

TOWN OF COLESVILLE

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SUPERVISOR'S NOTES BY ED MOSHER

Dog License Adjustment

by Ed Mosher

At our March 2009 monthly meeting your town board amended the existing Dog License Law regarding the license fee requirements. The existing license fee for unneutered dogs was \$15.50. This fee was increased to \$21.00.

This adjustment was necessary as once the town paid New York State its fee of \$7.50 and Agriculture and Market \$3.00 and Broome County \$3.52 and the B.C. shelter \$6.50, the town was losing over \$5.00 per dog.

The existing license fee for neutered dogs was \$7.50. This fee was increased to \$11.00. This adjustment was necessary as once the town paid New York State its fee of \$2.50 and Broome County its fee of \$1.17 and B.C. shelter \$6.50 the town was losing nearly \$3.00 per dog.

In view of the fact that it was costing the town nearly \$3,000.00, just on dog license fees alone – and not counting the Dog Control Officer salary - we felt it only right to have the dog owner cover the cost of at least the license fee.



Audit Update

by Ed Mosher

The independent financial audit that I mentioned in the spring 2008 newsletter took place at the end of last year. All monies were accounted for, and there was no theft or misuse of funds. Compared to other towns the board was told that the town is in good shape. I am happy to report that the Town is in good financial shape.

Justice Office Update

by Ed Mosher

Larry Loch tendered his resignation as Town Justice effective April 2, 2009 as he was relocating to another state. Larry has served the town in an exemplary manner since 1999 and he surely will be missed.

Your Town Board has appointed Paul Powell to fill this position until the end of the year. Paul has served the town as a Planning Board member; he has also served the community as Assistant Chief and Chief of the West Colesville Fire Company.



Gas Drilling Update

by Ed Mosher

As I noted in the October 2008 issue of our Colesville Newsletter it is anticipated that once gas drilling operations commence there will be more than one thousand gas wells in Broome County.

The state government has reserved almost total control over the gas companies operations, the one exception being, the town will still have dominance over town roads.

It is anticipated that our town roads will endure considerable usage from the gas companies heavy equipment, therefore, in order to be ready for this influx of heavy usage your town board passed a local law in March of 2009 entitled "Natural Gas Vehicle Permit Required For Use of Town of Colesville Roads by Certain Vehicles With a Gross Weight in Excess of the Limitations Allowed in Section 385 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York".

Essentially this law requires that the applicable gas companies obtain a permit for any vehicles which have a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds when said vehicle is used in the gas drilling operations.

Under "Damage to Town Roads" the law requires the gas companies to be "fully responsible and liable for all damages, injuries, discharges or spills caused by the Permittees Natural Gas Vehicle" on "any town road or other town property".

The gas companies are also required to have and maintain insurance "with the minimum limits of coverage for death or bodily injury equal to \$2,000,000.00 for each person injured".

In "order to provide a source of funds to promptly reimburse the town for any reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the town" – for "damages, injuries, discharges or spills involving Town Roads" the gas companies are required to "file with the Town Clerk an initial cash deposit of \$10,000.00". The gas companies must also maintain a balance of "at least \$10,000.00" in said escrow account.

The above is a summary of the gas vehicle law; the entire law is available for inspection at the Town Clerks office.

We would note that neighboring towns have enacted or are in the process of enacting similar legislation.

The purpose of this legislation is to protect our town and its taxpayers from the cost of repairing roads damaged from the heavy equipment used in the gas drilling operations.

Fire Sign Update

by Ed Mosher

It is a pleasure to report that once again our volunteer fire departments are coming to the aid of our township.

Our volunteer firefighters working with the Broome County Sheriffs Department prisoner work detail, along with our Highway Department workers have erected approximately 30% of the new blue fire number signs.

In many cases the existing red fire signs have faded to such an extent that they have become un-

readable, thus the potential for a delayed response from our emergency personnel which could prove critical in the event of a physical emergency or fire call.

The Harpursville Fire Department has nearly completed the installation of the new blue fire signs in their district and the West Colesville, Ouaquaga, and Sanitaria Springs Fire Companies will be commencing sign replacement in the very near future.

Your Town Board does extend its deepest appreciation to our volunteer fire fighters and Highway Superintendent and crew for their continued service to our town.

