



KAYUTA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Summer 2006

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of friendship, to promote and administer a responsible approach to water and land management, and, to preserve and conserve our ecology and wildlife. Membership is extended to, but not limited to, those property owners from Crandall Falls on the Black River, to the River Road bridge over the Black River in Forestport and all tributaries.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all fellow Kayuta Lakers and welcome back to the lake for the 2006 season.

This spring has been quite the roller coaster of weather, I am just thankful that Memorial Day weekend gave us the opportunity to get out and enjoy the lake for a few days and started to warm the water for swimming and skiing.

Oh, By the way let me introduce myself, I am Shawn Corrigan and I will be holding the position as president this season. I will have to spend just a little less time promoting fun times on the lake so I can focus on other important issues for the KLIA members including Blue line updates, lake resource committee actions, fish stocking planning, membership building, and new issues as they face the board. I will try my best & will be looking for advice and education from any that wish to offer it. Contact me any time to offer such advice or concerns.

It is a team effort here on Kayuta Lake and I for one am glad to be part of the team and want all members to please realize that each member is just as integral a part of the team as the board which keeps it on track.

You will notice some great continuing and new family activities happening on the Lake this season and I still believe these activities are important to help build lake camaraderie .

This season we will be stepping up our work to build the association membership and we are asking for your help to talk to your neighbors and friends around the lake to see if they are paid members. We have provided 2 membership applications in this newsletter so you can have an extra to give out or make more copies or contact Elaine Kovach for extra copies to help with this growth. Also we ask if you have not sent your dues in please use one of the applications and send it along to KLIA or give to any of the board members. Member stickers will be sent to you after receiving your payment and we will also be encouraging local business to offer our members value coupons and if you talk to any local business interested in joining this campaign please pass there name and contact along to Frank Marfone.

Special Thanks

To Bill Yetman for his long term dedication to KLIA . Bill has spent uncountable personal hours on answering questions and concerns on all issues facing this association, and the research he has accomplished deserves a great round of applause from all you readers. I want to personally thank Bill for the excellent service he has given us and for the encouragement thru his nominating me on the board some years ago.

To Mr. Tom Catterson for his tremendous knowledge and time spent in areas of Lake Resource and Fish Stocking and working with Bill on Blue Line issues over the past years.

I am looking forward to advice from both of these tremendous individuals as the season continues.

Shawn Corrigan

PICKERAL DERBY 2006

The KLIA annual Pickerel Derby will be held on Saturday June 24, This will again coincide with New York's free fishing weekend. No fishing licenses are required for children or adults. As usual the Derby will start at 6:00am/ All participants must register before going fishing. The derby will end at 3:00pm. Registration fees are \$5.00 for adults and youths. 15 and under are free. Prizes will be awarded for the 3 longest fish in each division immediately follow the derby. Registration and fish measuring will take place again this year at Elaine Kovach's just past Dustin Bridge.

For additional information contact Mike Boback 404 -8935 or Jen Scott 831-5758. Good luck to all and we look forward to seeing you there rain or shine.

Mike Boback

FISH STOCKING 2006

The KLIA has decided not to stock fish this year. We have contact Jack Hassy from the DEC fisheries division and requested the DEC perform another fish survey of the lake. The last survey was done in 2001. He has tentatively agreed to do a limited "shocking survey" and he should be able to provide a firm date in the next week or two. With this information we will have a better understanding of the fish population in the lake and this will enable us to make an informed decision on weather or not it is necessary to stock the lake next spring.

Regardless of the out come of the survey the membership can still decide to stock the lake next spring. A resolution was passed at the spring meeting that 40% of the cost for stocking will come from donations to the fish stocking fund and 60% of the cost will come out of the KLIA general fund. The cost for stocking 1000 large mouth bass is approx. \$ 3000.00

Please contact Mike Boback at 404-8935 or Henry Alberico with any questions or comments.

