



### Easter Hat

I'll make a pretty Easter hat,  
To wear at Easter time  
I'll put some flowers on it,  
And a bow will make it fine.  
We'll fasten on some ribbons,  
All pretty pink and blue,  
Then we'll take a picture,  
And I'll give it to you



# Shore Lines

The Saratoga Lake Association

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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## Heading Towards Spring

### Message from the President

As you may know, 2015 is the Centennial year in Saratoga Springs in the form of a City Government. Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen has invited me, as President of the Saratoga Lake Association, to participate as a member of the Lake Waterfront sub-committee of the City's Centennial Committee. It is important that this area of Saratoga Springs city is well

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### Help!

*Message from the New York State Federation of Lake Associations*

The Lake George Association needs our votes in order to receive a \$10,000 grant from the BoatUS Foundation. Let's give them our support and let them know we are thankful that they serve as such a great role model for lake associations around the state. They are only a little behind Lake Hopatcong, NJ in the [BoatUS Foundation](#) grant application vote! If they win the popular vote, they could win \$10,000 for invasive education. Please help them pull ahead!

YOU can help! You can vote for us ~ YOU can vote once a day ~ and only YOU can make it happen!

<http://on.fb.me/1FLvKw2>

VOTE EVERY DAY UNTIL MARCH 24!

Join the Events Committee for our 6th Annual Good Morning Breakfast at Mangino's Ristorante on Route 9P Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

It's been a very long, cold & snowy winter ! Reconnect with your neighbors, friends and some new faces as we gather together to enjoy Mangino's wonderful breakfast buffet again this year !

The cost this year is \$18 per person & includes tax and tip. With the passing of SLA's new by-laws, the Events Committee can no longer subsidize the cost of events.

Please send your reservation & check (made payable to SLA) by SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> to:

Dianne Fedoronko - c/o SLA  
PO Box 2152 - Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Hosted by Francine Baker & Laura Guillerault

LET SPRING inspire you to share some photos, express your creativity, how about a helpful hint that works for you, spring planting ideas, a quick and easy recipe or a fish tale. Neighborhood news, issues or concerns, ideas, insights, are ways to connect to the lake community. We want to hear from you, so send your submissions to Julie at [sinnidi@aol.com](mailto:sinnidi@aol.com). Next Shore Lines deadline is April 2.

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represented. As your representative, please let me know if you have any ideas for events including historic aspects of the lake at the new Waterfront Park which will open this summer. One idea being considered is a fishing clinic. At the suggestion of new Board Member, Dr. Nora Perkins, the Board is also considering promoting a ring of fire whereby lake residents place flares in pie tins along the shore line of the lake during the SLPID Fireworks. We are investigating safety and environmental precautions. This is a major attraction on other lakes in NY State and I understand that it used to be done some time ago on Saratoga Lake.

Tonya Trombley and Dan Porzanno are finalizing a day for our Spring Road-Side Clean-Up. They are working with Board Member Beau Stallard to collaborate and coordinate with the Saratoga Rowing Association to get even more helping hands.

Pond hockey on the Lake as part of this year's Winterfest was cancelled. Unfortunately, the SLA was not notified so we weren't able to get the word out. Our apologies to any of you who showed up on March 13-15th.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to SLA Secretary Bob Eastman and Treasurer Joe Equale. Bob keeps our minutes, reviews correspondence and has generously allowed us to store historic records at his home. He also is responsible for many of the great photos you see in Shore Lines and assists with too many other things to list. Joe prepares our budget, pays our vendors and prepares reports of receipts and disbursements for the Board. Both Bob and Joe are seasoned professionals and their wisdom and counsel as Officers and Board members is greatly appreciated. (Alan Richer, President, SLA)

### **SLA Adopt-A-Highway**

Due to consecutive Rowing Regatta events on Fish Creek during the first two weekends in May, the 2015 Spring Roadside Clean-Up effort will be scheduled for the third Saturday of May (to allow us to include the removal of the Regatta-generated trash in our effort to clean and spruce up the roadsides around the lake).

