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Yoga - Free
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Every M, W, F @ 8:45 am
Community Center Gym

Young at Heart Senior Lunch
Mondays @ 12 noon
Call 716-581-3426

Chautauqua Institution Week 3
July 13–20: The New Map of Life: How Longer Lives are Changing the World

137th Annual Chautauqua County Fair
Jul 15 - 21, 9 am - 11 pm
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, 1089 Central Avenue, Dunkirk

Exciting News To Be Revealed by Community Connections @ Findley Lake Event
Thur. Jul 18, 11 am - 1 pm
At the Gazebo 716-769-2473

Lakewood Farmer's Market
Jul 18 and every Thursday through Sep 26,
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Chautauqua Ave., Lakewood, NY
716.763.8557

Doug Phillips Acoustic at Alexander's
Fri. July 19 from 7 pm – 9 pm
Findley Lake

Free Kid's Day 2019
Hosted by Our Own Candle Co.
Sat, Jul 20, 11 am - 4 pm
Parking lot, North Road
Findley Lake

Music- Northern Accents
Pine Junction
Sat. Jul. 20 @ 2 pm.

FL Watershed Foundation
Annual Meeting
Camp Findley
Sat. Jul. 20, 7 pm

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July 4th in Findley Lake Had Many "Good Vibrations"

July 4th in Findley is always where it is happening and although this year was hot and muggy, there were plenty of "Good Vibrations". The theme for the 30th annual boat parade sponsored by Paradise Bay Park Family Campground was 'Favorite Band'. The 'Beach Boys' themed pontoon boat by the Rosenzweig, Schotting & Monaco families won both the top prize for pontoon boat and the grand prize people's choice award (photo bottom right). The grand prize trophy was handed out by Craig Breter whose family started the boat parade 30 years ago in memory of his father, Bill Breter. The Breter family ran the boat parade for 18 years. The Koch family won 1st place in the motorboat category for the band 'Kiss' and accepting the trophy for the Koch family were 13-year old Kenna and her 10-year old brother Kenny Hamilton of Mentor, OH and Findley Lake who are dressed in "Kiss" attire including the iconic tongue sticking out pose. Judges (shown above top right) are all from Erie except Diana Sanchez of Pittsburgh who was celebrating her first Independence Day as an American citizen.

Boat Parade Judges Seated: l to r: Julie Moore, Diana Sanchez of Pittsburgh, Francesco Reyes, Natalie Loucks, Jason Loucks Standing: Jennifer Mazur from Paradise Bay and helper Dylan Pocobello of Orchard Park.

First Place Motorboat winner- in 'Kiss" attire, Kenna Hamilton and Kenny Hamilton from the Koch Family

The annual duck race, sponsored by Secret Cubby of Antiques and Our Own Candle Co., was a quacking success with 1400 participating ducks. The day ended in sparkling fashion with flares lit around the lake followed by a dazzling fireworks display staged by Starfire Corporation and organized by Matt Hanby of Matters of the Hearth. The day included the traditional annual Chicken BBQ by the Findley Lake Volunteer Fire Department. All in all, the day and evening were filled with 'good, good, good, good vibrations'!

Photo at right: First Place Pontoon Boat and Grand Prize Winner – Rosenzweig, Schotting & Monaco families; Band - Beach Boys

Nature Center Runners Had Their Choice of 15 Miles or 5 Miles

The Findley Lake Nature Center sponsored its 15th annual Run/Walk on Saturday, July 6th and, in recognition of this milestone year, added a special 15-mile Run to the annual 5-mile Run/Walk event. Winners of the 15-mile Run were 62-year old Joe Campbell (Pace 7:26/M) and 54-year old Pamela Morton (Pace 8:46/M). Overall winners of the 5-mile Run were 14-year old Gregory Brumagin of Findley Lake (Pace 7:08/M) (group photo back row center) and 55-year old Pamela Wassell (Pace 7:10/M) (group photo front row center). These four overall winners received a hand-crafted stained-glass fish prize (above left) designed and created by Findley Lake Nature Center board member Vicki Boria.

