

# The Bee

Town of Hume Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Rd. Hume, at 7PM. Town Board meetings are open to the public. Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

Town of Hume Board  
Members

**Supervisor:**

Dennis Ricketts

**Council Members:**

Bryce Bower

Daniel Miller

Chris Austin

Greg McKurth

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## Working Hard Together at Keeping Promises & Keeping Taxes Low...

As winter is soon coming to a close—a hardy “Thank You” goes out to Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet and his CREW who have done an excellent job this season keeping our roads safe and maintained. Our committed Highway Superintendent puts in many long days including weekends with little recognition...Thank You!

Water & Sewer Superintendent Dana Potter is working hard since fall to satisfy DEC regulations to increase the efficiency of our sewer treatment plant. Our big problem has been ground water running into the treatment system that doesn't need to be treated. This could cause us to max our capacity limits set by the DEC. Now we'll be able to maintain a reserve so we can add on additional customers if needed without rebuilding the sewer plant. The latest *Water Quality Report* will be out shortly—thanks Dana for another good one.

Win, Win Situation...Our Town Board and Union Employees have come to an agreement over the high cost of health insurance, getting comparable insurance for less money. For over 1½ years much research and deliberation went into these negotiations. In the end it was worth it to save both the employees and the taxpayers many hard earned dollars.

Hats Off to Walker & Marshall Insurance Agency, here in Fillmore, for “number crunching” and lowering last year's liability costs a whopping \$7064 and again this year by \$510 while increasing coverage by 4%.

Notes of thanks to Bob Ferris for using his plow and plowing sidewalks when

the Town's Kubota sidewalk plow broke down. Sorry for any inconvenience during the downtime.

Highway Team to the Rescue...highway crew members, Andy Peet, Derick Decker work along with Jim Mills between snow storms to repair the transmission/front wheel drive on the Kubota to get us back in service and save us dealership repair fees.

Busy, Busy— since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and taking over the dog licensing Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan and Deputy Town Clerk Sue Bodnar are busier than ever. Implementing our new county mandated computer tax collection program has also added much stress to their already busy day. Give a “SMILE” when you see them!

The Town of Hume is applying for a grant to study the cost efficiency of “shared services” with neighboring towns...more news to follow.

Interested?? We're looking into the “Main Street” grant again this year to help spiff up our downtown area. Anyone interested, contact me.

Rondus Miller, Town Historian, has been “busy as a bee”-Thanks for all your hard work and excellent job on “The Bee” and keeping “Our Town” informed of current happenings. Many have commented on the noteworthiness of this publication.

It's my pleasure serving “Our Town.”

Dennis

## FCS Ninth Graders

On January 7th 48 FCS ninth grade students and their teacher visited the museum in four individual groups. The class had a project of researching and writing about local businesses, organizations, education, and entertainment in our school district.

The students were shown several different resources available to use at the museum. They were encouraged to visit the museum at least one time to work individually for their research.

On Saturday, January 15th, six students plus their teacher and a couple of parents came to the museum. All of the students came through the door with total enthusiasm about the topics they had chosen. Some were very ambitious in their research, choosing more than three topics.

It has been such a pleasure to help with questions about the days in 1940—1960. Their amazement in the fact that you could buy anything you wished in Fillmore; even a TV at the Pontiac Dealer!!



# Wiscoy Falls

The scenery in the Town of Hume is beautiful no matter the time of year. Donna Sanford, a resident of Wiscoy, snapped this photo of the falls in the Wiscoy Creek this winter.

Wiscoy, one of the five hamlets in the Town of Hume, has one of two beautiful waterfalls in our area. It is said Wiscoy is derived from the Seneca language, *Wis* meaning five and *coy* meaning creek.

*The Bee* would like other pictures of our beautiful scenery. Do you have some photos you wish to share? Please contact the town historian if you would like your pictures in the next *Bee*.



# Town of Hume Town Board Meeting Dates

Following is a list of dates for the year 2011. Any change in schedule will be posted at the Town Offices and published in the *Olean Times Herald*. Special Meetings will be similarly posted.

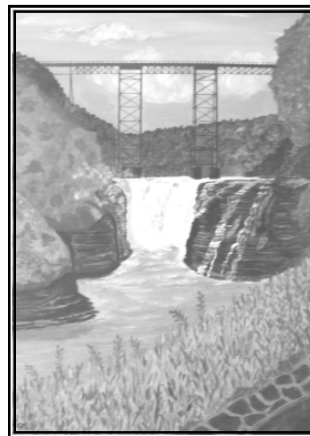
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| October 12, 2011  | October 26, 2011  |
| November 9, 2011  | November 23, 2011 |
| December 14, 2011 | December 28, 2011 |

Primary

- January 12, 2011
- February 9, 2011
- March 9, 2011
- April 13, 2011
- May 11, 2011
- June 8, 2011
- July 13, 2011
- August 10, 2011
- September 14, 2011

Secondary

- January 26, 2011
- February 23, 2011
- March 23, 2011
- April 27, 2011
- May 25, 2011
- June 22, 2011
- July 27, 2011
- August 24, 2011
- September 28, 2011



The painting on the left is one of four Gerry McGlynn has painted and donated to the Town of Hume. This painting of the RR bridge over the upper falls at Letchworth State Park is displayed at the Town of Hume Clerk's office.

