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Calendar of fun summer events

July 25

Alexandria Bay

Alexandria Bay Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays**; and 8 a.m. to noon **Saturdays, through Sept. 12**, Swan Bay Resort, 43615 Route 12.

Summer book sale: Sale runs through **Saturday, Sept. 6**, Macsherry Library, 112 Walton St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays**; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sundays**. Information: www.macsherrylibrary.org.

Annual summer raffle: Stained glass loon, handmade by Robert Maloney, tickets on sale through raffle drawing, 3 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 4**, Macsherry Library, 112 Walton St. Cost: \$5; three, \$10. Information: 315-482-2241.

Burke

Almanzo's Little House cast event: Featuring Lucy Lee Flippin (Eliza Jane), Dean Butler (Almanzo), Charles Bloom (Perley Day), Jennifer Donati (Baby Rose) and Alison Arnglim (Nellie Oleson), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 25**, Almanzo Wilder Homestead, 177 Stacy Road. Cost: \$20 to \$500. Information: www.almanzowilderfarm.com.

Clayton

Balloons on the Islands: 4 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Coyote Moon Vineyards, 17371 E. Line Road. Balloon walks, tethered rides, food trucks, vendors, live music, balloon glow, meet and greet pilots. Cost: \$5; 12 and younger, free; tethered rides, \$20.

Harrisville

Harrisville Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays, through Oct. 31**, Scenic View.

Henderson

Antiques appraisal day: With Karl Fowler and the "Duo Sue Time, 10 a.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Henderson Historical Society, 12581 Harborview Road. Free; handicap accessible.

Henderson Harbor

Christmas in July: Parade, noon **Saturday, July 25**, Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, 12469 County Route 123. Car show, food and beverages, live music, DJ, raffles. Information: www.hhpaa.org or lakearts@hhpaa.org.

Heuvelton

D&A Rock and Roll DJ: 6 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St. No cover charge.

Hogansburg

Akwesasne Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, through Oct. 10**, Generations Park, 30 Margaret Terrace Highway. July 18 and 25 and Aug. 15 markets to be held at Akwesasne Library. Information: 518-651-6283 or akwesasnefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Lowville

Lewis County Fair: Held **Saturday, July 25**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St. Information, schedule: www.lewiscountyfair.org.



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Lowville Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, through Sept. 26**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St. Information: <https://www.facebook.com/lowville-farmandcraftmarket>.

Malone

Classes of 1976 50th class reunion: Franklin Academy and St. Joseph's Academy, held **Saturday, July 25**. Information: fastjoes1876@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 25: Golf, walk or play, 9 a.m., Malone Golf Club, followed by lunch (reservations required). Information: Dan Arnold, dan@arnoldworks.com. Evening at Malone Amvets, 6:30 p.m., \$16 (includes hors d'oeuvre buffet and music).

In the Beginning Was Unknown: Featuring works by Kailey Maher, with exhibition on display through **Saturday, Aug. 15**, Downton Artist Cellar, 410 E. Main St. Information: www.downtownartistcellar.com.

Massena

"Summer Small Art" exhibit: With Massena Artists Association, on display through **Monday, Aug. 31**, Massena Public Library, 41 Glenn St. Information: maapresident2024@gmail.com.

Mountain View

Annual ice cream social: 2 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Mountain View Community Church, 7 Church St. Featuring "Picturing our Past" historic photo exhibition and children's scavenger hunt.

Norfolk

Half price sale: Store-wide, held through **Friday, July 31**, Whistle Stop Thrift Store, 11 W. Main St.

Ogdensburg

Book Walks: "Dinosaurs from head to Tail," by Stacey Roderick, **Saturday, July 25**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. All ages, free.

Osceola

52nd annual Fiddle Picnic Festival: Held **Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26**, North American Fiddlers' Hall of Fame and Museum, 1121 Comins Road. Food truck available.

Saturday, July 25: Membership meeting, 9 a.m.; Werner Koenig workshop, local Luthier, or two of the Whippersnappers, Frank Orsini and Peter Davis, 10:30 a.m.; picnics for lunch with music; "Bowing 747," with George Wilson, 11:15 a.m.; open hams and mics throughout after-

noon; featured performers, George Wilson and the Whippersnappers, 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10 (includes workshops entry); Adirondack Playboys, 7 to 10 p.m. (\$5 admission).

Sunday, July 26: Gates open, 10:30 a.m. (\$10 admission); gospel hour sing-a-long, 11 a.m. to noon; open jam and lunch to follow; featured performers, George Wilson and the Whippersnappers, 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.; hall of fame induction ceremony, 2 p.m.

Potsdam

Avant garde: ROUST Records presents, doors open, 6 p.m.; music, 6:30 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

"F4 & See It: An Exhibition of Photojournalism": Retrospective works of Stephan Savoia, '75, Pulitzer Prize-winner, on display through **Friday, July 31**, Gibson Gallery, SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Ave. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. **Monday to Friday**; and noon to 4 p.m. **Saturdays**. Free admission. Information: 315-267-3290.

Lena the Lizard Lady: 11 a.m. to noon and noon to 1 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, North Country Children's Museum, 10 Raymond St. Information: <https://northcountrychildrengarden.org>.

Sackett Harbor

Annual SpokerRide: Benefits American Cancer Society and Volunteer Transportation Center, 8:30 a.m. **Saturday, July 25**, starting and ending at American Legion Post 1757, 206 Ambrose St. Information: www.spokerride.net.

"In Time: Festival Experience": Interactive mystery theatre event, with Live History, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Sackett Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, 504 W. Main St. Cost: \$5; senior citizens and children 13 and older, \$3. Information: sackettharborbattlefieldshs@parks.ny.gov or 315-646-3634

Saranac Lake

Featured artist: Works by Jacqueline Altman, exhibit on display through **Monday, Aug. 3**, Adirondack Artists Guild, 52 Main St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Monday to Saturday**; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Sundays**. Information: www.adirondackartistsguild.com.

St. Regis Falls

Open house: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, St. Regis Falls Adult Center, 26 N.

See **EVENTS T3**

Events

From T2

River Road. Learn about services available, children's games and activities, prizes, food and beverages, silent auction, face painting, raffle. Free.

Waddington

Pizza sale: To benefit Waddington Hepburn Library, on sale **through Thursday, Aug. 20**, the library, 30 Main St. Pizzas available from Tru North, Flackville. Payment required at time for order; pickups, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 5.**

Watertown

Beach Party Drag Show: Hosted by Amber Skyy, doors open, 7 p.m.; showtime, 8 p.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Garland City Beer Works, 321 Howk St. Cost: \$10; VIP tales, \$20. Featuring Harlot Johanson, Raven Skyy, and Kendra Stylez; music by DJ Rell. Dress for the beach.

Prehistoric play day: For all ages, 10:30 a.m. **Saturday, July 25**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; sensory bins, create air-dry clay fossil to take home. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Watertown Saturday Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays**, starting May 16, JB Wise Plaza. Information: www.saturdayfarmersmarket.com.

Chaumont

"BBQ'n Blues": Hosted by Lyme Performing Arts Council, noon to 5 p.m. **Sunday, July 26**, Chaumont Fire Hall, Route 12E. Featuring music by Lucky Ones and Tas Cru Band. Free admission.

Malone

Fiddlers Concert: Presented by House of History, 6 to 8 p.m. **Sunday, July 26**, First Congregational Church, 2 Clay St. Underground railroad tours to proceed concert. Information, tickets: www.franklinhistory.org or www.almanzowilderfarm.com.

Norwood

Norwood Village Green Concert Series: Concerts held 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted on various dates, Norwood Village Green, 3 Bicknell St. Information, schedule: www.nvgcs.org.

Sunday, July 26: David Engel "Pirate School: Sea Dreams"

Thursday, July 30: Balla Kouyote

Sunday, Aug. 2: Steve Gratto

Thursday, Aug. 6: Brass Firemen

Sunday, Aug. 9: String Solstice

Thursday, Aug. 13: Millstone Rounders with Scott Hopkins and Dylan Perillo

Sunday, Aug. 16: Northbound

Thursday, Aug. 20: New Horizons Swing Ambassadors directed by Paul Buell

Sunday, Sept. 13: A Bluegrass/Fiddle Festival, 4 to 7 p.m.

Saranac Lake

Camp Guggenheim — summer camp registration: Session 4: Noon **Sunday, July 26**, through **Friday, July 31**, Camp Guggenheim, 1468 County Route 18. Cost: \$450; scholarships available. Registration: <http://www.rcdony.org/youth/camp>.

July 27

Canton

"Coffee and Conversation" informal service: Church council, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday, July 26**, Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, 3 1/2 E. Main St.

Cape Vincent

Dick Garlock NYTBF Memorial Open Bass Tournament: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, July 26**, Cape Vincent Town Launch. Cost: \$235; advance, \$210. Information, registration: www.nybf.org.

Clayton

Kids summer camps: For those 5 to 10, held **Mondays through Fridays**, Thousand islands Arts Center. Scholarships available.

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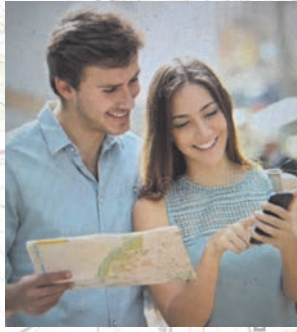




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Information, registration: www.tiartscen-ter.org.

July 27 to 31: Magic and mischief, Nicky Badour

Aug. 3 to 7: Peace, love and flower power, Maria VanPelt

Aug. 10 to 14: Something fishy, Nicky Badour

Aug. 17 to 21: Enter the world of fiber arts, Annie DeStefanis

Dexter

Summer Food Service Program: For those 18 and younger, breakfast, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.; and lunch, 10:30 to 11 a.m. **Monday to Thursday, July 27 to Aug. 28,** General Brown Jr./Sr. High School, 17643 Cemetery Road. Free.

Malone

Free summer meals: Breakfast and lunch, held **Monday to Friday, through Friday, Aug. 14,** Davis Elementary and Wead Library. Breakfast: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Davis Elementary; and Lunch, 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Davis Elementary, and 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Wead Library.

Potsdam

Dungeons and Dragons: 5 p.m. **Mondays,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Knit and crochet circle: 6:30 p.m. **Mondays,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Summer Camp 2026: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Monday to Friday,** North Country Children's Museum, 10 Raymond St. Cost: \$225 per camp week; discount for museum members; scholarships available. Information: programs@northcountrychildrengsmuseum.org or www.northcountrychildrengsmuseum.org.

July 27 to 31: Rockets, Explosions, and Drones

Aug. 3 to 7: Art and Technology Camp

Aug. 17 to 23: NCCM's Got Talent

Aug. 24 to 28: Animal Planet

Watertown

America's 250th: Movie and craft: For those 18 and older, 4:30 p.m. **Monday, July 27,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; limit of 15 participants. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Future women in STEAM summer academy: 8 a.m. to noon **Monday, July 27, through Thursday, July 30,** Jefferson Community College, 1220 Coffeen St. Applications recommended by June 15. Free. Information, applications: www.sunyjefferson.edu or 315-786-2437.

Music and movement: For those 5 and younger, 10:30 a.m. **Monday, July 27,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Senior Planet: Computer Essentials: For those 55 and older, 10:30 a.m. **Mondays, July 27, and Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24, and Tuesdays, July 28, and Aug. 4, 11, 18, and 25,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; five-week course, essentials. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.



The Pardon Me on display at the Antique Boat Museum in 2025. The Antique Boat Show & Auction celebrating A Century of Century is Friday July 31 to Sunday Aug 2. Alec Johnson/ Watertown Daily Times

Broadway St. Information: www.capevin-cent.org/capestreetmarket.

Watercolor painting: 10 a.m. to noon **Tuesdays,** Cape Vincent Community Library, 157 N. Real Sty. Starter watercolor supplies provided.

Glenfield

Boating and personal watercraft course: Hosted by Brantingham Community Association Inc., 5 to 9 p.m. **Tuesday, July 28, and Wednesday, July 29,** 3-G Fire Department, 6229 Blue St. 10 and older; registration required: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/246178>.

Lowville

Sundaes on Tuesdays: Hosted by Lowville Lions Club, 10 to 11 a.m. **Tuesdays, July 28 and Aug. 11 and 25,** PB&J Cafe, 7409 Utica Blvd. Story time with a Lion, free coloring book and crayons, free ice cream sundaes.

Wellness Matters seminar: Presented by Lowville Lions Club, featuring speaker Carla Morrow Hellinger, 3 to 4 p.m. **Tuesday, July 28,** Double Play Community Center, 6912 Bardo Road.

Lyons Falls

Lyons Falls Farmers Market: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tuesdays, through Sept. 29,** Riverside Park, 6908 Laura St.

Ogdensburg

Music and movement: For those 18 months to 4 years, 11 a.m. **Tuesdays,** Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free.

Potsdam

Story time: 11 a.m. **Tuesdays and Thursdays,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Wednesdays, through Aug. 12, pavilion, Adams Fire Department, 4 N. Main St. In case of rain, moved to Sixtown Meeting House, 27 E. Church St. Free; bring lawn chair; donations accepted.

July 29: The LaLaLas

Aug. 5: KEX

Aug. 12: 10th Mountain Division Band

Heuvelton

Christianity explored: 7 to 8:15 p.m. **Wednesdays, July 29 and Aug. 5,** Heuvelton Fire Department, 95 N. State St. Information: Garrett.pastor@lisbonrpc.org or 785-341-1329. Hosted by Lisbon Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Madrid

Madrid Dam Music Series: Held 6 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Aug. 5,** Madrid Municipal Park, 1835 Route 345. Free; donations accepted. Information, updates: <https://www.facebook.com/madrid-damms>.