Additional winners by age category were (1 - 14 yrs.) Daniel Locarnini and Madison Hansen; (15 - 19 yrs.) Josh Williams and Chloe Hansen; (20 - 29 yrs.) Grant Filbeck and Dayl Pearson; (30 - 39 yrs.) Dan Larson of Findley Lake (group photo back row second from left) and Shannon Weigel; (40 - 49 yrs.) Christopher Hawes and Jessica Clippinger: (50 - 59 yrs.) John Trucilla and Ginny Sackett; (60 yrs. and over) Luigi Montagna and Susan Kanonczyk.

Enjoying the event were 5-mile walkers: Left Hoop Roche and his dog Nora; and @ right, Jody Calvert, daughter Christy and grandson Liam in the wagon.

Take in the Garden Tour on July 27

Enjoy the beauty and serenity of local gardens in Clymer, French Creek & Findley Lake at a Garden Tour on Saturday, July 27th. Pre-sale tickets are $25 (day of the event $30) and include 10 gardens and lunch at Willow Creek Pavilion behind the Dutch Village Restaurant. Garden tours are from 9 am to 4 pm and lunch is 11 am to 2 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Community Support Group of Southwestern New York and supports the summer recreation program for elementary students in Clymer, French Creek and Findley Lake. For the list of gardens and to purchase tickets stop by the Dutch Village Restaurant or the Alexander Findley Community Library.

Watershed Meeting is July 20

The annual meeting of the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation will take place on Sat., July 20th at 7 pm at Camp Findley. Alex Lictus & Karl Kimmich will present information on aeration systems for lakes that use oxygenation to improve lake quality. Dave McCoy, County Watershed Coordinator will discuss county lakes and the county sewer agency. Bill Boria, County Senior Water Resource Specialist will provide an update on septic system inspections.

Spread the Word (Con't)

Bonfire & Brews with Tennessee Backporch
Peek'n Peak Resort
Sat. July 20, 6 pm – 10 pm

Bestor Plaza Farmer's Market
Tuesdays through Aug 20
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Chautauqua Institution
Local produce, meats and other fresh goods. 716.357.6250

Chautauqua Institution Week 4
July 21-27: The Life of the Spoken Word

Lunch and Learn: Healthy Hearing
Thur. July 25, 11:30 am
Community Connections at Findley Lake
Mina-FL Community Center
(716) 769-2473

Live at Alexander's
Jesse James Weston Music
Thur., July 25, 2019
6 pm – 8 pm

2019 Garden Tour
10 Gardens- Findley Lake, French Creek & Clymer
Sat., Jul 27 from 9 am - 4 pm
Lunch incl. from 11 am - 2 pm
(716) 355-9922

Sherman Day
Fri. - Sat., Aug. 2 -3
Sherman NY
https://www.shermanny.org/sherman-day

Findley Lake Triathlon Festival
Sat, Aug 3, 7:30 am
Registration 914-466-9214

Mina Town Board Meeting
Thur., Aug. 8, 7 pm
Community Center

Around the Lake Yard Sale
Sat. Aug. 10
Cottages & homes around Findley Lake

Do You Remember When Walt Shot the Cow?

Walt's Bell

One of the gardens that will be featured on the July 27th Garden Tour is the neighborhood garden near Meadows Road (formerly Algonquin Lodge) in Findley Lake that many years ago was the pride of avid gardeners Jane Cooper and her son, Walt Packard. One might never suspect that this peaceful setting was once the scene of a crime – man against cow. In the early 1980's, on a number of occasions, Walt had implored a local farmer to fix his fence as his herd of cows was regularly breaking out of confinement and trampling on their well-tended garden. Frustrated by the lack of action by the farmer, Walt took the law into his own hands and when a typical garden-variety heifer was found stomping around in their vegetables, Walt shot the hungry bovine. According to his neighbor and close friend, Pat Cuneo, Walt went before local justice of the peace (and dairy farmer), Craig Kinney, who fined him $100 and ordered Walt to drink a quart of milk a day for a month!

Walt & Jennifer Packard 1995

Don't think unkindly of Walt as he was a generous man who would help anyone. A U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II and Korean Conflict, he remained in the reserves until mandatory retirement in 1982. Every year, starting in 1983, he marched proudly in the Findley Lake Memorial Day parade, but never more proudly then when he marched side by side with his daughter, Jennifer, who was a member of the U.S. Navy reserves (photo at right of father and daughter in 1995). After he died, the Cuneos were given the large cast-iron bell that was a prominent feature on the lakeside of Algonquin Lodge. Walt's bell was relocated to the end of Meadows Road and a plaque was installed with the inscription "Walt Packard (1922-1998) was friend, neighbor, helper to all Meadows Road. He loved good conversation, all people, cold beer. Each time this bell rings, we know Walt is watching over us…still".

