

Youth Court training continues in Lake Placid

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LAKE PLACID — On Saturday, May 8 students involved in the newly formed Youth Court here attended their second training session with speakers including Essex County District Attorney Ron Briggs, Lake Placid Police Chief Mike Saulpaugh, Essex County Director of Probation Scott McDonald, and Wilmington Town Justice Garry Hoffman.

The Youth Court will be made up of students from Lake Placid and Wilmington, and it will allow an alternative course of sentencing to first-time youthful offenders. These first-time offenders will have the opportunity to be sentenced by their peers if they plead guilty to the charge or charges against them.

The Youth Court decisions are legally binding, even though the only adults in the room for each case will be the defendants' parents and the Youth Court coordinator.

Six students attended the second training session at the Lake Placid Middle/High School (LPMHS). Another three or four are also involved in the program, but could not make the second session, according to Scot Hulbert, program coordinator for the Essex County Youth Bureau.

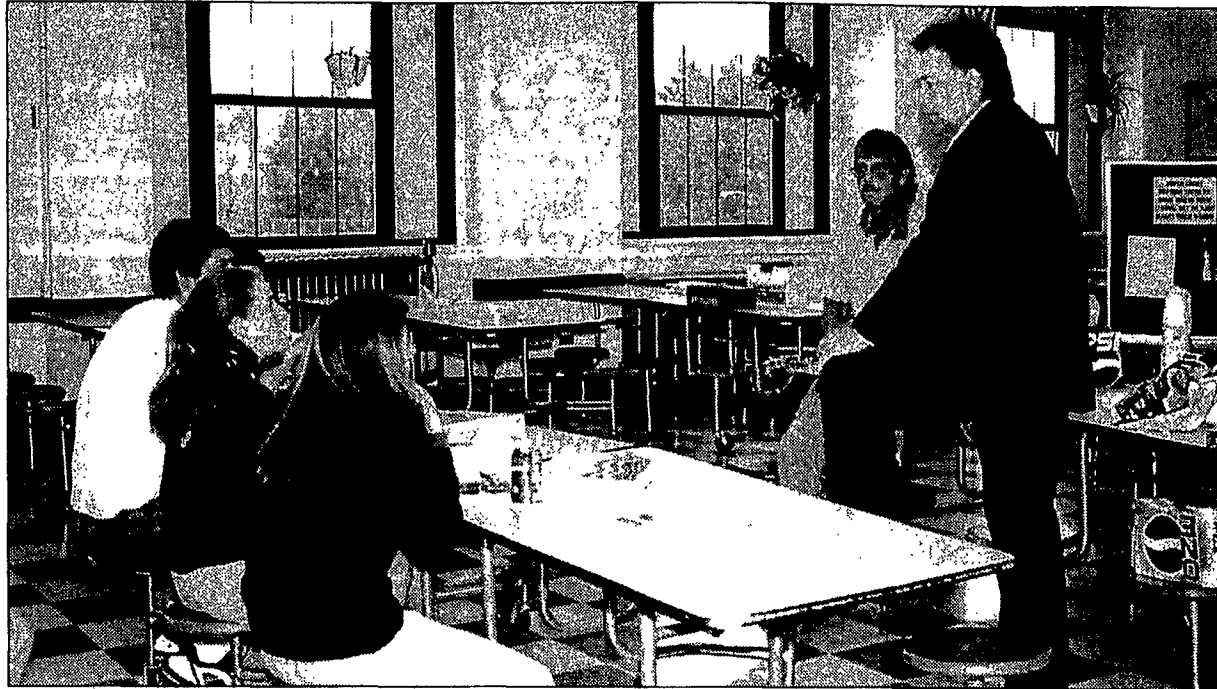
Those students attending included: John Hux, Elizabeth Gotha, Dan Wakeman, and Dave Rowell, all of Northwood School; and Amanda Sperry and Tom Herzog, both of the LPMHS.

"It's been very interesting to have the people involved in this kind of law express their views," said Gotha about the training sessions. "I think it has such great potential in this community."

"It's a good thing if you can prevent kids from doing bad things," added Wakeman.

Hux, Sperry and Gotha said they were interested in possibly pursuing careers in law in the future, and all but Hux, who is interested in the defense attorney position, were mostly interested in the prosecuting attorney position.

