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Daughters of 1812 spring meeting

The General Jacob Brown chapter of Daughters of 1812 celebrated their second birthday on May 9. The group held a spring meeting to go over program ideas, learn details on a member's project and plan an awards ceremony and discuss the upcoming War of 1812 Cable Carry Event. From left, Anne Davis, vice-president, Tammy Plantz, historian, Boni Shafer, librarian, Beverly Sterling-Affinati, president, and Bette Lathan, corresponding secretary.

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FROM FACEBOOK MESSAGE:

We have been looking for this photo, and it was in the Watertown Daily Times the whole time. They must have published it shortly after our Spring meeting and somehow we missed it. I will include it here (as well as email it to Linda Shabo and Linda Smith). If anyone has the actual newspaper photo and caption, kindly scan a copy to me. Thanks so much.

Re-enactment will mark bicentennial of 1814 cable carry

By [AMANDA THOMSON-TANGALIN](#)

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The above photo depicts the 2006 cable carry re-enactment in Ellisburg. The event was held as practice for this year's bicentennial, to be carried out next weekend from Ellisburg to Sackets Harbor.

SACKETS HARBOR — Elaine J. Scott, Henderson historian, insists that the significance of the War of 1812 cable carry is often downplayed.

“It’s a really important story,” said Ms. Scott, recording secretary with the Henderson Bicentennial Committee. “From what we understand, the movement ended the War of 1812 on this frontier. Once the supplies got to Sackets Harbor, they were able to equip a warship and the British did not have anything comparable.”

History buffs will have a chance to learn all about the event’s significance today and June 7 and 8 with the bicentennial cable carry re-enactment.

The 1814 cable carry began with the Battle of Big Sandy Creek, fought during the night of May 29. At the time, equipment was being moved from Brooklyn to Sackets Harbor for armament of

the frigate USS Superior, which would carry 66 heavy guns and have a crew of about 700 men.

“This would have been the largest frigate in the American Navy during the War of 1812,” said Patrick Wilder, committee member. “The ship would drive the British off of Lake Ontario and back to Kingston and upper Canada.”

But before all that could occur, the Americans had to move the supplies up Lake Ontario. A skirmish occurred in Sandy Creek when Americans and Oneida Indians ambushed British forces.

The first part of the re-enactment at 10 a.m. today will honor those fallen in the Battle of Sandy Creek. Crowds will gather at the South Landing Bridge, Ellisburg, where the battle occurred. Sandy Creek town and village historian Charlene Cole will be the host.

“I’m going to talk about the whole battle,” Ms. Cole said. “In the other part of the presentation the Daughters of the War of 1812 will place a wreath.”

The bigger part of the event will be held June 7 and 8.

In 1814, rather than risk another battle on the water, the Americans obtained help from militia members and local farmhands to move the rest of the material by land. This included carrying an estimated 9,000-pound, 600-foot-long and 22-inch-thick cable intended for the USS Superior’s anchor line and rigging. Although the actual event occurred over the course of four days, the trip for the re-enactment has been cut to two. “At any one time 200 men could pick this up,” Mr. Wilder said.

The re-enactment of the two-day event will begin at 8:30 a.m. June 7, with a ceremony to honor the 19 fallen British and Oneida Indians. A ceremony by the Historical Association of South Jefferson will commence at 9 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Conservation parking lot on Route 3, South Landing. Following that, volunteers, including about 100 Boy and Girl Scouts, will set out for the day on their 10.7-mile walk to conclude just before 4 p.m. A 19.8-mile march will follow on Sunday, concluding about 3 p.m. in Sackets Harbor.

A full schedule of events is available at www.hendersonhistoricalsociety.com.

Anyone interested in taking part in the event is welcome to attend.

Two-day walk to Sackets Harbor re-enacts War of 1812 cable carry (VIDEO)

By GORDON BLOCK

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Cable carriers round the bend onto Hill Street in Sackets Harbor on Sunday afternoon.



Re-enactors bow their heads during the invocation of a ceremony in Sackets Harbor during the cable carry on Sunday.

SACKETS HARBOR — It was the final push for the approximately 100 people carrying a 600-foot rope down County Route 75 toward the village's battlefield site.