Smoke Detectors

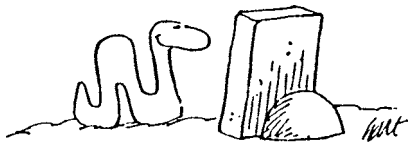
by Brad McAvoy

Smoke detectors have proven themselves very effective for many years. These devices have saved lives and property by alerting the occupants or neighbors to a fire occurring. The Building Code of New York State requires smoke detectors in every bedroom, outside of each bedroom in the immediate vicinity and on each floor in all new construction. These are required to be connected to the wiring system and have a battery backup and be interconnected.

The Property Maintenance Code of New York State and the Fire Code of New York State require that existing residences have smoke detectors in the same locations as the Building Code with the exceptions being that they may be battery operated (connected to wiring system if at all possible) and only interconnected if at all possible.

All smoke detectors need to be tested on a monthly basis and the batteries need to be changed on a yearly basis or more often under certain circumstances.

Please follow the manufacturer instructions on the proper installation procedures and maintenance.



Nineveh Public Library

by Tracie Livermore



Tracie Livermore, Nineveh Public Library's librarian is stacking books on the new shelves her husband made for the library.

Come see what's new at the library! We have dozens of great books available for you! The Four County Library System has 42 member libraries and offers an inter-library loan service, so if you're in need of a particular book, please request it and we will do our very best to get it for you.

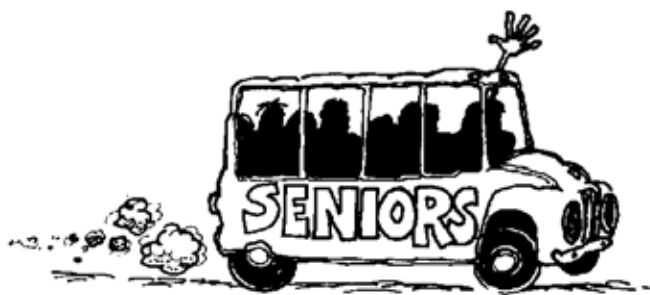
We are participating in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Grant to replace our four computers, two of which are now here and available for patron use. Our computers are linked to the Internet and can be used for research needs, sending emails, or just "surfing" the World Wide Web. The library is also hosting a G.E.D. class on Thursday nights from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for further information please call (607) 639-2811.

Our hours are Monday through Thursday 12:30 to 7:30, Friday 10:00 to 4:00, and Saturday 9:00 to 3:00. We welcome volunteers and encourage patron suggestions. Feel free to give us a call with any questions or concerns at (607) 693-1858.



Ryan Tomeo and Kayleigh Livermore are at the Nineveh Public Library using computers available to the public.



Eastern Broome Senior Center

by The Staff and Seniors
of the Eastern Broome Senior Center

Hello and a warm Spring welcome to all the wonderful folks in the Colesville community! We surely don't need to tell all of you just how fast time flies, but here we are. It's May again - the beginning an exciting season of events and... our ninth year in our "new" facility. Personally, it's hard for me to believe as I remember driving past the construction site thinking "What a nice, new place to work at that would be". Our current President of the seniors, Ken Ralph, wrote the following description of the history of the Eastern Broome Senior Center for our 5th. anniversary celebration. We thought we would share with you all....

"The origin of the senior center as an organization, dates back to December 1979. The organization was started from the Office for Aging to promote fellowship among the members, inform them about social activities, and to keep them up to date on various issues such as social security, taxes, health, etc. In those days the center was open three days per week – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The meal at noon cost the members \$1.00, and gas was much cheaper. People needed to be 60 years of age or older, or the spouse of a senior member, to receive the lower meal contribution cost.

The first building where the center met was the Catholic Church on Kent Street in Windsor. Later, it was decided to move to the Titus Building on Cumber Road in Harpursville. After some time

the building needed repairs, so the center moved to a place on Route 79. Then a fire forced another move to the Harpursville Central School for a short time until renting the Legion Building. After much discussion and a lot of leg work by some of the members, the County decided to purchase the land and building where we sit today. In October 2000, we had a ribbon cutting ceremony and the opening of this building. On that day, the County Executive gave a particular lady a plaque for making the most phone calls to his office. Along the way, the Meals on Wheels program started from the center and serves a great number of home-bound people."

Thank you Ken, for your record of our history. And here we are as a group, 30 years later, standing firm and always striving to serve the needs of the people in our surrounding communities. The center continues to function as a focal point for your social well-being and nutritional needs - recognizing the utmost importance of your mental, emotional, and physical health.

