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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 or on the Town's website.

Town of Hume Board
Members

Supervisor:

Dennis Ricketts

Council Members:

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Daniel Miller

Chris Austin

Greg McKurth

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“Our Town” a Word from Supervisor Ricketts

GOOD NEWS FOR THE TOWN OF HUME

Ted Hopkins, present bookkeeper, past Town Supervisor (from January 1982 to December of 2005) returned to our office December 22nd, after recovering from his accident in June. We're all very pleased to have Ted back.

The Town received a parks grant from the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. This grant will be used to make many improvements to the park and ball field that are used by Fillmore Central School and Fillmore Little League Senior League.

I feel we received this grant because this facility is shared with many organizations and many people benefit from the Town park. Bookings for the pavilion are filled from Memorial Day to Labor Day by families and residents. We believe this park grant will help preserve our park and benefit many people for years to come.

Unfortunately, New York State is holding up the grant monies for control of the Cold Creek Erosion. The

Museum News

This month a section of ninth grade FCS English class is coming to the museum to learn how to research local history. See back page for more information.

The museum is nice and toasty due to the new furnace and the insulation, so don't let the cold stop you from making a visit.

There are fourteen years of Northern Allegany Observer that are searchable on the resource computer. It is fascinating to read the old news.

State's reason for the delay is budget cuts, personnel cuts, and no staff remaining to do the paperwork.

If we do not receive this grant by March 1st, we will have to reapply.

The Town of Hume has also applied for a Trail's grant to repair/restore the old railroad bed/Greenway Trail that runs from Fillmore to Houghton. New York State DEC has given the Town of Hume permission to rehabilitate this trail for hiking, walking, running and bicycling.

The Towns of Hume and Caneadea, Houghton College, Fillmore Central School, and local exercising clubs will benefit from this Trail project. We should have news of any award of this grant in late winter.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Dennis Ricketts, Supervisor

The Town of Hume and surrounding area was a bustling place and it did not lack for interesting controversy either. Ball games between rival towns, farmers who boasted of collecting the most eggs and, even, where a person could purchase the most affordable funeral services!

If you didn't buy a 2011 calendar from the History Club it is not too late, please contact Nancy Gillette or Rondus Miller for a copy.

Town and County Taxes

'tis the season to watch for your Town and County tax bill in the mail.

If you do not receive your bill by the 7th of January, please call the Town Office at 567-2666 immediately so that a copy can be sent to you.

If you have a change of address, send a note or confirmation of your new address with your payment. That ensures that future bills arrive in a timely fashion.

If you DO receive a bill, and it should have gone to a mortgage payment company, please call your lender. Your

lender can request a copy or the amount due.

Taxes are payable through the month of January without penalty, and, yes, payments sent in the mail are accepted as paid by the postmark imprint. Mail to Tax Collector, PO Box 302, Fillmore, NY 14735.

Payments can also be made in person at the Town Clerk's Office, 20 North Genesee Street, Fillmore. Office hours are M-F from 9-N and 1-5 PM.

Winter Parking

When Winter arrives with a dump of cold, white snow; when driving becomes a slalom and test of patience; when the snow piles up along Town roads and streets – then it's time to park off the road so that maintenance vehicles can make a clean sweep when plowing.

Town Law # 1 of 1998 prohibits parking on any Town road or street from November 1st to April 1st during the hours of 12 AM and 7 AM.

This is a public safety issue, and this law will be enforced.

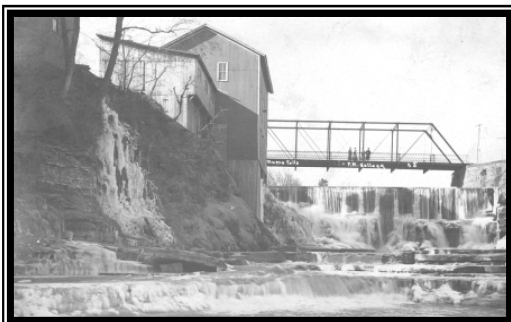
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Remember when the snow banks looked like this? And when was the last time the old V plow was used? It was the blizzard of 1993. Photo on the right is the Oshkosh and the V-plow circa 1960. The man on top of the bank could have been Len Lee or Arthur Bennett.

Winters just aren't like the old days, when the snow was piled so high along the road it nearly touched the top of the electric lines.

The highway sheds have new overhead doors on the west end of the building. Also a new roof covers the fuel pumps on the east end.

Photo at bottom is the old mill in Hume circa 1900.



Water & Sewer Department

Sometime in 2011 the Water/Sewer Dept. will be conducting a State mandated check of all water and sewer connections in homes and businesses. This is a meter check for cross-connection control.