Sweating the final 3.5 miles Sunday, their footsteps mirrored those of the brave troops whose grueling cable carry 200 years earlier allowed for the creation of the massive USS Superior, ensuring America's stand against the British during the War of 1812.

"Now we had control of Lake Ontario," said Donald W. Whitney, one of the organizers of the two-day cable carry.

Following the Battle of Big Sandy Creek on May 29 and 30, 1814, the American military needed to move several cannons and cables necessary for its large ship, the USS Superior, being finished about 20 miles away in the village. Moving most of the supplies in the following week, the Americans were left with a massive rope too large and heavy to carry by oxcart alone. With few options and limited time, the American forces decided to carry the rope on their shoulders.

Starting Saturday morning from the state Department of Environmental Conservation parking lot on Route 3, South Landing, the group retraced the troops' 20-mile route through Ellisburg, Belleville and Smithville, before arriving in Sackets Harbor on Sunday afternoon.

The massive piece of hemp cable in 1814 had a diameter of more than a foot and a half, and weighed from 9,500 to 10,000 pounds, requiring each person to lift as much as 110 pounds for hours on end.

"These men simply hoisted it on their shoulders," said Patrick A. Wilder of the Sackets Harbor Historical Society. Those doing the lift claimed the imprints of the hemp remained on their skin for years, he said.

This weekend's rope was much lighter than its wartime counterpart, a point not lost on those with a more manageable weight to carry.

"They were definitely tough," said Lorraine G. Wiggins, a descendant of Erastus Whitney, who fought in the Sandy Creek battle and aided the cable carry. She and her, husband Mark A., of Henderson, wore period clothes as they walked at the tail end of the rope.

Farther ahead, Boy Scout Robert L. Breeden, 13, said he had heard about the carry in his social studies class.

"It gives me a new respect for what they did," he said.

The American success at Sandy Creek and the delivery of the supplies to the village, a major American shipbuilding site, slowed the British, who retreated back to their site at Kingston, Ontario.

"This was a big turning point, for the simple reason the Americans were working together," Mr. Wilder said. "The militia, the Army, the Navy, all knew the importance of what they were doing."

The timing of the American success was critical, Mr. Wilder said, as the British defeat of Napoleon in Europe gave them the ability to transfer more military personnel across the Atlantic “to deal with what they regarded as the American upstarts.”

Instead of fighting, the two nations engaged in a shipbuilding arms race that continued until the end of the war.

Another difference between the past and present cable carries was in their celebration at its conclusion.

When the cable made its way into the village in 1814, village residents cheered the carry by breaking out kegs of whiskey. Given the age of many of the participants, this weekend’s two-day journey was marked with ice cream.

Video from Sunday’s final leg of the walk can be seen at <http://wdt.me/cable-carry>.

Height of fashion struts into Sackets

HIGH TEA: History enthusiasts flock to Battlefield site to show off styles of late 1700s, early 1800s

By **GORDON BLOCK**

TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACKETS HARBOR—A high tea event at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site showed off some of the high fashion of the late 1700s and early 1800s, just about the time of the War of 1812.

About 30 people took part in the event, enjoying a three-course tea, as site volunteers displayed period wear.

"It was a very fascinating time," said Maggie Caden, a village resident who brought her sister Gladys Dean, of Monterey, Calif. In addition to the history of the time, the two said they enjoy romance novels set in the Regency era, from about 1790 to 1820.

Among the most recognizable women's fashions of the time was the Empire style dress design. Known as the regency style in England, due to the country's fighting with France, or the Federalist style in America, due to its disputes with England, the dresses had a high

waistline, right underneath the bust, with the rest of the outfit in a more free-flowing shape.

Compared with earlier eras, "it was very risqué," said Barbara M. Monk, an Odessa, Ontario, resident who spoke to the group.

The thin, sheer dress materials required multiple layers for warmth and body coverage.

Despite the more prominent chest area display, Ms. Monte said, elbows were not to be shown at that time, with gloves frequently worn.

Capturing the feeling of the time is important, said Michelle H. Bunny, a volunteer and self-proclaimed history buff who

has hand-sewn four dresses and multiple other outfits, and knitted a pineapple-styled handbag popular at the time. "Very little was convenient at this time period," she said.

Participants noted that the frontier lifestyle in the north country at the time would have led most women to wear more practical homespun linen or wool dresses.

