

# 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 also be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

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Would you like to submit an article or picture for *The Bee*? Then, don't be late the deadline is **August 15th.**

## “Our Town” A Word from Supervisor Ricketts

### Memorial Thanks

Special appreciation goes out to all our Veterans—without them we would not enjoy the freedoms we have. Let's continue to support them and more than one day a year.

A hardy THANK YOU goes out to all who helped make our 2010 Memorial Day / Fillmore Fest Weekend another memorable year.

Note: FABAs (Fillmore Area Boosters Association) was originally started to promote businesses in Fillmore and keep the Memorial Day Tradition in Fillmore & the Town of Hume going. I'd like to extend an open invitation to everyone willing to help next year—to come to the FABAs meeting (TBA) and see where you may have a part in next year's celebration. Remember: Many hands make a job light...we need your hands, ideas and able bodies to keep this celebration going.

A fond farewell goes to Pastor Ben Last and his wife, Emily from the Fillmore Wesleyan Church. They will be leaving us in June to return to Canada and a pastoral position there. We'll miss you guys!

Things are looking up for the Cold Creek Grant. FEMA has accepted our application and we await their approval decision. This grant would enable us to line Cold Creek with rock to

control erosion starting at the site of the former Pennsy RR bridge along the north and south sides of the creek to the Genesee River. In view of economic times let's keep our fingers crossed.

Words of Wisdom reprinted from the Northern Allegany Observer 3/28/1957

*“When Government enters the field of business with its great resources, it has a tendency to extravagance and inefficiency, but having the power to crush all competitors, likewise closes the door of opportunity and results in a monopoly” Calvin Coolidge, November 19, 1925.*

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, call me at the Town Hall 567-2666, Monday—Friday between 8 AM & 1 PM.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,

Dennis Ricketts,  
Town of Hume Supervisor

## School is Out for the summer.

**Please watch for children playing, running or biking.**

## Wide Awake Club Library 2010 Summer Happenings

### Gardening Class:

Master gardener Mary Lou Wells will be presenting:

### "Color in Your Garden"

at the WAC Library Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm. This is free and open to the public.

### Summer Reading:

#### "Make a Splash, READ!"

Every Tuesday starting July 13<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 10 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older: 11 AM

### "Book Making"

bought to you by the Allegany Artisan's Association. Every Tuesday starting July 13<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM

For ages 9 and up, class is limited to 12 children. Call 585-567-8301 to sign up.

### Special Family Program:

Ventriloquist "Bruce Weaver and Friends" presents "Dive into Adventures at the Library"

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 AM at the Fillmore Park Pavilion

### Summer Artists Series:

Wednesday's @ 7 pm at the Fillmore Park Pavilion (bring your own lawn chairs)

July 14<sup>th</sup>: "Country Pickin" country oldies

July 21<sup>st</sup>: "Tavernier Sisters" Amy Preston, Reeni McCumisky and Julie DiSanto will present guitar,

keyboard, vocals concert

July 28<sup>th</sup>: "Southern Expresso"-50's rock and roll, Bossa Novas, and favorites from Broadway musicals

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>: "Bonnelyn Buckley" local poet and folklorist will present touching and humorous poems and stories.

### Annual book sale @ Fillmore Fire Hall

Thursday and Friday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM- 6 PM Saturday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 until noon at The WAC library.

Summer fun...

Read to a kid!

## Town of Hume Summer Swim Program

The summer swim program has been available since 2003. This year will make our 8th year. The program is funded by a grant from the state and runs for a 5 week period. We have been able to provide a swim instructor for 6 of the 8 years. When an instructor is unavailable a free swim is offered

for the youth. When the youth are not in the pool they are under supervision upstairs along the track area. A variety of games are available for them to engage with.

Fillmore Central School provides the transportation to and from the pool. We have youth from 5 townships that participate. (Hume,

Granger, Caneadea, Centerville and Rushford) Over the last 7 years an average of 70 youth take part each summer. The age groups range from 5—13.

