

The Bee

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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 also 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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A Word from Supervisor Ricketts

We, at the Town of Hume, would like to thank the active members of the Wiscoy-Rossburg, William P. Brooks Hose Fire Company and the Fillmore Rescue Squad for their dedicated service to the Town of Hume and surrounding areas. We are very fortunate to have these volunteer members' time and talent serving our community. THANK YOU all very much! You make the Town of Hume a better, safer place to live. For a list of active members from all services and photos see page 3.

The annual Memorial Day parade was Monday May 30th. The parade is organized by the Dee Victor Thomas American Legion Post 1155.

Traditionally the parade starts at the school then proceeds down West Main Street ending in the town park where the commemorative program to Veterans is held.

Pictured on right: top; . Middle; Dee Victor Thomas Color Guard. Bottom; members of Dee Victor Thomas Post 1155.

Town Park Vandalism

On a discouraging note, in the month of June 2011 the new slide in the Town Park was vandalized, making it unsafe to use.

The State Police believe that a bicycle was ridden down the slide and the bike's kick stand was down ripping a large hole in the slide.

A new one has been ordered costing the Town over \$2,000 including man hours.

Traditional "buzzing" of the color guard by Craig Smith



Dee Victor Thomas
Color Guard

Memorial service begins by members of Dee Victor Thomas Post 1155.



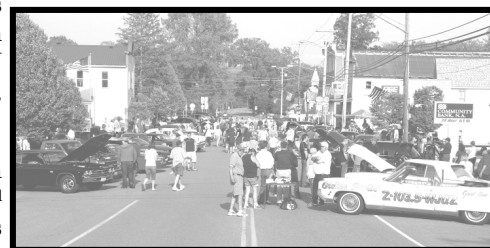
Fun in Fillmore Cruise Night

On Friday evening, May 28th the first annual Fun in Fillmore Cruise Night was held on West Main St. More than 70 entries filled both sides of the street and into the bank parking lot.

Thanks to all who helped organize and sponsor the cruise night and to make it a success.

Pictured are: upper left Supervisor's Trophy Stock 1959 Thunderbird Hardtop Deloris M. Hatfield, Silver Springs, N.Y; middle left Gary Wolfer presenting Deloris Hatfield her trophy; bottom left: Phillippi's original stock; top right Warren Emerson and DJ from WJQJ radio station; bottom right, view of West Main St.

There were four categories with trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, along with spectator's and supervisor's choice.



One volunteer is better than ten forced men.

Town of Hume Summer Swim Program

The summer program this year will be able to offer our Fillmore Central School District Youth swim lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Houghton College gymnasium. The program will begin Tuesday, July 5th, and run until August 4th. The first group will start at 9 A.M. followed by the second group at 10 A.M. When one group is not swimming they will be participating in games and recreation. Youth must have completed kindergarten in order to attend the program.

Over the past eight years that I have organized the program, an average of 71 youths a year have been served. This is definitely an important life-long skill that they will use throughout their whole life. I am pleased to be a part of this program and hope the program will continue in the future.

If you have questions you may call me after 5 P.M. at: 585-567-8394.

Margaret Mills, Summer Swim Co-coordinator

Summer Concert Series

The Wide Awake Club hosts a concert in the Town Park Pavilion every Wednesday evening at 7 PM starting July 20th through August 10th.

The schedule is:

July 20: The Warsaw Barbershoppers

July 27: The Tavernier Sisters

August 3: Beth Sleboda: Music Lady

August 10: Local Poet, Bonnelynn Buckley

The Library Club's annual book sale will be August 4th & 5th at the Fillmore Firehall, from 9 AM—6 PM. Saturday August 6th it will be held at the Library from 9 AM to Noon.

The Summer reading program will be every Monday at 10 AM and 11 AM, starting July 11th through August 15th.

Special Family Program: "One World, Many Stories" with BubbleMan Doug Rougeux will be held August 9th at 11 AM at the Town Park Pavilion.