One of the positive experiences the center can offer you is the connection - the bonding- that occurs when sharing a meal with others. You may enjoy the opportunity to "go out to lunch" with a friend without spending a fortune on a meal or for the gas in your vehicle to travel to town. The Office for Aging provides well-balanced, tasty, and affordable daily meals at a suggested contribution of only \$2.50 for people age 60 years and older, or a charge of \$3.50 for all others. If you stop by, perhaps you'll recognize some familiar faces – if not, we will introduce you and you'll be comfortable here in no time at all! Some folks may have a mistaken impression of what a senior center is all about – we invite you to visit. Enjoy a warm welcome, a first time visitor's packet with upcoming events, and a tour of the center – if you wish.

At Eastern Broome, we do offer a nice variety of options for our meal service. Breakfast is served twice a week—on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 to 9:30 am, and Thursdays from 10:30 am to

noon. On Thursday we also offer a nice selection of sandwich choices including our “Monte Cristo” and a ham or turkey club – all served with hash browns. Each month on these “Golden Griddle” Thursdays, we offer a special. For example, May’s special is grilled hotdogs and macaroni salad. Just come in, there is no reservation necessary on either day. We also have a delicious soup and sandwich bar for “walk-in” folks. We serve from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. Take-outs are available for sandwiches or a nice chef salad. Sound good but in a hurry? Give us a call ahead; we’ll have it ready for you. And please remember... there are no age constraints or membership requirements at the center, people of all ages are more than welcome here. We do serve a hot lunch every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. These meals need to be ordered by noon of the prior day. You could even order a week or two at a time. The monthly menu is in the Office For the Aging, “Senior News”, and in the local town newspapers.

Evening dinners are especially popular. We look forward to these monthly events as we enjoy some fine food and awesome entertainers. Thank you so much to the Eastern Broome Seniors for providing the entertainment funds and to the many entertainers who donate their time and talent for all to enjoy. For our evening special June 11th, we hope to be featuring some local young folks in a talent show. This will certainly be very special, so be watching for information. Another important and exciting June date to remember is Wednesday the 24th – Broome County’s Office for Aging Senior Picnic and Funfest at B.C.C. You all deserve to have fun and be informed. Our senior picnic has been a tradition for several years and hosting it at the college is a huge success. Please be sure to call us at the center for all the details.

Just remember, if there’s a holiday to celebrate or a party to be had, check in with the senior center. We can guarantee some good food and fellow-

ship! We will be celebrating the 4th of July (on a weekday), planning festivities for our annual Open House Day August 21st, hosting our semi-annual Rummage and Bake Sale October 3rd, and enjoying our 9th. Anniversary Party October 21st. Let’s be looking forward to our Craft Fair, just in time for early holiday shopping in November.

If you enjoy traveling and making group trips, our Trip Director, Bonnie Hill, has already planned for a fun and memorable season of special trips. Everyone has such a nice time that we fill up fast, so be sure to call the center and ask for Bonnie to get all the details.

We certainly get down to some serious business with our programs and speakers on health and safety issues, medicare and insurance concerns, and other pertinent topics. In understanding the importance of physical fitness for seniors, we are pleased to offer you a very private and nice exercise room. We currently have a popular Tuesday morning “Senior Stretch” class from 8:45 to 9:30 am. Other classes or groups include our acrylic painting class Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am, the crafter’s group which meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am, and our monthly mental health support group meeting on the 3rd Wednesdays from 10:45 to 11:30 am.

Again, the staff and seniors of the Eastern Broome Senior Center invite you to come by. The building is easily accessible and centrally located in Harpursville. Our goal is to serve the needs of each and everyone. Each of us are created as distinct and unique individuals with a purpose to fulfill in every chapter of life, and gifts and talents to share with one another. We wish you all health, happiness, and contentment – hope to see you soon!



Broome Senior Center Gift Shop

by Mary Ann Oliver

Our Craft Shop in the Senior Center has taken on a fresh new look recently. It's been cleaned up, hoed out and re-organized. It's looking like spring. We have so many new items in the shop. If you're looking for a baby gift...there are sweater sets, burp cloths, afghans, quilts, rattles cloth books and some really cute toys. Need a thinking of you item, a birthday or get well gift for someone special? There is something that would fit the bill. Floral arrangements, center pieces, wall hangings, pillows, a large assortment of adult size afghans, jewelry, dish towels, oven mitts and hats. We also have a new supply of the scrubbies that are used for dishwashing.

