

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Invasive plant program needs volunteers, donors

To the Editor:

Inlet and surrounding communities are making great strides in their efforts to control Japanese Knotweed – an invasive plant which threatens the Adirondacks. Yet much remains to be done.

Since 2008, the Town of Inlet has taken the lead, with support from Town Supervisor John Frey and Town Clerk Patty Wittmeyer. Patty coordinates Inlet's efforts including collecting permission forms and tax-deductible donations. Ellen Collins from Blue Mountain Lake and Terry DeArmas from Indian Lake are coordinating efforts there – identifying sites, collecting permission forms, and fund raising. Elizabeth Mangle from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is helping with county-wide efforts. Additional volunteers are needed to help coordinate efforts in other towns. Property owners are encouraged

to sign permission forms.

Since 2008, tens of thousands of knotweed canes have been injected and tens of thousands of additional plants sprayed with herbicide (glyphosate) in over 50 sites in Inlet, Eagle Bay, Town of Webb, and Blue Mountain Lake. Many sites are near shores, rivers, and streams, and were treated after Adirondack Park Agency approval. These sites are very important to treat to prevent downstream spread of knotweed.

Japanese Knotweed forms dense thickets of thick bamboo-like hollow stems, with mature heights over 10 feet and an extensive network of underground roots. The leaves are somewhat heart-shaped with white lacy flower clusters that form in August. We recommend not cutting knotweed after June 1 so there is enough growth to allow effective herbicide application. Digging the plant/roots out is not recommended since tiny root fragments can start new plants. Treatment with herbicide (glyphosate) done

properly is very effective.

Everyone benefits from controlling invasive plants in the Adirondacks. There is no cost to property owners for the pesticide application, though tax-deductible donations are needed for these efforts to continue.

Please make donations payable to Town of Inlet, Invasive Plant Control Fund and mail to Town of Inlet PO Box 179, Inlet, NY 13360. Contact clerk@inletny.com or call (315) 357-5771 with questions.

Douglas Johnson
Seventh Lake, Inlet

Good news for Kinderwood

To the Editor:

The Kinderwood Golf Classic was a huge success. The Kinderwood Board is awesome; they put their heart and soul into making the event both enjoyable and most profitable. Eighty-eight golfers participated, prizes were given to seven foresomes in addition to closest to the pin and

longest drive for both men and women. The total sum of money collected was \$21,138. This included sponsorships for holes, carts, golf fee, dinner fee, silent and live auction, putting contest, 50/50 raffle and other contributions. After all expenses were paid the profit is \$16,108. This amount of money will be applied to the \$400,000 naming opportunity for Kinderwood. This brings us within \$34,000 of that goal. A big thank you to those who donated items to the live and silent auction. The silent auction proceeds amounted to \$1,001; the live auction proceeds amounted to \$5,350. Mirnie's painting was purchased by the Kinderwood Board and others to hang in the Kinderwood room in the new building. Mirnie was extremely pleased with this gesture. After such a successful event, the Kinderwood Board is geared up to plan the event for 2011.

Heather and Ed Stafford, on behalf of the Kinderwood Board

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 17

- 8:30 a.m.:** Yoga at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 8:30 a.m.:** Senior Shopping Bus leaves from the Long Lake Town Hall. Call (518)624-2096.
- 9 a.m.:** Youth Soccer Camp at the North Street soccer fields. Call (315) 369-6086 (Old Forge).
- 1 p.m.:** Tai Chi at the Park Avenue Building. Call (315) 369-6411 (Old Forge).
- 2 p.m.:** Tie- Dye workshop at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 5:30 p.m.:** Zumba Workout with Annie Butterworth at the Thendara Town Hall. Call (315) 369-5028.
- 6 p.m.:** Free kayak demonstration at Mountainman Paddlesports Center. Call (315) 369-6672 (Thendara).
- 7 p.m.:** Wildlife and Wild Flowers lecture with Gary Lee at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 7 p.m.:** "Fred Hess: His Life and Hotels" presentation by historian Charles Herr at the Inlet Town Hall.
- 7 p.m.:** "They Heard America Singing" performance by members of the Glimmerglass Opera Company at the Adirondack Museum. Call (518) 352-7311 (Blue Mountain Lake).
- 7 p.m.:** Town of Webb Historical Association meeting at the Goodsell Museum. Call (315) 369-3838 (Old Forge).
- 7 p.m.:** Town of Webb Planning Board public meeting at the Park Avenue Building (Old Forge).
- 7 p.m.:** Adult Basketball at the outdoor courts on North Street. Call (315) 369-9925 (Old Forge).
- 7 p.m.:** AA Meeting at the Wesleyan Church in Long Lake.
- 7:30 p.m.:** "The Worlds of Johann Sebastian Bach" reading and music with Raymond Erickson at the Old Forge Library.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