Thank You to Our Fire Companies & Rescue Squad

Wm. P. Brooks Hose Company Roster

Active Members:	Gayford, Gerald
Armison, Chad	Hall, Dennis
Ashton, Brain	Hall, Julie
Beil, Eric	Hesse, Neil
Beil, Joe	Hutchison, Rian
Benedict, Steven	Merrill, Jamey
Bennion, Sr. Lawrence	Parmenter, Jerrid
Bentley, Jeffery	Perkins, James
Bentley, Richard	Rees, Scott
Clark, Joel	Stroud, Karen
Clark, Lanny	Thompson, Frances
Clark, Patricia	Thompson, III, Thomas
Clark, Rebecca	Thompson, IV, Thomas
Folts, Keith	Watt, Raellen
French, Richard	Witkowski, Michael
French, Sheryl	Yanda, Allen
Friedl, Thomas P	Yanda, Charles

Fillmore Rescue Squad Roster

Active Members:	Parmenter, Jerrid
Armison, Chad	Perkins, Jim
Becker, Jaremy	Reinbold, Tad
Beil, Joe	Reinbold, Wendy
Bentley, Richard	Sherlock, Mike
Bushman, Kay	Stroud, Karen
Folts, Keith	Voss, Tom
Hall, Dennis	Voss, Tim
Hollis, Richard	White, Debra
Jacobson, Wendy	Witkowski, Michael
Luckey, Jeffery	



Fillmore Rescue Squad

Wiscoy-Rosburg Volunteer Fire Company

Active Members:	Vedder, Daryl
Reinbold, Tad; Chief	Wolcott, Dan
Mills, Allan; 1st Ass't Chief	Howden, Marty
Hopkins, Peter; 2nd Ass't Chief	Rafferty, David: Exempt Member
Smith, Dennis; 3rd Ass't Chief	
Smith, Max; President	
Tanner, Nathan; Vice President	
Parmenter, Thomas; Treasurer	
Snider, Phillip; Secretary	
Dewe, Steven	
Ellis, Robert	
Reinbold, Wendy	
Sanford, David	
Sanford, Donna	



Above: Wm. P. Brooks Hose Fire Company

Left: Wiscoy-Rosburg Volunteer Fire Company

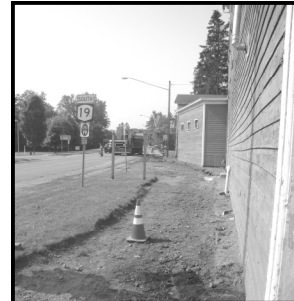
Freedom is not constituted primarily of privileges but of responsibilities.

Town Highway Department



The sidewalk along South Genesee Street was replaced with new concrete. Picture on left show town highway crew directing traffic and working to remove old sidewalk. One the right pictured is after walk was removed and lower right new sidewalk ready for foot traffic. A short piece in front of the Post Office was also replaced.

Plans for replacement of other needed sidewalk replacement this year depend on weather, time and budget.



Some Things Never Change...

The following article was published in the July 6, 1928 issue of the *Northern Allegany Observer*:

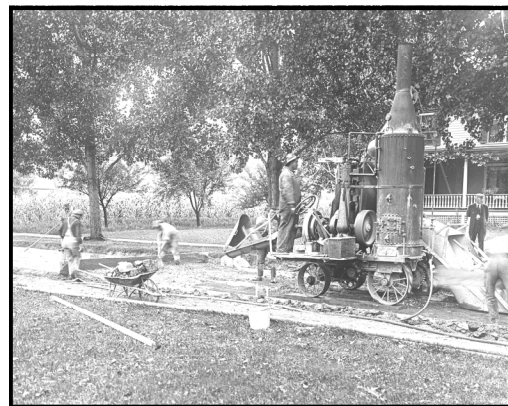
Portageville Boulevard Is A Back Breaker

“Will the Fillmore-Portageville state highway ever be completed,” is the question many residents of this section who are obliged to travel this bad piece of road are asking. Being a part of one of the main arteries of travel in the Genesee Country, traffic is increasingly heavy over this route and the end of the first half of the year finds it a veritable “rock road to Dublin.”

