



The Guide

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Rain In June Creates Havoc on Studley Hill Road

During the afternoon on June 11th heavy rain fell upon the Town of Duane. Several residents recorded three inches of rain during the afternoon. The ground was saturated from previous rainfall so the rain ran across Studley Hill Road causing serious erosion. Franklin County sustained more than \$4 million in flood damage as a result of this storm.



Duane Garage Sale a Huge Success

This past June the Duane Angels sponsored a garage sale at the Duane Fire Station as a fund raiser for the Fire Department. Items donated by community members were sold along with a bake sale, refreshments and a raffle. All together the Angels raised \$3,575 over the weekend. The Duane Angels and the Duane Fire Department want to thank members of the community for their support, it is greatly appreciated.



Janine Paddock looking for a bargain.



Dick Brown drawing the winning ticket.



Dave Teeple and Bill Brunelle grilling food.

Fall Election of Town Officials

In a few weeks many of you will be going to the Fire Station to cast your ballots. Most of the offices in our local town government will be voted upon on Tuesday, November 5th. The polls will be open from 6am till 9pm. Here is a list of the offices to be filled and the candidates running for office.

Office: _____ *Candidates running for office:* _____.

Town Supervisor	Edward LeMieux Sr. (incumbent, running unopposed)
Town Council	Mark Young (incumbent, running unopposed)
Town Council	Rita Gordon (running unopposed)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Sue Nitto (incumbent, running unopposed)
Town Justice	James Lalonde (incumbent, running unopposed)
Highway Superintendent	Ned LeMieux Jr. (incumbent, running unopposed)

Running for a position on the Town Board for her first time is Rita Gordon.

A special thank you goes out to Peter Biesemyer. Peter has served on the Town Board for twenty four years. Pete based his decisions on what would be best for our town and its residents. His input will be missed but his dedication and service will not be forgotten. Thanks Pete, job well done!

Basic Star Exemption Requires Re-registration

A change in the administration of the STAR program means ALL Basic STAR recipients must reapply. Basic STAR is available for owner-occupied, primary residences. It exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a property from school taxes. This new registration will not affect your school taxes for this year. You must reapply by December 31, 2013 in order to get your school taxes reduced for 2014. You may apply online or call 518-475-2036. I did mine on line and it was fairly easy. You will need to have your social security number available.

CPR Training Available

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies, including heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. Duane Fire Department will be conducting CPR Awareness/Certification training for interested town residents. All those interested should contact or leave a message with Fire Chief Ned LeMieux at 483-4885 by November 25th. Community CPR training helps save lives.

Town of Duane Historical Notes

Prepared by: Gloria Gori, Town Historian

Do you remember when our little Eagle Pond, tucked away off the beaten path, made national headlines? This story took place in 1958.

A FRIGHTFUL STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING EAGLE POND MADE HEADLINES IN SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

Eagle Pond in the Town of Duane with about a dozen camps is not well known, but in 1958 it made national headlines as upwards of 500 persons converged on it seeking a missing 5 year old girl.

On Sunday, July 6, 1958, Brenda Doud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doud of the Winthrop Road, Massena, playing hide and seek with a cousin entered the woods and wandered through swamp and hill for two days and nights.

The early days of July were hot and muggy, the kind of weather that encouraged black flies and mosquitoes to do their worst. Bobby climbed a tree to hide and he saw Brenda walk underneath it. He was the last person to see her for 50 hours. Members of the families searched the camp surroundings and one of them went to the Tamarack Restaurant at the end of the camp road on Route 30.

Ford Paddock, who was the proprietor of the restaurant, notified state police. They responded with blood hounds, as did Malone Village Firemen and Volunteer Callfiremen of departments in Bangor, Brushton-Moria, Constable, Owls Head, Mountain View and St. Regis Falls joined the search, which pressed through the night.

On Monday, July 7th, Camp Drum dispatched a helicopter to the scene. Battery A, 186th Armored Artillery, the Malone's National Guard Co. sent jeeps, radio and field equipment. The Red Cross set up a field kitchen.

Five officers and 135 men from the regular army at Camp Drum joined the search, as did 85 from the Malone's National Guard unit and 46 from the Service Battery at Saranac Lake. Conservation officers from all over the state joined the search as did independent volunteers. Eagle Pond became a metropolis and the narrow and muddy camp road off from Route 10, now Route 30, was jammed with walkers and vehicles. It seemed that every foot of country was covered by searchers on that Monday, but darkness fell, Brenda was still missing. Searchers feared the worst had happened to her.

On Tuesday, July 8th, 200 men lined up, at arm's length from each other, and hiked from Eagle Pond eastward to Studley Hill Road, through almost impenetrable brush, undergrowth and fallen trees and still no sign of Brenda. The situation was desperate.

George Hanna and Harold Scott, both of Malone, and Robert Armstrong of Westville decided to conduct a private search from their hunting camp, located on the road that extends eastward from Duane Corners, now the Kenny Rd. They went out the rear of their camp, calling Brenda's name. About 4pm, they heard a response and found the little girl in a clearing about a mile southeast of Eagle Pond. She was clad only in her panties, having lost her play suit, shoes and socks. Her feet were bloodied and she was a mass of insect bites. Her first question was, "How did you know my name?" It took about an hour to carry her from the woods and she told of her experiences. She had walked and walked and at night she would get under a tree. She had seen a bear. What bothered her most was that she had lost her shoes, which she had taken off when her feet hurt. She had carried the shoes for a while, but as she tired she dropped them. Her only nutrition had been berries.