- 5:30 a.m.:** Nautilus workout at the Town of Webb School. Call (315) 369-3222.
- 9 a.m.:** Youth Soccer Camp at the North Street soccer fields. Call (315) 369-6086 (Old Forge).
- 9 a.m.:** Zumba Workout with Liz Lorentsen at the Thendara Town Hall. Call (315) 369-6832.
- 9:30 a.m.:** Bake Sale at the Blue Mountain Lake United Methodist Church.
- 10 a.m.:** Paint on Pottery workshop at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 10 a.m.:** Wine Glass Painting workshop at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315)369-6411.
- 10 a.m.:** Line Dancing at the Park Avenue Building. Call (315) 357-4407 (Old Forge).
- 10 a.m.:** Respite Care in the Senior Room at the Inlet Town Hall. Call (518) 648-9919.
- 6 p.m.:** Ballet Class at The New Conservatory. Call (315) 369-3656 (Old Forge).
- 7 p.m.:** Thrift Shop open at Niccolls Church until 8:30 p.m. (Old Forge).
- 7 p.m.:** Adult Volleyball at the Park Avenue Building. Call (315) 369-9925 (Old Forge).
- 8 p.m.:** The Staves in concert at the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. Call (518) 352-7715 (Blue Mountain Lake).
- 8 p.m.:** AA meeting at Niccolls Church (Old Forge). *Long Lake "Road Rally." Call for information (518) 624-3077.

Thursday, Aug. 19

- 8 a.m.:** Central Adirondack Kiwanis Club meets at North Woods Inn. Call (315)357-2080 (Old Forge).
- 9 a.m.:** Youth Soccer Camp at the North Street soccer fields. Call (315) 369-6086 (Old Forge).
- 10 a.m.:** Re-made Paper workshop at the Arts Center/

- Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 10 a.m.:** Khoros Performing Arts For Kids hosts the Youth Artists Festival at McCauley Mountain. Call (315) 369-6411 or (315) 369-8729 (Old Forge).
- 10 a.m.:** Rummage Sale at the Church of the Lakes (Inlet).
- 10 a.m.:** Zumbatomic workout for kids at the North St. Pavilion. Call (315) 369-5028 (Old Forge).
- 10:30 a.m.:** Introduction to Bookmaking workshop at the Woods Inn. Call (315) 357-6121. Sponsored by ALCA (518) 352-7715 (Inlet).
- 1 p.m.:** Behind the Scenes theater workshop at the Woods Inn. Call (315) 357-6121. Sponsored by ALCA (518) 352-7715 (Inlet).
- 4 p.m.:** Tour the Art Center/ Old Forge's new building. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 5:30 p.m.:** Aerobics at the Park Avenue Building. Call (315) 369-9925 (Old Forge).
- 5:30 p.m.:** Yoga at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
- 6 p.m.:** Zumba Workout with Annie Butterworth at the Woodgate Fire Hall. Call (315)369-5028.
- 6 p.m.:** Strawberry Shortcake Social at the Blue Mountain Lake United Methodist Church.
- 6:30 p.m.:** Guided mountain bike ride leaves from the Adirondack Outdoor Center. Call (315) 369-2300 (Thendara).
- 7 p.m.:** Bingo at St. Anthony's Community Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m., games begin at 7:30 (Inlet).
- 7 p.m.:** Rustic Riders concert at St. William's on Long Point. Boat transportation available from Raquette Lake Village Dock by calling (315) 354-4265.
- 7 p.m.:** Adult Basketball at the outdoor courts on North Street. Call (315) 369-9925 (Old Forge).
- 8 p.m.:** "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

- performance at the Long Lake Town Hall. For tickets and info, call ALCA (518) 352-7715.
- Friday, Aug. 20
- 5:30 a.m.:** Nautilus workout at the Town of Webb School. Call (315) 369-3222.
 - 8:30 a.m.:** Yoga at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
 - 9 a.m.:** Youth Soccer Camp at the North Street soccer fields. Call (315) 369-6086 (Old Forge).
 - 9 a.m.:** Birch Bark Mosaic Table workshop at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315)369-6411.
 - 9 a.m.:** AA meeting at Niccolls Church (Old Forge).
 - 9:30 a.m.:** "Changing Main Street" walking tour with histori-

- an Peg Masters. Meet at Point Park. Call (315) 369-3838 (Old Forge).
 - 10 a.m.:** American Mountain Men demonstrations at the Adirondack Museum. Call (518) 352-7311 (Blue Mountain Lake).
 - 10 a.m.:** Thrift Shop open at Niccolls Church until 2 p.m. (Old Forge).
 - 2 p.m.:** Old Forge Farmers Market on Park Avenue, until 6 p.m.
 - 5 p.m.:** 29th Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors opening reception and preview at the Arts Center/ Old Forge. Call (315) 369-6411.
 - 7 p.m.:** Thrift Shop open at
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