Describing the look as "cute," village resident Diane Daymont said she did not think the style was primed for a comeback.

"I'm a fashionista, and this is not my idea of fashion," she said.

Men's fashion of the time also was represented: Re-enactor Thomas V. Nowak broke down the elements of his period military uniform, from the low-cut boots and attached wool gaiters, to the firm leather stock to ensure posture, to the high-waisted pantaloons.

The uniform coat was so expensive to make, Mr. Nowak said, that deserting with it "was like committing grand larceny in those days."

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HIGH TEA AND FASHION SHOW, July 5, 2014 -

On July, 5, 2014, members of the General Jacob Brown Chapter (Sackets Harbor) participated in the High Tea and regency-era Fashion Show held at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site. The event showed off some of the high fashions of the late 1700s and early 1800s, just about the time of the War of 1812.

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Attending the high tea event were GJB members Anne Davis, Bette Lathan and Tammy Plantz. Each of the women received a complimentary Bicentennial Commemorative china Tea Cup Set [pictured above] for participating.

Carthage Central's JROTC program hosts 10th annual awards ceremony

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GJB members: Anne Davis (stands at left, top photo); Boni Shafer (stand at left, bottom photo).

CARTHAGE — The Carthage High School Army Junior Reserves Officer Training Corp Comet Battalion held its 10th annual year-end awards ceremony in the high school auditorium May 30. The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize and honor cadets that excelled in JROTC this school year. Over 190 cadets and many of their parents and friends attended. Special guests from military and community organizations presented achievement awards to deserving cadets.

The evening's most prestigious award, the Department of the Army's Superior Cadet Award, was presented to the top cadet in each of the program's four training levels. This year's winners were Anaidaline Garcia, level 1; Shannon Davis, level 2; Trey Shupp, level 3; and Jesse Hall, level 4.

High school principal Joseph Sedita presented these cadets with medals and certificates. Mr. Sedita then presented Cadet Mikayla Huestis with the Distinguished Cadet Award for her expertise in JROTC scholastics and for her contributions to the program. The Academic Excellence Award was presented to the cadet from each training level with the highest grade point average in all high school classes. This year's winners were Alexis Acevedo, level 1; Lauren Blade, level 2; Audrey Ward, level 3; and Mikayla Huestis, level 4.

Clarkson University's Army ROTC Recruiting Officers Scott Toth and second lieutenant Andrew Nelden presented three senior cadets with Army ROTC scholarships. These scholarships will cover full college tuition and provide an allowance for textbooks, fees and a monthly stipend of \$350. The estimated value of the each scholarship will exceed \$150,000. This year's winners were Paul Bracy attending Clarkson University on a four-year scholarship, Alex Gillette attending Niagara University on a three-year scholarship and Kevin Madison attending University of Pittsburgh on a three-year scholarship.

Guests from military and civic organizations presented achievement awards to deserving cadets. Carthage American Legion Post 789 sponsored two awards this year, presented by Legion member Gene Kuhar. The first award was for general military excellence and went to Cadet Tyler Laursen-Carr for his expertise in military subjects. The second award was for academic excellence. To be eligible, cadets had to be in the top 10 percent of their high school class in all academic subjects. This year's winners were cadets Erin Turpin, Tyrin Shupp and Audrey Ward. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Piroli and retired Sergeant First Class John Gallagher, Carthage JROTC instructors, presented Mr. Kuhar with a certificate of appreciation to American Legion Post 789 for their sponsorship and generous monetary support of the Carthage JROTC program for the past 10 years.

The LeRay de Chaumont National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) again sponsored an achievement award. Chapter representative Anne Davis presented this year's award to senior Cadet Veronica Bankard for displaying qualities of leadership, military discipline, dependability, good citizenship and patriotism. Bonnie Schafer from the NY Daughters of the War of 1812 presented their JROTC Achievement Award to Cadet Jhonae Pearson-Martin for her extraordinary contributions to the JROTC program over the past four years. Staff Sergeant Walters from the Army's Recruiting Command presented the US Army Recruiting Command JROTC Achievement Award to Cadet Tristan Hancock for exhibiting outstanding leadership traits and qualities of dependability, citizenship and patriotism.

