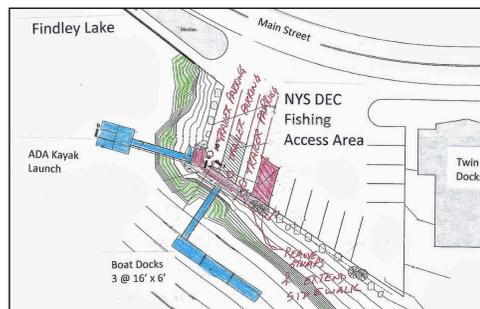


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Improvements to the DEC Fishing Access Area Are Underway

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) owns the fishing access area in downtown Findley Lake and has developed a master plan (see drawing) to improve the site and to access the lake for fishing, boating, and kayaking. DEC has contracted with the Pike Company of Rochester, NY to work on portions of the current phase of the project. Last week they began work on installing an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) sidewalk that runs east and west (see photo of the construction area) and will make the lake accessible from the parking area. The sidewalk will lead to a kayak launch with a 30' gangway as well as a boat dock comprised of three 16' x 8' sections that also has a 30' gangway. The kayak launch, boat dock, and gangways have been custom ordered and will arrive this fall. The bulkheads for the gangways will be installed this year. However, the gangways, launch and dock will not be placed in the lake for use until next spring as there are only a few weeks left until the lake is lowered to winter level on October 15th. DEC plans to remove them from the water each year and store them for the winter so that they will not be damaged by the ice. Each spring they will be placed back into the lake. This phase of the project also includes the placement of additional shoreline rocks, plantings, building of an invasive species drop box, and replacement of the bulletin board with a new kiosk. Next year DEC plans to repave the parking lot and to paint lines for parking that will include spaces for parking vehicles with boat trailers.



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The New Sign is a Sign of the Times



Jack Hamilton (left) & Bill McKillip are on ladders installing the sign. Steve Beatman (L) and Melissa Gibbons are assisting.

Over the past few years, members of the Findley Lake Volunteer Fire Department have been working hard to improve the department's operations and have made strides in increasing its capacity to respond to fires and emergency situations. The department's efforts have resulted in increased volunteer membership as well as additional trained emergency medical technicians. Recently, the membership decided that the front of the fire hall needs to visually reflect the positive direction of the department and that despite limited resources they were determined to spruce up the façade of the building. Jack Hamilton and Sherri Schenk, owners of Findley Lake Marine, paid for the materials and a group of volunteers from the membership recently completed the project. On the south side of the social hall part of the building, foil insulation boards were installed over the concrete blocks which were then covered with steel siding. A new 4' x 8' sign was placed above the windows (see photos) and three smaller signs identifying the emergency vehicles were placed above each of the truck bays. In 1950, the fire department was relocated to Main St. with a new building constructed with three truck bays. In 1955, the social hall was added and approximately 30 years ago, the flat roof was replaced with a peaked roof system. Over the years, the Findley Lake Volunteer Fire Department has seen many changes but one thing remains constant, the department is always in need of more volunteers and more financial support.



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Memorial Bricks Available to Honor County Veterans



The Chautauqua County Hometown Heroes Veterans Memorial, a nonprofit organization, was recently formed to raise funds to construct and maintain a veterans' memorial at the Mayville Cemetery on East Chautauqua Street, Mayville, NY. On June 12, 2019, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the construction of an open-air gazebo that will contain three inside walls of memorial bricks to honor all county veterans. Jim Kurtz, the originator of the project, stated

"When we honor a veteran, we keep the memory of the men and women who honorably served our country alive." The group is encouraging veterans across the county to be recognized for their service by purchasing a brick that will be engraved with their name and information about their military service. To purchase a commemorative brick, go to the Hometown Heroes Facebook page, at facebook.com/hherochoq for a "Buy a Brick" form or call board member Clara Dunbar at 716-581-1790.