July 29: Josh Barkley

Aug. 5: Double Axel

Seed to Supper — Harvesting your garden: With Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4:30 p.m. **Wednesday, July 29,** Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Information: 518-483-5251.

Malone

ADK Farmers Market: Noon to 5 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 7,** 27 Airport Road.

Ogdensburg

STEAM lab day: Dinosaurs: All day, for those 5 to 12, **Wednesday, July 29, and Saturday, Aug. 1.** Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free; five dinosaur activities for young scientists.

Potsdam

Itty bitty story time: 10 a.m. **Wednesdays,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Watertown

Birding 101: With Tug Hill Tomorrow

Land Trust, for all ages, 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, July 29,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; learn how to spot common local birds. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Custom sunglasses bar: For those 8 to 17, 11 a.m. **Wednesday, July 29,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; all supplies provided, feel free to bring own pair to customize. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Farm and Craft Market: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 7,** Washington Street.

Farmers Market story time: For those 3 to 5 (all ages welcome), 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays, through Oct. 7,** side lawn or children's room, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Stories, songs, dance. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Farmers Market story time: For those 3 to 5, but all welcome, 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays,** side lawn or children's room, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Toddler story time and crafts: For those 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays,** Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; stories, songs, dancing. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

West Carthage

"Memory Lane" Cruise-in: Hosted by Carthage American Legion Post 789, 5 to 8 p.m. **Wednesdays, through August,** Price Chopper Plaza, North Broad Street. Food, music, raffles, door prizes. Benefits legion scholarship fund. Information: www.carthageamericanlegion.org.

Adams Center

Bike night crawl: 6 to 9 p.m. **Thursdays, through Sept. 3,** starting at The Cottage

in and ending at Spookhill Bar and Grill, 12139 Route 11.

Boonville

Boonville Farmers Market: Noon to 5 p.m. **Thursdays, through Oct. 1,** Erwin Park, 133089 Park Drive.

Canton

ADK Summer outing schedule:

Adirondack Artists Guild, 52 Main St. ADK Weekly Walks. Every **Thursday** in July, August, and September, the Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club will organize a short, easy walk on the Munter Trail in Potsdam. 2 miles, 1-hour round trip. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Clarkson Walker Arena and Hantz Field off Clarkson Ave., aka Back Hannawa Road and County Route 59. Contact Tom Ortmeyer, tortmeyer@gmail.com or 315-244-3707.

Thursday, Aug. 6: **Thursday** Paddle — Indian River and Red Lake Meet at Indian River Boat Ramp, Nelson Road. This trip explores a fascinating ecosystem of small glacial erratic lakes in the Indian River Conservancy. We will paddle to Red Lake and explore the shoreline. After taking out, we will visit the Butterfield lake boat put-in and have ice cream in historic Redwood. 6.5 miles. Leader: Greg Smith 919-602-0457, Smithgn.Greg@gmail.com. With Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

Saturday, Sept. 5: Hike to Clear/Long/ Lilypad Ponds. Near Parishville. Although it is a short distance from town you get a sense that you are truly in a backwoods wilderness area. 6 miles round trip, easy — perfect for beginners who do not want a great deal of elevation gain (350 feet). Great views of three ponds. Contact trip leader Dana Chudzinski (chudski63@yahoo.com) for more information as well as meeting time and location. With Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

Saturday, Sept. 12: Hike to Buck Mt. Fire Tower. From Sabattis Circle Road, between Tupper Lake and Long Lake. About 3 miles round trip, 500 feet of elevation gain, many ladders/staircases. Fairly easy. Contact leader Jane Khondker (janekhond@gmail.com). With Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20: Adirondack Mountain Club Fall Outing. Fall Outing brings together many members from all chapters, and non-members too, for a weekend of paddling, cycling, and hiking. In addition to a long list of guided outings from easy to challenging, evenings will be filled with live music and dancing. The Outing is based at Saranac Village Young Life Camp, a premier Adirondack retreat on the shore of Upper Saranac Lake. Camp facilities include an indoor gym, game room, and beach. For information on fees, accommodations, meals, and more, go to www.adk.org.

Carthage

Bible study: 7 p.m. **Thursdays,** Grace and Truth CC, 20295 County Road 45 Information: 315-771-9344.

Clayton

Clayton Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Thursdays, through Oct. 15,** Cerow Recreation Park Arena, 615 W. Line Road.

Hands-only CPR course: With Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service, 10 a.m. **Thursday, July 30,** Scoops Ahoy, 885 Grave

July 28

Cape Vincent

Cape Street Market: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tuesdays, through Sept. 29,** Village Green, 357

July 29

Adams

Adams Concert Series: Held 6:30 to 8 p.m.

July 30

Events

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St. Free.

Joe Bouchard Band: 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, July 30**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$20; center, \$25; premium, \$30. Information, tickets: www.claytonoperahouse.com.

Lowville

Lewis County General Hospital Farmers Market: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Thursdays, through Oct. 8**, the hospital, 7785 N. State St.

Massena

Kidz Kickstart: Kid-friendly interactive program, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St. Kid-friendly meal, story, creation station, games; free.

Massena Concert Series: Held 6 p.m. **Thursdays, through Sept. 3**, Springs Park, 434 S. Main St. Free.

July 30: Merrik Follett

Aug. 6: Divided Roads

Aug. 13: Folk Faces

Aug. 20: Foolish Pride

Aug. 27: New Horizons Swing Ambassadors

Sept. 3: Atom Ghost

Ogdensburg

Story time: For those 2 to 5, 11 a.m. **Thursdays**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free.

Potsdam

Purljam: Noon **Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Story hour: With CNYSHCN, 11 a.m. **Thursday, July 30**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

Sackets Harbor

Summer Story Time at the Bandstand: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Thursdays, through Aug. 27**, Sentinal Bandstand, 304 W. Main St. With Hay Memorial Library and special guest readers. Information: sahlib@ncsls.org or 315-646-2228.

Watertown

Baby story time: For those 2 and younger, 10:30 a.m. **Thursdays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; nursery rhymes, wiggles, stories. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Book display brigade: For those 12 to 17, 4 p.m. **Thursday, July 30**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; gain volunteer time for attendance. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

Summer Concerts: Concerts held 6 p.m. **Thursdays, through Aug. 20**, south lawn, Trinity Episcopal Church, 227 Sherman St. Free; donations accepted. June 18: Fall Creek Brass Band. June 25: The Strand Jazz Collective. July 2: Arrhythmias. July 9: Garland City Fiddlers. July 16: Skip Starr and the Renditions. July 23: Bad Husbands Club. July 30: Rev Theatre: Jack and the Turnip Root (theatre only). Aug. 6: 10th Mountain Division Band. Aug. 13: Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band. Aug. 20: Ocean's Below

July 31

Adams

Enchanting Adventures: For those 5 and younger, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Fridays**,

through **Oct. 9**, Adams Free Library, 2 N. Main St. Stories, activity or coloring sheet, possible snacks. Free.

Canton

Antique book and ephemera sale: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1**, St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 E. Main St. Information: 315-386-8133 or info@slcha.org.

Town-wide garage sales: Hls **Friday, July 31, and Saturday, Aug. 1**, throughout Canton.

Yoga in the Park: 11 a.m. to noon **Fridays, through Aug. 28**, Village Park. Information: www.yoga-loft.org or Sarah Scafidi-McGuire, ncyoga@gmail.com.

Carthage

Carthage Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays, through Oct. 9**, Pavilion, 200 Riverside Drive.

Clayton

Antique Boat Show & Auction: **Friday, July 31 – Sunday, Aug. 2**, Antique Boat Museum 750 Mary St. Clayton.

Heuvelton

Friday karaoke: With D&A Karaoke, 6 to 9 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St. No cover charge.

Malone

Children's Fun Day: Hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension, noon to 4 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Malone Elks Club. Live music, petting zoo, games.

Concerts in the Park: Sponsored by Malone Chamber of Commerce, Mike Mallette, 6 to 8 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Arsenal Green, 7 Church Place. Free; bring own chairs/blankets.

Fusion: 7 to 10 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Amvets, 1474 County Route 25. Pizza and wings available.

Potsdam

Summer Stargazing: With Carlene Bermann, SLCHC executive director Carlene Bermann, and Benjamin Roulston, director of Reynolds Observatory, 8:45 to 10 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Reynolds Observatory, 150 Hatch Road. Free; donations accepted. Registration required: 315-386-8133, carlene@slcha.org, or <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/py7yg67>. Inclement Weather Date: Aug. 1.

Waddington

Concerts: Awen Family Band, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Island View Park, Main Street.

Watertown

Irish Road Bowling: Sponsored by Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (NRCIL), 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. **Fridays**, Veteran's Memorial Riverwalk. Information: Skylar Hoke, 315-785-8703, ext 284.

Teen open gaming: For those 12 to 17, 4 p.m. **Friday, July 31**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; video games, board games, and snacks. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

WHS Class of 1976 — 50 Year Reunion: Open only to classmates that attended Watertown City schools at any time between 1st to 12th grade that would have graduated WHS in 1976. **Friday, July 31**, The Barracks Inn, Sackets Harbor; **Saturday, Aug. 1**, Bad Apple Social, Ives Hill Country Club, Watertown. Details: www.facebook.com/groups/129885288206. Information:

Summer fun

Antique Boat Show - A Century of Century

Antique Boat Museum

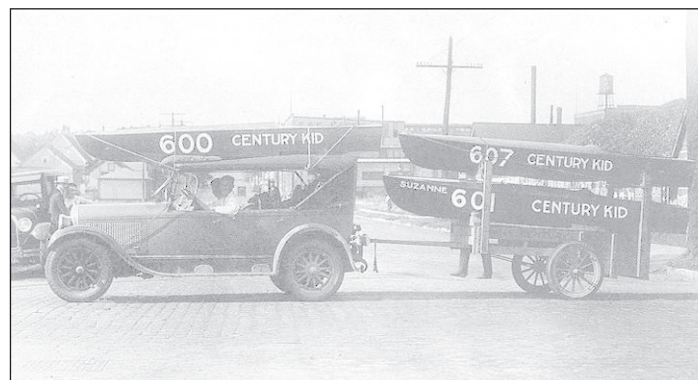
In 1926, two brothers from Michigan, James and William Welch, took a bold leap into the world of recreational boating. Together, they launched the Century Boat Company, a small shop with big ambitions along the shores of Lake Michigan. Their goal was simple and audacious: build boats that were fast, beautiful, and unforgettable.

One hundred years later, their legacy still thrills us and this summer the Antique Boat Museum is honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Century Boats at the 62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction, July 31–August 2, 2026.

James and William Welch brought complementary strengths to their new venture: James, an engineering mind fascinated by performance, and William, a savvy businessman focused on growth. Together, they built a brand defined by bold ideas and remarkable craftsmanship.

Their very first production model, the Century Kid, debuted shortly after the company's founding. It was a 14-foot, plank-hulled runabout with seating for three, capable of reaching 35 mph – a thrilling speed for its day. It didn't just make a splash; it signaled what Century intended to stand for: innovation, style, and performance.

As the company grew, the Welches doubled down on speed. In 1931, Century produced five hulls that went on to set a series of official world speed records, cementing



1926 Kid. Photo courtesy of The Century Boat Club.

their reputation as one of the fastest names on the water. “The Thoroughbred of Boats” wasn't just marketing – it was fact.

Through the 1930s and 40s, Century's designs evolved into sleek, mahogany showstoppers whose chrome accents and polished finishes came to define the golden age of American runabouts. Models like the Sea Maid, Thunderbolt, and Viking radiated sophistication, making Century a status symbol on rivers, lakes, and coastlines across the country.

When the United States entered World War II, Century shifted its entire production to support the war effort. The company built over 3,600 boats under government contract, supplying the U.S. Army and Navy with craft essential to patrol, transport, and training missions.

Their exceptional workmanship and efficiency earned Century the prestigious Army-Navy “E” Award for Excellence in Production, an honor reserved for manufacturers whose output directly strengthened the nation's

wartime capabilities. This period not only showcased the company's technical skill—it revealed the character and capability behind the Century name.

The 1000 Islands region has always had an affinity for power and polish, making it no surprise that Century boats became summertime fixtures here. Their quick acceleration and reliable handling suited the winding channels of the St. Lawrence, while their gleaming finishes looked right at home tied up at island docks.

Today, Century owners across the region share similar stories: chasing wakes behind a Sea Maid, hearing the growl of an inboard echo off granite cliffs, or stepping onto varnished decks warm from the midday sun. These boats weren't just recreational vessels; they were part of family traditions.

The story of Century is the story of American ingenuity—from a 14-foot Kid that delighted early customers, to speed records that turned heads

See CENTURY T6

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Century

From T5

worldwide, to wartime production that supported a nation in crisis. Through every chapter, the thread has remained the same: bold design, honest craftsmanship, and a love of the water that the Welch brothers infused into every plank and every hull.

Today, Century boats captivate collectors not only because they're beautiful, but because they carry stories—of summers, families, speed, and the timeless joy of a wooden boat carving across open water.

Events

From T5

Darlene Dufour Sheitz, 315-777-7580 or lsheitz@twcny.rr.com; or Kelly Flanagan Hall, 315-804-7667 or kflanagahall@pivot2health.com.

