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43rd Annual



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EARLY FRENCH HISTORY

Early records of the exploration of the French in North America tell us that they were in the area of Cape Vincent as early as 1615. This area was also occupied by the Indians and used as their hunting grounds for many years. In 1655 the French missionary priests Father Chaumonot, Father Dablon and Father Simon LeMoynes came among the Onondaga Indians to establish missions and homes.

James LeRay de Chaumont acquired many thousands of acres of land in Northern New York in the late 1790's and early 1800's. Cape Vincent was named after his son, Vincent LeRay. Father and son worked together and used their influence back in their homeland to attract many French emigres and refugees of the Napoleonic regime to come and settle in Cape Vincent and surrounding areas.

Some of the refugees returned to France after a few years but a majority of the emi-



gres stayed on and many of their descendants still live in the area. Reminders of our French history include many family names, homes, personal belongings, letters and other documents.

For more information about Cape Vincent's history and its French background, we invite you to visit the Cape Vincent Community House and Museum on Market Street, the Cape Vincent Museum on North James Street and the Cape Vincent Community Library on Real Street.

The Cup and Saucer House

by Town of Cape Vincent Historian, Peter J. Margrey

Count Pierre Real, exiled from France by the downfall of Napoleon I after the French Revolution came to Cape Vincent in 1816. Count Real was Prefect of Police under Napoleon, and by 1818 had built the well-known "cup and Saucer House". Although it was meant to be for Napoleon if he could be rescued from St. Helena, Count Real himself lived in this house when he returned to Cape Vincent in 1822. It received its name because of the peculiar style of architecture--resemble an inverted cup placed in a saucer. When Napoleon was not rescued from St. Helena, the house was sold to Theophius Peugnet, and Real returned to France. Peugnet was also a follower of Napoleon and came to Cape Vincent after the French Revolution. He and his family lived in the house until it burned in 1867.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purcell of New York City and Cape Vincent bought this parcel of land and had the Community library built on it. While this land was being excavated for the walls of the library, Floyd Gould Sr., contractor, found some of the remains of the foundation of the Cup and Saucer House. The Library was dedicated in June 1968.

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LaFête Francaise
FRENCH FESTIVAL • CAPE VINCENT, NY
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 9 AND 10, 2011

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

Mr. George Elmer Master
Of Ceremonies

7:00 am - 11:00 - Pancake Breakfast
At St. John's Episcopal Church,
Market St.

8:00 am - French Pastry & French Bread
On Sale

9:00 am - All Crafts & Exhibits
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Book Signing - *Napoleon's Gold*
Before and After The Parade
at Buccaneer Motel

CARTS

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EVENTS

Arts & Craft Show & Sale
10:30 am - 2:00 - and 3:30 -6 pm
Children's Program

11:00 am Official Opening Reviewing
Stand, Broadway Welcome by Mayor
and Town Supervisor
Crowning of French Festival Queen
Presentation of Queen's Court
Proclamation by French Festival Queen
2:00 pm Parade - Napoleon will lead the
Parade; includes Floats, Bands and
Other Attractions. Over 60 units.
4:00 pm Awards At Reviewing Stand -
4:15 - 6 pm - Band Performances
5:00 pm Festival Mass - St. Vincent of
Paul Church (Spoken in French)
6:30 - 8:30 - Cajun Music by
JESSE LEGE and BAYOU BREW
9:30 - Fireworks
Breakwall on Waterfront

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

9 am -3 pm Arts & Craft Show & Sale
11 am - Alumni Soccer Game
at Cape Vincent Elementary School
12 - 3 pm Historical Museum on
James Street will be open
1 pm - Antique Car Parade
2-4 pm - Cajun Music by
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children the importance of reading and being active too.

Napoleon Bonaparte 1769 - 1821

Each year the Cape Vincent French Festival Committee has the privilege to acknowledge the outstanding commitment and contributions of an individual who exemplifies volunteerism in support of the French Festival. Again this year the committee discussed a number of deserving contributors and ultimately chose to dedicate the 2011 French Festival to David Parker



the French Festival for over 10 years. He contacts and hires all the bands that perform in the parade. Dave works all winter calling, e-mailing and mailing the prospective bands. The day of the Festival, he organizes the lineup of all the entrants in the parade and gathers information about them to be announced during the parade. He sets up the reviewing stand and the sound system for the French Festival master of

Dave was raised in Cape Vincent as a child and later moved to Texas with his family. At the age of 6, his family returned to Cape Vincent where his father started the family business, Cape Vincent Plumbing and Heating. David graduated from Thousand Islands High School and then took over the business from his father. He and his wife Cathy live on County Route 6. Dave has three daughters, Nikki, Sarah and Kelly and one granddaughter.