Mike Boback

FISH STOCKING DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of our membership The donations toward fish stocking now total \$1,285.00! (as of 6/7/06)

CONTACT THE KLIA

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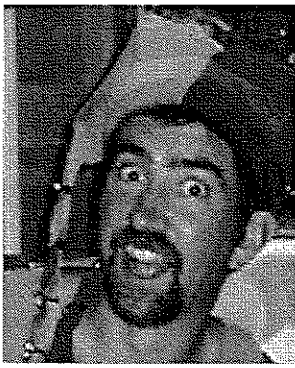
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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Island Courtesies Carryin/ carry out that means all your garbage including cig butts and personel heigine debris. Swim on the north side of the islands. Motorized boats only come in on the south shore of the islands. Any volleyball set up should be off to the side not in the center area between the islands so swimming is not interfered with. The islands are not a bathroom . Thank you and enjoy.

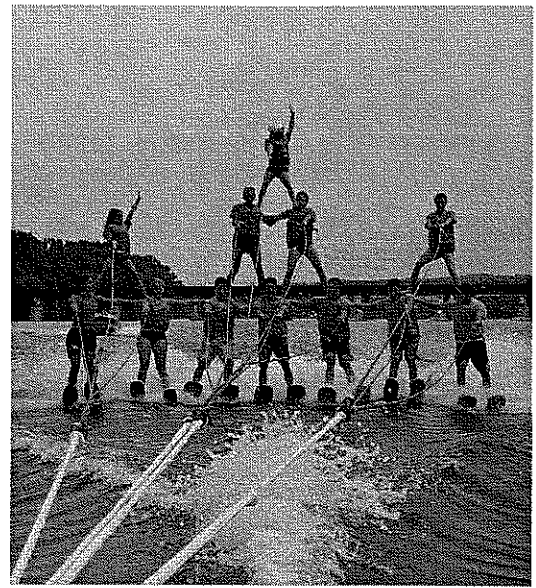
Fund Raising Any persons interested in starting and being part of a fund raising committee for KLIA contact Jen Scott .

Thank you to the band THE OPENERS which played on the islands on memorial day weekend. Great job !!!!

Show Your Appreciation All events involving outside parties donating there time and equipment - we encourage those attending these events to bring some cash along for donations if they feel they have been well entertained.

Thank You Jay Spring Meeting 2006. A big Thank you to Jay Minosh of the Kayuta Drive In for providing the association his dining area to conduct our meeting during the weekend rain storm on June 3rd. The meeting was a great success and good turn out despite the weather and some important ground work was set for the summer activities and projects.

KLIA Souvenirs Location for Purchase and Pick Up of KLIA items and Membership Applications We also have some great news making it easy for all persons interested in purchasing KLIA printed items and finding those highly sought after membership applications. Kayuta Drive In has volunteered to sell all these items there for the association and also will have a stack of Membership applications there for easy pick up the items we will be selling there will be KLIA Can coolers \$2.50 KLIA twig pens \$1.50 KLIA coffee mugs \$6.00 KLIA travel mugs \$6.00 KLIA embroidered hats \$12.00 any other items you would like us to consider you can always email your ideas and sources if any to shawn@wilcor.net.
Shawn Corrigan



WATER SKI SHOW & SKI CLINIC

The ski show performed by the Mohawk Valley Exhibition Squad was such a success last year that they are returning on Saturday, August 12th to thrill the crowds at Kayuta Lake. The show begins Saturday at 2:30 and if it rains, don't worry, the show will go on at 2:30 the following day. This exciting show will feature Pyramids, Jump acts, Barefoot skiing, Tricks and treats set to music. Prepare to be entertained, as the skiers have worked hard all summer to delight you with their finely tuned show skiing skills!

