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NEWS FROM OUR TOWN

SPRING 2008

Ways to get involved

The Cayuga County Board of Elections is always looking for **election inspectors**. If you're interested, call the county board of elections at 253-1285.

The town is in need of a **dog enumerator** to help with its dog census. If you're interested, call Town Supervisor Jean James at 497-3135.

The Locke Community Development group is looking for **gardeners**. Clean-up and planting is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, starting at 8 a.m. at the Memorial Park. Bring gloves and gardening tools. Call Ken Devine for more information, 497-0492

Clean up Days set for May 10

This spring's clean-up day is set for:

Saturday, May 10
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
LOCKE HIGHWAY
GARAGE

Clean-up day is for Locke residents only. Proof of residency will be required. Please sort materials before arriving. Roll-offs will be clearly marked for specific materials.

WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BATTERIES
SCRAP METALS
Bikes with tires removed
Bed springs
Tire rims
Aluminum with glass removed
Lawn mowers (drain oil and gas)
All non-metal materials must be removed from scrap metal before being deposited in its roll-off.
WHITE WARE
Washing machines
Dryers
Stoves



Refrigerators/freezers (there is a \$15 charge for Freon removal)

Air conditioners (there is a \$15 charge for Freon removal)

Hot water tanks

TRASH

T.V. sets

Empty, dry paint cans

Vinyl siding

Toys

Couches/chairs

NEWSPAPERS

All newspapers must be in paper bags or tied in bundles. A marked truck will receive newspapers

MAGAZINES

Magazines must be in boxes, bags or tied in bundles.

Magazines must be separate from newspapers.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you'd like to help during clean-up days, please call the highway department at 497-1560 or Julie Parker at 497-3953.

CORRUGATED CARD-BOARD

All cardboard must be broken down (flat) and be clean and dry

BURNABLE ITEMS

Mattresses
Wood window frames with glass removed
Wood construction materials
Wood furniture
Tree branches/brush
Christmas trees
Leaves

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Tires, Recyclables, Liquid paint, oil, household garbage

Summer packed with fun events at fairgrounds

There will be plenty of fun events to attend this summer at the Locke Fairgrounds. Here's a list of what's planned so far!

May 7: "Early Bird" Lots of Loot drawing (see firefighters for tickets)

May 10-11: Dog show

June 15: Tractor pull

June 18-21: Field Days

June 21: Raffle for go cart

and mini-chopper

July 18-20: Dog show

July 27: Grass car lawn-

mower races

Sept. 7: Tractor pull

Sept. 28: Grass car and

"Lots of Loot" drawing (see firefighters for tickets.)



Plans under way for Memorial Day

Our town celebrates Memorial Day with a parade and a ceremony honoring veterans at the Memorial Park at the corner of Route 38 and Maple Avenue. This year's parade begins at 9 a.m. with the ceremony to follow at 9:30 a.m. .

We would like to recognize all who have served, both living and dead, as well as those who are currently serving. If you know of anyone who should be on our list, please call Marty Pilat at 497-0750.

New voting machines are on the way

A new voting machine called "Sequoia Image Cast" is coming to every voting district.

This machine is a ballot marking device that is initially being implemented for voters with disabilities or voters that need help with casting a vote. This "new" method is a paper ballot that

is penciled in (similar to our school systems standardized testing) and then placed into an optical scan machine that will tabulate the paper ballot.

At first this machine will be in addition to the "lever" machine. Once the state certifies that the system is working well, the "new" pa-

per ballot method with the tabulator will become standard. Until then, the ballots will be tabulated by hand.

The Cayuga County Board of Elections will be visiting towns and villages to demonstrate the machine. For more information, call the board of elections at 315-253-1285.

Refurbished plow graces highway dept.

Have you noticed the big orange plow welcoming you to the Town Of Locke Highway Garage and wondered about its history? It is unclear exactly when the plow was purchased, but it has been around the highway garage for at least 20 years. It was rebuilt during Ed Sharpsteen's tenure as Highway Superintendent and is still a functional piece of equipment that will fit onto the trucks to plow snow in the event of a major snow storm. For several years it was decorated with lights during the holiday season, but for the most part was moved from spot to spot around the garage.

The idea to refurbish the plow came about due to the



state of the former highway garage sign. The sign was in desperate need of repair and/or replacement when the highway crew came up with the idea to put the plow to use. Peter Compton, High-

way Superintendent, and his crew joined together to refurbish and repaint the plow. Mark Dunham, of Mark's Glass in Moravia, did the lettering and the highway crew positioned it in place.

Scouts' book project helps veterans returning home

Do you have gently used children's or adult books that you don't read anymore?

Girl Scout Troop 432 of Locke & Moravia is doing a fund-raiser for "Homes for our Troops," a

non-profit group that helps severely wounded veterans build a new home or remodel their existing home to suit their needs. The troop will be holding a book sale at Millard Fillmore Elementary School in June

(date to be announced, look for flyers) and donating all proceeds to "Homes For Our Troops."

If you have books you would like to donate, call Natalie Hingston at 497-1683. We can pick up books.

Long-time Locke resident remembers her childhood

Being 94 years old, Dorothy Mastin can still clearly remember names and events while living in Locke as a child. One of the first things she can remember is living with her grandmother, about 1 mile from the corner of Tollgate Hill Rd. and Route 90. Her grandmother was Polly Leonard, who was half Indian, and had all of the medicinal cures for ailing family and friends. Dorothy's father, Arthur Leonard, was a farm worker. Her mother, Alveretta (Sincerbeax) did washings, using a scrub board, for income. Their family consisted of five living children—Bertha, Harold, Dorothy, Alice and Bill (two children died as babies).