Therefore, we would appreciate the assistance of anyone who might be able to donate a hour or two of their time on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – we will gather at 9am at the South End Stewart's (on the corner of Route 9P and Lake Road), where we will have an energizing snack, sign in and then break up into small teams that will fan out to pick-up the trash and debris which has gathered over this past winter.

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Also note that orange DOT trash collection bags can be provided in advance to any individuals who will not be able to participate on the 16<sup>th</sup>, but would like to pick-up the accumulated debris in the vicinity of their residence or along specific portions of the road around the lake. Please contact Tonya Trombley at 518-727-8941 or [tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com](mailto:tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com) if interested in participating, for additional information regarding this spring's scheduled clean-up or for early delivery of orange DOT bags.

### **Airboat rescues son, father from thin ice**

By Paul Grondahl, Times Union

(excerpt from article)

A man and his adolescent son had to be rescued with an airboat from the ice on Saratoga Lake late Friday night after their sport utility vehicle got stuck when it broke through a slushy upper layer of ice.

The father and the boy got bogged down when they tried to drive away after ice fishing. A joint effort by Arvin Hart Fire Department, Malta Ridge Volunteer Fire Company and Malta-Stillwater EMS, got the pair safely off the ice. The SUV was later recovered.

It was the second such ice rescue in the past week. Officials warned that conditions have deteriorated and have become dangerous for ice fishing following a stretch of days with temperatures in the 40s.

Problems have arisen lately after anglers drove SUVs out onto Saratoga Lake to remove their shanties.

The ice-out date on Saratoga Lake was March 12 in 2012 and March 31 in 2013, according to the most recent statistics published by the Saratoga Lake Association.

The group's latest reported ice-out date in recent years was April 24, 1971.

**It is clear that the ice is chancy this time of year, so do not bring any heavy motorized vehicles out on the lake. We are lucky to have such a responsive emergency system here, but every time they have to rescue unaware persons, they risk their own lives as well, so think before you head out onto the ice.**

### **Notable News**

[\*\*Luther Forest seeks tax breaks\*\*](#)

[\*\*Local business owners to be featured on HGTV\*\*](#)

[\*\*Ballston Avenue work to begin near end of March\*\*](#)



You never know what you'll run into driving around the lake. I can't imagine how this truck got down 7th Street near Mangino's, but on its way out, got into an almost jackknifed position. I left after about 15 minutes and wonder how long it took to clear the road. Anyone out there know? (Sharon)



Doc Brown's hosted the Country Trailblazers Snowmobile Club Annual Bonfire on February 28th. Pictured above is David and Patti Borisenok.  
Photo by John Pamper.



3 little cuties roasting marshmallows before the fire gets too hot!! From front to back are Grace Patterson and twin brothers Trevor and Travis Campbell. Picture taken by Patti Borisenok.



Photo by John Pamper

## News from the Town of Stillwater

By Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Have you ever heard the expression~ If you don't change what you are doing, don't expect different results~ well that is a fact when it comes to governing a Town, developing a budget and planning for the future.

Our Town Board is following a steady plan to seek both business & residential growth; and target the areas of Town that make sense for both. Business growth is sorely needed and essential to reduce or eliminate taxes, provide jobs for our residents and help bolster our economy in many ways. Best lessons are exhibited by the revenues received from Global Foundries.

This new industry has brought thousands of jobs, customers for area businesses, home buyers & renters and tax revenue. The revenue provided by Global made it possible for our Town to purchase and renovate Browns Beach, build two new parks, continue our town trail systems with linkages to County and larger trail systems and continue our progress with our new water line to the southern portion of Stillwater. I am extremely hopeful Global will continue to grow and other businesses follow. I believe we can and must expand our business base while maintaining our rural character. Lacking a vision for economic growth or willingness to change past practices will no doubt result in higher taxes and less public amenities.

