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FCS Annual 4th Grade Visit to Museum

Before I begin please let me take you a step back to April 2000; our town museum was just getting under way and at the same time Fillmore was preparing to celebrate its 150 birthday for Memorial Day weekend. Around the same time Fillmore Central 2nd grade classes came to the museum for a visit and I led the 4th grade on their annual history walk down Main Street in Fillmore; a walk that Paula Bliss had started many years prior.

The following year along with the 2nd grade the 4th grade came to the museum and we still took a stroll down main street too. One year we had cold wet weather for a walk and I mentioned to Mrs. Clark, one of the teachers, that it would be nice if we could get a bus and "tour" around the town instead of walking in the rain, extending the tour further than we could walk with the time permitted. It happened that very afternoon and that was beginning of marvelous bus rides around our school district!

We visited places such as: the old hos-

Below: Moses showing his hatchet to the students.

Right: Moses has our attention.



pital site, the three locks on the Genesee Valley Canal, Wiscoy Falls, the former Perry Knitting Mill (now the Cuba Specialty), over to Botsford's Hollow to see the pillars from the Erie High Bridge, Fox Hill Cemetery and many more but always the boulder on Council House Road commemorating the site where Moses Van Campen ran the gauntlet in 1782 during the Revolutionary War.

This year we had an extra special treat when Brendan Heaney, an English teacher at FCS, agreed to preform his monologue of Moses Van Campen. Dressed in period costume and with a stoic demeanor Moses held all of us captive for 45 minutes. Relating his life as a young man before and during the Revolutionary War and his life after the war. Afterwards the students asked questions, good questions then with a big Thank You we were back on the bus, a memorable historical tour fin-

cal tour finished for a n o t h e r year.



July 2014

More FCS 2014 4th Grade Visit

On Wednesday morning June 11th Fillmore Central School 4th graders (divided in two sections) arrived at the museum for the annual visit. Traditionally the students set three to a step on the stairway until it is full, full, full then a picture or two is taken of smiling faces.

In past years I have given a brief history of the museum, its uses and how it come to be. This year after a very brief "history" I broke from tradition and opened the floor to questions from the students. By doing so this allowed them more time to look and ask questions about the displays.

The first bus load of students was very interested in the Northern Allegany Observer newspaper project. Students were told they are welcome to come to the museum anytime and read about "old history" and what their ancestors were doing more than 100 years ago. It did not

take long and the bound books were in their hands and on the floor, each student looking for a familiar last name.

Students were also asked to find two objects in the museum; one: to find Fillmore misspelled and two: a

document proclaiming Fillmore would have a Post Office. Nearly everyone found at least one of the mystery items before it was time to leave.

The afternoon bus tour was limited to the Fox Hill/ Lattice Bridge Cemetery to allow time for the Moses Van Campen monologue.

> Pictured below the traditional "stairway" picture and students reading newspapers from more than 100 years ago!









2014 Memorial Weekend the Fillmore Fun Fest Group Delivers the Fun

"Our main goal is to bring families together to have fun in Fillmore, young and old." Members of the Fillmore Fun Fest committee recently got together to reflect on the May 24th-25th Fun Fest held in northern Allegany County's Fillmore NY.

The members discussed that they have already received feedback since the event from the Town of Hume Board members who were all in attendance throughout the fest activities as well as countless others in the area that this year's event delivered on the family fun. The committee thanks the Town of Hume Board for being a tremendous support system and contributor to the fest as well as the countless busiFCS music teacher Jessica Chapman and her students ran a dunk tank four hours each day with the proceeds collected going to help senior Daniel Bennett study music abroad in the fall: Fillmore people helping Fillmore people and having fun while doing it. The family fun theme prevailed the entire Memorial weekend in Fillmore.

Saturday evening from 5-7 there was a Car Show. Steve and Doug Robbins were extremely helpful with this event as well as the Paul Hatch family. "Best of Show" trophies were sponsored by Ed Hulmes & Sons Inc. and were presented to Sam Maggio Jr. from Cuylerville for a 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS. and to

nesses that contributed monetarily.

Beginning with Pinewood а Derby held on Saturday May 24th at noon, FCS teacher Desi DeRock-Miller volunteered her time to help by circulating forms and organizing the participants



Zachary Chandler from Fillmore for a 2001 Harley Sportster. Congratulations, winners! Eighty plus cars participated from as far as Mt. Morris. Olean, Bolivar, and Hornell. Twenty-two

Dee Victor Thomas Post 1155 Color Guard, May 2014

at the school. The winners were: 1st place Summer Friedl, 2nd place Anderson Wiltsey, 3rd place Aiden Wagner. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you to all who participated and also to the ever present Fill More Bear.