Dave always lends a hand setting up sound systems for whatever organization that might need his expertise. He has volunteered at many Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce events either to play or sing, very often with his daughter Sarah and sometimes the whole family, or to set up a sound system for an event.

Dave has been the parade chairman of

ceremonies, George Elmer and makes certain that he can be heard throughout the entire village and. Dave also arranges for the entertainment for the Friday night block dance the weekend of the French Festival that takes place from the reviewing stand.

There are a select few volunteers for the French Festival each year that begin working long before the event to ensure it is successful. From those volunteers, there are some that set virtually everything else aside starting the week before the event in order to do setup and preparation for the festival. Dave is one of these people and has made this level of commitment for over ten years. When you see Dave at the Festival this year be sure to congratulate him and thank him for his many years of hard work and dedication.

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Why a “French” Festival?

Napoleon Bonaparte is the most widely renowned leader of France and he is often regarded as one of the greatest military leaders ever. Napoleon is a widely recognizable representative of France. We cannot claim to have actually had Napoleon himself in the North Country but there is no doubt that the Bonaparte name and the French influence are apparent in the area.

While in his heyday, Napoleon gave his several brothers the crowns of countries he conquered. His older brother, Giuseppe (Joseph) Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned King of Spain but fled Spain with the crown jewels and other treasures after defeat at the Battle of Vitoria in 1813. He returned to France and supported and soldiered for his younger brother, Napoleon. After Napoleon’s defeat at Waterloo in 1815, Joseph negotiated a small part of his remaining valuables with James Le Ray de Chaumont, a naturalized American citizen, for some 27,000 acres of land in the North Country.

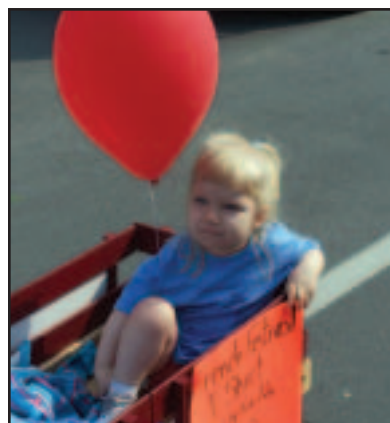
Napoleon was to join his elder brother in America but chose to surrender to the English and suffered his second exile, this time to the small island of St. Helena. Joseph and a cadre of Bonapartists are said to have hatched a plan to spirit Napoleon from St. Helena to Cape Vincent.

Rumor has it that the Cup and Saucer House built by Count Pierre Francoise Real (where the Cape Vincent Community Library stands today) had a never-occupied room in the cupola held especially for Napoleon. Although Joseph made several appearances there, the news of Napoleon’s death in 1821 caused the conspiring exiles to leave Cape Vincent. Only the Peugnet brothers stayed, Theophilus in the Cup and Saucer House until it burned in 1867.

In 1835, Joseph Bonaparte sold his remaining North Country holdings to John La Farge, another Frenchman. Despite Napoleon himself never making his way to the North Country, Lake Bonaparte was part of Joseph’s tract and carries the family name. Other French names are obvious throughout the area. James Le Ray de Chaumont left his name to two townships in the area. He was instrumental in the establishment of mills, wharves and roads that precipitated many French political refugees to settle in the North Country. Le Ray built the Stone House here in the former Gravelly Point, for his son, Vincent and named the burgeoning village Cape Vincent in his honor. Le Ray de Chaumont names are prolific in the area as James held, at one point or another, hundreds of thousands of acres - Cape Vincent for one son, Alexandria Bay for another, Theresa for a daughter, even Plessis, after the family dog.

While we honor and respect all the French influence in our history, it is not inappropriate to choose Napoleon as an excellent ‘symbol’ to lead our French Day Parade.