**Browns Beach update:** The Grand Opening is May 30th at 11 am to 9:30. As stated, at a number of events and in newsletters, weather will determine events. Hopefully, sunny warm weather will allow swimming, night time Fireworks, assorted vendors, dining on the deck at Dock Browns Tavern and more is still in planning. A very cold winter, like last year, could delay final grounds restoration for area picnicking, but not our beach opening, pavilion use or marina operation. We have advertised for lifeguards and other summer jobs, so pass the message along.

Our Town Clerk has taken on new duties with the management of our Parks & Recreation activities. So, if planning for a party or picnic, at our new River Front Park on the Hudson, Glen Hollow Park or Turning point Pocket Park please contact our Town Clerks office at **664-6148, then press 2**. Scheduling of Brown's Beach activities is the responsibility of our Operators and / or the Town. Contact information will be posted on our Town Web Site: [www.stillwaterny.org](http://www.stillwaterny.org).

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## Town of Stillwater Concert Series Schedule (6:30PM – 8:30PM)

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Sean Lyons \*\* RAIN DATE: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 \*\* Location: Blockhouse Park; Hudson Avenue; <https://www.facebook.com/SeanLyonsMusic>

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Donny Elvis \*\*RAIN DATE: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015\*\* Location on July 10th: Arvin Hart Fire Station 4 & Pavilion 44 East Street (Riverside) ~ Location on July 12<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date): Riverside Veterans Park, East Street, <http://www.donnyelvis.com/>

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Marty Wendell Band "Oldies" \*\*RAIN DATE: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> 2015\*\* Location: American Legion Post 490, 1 American Legion Road; <http://www.martywendell.com>

Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Erin Harkes \*\* RAIN DATE: Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 \*\* Location: Browns Beach 511 Route 9P; <http://erinharkes.reverbnation.com/>

## Town of Stillwater Summer Employment Opportunity

The Town of Stillwater has openings for part-time Beach Life Guards, manager and/or Administrative/labor support staff positions to help operate Brown's Beach. The part-time program will start May 26 and run through September 6th for a total of 15 weeks. Work shifts will be developed to cover Daily operations from 10 am to 6 PM. Experience, qualifications and skill sets will determine final Salary ranging from \$12 to \$16 per hour.

**Life Guard QUALIFICATIONS:** YMCA Swim Instructor certification or WSI (American Red Cross) (Optional); CPR for the professional rescuer certified; Waterfront Lifeguard Certification; AED certified (Optional); First Aid certified; Current Lifeguard Certification

### General Administration/Labor Qualifications:

Possess ability to: run some power equipment and use small hand tools; lift a minimum of 50 pounds; perform manual beach cleaning duties; document daily logs and perform other administrative tasks as may be assigned.

Submit resume (**Not Later than – April 30th**) to:

Town of Stillwater  
Town Clerk  
PO Box 700  
Stillwater, NY 12170

## Stillwater's Town-Wide Clean-Up

The residents in the Town of Stillwater have the opportunity to beautify their properties. The last scheduled clean up opportunity has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Town Highway Garage on Lansing Road. The transfer station of non hazardous debris will be collected for a nominal fee from 7:00 A.M. until 2 P.M.

**Nothing can be left at any other time!!**

### Accepted items:

Brush (bundled and nothing larger than 3 in diameter); Leaves (Bagged); White Metal (appliances); Furniture and other Non-Hazardous Material; Lumber; Garbage;

### Items NOT accepted:

Paint, Tar, Oil, Gas, Chemicals or such containers, Batteries

Carload: \$5

Pick-up: \$10

Single Axle Dump Truck: \$20

**NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**TV's and COMPUTERS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED!**

**FREON MUST BE DRAINED FROM ALL APPLIANCES!**

**PROOF OF RESIDENCE IS REQUIRED!!!**

Residents are required to display a proof of residency. Please direct any questions or concerns pertaining to collection items to Stillwater's Town Clerk, Sue Cunningham by telephoning her at 664-6148, ext. 2.