Each student involved in the Youth Court will serve for a period of one year. They will be trained for five different positions: bailiff, judge, prose-



Wilmington Justice Garry Hoffman addresses students Saturday, May 8.

(Enterprise photo — Kerry O'Neill)

curator, defense council, and juror. The students will rotate positions for each case.

"We're learning how to act in the courtroom," said Gotha.

Sperry explained that Chief Saulpaugh, during his presentation to them Saturday morning, had told the students what types of crimes occur around the Lake Placid area, and what seasons usually bring out a higher number of offenders.

What crimes occur that would relate to the Youth Court were also expressed to the students by Saulpaugh, said Wakeman.

One student asked Briggs if he had seen more interest by the public in the criminal courts in recent years. Briggs responded by saying that he believes with movie, television, and media attention toward the criminal court that there has been much more interest in the past 10 years.

"I think we knew somewhat (about the criminal court system), but it's more in-depth now," commented Gotha about the training.

"Most information we get is from television and movies," added

Wakeman. "We're finding out about the misconceptions Hollywood makes."

The Youth Court can only sentence offenders to a maximum of 75 hours of community service. Other avenues of punishment they might seek are educational classes, letters of apology, restitution, and a visit to a prison through the YAP program.

"It's kind of take a look at the end of the road in a worst case scenario," explained Hulbert about the YAP program.

In addition, each offender sentenced by the Youth Court has mandatory jury duty on the court at least once.

Hulbert believes the Youth Court acts as an early intervention for offenders, and the sped-up process of sentencing is a major factor. It may take up to six months for the court system to sentence these defendants, while the Youth Court will hear and sentence them in a matter of weeks.

The southern Essex County school districts of Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Schroon Lake and Moriah already have Youth Courts set up, but the one

in the Lake Placid area will be the first in northern Essex County. And so far, it's been successful, according to Hulbert.

There was one case in Crown Point, Hulbert said, where a first-time youthful offender was sentenced by the Crown Point Youth Court to perform community service at a historical site in the area. The community service went so well, the youth was offered a full-time job at the site.

The next step for the Lake Placid area is to have a make-up training session for the students who could not attend one of the first two training sessions, according to Chris Mazzotte, Youth Court coordinator.

Mazzotte said when the training is completed the kids will go through five or six series of mock trials, which will be followed by jury recruitment. Volunteers will be sought from schools in the area to act as jury members. There is no specialized training for the jurors, except a brief talk before their first case.

When enough jurors are found, and the court is trained, they will begin hearing cases.

Obituaries

John 'Jack' Hyde

SARANAC LAKE — John "Jack" Hyde, 69, formerly of Saranac Lake, and more recently of Escondido, Calif., died Friday, May 7, 1999 at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, Calif.

Born Nov. 29, 1929 in Bennington, Vt., he was the son of Franklin and Mabel (Davenport) Hyde.

Mr. Hyde had been residing with his daughter, Barbara Wellman, in Escondido, Calif. since late 1998. He was a longtime resident of Saranac Lake and had

been employed by A&P stores throughout Vermont and New York from the time he was 16-years-old until the early 1980s. He was later employed at the Carpet Warehouse in Albany for many years until his retirement.

He was a Little League Baseball coach, member of the Saranac Lake Moose Club and a past member of the Bennington Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include two sons,

Christopher Hyde of Hudson Falls and Matthew Hyde of Averill Park; two daughters, Barbara Wellman of Escondido, Calif. and Deborah Bulloch, of South Hamilton, Mass.; five sisters, Dorothy Iackatta of Troy, Patty O'Bomsawin of Troy, Brenda Robinson of Crosssawville, Jan Roberts of Troy, and Bonnie Mattoon of Winerville; two brothers, Clifford Hyde of Waterford and Herbert Hyde of Cohoes; four granddaughters; and a grandson. He was predeceased by a son,

Michael Hyde; a sister, Kathleen Zayachek; and a brother, Frank Hyde.

Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake. Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Following cremation, interment will be held in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Saranac Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to the High Peaks Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Ruth Techman

ATLANTA, Ga. — Ruth V. (Morford) Techman, 80, of Atlanta, Ga. and formerly of Bloomingdale, died Friday, May 7, 1999 at the Wesley Woods nursing Home in Atlanta.

Born Feb. 24, 1919 in Massena, she was the daughter of John and Lenna (Collins) Morford.

She married J. Michael Techman on Oct. 14, 1939 at St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale. He predeceased her on June 23, 1993.