Women's group: 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Fridays**, NRCIL, 210 Court St., Suite 107. Conversation, craft projects, snacks. Information, accommodations: Ursula Justice and Alesha Roy, 315-785-8703, ext. 286, or ursulaj@ncil.net.

Aug. 1

Black River

Lego Club: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 1**, Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, 101 Public Works Drive.

Brasher Falls

Monthly used book sale: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

first Saturday of the month. Badenhause Public Library, 897 Main St. Prices: Adult hardcover, \$2; adult paperback, \$1; children's hardcover, \$1; children's paperback and board books, two for \$1; children and young adults, one free book per sale. Benefits the library.

Brier Hill

Annual golf tournament fundraiser: To benefit Brier Hill Fire Department, registration, 9:30 a.m.; tee time, 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 1**, Langbrook Meadows Golf Course, 95 Hamel Road. Cost: \$80 per person (four person teams); skins, \$5. Information, registration: 315-276-5792.

Cape Vincent

Concerts on the Green: With Cape Vincent Arts Council, held 4 to 5:30 p.m. select **Saturdays, through Aug. 15**, Village Green, 357 Broadway St. Free; donations accepted to benefit CVAC. Information: www.capevincentartsandcouncil.org.

Aug. 1: Tas Cru Band, soulful blues and Americana

Aug. 8: KEX, rock, jazz and pop in Chicago style

Aug. 15: Knotty Paddy, high energy Celtic rock

Saranac Lake

August featured artist: With works by Susan Whiteman, on display **Saturday, Aug. 1, through Monday, Aug. 31**, North-Wind Fine Arts, 85 Main St. Opening reception: 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Information: www.northwindfinearts.com.

Watertown

"Drop Your Drawers": Donations sought of new underwear for children (sizes four to

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Events

From T6

16) or packages of diapers, accepted **Saturday, Aug. 1, through Monday, Aug. 31**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Information: 315-785-7714.

Jefferson County Kids Expo 2026: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 1**, Watertown Municipal Arena, 600 William T. Field Drive. Vendors, community organizations, free activities and giveaways, games, hands on experiences, live entertainment, raffles, auction. Admission: \$5; 12 and younger, free. Wristbands: KidZone, \$10; SportZone, \$10; both, \$15.

Aug. 2

Alexandria Bay

Celebration of the Lakes: With Indian River Lakes Conservancy, 2 to 5 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 2**, Thousand Islands Winery, 43298 Seaway Ave.

LaFargeville

Chicken barbecue: 11 a.m. **Sunday, Aug. 2**, Evangelical Lutheran Church, 36135 County Route 15. Menu: Half chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, cottage cheese, cranberries, pickles, roll, brownie, and beverage. Cost: \$15; half chicken, \$8.

Aug. 4

Gouverneur

St. Lawrence-Gouverneur Fair: Held **Tuesday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 9**, Gouverneur Fairgrounds, 57 Ethel St. Information, schedule: www.gouverneurfair.net.

Aug. 5

Black River

Pre-K storytime: 10 to 11 a.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 5**, Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, 101 Public Works Drive. New storytime monthly, craft and snacks.

Saranac Lake

"Here and Away": Featured exhibition of watercolor and acrylic paintings by Kathy Ford, on display **Wednesday, Aug. 5, through Monday, Aug. 31**, Adirondack Artists Guild, 52 Main St. Opening reception: 5 to 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 5**. Information: www.adirondackartistsguild.com.

Aug. 6

Canton

Annual ice cream social: Hosted by Crary Mills Playground, 4 to 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, Aug. 6**, Crary Mills Community Center, 35 Post Road. Food, beverages.

Aug. 7

Waddington

Book sale: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 8**, Waddington Hepburn Library, 30 Main St. Hardcover, \$1; children's and all other items, 50 cents.



Anglers try their luck July 16 at Cape Vincent's East End Waterfront and Boat Launch Park as the 621-foot Polosteam (Polish Steamship Company) Juno makes its way Downriver. The ship is a common visitor to the Seaway and Great Lakes, with cargoes like grain, steel and fertilizer. CHRIS BROCK/WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES

Aug. 8

Alexandria Bay

Summer Concert Series: Held 8 to 9:30 p.m. various dates, Bonnie Castle Resort, 31 Holland St. Information: www.bonnie-castle.com.

Saturday, Aug. 8: Stevie Mac

Friday, Aug. 14: Hotel California, the Original Eagles Tribute

Friday, Aug. 28: Journey from the Heart

Sunday, Sept. 6: Don't Look Back

Croghan

Live auction: To benefit Caring Friends of the Community, preview, 11 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 8**, Croghan Ice Rink. Music by Meyer Family at 11 a.m., food, basket raffle.

Henderson

Henderson Heritage Day and juried craft show: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 8**, Henderson Historical Society, 12581 Harborview Road. Flag ceremony, crafters and authors, exhibits, war re-enactors, tri-school high school art show, silent auction, food and beverages, live music.

Lowville

Craft fair: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 8**, Marine Corps League 754, 7429 Route 12. Food available for purchase. Information: 315-376-1775.

Malone

Franklin County Fair: Held **Saturday, Aug. 8, through Sunday, Aug. 16**, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 606 E. Main St. Information, schedule: www.frcofair.com.

Martinsburg

Martinsburg Day: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 8**, throughout Martinsburg. US 250th events, historical society anniversary, food and sales at Old Town Hall, strawberry shortcake at United Methodist Church, displays, giveaways at William H. Bush Memorial Library, artifacts on display at First Lewis County clerk's office, dunking booth, cruise-in at Library, children's activities, village-wide garage sales.

Ogdensburg

"Uncover Your Roots": Genealogy for beginners workshops with Dale Sheldon, veteran genealogist, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sat-**

urdays, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12, Ogdensburg History Museum, 206 Ford St. Cost: \$5 per session; members, free. Information: oburghistorymuseum@gmail.com.

Smithville

"Living Ready: Don't be left behind": With Live More Ministries, 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Aug. 8**, Smithville Baptist Church, 14157 Route 75. Summer program for women with speaker Patty Giles. Complimentary breakfast: 9 to 9:45 a.m. Information: 315-1-6131 or www.facebook.com/livemoreministries.

Aug. 9

Brier Hill

Chicken barbecue: 4 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 9**, Brier Hill Volunteer Fire Department, 2678 Route 37. Menu: Barbecue chicken half, salt potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Cost: \$15; chicken half, \$10. Eat in, drive-thru, or local delivery (within five miles). Information, reservations: Jill, 315-528-3948.

Canton

Pipe organ concert: With Dr. Benjamin Stone, in celebration of 150th anniversary, 2 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 9**, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 68 Court St. Free; ice cream social to follow.

Henderson Harbor

Cornhole tournament: Registration, 10 a.m.; bags fly, 11 a.m. **Sunday, Aug. 9**, Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, 12469 County Route 123. Cost: \$60; advance, \$50. Two categories: Competitors and social; cash awards; food and beverages, raffles. Information: www.hhpaa.org or lakearts@hhpaa.org.

Three Mile Bay

Sunday programs: Heavy Metal Historians, with Larry Corbett, local historian, 2 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 9**, Lyme Heritage Center, 8718 Depot St. Free. Information: 315-649-5452 or www.lymeheritagecenter.org.

Aug. 10

Cape Vincent

Vacation Bible school: All ages, pre-school age children must be accompanied by an adult, 8:30 a.m. **Monday, Aug. 10, through Friday, Aug. 14**, United Church of Cape Vincent, 260 Broadway St. Information: Cathy Golden, 315-654-4887.

Watertown

20th annual Charity Golf Tournament: To benefit SoZo Teen Center, shotgun start, 9 a.m. **Monday, Aug. 10**, Highland Meadows Golf Club. Information, registration: www.chjcgolftournament.com.

Aug. 13

Adams

Book Club: 3 p.m. **Thursdays, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10**, Adams Free Library, 2 N. Main St.

Aug. 15

Adams

"Tyler Coverlet Uncovered, the True Story": With Rabbit Goody, Tyler expert and Cherry Valley weaver, consultations, 10 a.m. to noon; program, 2 p.m. (followed by Q&A) **Saturday, Aug. 15**, Six Town Meeting House. Hosted by Henderson Historical Society. Free.

Clayton

Clam bake: Noon to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 15**, Clayton Fire Station, 855 Graves St. Cost: \$75; advance, \$60; includes beer, soda, and water. Featuring music by Another Round; dine in only. Menu: clams, salt potatoes, corn, sausage, clam chowder, and chicken. Benefits the fire department.

Henderson Harbor

"Ivy's Home" Band: 5 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 15**, Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, 12469 County Route 123. Mix of original music, popular covers, and classic fiddle tunes; chicken barbecue (\$15), 4 p.m. until gone. Information: www.hhpaa.org or lakearts@hhpaa.org.

Lake Placid

Adirondack Family Book Festival: Connecting with authors, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 15**, Lake Placid Middle/High

School, 50 Cummings Road. Information: www.adirondackfamilybookfestival.com.

Watertown

Volunteer Work Day: Spreading wood chips on trails, 9 a.m. to noon **Saturdays, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17**, Thompson Park, near reservoirs.

Aug. 16

Watson

Annual ice cream social: 1:30 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 16**, Pine Grove Community Church, corner of Pine Grove and Austin Road. Live entertainment by CAPO 3, picnic tables, can bring chairs, followed by annual meeting of preservation society. Free.

Aug. 17

Chaumont

Monday Music on the Lake: Hosted by Lyme Performing Arts Council, Big D Orchestra, 6 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 17**, outdoor stage, Chaumont Fire Hall, Route 12E. In case of rain, concert moved indoors. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Watertown

Vacation Bible school: For those 4 to 11, 6 to 8:30 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 17, through Friday, Aug. 21**, a New Way Assembly of God, 116 Haley St. Free. Registration: <https://www.anewwayassembly.com/about-3>; or Tracy, 315-778-1225.

Aug. 18

Lyons Falls

Open micjam: For all ages, family friendly, 5 to 7 p.m. **third Tuesday of the month**, Lyons Falls Free Library, 3918 High St. Free. Information: lyflib@ncls.org.

Aug. 19

Events

From T7

Canton

Run-Paddle-Run Duathlon: 4 to 5 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 19.** Little River, adjacent to St. Lawrence University campus. 1.25 mile run, 1.25 mile paddle, followed by another 1.25 mile run; start and finish near Little

Summer fun

River Boat Launch, Park Street. Free.

Lyons Falls

Lego club: For all children and caregivers, 5 to 7 p.m. **third Wednesday of the month,** Lyons Falls Free Library, 3918 High St.

Free. Information: lyflib@ncls.org.

Aug. 20

Lowville

Second annual North Country Talent Show: Held **Thursday, Aug. 20,** Lowville Town Hall Theater, 7578 S. State St. Free to attend; all ages welcome; benefits youth in Lewis County.

Aug. 22

Potsdam

Ice cream social: 1 to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 22,** Potsdam United Methodist Church, 26 Main St. Free; rain or shine.

Redwood

Forest art studio for saplings: For children 3 to 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23,** Better Farm, 31060 Cottage Hill Road. Information: <https://>

www.betterarts.org/art-camp.org/art-camp or info@betterarts.org.

Rensselaer Falls

Orchard adventure day: To benefit Garden-Share, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 22,** Applewood Orchard, 176 Johnson Road. Cost: \$20; 3 to 10, \$10; 2 and younger, free. Story walk, orchard stroll, live music, food, wagon rides, corn maze, face painting, glitter tattoos, hair tinseling, shopping. Information: jackie@gardenshare.org or 315-261-8054.

Aug. 24

Canton

Book club: "Unbroken," by Laura Hil-lenbrand, 6 to 7 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 24,** St. Lawrence County Center for History and Culture, 3 . Main St.

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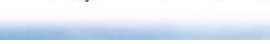
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Events

From T8

Aug. 25

Burke

Self-sufficiency skills: Hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Wilder Farm Homestead, Hike with a Goat, 6 to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 25**, Almanzo Wilder Farm, 177 Stacy Road. Cost: \$20. Information: www.almanzowilderfarm.com or robin@almanzowilderfarm.com.

Aug. 26

Syracuse

Great New York State Fair: Held **Wednesday, Aug. 26**, through **Monday, Sept. 7**, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd. Information, schedule: www.nysfair.ny.gov.

Aug. 28

Castorland

Food Truck Friday: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 28**, Heritage Park, 5185 Route 410. Live music, lawn games, community resources. Information: Keely Marriott, keely@naturallylewis.com.

Potsdam

Sixth annual Four-person scramble golf tournament: Registration, 4 to 5 p.m.; shotgun start, 5 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 28**, Potsdam Town and Country Club, 6194 Route 56. Cost: \$60 per golfer. Dinner, awards and prizes to follow. Registration: www.potsdamchamber.com. Information: director@potsdamchamber.com or 315-274-9000.

Aug. 29

Henderson

"The Underground Railroad in Jefferson County, NY": Presented by Tom La-Clair, 10 a.m. **Saturday, Aug. 29**, Henderson Historical Society, 12581 Harborview Road. Handicap accessible; free.

Lowville

2026 Household hazardous waste recycling: Collection for disposal, 8 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Aug. 29**, Lowville Highway Garage, 5481 Bostwick St. Accepting: Paints, chemicals, pesticides and other hazardous products. Information, registration: <https://northcountryrecycles.org/hhwregistration> or 315-61-3233.

Sept. 6

Henderson Harbor

10th Mountain Division Band: 1 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 6**, Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, 12469 County Route 123. Information: www.hhpaa.org or lakearts@hhpaa.org.