Location of the show will be north of the Dustin Bridge along the western shore. An area will be bouyed off and traffic controlled boat parking will be allowed along the bouyed areas. we will need help with coordination and markers and contolling traffic and preset up of the ski jump for this event . contact Shane Corrigan at 831-2302 or Shawn Corrigan Mobile at 794-6942

On Sunday August 6th there will be a special show ski clinic for anyone who would like to learn the "ropes" of show skiing. Participants will have the opportunity to join the Exhibition Squad in the show on August 12th to show off their newly learned tricks. All are welcome! For more information, email cmvski@aol.com, call 518-852-5378 or visit www.ClearlyInFocus.com/Kayuta

Don't be afraid of getting involved in this one , their will be no pressure, just great fun in helping us all do a little better at an awesome lake activity. the meeting place for this event will be at the Islands and all adults that would be able to help with this fun day of training will also learn a lot to continue to help ourselves with future improvements in this sport. It would be greatly appreciated if all interested in being trained or helping in training could contact Shane Corrigan at 831-2302 or Shawn Corrigan at mobile 794-6942 by mid July so we can formulate a plan knowing the ages and the type of watersports we need to work on that day and the boats and equpmtment needed


SKI SCHOOL HELD MID-WEEK

For those who are interested in learning how to ski or learn new tricks, Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School offers lessons all summer. We teach beginner to advanced skills, and guarantee you'll go home with a smile on your face and new tricks under your belt! Conveniently located on the Mohawk River in Scotia, NY it is sixty miles east of Utica, NY. Camping is available, so bring the family and get ready for some fun in the sun! For more information, email cmvski@aol.com, call 518-852-5378 or visit www.ClearlyInFocus.com/Ski



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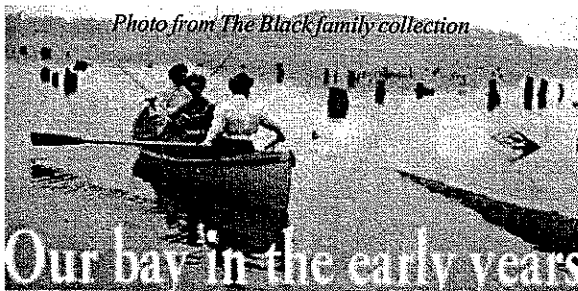
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NYS FEDERATION OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

On May 6th, I attended the NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Association) meeting on Lake Moraine. Manage our watershed is a primary concern of the lake resource management team. I had hoped to learn of any new technologies that could be useful in promoting a healthy evolution of the lake. I spoke with Bill Hartmann of the Oneonta research team, the group that conducted the Kayuta research three years ago. He felt our lake presented unique challenges that prevent us from using many of the techniques other small lakes are finding successful for weed control and silt infiltration. As stated three years ago, his suggestion was dredging. This is highly improbable and costly. The other piece of information I acquired involved the use of "seaweed mats." Although these mats can be purchased from a company located on Conesus Lake, some of our lake residences are doing the same thing with polyurethane tarps anchored to the bottom with rocks. These tarps work by preventing sunlight to the plants below.

The research team, chaired by Cindy Brown will be meeting throughout the summer to identify problematic areas of the lake and work on solutions. We plan to investigate ideas promoted on other small lakes and attend their association meetings. Contact Cyndy or Mary Beth for further information.
Mary Beth King



AQUATIC GROWTH

Have you notice an increase in aquatic plant growth in the lake? Wonder what you can do to slow the growth rate down? This is a concern many of us have. Aquatic plants thrive on phosphorus. This chemical compound enters the lake from external sources including run off, duck feces, the atmospheres and septic tanks. To decrease the phosphorus input from your septic systems, there are several steps you can take.

- Check your tank /system, ask yourself.....
- Does sewage back up in your drains or toilets?
- Does your toilet flush slower than usual?
- Are there wet areas near your drain field?
- Are there unpleasant odors around your home?
- Does your well water test positive for bacteria or nitrates?
- If you feel you have a septic concern, take immediate action.
- Call your local health dept., zoning or planning board.
- Have the septic tank pumped out.
- Fence off wet areas to minimize contact with waste products.
- Do not flush additives into your system, it could cause further harm.
- What can you do to reduce the amount of phosphorus compounds that seep into the lake?
- Increase the absorption field size of the existing system
- Upgrade your septic system (redesign or replace all or part of it)
- Consider installing a holding tank.
- Pump your tank every year to remove solids and scum.
- Discharge all sewage waste water from the house into the septic system. Don't run waste water from laundry directly into the drain field as detergent will clog soil pores in your leech fields.