Something fairly new is our Craft Room which is used on Thursday's for Fran Bromley's painting classes. On Wednesday's anyone who is interested in sewing, crocheting, knitting or any other craft is welcome to join us from 9 am till around 11:30 to work on a project. We've made lap robes for some of the elderly in the community. A few of us have tied a couple of quilts. We each bring in a project to work on, visit over a cup of coffee and enjoy the company. We can arrange for classes if there is a desire to learn something new. Donations of yarn, fabric and other craft items are always welcome at any of the Senior Centers. They will be put to good use by our seniors and by shut-ins in the community.

We'd like people to be aware that we will do layaways in the Craft Shop. Sometimes it's hard for people, especially in these times, to come up with the money to pay for an item they'd like to purchase. This practice has helped a few already. All you need do is ask and we'll work out the terms.



Drop in any time the Center is open, we'll be more than happy to show you around and introduce you to our facility and the folks in it!

Books that are available for purchase at the Eastern Broome Sr. Center are:

The Doraville Schoolhouse Cookbook

By the Way by Fran Bromley

Robert Harpur's New York by Anne T. Herbert

Meals On Wheels

by Carol FeDora, Site Supervisor

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a "Meals on Wheels" program in this area. People who are homebound, no longer able to prepare their own meals, hospital discharges, etc. are eligible to apply for this program. We offer a hot meal at lunchtime and a cold meal for the early evening. Frozen meals are available for week-end delivery and they are also sent out for holidays or snow days when we can not deliver to these areas.

"Meals on Wheels" volunteers are very special people and at present we have 3 routes from Eastern Broome. A simple "Thank you" does not seem enough for the valued volunteers who are dedicating their time and effort for this cause. The drivers, in turn, get to meet some very nice people who are so receptive and appreciative of this service in our community. This service also provides families and friends the assurance that assistance would be summoned if it is deemed necessary for a client's well being when the driver arrives at his/her home. If you would be interested in riding along as a greeter, we would be interested in speaking with you. We can be reached at 693-1566 at Eastern Broome Senior Center in Harpursville.

Riverview Cemetery Association

by Janet Mc Knight

The Capital improvement committee for Riverview Cemetery in Harpursville has continued to raise funds for new improvements. One of the improvements we made in 2008 was a fresh coat of paint for the vault completed by students from Harpursville High School as part of their community service efforts.

In July we replaced the barb wire fence along the south boundary with a new split-rail fence. Thanks to Poe Williams and his equipment for digging the post holes and experienced volunteers the fence went up quickly. Also, the driveway around the cemetery was graded to reduce the crown in the center of the road and gravel was added that was donated by Colwell Bros. and Winsor Acres.

During the summer we held our annual raffle with the drawing held at the July Super Celebration. Winners were John Scott, Arlene Noyes, Chris Hurlburt, George Palmater, Ethel Oliver and Darleen Giovannil. We would like to send a special thanks to Osterhoudt-Madden Funeral Home, 88 BC Building Supplies Inc., Harpursville Napa, The Little Corner Store, Horton's Hardware and Brown's Truck & Auto, for the raffle donations we received.

A decorative wrought iron gate with the Cemetery's name will be installed in the front sometime before Memorial Day. We would like to thank Colesville Rotary for their interest and monetary support for this historic project. A special thanks to Lida Bassler for

her help. The gate was made and will be installed by Cobra Industries of Afton.

Our next fundraiser will be a sale of vegetables and flowers for planting on May 24th in the afternoon and on the 25th at the exit of the Riverview Cemetery. Stop by and see the improvements and buy some plants.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution so that we may continue with our capital improvements to the road side of the cemetery can make checks payable to Riverview Cemetery Capital Improvements.

Mail your donation to:

Janet McKnight
276 Centervillage Loop
Harpursville, NY 13787

or

Wanda Russell
2489 Colesville Rd.
Harpursville, NY 13787

If you are interested in purchasing a family or individual plot at Riverview Cemetery you can contact Ambrose Madden at 693-1151 (daytime) or Terry Livingston at 693-1984 and set up a time to discuss the many options available.



Ouaquaga Fire Company, Inc.