Saranac Lake

"Northern Current: A Community Music Festival": Noon to 10 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 6**, Riverside Park. Free, family-friendly. Featuring The Psycodelics, Driftwood, Double Tiger, Jembaa Groove, Ma'am, Sven Curth Band, and The Allens.

Sept. 10

Potsdam

"Finding Home": Orchestra of Northern New York, 7 to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 10**, First Presbyterian Church, 42 Elm St. Free.

Sept. 12

Madrid

Craft, food and wine open-air market: Hosted by St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 12**, St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, 1755 Route 345. Admis-

Summer fun

sion: \$5; 12 and younger, free; cash only.

Malone

Animal Day at the Orchard: With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 12**, Prairie's Orchard, 111 County Route 24. Family-friendly, animals, live music, food. Information: kjr66@cornell.edu.

Watson

Backstage Pass: Held **Saturday, Sept. 12**, Pine Grove Community Church, corner of Pine Grove and Austin Road.

Sept. 18

Lyons Falls

Food Truck Friday: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 18**, Riverside Park, 6908 Laura

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Sept. 19

Canton

Fall harvest celebration: Hosted by GardenShare, 5 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 19**, Canton Apple and Cider, 339 Route 310.

Sept. 20

Clayton

Suicide prevention walk: Registration, 11 a.m.; walk start, noon **Sunday, Sept. 20**, Clayton Volunteer Fire Department, 855 Graves St. Cost: \$20 per adult. Raffles. Benefits suicide prevention in Jefferson County.

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SUNY Canton has lineup of summer camps

CANTON — SUNY Canton has expanded its educational summer day camp schedule for a range of grade levels and areas of interest.

Each camp runs for a one-week period (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). All campers must bring a water bottle, nut-free lunch and snack each day; however, the college is offering a fee-based daily bagged lunch, drink and snack that can be purchased during the registration process.

Cost is \$250 per week with discounts available for multiple camps and/or multiple campers. The STEM, RC Car & Aero STEM and Drone camps are at a reduced rate of \$50 per student and the STEAM camp is at a reduced rate of \$150 through a partnership with Adirondack North Country Association and a NYSEDA grant. Multiple discounts are not available for those camps.

Registration is now open and parents can sign up at <https://www.canton.edu/wcip/summer/>.

The summer day camp schedule for 1st to 5th graders is:

STEM Camp, July 27-31

A hands-on adventure where science, technology, engineering and math come to life through exciting projects, playful challenges and real-world exploration.

Art Camp, Aug. 3-7

Campers will engage in hands-on activities to get creative. Projects will incorporate drawing, painting, collaging and more.

STEAM, Aug. 10-14

A blend of science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Campers explore, create and collaborate through exciting projects that spark curiosity and celebrate creativity.

The summer day camp schedule for 6th to 9th graders is:



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July 27-31

Campers explore the magic of theater, music, movement and storytelling. All levels of experience are welcome to join this supportive space to grow and collaborate. The week wraps up with a performance including hits from "Hairspray," "The Music Man," "The King and I," "Wicked," "Rent" and "Grease," and a medley of favorites from George M. Cohan.

RC Car & Aero STEM, Aug. 3-7

This camp is a fast-paced, hands-on experience where campers dive into the world of remote-controlled vehicles

while exploring the science, tech and engineering that powers them.

First Responder Camp, Aug. 10-14

Campers step into the boots of real-life heroes and explore the world of emergency response—from firefighting and EMS to search-and-rescue and public safety. Participants learn skills and gain an appreciation for those who protect and serve our communities.

The summer day camp schedule for 7th to 10th graders is:

Blender: Modeling Characters & Environments, Aug. 3-7

Students will dive into the world of 3D design using Blender, the same powerful tool used by game developers and digital artists worldwide. Campers will learn how to model characters, objects and entire environments from scratch.

Blender: Animation, Aug. 10-14

Ever wonder how your favorite movie and video game characters move, talk, and express emotion? In this camp, students will learn the art of character animation using Blender, the same software used by professionals in the entertainment industry. Campers will explore body mechanics, facial animation

and lip syncing to create expressive, believable performances.

Drones & Drone Soccer, Aug. 10-14

Ignite curiosity, teamwork, and hands-on STEM skills in this fast-paced, tech-powered summer experience. Campers will learn about the exciting world of unmanned aerial systems and the emerging sport of drone soccer—a safe, engaging way for learners to build flight skills and engineering confidence.

For more information, email wcip@canton.edu or call (315) 386-7504.

River Hospital seeks sponsors for River Classic Golf Tournament

ALEXANDRIA BAY — River Hospital is bringing back its River Classic Golf Tournament this fall, with organizers seeking community support to help raise money for a program dedicated to serving veterans, first responders and others affected by post-traumatic stress.

The tournament will be held Friday, Sept. 11, at the Thousand Islands Country Club's Lake Course, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Hospital officials said the event's success depends on sponsorships and contributions from local businesses and community members. Proceeds will benefit River Hospital Post-Traumatic Stress Services, which provides care and support for those who serve and protect communities every day.

River Hospital is offering sponsorship opportunities at several levels, allowing businesses of all sizes to participate while receiving promotional recognition throughout the event.

The top-level Platinum Sponsorship, available for \$7,500, includes a company logo featured in printed event marketing materials, social media announcements and email promotions, two hole signs, two complimentary foursomes, recognition during tournament announcements, a speaking opportunity during the event and prominent branding at registration.

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Businesses also may sponsor the tournament's cocktail hour for \$1,500 or lunch for \$1,000, with logo placement at food and beverage stations, recognition in the event program and sponsor banner recognition.

See RIVER T24



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Conservation and community growth can work together

By JAKE TIBBLES

Executive Director, Thousand Islands Land Trust

For generations, the Thousand Islands region has been defined by its extraordinary natural resources: the St. Lawrence River, its islands, forests, farms, wetlands, wildlife, and scenic landscapes that shape not only the beauty of this place, but also our economy, culture, and shared quality of life.

Protecting those resources has always been at the heart of the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT)'s mission. At its core, conservation is also about people. This work helps ensure that future generations can enjoy the same clean water, healthy landscapes, outdoor experiences, and sense of place that make the Thousand Islands so special.

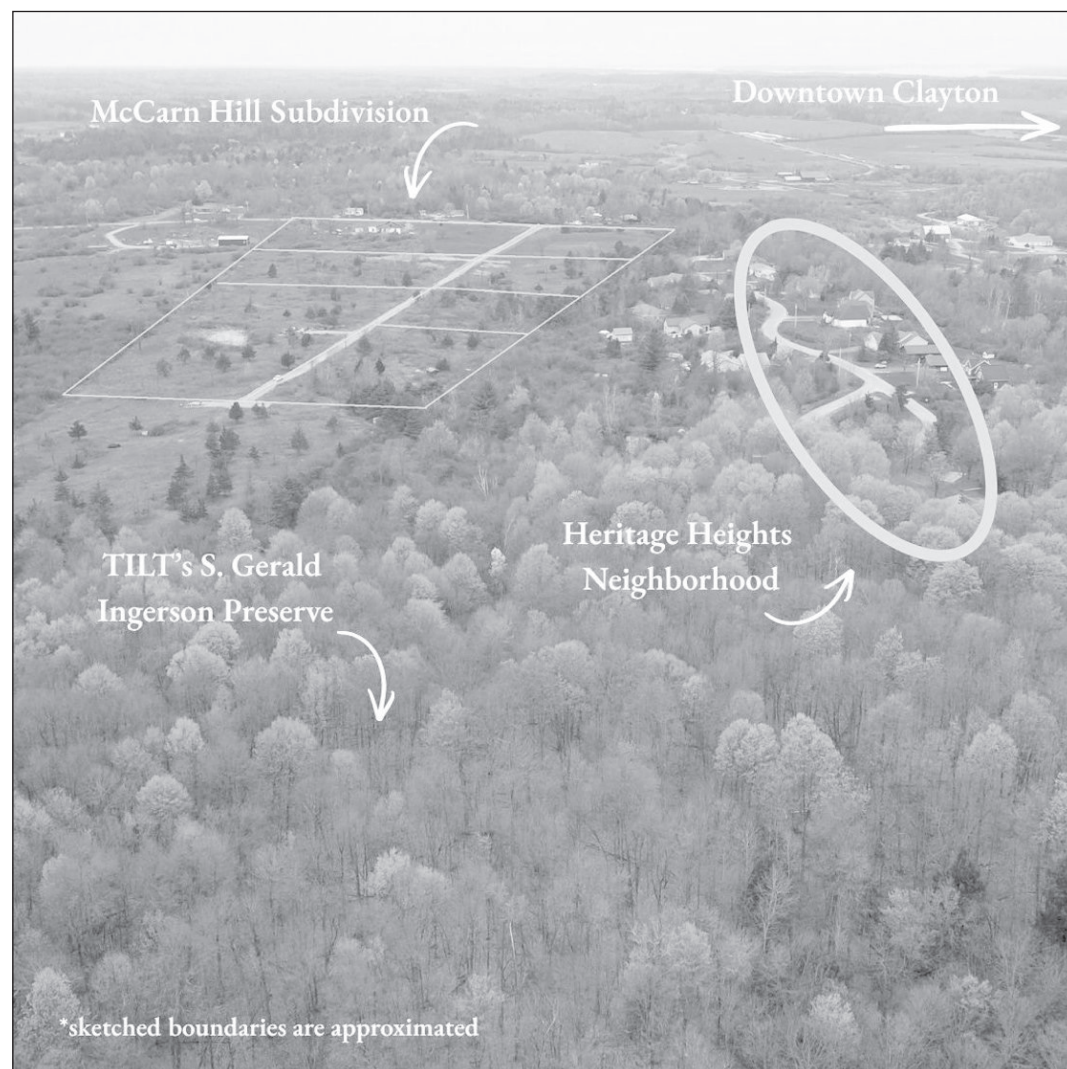
Across the region, communities are having important conversations about housing, economic development, recreation, infrastructure, and environmental protection. Too often, these topics are viewed as competing priorities. In reality, they are closely linked.

Successful communities do not have to choose between conservation and growth. When done thoughtfully, they can — and should — strengthen one another.

More than a decade ago, TILT undertook an extensive community engagement effort to better understand how residents viewed conservation and the future of the Thousand Islands. In 2011, the Land Trust conducted a survey to identify the River community's priorities, concerns, and expectations for TILT's role in the region.

The message was clear: residents overwhelmingly valued protecting the region's natural resources, scenic beauty, water quality, and open spaces — not only for today, but for future generations.

At the same time, commu-



Conservation is not about stopping growth; it is about shaping it wisely. In Clayton, protected open spaces adjoin thoughtful developments on McCarn Hill and Carrier Ridge, working together to preserve the community's rural character, scenic beauty, and quality of life. TILT photo

nity members raised thoughtful questions about the relationship between conservation and the local tax base, including how protected lands influence municipal revenues and future opportunities for growth. Those were fair questions, and they helped shape how TILT approaches conservation today.

The answer was not to conserve less. The answer was to conserve smarter.

Since 2012, every TILT conservation project has been evaluated individually with the goal of achieving a positive outcome — environmentally, socially, and economically.

Contrary to a common per-

ception, conservation does not necessarily mean removing developable land from future use. In many cases, the lands most appropriate for conservation are the areas least suited for development: wetlands, stream corridors, steep slopes, sensitive wildlife habitat, and interior forests.

Meanwhile, lands better suited for homes, agriculture, or other community priorities can remain available for private investment and future growth.

Increasingly, TILT structures conservation projects in ways that balance these goals. Sometimes the Land Trust acquires a larger property and

strategically separates conservation lands from residential or non-conservation areas. Existing homes and structures may be resold, and appropriate acreage may return to private ownership and the tax rolls with permanent conservation protections in place.

These approaches can preserve important natural resources while maintaining — and in many cases increasing — taxable value within a township.

It is also important to recognize that conservation takes different forms, but always depends on partnership.

Every conservation easement and donated property

reflects a landowner's decision about the future of their land. TILT works with willing landowners who care deeply about the places they have stewarded and want to see protected for future generations.

When discussing the local tax base, it is helpful to look beyond a single transaction and consider the broader picture.

The relationship between conservation and economics deserves a long-term perspective. At the moment a property is conserved, it is natural to look at the immediate transaction. How many acres were protected? What changed?

But the decisions we make today shape our communities over decades.

Research and experience have shown that protected lands, trails, and access to outdoor recreation contribute significantly to community vitality. They help attract residents, visitors, businesses, and private investment. They support tourism, help maintain property values, and preserve the qualities that make communities desirable places to live, work, and vacation.

People come to the Thousand Islands because of its beauty. They visit because of the River, its islands, wildlife, trails, open spaces, and the unique character of its waterfront communities.

They come to relax, reconnect with family and friends, enjoy local traditions, and experience a pace of life that is increasingly hard to find. They spend money in local restaurants, shops, hotels, marinas, and businesses.

Many ultimately choose to invest, retire, raise families, or build their lives here because of the quality of life this region provides.

Conservation of these landscapes helps protect the foundation upon which much of our economy depends.

See TILT T13

TILT's annual Birkhead Lecture will highlight pollinators and honey production

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) invites the community to attend the Annual Birkhead Lecture on August 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Zenda Farms Preserve, featuring Alex Warcola of Warcola Apiaries.

This year's lecture will focus on local pollinators and the process of honey production on TILT Preserves. Participants will learn about the vital

role pollinators play in healthy ecosystems and how beekeeping supports conservation and agriculture in the Thousand Islands region.