Dog Control Regulations ~ Town of Hume

The Town of Hume adopted Local Law 2 of 2010 providing for the regulation of dogs within the Town of Hume. It becomes effective on January 1, 2011.

Highlights:

1. All dogs over 4 months of age must be licensed. There are no exemptions to the licensing requirements.
2. Your dog must be confined to your property either by fence or leash. If off your property, it must be on a leash.
3. Town of Hume law requires that you keep your dog from loud howling, barking, crying, or whining, and the dog must not conduct itself in such a manner as to unreasonably disturb the comfort or repose of any person other than the owner of the dog.
4. The owner or harborer will be responsible for dogs that are seized, which will include fines, cost of pickup of the dog, and the boarding fees and final disposition of the dog.
5. Any person who observes a dog in violation of this ordinance may file a written complaint available at the Town Clerk's Office. Legal action may commence after the complaint is filed.
6. The complete law, list of fines, and licensing fees may be read at the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Control Officer:

Joan Wagner

Town Clerk's Office Hours:

M— F: 9 To Noon & 1 to 5 PM

Fillmore Little League Pre-Season Registration

Fillmore Little League Inc. will be holding two (2) registration days the first being Sat., Jan. 22, 2011 with the second being Sat., Jan. 29, 2011 at the Fillmore Central School from 9am - 12pm.

This is not tryouts - Just Registration for all tee-ball players, softball players, minor league players, major league players and any new players! Every player MUST re-register each year! We will announce try-out, and fund drive dates at registration.

We ask that all boys that turn age 5 by May 1, 2011 through age 12 and girls that turn age 5 by Jan. 1, 2011 through age 12 interested in playing this season please come and register on one (1) of these dates. Please bring with you three (3) proofs of residency (EXP- copy of Drivers License, copy of a utility bill and or copy of auto ins. cert.) and a birth certificate with a raised stamp on it.

We will be placing the players per age in one (1) of the following programs:

Tee-Ball (Ages 5, 6, 7 & 8 depending on skill level) **Minor League Baseball** (Will be run just like the Majors but with hitting off a pitching machine instead of a live pitcher.) (Ages depends on skill level)

Girls Softball (Ages 9 -12)

Little (Major) League Baseball (Ages10-12)

If you were on a Majors baseball or a softball team last year (ages 9-12) you will be receiving a call to ask if you plan on playing this season! If you do not receive a call please contact Chris Austin by Jan 28 to express your interest in playing or volunteering to help or coach in any of our programs! (All help is always welcome. The programs past and future success depends good people!)

Please call with any questions to Chris or Jen Austin

@ (585)567-8221.

Visit the Town of Hume on the web, to find complete Board minutes, links to Town departments and general information. www.humetown.org

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

phone 585-567-2666

email: 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 Hal, Speicher's Groceries, & Jubilee.

Newspaper: Olean Times Herald



Remember the Fillmore Hospital? For those of you who don't it was located behind Phillippi Used Cars on State Route 19.

Robert Lewis and his wife bought the former Burt Purdy farm and conveyed the property to a board of trustees to be used as a hospital, all of this took place in 1930. The "house" was to be used as a hospital as long as it was solvent and to be torn down if it become unstable.

The hospital closed it's doors in 1952. Many babies were born in the hospital over those 22 years of service to the community. An interesting question about those babies is: who was the last baby born in 1952 and while we are asking who was the first? Please help to solve this mystery about babies born at the hospital.

The photo on the left is of the Fillmore/Genesee Country Hospital. Does anyone remember what it looked like on the inside or is it possible there could be pictures?

A Glance Back...

In past issues this spot has been used to look back in time through the pages of the Northern Allegany Observer. But this time I would like to take a step back in time through the memories of our local citizens. Let me explain...

Last month one of Fillmore Central School's high school English teachers contacted me requesting a trip to the museum with a ninth grade English class. The class assignment is to break into small groups and write a history of specific topics of the Fillmore Central School District.

The students will conduct research at the museum using files, scrapbooks, copies of the Northern Allegany Observer (including the searchable years) and old photographs is part of the assignment. And also outside sources such as the Wide Awake Library.

Conducting personal interviews with local residents in the Fillmore Central School District is another program these students may take on. I can think of no better way to help preserve our local history than for personal interviews that will be recorded.

The students will be coming to the museum in early January with their questions and topics.

Our youth today have no idea what like would be like with cell phones, I-Pods, computers, shopping malls, the Internet, and TEXTING!

This is where a step back in time through memories comes into play. If anyone would like to volunteer to be interviewed or know of a candidate please contact the Town Historian. Thank you for your interest in this worthwhile project.

Plans for a fourth grade program with our County Historian, Craig Braack are in process. This program will be conducted sometime in the early part of June 2011.

I am very excited about both of these ventures by FCS students and wish much success to the students.

Rondus Miller, Town Historian