Back by Popular Demand *by Rebecca Brumagin*

I'm excited to be back publishing the Tapestry and have gratefully accepted Andy Travis' offer to assist me. He is handling the calendar, layout and distribution (online and hardcopy) and I am the scribe, photographer, editor and publisher. To enhance the newsletter, we will include hot links to articles that have additional information at another online location and we will be gathering email addresses to send the Tapestry Newsletter directly to you. To receive the newsletter via email, send your email address with the subject line "Tapestry" to Andy at andrewbtravis@gmail.com. To sponsor an issue or submit suggestions for articles, contact me at brumagin@fairpoint.net. Thank you for your words of encouragement as we continue the adventure of sharing good news about our wonderful community.

Brehm Earns Return to PGA Tour with Win at Peek'n Peak

Ryan Brehm, who turned pro in 2008, earned a return to the PGA Tour for the 2019-20 season by winning the Korn Ferry LECOM Health Challenge Tournament at Peek'n Peak on July 7th. Brehm led the field after 71 holes with 22 under par, two strokes ahead of 40-year-old Tim Wilkinson of New Zealand. A double-bogey by Brehm on the 18th hole sent the competition into a one-hole sudden death playoff returning to play the 18th hole against Wilkinson. Brehm's birdie sealed the victory and the first-place purse of $108,000.

Brehm is a 33-year-old, 6'4", former Michigan State University golfer and MSU assistant golf coach who currently lives in Traverse City, MI. After sinking the winning putt, he received a champagne shower from his housemates who burst out onto the green spraying him with the bubbly. Brehm dedicated the win to his nephew who was born the previous Friday and thanked his wife, Chelsey, by saying "you're my rock."

Photo: Ryan and Chelsey, Brehm with the LECOM Challenge Winner's Trophy, a wooden plaque designed and created by Brooks Anderson of Artifact Timber, Orchard Park, NY.

Triathlon Festival is Aug. 3

A multisport USAT sanctioned event will take place on Sat., August 3rd. This is the first year that the event is being held in Findley Lake and includes: Sprint Triathlon & AquaBike (Swim – 750m, Bike – 14.29 miles, Run – 3.13 miles) and Olympic Triathlon & AquaBike (Swim – 1500m, Bike – 28.59 miles, Run – 6.27 miles). For more of a challenge, there is a Double Findley event that starts at 7:30 am with the Sprint Triathlon & AquaBike followed by the 9:30 am Olympic Triathlon & AquaBike. Info @ 914-466-9214.

Wednesdays are Entertainment Days

Every Wednesday the Summer Recreation Program for children includes entertainment. On July 10th, Farmer Tom (at left) visited the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center. He told stories from the farm and had the children join him in singing funny songs. On Wed., July 17th, Mary DeMastes will be at the Community Center with her therapy dog, Vegas. A field trip is being planned for Wed., July 24th to the ExpERIEnce Children's Museum in Erie and for the final Wednesday of the program on July 31st, the Erie Traveling Zoo will come to Findley Lake with its Mammals vs. Reptiles program. Community children of any age who have not signed up for the recreation program are welcome to join the fun on July 17th and 31st. Contact Breanna Summers at (716) 499-3359 or email

Big Wheel Keeps on Turnin'

A Findley Lake landmark is the Water Wheel built in 1999 as a symbol of the Town of Mina's Triqusquicentennial (175 years old). Designed by Dennis Brumagin and Dave Seth, the sections of the wheel were constructed and partially assembled off-site by Dennis and Dave Swanson. It was transported to Findley Lake where a group of community volunteers completed the assembly. After 20 years of wear and tear, the big wheel needed attention in the form of replacement parts. After 40 hours of repair by Ben Burgess, Jr., the wheel is back in action and looking good! Above: Phil Persons (left) and Ben Burgess, Jr. inspect the Water Wheel prior to starting repairs.