The Annual Birkhead Lecture is made possible through the generosity of Guthrie and Louise Birkhead and is offered free to the public. Following the presentation, guests will have the opportunity to ask



questions and enjoy light refreshments.

This annual event provides a chance to connect with experts, deepen understanding of the natural world, and learn more about how conservation and pollinators work hand in hand. Please register at tilandtrust.org/events or call the TILT Office at 315-686-5345.

TILT

From T12

Clayton and many surrounding communities are currently examining important questions about future growth, including the need for additional housing opportunities.

This conversation matters.

Like many communities across New York, the Thousand Islands region is exploring how to create additional housing opportunities while maintaining the character that makes this area such a special place to live. This is a dialogue that conservation organizations, like TILT, should be part of.

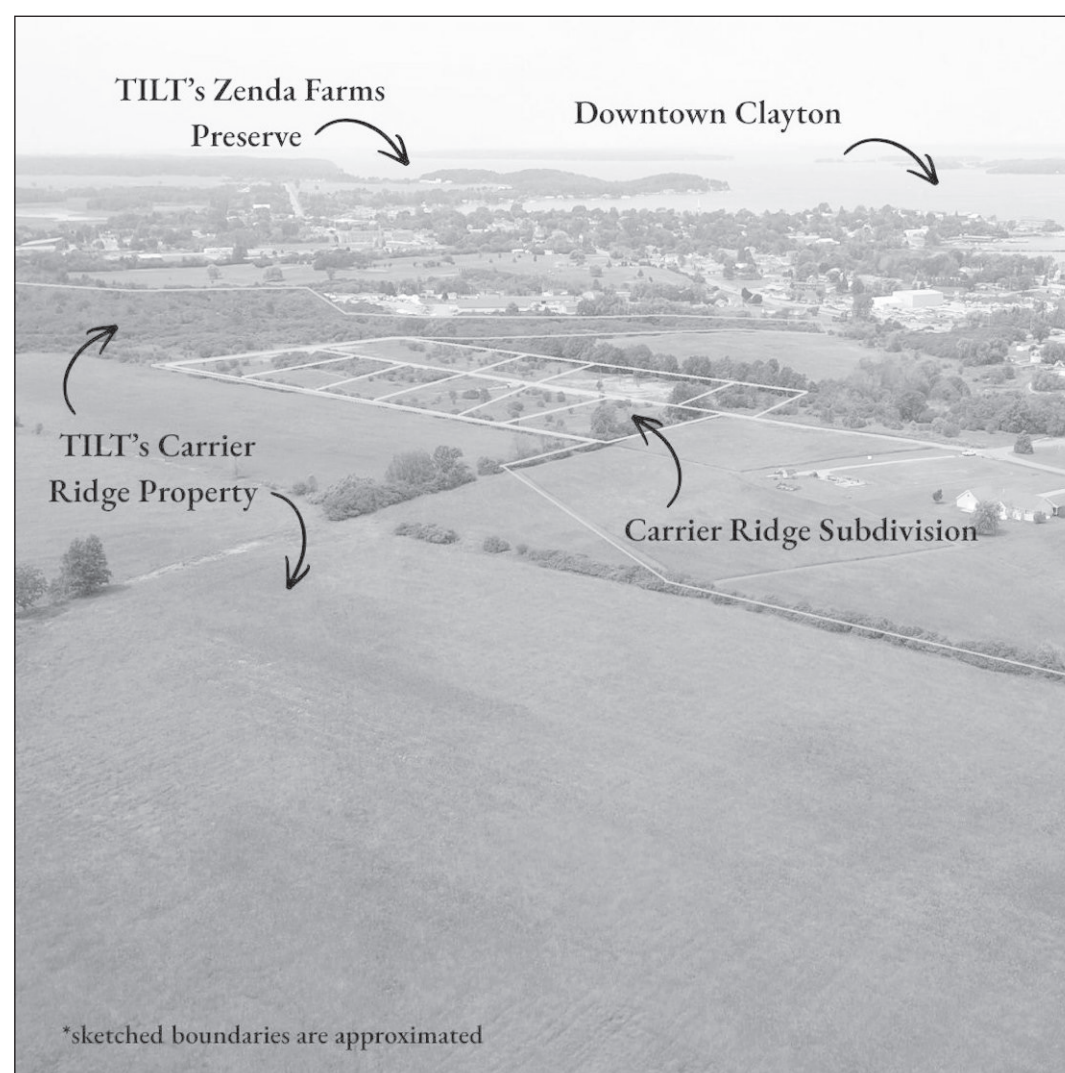
A thriving community needs places for people to live. It needs businesses, infrastructure, and investment. It also needs clean water, public access, outdoor recreation, and protected landscapes.

These goals are not mutually exclusive.

Thoughtful conservation helps guide where and how growth occurs. It protects the most sensitive and valuable natural resources while allowing appropriate development to happen in places where it makes sense.

That balance creates stronger communities.

One of the most exciting opportunities ahead is the ability to connect conservation lands directly with everyday community life. Across the Thousand Islands, there is growing



Smart growth means guiding development toward appropriate areas near roads, neighborhoods, and community services, while conserving the landscapes that make Clayton and the broader Thousand Islands so special. TILT photo.

recognition that protected lands are not separate from where people live and work; they are part of what makes communities strong.

Trails, pedestrian corridors, biking opportunities, and protected open spaces are not separate from neighborhoods;

they are part of what makes neighborhoods desirable.

Through thoughtful conservation, these places can provide opportunities for residents and families to walk, bike, explore nature, and enjoy the outdoors as part of their everyday lives.

Whether it is walking a protected forested trail after work, biking to a local business without needing a vehicle, spending time with family outdoors, or accessing the River directly from a nearby trail, conservation can be woven into the fabric of everyday life.

Together, these connections do more than enhance quality of life; they strengthen local economies and help sustain the character of the region.

That vision is becoming a reality across Clayton and throughout the Thousand Islands. It reflects the kind of connected community many residents have said they want to see in the years ahead. It is rooted in the understanding that the landscapes that define the Thousand Islands also sustain the communities that depend on them.

Ultimately, land conservation comes down to values and vision.

What is the value of clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, and trails accessible to everyone?

What is it worth to live in a place where the surrounding landscape remains healthy, beautiful, and connected to our daily lives?

Roads, schools, utilities, and infrastructure all play essential roles in supporting our communities. But the River, islands, forests, farms, grasslands, wetlands, and wildlife form the foundation of our shared quality of life — and are the very reason so many of us choose to call the Thousand Islands home.

It is that foundation the Thousand Islands Land Trust seeks to protect.

Not in place of community growth.

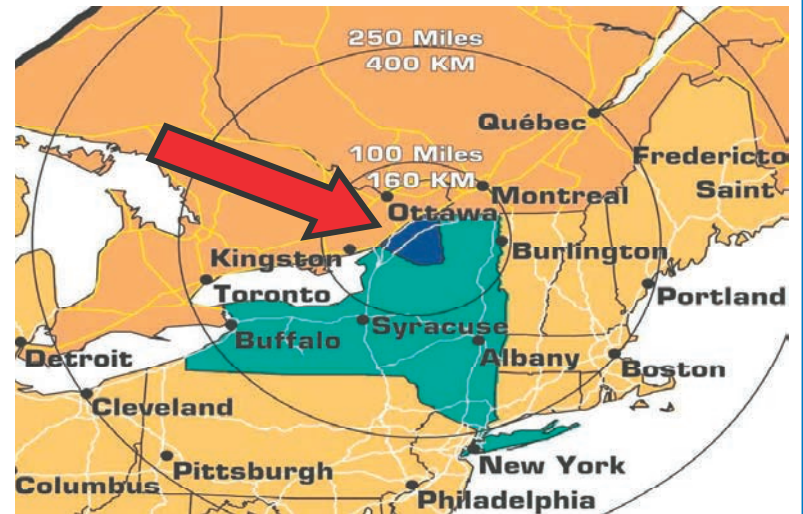
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The Porch and the Protector: 50 Years of Vigilance

By Bridget Wright

Executive Director, Save the River

Editor's Note: This was first published in the March issue of T.I. Life Magazine.

Growing up in Chicago while spending summers on the St. Lawrence offered a jarring study in contrasts. Life in the city was a relentless race—a frantic dash for groceries, a scramble for the train, and a return to a cramped apartment where the windows offered no view and the air felt borrowed.

But life at the River began with the alchemy of the bridge crossing. The moment tires met the span, time slowed, while the vibrating hum of the climb commanded silence. The mechanical grind of the city dissolved into the rhythm of the water. Summers were defined by the "jewel" of River life: porch sitting. It didn't have to be your own porch, though those were best. Company was nice, but often solitude was preferred. The only requirements were good seating, cold refreshments, and that hypnotizing, expansive view where the longer you gazed, the more the world made sense.

A Legacy of Resilience: 1976 and 2001

As we move through 2026, the Save The River team has been sifting through the archives of the River's darkest chapter. This June 23rd marked the 50th anniversary of the NEPCO 140 oil spill. I was too young to remem-

ber the 300,000 gallons of crude oil choking the currents, but the stories of those who lived it captured in our new film, *Remembering The NEPCO Oil Spill 50 Years Later* are a haunting tapestry of terror and "honorable camaraderie."

When the oil hit, the porches emptied. Everyone jumped into the fray. It reminded me of the profound transformation of my fellow Chicagoans after September 11, 2001. For a few short days, the city fell silent. It wasn't just the grounded flights; it was a sudden, collective heartbeat of national unity. Strangers became neighbors, political pettiness vanished, and a sense of protective love replaced the hustle.

That is the soul of the River. But I find myself wondering: Does it always have to take a tragedy to evoke this level of community? If we are all here because we love this water, why aren't we working with that same 9/11-level urgency to ensure the next generation can fish, swim, and porch-sit in peace?

One might assume that global warming would lead to milder winters and a perpetually unfrozen River. The reality is far more treacherous. Instead of a steady thaw, we are seeing an increase in volatile, unpredictable storms.

This winter, as polar vortexes gripped the North Country with stints of icy air and endless snow, our staff should have been thrilled. Cold and ice are the life-



Calendar photo submission from Catherine Mann

blood of the River's ecosystem. However, that awe quickly shifted to anxiety at the sight of massive commercial vessels trapped in the shifting floes.

The physics of "ice-loading" is unforgiving. When a ship is caught, it faces "nipping"—where ice floes exert immense pressure, buckling steel hulls and risking catastrophic chemical spills. Furthermore, severe ice buildup on the superstructure raises a vessel's center of gravity, risking a capsizing.

Save The River was founded

on the front lines of fighting winter navigation for one simple, terrifying reason: An oil spill in ice cannot be cleaned up. Not without extreme difficulty, and certainly not without risking the lives of first responders. The River, in all its majesty, likely would not survive a winter spill of that magnitude. Yet, the Seaway will be open for business in a few short weeks and remain open until next January.

The Original #TeamRiver

In 1978, another group of porch sitters recognized this vulnerability. During a warm July evening on Johanna Lawrenson's porch, overlooking the very water they had just saved from the Army Corps of Engineers' winter navigation trials, a collective of visionaries realized that the River required watchman—an official organization built to protect it. They knew the River needed a voice in perpetuity.

They were the Founders. They built Save The River. They were the original #TeamRiver—the protectors who fought back

so they could give back.

Fifty years later, the River is going strong because the members of Save The River, #TeamRiver are ensuring that it does. But it needs more allies as at every turn there's a new pollutant to fight or business looking to benefit from it. Whether you are a fisherman, a business owner, or someone who simply enjoys the "magical evening" of a sunset over the Thousand Islands, the River has given you something. It is a friend that asks for little but deserves everything. Today, as we look out from our porches, we aren't just spectators. We are the stewards of the view.

Become a protector, join the team. #TeamRiver

Bridget Wright grew up in Chicago, spending her summers on Crow and Wellesley Islands until she permanently relocated in 2006. She joined Save The River in 2010 and became Executive Director in 2025.



Iced-in Cargo ships in the St. Lawrence down river from Carleton Island in January 2026. Courtesy of Carol Thomas/Angel Rock Cottages

Local 4-H camp gets grant for zipline support, upgrades

Malone Telegram

MALONE – Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Franklin County on Thursday announced it has received a \$2,000 grant from the Adirondack Community Foundation to support upgrades and expansion of the zipline system at 4-H Camp Overlook.

The funding will be used to improve and enhance the camp's zipline experience, helping ensure that campers have access to a safe, engaging, and memorable outdoor adventure activity, according to CCE, and the project will include equipment upgrades and improvements that will expand opportunities for youth participating in Camp Overlook's summer and year-round programming.

"Camp Overlook provides young people with opportunities to challenge themselves, build confidence, and develop important life skills through outdoor recreation," Hannah Fisher, executive director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County, said in a press release. "We are grateful

to the Adirondack Community Foundation for investing in our youth and helping us strengthen one of the camp's most popular activities. This grant will allow us to enhance the zipline experience while continuing to provide a safe and exciting environment for campers."

According to the CCE, the zipline is a longtime favorite among campers, offering participants the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, develop self-confidence, and experience the benefits of managed risk-taking in a supportive setting.

The improvements made possible through this grant will help Camp Overlook continue delivering high-quality outdoor education and recreation experiences for youth from throughout the North Country, the release said.

In the release, the local CCE extended its appreciation to the Adirondack Community Foundation for its commitment to strengthening communities and supporting opportunities that enrich the lives of local youth.