Chief: Harry Cook
2178 Route 79 Ouaquaga
PO Box 5 Windsor, NY 13865

by Assistant Chief: Irv Soden

A new bridge spans the Susquehanna in Ouaquaga; the old one has been turned into a pedestrian walkway and local 'tourist attraction', and, more importantly to the Ouaquaga Fire Company, the hydrant system and boat ramp are in place – and work. The hydrant system, connecting the river to the fire station, eliminating the necessity of laying over one thousand feet of large diameter hose, has been tested and found to be functional. We can now supply water faster and with greater reliability to the hamlet in case of a structure fire there, or use the river hydrant as a water supply source for tanker shuttle operations for any fire in the area. The boat ramp was christened recently by members of the Ouaquaga, Harpursville, and West Windsor fire companies' boats. All were placed in the river via the boat ramp for the first time to test the capabilities of the area companies to respond to river emergencies in a timely manner. Although originally planned by the DEC as river access for boaters and fishermen, the ramp is an excellent means of getting emergency personnel onto the river in times of need.

A new truck is on the horizon for Ouaquaga; come September an eighteen hundred gallon pumper-tanker will be added to the fleet, replacing a much older tanker. Though the older tanker carries considerably more water, it is also much harder to maneuver, more difficult to drive, and has spent a lot of time in the repair shop instead of the truck bays recently. The new pumper-tanker will carry five firefighters, and be able to act as either a pumper or a tanker (kinda makes the title 'pumper-tanker' self-explanatory, doesn't it?), carrying a full complement of hoses, ladders, SCBA, and other equip-

ment normally found on a class A pumper; it will be able to pump one thousand gallons of water a minute. The current tanker can only ferry water to the fire, to be dumped into a portable tank for use on the scene. The trade-off in amount of water carried versus utility of the new vehicle makes this swap in our arsenal what we consider a real 'no brainer'.

There has been a spate of new membership in the company. In recent months several new and prospective members have been added to our roster. Joanna Olmstead, Danella Buck, Howard Hardy, Shane McNally, and Seamus McNally (yeah, they're related; this is the first time in anyone's memory that a father has followed his son's footsteps in joining a company!) have all recently been voted into membership. Barb Pearce and Jenn Xencada have joined, and are merely waiting to take that county-required physical exam. In addition to all our new members we have also begun an Explorer Post for teenagers who have shown an interest in firematics. As these kids come from several surrounding communities the possibility of neighboring companies benefiting from this endeavor is quite likely as the kids turn sixteen and are eligible to join the ranks.

There have been a few changes in the officer line up for 2009. Harry Cook and Irv Soden remain as the chief and assistant, respectively; Bill Major is the captain; Rich Carpenter is the lieutenant. A complete change in the fire police officer corps comes as Ralph Hoyt has stepped down after many years as captain, to be replaced by Gary Meisel, with Steve Dwyer becoming the fire police lieutenant.

The Ouaquaga Fire Company trains on Thursday evenings, beginning around 7 pm; anyone interested in joining is welcome - and encouraged - to come to the station and see what all the fuss is about. Our pay scale is poor; the only things we can offer are all the smoke you can eat and sleep you can lose, but the potential benefits to your community are outstanding. Come join us; there's always room for more!



Harpursville Firefighters Dave Bird Jr., Denny Rowe, Floyd Hill, Kurtis VanAbs, Joe Nieto, Ed Fuller and Jamie VanAbs finish up another fund raising Bar-B-Que at the station.

Harpursville Fire Department News

by Chief Jeff Buckler

The Harpursville Fire Department has had an exceptionally busy winter and spring season, answering an increasing number of alarms in comparison to years past. From house fires resulting from the long heating season, to brush fires resulting from a control burn gone bad, our members have been quite busy responding to fires.

When we are not answering alarms, you will quite often find our members at the station attending trainings, meetings, and fundraising activities, as well as maintaining our firefighting apparatus and equipment.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of our chicken barbecues, which are held at the fire station on the first Saturday of every month from January through May. These along with many other fundraising events allow our members to purchase additional needed equipment, which we could not otherwise afford.

This year's focus with our fundraising revenue is to bring our department into compliance with many of the unfunded mandates passed down by the state and federal governments. While we work very diligently to keep our department in compli-

ance, there is always something new being passed along for us to comply with.

The latest example of this is a law passed by the New York State Legislature requiring fire apparatus operators to possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). This law has actually been in affect since 2005, but was never relayed to the fire service until the latter part of 2008!

