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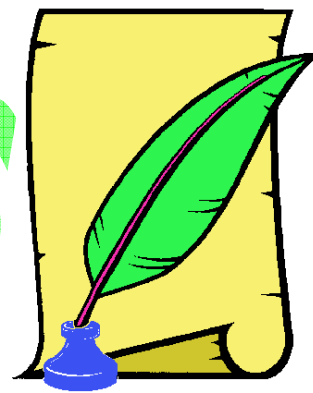
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Trains of Yesteryear



Tioga County Historical Society (TCHS), in association with Frank Bocek (pictured below) and friends, present a Lionel Toy Train display highlighting the trains of yesteryear. This exhibit contains both Lionel trains, like the Erie Lackawanna Freight Train, as well as old photographs and information about Tioga County trains of the past. The old time steam locomotive is a highlight of the display. Photographs from the collections of TCHS, Tom McEn-

teer, Dan Sloat, Troy Smith and Howard Davis are on display. This display also contains a blue print of a Lehigh Valley Engine and many different pre-electric and electric toy trains of varying sizes, including the largest electric engine ever created by Lionel. Backdrop hand-painted by Carrie Tornatore and Bette Daimo. See the display at the museum, 110 Front Street in Owego, until March 1, 2011.



The Town of Owego: 2010 in Review

By Donald Castellucci Jr., Town of Owego Supervisor

It has been a busy year at the Town as we have transitioned to a new Town Board. I would first like to thank the Town Board and Town employees for helping to make the transition to new leadership, seamless and efficient. I suspect most people who do business with the Town each day never noticed a difference in their business transactions. That speaks highly of the talent and dedication of the Town employees.

Let me share a few highlights of 2010 here in the Town of Owego. We closed our Digester Cover project with a serial bond in the amount of 1,810,000 dollars on June 24, 2010. These funds were used to replace the digester covers at the Apalachin plant. They had been in use roughly 40 years. We also closed our bond on our water projects with the USDA on December 15, 2010, in the amount of 3,239,000 dollars. These funds helped to replace or refurbish all the water reservoirs in the Town, build a booster pump station on Glann Road, established emergency power at all our water pump houses and the construction of the 17C water inter-connect with the Village of Owego. A budget line has been established to reserve funds for painting the water reservoirs in the future so we do not have to borrow money for this maintenance item.

The Chesapeake Bay Initiative, which is not new, is not only going to be another burden on sewer and water users but private property owners as well. Recently the State DEC (Dept. of Environmental Conservation) has challenged the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) on the restrictions (TMDL's Total Maximum Daily Load). For this articles purpose, basically the Chesapeake Bay can only handle so many pollutants to keep it viable. All rivers and streams that flow to the Bay are under scrutiny. New York's waters have been significantly cleaned over the past decade to battle the problems caused by nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. To reach the numbers the EPA



wants local municipalities to have in their effluents would be astronomical in cost. Fortunately the State has, for the moment, challenged the EPA to come up with more reasonable and fairer numbers for New York. The jurisdictions in the Bay Watershed include Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The State has made the argument that the numbers being suggested for the other jurisdictions are not fair. The other jurisdictions have more of an impact on the Bay and New York's waters are much cleaner when they leave New York. This is just a short synopsis of one way the federal Government is trying to control local and State government. If you are a private land owner or a farmer, this is a way to control your land. Residents need to educate themselves on this issue.

The Town has a new website: www.townofowego.com. There are many new features, some that may save you a trip to the Town Hall! You can view and download information such as hours of operation, Ordinances and Codes, Town Board minutes, Permit and License information and much more. Peruse the website and let me know what you think! Send me an email at: dcastellucci@townofowego.com Is there something you would like to see added? Was it helpful? I believe you will find it a valuable resource when you need information about your Town government.

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