Mrs. Techman was a longtime summer resident of Bloomingdale. She attended and graduated from the Mercy School of Nursing in Watertown in 1939. She was employed as a private duty nurse,

then as a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association and later as a rehabilitation nurse for the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in Watertown.

She retired in 1979 and established a home in Florida and returned to Bloomingdale for summers. She was a member of St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society and was a Girl Scout leader for 12 years in Watertown. She was a member of St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Thomas M. Techman of Leesburg, Fla. and John F. Techman of Fresno, Calif.; four daughters, Jo Ann Burns of Sharpsburg, Ga., Carol Techman of Clyde, N.C., Mary J. Crowell of

Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. Therese M. Techman of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Carl Morford of Tucson, Ariz. and Harold J. Morford of Bloomingdale; three sisters, Rita Thompson of Buffalo, Theresa Taylor of Bloomingdale, and Anita Ely of Watertown; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and 35 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband she was preceded by one brother, James H. Morford.

Calling hours are tentatively set for 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday June 11, 1999. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake. A Mass of Christian burial is

tentatively set to take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 1999 at St. Paul's Church of Bloomingdale. Burial will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery in Bloomingdale.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church or the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department in care of the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake.

Neil Meagher

PAUL SMITHS — Neil Francis Meagher, 77, of Rainbow Lake Road, Gabriels, died Sunday, May 9, 1999 at the Uihlein Mercy Center in Lake Placid where he had been a resident since April 29, 1999.

Born on July 27, 1921 in Paul Smiths, he was the son of Cornelius and Leah (Muncil) Meagher.

On Feb. 12, 1946 he married Pauline Rochester at the Church of the Assumption in Gabriels.

He attended and graduated from Saranac Lake High School in 1939 and later from Syracuse University in 1949. He was a life-long resident of the area and operated his own accounting business until retiring in 1995. Mr. Meagher was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army as a medical technician from 1942 to 1946 and was a past member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife,

Pauline of Gabriels; two sons, Neil F. Meagher of Black River and Richard Meagher of Lake Clear; two sisters, Helen Meagher of San Francisco, Calif. and Mary Lee Callaghan of Poughkeepsie; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Amy Meagher of Lake Clear; two grandsons, Michael and Matthew Meagher of Black River; and one nephew, Kevin Callaghan.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family, burial will follow in St. John's Cemetery in Paul Smiths.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Uihlein Mercy Center or High Peaks Hospice in care of the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake.

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Police Report

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Adirondack Scenic Railroad begins excursions Saturday

THENDARA — Railroad excursions in the Adirondacks from Thendara to Minnehaha or Otter Lake start the summer season this Saturday, May 15. The hour or hour and a half train rides originate from the Victorian styled 106 year old Thendara Railroad Station. The station is two miles south of the resort village of Old Forge, on Route 28, less than 50 miles north of Utica.

The Old Forge Wilderness Local trains from Thendara pass by the Moose River, and a number of ponds, streams, valleys and mountains. On many of the Wilderness Local trips the many types of the Adirondack's wildlife become intrigued with the train and its passengers, much to the passenger's delight. Wild life spotters have a great deal of enjoyment on the Old Forge Wilderness Locals. Canoeers and Mountain bikers have found they can put their canoes and bikes into the baggage car. They latter ride back to Thendara on the train after their trips on the Adirondack waterways and trails. Hikers on the marry Old Forge area trails and paths also find the trains a great way to end a short or long hike. The Adirondack Scenic Railroad operates heritage railroad engines and passenger cars over the original 141 mile Now York Central Railroad, Utica to Lake Placid Adirondack branch. This branch was known as the Golden Chariot Route for the many deluxe private rail cars and business cars that were brought into the Adirondacks, over its tracks for many years. These special cars were used by the residents of the many Great Camps in the Adirondacks.

The restored Victorian Station in Thendara houses a railroad museum, gift shop and ticket windows. Youth, ages 3 to 12 can purchase their train tickets for \$4.75 at the ticket window for any of the Old Forge Wilderness Locals all season long. During the month of May, the trains operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day.

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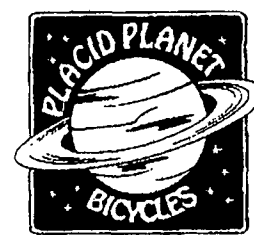
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