Therefore, we, like many fire departments across the state are working on training our members to complete the necessary road test, in order for them to respond to an emergency.

In closing, I would like to thank the Colesville Town Board, the Town of Colesville Highway Department as well as the Broome County Sheriff's Department Corrections Division for their cooperation with installing the new address signs throughout our district. The town board purchased new signs for the entire town and these signs are being replaced as time allows.

If you live in our district and have not received a new address number, please feel free to contact either the fire station or the town. We will not be replacing address signs on the private roadways until sometime next year.



Devon and Hannah are new firefighters in training.



Historian Notes

by Val LaClair Town Historian

My first thoughts go out to the families of two of the Town of Colesville Historian's Advisory Committee's very devoted and hard working people, Mary Ann Throup and Don Olin, who passed away this past winter. Both of these people were always ready and willing to help out with anything that needed to be done. Their ideas, suggestions and contributions will be sadly missed.

Spring is here with summer soon to follow, and everyone is looking forward to bake sales, picnics, Bar-B-Qs, and summer concerts.

The Town of Colesville Historian's Advisory Committee will be having the annual bake sale on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Gazebo by the Town Hall in Harpursville. The variety and quality of all the special treats always amazes and delights me. Come and check it out.

During this time on Memorial Day, the Doraville School House will be open. Also on July 11, for the Super Celebration, the School House Museum can be enjoyed during the day. Stop in and get the feel of schooling in days long passed, or bring back some of those memories of long ago. If you or someone you know wishes to visit the Doraville School House please call Rex Cole at 648-6959 or Val LaClair at 648-8341 and it will be our pleasure to show it to you.

The Summer Concerts at the Gazebo are lined up thanks to Jim Dalpiaz. What a great collection of entertainment with something for everyone. As soon as I have the contracts back I will print up and distribute a schedule. The concerts are held every Sunday, starting on July 5 and ending on September 6, at the Gazebo by the Colesville Town Hall, in Harpursville, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be made available by local nonprofit



groups. Bring your chair, blanket, or just enjoy from your vehicle.

The new bridge and boat launch in Ouaquaga were dedicated in November of 2008 with a ceremony on the bridge and refreshments in the Ouaquaga Fire Station. The bridge and boat launch are a beautiful addition to our town. The old bridge has also been spruced up and is now a historic walkway across the river, with a road sign marking the preserved bridge and local area.

I am still looking for pictures or information about any of the Town of Colesville places of worship. Also pictures and information about anyone who lives in Colesville or at any time lived in Colesville, who was in any branch of the military. It would be wonderful to be able to have a record of everyone connected to this area who served our country. I will make copies and return the originals back to you.

Remember the Town of Colesville Historian's Advisory Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except for December, January and February, at 7:30 pm in the Town of Colesville Town Hall. Anyone interested in local history is invited to attend. I try to have an interesting speaker each month. Please come and join us.

Doraville

Two miles south of Center Village, and on the east side of the river, is the hamlet of Doraville.

This hamlet was at one time called “Harmony” and “The Plains”. It had a post office, schoolhouse, grocery store, a blacksmith shop, and a church. These were the usual essentials of a nineteenth century community.

The schoolhouse was built in 1832 and closed in 1939 after it was centralized into the Harpursville Central School District. It was used as a community house and a voting place until 1993. At that time, it was the only vacant, standing one-room school in the town. The Colesville Historian’s Advisory Committee decided, therefore, to move it to Harpursville and to preserve it as a schoolhouse museum. However, the building could not be moved underneath the power lines, and the expense of raising the lines was too great. Therefore, it was necessary to remove the roof and move the building in two sections. It was moved across the Center Village bridge in 1993 to its present location behind the Colesville Town Hall in Harpursville where it is more accessible to the public to see and enjoy. As for Doraville, it still has one church and a small community of houses, and a town park called “Harmony Park”.



Highway Superintendent

by Robert Young

It’s spring again, which means road construction. Please use extra caution in work zones and anywhere you see orange cones and “Work Ahead” or any other traffic control signs. Our Highway crew is busy repairing roads, and your cooperation in slowing down when you see these signs makes their job much safer.

Conditions on our roads can sometimes change rapidly (heavy rains, damage by wind etc.) When you see a problem on our town roads, please call the office at 607-693-1171.