The state designated this route for improvement several years ago and it was brought to partial completion late in 1926. The base was gravel surfaced, later oiled and allowed to remain for a year or two before being finished with concrete. This state of construction has produced one of the roughest roads to be found by the automobilist in this part of the state and some who have returned from Florida state they saw nothing like it on the journey.

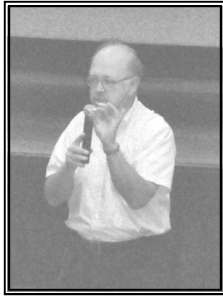
Rather than recommend this nearer route over the ten mile stretch which leads from here directly into Letchworth Park, also Rochester and Buffalo by the way of Pike, Castile or Perry. This route is the longer way around but is getting the bulk of the automobile travel this season.

Although some of the new road follows new right of way and there is evidence of the grade settling in places, folks point out that one year was sufficient for the state to spend experimenting with the stability of a state highway grade, before completing it, especially one as badly needed as this one is.



The picture above was taken June 14, 1913 in front of 58 South Genesee Street Fillmore. Although this picture was taken 15 years earlier than the above article it shows what road construction was like in the past.

Museum News



On Monday June 13th County Historian, Craig Braack presented a program on the Genesee Valley Canal and railroads in the FCS auditorium. Fourth grade students totaling over 100 from; Fillmore, Genesee Valley, Cuba/Rushford, and Canaseraga attended Mr. Braack's presentation.

On Wednesday morning June 15th the fourth grade came to the museum in two separate groups. After the traditional pictures on the stairway were taken they



s p e n t nearly an hour in the m u s e u m

learning where the Genesee Valley Canal and Railroad were located in the Town of Hume. The program by Mr. Braack fit nicely with resources shown to the students. Enough time was allotted

to look at the displays in the museum.

One stop was at Craig and Audrey Smith's property where there were three locks located on the Genesee Valley Canal. The children listened intently as Craig told how the locks worked and how they were constructed. Mr. Smith also told us about his two airplanes he owns.

Love Me, License Me

Since January when the local law controlling dogs within the Town became effective, over 50 new dog licenses have been issued. That brings the total licensed dog population to 424.

The Town would like to remind all residents, that, if you have a dog, the dog must be licensed when it reaches 4 months of age. Licenses must be renewed annually. Proof of a valid rabies vaccination is required, and proof of spaying/neutering must be provided if it applies.

There are no exceptions to this requirement—there are NO EXEMPTIONS for farm dogs, service dogs, senior dogs, dogs on large parcels of land, or for housebound dogs.

The bus ride takes us into the T o w n o f Caneadea to the boulder marking where the Seneca Council house once stood and where Moses Van Campen ran the gauntlet.



Every year we go to the Fox Hill/Lattice Bridge Cemetery. There we learn about cemetery etiquette, and who the first white person was to be buried on the Caneadea Indian Reservation. Pieces of paper and crayons are passed to each student and instructions on how to make a "rubbing" are given. Then

they are off looking for the grave of Timothy Rice.



Leaders don't force people to follow: they invite them on a journey.

One of the duties of the Dog Control officer is to periodically enumerate (count) the dog population. The last full enumeration was nearly 3 years ago. To keep records up-to-date, portions of the Town are being enumerated now, and this process will continue until all areas have been canvassed.

Please take note that if your dog is unlicensed during an enumeration, there is an additional surcharge attached to the license fee, and there are legal penalties for failure to comply.

Contact the Town Clerk to license your dog.