For two days there were 23 craft vendors set up at the fest from noon to five featuring attractions like face painting, Amish leather items, homemade soaps, airbrush tattoos, daycare activities, Foxy Knives, tie dyed tee shirts, wood creations, and other family friendly offerings. Wounded Warriors was represented by local Kathy Thomas, which was a noble and popular attraction for fest goers.

What says family fun better than free amusement rides? For two days there were free rides for all, courtesy of the Fillmore Fun Fest patrons and donations. Many folks were overheard saying things like, "Free rides?" and "Wow!" Bob Oberst with American Amusement Rentals supplied the rides. trophies were given out for cars, trucks and one motorcycle. All the while the car show was going on Fillmore's own Tom Ricketts entertained the crowd as DJ with music from the 50s and 60s.

Sunday along with rides and vendors there was a Fillmore town team baseball game going on and people enjoying karaoke ending with a street dance and for the first time the dance was actually in the street! In the past, the street dance was held in the fire hall driveway. This year the committee decided to close off the main street and hold the dance right in the street. Fillmore's Rich Mason provided a stage using a semi flatbed and the Allegany County Sheriff's deputies blocked off the street and kept an eye on things. Hundreds and hundreds of people showed up to hear Fillmore musicians share their talents at the street dance. The sophisticated sound system was provided by Ralph Brooks and company from Bradford Pa.

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FCS graduates Nate and Matt Corrigan performed straight off recording their first CD, entitled Tough Old Bird-Never to Return. The crowd was highly entertained by their folksy bluesy original music.

The Barry Brothers Band played next. All but one band member attended and/or graduated from FCS and the one who didn't lives and works in Fillmore presently. Patrick and Brad Barry, John Mast, Adam Malone, John Buteyn and Pat Yeomans got the enthusiastic crowd dancing and singing and clapping along to cover songs as well as their original songs from their recently released cd, Hume Sweet Hume, recorded and produced in the Town of Hume. People were literally dancing in the street! Four out of six of the band members work in Fillmore for Sweet Water Media LLC, a business providing a dozen jobs to local people; Fillmore folks taking care of Fillmore.

Adding to the fun time hundreds of folks were already having at the street dance was a twenty minute firework display that could be seen from the street, provided by Matt Shaw of Skylighters of New York. Fillmore's Brooks Hose volunteer FD stood by with trucks while the fireworks were going off and the company was supportive in numerous ways, helping the two day event to be a smashing successful. The committee also thanks surrounding volunteer departments for their support too.

Not only was there plenty of family fun in Fillmore over Memorial weekend, there were no problems, the committee commented. Bringing families together to have fun: goal accomplished. With so many to thank, if any groups or folks were not mentioned, the committee apologizes. They truly are thankful for all who contributed to make the 2014 Fillmore Fun Fest a weekend to remember.

The committee is already talking about the next event coming up in Fillmore, the Third Annual Tractor Dice Run which will be held October 12th. They are planning something for the whole family to enjoy so mark your calendars.

"Seeing the excitement on the kids' faces, and on all ages of folks," exclaimed a committee member, reflecting on the 2014 Fillmore Fun Fest, "is what it's all about!"

Check out our website for information and upcoming events: www.fillmorefunfest.com

Submitted by: Darlene Mason, Fillmore Fun Fest member.



The annual Memorial Day Parade would not be the same without a traditional salute at the beginning of the parade. Thanks Craig!

2022 Town of Hume Bicentennial

In the last issue of *The Bee* the deputy historian, Nancy Gillette, and myself asked for volunteers to help research and prepare a 200 year history book for the Town of Hume.

Our first planning session was on Saturday June 28 at the museum. Three volunteers along with Nancy Gillette and myself were present. For the next two hours we discussed topics, uniform formatting, time frame and a general enthusiasm for history and the project itself.

It was decided we should meet as a group once a month and since we met for the first time on the last Saturday we would stay with that schedule. However, it was also decided due to the enormity of this project anyone wishing to come to the museum during open hours could do so.

One of the volunteers offered her computer and technical assistance for this project. Whew! What a godsend, this unexpected offer is, Continued on bottom of page 5

Town of Hume Dog Control

As most of you know, the Town has a new Dog Control Officer (DCO) as of April 2014. My name is Leslie Johnson (Fish) and I am thrilled to have the position. There are a few things I would like to make sure everyone knows about.

I am currently conducting an enumeration through the whole Town of Hume. I started last week (July 1st) and I aim to be done by the end of July, but I am finding it may take a little longer than I anticipated and may go into August. Enumerations are conducted randomly, usually a few years apart, to check for dogs that are not licensed and possibly not current with their rabies vaccine. Any dog found not licensed during the enumeration will have an added fine to the cost of licensing.