## Summer Employment

Applications for summer employment will be accepted through April 24th for all young people wishing to be counselors for Summer Camps programs. Counselors must be 16 years old to work SACC Summer Camp and 18 years old to work in Adventure Camp. Interviews will be conducted from April 17th to May 1st.

## Town of Saratoga News

Thomas N. Wood, III Supervisor

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The month of March brings us longer and warmer days, the start of spring and the eternal hope of new life and better days. The Town Board met on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and heard monthly reports from the town officials and departments. An in-depth report was presented by the Schuyler Park Committee covering all recent improvements at the park and plans for 2015. The complete park report plus all town reports are posted on the town web page: townofsaratoga.com. The board adopted a resolution providing hourly, full time town employees the option of taking compensatory time in place of overtime pay. In addition the board approved the entering into a three year contract with Sax/BST for auditing the town financial records. Mass Gathering Permit Applications were received from Saratoga Rowing Association for Regattas scheduled for April 25 & 26, May 2 & 3, and May 9 & 10.

At the March Town Board Agenda meeting the joint Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals report was reviewed and possible changes in the town zoning ordinance were discussed. The Planning and Zoning Board Committee will continue to review possible changes. SRI Fire Inspection Service recently completed an inspection of the Sprinkler System within the Town Hall. Overall things are in good shape but they did identify a few improvements that the town should make. We are in the process of getting bids and will move forward with the suggested improvements.

## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office continues to update our file for the 2015 Assessment Roll. We have been working on our Town wide Update for 2015. Notices with your new value will be sent in mid-March. If there has been no change to your current value, you will not receive a notice. . If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 695-3644, ext. 312. Our office is located at 12 Spring Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The Assessor's Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in March from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The assessor is in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## March Tax Collection Schedule

During the month of March, Town Tax Collector James Gorham will be in the Town Hall on Mondays only from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 p.m. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. Tax bills not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> will be returned to the Saratoga County Treasurer's Office. If you have any questions for Jim, call him at 695-3644 X 318

## Mahahual's Hair-Cutting and Hygiene Program



Will and Kristina Connolly lend a hand in Mexico

**Cristina and William Connolly**, hairdressers [and lake residents] from Saratoga Springs, New York, have owned property in Mahahual for 11 years. Each time they are in Mahahual they try to give to the community, in the same way they do in New York. Recently with the help of local Ana Antillanca from Nacional Beach Club, the duo began a program at the local school, Hair-cutting and Hygiene. "It was so rewarding to us; the gratification was instant as you saw the smiles on the children's faces and later that week walking in town the children would run up to see us and introduce us to the parents, showing off their new haircuts," said William.

"Something so simple as a haircut can really change how a person feels about themselves; it not only puts a sense of pride in the children, but their family and the whole community. On our future visits we would like to work with the school and expand with an ongoing program on hygiene," explains

The Connollys would like to thank the school and the community for the opportunity, and acknowledge the efforts Ana Antillanca puts forth. Ana works tirelessly in the community for the children, women and families, as well as the whole environment. A current project that she is working on is making hygienic pads from fabric. This school program is designed to have the children and their moms learn

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to make their own hygienic pads. Ana feels strongly that this is a very important project and wants to help make women aware that plastic alternative products can cause cancer and also pollute our environment—"keeping the children and women healthy as well as Mother Earth," Cristina says.

Both the hair-cutting/hygiene class and Ana's project tie in together and we hope there is a long-term relationship with the school and community with these projects.

Donations are needed to buy fabric and supplies for Ana's project. If anyone would like to donate, you can contact Cristina and William Connolly at [www.beautysocietyalon.com](http://www.beautysocietyalon.com).

## Simply Saratoga

Recently we were contacted by Chris Bushee of Saratoga Publishing regarding a feature story on Saratoga Lake that will appear in the March 20th issue of "Simply Saratoga." Many of the contributors to this feature story are businesses and people from SLA. The magazine is free and available in many locations including supermarkets, so be sure to pick up a copy.

