

## Hockey pros who settled here

**By Gordon Woodworth**  
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It's been 16 years since the Adirondack Red Wings played in Glens Falls, but you could put together a pretty good team with players and coaches who never left and now call this area home.

Several met their wives here. Many became American citizens. Generations of families have put down local roots.

**Bill Dineen**, legendary coach and patriarch of the Dineen family, says the 33 years he's lived here is the longest he's ever lived in one place "without a doubt."

Now, five of his six kids have either year-round or summer

homes in Queensbury. Only Shawn — who lives in Connecticut — doesn't, but his father laughed and said "he spends a good deal of the summer here anyway. He doesn't need a place."

**Pete Dineen**, a pro scout for the Columbus Blue Jackets, said, "Shawn's pretty handy around the house. There's always room for him!"

This week for Christmas five of the six Dineen kids — Kevin, Pete, Jerry, Gord and Rose Meehl — and all of the grandkids are gathering here — at Kevin and Annie's place on Christmas Eve, to Rose and Darrell's home on Christmas day.

**Blue-collar identification**  
**Claude Legris** was on the first Adirondack Red Wings team in 1979, and moved here



**Glenn Merkosky**, now a scout with the Detroit Red Wings, with his wife **Jennifer** (Hill) Merkosky, a 1988 Glens Falls High School graduate, **and son Jack**, who plays on the Queensbury varsity hockey team. *Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*

that same year. He works for De-Crescente Distributing. His wife Theresa (Hall) is from South Glens Falls.

"This is a blue-collar area, and we're blue-collar guys," Claude said. "That's why most of us decided to stay here. When I first came here, I knew. This is me. It

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## On Odell Beckham & football

**By Mark Frost**  
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The funny thing is I'd been out climbing a mountain Sunday with our two dogs at Moreau Lake State Park. I only turned the TV on for a few seconds just to see what the score was of the Giants game. (I was rooting for Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers.)

It was an apparent rout for Carolina, so I was about to click it off, when Odell Beckham, the

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**Sport is in its critics' crosshairs, but, man, we love it!**

## LG swimmers urge underwater cable to help guide them

**By Gordon Woodworth**  
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A local group of triathletes and open-water swimmers is urging installation of a 650-meter underwater cable in Lake George parallel to Beach Road between the steamboat docks and the new boat launch.

"As a swimmer, the hardest thing is the navigation part of it," said Greg Hewlett, who calls himself a builder by trade who competes in

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**DEC says no; swimmers undaunted; Dickinson & Blais favor it**



**Route would run near Million-Dollar Beach**  
Swimmers say the cable would make it easier for them to track their distance and stay on course. **Mirror Lake in Lake Placid has a similar cable.**

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