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Former trooper is making a run for town justice

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Jack Graham, retired state police officer and resident of the Town of Webb for 40 years has announced that he's running for Town Justice.

He says that the decision to run was an easy one to make.

"My entire working career, I was in a position to help people in need and then three years ago, I retired. I truly loved my position as a senior investigator in the state police and looked forward to going to work everyday. Joining the Old Forge Fire Department filled some of that void after I retired but during the past three years there was a strong urge to want to do more for a community that has done so much for us," said Graham.

Graham married Sharon Tyler in Nicolls Church in 1971. It was one of the first marriages performed by Rev. James Ulrich. Their two chil-



Photo submitted
JACK GRAHAM

dren graduated from the Town of Webb and still live in the area. The Graham's have two granddaughters and a great-grandson.

Graham says that he has been influenced by two pillars of the Town of Webb community. Robert Crofut, who served as chief of police for many years, had words of advice for a young Jack Graham.

"He taught me early in my career as a police officer to, 'Treat everybody you meet

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Chrissy Prichard

BEATING THE HEAT

Madeline Prichard leaps into the Moose River Wednesday, July 20, to get a break from the heat. Old Forge experienced very balmy temperatures during the past week. Temps got as high as 96 degrees — quite a change from the -30 temps that the area saw on Jan. 24, almost exactly six months ago.

Regional event seeks to break watery record

The Northern Forest Canoe Trail, a water trail extending from Old Forge, New York to Fort Kent, Maine is hosting the Second Annual 740 Miles in A Day event on Saturday, July 30. Recently named "America's Best Canoe Trail 2011" by Outside Magazine, NFCT is hosting this free event to get paddlers out on the water and raise awareness of Trailside businesses and communities.

740 Miles in A Day is a reference to the length of the Trail, but you need not worry if you can only paddle a mile or two. According to the "rules" of the event, you can paddle any distance you wish and on any section of river, lake or brook that is part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. The organizers only ask that you pre-register and report back on the mile or miles you paddled. The goal is to have multiple paddlers across the Trail contributing a total number of miles paddled that meets or exceeds 740 miles.

Kate Williams, Executive Director of the non-profit Northern Forest Canoe Trail, hopes the total mileage this

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Up in the tree:

It's a purple beetle eater

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There are bright purple triangular things hanging from the trees all along the Route 28 corridor that have roused the curiosity of a few of our readers. The purple things are survey bug traps set up by the Department of Environmental Conservation and independent company Forecon to monitor the area for emerald ash borers.

According to Jason Smith of the DEC the ash borer has not been found in Herkimer County, but the traps are an important part of determining the boundaries of the infestation.

"The trapping effort is happening in counties that are not known to be

infested right now. Traps near known infestations are being used to delimit (find the boundaries of the) infestation to get a handle on the populations and densities of the insect in that area," said Smith.

The traps are made of a corrugated, sticky plastic panels with a lure inside. They are purple because the ash borers (and many other insects) are attracted to the color. Traps that are part of the survey grid are placed in ash trees. Traps in the Adirondacks are considered high risk because of the large number of seasonal homes, campgrounds and RV parks. These areas have people who move firewood from outside of the park which has proven to be a very effect method

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Charlotte Zepp

These triangular bug traps hang along Route 28.