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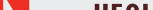
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See FLY T18

The image contains the JRECK logo at the top, which consists of the word "JRECK" in a stylized, outlined orange font, followed by a red silhouette of a train engine. Below the logo is the tagline "It's how you spell delicious" in a black sans-serif font. In the center is a photograph of a variety of food items: two bottles of Pepsi, a large sub sandwich filled with meat and vegetables, a bag of Lay's Cinnamon chips, a bag of Lay's Honey Cheddar & Cheddar chips, and a bag of Mission Salsa. The background of the photo is a solid red color. At the bottom of the image is the text "Subs • Salads • Sides" in a large, bold, orange sans-serif font. Below this is the address "Corner of Rt.11 and 37" in a black sans-serif font, followed by the phone number "Malone • 518-483-5602" in a large, bold, green sans-serif font. At the very bottom is the phrase "Call Ahead... We Will Have It Ready" in a black italicized sans-serif font.



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Community Creativity Takes Center Stage in the Thousand Islands Arts Center's Reel Art: A Community Catch Exhibition

CLAYTON — The Thousand Islands Arts Center is proud to present Reel Art: A Community Catch, a brand-new community art exhibition opening Tuesday, August 4, and on view through September 5, 2026, at the Arts Center's new home at 321 James Street in Clayton.

This inaugural exhibition invited community members to transform a simple wooden fish blank into a one-of-a-kind work of art, encouraging artists of all ages and experience levels to express their creativity. The response exceeded expectations, with more than 150 wooden fish claimed and transformed into original works of art. From seasoned artists to first-time creators, participants enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to be part of this first-of-its-

kind community exhibition.

"We've been thrilled by the response to our very first *Reel Art* exhibition," said Mia Ramseier, Executive Director of the Thousand Islands Arts Center. "The enthusiasm from the community has been incredible, and we can't wait to see how each participant has brought their fish to life. We know the exhibit will showcase an amazing variety of creativity, personality, and artistic expression."

The public is invited to explore this vibrant exhibition throughout August and experience more than 150 community-created works of art. A special opening reception will be held on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00–7:00 p.m., offering visitors the opportunity to celebrate the artists and enjoy the ex-

hibition's debut.

From whimsical and humorous to intricate and thought-provoking, each decorated fish reflects the imagination and individuality of its creator while celebrating the creativity that

makes the Thousand Islands region so unique.

The Thousand Islands Arts Center invites everyone to stop by, discover the remarkable talent within the community, and celebrate this exciting new tradition.

For more information about *Reel Art: A Community Catch*, upcoming exhibitions, classes, and events, please contact the Thousand Islands Arts Center at 315-686-4123 or visit TIArtsCenter.org.



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From T17

more information contact the Chamber at 518 483-3760 or email: malonechamber@gmail.com.

The Chamber encourages visitors and pilots from the Northeast to come to Malone and see why it's a great tourism destination. The Malone area is rich in rivers and the fishing is great. Perhaps you are fishing for trout in the Salmon River, bullhead at Deer River Flow or muskies on the St. Lawrence River. The Malone area has hiking, canoeing and a slew of campgrounds. It is truly a beautiful

area of flowing meadows, old forests, the St. Lawrence River valley, and the foothills of the Adirondacks. In Malone, Titus Mountain Family Ski Center was named the best family ski resort in the US. Malone Village was named by realton.com as having the most affordable property for sale in a ski area. While there is no skiing or snowmobiling in August, it is also a great place to visit when there's snow.

The festival itself will have several bands playing, vendors, food, farmer's produce and craft wine, beer, and cider tasting. On Saturday, the day starts with **Merrick Follett and the Pickups** and **the Bangor Boys**. On Sunday, The Irish band, **Friends Union**, will

start the day and then there's a change in genre featuring the **Kickin Back Band**. It will be a fun day, and the Chamber encourages you to participate with your family and friends. Bring your own chair and there will be a designated area with a cash bar (no coolers allowed.)

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids under 16. Because of the generous support from local businesses: Community Health Center of the North Country, University of Vermont – Alice Hyde Medical Center, Café Nouveau, the Red Roof Inn. DesiMo Productions, Citizen Advocates, Hudson Headwaters, the Free Trader, Wild Country Radio, Ellis Auto, Adirondack Ener-

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mission to all. And our moto: Don't forget to shop locally.

There is still time for vendors and businesses to sign up. Do you want more customers and clients? Sign up for a table and meet new folks and spread the word about your business. For more information visit Malone Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page or website: www.malonechamberofcommerce.com or email: malonechamber@gmail.com. It will be a great time for all, and the Chamber hopes to see many come from your town to ours. It is an opportunity to see a charming, historical village and meet great people. But pray for good, sunny weather!

Antique Boat Museum Celebrates a Century of Century Boats at the 62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction

CLAYTON — The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America's premier freshwater boating museum, invites boating enthusiasts, collectors, and families to the 62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction, taking place July 31–August 2, 2026, on its scenic waterfront campus in Clayton, New York.

Recognized as the longest continuously running antique boat show in North America,

this year's event, "A Century of Century," celebrates the 100th anniversary of Century Boat Company with over two dozen Century boats on display, alongside boats from legendary builders including Chris-Craft, Gar Wood, Hacker, Lyman, and more. In total, more than 80 antique and classic boats from across the United States and Canada will be showcased

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If you haven't visited the Frederic Remington Art Museum in a few years, you're in for a surprise.

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Whether you're a long-time member or planning your first visit, here are five reasons to come see what's new.

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Frederic Remington became famous for painting the American West, but his

story started in Northern New York.

Several North Country landscapes now on display in the Albert P. Newell Gallery are on long-term loan from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyoming. These paintings reveal the rivers, forests and communities that shaped Remington long before he traveled west.

Born in Canton and raised in the North Country, Remington developed the keen observation and appreciation for landscape that later defined his career. The exhibition reminds visitors that while Remington painted the West, he was always a North Country artist.

2. THE WORLD'S LARGEST COLLECTION OF REMINGTON'S NOCTURNES LIVES HERE



The Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St., Ogdensburg. MATT CURATOLO/THE JOURNAL

Late in life, Remington became fascinated with painting at night.

Known today as his "Nocturnes"—which he referred to as his "Moonlights"—these dramatic works shifted away from action scenes and focused instead on atmosphere, color and light.

The Frederic Remington Art Museum houses the world's largest collection of these paintings, offering visitors a rare chance to experience the final chapter of Remington's artistic evolution in one place.

3. EVERY GALLERY HAS HIDDEN STORIES

The artwork is only part of the experience.

Why is there a moose head in the gallery? Was Remington really accused of being a spy in Russia? How did a farm boy from Northern New York become one of America's most recogniz-

able artists?

New interpretive displays, photographs and artifacts answer these questions and many more, revealing fascinating stories behind the paintings and sculptures.

Every gallery offers something new to discover.

4. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

The current gallery refresh is the first phase of a larger transformation.

Over the coming years, the museum will continue updating exhibits, expanding interpretive spaces and introducing new stories that deepen visitors' understanding of Remington's life, work and lasting influence.

No two visits will ever be exactly the same.

5. WHAT DOES REMINGTON HAVE TO DO WITH AMERICA250?

Quite a lot.

America250 isn't only

about the nation's founding—it's about the people who helped shape the American experience over the past 250 years.

Few artists influenced America's identity more than Frederic Remington.

His paintings, illustrations and sculptures defined how generations envisioned the American West and helped shape the nation's cultural imagination. Through magazines, books, advertising and film, his work became part of America's visual identity.

The museum's America250 exhibition, **Remington's Impression on America**, explores how one North Country artist helped shape the story America tells about itself.

As the nation marks its 250th anniversary, there's no better time to rediscover one of America's greatest artists—right where his story began.

Century

From T19

throughout the weekend.

"This year's Boat Show celebrates the remarkable legacy of Century Boat Company while bringing together boating enthusiasts from across North America for an unforgettable weekend on the St. Lawrence River," said Rebecca Hopfinger, Executive Director of the Antique Boat Museum. "From educational forums and live demonstrations to boat rides, family activities, and the annual auction, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

The show opens to the public on Friday, July 31, as the Museum's waterfront campus comes alive with classic boats, a bustling Marketplace, and activities for all ages. Visitors can enjoy Ride the River speedboat rides (\$30 per person), explore *La Duchesse* through self-guided walk-throughs, row a traditional St. Lawrence skiff, watch Master Boatwright Adam Stanis demonstrate the art of bronze casting, or stop by the ABM Tent where young visitors can Build a Boat with the Boatwright. Guests can also browse the Lou Smith Library and tour the Don Doeblinger Collections Storage Facility, home to more than 200 boats from the Museum's collection.

Friday's educational programming features Century Q&A with renowned Century expert Frank Miklos, editor of *Thoroughbred*, the official publication of the Century Boat Club, followed by Chief Judge Todd Rissberger: New Judging Procedures, offering exhibitors and enthusiasts an inside look at this year's judging process.

Saturday, August 1, begins with the popular Row for Donuts, where participants row traditional St. Lawrence skiffs to the Clayton Yacht Club before returning to the Museum for fresh donuts. The Youth Judging Program gives young boating enthusiasts the opportunity to learn how antique boats are evaluated alongside experienced judges, and registration is still open. Visitors can also participate in a Paddle Painting Workshop with local artist John Miller III.

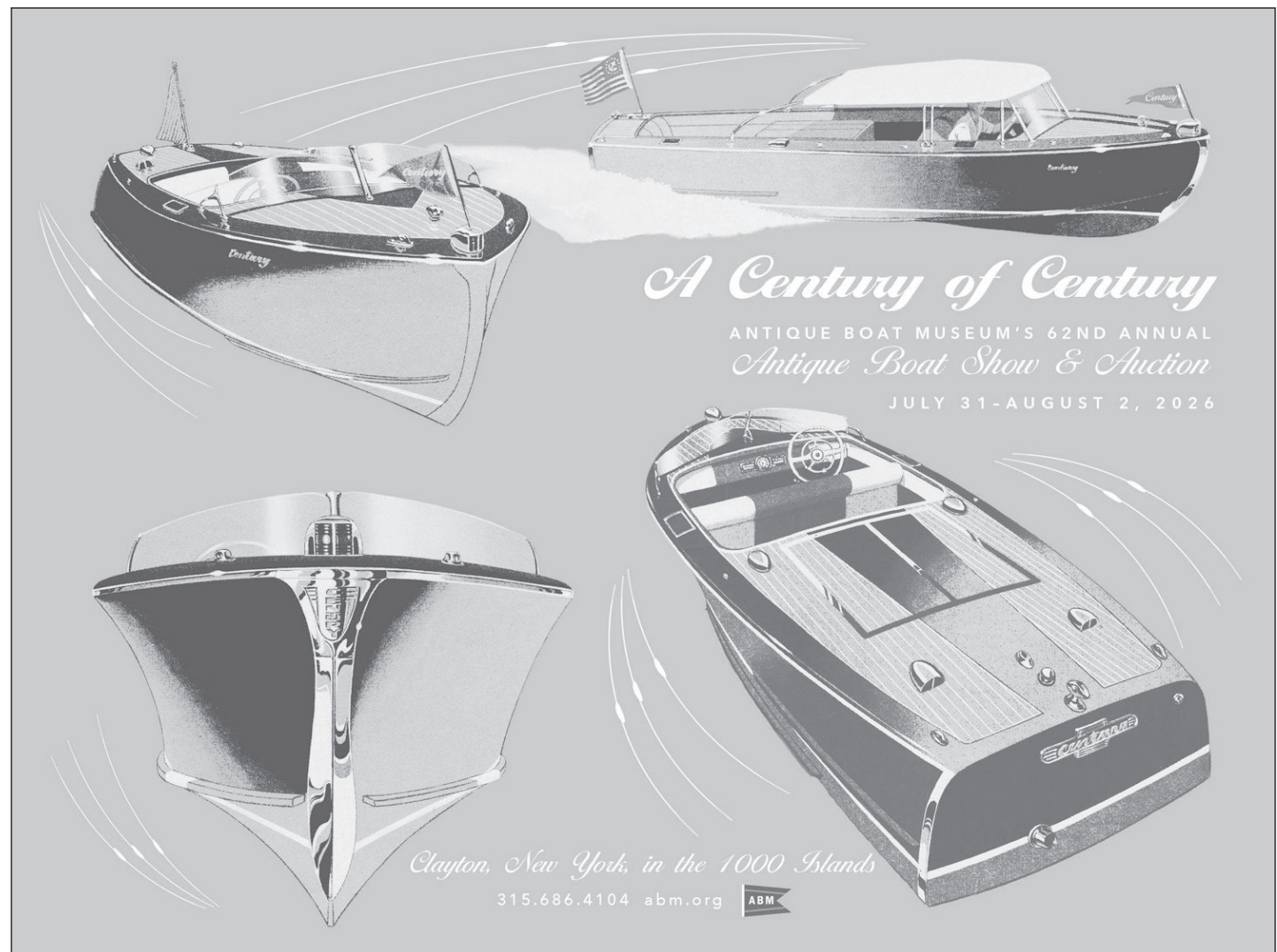
Throughout the day, guests

can enjoy Ride the River speedboat rides, self-guided walk-throughs of *La Duchesse*, Build a Boat with the Boatwright, bronze casting demonstrations, and two featured forums: The Engine of Snail: A Technical Perspective, presented by machinist Mark Hill, and Outboards! The Motor That Changed Pleasure Boating: An Expert Walk-through, led by author, outboard expert, and judge Peter Hunn.

The Antique Boat Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, featuring antique and classic boats, engines, marine memorabilia, and boating collectibles.

