

# THE DRAW OF OUR REGION'S WHITE WATER SPORTS WITH AUTHOR STERLING GOODSPEED

FOR CLOSE TO SEVEN DECADES, THE HUDSON RIVER'S ANNUAL WHITE-WATER DERBY HAS BEEN HELD IN NORTH CREEK/RIPARIUS, DRAWING PEOPLE FROM LAKE LUZERNE AND THROUGHOUT THE ADIRONDACKS. WHILE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SCRATCHED THE EVENT IN 2020 AND 2021, PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO REVIVE FOR 2023 ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS IN THE NORTHEAST.



JOINING TOWN SUPERVISOR GENE MERLINO AND TOWN COUNCILMAN JIM NILES IS [CENTER] AUTHOR, HISTORIAN, AND FORMER WARREN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY STERLING GOODSPEED.

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH, THE HADLEY-LAKE LUZERNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORED STERLING GOODSPEED TO SPEAK ON IT'S HISTORY AND BRIGHT FUTURE. GOODSPEED IS FORMER JOHNSBURG TOWN SUPERVISOR AND LATER SERVED AS WARREN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF TRUE NORTH: A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES HIGHLIGHTING THE HISTORY OF RURAL ADIRONDACK COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PAST 50 YEARS. WHITE WATER ON THE UPPER HUDSON IS ONE OF THE MANY ATTRIBUTES OUR AREA HAS, WHICH DRAWS THOUSANDS OF BOTH LOCALS AND VISITORS EVERY YEAR FOR KAYAKING, TUBING, AND RAFTING. GOODSPEED SPOKE AT LENGTH OF THE 1967 SUMMER VISIT BY THE LATE NYS SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY FAMILY, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INTERIOR SECRETARY STUART UDALL WHO COORDINATED THE TRIP WITH STERLING GOODSPEED'S FATHER (WHO EARLIER SERVED AS TOWN SUPERVISOR). THIS IS YET ANOTHER STORY WHICH IS A TESTAMENT TO OUR AREA'S RICH HISTORY!