West Colesville Fire Department

by Mike Ballard

The West Colesville Fire Company started the new year with a few changes. Chief Paul Powell stepped down after serving as Chief for four years. Paul served as an assistant Chief under Jack Walsh for several years until 2005. Paul once again fills the roll of an Assistant under the newly elected Chief Mike Ballard. Mike brings twenty years of experience and knowledge to the Company. Another change in how we operate includes town-wide trainings, West Colesville, Harpursville, Sanitaria Springs and Ouaquaga Fire Companies started conducting monthly “joint trainings.” All

four companies work excellently together on emergency scenes and now with all of us training together we will be even more efficient. We are also looking at joint purchasing of equipment to help save money.

As with all your volunteer companies, the West Colesville Fire Company is always looking to recruit new members. Whether you want to be a Firefighter, an Emergency Medical Responder, Fire Police or part of the Auxiliary, we have a place for you. If you are at least 16 years old and are interested, or know someone who is, please contact us at 693-1001 or stop by the station on Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The experience and training are free, the feeling you get from helping a neighbor is priceless.

Old Onaquaga Historical Society

by Fran Bromley

With the coming of Spring and warmer weather comes the opening of the Colesville/Windsor Museum at St. Luke's Church.

It is the purpose and pleasure of The Old Onaquaga Historical Society to maintain and present the museum to visitors throughout the summer and fall. If you have not had the chance to visit our museum I will attempt to tell you about some of the interesting things you can find there. The museum is a repository of much history.

The church, itself, is our main exhibit. Built in 1828 by settlers who organized the first Episcopal Church in Broome County in 1779, much of the original building is visible today. The wide floorboards, some 2 ft. wide, are in evidence in the sanctuary. The alter area has been maintained as it was during those early days. The beautiful "Dove" window over the alter is especially beautiful when viewed early on a sunny day. Around the walls of the sanctuary are photos and dated history of religion in the Windsor /Colesville area. The original key to the building, the sign posting the times of services, and the iron spur from which was hung a lantern to light the path to the door are displayed along with homemade pew kneelers from early days.

In the foyer of the church is a small room designated as the "Agriculture Room".

The beautiful murals on the walls of this room were painted by a Windsor resident, Chris Keeler, to depict the changing seasons, so important to the farmer. Photos and artifacts from farms in this area are displayed on the walls and can be observed up close. Have you ever seen a chicken delouser? We have one in our "Ag" room along with ice cutting tools used by our ancestors.

The museum in our basement was beautifully constructed by Anne Herbert to display ev-



ery aspect of colonial life. The section on local business and industry has an iron stove, built in a small foundry which was located in a building across Maple St. from the church. That building was moved to the center of town and became the local Post Office for many years. There are photos and items from local businesses and artifacts from the Windsor Whipworks and the Kilmer brothers famous "Swamp Root".

The exhibit of items for the home includes a succession of washing machines, rug cleaners, furniture, and items to make the homemaker's job easier. The summer kitchen displays tools for canning, candle making, and spinning and weaving.

The section on energy has items from a "dog track" to steam and coal production.

There are a full sized Buggy and Sleigh built by local manufacturers. A display of architectural objects covers one wall of the museum. Windows, building materials, and tools tell the story of many of our local buildings.

The Onaquaga Indians, who inhabited our towns before the coming of the colonists, are the subject of a fine exhibit. A replica of the Indian village and many maps and photos show where the villages were located. We also have an excellent display of Indian tools and weapons.

Some artifacts from the Harpur family and their home in Harpursville are displayed along

with some written history of Robert Harper. Maps of the county and the hamlets which make up the Towns of Colesville and Windsor are available for your perusal. Find who lived on your property in 1865.

These are some of the things you can expect to see at St. Luke's Museum. On the way out of the building, be sure to look at the beautiful cabinets on the stairway. They were built in 2008 by Daniel Klutts as his Eagle Scout project. They are in place and are being filled with memorabilia of interest. Dan also built the lovely book display case in our foyer. Look over the items available for sale. Profits help maintain this venerable building. Hope to see you soon.

Breaking News! After many years of consideration, The Old Onaquaga Historical Society in conjunction with the Town of Colesville Historian's Advisory Committee has received permission and the blessings of Wayne Jacob, to republish "Famines, Fires, and Festivals, A History of Colesville 1785-1978" which was written by his mother Leone Jacob. The book is an exact replica of the original book and includes a new index to the contents which will accompany each book and can be purchased by those of you who have the

original book. Look forward to its distribution this summer.