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- B. **Beechwood** - Home of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Mills. Built in 1835 by M. Henry Crevolin, friend of the Chaumont family.
- C. **Maple Grove** - A modified Greek Revival type house. Built by Charles Smith toward the mid-nineteenth century on land of Theophilus Peugnet, French refugee. Owned by Lynn & Bruce Taylor.
- D. **Headwater's House** - A limestone house build in 1820, owned by Buell Fuller for whom Fuller's Bay was named. For years the only house on the Point. Now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Neil Austin.
- E. **Maclean House** - Built of limestone in Georgian manner.
- F. **General Delos Sackett** - Built before the Civil War General Sackett who later became Senior Inspector General of Armies of the United States.
- G. **Otis Home** - Former home of Augustus Phillippe Dufort, built during era of Napoleonic refugees, 1818-1821.
- H. **St. Vincent de Paul** - Organized and built in 1850. Catholic Church
- I. **Ainsworth House** - Originally home of Dr. Avery Ainsworth. Built prior to 1849. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Vail.
- J. **Crevolin House** - Home of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Youngs. Built in the 1840's, one of the oldest and most quaint houses in Cape Vincent.
- K. **St. John's** - Organized and built in 1841. Destroyed Episcopal church by fire in 1999 and rebuilt in 2000.
- L. **Buckley House** - Old Buckley House, example of early American Gothic architecture. Built by James A. Buckley in the early 1820's. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Brandt Miller.
- M.* **Community House** - Built in the 1820's by the George Bartlett family. Became Community House in 1931 and the Museum in 1967-1995.
- N.* **United Church** - Built in 1850 on land purchased from Vincent LeRay de Chaumont.
- O. **Community Library** - Built on the site of

Cup and Saucer House. Planned as a refuge for Napoleon Bonaparte.

- P. **Tibbetts Point** - Named for Captain John Tibbett. Lighthouse Original structure built in 1827, present building constructed in 1854.

- Q.* **Cape Vincent Fisheries & Aquarium** - Built in 1856 as a grist mill, operated from



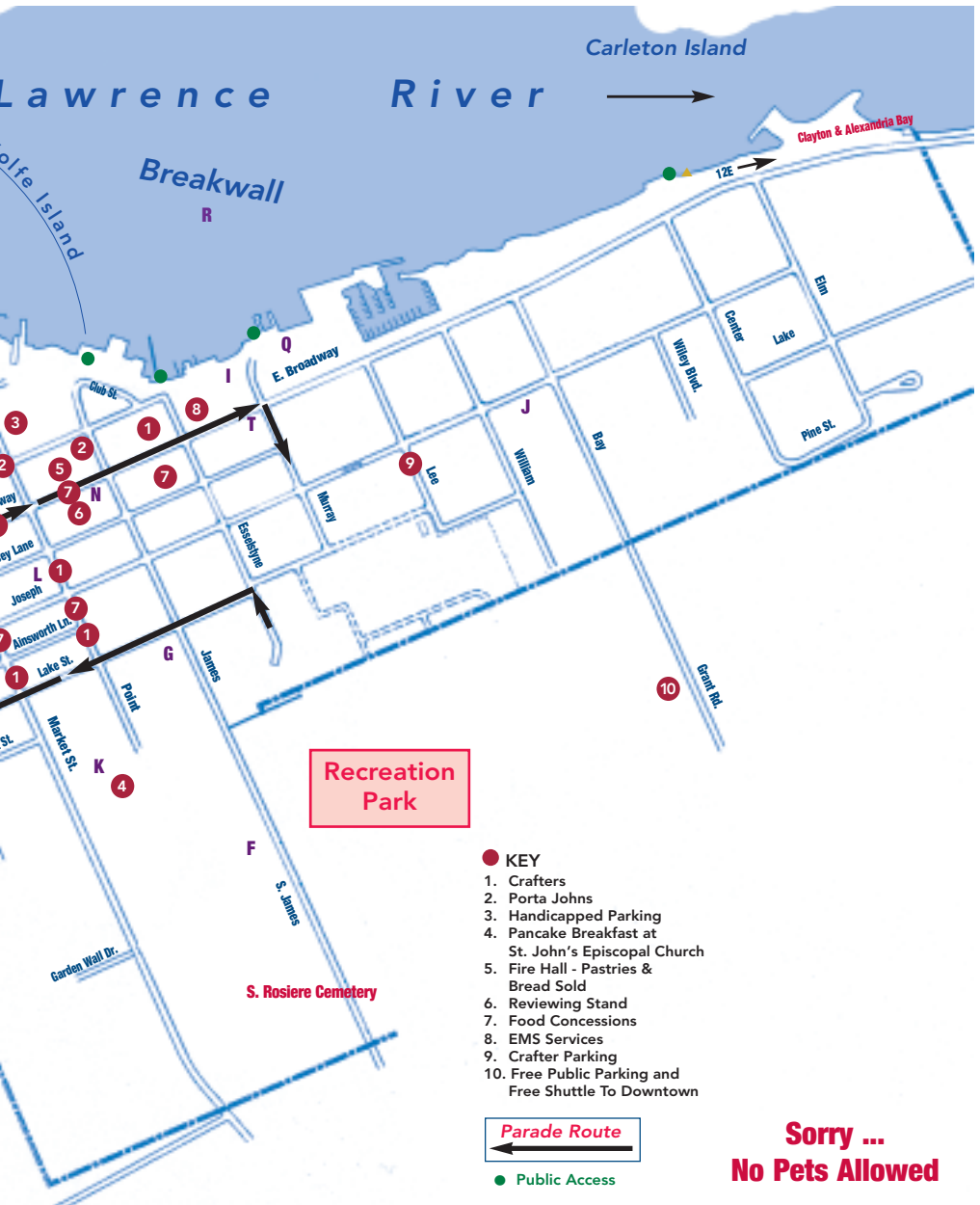
the late 1800's to 1965, a Federal Fish Hatchery. Now operated by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