In addition, a later publication entitled "Welcome Home" will be available. This is a very popular publication featuring the Community Guide to Living in the Saratoga Area, and is especially valuable to newcomers in the area. This particular magazine is one you will want to keep.

If you'd like to take a look at "Welcome Home," you can view it at:

[http://issuu.com/saratogapublishing/docs/welcome\\_home\\_2014/c/sui7ip4](http://issuu.com/saratogapublishing/docs/welcome_home_2014/c/sui7ip4)

Should you wish to contact Chris, you may do so at:

Chris Bushee

[cBushee@SaratogaPublishing.com](mailto:cBushee@SaratogaPublishing.com)

(518) 581-2480 x201



*Spring is when you  
feel like whistling  
even with a shoe full  
of slush. —  
Doug Larson*

## 2015 PROJECT EASTER BUNNY IS HOPPING ...



Floydwarriors.com "Helping Families Cope with Cancer, One Household at a Time" is very pleased to announce its 6th annual run of Project Easter Bunny. This effort was begun by floydwarriors.com founder Lisa Morahan after experiencing Easter Sunday in 2009 too ill to make one basket up for her son while in the middle of chemotherapy treatment.

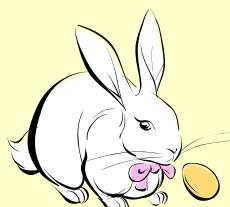
In 2010 enough toys and candy were collected to make up 100 baskets, 135 in 2011, 190 in 2012, 225 in 2013 and 290 in 2014. Our goal is to collect enough new small toys and candy for 350 baskets this year and add yet another oncology center to our list of glad recipients.

Several area cancer organizations and hospitals caring for cancer patients will receive this year's bounty so children of those in treatment will have a nice big basket to open on Easter morning. Locations to receive baskets hope to include The CR Wood Center at Glens Falls Hospital, Samaritan Hospital in Troy, The Mollie Wilmot Radiation Oncology Center at Saratoga Hospital, The Community Hospice of Saratoga, The Hope Club in Latham, New York Oncology Hematology of Albany and Rexford, CRAAB, To Life! and families helped by floydwarriors.com.

Donations were already collected (March 1-17<sup>th</sup>) and will soon be assembled into the waiting Easter Baskets on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you might like to help with the basket making party, please contact Lisa directly at [info@floydwarriors.com](mailto:info@floydwarriors.com).

Floydwarriors.com was founded in Saratoga Springs, NY with the mission of "Dinner is Done, Dishes are Clean and the Kids are OK!" to help families cope with basic life necessities while a parent is undergoing treatment for cancer. Floydwarriors.com helps families coordinate their own support system and for those without immediate help offers a core group of volunteers affectionately known as "The Army of Help." Volunteers are always needed and if you might like to serve, please log on to [www.floydwarriors.com](http://www.floydwarriors.com).

Floydwarriors.com is a 501 C3 tax-exempt non-profit organization. If you would like to contribute to our efforts in a monetary way, please send all tax-deductible donations to floydwarriors.com, Inc. c/o 582 Rt. 9P Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.



Rebecca Kane, Cheryl Camardo, and **Lisa Morahan** attended SPAC's Black & White Winter Ball at the Hall of Springs February 28th, 2015. The theme was Vintage Hollywood.



Current residents Linda and John Couse, went to visit former residents and now Florida residents Debbie Artrip and Nicole Summey. The former neighbors had a great visit, toured around Indian Rock Beach and shared lunch at Crabby Bill's Crab Shack.



The Wild Irish Acres Dancers performed at the United Church as a fundraiser for The Friends of the Stillwater Free Library. There was a bountiful array of baked goods and face painting for the children. A good time was had by everyone who attended.