Mary Beth King

Taken from: Maintaining your Shoreland Septic System
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/components/DD6946b.html>

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June 2006

Fun Excuses to Celebrate This Month:

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| Dairy Month | 15th - Fly A Kite Day |
| Zoo and Aquarium Month | 18th - International Picnic Day |
| 1st - Donut Day | 18th - Father's Day |
| 3rd - First U.S. Spacewalk | 19th - Juneteenth |
| 5th - World Environment Day | 20th - Ice Cream Soda Day |
| 7th - The Amazing Mumford's Birthday | 21st - First Day of Summer |
| 9th - Donald Duck's Birthday | 24th - U.F.O. Day |
| 11th - Race Unity Day | 26th - Toothbrush Invented |
| 12th - Magic Day | 28th - Paul Bunyan Day |
| 14th - U.S. Flag Day | 30th - Meteor Day |

July

Fun Excuses to C

- National Picnic Month
- National Recreation Month
- 1st - Canada Day
- 3rd - Stay Out of the Sun Day
- 4th - American Independence Day
- 5th - Caribbean Day
- 7th - Macaroni Day
- 8th - Video Games Day
- 10th - Teddy Bear's Picnic Day
- 13th - Go West Day

Birthstone - Pearl, Alexandrite

Flower - Rose

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sat. June 24 - Pickeral Fishing Derby - 6am - 3pm Elaine's dock

Fri. June 30th - dusk. - Island Movie Night

Birthstone - Ruby

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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Sat. July 1, 1pm - Music on the Isl

Sun. July 2, 4pm - Music on the Isl
Boater Safety Course - Mon. & Tu
Town Hall.

Sun. July 30 Boat Parade - 3:00pm s
bridge. Rain date 8/20/06 at 3:00pm

EVENTS - SUMMER 2006

2006

Celebrate This Month:

- 17th - Disneyland Opens
- 18th - Cow Appreciation Day
- 20th - Moon Day
- 21st - National Junk Food Day
- 23rd - Mosquito Day
- 24th - Amelia Earhart Day
- 25th - Threading the Needle Day
- 26th - All or Nothing Day
- 27th - Bugs Bunny's Birthday
- 30th - National Cheesecake Day

Saturday August 5th at 1:00pm - Island Fun Day - Music by John Duda

Sunday August 6th there will be a special show ski clinic

Saturday, August 12 - Ski Show - 2:30 pm Rain Date 2:30 Sunday

Sat. Aug. 26 - 9:00am - Non Motorized Regatta - Deer Spring Park Beach.

Sunday, August 27 - 7am to 11am -Pancake Breakfast at the Forestport Town Hall.
10am - Annual Fall Meeting/Election of Board Officers

August 2006

Fun Excuses to Celebrate This Month:

- Home Business Month
- National Inventors Month
- 1st - Sport's Day
- 3rd - National Watermelon Day
- 4th - Coast Guard Day
- 6th - Friendship Day
- 6th - Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 7th - Sea Serpent Day
- 8th - Dollar Day
- 10th - S'Mores Day
- 11th - Play in the Sand Day
- 15th - National Relaxation Day
- 16th - Roller Coaster Day
- 17th - Archeology Day
- 18th - Bad Poetry Day
- 19th - National Aviation Day
- 22nd - Be An Angel Day
- 24th - Strange Music Day
- 26th - Women's Equality Day
- 28th - Dream Day

Flower - Larkspur

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ends by The River 93.5's DJ.

ends by The Jon Halpin Band.

s. July 10 & 11 - 5:30 to 9:30 at the Forestport

arp in the bay between the trestle and Eberts

Birthstone - Onyx, Peridot

Flower - Gladiolus, Poppy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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27 X	28	29	30	31		

"OTHER FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER"

Island Movie Night

When: Friday June 30th at dusk. An evening complete with a 100" big screen, movie projector and sound system. Watch from your boat, island chair or blanket. KLIA will provide popcorn, campfire, marshmallows and hotdogs to roast. Just bring drinks and the kids; it will be a family friendly Movie. See You There...