R.* Breakwall - Built to prevent damage caused by high breakers from Lake Ontario and wake of ocean-going vessels.

S.* Rosiere Cemetery - St. Vincent de Paul's Cemetery. Tomb-

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The 43rd Annual French Festival in Cape Vincent, NY July 9th & 10th, 2011

French Pastries and French Bread will be sold on Saturday starting at 8:00 am. There will be over 200 crafters lining the streets of the village and will begin selling their handmade, handcrafted items beginning at 10:00 am. Opening ceremonies start at 11:00 am from the reviewing stand on Broadway in front of the American Legion. A mammoth parade is planned to begin at 2:00 pm with many bands from the U.S. and Canada as well as local high school bands, fife and drums, bagpipes, steel drums and many spectacular floats. Children's programs are planned throughout Saturday including puppet shows, magicians, clowns and a street entertainer. French re-enactors will be in attendance for the day on Saturday dressed in authentic Napoleonic garb. The public is invited to dress in French attire to be judged for prizes for the most original costumes. After the parade, there is a free concert featuring "Jesse Lege and Bayou Brew" playing Cajun music on the reviewing stand. An impressive fireworks display will begin at dusk from the breakwall and can be viewed from the Cape Vincent waterfront

At 11:00 am. on Sunday, in addition to the arts and crafts sale, the Thousand Islands High School Alumni will be playing the high school students in a memorial soccer game at Cape Vincent Elementary school. Proceeds go to the Thousand Islands High School Memorial Scholarship Fund. At 1:00 pm on Sunday the North Country All – American Classics car club is having an antique car parade following the same parade route as Saturday. If you would like to join the car parade, bring your antique or classic, car, truck, or tractor to Cape Vincent Recreation Park at 12:00 noon for the lineup. The Cajun Band "Jesse Lege and Bayou Brew" will be entertaining on the Village Green starting at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm immediately following the car parade.

Commemorative posters created by well-known artist Paul Taylor will be on sale at the Chamber booth on the Village Green. Mr. Taylor will be signing the posters from his booth also located on the Village Green.



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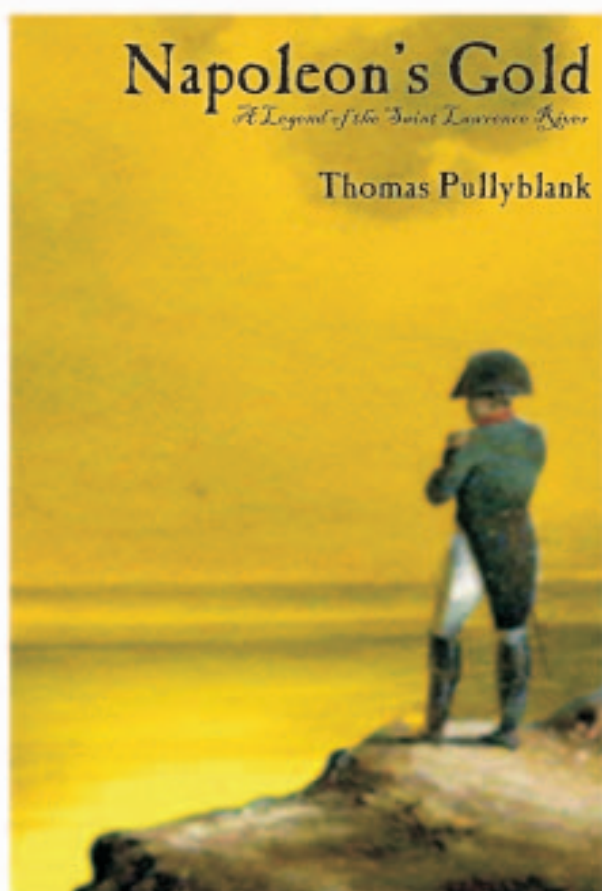
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