Many people have asked me why we do the enumeration, or why dogs have to be licensed? The reason for licensing is it is a way to ensure all dogs have the required rabies vaccine. Dog licenses expire each year and must be renewed with proof of current rabies vaccinations. Licensing your dog each year is a local law. A late fee of \$10 for each 30 days past due on renewing licenses is also a local law many people are not aware of. (See local license law #1 effective April 1, 2013.)

Rabies is the only vaccine that your dog is required to have by law. County health departments conduct rabies clinics throughout the summer where dogs, cats and ferrets can get their rabies vaccine for a small fee or even free. The next 2 clinics in this area I know of are:

Wednesday July 16 from 6pm-8pm Attica Town Highway Department Route 98 Attica. This one is free to Wyoming County residents and \$5 per animal for out of county.

Saturday August 2 from 9am-12pm Allegany County Fair grounds in Angelica, this one is free to all NYS residents.

Always bring previous shot records with you to clinics if you have them.

Tractor Supply Company now also does low cost vaccine clinics. 1 year rabies vaccine is \$12 + tax ad a \$3 fee. They do full healthy dog (and cat) packages as well. Upcoming clinics in this area are:

Saturday July 19th 3:30pm-4:30pm Warsaw location.

Please visit their website for more info and more locations and dates. Also, fill our the lifestyle assessment on their page for a \$5 off coupon.

Questions, concerns, or complaints:

Leslie Johnson

585 698 4641 call or text

Submitted by Leslie Johnson

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to a project of this multitude. She offered to create a secure internet database where only the members of this group can access and save individuals research there. This will also provide all of us with a uniform way of communication.

We met again July 12th to learn how to access the database created. Another volunteer joined our group that day so we now are a group of six!

Six people who are ready to start reading more than 100 years of newspapers, along with scrapbooks, files of documents and additional sources stored at the Town's museum.

The museum doors are open to anyone who would like to join us. We also understand that some may be limited to time, or feel they could contribute in other ways...we would appreciate your participation to any degree.

The photograph collection at the museum is lacking in that there are more photos of Fillmore than the other hamlets. Those hamlets are: Mills Mills, Wiscoy, Rossburg, and Hume.

Anyone who is willing to allow us

to scan photos and/or other important documents while you wait can be done at the museum.

The Town of Hume was established on March 20, 1822. Although to some eight years seems like a long way off, but in reality it is not! Please consider joining our bicentennial history book committee.

For further information contact

museum@humetonw.org

Or call 585 567 8399

Rondus Miller & Nancy Gillette

Fillmore Opera House

How many of us remember Bruce and Elgin Sweet, the proprietor's of the show house. It was the place to be on a Friday or Saturday night. Remember the smell of the popcorn?

Built in 1888 by a stockholders group, formed as the Fillmore Opera House Company. The new hall would be used for community functions such as: high school basketball games, graduation, community dances, voting, however one of the most interesting events held there was when Belva Lockwood spoke her platform on Women's Suffragette. Mrs. Lockwood was the first woman to run for the election of the President of the U.S., not once but twice.

Pictured below and on the following page are two of the show house mailers. Who can remember watching these movies?

Look at the price of admission



what a deal. There was not a rating of movies, if mom said "no" that was the rating. The flyer on page 6 may have been from 1962 and the flyer below from 1956-57. The "opera house/show house" is located on Emerald St. directly behind the Fillmore Hotel. No longer used for a movie theater, it is now used for apartments.

For more information on this building or other buildings in the Town of Hume please come to the museum. Rondus Miller



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Town Clerk hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-12 & 1-4:30 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-Rossburg Fire Hall, Speicher's Grocery, & Shop & Save.

Newspaper: Wellsville Daily Reporter

Did you know Wiscoy had a knife factory? Below is an advertisement from the Allegany Cutlery Company



Pictured at the right is Wiscoy after the flood of 1900. The old mill at the end of the bridge is in terrible repair today but it is a good reference point of where the knife factory was.

For more information visit the Town of Hume Museum.



A Glance Back...

The carton clipping in the center of the page is from June 26, 1925 *Northern Allegany Observer*. Automobiles, as a mode of transportation, were still in its infancy yet it appears the public had the same opinion about traffic jams as we do

today!

Our lives, today, have a lot in common with the "olden days." We say, "when I was a kid" just as the people depicted in the carton did. Parents thought life was too fast for their children and grandchildren just as we do today.

It may not be normal for us to have so many of the benefits our youth have today however...it is normal to them. And as each generation begins, the older gen-



erations will say, "back when I was a kid."

All of us grew up knowing a means of transportation whether it was the school bus, our parents cars and jets to name a few; traffic jams may

> have involved three vehicles compared to ten times that today. Our highways were narrow two lane roads with very few interstate highways. The speed limit was much lower than today.

> I guess what I am trying to say is; take a deep breathe and reflect on how similar your youth is to our youth today. I bet you will see similar comparisons in every generation and each generation to come will too.

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