate) Housewives of Columbia County!” will be performed Fridays and Saturdays beginning late July through August at the Lighthouse Marina and Restaurant overlooking the lake. Dinner and show will again cost only \$40, with a full bar available. For tickets and information call 518 325-1234 or go to www.TaconicStage.com. Or email TaconicStage@aol.com to have your name added to their email list.




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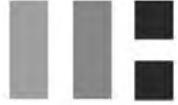


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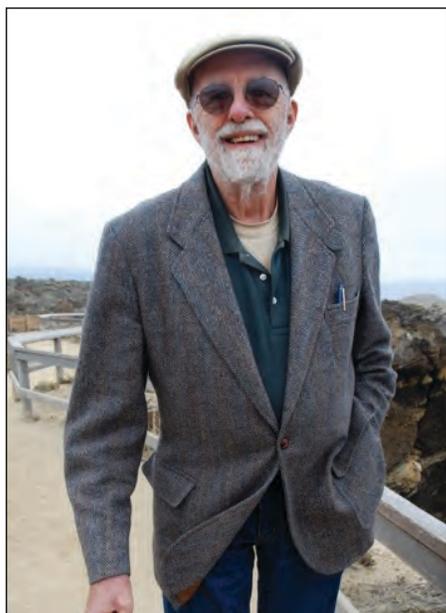
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JOURNALIST, GENEALOGIST, CHRONICLER

Although Wes lived at Copake Lake for less than 10 years, his impact will be appreciated for many decades. He came to this area in his retirement as a journalist having last been employed



as the legislative editor for the NYS Assembly. He settled into a little house in the Bird Roads area and immediately began to study the lake environs and its inhabitants. He walked morning and evening the length and breadth of the lake neighborhoods keenly observing its life and culture. At the same time, he made friends and became knowledgeable and curious about the history of the area. Wes contributed his

skills as a newspaperman to CLCS and served on the Board for several years. Finally, his appetite seriously whetted, he announced an intention to write about the lake area. In 1999, Wes published his *Historical Sketches of Copake Lake* a sweeping history from its early settlement by the Mohicans, to the land grants to the Livingston's, and the various stages of evolution up through the later years of the Copake Lake Camp. As was his style, Wes involved a number of residents to assist with interviewing and editing. Many interesting tales were told and many (all documented) made it into the final edition.

In 2002 after a short stint in Troy, Wes moved to Carmel, California where he enjoyed the company of one of his daughters, Caroline, and the beauty and history of the West coast. In the years there he authored a history of his immediate family and edited a history of Monterey Bay. He continued to be an inveterate walker/explorer, and an insatiable reader aided by his Kindle. He avidly pursued the daily news and read Herodotus and political commentary. He cheered the victor of the last presidential election and remained an affectionate friend, not so gentle observer, and loving father of four. Comforted by his children, he died after a short illness.

Elayne M. Dix

WINTER FUN AT COPAKE LAKE

The Columbia County Sno-Drifters snowmobile club held a Poker Run at Copake Country Club on February 20th. More than 30 racers and riders, with snowmobiles dating back to 1965, competed in the event.

According to coordinator Bill Jennings, trophies were awarded to:

1987 to Present Class

- First Place – Cathy Hurin of Hudson
- Second Place – Barbara Mauri of Copake Lake
- Third Place – Gene Hurin of Hudson

Vintage Class (1986 and Older)

- First Place – Jim Vandenburg of Niverville
- Second Place – Jason Vandebogart of Copake
- Third Place – Tanner Jennings of Columbiaville

Perfect weather. Lots of fun. Look for another Sno-Drifters Poker Run in 2012.

Denise Chickery and Lindsay LeBrecht



Snowmobiles were from 1965-2011.



*First row, Bucky Albright, Kevin Albright, Jason Parson
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Snowmobile Fun. Photo courtesy of Debra Ruggieri.



Winter Sunset on Copake Lake. Photo taken by Buddy Sinisi.