She remembers her father and mother going to the State Fair with her oldest sister and her boyfriend, Lewie Clough. The younger ones stayed with the next door neighbors, Mary and Oscar Matison (the present Rick Francis farm). They could hear their chickens squawking from their home down the road. No one was brave enough to go see what was going on in the dark. The next day, they never knew what had happened, but they were short a few chickens. Dorothy's father made wooden sleds. When she was about 5

years old, she rode down Route 90 on one of those sleds with her father. They went to the Milan Baptist Church for a Christmas program. It was the first time she had ever seen Santa Claus and a Christmas tree. She was given a bag of candy and a popcorn ball.

They were given a ride back up the hill. When she was about 6 years old, Dorothy's family moved down on Route 38, just north of the village. Their home was located about where Elaine Gray's dark red house is now. The house belonged to Annie Smith. Later in life, when Dorothy married, she found out that Annie Smith was her husband's grandmother. Dr. Powers, who was a very good doctor, lived across the road. She mentioned Ansel and Frank Guest who had a gas station on the south east corner of E. Cayuga St. and Route 38 (the present Blondie Dyer home). One day when the children had gone to town with their father, he was grumbling because he thought that they were fooling around too much. Ansel Guest told him that he should not feel that way because a little girl like Dorothy was worth a thousand dollars. That made Dorothy feel very special.

She loved making May

baskets every year to put at her neighbors' doors on May Day. That was a special event back then. She and her sister, Alice went to the Milan Baptist Church very regularly. Mrs. Cook, who also attended there, made the girls dresses. Dorothy can still see it, being mustard color with a plain small print and a gathered skirt. She remembers reciting a piece about pussy willows and carrying a pussy willow bouquet for a church program.

She told of going to the Moravia Fair, picking strawberries by the railroad tracks, riding on the train to go back and forth to Moravia with her mother. The Hemlock Creek flooded in the early 1920s. Her Dad went to the creek and scooped lots of fish out which made many meals. The Figgolari family lived next door to them, beside the creek. The Figgolari young man wanted to marry Dorothy's sister. When Dorothy was about 8 years old the Locke store proprietor wanted to give her a large doll. Her father would not let her have it because they were going to move, and he said it would be too much to carry. She was so disappointed.

They moved quite often over toward Lansingville, Sharpsteen Road, Forks of the

Creek (Genoa area). When she was 12 or 13, Dorothy moved in with her oldest married sister. She attended and graduated from Forks of the Creek School. She married the neighbor, Warren Mastin, in 1930. He worked at Columbian Rope in Auburn. They lived on Indian Field Road. They had 5 children — Donald, Jerry, Julie, Gertrude and Esther.

Warren was not well and missed a lot of work. Dorothy went to work at Columbian Rope when her youngest child was 13 months old and worked there for 33 years. Now she has 15 grandchildren. 21 great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren. Dorothy still attends the Milan Baptist Church. Even when she lived in Genoa, she traveled over here to attend. She now lives at Millstream Court in Moravia, as her daughter Esther does also. Dorothy has always helped others and is a very giving lady. She is highly thought of and adored by many. This winter she has had to slow down because of health problems. But that won't hold her down too long. She has a 95th birthday to celebrate in September.

- Your Locke historian,
Esther Thornton

L.O.C.K.E. Group's events celebrate town's children

Did you know that members of the L.O.C.K.E. group paint all of the ceramic eggs that are given out at the annual Easter Egg hunt. The eggs are donated by Pat and Charles Dillon of Red Barn Ceramics. The hunt, which was held on

March 22, drew lots of children. Thanks to Hewitt Bros. for the use of the old milk plant lawn on Maple Avenue for the hunt.

The group's next fundraiser will be the cake booth at the Firemen's Field Days, scheduled for June 18-21.

This is our major fundraiser and we appreciate all of the wonderful baked goods donated every year. Without your help, we could not have the Christmas, Easter and Halloween activities for our children.

We are also working to raise funds for the new kitchen at the firemen's fairgrounds.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month and always welcomes new members.

-- Ardith Coulson, secretary

Town of Locke News

Newsletter editor: Kathy Hovis

For story ideas or suggestions, call 497-9184 or

e-mail khovis@sccinternet.com

Time to license your dogs



The Town of Locke will be conducting a dog enumeration beginning May 1.

All dog owners are reminded that dogs four months of age and older must be licensed to comply with New York State Agriculture and Markets' regulations. Dogs may be licensed at the town clerk's office, 703 St. Rt. 38, (315) 497-9338. A proof of

rabies vaccination must be submitted and proof of spay/neuter, if applicable.

After the enumeration, the town will be contacting those without dog licenses. New York State requires that the town charge an extra \$5 over and above the dog license fees to any who are contacted.

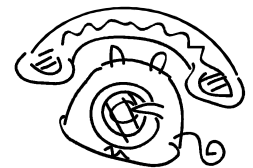
The clerk's hours are: Monday and Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesday 3-7 p.m.



Easter egg hunt winners

Here are the winners of the March 22 Easter Egg Hunt:
0-4 years old: Golden Egg - Kyle Hacker; Locke Eggs - Isaac Hall, James Parker, Corrine Leonard
5-8 years old: Golden Egg - Jeffrey West, Locke Eggs - Brian (last name unavailable), Chloe Peck, Meaghan Hulslander
9-12 years old: Golden Egg - Chase Walker; Locke Eggs - Jimmy Keeney, Ciara Hingston

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.