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Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society Scholarship

The Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, "Where Lake and River meet" and where the community comes together. The Lighthouse has been an historic landmark to Cape Vincent ever since it was built in 1827. As an active member of my community, I know that the lighthouse has a special place in my heart, along with everyone within the community. It is the place where we come together, from coming to watch the lighthouse light up during Christmas time to running to the top during various 5-K runs. It is the place where family and friends walk to spend quality time together. It is the place where people ride bikes to stay in shape along that long three mile road. It is the best place to watch sunsets or sunrises, as you can see it all around you. It is the place where every photographer wants to take pictures because the scenery is unlike anything they have ever seen before. It is the place where people promise to spend the rest of their lives together. It is the place where people go to celebrate big accomplishments in their lives. The Tibbetts Point Lighthouse is the symbol of Cape Vincent. Not only does it bring the community together, it also benefits the community. The lighthouse is one, if not the best tourist attraction in the Thousand Islands. This historic landmark brings in tons of tourists every summer to Cape Vincent. This encourages tourists to visit many of the other great features of the village while driving through. A main feature of Cape Vincent is small businesses. Many of these businesses rely on tourists during the summer months and the lighthouse helps them thrive. Along with this, it is still used as an active form of navigation by the U.S Coast Guard which helps benefit those who are on the water. Not only does the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse have an impact on the community, but myself personally. I have lived in Cape Vincent as long as I can remember and the lighthouse has been the place I have grown up going to. It is where we had gone on field trips during elementary school and we would get a tour and learn all about the history of the lighthouse. Also, my family and I would walk up to the lighthouse and it was important to me because it was quality time spent together and there was never a better feeling than getting to the end of the road and seeing the most beautiful, tall, white building. It was also the place where I had my first date and the place where I took a picture with my baby sister for the first time ever. I also drive to the lighthouse during the summer when there is a sunset because there is nothing more peaceful and beautiful than watching the sunset from Tibbetts Point. It is where I go to relax after long days because I find something so comforting and soothing there. Overall, the lighthouse has had a large impact on me and my community and will continue to do so as long as it is around. It brings the community together, friends and family together, benefits local businesses, and is the place where I have grown up and have had the best memories. The Tibbetts Point Lighthouse is the symbol and heart of Cape Vincent and will always be.