Auction bidder registration is now open. Prospective bidders are encouraged to register in advance to expedite check-in and be ready to bid when the auction begins. Registration information, auction listings, and event details are available at abm.org.

The weekend concludes on Sunday, August 2, with the annual Awards Ceremony recognizing outstanding boats and exhibitors, followed by the be-



2026 Boat Show Poster (available in Museum store and online)



61st Annual Antique Boat Show and Auction hosted by the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY August 1-3, 2025. © Kara Dry Photography LLC

he official conclusion of the Boat Show, while the Museum remains open until 5:00 p.m.

In addition to the featured events, guests can explore the Antique Boat Museum's world-renowned collection, exhibitions, and waterfront campus throughout the weekend, making the Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction one of North

America's premier celebrations of classic boating.

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Some activities require advance registration or an additional fee, including the Paddle Painting Workshop and Ride the River speedboat rides.

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Gateway artists find inspiration in St. Lawrence

The art show at the Gateway Museum in Morristown features a retired art teacher, town historian, former teacher, North Country natives and transplants. But there is a common theme running through their paintings – the St. Lawrence River inspires them.

Eight artists are exhibiting their works at the Main Street museum, which is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays during the sum-

mer.

"I was excited not just for the amazing venue, but having my work surrounded by local artists," said Debra Monteith. "I don't think people realize how much talent there in this area, so I love the fact we are all getting more exposure."

"Artists projected not just the amazing St Lawrence but their lives and what brings them joy. We all put our inner-self into a piece so you can get a look at what makes us tick. We lead with our hearts."

The show includes works from Monteith, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Newtown, Ethel Slocum, Dot Swift, Patty Warren, Jacqueline Washburn and recently deceased Karen Moquin.

Jackie Washburn is enjoying a renaissance with the river's serene blue expanses and sunsets.

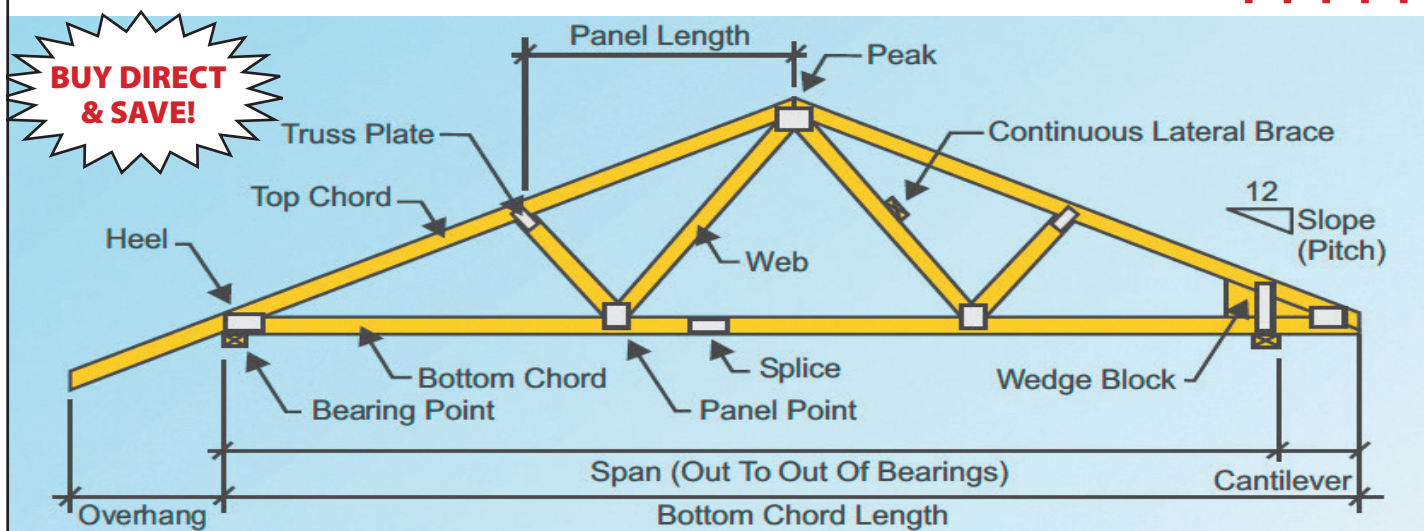
"I not only live with a view of the harbor, but growing up we had a summer cottage on the St. Lawrence River," Washburn said. "My children learned to swim in the river, and my last three paintings have been inspired by the river."

"We bought a home in Morristown last year. My fiancé Gregg and I have six grown children. Morristown always has something going on, and the river is stunning," said Washburn, who is displaying eight acrylic paintings. "I was thrilled to be asked to be included. It was wonderful to meet so many local artists and art patrons."

Kathleen Kelly was born in Syracuse, but has lived along the river for the past 26 years. She just returned from spending a week with her children at an art camp at Racquette Lake. Kelly, a choir member at St. John the Evangelist, finds her inspiration in her faith.

She relies on "a centering prayer making me attuned throughout the day to what I see, hear, and feel, and daily quiet walks with a sketchbook or taking pictures with my mind for reflection."

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SUNY Potsdam gallery hosting photography of Pulitzer Prize winning alumnus

The Advance News

POTSDAM — SUNY Potsdam's Gibson Gallery is featuring a retrospective of works by the Pulitzer Prize-winning alumnus Stephan Savoia, who graduated in 1975.

The show, titled "F4 and See It: An Exhibition of Photojournalism," includes photos from Savoia's 40-year career as a photographer for the Associated Press.

The alumnus got his start taking photos for The Racquette, and moved on to earn a master's degree in photojournalism at the University of Missouri.

Working for the AP, he photographed world events such as the Olympics, the 25th anniversary of Woodstock, the Super Bowl, the aftermath of 9/11, Somali refugees, the Boston Marathon and presidential campaigns as far back

as Ronald Reagan's second run for office.

He even immersed himself in the lives of the Inuit peoples living in portions of Canada's Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The show will be on display in the Gibson Gallery until Friday, July 31.

The gallery will be open Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Admission to the Gibson Gallery, in Brainerd Hall, is free, and the exhibition space is wheelchair-accessible.

The show is also set to return in the fall — from Sept. 1 to 30.

For more information about the Gibson Gallery, call (315) 267-3290, email foundationart@potsdam.edu, or visit www.potsdam.edu/gallery.



Katelin Babbitt, left, and SharonMarie Bartz install an exhibit of work by longtime Associated Press photojournalist Stephan Savoia in the Gibson Gallery on July 7. SUNY Potsdam photo

Gateway

From T22

"What happens after is anyone's guess. Images combine with literature and poetry and scripture and life experience. Being so removed from a concrete image, my work is not always palatable to other people. So it is challenging to remain authentic."

At the exhibit, you'll find an artist's statement near their works.

Dot Swift credits her husband Jeff, who fashioned most of the miniatures for the town diorama at the Gateway, for his encouragement.

"Dot enjoys painting birds, whimsical scenes, children's characters and holiday decorations, as well as creating a variety of woodcraft pieces," her statement reads.

Ethel Slocum, retired from Morristown Central School after a 30-year career as an art teacher, credited her elementary art teacher in suburban Buffalo for encouraging her

lifelong interest in art.

"Her work reflects a lifelong love of creativity, a dedication to the arts, and a belief in the importance of nurturing imagination," Slocum's statement recounted.

Town historian Janet Newtown grew up on her family's farm and developed an appreciation of nature, which is reflected in her works.

"She has cultivated a style that seeks not only to capture a scene but also to evoke a feeling," Newtown's statement reads. "Her paintings reflect a love of both art and the environment, whether portraying a tranquil sunset, the weathered roof of a rustic barn, or a mallard taking flight."

One thing is clear about the show — a river runs through it. (Morristown native Jim Holleran is a retired teacher and sports editor from Rochester. Reach him at jimholleran29@gmail.com or view past columns under "Reflections of River Rat" at <https://holleran-getsitwrite.com/blog/>)

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North Country Children's Museum to host fishing lesson and reptile programs

The North Country Children's Museum will welcome young nature enthusiasts with two hands-on educational programs in early August, giving families opportunities to learn about fishing, reptiles and amphibians from local educators.

The museum will host "Learn to Fish" at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, featuring Nicandri Nature Center educator Joel Danko. The program is designed to introduce children to the fundamentals of fishing, with participants meeting at the North Country Children's Museum before the session begins.

Later in the week, the museum will present a Herpetology Reptile and Amphibian Show on Saturday, Aug. 8, with presentations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The program will feature a variety of live reptiles and amphibians, giving attendees an opportunity to learn about the animals' habitats, adaptations and behaviors through an interactive presentation. Turtles will also be part of the program and are included with museum admission.

Both events are intended to provide educational, family-friendly experiences that encourage children to explore the natural world through hands-

on learning and interaction with wildlife.

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Return of the 'Songbird' at Clayton Opera House

By Chris Brock

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CLAYTON — Last summer, a few days before Michelle Nicolo Prentice made her debut at the Clayton Opera House after performing several sold-out shows elsewhere, her husband predicted of the audience, "They don't have any idea what's about to hit them."

That comment by 1971 graduate of Watertown High School and Grammy award-winning producer and musician Mark Prentice wasn't a case of spousal bravado. Michelle performed to a packed house, and post-concert comments directed at Michelle and Mark were radiant. People especially enjoyed the variety, and Mark said that one comment shared with them has stayed with the couple: "Michelle doesn't just sing, she pours her soul into every song."

Michelle, with her husband again at her side as an accompanist, returns to the Clayton Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 with, "Songbird: The Greatest Voice You've Never Heard."

It was not a hard decision for the Nashville-based couple to plan a return opera house gig. "We got such a great response that we decided, that night, to come back this year, and I'm excited about bigger and better things," Mark said.

Michelle is known for her stunning vocal range and emotional depth. She has been described as "a singer's singer" who has "the voice of an angel." She has recorded with Rod Stewart, Dennis DeYoung, Bebe Winans, Wynonna Judd and others. Her performance highlights include singing with the Sarajevo Symphony to mark the Dayton Peace Accords and recording "Somewhere" from "West Side Story" with Kenneth Schermerhorn and the Nashville Symphony. She's also featured on the National Endowment of the Arts' "Great American Voices" album, alongside Caruso and Leontyne Price. She's also a trained opera singer.

The couple, with Michelle on vocals and Mark accompanying on piano, regularly sell out



Photo by Jamie Litt

shows where they perform.

Mark, a 1971 graduate of Watertown High School, played in some iconic north country rock bands. He left the north country in 1976 to move west. He won a Grammy for producing the 1997 Warner Bros. gospel album, "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" by the Fairfield Four, featuring guest performances by Elvis Costello and Garrison Keillor. In 2012-13, he was music director and bass player for "The Rascals: Once Upon a Dream" tour. Produced and directed by Steven Van Zandt, the show was a "bioconcert," a hybrid of a rock concert and a Broadway show. In Nashville, he's a highly respected session musician, with a career spanning country, pop, rock, and R&B. Among other musicians with credits linked to him: Bruce Springsteen, John Fogerty, Olivia Newton-John, Earth, Wind & Fire, Vince Gill and Alison Krauss. His versatility behind the scenes and on stage also make him a sought-after talent.

"While there will be elements of the show that are the same, and the general trajectory is the same, there will be a lot of different material this year and surprises that show off more versatility of what we are doing," Mark said.

"We'll also keep all of the great stuff that people loved," Michelle said.

"We've been doing this show quite a bit, and we've got another year under our belt, doing a bunch of sold-out shows," Mark said. "We've added a bunch of

variety, material-wise, and we kind of curated to where we are going and what this audience is. We learned a lot about this audience last year."

A BLEND OF GENRES

The "Songbird" show is a blend of genres, from the Great American Songbook to tunes of the 1970s, with storytelling. "I think there's a place for someone to interpret and perform great songs," Michelle said. "That's what we do. Even though I have written, I love taking a great song and bringing it to life. That's fun for me, and I love it."

Like last year, this year's show will include a narrative journey mainly crafted by Mark.

"That's one of his superpowers," Michelle said. "When I met him, he hired me on a show that he produced and put together. There was a story line that ran throughout the show and people absolutely loved it. So, when we started to put this show together, we wanted it to be personal. We wanted to share our lives with people. Our stories are seen as interesting and fun and also kind of wild in a lot of respects."

The show will also give insight into how Michelle came into the music industry. The Salt Lake City, Utah, native knew that at age 3 she wanted to be a singer. Her parents owned an Italian restaurant. Her dad loved music, and he booked bands that played on weekends. She saw a singer on stage and told her dad, "That's what I want to do!"

She put her career on hold



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when she had two children with her first husband, born when she was 18 and 20. She still sang, but her focus was on her children. She also has a son with Mark.

"Personally, I love hearing peoples' backgrounds — the behind-the-scenes and the stories that you don't get to hear when you see people," Michelle said. "This show represents stories of our lives. You get to know who we are through this show, but also funny and heartfelt stuff too. In a sense, it's like watching a great movie and taking you on a journey — emotionally and musically."

In their interview, the couple recalled a performance by Michelle and one particular song ("I Have Nothing," by Whitney Houston) that was notable early in their relationship.

"And I'm thrilled that 30 years later she's not singing that song, thinking, 'Gee, I'd like to get away from this guy.' A lot of these songs have a backstory like that," Mark said.

Like last year's concert, a portion of the proceeds of the Aug.

15 opera house concert will benefit the North Country Music Project, a volunteer multimedia archive dedicated to preserving the rich music history of Northern New York.

Mark said it was an honor to have been among old musical north country friends last year in Clayton.