One of the men asked her if she had been afraid. She had been. "What did you do when you were afraid?" was the question. "I'd sing". Brenda replied.

Editors around the country grabbed the quotation for editorials and commentaries.

Brenda's rescuers rushed her to the Tamarack Restaurant, where word went out that she had been found and was safe. She was rushed to Alice Hyde Hospital where she was treated for bites, bruises and fatigue. For her first meal Brenda had eggs and toast in the evening. She told the nurses that she was "just going to stay in bed the next day." But she did wake up at 4am, Wednesday and wanted breakfast. Brenda proved to be a personable and cooperative patient and she was allowed to leave the hospital on July 12, 1958.

Brenda is now a nurse. She said that her mother told her she had nightmares for a period after being lost, but otherwise there had been no effects. She was left with no lasting fears of the woodlands. Before she left the Massena area she was a Girl Scout leader and took her scouts camping.

It was a frightful story with a happy ending and hourly dispatches were sent out to national news services. They were all datelined: "Eagle Pond." They made it sound like Eagle Pond was a large and well-known resort.

When this story appeared in the Malone Telegram on July 23, 1988, by Harold F. Brown, Brenda and her husband, Harold Premo, lived in Mitchell, Ind. in the southern part of the state. They have two children, Melanie and Joshua.

Gloria Gori, Duane Town Historian

Highlights from Town Board Meetings

June 19th meeting:

Absent: Mark Young

William McCabe addressed the board to discuss possible cemetery improvements. Donation directed to Gloria Gori. Further discussion regarding donation and other provisions are pending.

Tom Gallagher addressed the board regarding his pending re-appointment as tax assessor for Duane. It is a six year term beginning October 1, 2013. The board unanimously agreed to re-appoint Tom Gallagher as town assessor.

Pam LeMieux, representing the highway department, presented a slide show depicting the recent damage to town roadways due to the extensive rainfall. Pictures of Studley Hill Road have been forwarded to NYS and FEMA in hopes of monetary assistance in the repairs.

Highway Superintendent, Ned LeMieux, requested \$10,000 be transferred to the Highway Fund so that expedient repairs can continue. The board granted his request.

July 17th meeting:

Absent: Mark Young

Supervisor LeMieux initiated a discussion of cemetery improvements and NYS Cemetery Law. The town board agreed to status quo on cemetery maintenance due to state regulations. The town will pursue the acquisition of signs regarding "plantings" on cemetery plots. Highway Superintendent LeMieux agreed to solicit quotes to fix or replace the cemetery fencing.

Supervisor LeMieux discussed a letter regarding the practice of Fracking addressed to Governor Cuomo. The letter expresses the Town of Duane's negative view of the practice. The board unanimously supported the letter.

August 21st meeting:

Absent: Mark Young and Peter Biesemeyer

Jim Price of Eagle Pond contacted the town regarding road improvements. Need to research as to whether a deed exists to allow for paving.

The board discussed cemetery plot availability to relatives of decedents buried there. They also discussed posted signs regarding the planting of trees and shrubs on cemetery grounds.

Supervisor, Ned LeMieux, will be contacting Senator Little and Assemblywoman Duprey regarding dates of damage which effects FEMA funds for damage occurring in June 2013.

September 18th meeting:

Absent: Mark Young

The board passed a resolution to support the Town of Chateaugay in their efforts to oppose the closure of the Chateaugay Correctional Facility.

The board showed support for the moratorium placed on the practice of Fracking by Gov. Cuomo until more information concerning the practice is made available.

The Adirondack Park Review Board has asked the town to join their association. The annual fee is \$300 and the board briefly discussed pros and cons of joining. Action will be delayed until the next budget.

The board started the process of developing the Town Budget for 2014.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 16th - Town Board Meeting at the Fire Station 7 PM

November 20th - Town Board Meeting at the Fire Station 7 PM

December 18th - Town Board Meeting at the Fire Station 7 PM

January 15th - Town Board Meeting at the Fire Station 7 PM

Next issue of *The Guide* to be mailed out at the end of January 2014

Any suggestions or questions concerning *The Guide* should be directed to Gary Cring (483-2611)

Generator Maintenance

The power outage this past July may have served as a reminder to many of us about performing periodic service on our generator. With the addition of ethanol to gasoline over the last few years it has become even more important to perform generator maintenance. Ethanol in gasoline has created numerous problems for small engines. Ethanol deteriorates rubber components and it absorbs moisture from the air. What should you be doing? First, use an ethanol additive or better yet purchase gasoline which does not contain ethanol. The additives will displace water and keep the ethanol from gumming up carburetor jets. I purchase ethanol free gasoline from a retailer on the east side of Malone. Second, remember to start and run your generator once a month.

Just a Reminder

The next newsletter is scheduled to be mailed out at the end of January 2014. Before that date the Duane Angels will be sponsoring two community events. The first being the Halloween Party in October and the second being our annual Christmas Party. Both are fun filled events which provide an opportunity for members of our community to get together. Watch for your mailing with the dates and time.

Duane Fire Chief Ned LeMieux Jr., would like to remind home owners who burn wood to remember to get your chimney cleaned and inspected before the upcoming heating season.