Island Music July 4th weekend

Sat. July 1, 1pm - Music by The River 93.5's DJ.

Sun. July 2, 4pm - The Joh Halpin Band. To book this band for your event call Lou Geno at 534-0906

Boat Parade 2006

When: Sunday July 30th. Boats joining the parade will meet at 3:00pm sharp in the bay between the trestle and Eberts bridge. Rain date 8/20/06 at 3:00pm. The judging categories will be: A-Party barge B-Motorboats 15' and over C-motorboats less than 15' including jetskis D-non motorized craft. Judging will take place at Elaine Kovach's dock on Dustin Rd. Non motorized boats may start from Elaines and join up from there. We ask all association members to judge using the ballot provided. If you watch from your camp wave a flag at the jet ski trailing the parade to have your ballot collected. This year's winners and runners-up will be given lake-fun prizes on the spot.

Island Family Fun Day

When: Saturday August 5th at 1:00pm. KLIA will provide grills, hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, koolaid, lemonade and snacks. Rain date Sun. August 6. Feel free to bring food your family enjoys or a dish to pass. There will be contests and good old fashioned games like Tug O War, relay races, sand castle building, watermelon seed spitting contest, hula hooping and more. Music is graciously provided by John Duda.

P.S. we could use some help setting up and taking down. To help call Peter Bolos - 831-2187 or Shawn Corrigan - 831-2302

Non Motorized Regatta

When: Saturday August 26th at 9:00am. Bring your Canoe, Kayak or Non-motorized boat and quietly cruise the lake and experience it as you may never have before. Bring yourself a cup a Joe and assemble out front of Deer Spring Park Beach.

Peter Bolos

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CAP 21 MEETING & THE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (LWRP)

I attended a meeting 5/15 in Old Forge sponsored by CAP 21 regarding the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. This program is run through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund through the Division of Coastal Resources - NYS Dept of State (DOS). Our development corridor stretches from the Town of Forestport to the Fulton Chain of Lakes and parts of the Moose River. The purpose of this program is to help communities plan for development versus sprawl along their waterways, protect sensitive waterfront resources, preserve historic resources, enhance tourism opportunities, encourage main street revitalization, enhance public access to waterways, and protect and develop scenic resources and open spaces. Communities develop both a development plan as well as an implementation plan. The Town of Forestport was the first town in our corridor to file for this program. Technical assistance, grants to assist with the plan, and help obtaining public and private funding are benefits of this program. The meeting in Old Forge was a community forum to raise concerns and brainstorm ideas between the LWRP personnel and community residents. Many issues were discussed including opening up more scenic views along Rt 28 between Forestport and Old Forge, development of main streets in the area, the need for better technology for businesses including cell phone and internet access in this area, as well as the difficulties for developing businesses and tourism while balancing natural beauty and complying with all of the development regulations-DEC, APA etc as applicable to the area. Our town supervisor was not present at the meeting so I was unable to obtain the specifics on what has been filed for the Town of Forestport to date. There is another meeting planned for sometime in August in Old Forge- will try to get the date in the next newsletter as soon as it is scheduled.

Cyndy Brown

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GRANTS AVAILABLE

The State Dept. of Environmental Conservation just announced one million dollars in grants in the area for the fight to eradicate non-native aquatic species. It sounds like this is only the beginning of the grants! And the Overton's catalog has a few devices that people can purchase to eradicate weeds in front of their own areas. For more information contact me. *Henry Alberico.*