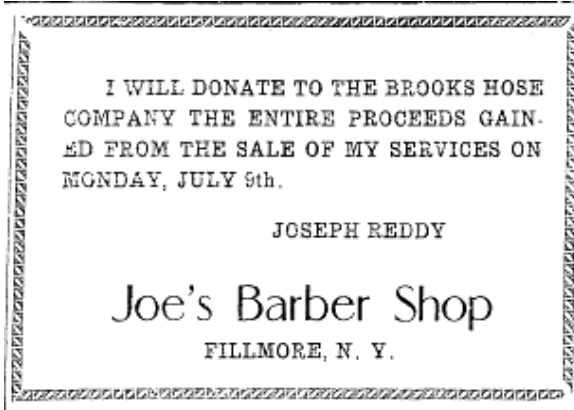
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Town Clerk hours: Monday to Friday 9-12 & 1-5 phone 585-567-2666

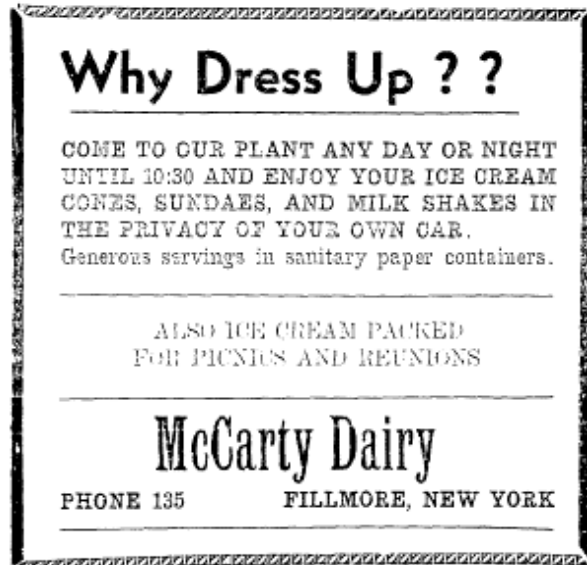
email: humetown@rochester.rr.com

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

Newspaper: [Olean Times Herald](#)



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Rummage Sale ~ August 6, 2011 ~ 8 am - ??

Friends in Christ United Methodist Church 23 Minard Street

A Glance Back...

The following was published in the *Northern Allegany Observer* on January 8, 1932 under:

News and Nonsense... In this age of depression it is well to economize. One suggestion is to buy an Austin car. They will go twenty miles on a bottle of pop and an aspirin tablet.

January 15, 1932: *Fillmore potato growers bring State wide recognition to Allegany's rich potato region. H. L. Hodnett & Sons capture State Championship prize at Empire State show.*

Five men were apprehended while hunting on Sunday near the Belfast-Caneadea town line, under an almost forgotten blue law.

The Fink Hollow Hospital unit and families will meet with Mrs. Harry Knorr at the home of F. J. Closser for a tureen dinner Wednesday. A most delicious dinner was enjoyed by all and a pleasant afternoon was spent. (Editor's note: What was the Fink Hollow Hospital Unit?)

July 6, 1928: *Electrical Kitchen Here Wednesday,*

July 11. The Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corporation's electrical kitchen will be located in the village park at Fillmore Wednesday, July 11 at two p. m.

The demonstration under the direction of a trained person will show and explain the appliances which are making home keeping so much easier and much more efficient. The equipment includes washing machine, ironer, refrigerator, stove, percolator, flat irons, toaster, ice cream freezer and many others. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

July 12, 1951 ~ *Northern Allegany Observer. Baseball News. Hume was knocked out to second place Sunday by a 14 to 5 loss to West Seneca. It was as poor an exhibition of baseball, on our part as anyone ever paid to see. We know we are capable of better playing and we sincerely hope that it doesn't happen again and you can be sure that we will try and prevent it. Next Sunday we go to Machias to challenge the league's leading team, who have only one loss which is West Seneca. "Here's to a better game of ball from now on."*