## Annual Plant Fundraiser

Friends of the Stillwater Free Library are currently preparing for their annual plant sale - May 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get your garden off to a strong start with a variety of annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets and more. Plenty of gardening advice for novices and experts alike! Have any of those plastic plant pots that come from garden centers?

Have a Hosta or Hydrangea that needs dividing? The library is accepting donations of potted and un-potted plants as well as plant pots. Funds go to support the Stillwater Free Library system. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact Tonya Trombley at 518-727-8941 or [tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com](mailto:tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com).



Neal and Nadine Kramer (rear), Jill Patterson, Richie Karwan and Michael Panza in Ft Lauderdale for Michael's 39th birthday.

## What does your favorite soup reveal about you?



If you prefer:

Tomato soup:

Minestrone:

Chicken soup:

Vegetable soup:

Beef barley soup:

French onion soup:

You're an ambitious achiever! As fiery as the color red.

You're energetic and vivacious! Teeming with tastes and textures.

You're a selfless nurturer! You put others' needs first!

You're creative: Subtle flavors preferred by sensitive people!

You're a friendly team player! Amiable and outgoing!

You're a worldly sophisticate! You have worldly tastes!

Source: Women's World



## The Malta Ambulance Corps is now.... Malta - Stillwater EMS

The Malta Ambulance Corps and Stillwater Rescue Squad, both founded over fifty years ago, have merged to become Malta-Stillwater Emergency Medical Services. The Town of Malta has been served with Paramedic level care for many years and with this change, residents of Stillwater now receive Paramedic level service as well. Highly trained Paramedics, using sophisticated technology, can assess patients and provide much of the same treatment that would be provided in the hospital emergency department at the patient's home or in the field.

They operate from two stations. Our main station on Route 9 in Malta and from North Hudson Ave in the Village of Stillwater. Malta-Stillwater EMS responds with ambulances equipped and staffed as a Paramedic Units 24 hours a day/365 days a year. Our staff of volunteer and paid personnel respond to roughly 3000 calls/year for medical rescue and have an average response time of about 10 minutes. Interested in volunteering? For more information please visit our web site at <http://maltaems.org>



Meadowshore friends meet up in Florida... Seasonal Meadowshore residents, Jim and Ruth Mertens (center) were visited by full time residents Pete and Eileen Farley (right) in Siesta Keys, and Neal and Nadine Kramer (left) drove over from the east coast to join them.

## Things to Remember

- Saratoga Paddlefest will be held May 2nd and 3rd at the Fish Creek Marina. For information and a free event guide, go to [www.SaratogaPaddlefest.com](http://www.SaratogaPaddlefest.com).
- Annual Mom Prom will be held Saturday, April 18 from 7-11 p.m., Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs. For ticket information and a look at past proms, visit [www.saratogamomprom.com](http://www.saratogamomprom.com).
- Saratoga Springs is gearing up for their **centennial anniversary**, so make sure to visit their website often. There will be events for everyone!



[http://www.saratoga.com/  
aboutsaratoga/centennial/  
events/](http://www.saratoga.com/aboutsaratoga/centennial/events/)

- The Saratoga Rowing Association has their regatta schedule on line, as well as a information about their available programs. Please be sure to visit their site at: [http://www.saratogarowing.com/  
sraregattas/](http://www.saratogarowing.com/sraregattas/)

For those of you who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English:

- Atheism is a non-prophet organization;
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines.
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have 's' in it?

## Stillwater Emergency Management Team Spring Freshet

**Snow/Ice Overview...** WITH DAYTIME TEMPERATURES MAINLY IN THE MID 30S TO MID 40S...AND OVERNIGHT LOWS BELOW FREEZING...SNOW MELT WILL LIKELY FOLLOW A TYPICAL DIURNAL PATTERN THIS WEEK. WITH NO MAJOR PRECIPITATION EVENTS, NOT EXPECTING ANY SIGNIFICANT FLUCUATION IN RIVER LEVELS.