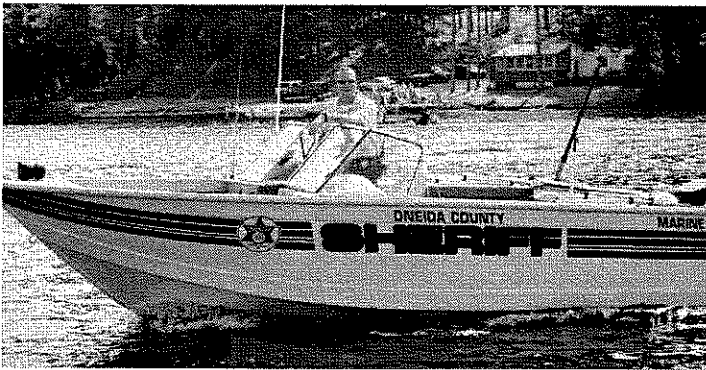
BOATER SAFETY COURSE

The Kayuta Lake Improvement Association is once again sponsoring a boater safety course in conjunction with the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept. Everyone who operates personal watercraft such as wave runners and jet skis must have a certificate from one of these courses **regardless of their age**. Adults currently are not required to have a certificate to operate a regular boat.

The course is being held in the evening this year in the hope that people will not have to give up an entire weekend as we have done in the past. The course will be held Mon and Tues evening July 10th and 11th from 5:30 to 9:30 at the Forestport Town Hall. The course is being taught by John Kowalski from the Oneida County Sheriff's office who has been our lake sheriff in the past. Sign up is on a first come first serve basis.

To sign up please contact me at my residence 315 831-9776-leave a message or if no one is home or send an e mail to skierfinch2@aol.com. Please include your name, address, contact number and adult or child-child's age is required.

Reminder-make sure that all required safety devices are aboard your boat and that your registration is current. This is for your safety and you can be ticketed for lacking these devices in your boats. *Cyndy Brown*



MEMBERSHIP

Hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. We are going to have an exciting and busy summer on our great Kayuta Lake. Our membership is approximately 250 strong. We ask each member to tell a neighbor about the benefits of belonging to KLIA. Again this year we are offering incentives to join. Family membership is only \$15 per year and with your membership you will receive valuable coupons. The Kayuta Drive In offers a free small ice cream with every \$8 spent, Garramones offers 10% off a dinner check of \$30.00 or more and The Stumble Inn offers free dessert with dinner. So join now and get ready for the fun. Your coupons and membership sticker for 2006 will be mailed to you upon receipt or your 2006 dues.

Frank Marfone

Have you forgotten? Your 2006 dues are now due.

We don't want to lose you as a member. Tons of fun and activities are ahead this summer. Please send your check to KLIA, Box 112, Alder Creek, NY 13301.

MORE BOATER SAFETY COURSES OFFERED

A Boater Safety Course thru the town of Webb for those that may need other date options June 17, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26 seating is limited and pre-registration is required by calling Nanci T. Russell, Town Clerk at 315-369-6799 classes will be held at the Old Forge Fire Hall on Fulton Ave. There is no fee for the course but there is a \$10 NY state filing fee *Shawn Corrigan*

FOR LAKE'S SAKE - BALD EAGLES ON THE LAKE

In the past few years several people have reported sighting eagles on our lake. After much investigation it has been determined that there has not been any drinking involved- (by the sighters not the eagles that is), and that yes we have had bald eagles on Kayuta Lake. Sightings have been reported on the Black River upriver from Ebert's bridge as well as on the middle lake in both the spring and summer months. I don't know of any winter sightings, but if anyone has seen an eagle here in the winter, let me know.

The bald eagle is actually not bald but has white feathers on its head and tail. An adult eagle's wingspan ranges from 6 1/2 to 8 feet, and they weigh from 7-14 pounds, with the females being larger than the males. Eagle nests are called eyries and are often used year after year. They are built in the top of tall trees near rivers and lakes and can be as large as 20 feet across! Eagles often mate for life. They eat primarily fish as well as small mammals, sometimes other birds, and carion.

The number of bald eagles sighted in NY State has steadily been increasing. Eagle numbers were in serious decline in the US until 1940 when they became protected in the lower 48 states. Further decline did continue, however, due to continued hunting as well as pollution-especially DDT and industrial pollutants which usually would effect the bird's ability to reproduce. By the mid 1970's there were only 2-3,000 nesting bald eagles in the lower 48 states, today that number has increased to 30,000. NY State conducts wintering bald eagle surveys annually. 2005's total bald eagle count was 441- up from 363 in 2004, and 41 in 1979, the first year that the survey was conducted. Interestingly, according to the study the largest population of eagle nesting activity is in SE NY State with the northern areas having much less density of nesting eagles- the reasons for this are currently unclear.