# Museum News

I will be attending the NY State Historian's conference in Elmira, NY April 4-6. One of the programs offered is: High Tech History...Geocaching for Heritage Tourism. Did you know there is a micro cache at the Town of Hume Museum? There have been many geocachers who have recorded their visits since its installation in 2009. The museum is also listed on *waymarking.com*. On the homepage of waymarking enter the desired zip code of the town you wish to "visit." There you will find several listings for the Town of Hume and surrounding area.

The painting on the right is one of four Gerry McGlynn painted this winter on display at the museum.



Gerry got his inspiration for this painting from the last issue of *The Bee*. There are two more painting at the museum...stop by to see the others.

Visit the Town of Hume on the web, to find complete Board minutes, links to Town departments and general information. [www.humetown.org](http://www.humetown.org)

**Town Clerk** hours: Monday to Friday 9-12 & 1-5

phone 585-567-2666

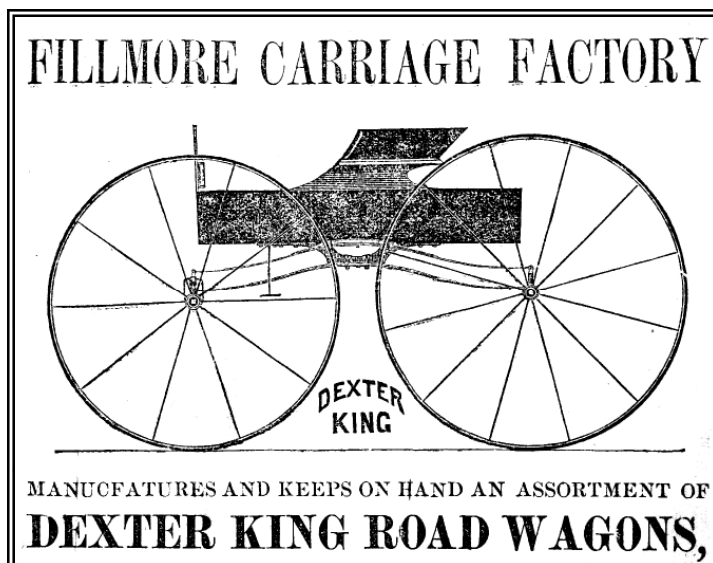
email: [humetown@rochester.rr.com](mailto:humetown@rochester.rr.com)

**Posting places:** Town of Hume Clerk's Office, Community Bank, Wide Awake Library, Brooks Hose Fire Company Fire Hall, Wiscoy-Rosburg Fire Hall, Speicher's Groceries, & Jubilee.

**Newspaper:** Olean Times Herald

**Did you know the Town of Hume  
is 189 years old?**

**And the town museum is 11 years  
young this month (April).**



Wm. Foote Advertisement—date unknown

## A Glance Back...

The following was published in the April 19, 1912 issue of the *Northern Allegany Observer*.

### *State Road for Fillmore and Hume*

*The very pleasing news reached here this week that the State Highway Commission had approved and granted a piece of state road, two and three-eighths miles in length, to extend from Hume village, through Fillmore to the Pine Grove cemetery. This very gratifying result was obtained by W. M. Sweet, Democratic state committeeman, who was in Albany for the purpose of bringing before the commission the desirability and necessity of this piece of state road. A representative of the commission will undoubtedly be here soon to look over the route and it is believed that a survey will be made at once and that the work of building the road will be commenced this summer.*

*Mr. Sweet assures us that the commission is willing and anxious to help this neglected section, but there is yet much work to be done before the actual construction can be commenced.*

*The people of this community will be very grateful to Mr. Sweet for the interest he has taken in the matter and also to the Highway Commission for listening to this appeal, for certainly there is no piece of road in Allegany county that needs improving more than this one. Our hats are off the highway commission, and to Mr. Sweet. Hurrah for all of them!*

The following was published in the April 5, 1912 issue of the *Northern Allegany Observer*.

*Eighteen years ago the 10th of this month occurred the heavy fall of snow that many will remember. It measured three feet on a level.*

*A woman crossed the English Channel as a passenger in an aeroplane Tuesday. How long will it be before a regular passenger service is established by way of the air over this treacherous bit of the sea?*

The following was published in the May 10, 1912 issue of the *Northern Allegany Observer*.

### **TOWN OF HUME HAS STEAM ROLLER**

*A ten-ton steam roller arrived here a few days ago, which the town board of the town of Hume is to take on trial for use on the highways. It was unloaded the first of the week and was put to use at once, a bad piece of road near J.A. Taber's receiving attention first. The manufacturers, the Pitts Mfg. Co. l, of Buffalo, sent a man to operate it for a few days until the superintendent of Highways, Mr. Buell and his son get their hands in. the cost of the machine is \$2,800, but it can be paid for in installments of \$600 a year.*

The picture below was taken in 1920 of the falls in Hume over Cold Creek.