**Fish Creek...** Is slightly wetter than the Schuyler Creek with average snow depth around 10 inches with a water content of 3-5 inches. The density is in the low to mid 30s with a snow pack temperature in the 28 to 29 degree range. Saratoga Lake remains ice covered except for a small area around the Kaydeross inflow. Some isolated surface ice melt was noted Friday evening.



SLA President Alan Richer (pictured above with Tony Bennett) attends the VIP opening of the Exhibit at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

## Saratoga National Historical Park Events Earth Week

### Sunday, April 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Visitor Center

Popular singer and musician Linda Russell returns to the park with her guitar. Come join and sing along to spirited songs about nature, animals, and the Earth Day movement.

### Saturday, April 25, 1:30-3p.m., Battlefield

Designated by the Audubon Society as an "Important Birding Area" in NY, Saratoga Battlefield is a top destination for birding in Saratoga County! Wildlife educator and rehabilitator Trish Marki will bring a selection of raptors – owls, hawks, falcons – for you to meet up close and to hear bout where they live and how they survive in their habitat.

### Saturday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m., Battlefield

Join park naturalist Linda White, meeting by the flag pole at the visitor center parking lot for a walk to Tour Stop 5 and back (1.5 miles each way). See amazing aerial displays by woodcocks, listen for owls, and look for deer or foxes! Bring a flashlight, water, insect repellent, and wear sturdy shoes. Event cancelled if raining.

### Quiz Corner

See how many of these you can remember. Write your answers on a sheet of paper before you look at the answers on page 12.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the \_\_\_ Show?
3. Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the jungle, the mighty jungle\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?
8. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night and \_\_\_\_\_."
9. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.

## Malta Summer Activities

*Below is just a sampling of what is available this summer in Malta. For details on these and other offerings, visit their website at [maltafpsrec.com](http://maltafpsrec.com)*

### Honor Flight Honoring WWII and Korean War Veterans

*Applications being accepted for Spring 2015*

As a result of generous funding from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES/ Town of Malta Foundation, last year 18 Malta veterans and their guardians participated in a trip of Honor and were flown to Washington DC to visit their memorials.

Funding from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES/Town of Malta Foundation pays for all costs of the veterans' trip (except for souvenirs), including the flight and the guardians' flight. Family members are encouraged to go as guardians as long as they devote their attention to all Veterans on the trip. Spouses are not allowed to participate as guardians.

If you are or know of a World War II or Korean War Veteran living in Malta who would like to participate in this program, call David Wallingford at 584-9137 or Audrey Ball at 899-4411 for details and upcoming dates.

### Summer Employment

The Malta Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for counseling positions for the full-day and half-day summer camps. Teachers, parents, and college students interested in pursuing careers in education or similar fields are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be 16 years or older and have experience in working with children. Youth who are fifteen years old are encouraged to participate as a Counselor in Training. Stop by the Malta Community Center at One Bayberry Drive in Malta to apply.

### Camp Malta

June 29-August 21

For children entering kindergarten through 5th grade.

### Malta Summer Recreation Program

July 7 through August 14, 2015

Shenantaha Creek Park

Grades K through 2nd and grades 3rd through 5th.

## Saratoga National Historical Park



Author Michael C. Harris will be guest speaker on Sunday, March 29 at the Visitor Center from 1:30-2:30. Harris will talk about the battle at Brandywine.

On September 11, 1777, Pennsylvania's meandering Brandywine Creek and surrounding landscape formed the backdrop of the Revolutionary War's largest battle. More land, more men, and the loss of Philadelphia...but General Washington's defeat may have contributed to America's independence.

### NY seeks input on bald eagle conservation plan

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The state Department of Environmental Conservation is taking public comments on a proposed conservation plan to guide future management actions for bald eagles.

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens says New York State was instrumental in the restoration of the bald eagle in the Northeast and continues to play an important role in providing suitable habitat.

The bald eagle is currently listed as a threatened species in New York.

Key objectives in the Conservation Plan include maintaining a statewide breeding bald eagle population of at least 200 pairs, and maintaining protection of the state's significant wintering population.