"One of the flattering things was the number of local musicians who took the night off on a Friday night, a time they are all working for their bread and butter. It was dozens who took time off to come and see us. That's a very moving and meaningful tribute, and it means a whole lot."

THE DETAILS

WHAT: "Songbird: The Greatest Voice You've Never Heard," starring Michelle Nicolo Prentice, accompanied by Mark Prentice.

WHEN/WHERE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at Clayton Opera House, 403 Riverside Drive.

TICKETS: Prices range from \$43.50 to \$78.50. They are available at tickets.claytonoperahouse.com/Events

Massena preparing for next 'Rockin' the River' celebration

By Bob Beckstead
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MASSENA — With the “Red, White & Boom” celebration in the books, Massena’s digital brand manager says the focus is now on “Rockin’ the River.”

That event is set for Aug. 15 at the Massena Town Beach.

“Red, White & Boom” was held July 2 at the Massena Arena to celebrate America’s 250th birthday. The arena floor was filled with vendors selling assorted types of wares, while food trucks doled out food and refreshments inside the arena annex. A field that’s used for soccer games was turned into a fun zone, with face painting, bounce houses and children’s games. Music was provided by Chris Cole and Gypsy Road.

We did ‘Red, White & Boom’ for July 2 at the Massena Arena. That went pretty well,” said Jason Hendricks, the digital brand manager for the town and village of Massena

But, he said, the event being held on a work day pre-

sented some problems. It ran from 2 to 7 p.m., with fireworks lighting the night sky

later that evening.

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By **Gabriela Padewska**

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Summer brings us back together. It brings us back outside. It reunites us with old River friends. This paradise of islands, connected by our beloved St. Lawrence, mirrors our innate connections with nature and with one another. We welcome its beauty, its warmth – and its change of pace!

We have an abundance of gratitude for the past spring season. Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who attended the 15th annual I Love My Park Day. Thirty-two parkies helped us knock out the brunt of our spring spruce-up tasks and set the season up for success! We are also extremely grateful to our guest presenters: amateur astronomers Tim Abel and John Rusho; outdoorsman Patrick Dove; certified sound healing instructor Destiny Myrick of WildRoots Wellness & Revival in Watertown; and primitive bushcrafter Jack Downing. Last but certainly not least, we are most grateful to our Friends of the Nature Center group for contributing significantly to the enhancement of our public programming – your sponsorship makes such a difference!

On behalf of the Nature Center staff, I would like to extend a



The Minna Anthony Common Nature Center. Alec Johnson/ Watertown Daily Times

warm welcome to new Friends' Board President, Emma Dundon. We look forward to collaborating on our next chapter and working together to achieve our shared goals! Thank you to past Board President Robin Colello-Poplaski and outgoing board members Jane Arras and Jeffry Weldon for your service. The board's dedication to the Nature Center, our mission, and our legacy is an invaluable privilege of our partnership.

You will also see three new faces at the Nature Center this season. We are thrilled to welcome Uriel (Yuri) Peguerra of Alexandria Bay; Matthew Ganly of

Kennet Square, PA; and Deedy Intern, Quinn McCaffery of Clayton. Please join us in greeting them!

Minna's article this season focuses on a single bird species – the marsh wren. We have a resident wren who builds her nest just outside the Nature Center's windows every summer. As a reminder, every season we reprise Minna's field observations in the present day through the Minna Remix series. This summer join us on the trail to look and listen for wrens on August 1st. Additionally, we have over fifty public programs to choose from this quarter!. We'll see you out there!

Study of Wrens is Interesting

By **Minna Anthony Common**

August 1, 1932

In the marsh where the cat-tails and the reeds meet the wild rice and the water pars-nips, the little marsh wren makes his home. Except for his small size, this little fellow very much resembles the house wren of our gardens. His up-turned tail and the tip-tilted bill together give him a decidedly inquisitive appearance. When we push our boat in among the reeds he greets us with quick questions and quicker answers and they sound much the same as the ones we hear when the cat infringes on the garden wren's domain.

A little patience and the pair will surely reveal their charming home. They act as if they were almost proud of it and anxious to show it off.

"Here it is. Here it is," sings Mr. Wren and his wife answers, "Twee twee." If this were France we would be sure that she was agreeing with her mate most charmingly. Then, having her consent, the gay little chap dances and prances around, keeping in a small area, the center of which is almost surely the cozy home.

The cleverness of its construction wins our immediate admiration. Perfectly round with a roof, and about the size

of a croquet ball, it is anchored to a dozen or so stiff stalks at least a foot above the surface of the water. There is a small round entrance at one side. Plainly enough to attract our attention, a numerous sounding family is chattering in the interior.

Friendly as the birds seem to be to humans yet towards those of the same feather they show no such spirit. Each marsh wren has his own acreage claimed by right of discovery, occupied by squatter sovereignty, and defended with the spirit of a true pioneer. No other member of his tribe may

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Minna Anthony Common Nature Center Summer Calendar

Note: Registration is required for some events. Check the Nature Center website for details or call 315-482-2479.

July

July 25 – Moth Night, 9 p.m. Celebrate National Moth Week while learning about the beauty, life cycle and habitats of moths.

July 26 – Summertime Craft Café, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Community crafting day featuring macramé and crochet projects for beginners and experienced crafters alike.

July 29 – Full Moon Hike (Buck Moon), 8:40 p.m. Guided evening hike followed by a campfire.

July 31 – Carnivorous Plants, 1 p.m. Cultivator Dustin Truesdell introduces insect-eating plants, including a live feeding demonstration.

August

Aug. 1 – Minna Remix: Study of Wrens, 9 a.m. Guided birdwatching inspired by Minna Anthony Common's writings.

Aug. 2 – History Hike: Legends of the Thousand Islands, 1 p.m. Explore the human history of Wellesley Island during the second installment of the history hike series.

Aug. 4 – Native Plant ID Hike, 1 p.m. Learn to identify native plants on a guided trail walk.

Aug. 7 – Experience the Bearpaw Book Series, 1 p.m. Meet local author Michael W. LaDue for a reading, discussion and book signing.

Aug. 8 – Youth Fishing Derby, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Annual fishing derby for participants ages 18 and younger.

Aug. 9 – Porchfest, 5-9 p.m. An evening of acoustic music, community jam sessions and campfire fun.

Aug. 12 – Night Sky Viewing, 9 p.m. Stargazing with amateur astronomers Tim Abel and John Rusho.

Aug. 15 – Kayak Ecotour of Eel Bay, 9-11:30 a.m. Guided wildlife kayak excursion.

Aug. 15 – Art and the Beauty of Nature, 10 a.m. Artist Mira Scott and poet Elizabeth Robin explore creativity inspired by nature through art and story-

telling.

Aug. 16 – Adirondack Raptors, 1 p.m. Master falconer Mark Manske presents live birds of prey.

Aug. 22 – Composting: Rot and You!, 10 a.m. Learn the science behind composting and how to build a healthy compost pile.

Aug. 23 – Voyageur Canoe Excursion: Island Hopping, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Paddle from Wellesley Island to Grindstone Island with a stop for lunch and an optional hike.

Aug. 28 – Full Moon Hike (Sturgeon Moon), 7:45 p.m. Guided moonlight hike and campfire.

Aug. 29 – Mini Pack Basket Weaving Workshop, noon-4 p.m. Learn the traditional craft of weaving a miniature Adirondack-style pack basket.

Aug. 30 – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Luncheon honoring the Nature Center's volunteers.

September

Sept. 5 – Kayak Ecotour of Eel Bay, 9-11:30 a.m. Guided wildlife kayak excursion.

Sept. 6 – Tie-Dye Workshop, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Family-friendly workshop creating colorful tie-dye projects.

Sept. 12 – Voyageur Canoe Excursion: Minna's Destinations, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Paddle to locations associated with Minna Anthony Common's conservation work.

Sept. 19 – Wildlife Jeopardy!, 1 p.m. Family wildlife trivia competition.

Sept. 26 – Full Moon Hike (Corn/Harvest Moon), 6:30 p.m. Guided moonlight hike followed by a campfire.

Sept. 27 – World Rivers Day & End-of-Season Voyageur Canoe Paddle, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Guided paddle celebrating the St. Lawrence River and river stewardship.

Friends memberships support Nature Center programs

How to help support the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center through the Friends of the Nature Center

The Friends of the Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization created in 1973 to support and enhance the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center. This long-standing partnership has resulted in the world-class Nature Center we enjoy today!

The Friends of the Nature Center are inviting community members to become members and help support environmental education, conservation and preservation efforts at the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center on Wellesley Island.

Memberships provide funding for educational programming, special events and preservation projects while offering members a variety of benefits.

All memberships include a quarterly newsletter, member discounts on select programs, email updates about events and volunteer opportunities, a membership card and a magnetic car decal.

Membership options include:

Individual Membership — \$25 annually for one person.

Student, Military and Senior Membership — \$20 annually for one person with a valid student or military ID or



proof of age 62 or older.

Family Membership — \$50 annually for two adults and up to four children younger than 18 living in the same household. Family memberships also include seats for one Voyageur Canoe program, one day of snowshoe rentals and use of the Nature Center as a birthday party venue for one child for up to three hours, all subject to availability.

Naturalist Membership — \$125 annually for up to two people. Benefits include six snowshoe rentals and six seats on Voyageur Canoe programs, subject to availability.

Trailblazer Membership — \$250 annually. Includes all Naturalist Membership benefits, plus one ticket to the annual Night for Nature gala in

July.

Hero Membership — \$400 annually. Includes all Naturalist Membership benefits, plus two tickets to the annual Night for Nature gala in July and a custom Minna Anthony Common Nature Center hat.

Nature Center officials noted that many members renew each year and said those memberships are essential to supporting the organization's mission.

New York residents age 62 and older are also encouraged to explore the state's Golden Park Program, which provides free or reduced-cost access to state parks and recreational facilities. To join visit the nature center's website.

Wellesley Island State Park golf course returns for 2026 season



Barrington Links at Wellesley Island State Park. Contributed.

WELLESLEY ISLAND, N.Y. — Golfers will once again be able to enjoy one of the Thousand Islands region's most scenic courses as the Wellesley Island State Park's golf course reopened for the 2026 season under new management, as Barrington Links at Wellesley Island State Park.

Following uncertainty surrounding the course's future earlier this year, this reopening marks an exciting, new chapter for the beloved destination. Located in Wellesley Island State Park, the course is a favorite among residents, visitors, and generations of golfers who enjoy its unique setting and welcoming atmosphere.

"Barrington Links is more than a new name, it's a new beginning for golf at Wellesley Island State Park," said Mark Barrington, co-owner at Barrington Links. "We're honored to help preserve the history of this beautiful course while investing in its future. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or picking up a club for the first time, we want everyone to feel welcome. Our mission is to create an exceptional golf experience that reflects the beauty, hospitality, and spirit of the Thousand Islands."

Barrington Links and New York State Parks are encouraging golfers, community members, and visitors to show their support by booking tee times, participating in events, and sharing their experiences throughout the season.

The success of the 2026 season will help demonstrate continued interest in golf at Wellesley Island State Park and support long-term opportunities for the course moving forward.

Barrington Links reopened the Wellesley Island State Park golf course on Wednesday, July 1, and will stay open until Monday, October 12. Membership information, hours, and tee time bookings will be available at www.barringtonlinks.com.

For updates and information throughout the season, follow Wellesley Island State Park on Facebook.



Barrington Links.

Wrens

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even hunt damselflies within its prescribed boundaries.

Apparently the disposition of a wren is much the same whether of the house or marsh species. All are delightful birds to watch and enjoy, but toward their bird neighbors they are snappy, suspicious, and pugilistic. They have no timidity and dart with as much ferocity

at the huge great blue heron if he comes too near as at the gentle, unassuming Maryland yellow-throat.

The song of the marsh wren resembles closely that of his cousin, the house wren, and is loud, out of all proportion to the size of the bird. Clinging to a frail reed with one foot high above the other, head well up and tail bent over his back until it almost touches his bill, he gives himself up wholly to his music. His is no half-hearted song delivered as he flies or

searches for food, but where he sings at all, he sings with vigor.

This thoroughness is true of the bird in every way. He builds the most carefully constructed home in the marsh, he sings its finest song, he fights its greatest fights, yet all the time he attends most assiduously to his appointed task, that of caring for a very large family to the best of his ability. Watching him and listening to him are two of the greatest delights a marsh offers to anyone who visits its recesses.

River

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we were dealt. Some people didn't know about it as well," Hendricks said.

Now, the focus is on "Rockin' the River: We Salute You"

at the Massena Town Beach.

"We're full gear into 'Rockin' the River 2026: We Salute You,' which is going to be taking place at the Masse-

na Town Beach on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 3 to 9 p.m." he said.

Hendricks said the event will include vendors, bounce houses, food trucks, beverage vendors, "the whole works."

Three bands will be playing

throughout the day, starting with Scumyard as the opening act, Gypsy Road as the second act, and BONFIRE: A Tribute to AC/DC as the headliner. BONFIRE is returning for the second year.

Among the sponsors so far are North Country Colocation Services, Boutique Air, Northern Credit Union, Blevins Seaway Motors, North Country Savings Bank, and Rochester Regional Health.

"We have a few more that are going to make this event possible," Hendricks said.

The inaugural "Rockin' the River: Beachapalooza!" event drew approximately 3,000 people to the Massena Town Beach in 2024, and the event has continually grown since then.

He said all upcoming events can be found online.

"I encourage everybody to check out exploremassena.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We post everything pretty regularly so you can stay up to date," he said.

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