Having bald eagles on our lake is just another reason to count our blessings for being able to live and vacation here. Continued efforts to keep the lake clean, the fish population thriving, help to keep an abundance of wildlife in the area. *Cyndy Brown*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SAVINGS ACCT. BAL		\$6,605.20
CHECKING ACCT. BAL. {AS OF 2/28/06}		\$4,949.96
CD BALANCE {4.40%APY}		\$5,405.88
PETTY CASH		\$ 221.00
	TOTAL	\$ 17,182.04

Jen Scott

REMINDER

Several people asked at the spring meeting to remind boaters of the no wake zones when boating near shorelines, going under bridges and trestles, up the river etc. This is for safety and to help protect shorelines from erosion. Many birds and animals also nest along the shorelines and this also protects their habitat. Thanks everyone. *Cyndy Brown*

**ANNUAL MEETING/
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
PANCAKE BREAKFAST EVENT:**

Bring your friends and family, meet your neighbors, chat over coffee, and enjoy an old-fashioned good time! Please join us on Sunday, August 27th, from 7am to 11am, when we will again hold our end-of-year Meeting/Election of Board Officers along with our Pancake Breakfast at the Forestport Town Hall. The Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 am, during the breakfast. The meeting will be kept short. Voting will be done by paper ballot this year, with one ballot per household. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Our breakfast menu will include delicious pancakes (plain, blueberry, and chocolate chip!), sausage and bacon, coffee, tea and juices, expertly cooked by our fantastic volunteers. We'll have raffles for gift baskets full of items that suit all ages, and KLIA items will be available for purchase too. Tickets to the Pancake Breakfast are available now from Jen Scott (mail your check to PO Box 112, Alder Creek, or call 831-5758), or can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$6-adults, \$4-kids ages 3-12 (kids under 3-free). Last year's turnout was OUTSTANDING, and we're hoping to surpass those attendance numbers! Don't miss this yummy, fun, and informative event!!! (Volunteers are needed for this event - please contact Jen Scott to sign up.)

Jen Scott

THE TRAIL IS COMING!

What trail you might ask?

It's the National North Country National Scenic Trail and its coming straight through Forestport on its path to Crown Point. This trail originates in North Dakota and traverses over 4500 miles to achieve its designation as the country's longest trail. The local trail follows the BREIA trails from Pixley Falls to the Black River feeder canal from Boonville to Forestport.

Trail blazers are excited about the fact that Forestport is the Gateway to the Adirondacks and that the town is a very attractive destination to long-distance hikers.

To celebrate this trail system, Forestport is kicking up its heels and planning a community wide event - Old Forestport Days which will be held on September 30 and October 1, 2006.

Jeannie Wolcott, Coordinator of Old Forestport Days, held several Town Hall meetings in April and May and found a lot of local support for this town-wide party.

The focus will be on restoration of the Black River Towpath to open it up to recreational opportunities along this trail not only for hiking, but for biking, horseback riding and kayaking and canoeing as well. Some of the fun will include the return of Michael Doyle, author of "The Forestport Breaks" to capture the shenanigans of "Old Forestport" along with original music by Stump Hollow and saloon girls from the old Hotel Doyle, currently known as Scooter's...

The Trail will be dedicated on Saturday and music, food and games will be featured.

A Softball Tournament and many activities for kids will be held on Sunday, along with more as the committees finalize their plans.

Anyone needing more information or wanting to help can contact Jeannie (Beep) Wolcott at 392-3103 or email jborgia@ucp-utica.org.

Cyndy Brown

2006 BOAT PARADE BALLOT - One vote per household. Boat Parade participants also encouraged to vote for their favorites. Write boat# and/or brief description of your favorite boat in each category for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

A. Party Barge

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____

B. Motorboats 15' or over

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____

C. Motorboats less than 15' (including jet skis)

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____

D. Non-motorized watercraft

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____



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