Key actions include minimizing impacts from land clearing, human disturbance, pollutants, and collisions with vehicles, power lines and wind turbines.

Public comments will be taken until April 10.

Online: Bald Eagle plan <http://on.ny.gov/1DZFeS7>.



## The Cause of the Fire was Electrical!

How often we hear after a fire occurs that the cause was "electrical". It has gotten to be an inside joke with firefighters because if you can't find the cause pin it on electrical. The truth of the matter is that according to statistics from the National Fire Protection Association in 2011, an estimated 47,700 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction as a factor contributing to ignition. These fires resulted in 418 civilian deaths, 1,570 civilian injuries, and \$1.4 billion in direct property damage. In 2007-2011, home electrical fires represented 13% of total home structure fires, 18% of associated civilian deaths, 11% of associated civilian injuries, and 20% of associated direct property damage. Half of these fires involved electrical failure or lighting equipment involved in ignition. The other leading types of equipment involved in ignition were fans, washers and dryers, space heaters, air conditioning units, water heaters and ranges. The usual problem with space heaters is that they are located too close to combustible material or lack of cleaning.

Now for in the field reality, what have we experienced? Some of the causes have been defective electrical panels, normally caused by loose connections which in turn cause arcing which produces heat and fire. Electrical panels should be examined regularly to check for loose wires or connections and have them tightened by a professional since you are dealing with enough amperage to cause death. The first step is to pass the back of your hand over the circuit breakers to see if they are abnormally warm, a little warm is normal, hot to the touch is not. Panel boxes have covers for a reason, if there is a fire it keeps the fire and sparking electrical wires inside the panel box. If the cover is off your panel box, it's a good idea to replace it as soon as possible.

Another cause of fires is the use of electrical cords too small to carry the load that is plugged into them. The smallest link in the chain is the weakest link, the weakest link is suppose to be the circuit breaker but if the weakest link is the extension cord that is overloaded, it will over heat and potentially cause a fire. Extension cords should not be piggybacked one to the other and extension cords should not run off a multi tap outlet strip. Occasionally we still find lightweight extensions cords run under something like a carpet or chair leg which will damage the cord which may result in a fire. Take the time to examine electrical extension cords and if they are damaged in any way, replace them. While people don't think of them as fluorescent fixtures the compact fluorescent bulbs have ballast in the base which has been known to overheat and cause fires.

We have seen several dryer fires which usually are the result of clogged dryer vents but can also be caused by the failure of overheat temperature sensors. Most dryers have temperature sensors which will shut off the heating element if it gets too hot, if these sensors malfunction the dryer may overheat and become hot enough to ignite dust. Make sure there is a smoke detector in your laundry area.

Finally the last item that is seen is where furniture, clothes or bed linens have been pushed up against an outlet or have pinched an electrical cord enough to break the insulation and possibly cause a short which will result in a fire. These are simple things that we see all the time and are easy to fix. Take an inspection tour around the house and take the time to eliminate the causes of fires that can result in injury, heartbreak and even worse, death.

*(submitted by Tom Rinaldi, Commissioner, Stillwater Fire District/Arvin Hart Fire Company)*

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### Quiz Answers from page

1. Silver bullet
2. Ed Sullivan Show
3. From Route 66
4. Protect the innocent
5. The lion sleeps tonight
6. Louis Armstrong
7. The Timex watch
8. Freddy the Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless'
9. Buddy Holly
10. Sputnik

### Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District Weed Control Plan

SLPID has set dates to treat Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in the southeast end of the lake immediately south of Snake Hill. Up to 50 acres may be treated. Treatments are planned between early May and late July, 2015. Tentative treatment dates are May 1, May 22, June 12, July 10, and July 31.

By now you have all received a letter from SLPID Chairman Ed Dweck outlining in detail this process. If you do not have it, visit their web site at [www.slpid.org](http://www.slpid.org).