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# In Touch with Locke

NEWS FROM OUR TOWN

FALL 2008

## Winter reminders

Just a few friendly reminders from the highway department:

Please don't blow or shovel snow from your driveway into the roadway. It's dangerous for drivers!

And remember that there is no parking on town roads from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. from Nov. 1 to May 1 to allow our snowplows and crews to get out and clear roadways.



## Help available for home repairs, heating

Help is available from the county and state for people needing home repairs or help with heating bills this winter.

Low-income families, elderly residents and those with disabilities can qualify for several different programs.

### Homsite Development

Cayuga County Homestead Development Corporation offers two home repair programs:

**RESTORE:** This program is designed to aid low income owner-occupied senior citizen families with "emergency" home repairs to their homes. Typical repairs are hot water heaters, furnaces, broken windows and sections of leaking

roofs. Applicants must be at least 60 years old.

**HOME:** This program is designed to aid low to moderate income owner-occupied families in the repair of their home. The program is designed to fix structural deficiencies, code violations, lead based paint hazards and energy related deficiencies.

Applicants are urged to call 253-8451 ext. 233 or 234 or [www.homsite.org](http://www.homsite.org) for more details

### HEAP Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program can help pay fuel and heating expenses for eligible homeowners and renters. To be eligible, you must either be responsible for paying your heating bill or live in an

unsubsidized apartment with your heat included in the rent.

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes will be processing all applications for the 2008-09 HEAP program in Cayuga County. Contact them at 253-2222.

### Weatherization assistance

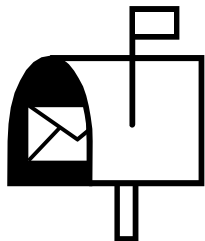
The Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency offers a program to help residents weatherize their home. Measures could include cleaning, tuning, repairs or replacements of furnaces and boilers, window and door repair, weather stripping, and other repairs.

For more information, call the agency at 255-1703, extension 4.



## Park pride

Sen. Michael Nozzolio visited Millstone Park this fall. With Nozzolio, left, are Town Supervisor Jean James, former board member Ken James and board members Anita Vogel, Jack Corcoran and Pat Dillon. For more on the park, see page 3.



**Make your 911 address visible**

**A reminder from our county emergency services and dispatchers: Please make sure your 911 address is properly displayed on your home and on your mailbox. It should be prominent on both sides of your mailbox and on the front of your house. To be sure you have the correct address, call Lori Debois at 253-3316.**

# Busy holidays for L.O.C.K.E. Group

The L.O.C.K.E. Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Come and help make Locke a better place to live.

Our annual Halloween Parade and costume judging, games and refreshments was enjoyed by all!

On Nov. 4, we held an election night supper to raise funds for the firemen's kitchen at the fairgrounds. Thanks to all who helped to move out the fire trucks, clean the fire bays, set up tables and chairs, serve the meals and clean up.

A special thanks to all of those who furnished food and donations.

Christmas is just around the corner. We met at the fire station on Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. to make the big live wreath for the front of the fire house. We can always use help each year to get the wreaths and candy canes ready to hang on Main Street.

Santa will arrive on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the gazebo and then back to the firehouse for refreshments, a photo with Santa and a present.

At our Jan. 13 meeting, we will be painting Easter eggs. Come and join the fun.

— Ardith Coulson, secretary

## HALLOWEEN WINNERS

Here are the winners of the costume contest at the Locke Halloween party:

Scariest: Trent Friend

Funniest: Kaden

Hooper

Ugliest: Terri McKinney

Best Handmade: Haley Drake and Caitlin Whaley

Prettiest: Ileanna Hopkins and Jed Hopkins

Judges award: Jessie and Bailee Brown

# New voting machine debuted at election

The new voting machine called "Sequoia Image Cast" was available for voters to see on election day — did you notice it near the regular lever machine?

According to the Cayuga County Board of Elections, after 2008 the old lever voting machine will be gone forever. It is advisable to take a moment and become familiar with this new voting machine when you see it

in public. We have been told that it will be demonstrated in several public facilities, super markets, malls, etc.

The new machine is a ballot marking device that allows a voter with disabilities to privately and independently vote on a paper ballot.

Audio and tactile interfaces allow voters with sight challenges to complete their ballot. Voters can listen to the selec-

tions over headphones, or view an LCD screen with an image of their ballot that can be adjusted for size and contrast.

A "Sip-N-Puff" or paddle device may also be used by voters with limited hand dexterity.

For questions or concerns please contact the County Board of Elections at 315-253-1285.

For more information, check out this Web site: <http://www.vote-ny.com>.

# Charlie Mott's been a Main Street resident for 60 years

*"Locke's Greatest Need"  
A Real Message for  
Real Men  
By Dr. Milton S. Rees  
At the Mass Meeting for  
Men  
Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3  
p.m. at the Methodist Epis-  
copal Church*

The above ad is one of the treasures that was saved and pasted into a scrapbook, put together by Sarah Mott. Charlie Mott gave me the book to read. It consists of many interesting, historical and comical articles.

Charlie grew up in Danby, N.Y. He was the oldest of the large family of Harry and Ella Westlake Mott. After Charlie graduated from Danby School, the family moved to Locke and later to Groton. Along the way, he met Sarah Main (who had grown up in Locke, living up on Route 90 East). He corresponded with her for the nine years that he was in the service. After he got out, he and Sarah got married, bought the house that he lives in today and had a son, David, in 1951. Charlie now has a

granddaughter and two great granddaughters. He has lived on Main Street in Locke for 60 years.