Margaret Mills,

Summer Recreation Director

## Two Scouts Attend April Town Board Meeting

In order to fulfill our merit badge requirement for Citizenship in the Community, we attended a Town of Hume Board meeting.

The meeting was very interesting. Garret Frazier and I could not believe all of the different issues large and small, the town had to address. For instance, there was a lengthy discussion on gravel.

Garrett and I couldn't believe how much debate and discussion was spent on gravel. But, we did realize that this is an important town issue! If the Town of Hume doesn't have these discussions—who will? In earning this merit badge we realized how very important a community is. The Town Board Members have an important job—to keep this Town running

smoothly and cost effective! Putting this into perspective-gravel is important!

Thank you Town of Hume Board Members for enlightening us on the Town issues and allowing us to attend a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elliot Austin, Senior Patrol Leader  
Boy Scout 748

## In Memoriam Elizabeth “Betty” Clute

If there was a job to be done, Betty volunteered.

Betty Clute worked for several years for the Town of Hume in various capacities: tax filing assistant, election inspector, dog clinic clerk, and envelope stuffer/sorter/mailler. Her job was often tedious, and it was often harried. Deadlines! Whatever the situation, Betty worked through it, usually with laughter, and always with camaraderie.

To our sorrow, she passed away on May 31, 2010. She will be remembered for her husky laugh, the treats she baked for her co-workers, the rapid crochet hook in her hand, and her own indomitable style.

We extend our sincere condolences to her family.



Betty Clute

## Town Justice

Fred Cwiklinski has begun his 24th year as a Town Justice. He is not sure if this is his sixth or seventh term serving the people in the Town of Hume. “I have never paid much attention to the terms of my office, as Town Justice (formerly Justice of the Peace) is really not allowed to let politics into his everyday life. In fact a justice can only participate in political activity in the year he or she is up for election. The New York State Judicial Commission advises a judge not to endorse any party or candidate. Thusly, it is best to stay away from any political activity as it looks like a judge is using his office as an endorsement. The people of the Town of Hume have continued to elect me, so I try to keep a strict adherence to the rules and try to employ all the laws of the State of New York with fairness and compassion.”

Three years ago, Judge Cwiklinski retired from a full time

teaching position as a Vocational instructor at the Belmont B.O.C.E.S Center. He worked there for nineteen years with teens and in many cases Special Education students and he says he “learned how kids tick.” Previous experience with the Erie County Sheriff’s Department and Cheektowaga Auxiliary Police started his quest for love of the law and helped when he started as Justice. Through the years Justice Cwiklinski has taken hundreds of hours of mandatory Judicial Training and college courses in Criminal Justice. He states “People have no idea the many hours of training the position of Town Justice involves.” he goes on to say “I feel I am dedicated to the people of the Town of Hume and do not mind all the training hours if it helps me do my job better.” Being Town Justice is a part time position, but a justice can be called on at any time of the day or

night. Again good training helps the critical decisions easier to make at those times.

Many things have really changed in the years he has been in service. Take for example fines and surcharges. When he started the Vehicle and Traffic Surcharge on tickets was \$5.00. Today the surcharge alone is \$85.00. Add to this an equal or greater amount for a fine and a lot of people have trouble paying this due to the economy. The State of New York sets the fines and surcharges and a Town Justice must comply with these mandates. Driving While Intoxicated laws have become stricter with high fines and license revocations or suspensions being mandatory. Penal and Conservation law fines and surcharges are also very high. Judge Cwiklinski’s advice to law violators is “You really can’t afford it.”

## Court Clerk

Court Clerk Karen Cwiklinski has been Judge Cwiklinski's clerk for his entire length of service. Back in 1986, special permission had to be granted from the New York State Court Administration for Mrs. Cwiklinski to serve as her judge husband's clerk. According to Judge Cwiklinski his wife Karen "has been a valuable asset to the Hume Court. She is professional, knowledgeable, and personable in her position as clerk. Without her as my clerk, I don't think I could do my job as justice as effectively as I do."