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Spread The Word

Yoga - Free
All are Welcome
Every M, W, F @ 8:45 am
Community Center Gym
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Young at Heart Senior Lunch
Mondays @ 12noon
Call 716-581-3426
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Waterford PA Community Fair
13012 Route 19S
Sep. 2-7: Schedule at:
www.waterfordfair.com
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Vision Impairment
with Dorothy Seth
Tue., Sep. 3 11:30-1 pm
Community Connections @ FL
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Book Club
The Hiway by Lauren K. Deton
Findley Lake Library
Thur., Sep. 5 @ 6:30 pm
Call for details: (716) 769-6568
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Art Walk in Corry
Friday, Sep. 6, 5-9 pm
paroute6.com/art-walk-corry-pa
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Sherman School Board Mtg.
Mon., Sep. 9 @ 5:30 pm
Sherman Central School
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Tour Findley Lake with the Zoomers!
Tue., Sep. 10, 2 pm
Findley Lake Public Boat Ramp
RSVP by September 3
716-769-2473
Community Connections @ FL
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Flu Clinic in Findley Lake
RSVP by Sep. 10th
Event: Tue., Sep. 24, 10 AM
Community Connections @ FL
716-769-2473
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Martz Observatory Open House
Wed., Sep. 11 @ 8 pm
3rd Wed. of month - Frewsburg
716.569.3689
martzobservatory.org
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Music on the Pier
Thur., Sep. 12 @ 6:30 pm
Dunkirk 716.366.9877

Spread the Word (Con't)

Mina Town Board Meeting
 Thur., Sep. 12 @ 7 pm
 Mina-FL Community Center



Peek'n Peak Uncorked Festival

Sep. 13 & 14
 Fri. 6 pm - Sat. 10 pm



Findley Lake & Mina Historical Society

Annual Meeting
 Sun., Sep. 15, 2 pm
 Mina-FL Community Center



Clymer School Board Mtg.

Mon., Sep. 16 @ 7 pm
 Clymer Central School



Clymer Historical Society

Annual Meeting at
 Het Haverkamp Huis
 358 Clymer -Corry Road
 Mon., Sep. 16, 7:30 pm



**Sherman Central Schools
 Picture Day**

Thur., Sep. 19



**93rd Annual North East
 Community Fair**

Sep. 19 - 21
 North East High School Gym
 1901 Freeport Rd. North East, PA
www.NorthEastCommunityFair.org



Chuck & Enid, July 2008, on the deck of "The Opposite Point of View" at the lake

**Enid Schneider (1943 – 2017)
 A Life Artistically Lived**

Creative and adventurous are just two of the words used to describe Enid Schneider, an accomplished artist, who excelled at just about everything she tried – and she was undaunted in her pursuit of learning new skills. Enid Hennessy grew up in a Navy family and moved often until graduating from Florida State. She met Chuck Schneider from Wesleyville, PA on a blind date in 1964 when his ship came into the Brooklyn Navy Yard for an overhaul. They married on July 31, 1965 at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn NY with a reception at the shipyard. The couple honeymooned



Chuck & Enid Schneider at their wedding, July 1965

in Findley Lake where Chuck's parents, Hildegard and Fred Schneider, rented a cottage on Shadyside for them (now known as the "Honeymoon" cottage owned by Jane Slusser, Enid's sister). Shortly after they were married Chuck's ship, the USS William R. Rush, was deployed to the Mediterranean. Enid, with very limited resources, flew to Frankfurt, Germany, bought a Volkswagen Beetle, and drove all over Europe with two other Navy wives so that they could join their husbands as they arrived at various ports of call. Throughout her life, Enid was an extraordinarily patient and persistent perfectionist – she would envision a project and work diligently to make it happen. Besides her talent as a painter, graphic artist and decorator, she had a "can do" attitude about tackling all sorts of projects. With the motto "if mere mortals can do it, I can do it", she learned to upholster furniture, tile bathrooms, refinish their wooden boats, and the list goes on. Chuck and Enid eventually made their permanent home in John's Creek, Georgia, but Findley Lake has always been their summer sanctuary - a place where family gathers and everyone is always welcome. Enid made family dinners and Sunday brunch legendary with her gourmet cooking ability. Today, their three children own homes on Findley Lake, continuing their family's tradition. You will often see them enjoying brunch and dinner on the deck – the only thing missing is Enid. However, Enid's legacy of living life to its fullest continues to inspire the family she loved dearly and the many friends she embraced.