The following organizations also sponsored achievement awards to deserving cadets for demonstrating the qualities of leadership, academic achievement, patriotism and loyalty to school, community and country.

Pinckney Corners Cemetery added to Register of Historic Places

By [AMANDA THOMSON-TANGALIN](#)

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Johnson Newspapers photo by Amanda Thomson-Tangalin



Community members involved with the restoration of the Pinckney Corners Cemetery in Copenhagen gather beside a fallen gravestone July 31. Roughly \$10,000 is needed to complete the restoration project. Shown, from left, are project volunteer Alfred Dening; David Shelmidine of Artisan Engraving; Chuck Bunke, Lewis County Historical Society vice president; Sherry Harmych, Town of Pinckney supervisor; Sid and Boni Schafer of www.nnygeneology.com; Anne Davis with Daughters of 1812.

COPENHAGEN — While gathered in Pinckney Corners Cemetery for a group photo, Sid Schafer stumbled across an old headstone that had likely toppled over and, over time, been covered by sod and grass.

The headstone belonged to a woman named Polly buried in (1821).

“It probably got stuck, so that the leaves fell upon it and the grass grew around it and it just got deeper and deeper [in the ground],” said Anne Davis with the Daughters of 1812.

“We’ve seen them 18-inches down before,” added Mr. Schafer’s wife, Boni. The couple runs www.nnygeneology.com, which indexes burials and cemeteries within Jefferson County and parts of Lewis County.

The cemetery on Pinckney Road was utilized from 1810 to 1901 and is speculated by restoration head Bette Lathan to be the first cemetery in town.

“Two Revolutionary War soldiers are buried there and there’s about [12] War of 1812 soldiers,” she said, adding that relatives of Frank Winfield Woolworth, founder of the popular early 20th century retail chain F.W. Woolworth Company, were also buried there.

Ms. Lathan speculated that Polly’s headstone was not the only one beneath the grass that they would come across during their restoration of the 0.5-acre graveyard.

“After we have a very wet winter or a lot of rain, a lot [of headstones] rise up to surface,” she said. “That happened to us at Hogsback [Cemetery]. We had four come up that way ... we had a foot stone come up this year of one missing burials, it was a child’s.”

There are a total of 240 marked burials in the cemetery. Prior to Ms. Lathan’s involvement with the restoration, few people would have been able to tell that the cemetery was there.

“When we first came here you could hardly see any stones. We were tripping, the grass so deep ... the work that’s been done is amazing. They started cleaning around here within the last two years,” said Ms. Davis.

The property is owned by the Town of Pinckney, which has taken over maintaining the cemetery lawn. A number of stones are broken or toppled from years of neglect. Several repairs have been made since the restoration project began, but there are many more that need to be done. The cemetery is has already been approved to be added to the State Register of Historic Places and is up for consideration to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

“Barnes Corners and Pinckney settled early. The settlers were Revolutionary War veterans and then the War of 1812 rolled around and they were in the wrong place at the wrong time for their sons,” said Ms. Lathan, who hopes they will be able to earn enough funding to entirely restore the cemetery as a town landmark.

“A lot of stones are broken and on the ground. Some had to be taken down because they were dangerous. They’re still readable, but if we don’t save them now — don’t rescue them now — we’re going to lose some of our history. The history there is written in stone,” said Ms. Lathan.

Lewis County Historical Society and U.S. Daughters of 1812 have already donated some funds towards the restoration, but an estimated \$10,000 is still needed for the project, which will partner with Artisan Engraving: Monument Services, Sandy Creek, for stone restoration.

“I’m a retired teacher and I’d like this to be available to local organizations to see what our history is. We have such an early history and we were very important in the shaping of American history because of our location,” said Ms. Lathan.

Anyone interested in donating to continued restoration of the cemetery may contact the Town of Pinckney at 486-4245.



Boni Shafer of LaFargeville, assisted by 12-year-old Evelyn Simanowski, gave the military dedication for the "War of 1812 Chain Carry" ceremony. Shafer is with the General Jacob Brown Chapter Sackets Harbor, Daughters of 1812.

(Photos by Betty Haig)

Boni Shafer, a member of the Gen. Jacob Brown Chapter (Sackets Harbor), represented the chapter at Boonville's recent War of 1812 Commemoration Carry.

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