Mrs. Cwiklinski works as a full

time Speech/Language Pathologist at the Keshequa Elementary School in Dalton. She has been a speech pathologist since 1981, and thoughts of retirement in a few more years are being entertained.

A court clerk must attend many hours of training. The job of recording and reporting of violations, crimes and fines, as well as the status of litigation must be done in a correct and timely fashion. For example, by the tenth day of every month, a financial report must be electronically sent to the New York State Comptroller's office. The clerk's job, among many others, is

to prepare this report of monies collected, as well as the check for dispersal, present them to the justice for his approval and signatures, and ultimately transmit it to the State. Reports must also be regularly transmitted to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, and to the New York State Criminal Justice Department. There have been three audits in her time of service by the New York State Comptroller's office. Clerk Cwiklinski is proud of the published summary by the Comptroller's office reflecting a near perfect report on record keeping and banking.

## Fillmore Runners



Front Row: Josh Bodnar, Jaynie Nafziger, Emily Last

Back Row: Nate Propert, Jen Keeler, Sue Bodnar, Jason Bodnar, Ben Last, John Woodard, Marie Woodard, Eileen Frawley

You have probably seen the fluorescent yellow t-shirts or in the winter, the blinking lights. They are the Fillmore Runners that you see throughout town. The Fill-

more Runners are a group of individuals of various ages and skill levels ; from the "newbie" runner working toward their first 5K, to those who have marathons and ultra marathons under their belts.

The group originated as a discipleship group through the Fillmore Wesleyan Church. The group is called Try-a-Tri. This group of individuals will be competing in July, in the Wilson Wet and Wild Triathlon in Wilson, New York. This consists of swimming 600 meters in Lake Ontario, bicycling 20 miles and running 2 miles in one day. Some of this group will be competing in the Duathlon that day. This consists of running 2

miles, biking 20 miles and running 5 more miles to finish the race.

Whether you want to train for a Tri or just want to exercise, the FRC welcomes ALL runners of all skill levels and ages to join them. They will be meeting every Tuesday evening at the Town Park starting July 13th. Come learn, share techniques and exercise; and find a running partner of your skill level.

Bicycle riders are also invited to share in this training time, also. We are aware of many riders that enjoy the sport of cycling and like to share their experiences, also.

## Town Board Minutes

Previously highlights from Town of Hume Board Meetings were printed in *The Bee*. However, because of increasing interest in our

publication, this time Town Board highlights will not appear. If you wish to obtain a copy you may do so at the Town Clerk's office or to

read a copy visit the Town's website at

[www.humetown.org](http://www.humetown.org)

## Dog Control News

The Dog Control Officer for the Town of Hume reported that in the months of April and May of 2010, 3 dogs were picked up and 5 appearance tickets to Hume Town Court were issued to overdue or unlicensed dog owners.

New York State Law requires a dog, 4 months or older, to be licensed. Proof of valid rabies vaccination and neutering/spaying certificate, are required for licensing.

The Town of Hume has a Dog Control Law which requires a dog to be leashed or confined. Do not let your pet roam at large. Roaming is not only hazardous to your pet and others it might contact, but it is also unlawful.

### What to do if Your Pet is Lost or Stolen

If your pet is ever lost or stolen begin your search immediately. Don't wait a few days hoping he'll return on his own. Begin looking for your dog by circling around your block, then, gradually widen the circle to include neighboring areas.

Call your local Dog Control Officer. Each town in New York has a designated Dog Control Officer. The of Hume's DCO is Joan Wagner. Call her at 567-8430, leaving a message if necessary.

Call the Town Clerk at 567-2666. hopefully your pet's collar has ID attached, which will make it easier for someone finding your pet to call you. The tag issued with your original license has a number unique to your pet, and will make the search and identification

much easier. The Clerk also has a list of other DCO's in other townships.

Distribute "Lost Pet" flyers to friends, neighborhood residents, and businesses. Post flyers on all neighborhood bulletin boards. Flyers should also be handed out and throughout the neighborhood where your pet was lost.