Below: Chuck and children Amy Ruggiero, Lisa Dooling, and Chuck Schneider, Jr. holding Enid's 1967 Shadyside waterfront oil painting looking north from their FL cottage



More News Available

The Lakeside Ledger bills itself as the "Community Newspaper of Chautauqua County" and the Jamestown Gazette refers to itself as "The People's Paper". Both of these free weekly publications have occasional stories about happenings in Findley Lake. Information on the Ledger is available at www.thevillagerny.com or (716) 699-2058 and on the Gazette at www.jamestowngazette.com or (716) 484-7930. Both newsletters have recently become available at Twin Docks in Findley Lake, so stop in and pick up an issue.

Hunting Licenses on Sale

Sherrie Tanner, Mina Town Clerk has announced that Big Game Hunting Licenses are now on sale in her office and that doe tags are available through October 1st. She has received a supply of hunting/trapping official guide booklets that include laws and regulations. Deer/bear hunting is: Archery Oct. 1 – Nov. 15, Crossbow Nov. 2-15, Archery/Muzzle Dec. 9-17, Gun Nov. 16 – Dec. 8, and Late Bow Dec. 9-17. Info available at 716-769-7204.

Teens Were on Fire at the Youth Mission Camp



L to R above left: Melissa Brumagin (Daytime Helper), Susan Skarzenski (Daytime Helper), Emma Woods, Makenna Woods, Greg Brumagin, TreyVon Kopta, Owen White, Natalie White, Nellie Kopta, Mackenzie Grotto, Memphis Kopta, Bishop Kopta, Bryce Skarzenski (Daytime Helper), and Pastor Dave Cooke (Leader). Above Right, L to R: Jose Ayala, Karly Honey, Mark Gillings (Leader), Pastor Kevin Costner (Leader), Joshua Costner, and Nataly Boozel



A 3-day, 2-night camp was held at The Camp at Findley from July 28-31 with 19 inter-church "Teens on Fire" students. They were on a mission to help local seniors in the community and with projects at the camp. The teens cleared trails in the woods, cleaned-up trash, power washed houses and decks, trimmed tree branches and washed windows. They also weeded and freshened up the Butterfly Garden behind the Community Center that was placed there in 2003 by the Findley Lake Girl Scouts. It wasn't all work for the diligent teenagers; they also got plenty of fun time with swimming and tubing on Findley Lake, enjoying the slip'n slide and visiting Presque Isle State Park. These teens were definitely on fire!



Above L to R: JoAnn Kopta (Leader), Ben Cooke, Caleb Costner, Weston Mitchell, Noah Skarzenski, Kollin LeRoy.

84th Annual Family Bible Camp Was Held July 21-27

Since its purchase in 1936 by the EUB (Evangelical United Brethren) Church, The Camp at Findley has been through several ownership changes, but throughout that time it has steadfastly remained a Christian spiritual and retreat center. The 84th Annual Family Bible Camp, held from July 21-27, is a "multi-generational family camp that provides Christian teaching, worship and renewal". Approximately 285 people were in attendance this year which featured the following speakers: Dr. JoAnne Lyon, the Ambassador of The Wesleyan Church, Dr. Timothy Dwyer, Professor of Bible and Ministry at Warner University in Lake Wales, FL, and Dr. Michael Walters, retired Professor of Christian Ministry at Houghton College. One person who has fond memories of coming to the camp is Pastor Dave Cooke of the Findley Lake United Methodist Church, who has been attending Bible Camp for his entire life. His father, Pastor John Cooke, whose pastoral ministry began in Chautauqua County, served as the Dean of the camp for seven years. His father also achieved a significant milestone this year – for 50 continuous years he has played the piano/organ for the Bible Conference. Pastor Dave recalls as a child picking his father's pocket for change as his father played the piano and then he promptly headed to the snack bar at Weaver Hall to spend the money on ice cream! The traditions live on at Family Bible Camp, not only is the next generation growing spiritually but they are also enjoying ice cream from the snack bar!



Pastor John & Charlotte Cooke, parents of Pastor Dave Cooke