Some of the jobs that Charlie did over the years started with a roofing business with his brother. Then he drove a truck for the Gabree family, who owned a trucking business here in Locke. He hauled hay and coal for them. Charlie went to work at the Smith Corona Typewriter Co. in Groton for 18 years, drove a school bus for the Moravia Central School for 17 years. Then he had his own tractor-

trailer and hauled mostly steel from Lackawanna all over for 25 years. He finally retired from that in 1980 and has been growing potatoes ever since.

Over the years, Charlie has been very active in the Milan Baptist Church. He also has gone to the Locke town meetings and was a councilman for one term. He seldom misses a meeting and you can always depend on him. We honor you, Charlie.

- Your Locke historian,  
Esther Thornton

## Park nears completion

Millstone Park is almost completed. An addition of a sign denoting its' name was added and further landscaping was done by volunteers, Ken and Ruth Devine and Marty Pilat. Everyone is doing their part – keeping the park clear of trash and looking great. The effort is appreciated by all.

Several years ago the Cayuga County Planners led us in an effort to visualize in what direction residents of Locke 'visualized' the town's future. Residents stated a need for a small park on Main Street which would, in some ways, provide a new focal point for the Hamlet.

The park was divided into two sections; one an area for just sitting and re-

laxing and the other for a toddler's playground.

Town Board Member, Anita Vogel is heading up the playground project and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Contact her at 497-9181.

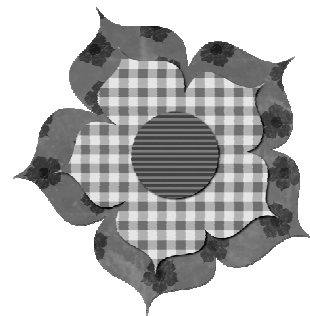
The "Millstone" name was created by residents who recalled the roll the mills played in the early development of the Town of Locke. The grist mill was built in 1810 and was the first. This mill worked for 100 years. Saw, carding, and cider mills were later established.

A full description of the history of the mills in Locke is available in the Bicentennial publication which can be viewed by contacting Esther Thornton, Historian.

## Another successful year of blooms

We have completed another year of planting and tending the gardens maintained by the Town. All of our annuals were grown by the FFA of Moravia Central School and, again, we appreciate their effort.

All are welcome to assist. We will plant again in May and rotate 'garden duties' throughout the summer.



Call Marty Pilat at 497-0750 or Ken Devine at 497-0492.

## Neighborhood

### Watch possible

The town is considering starting a Neighborhood Watch program. For any-

one interested in joining this community group, there will be a meeting held in the spring of 2009. For more information or to talk about your interest, call Anita Vogel at 497-9181.

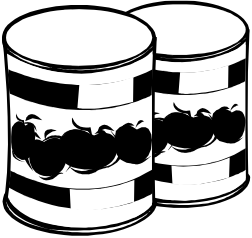
## Town of Locke News

Newsletter editor: Kathy Hovis

For story ideas or suggestions, call 497-9184 or

e-mail [khovis@sccinternet.com](mailto:khovis@sccinternet.com)

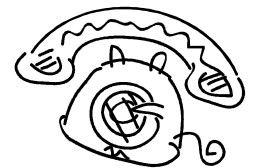
# Donations welcome for food pantry



Did you know that you can make donations or get help from the food pantry right here in Locke? Emergency food and other necessities are stored in the Milan Baptist Church. Call 497-1874 if you need assistance or wish to donate. Not only food is needed. Paper products, school supplies and personal products are also needed. With heating prices on the rise and gas so expensive, we need to help out our neighbors!

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# Keep these town numbers handy!



## TOWN BOARD

Jean James, supervisor	497-3135
Julie Parker, deputy supervisor	497-3953
Jack Corcoran	497-3734
Pat Dillon	497-3774
Anita Vogel	497-9181

## PLANNING BOARD

Ralph Crandall, chairman	497-1343
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Members: Ralph Montgomery, Fred Kocen, Brenda McLean, Sue Crandall

## BOARD OF APPEALS

Wayne Clark, chairman	497-2858
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Members: Jody Ketchell, Sandy Ketola, Fay Hacker, Ken Devine

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT

Members: Judy Burnett, Michael Hingston, Jim Naylor

## ASSESSOR

Fitts Appraisal Company	1-800-548-8842
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## TOWN OFFICIALS

Andrew Fusco, town attorney	253-5555
Natalie Hingston, clerk & water collector	497-9338

703 Route 38; Hours: Monday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 3-7 p.m. & Friday, 9 a.m. to 2p.m..

Philip Franklin, Justice — 497-2932

Doug Staley code enforcer— 1-800-852-1741.

Hours: Monday mornings, but call for appointment. Other times by appointment.

Dog control Country acres pet services, (607) 749-2734

Paul Burhans

Pete Compton, highway superintendent & 497-1560

water district maintenance

Julie Parker, fair housing officer 497-3953

Esther Thornton, historian 497-0537

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

(monthly unless otherwise noted)

**Town Board:** Second Thursday, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**Planning Board:** First Tuesday, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**Locke Seniors:** Third Tuesday, noon, Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and table service.

**L.O.C.K.E. Group:** Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

**Board of Appeals:** Third Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Locke Community Development:** Meets as needed, Contact Ken Devine at 497-0492 for more information.