Place "Lost Pet" ads (with your pet's photograph if possible) in the "Lost and Found" and "Pet" sections of local newspapers.

If your dog is tattooed, contact National Dog Registry (800-NDR-DOGS), and Tattoo-A-Pet (716-646-8203).

Joan Wagner, Town of Hume DCO

## Records Storage Room

If you judge a project on sheer volume, then the Records Storage Room grant has turned into a very large project indeed.

With the actual room constructed, all of the Town records from the upstairs of the Town Clerk's office had to be moved to the basement at the museum. In one morning, with strong arms and backs, the summer employees moved a small mountain of boxes.

Still, a very important part of the project lies ahead. All of the records need to be sorted, catego-

rized, filed and re-shelved.

The Town of Hume is fortunate to obtain the services of Eric Richter to fulfill this final stage. Eric has his Bachelor's degree in History and currently is working on his Masters at Brockport. He will be the Records Clerk for this dusty and often tedious procedure.

Pictured at right, Eric is reading a document; pictured at above right is "just one" of the stacks of boxes he has ahead of him.



## FCS Fourth Grade at the Museum

On Friday June 18th the annual FCS 4th grade tour to the museum took place. Fifty plus students, (in two groups) teachers, aides and the bus driver came to the museum in the morning. Traditionally all fourth graders arrange themselves on the stairway for a class picture. Then they take a walk back in time to learn a few interesting facts about the Town of Hume.

In the afternoon we meet again at FCS and board a school bus for a "scaled" down tour of the school district. Every year we take a different route from the school but we always cross the Genesee head to Botsford Hollow to see where

the abutments still stand for the former Erie RR. Then we travel down Ballard Road stop at Lattice Bridge and walk up to the Fox Hill/Lattice Bridge Cemetery. We all learn a lesson in cemetery etiquette; crayons and paper are passed out for headstone rubbings. Then the children are told of the first person who was buried in the cemetery and the significance. After a brief reminder not to run, yell and have respect they all scatter with paper and crayon in hand to find the first internment. (If you would like to know who it is, ask a fourth grader.)

Then back on the bus down to the Town of Caneadea on Council

House Road stopping at the boulder commemorating Moses Van Campen and his famous run through the gauntlet.

Since we are in Caneadea we may as well go to Houghton College Campus and see where Copperhead is buried.

This year we were treated to a tour of Cuba Specialty by Steve Sentz. The children watched as he demonstrated how a minnow trap was made from start to finish.

These are only a few highlights of the fourth grade bus tour. Each year is different but we always have a great time learning about history right here in the Town of Hume. Rondus Miller



Left top, Fox Hill/Lattice Bridge Cemetery.

Right top, Second half fourth grade.

Left bottom, first half fourth grade.

Right bottom, Mr. Sentz demonstration at Cuba Specialty



## Museum

One May 22nd Nancy Gillette, Don Barber and myself demonstrated the “searchable newspapers” to seven members of the Belfast Historical Society. They were especially interested in a copy of a *Belfast Blaze* that had been copied scanned and converted into a PDF file.

Some felt we are light years ahead of the BHS and were very interested in our progress and wanted to know how they could do a similar project.

Naturally they were interested in searching for any Sullivan or Muldoon news. They were excited to

read about news in Belfast from October 1899 additionally were happy to take a copy of the newspaper back to Belfast.

The digitization of the newspapers has stirred an interest with local residents and out of state researchers too. I would like to encourage local people to come to the museum and read the “good” old news.

The Town Museum continues to receive loaned and donated items. One of the most recent donated items is a portrait of a young man who served the Union during the Civil War but lost his life in Andersonville Prison.

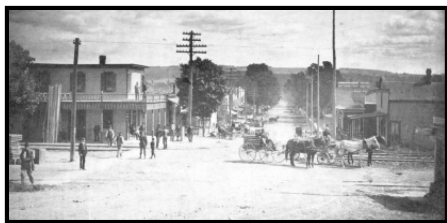
On May 8th I attended the Spring Meeting of GAHWNY Government Appointed Historians of Western New York) in Batavia, NY. One of the programs illustrated how to establish good system for filing records.

On July 16th Eric Richter and myself will attend a Preservation of Historical Records workshop at the Ellery Town Hall in Bemus Point, NY.

Rondus Miller,

Town of Hume Historian.

## Hardware



West Main looking east circa 1900.

On September 6, 1916 a devastating fire swept down the north side of West Main Street in Fillmore. Destroying the entire block from the Railroad House to the corner of Minard Street. The fire destroyed over ten businesses, barns and smaller buildings.



West Main looking east after 1916 fire.

One of the buildings destroyed was Wilday's Hardware. The business men did not waste time in rebuilding. A new hardware store built by Simons-Robbins was built in 1917. the following are news items from the *Northern Allegany Observer*:

*September 7, 1917, The new hardware is progressing nicely the outside being nearly finished and the front is being put in.*

*September 21, 1917, The Simons-Robbins Hardware Co. expects to move into their new building in about town weeks.*

*October 26, 1917, It is reported that W.E. Robbins has bought out the interest of his partner G.D. Simons, in the Simons-Robbins Hardware Company.*



Hardware circa 1930, note gasoline pumps in front of store.

When the store was rebuilt in 1917 it also sold Socony motor gasoline.

In 1930 it changed hands again and business was conducted by Stekl Bro's. In 1968 Orson Beardsley bought it from the Stekl Brothers, several years later he sold it to Mr. Hackett who sold it in 1975 to Wendell and Mabel Howden.

The Howden family has owned and operated business in this building the longest of any of its previous owners.

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)

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

**Newspaper:** Olean Times Herald

## Oops!

In the last issue it was reported the Hume Baptist Church will celebrate their 165th Anniversary in the fall. They will be celebrating their **175th** Anniversary!

Pictured at the right are two of Fillmore's Baseball Teams, can you name any of the players? It would be nice to know who these great ball players were. For a closer look at the photos visit the Town of Hume Museum.



Fillmore Merchants & Reds above

Fillmore Reds below



## A Glance Back...

From the August 21, 1917  
*Northern Allegany Observer...*

*Two Ford loads of gypsies came to town Wednesday but before they had time to work up any trade, Deputy Sheriff Brigham tipped them off to a few startling facts and they moved on.*

From the June 24, 1892 under  
Hume and Vicinity..

*The J.P. Manchester Protectives have received invitations from Belfast and Mt. Morris to participate in the celebrations to be held in those villages on the Fourth of July. The company voted to accept the invitation from Mt. Morris, as the company from that place had cheerfully responded to our invitation years past.*

*James Ratchford got his gristmill*

*running in short order after the flood of the 9th inst. It was only about two days before he had the dam repaired and was ready to grind again. Mr. Ratchford also had the job for building the temporary bridge across the creek above the iron bridge. Jim took the job for building the bridge for twenty dollars, and the boys say that he did not make but nineteen dollars out of the job, not coming quite up to one of his usual horse trades.*

*July 8, 1892...The J. P. Manchester Protectives took part in the celebration at Mr. Morris on July fourth. The boys all returned highly pleased with the manner in which they had been treated by the fire companies and citizens of that village. They also reported the celebration "as something to see."*

*Rossburgh...The ball game came off last Saturday with a large crowd to witness the defeat. Tuscarora boys being beaten by 1 to 11 score. The program was ended by a drunken fight.*

*The Rossburgh boys expect to go to Bliss next Saturday to beat the Bliss boys in a game of ball.*

*The dance at the opera house on the evening of the Fourth given by Mills orchestra was well attended and a success in every way. Seventy-eight couples were present, over fifty of whom took super at the Prospect House.*

*Houghton...Nobody has died, nobody married and no severe storms since July 2d, so there is no thrilling news to record. We have had no rain at all for eight days past.*