The Old Onaquaga Historical society meets every third Monday from April to October

At 7:00 pm. Our meetings are held at the museum. Membership is \$10.00 per family and includes a monthly newsletter. The museum is also open to the public on the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.or by appointment. Call Ron Henry, Pres. At 693- 2587 or Fran Bromley at 693-1222.

Old Onaquagan Historical Society

Family Membership \$10.00 per year

Name _____

Address _____

Mail with your check to:

O.O.H.S

P.O Box 318,

Harpursville, NY 13787

2009 US Census

by: Ed Mosher

The US Census Bureau has requested that we notify our residents that the Census Bureau will be performing a census in our area between April and July 2009.

They advise that their employees will be wearing official identification and carrying hand held computers.





Colesville's Annual Super Celebration

by Donna Gurney

It's almost here, the 10th Annual Super Celebration! The celebration takes place on Saturday, July 11th. A lot of firsts this year for you to check out and participate in.

New this year we're turning the stage over to you between 2 and 4 for karaoke. DJ Jeff Ofelein will be spinning tunes and spotlighting anyone who feels the urge to get up and sing. Gary's U-Pull it has graciously provided a baled car for a fun filled guessing game.

Be sure to get your entry for the Best Burger Contest. Celebrity Judge Ryan Coyle from News Channel 34 will join a panel of three other judges including one lucky Super Celebration attendee chosen at random to sample the best burgers in town and announce which one reigns supreme as Super Celebration's Best Burger. Get your entry



form and rules online at www.colesvillesupercelebration.net.

The parade lines up at 10 am at the blue building on Rt. 79 near the Fast Track and marches through town at 11 am. The Grand Marshalls this year are Colesville Rotary Club Citizens of the Year, Dan & Gail Northrop. Our favorite emcee John Austin, will once again be announcing the parade participants, giving the invocation and leading us in the National Anthem.

We're looking forward to the Firematics competition hosted by our own Harpursville Fire Department.

Many of your favorite vendors will be on hand again this year and a few new ones as well. The Ross Park Zoo Mobile will arrive at 2 pm with an assortment of animals that you can see and learn about.

Live music provided by the Short Change Band will take us up to the fireworks. There's a whole lot more to see and do. For all the details and happenings be sure to check out our website at www.colesvillesupercelebration.net.



American Legion Post 1596

by Donna Gurney

Ongoing Legion Activities

Bingo - Every Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm
Meetings - Legion meets 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm
S.A.L. meets 3rd Thursday
Auxiliary meets 1st Tuesday 7 pm

MAY

Elections - The annual election of officers for each office of the American Legion and Sons of The American Legion will take place in May. Legion elections will take place at the regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday with the S.A.L. elections at the regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday.

Mother's Day - The S.A.L. once again hosted the annual Mother's Day breakfast.

Memorial Day - Parade in West Colesville begins at 9 am. Parade in Harpursville begins at 11 am at the school parking lot with wreath laying ceremonies at the elementary school, creek under Main Street, center of town including a Post Ever-

lasting Service, the cemetery on Rte 79 and finally at the Veteran's Memorial at the Legion. Once the parade concludes at the Legion we invite you to stay and enjoy the chicken BBQ and horse pull.

JUNE

14th Flag Day - Flag disposal ceremony. If you have a worn flag, give it the proper disposal it deserves. You can drop off your flag at the Legion or better yet, bring it to the ceremony and take part in and witness the proper, dignified disposal befitting our national standard.

JULY

Super Celebration - Legionnaires will be set up with the wheel of chance and pull tabs. S.A.L. will be hosting the chicken BBQ and holding a gun raffle.

We're always looking for new members. If you are an Active Duty serviceman, veteran, spouse or child of a veteran or active duty member we have just the place for you. For membership information contact Legion Commander Dan Northrop at 693-2224, Auxiliary President Gail Northrop at 693-2224 or S.A.L. Commander Ken Northrop at 237-4554 or any Legion Family member.

Sanataria Springs Fire Company



Sanataria Springs Fire Company's Auto Extrication class demonstrates getting passengers out of cars involved in accidents.



Sanataria Springs Fire Company's new addition is nearing completion.

Colesville Community Pantry

by Kathy Merrill

Colesville Community Pantry is open to all the Town of Colesville residents who need a little extra to feed their families. If you are finding it hard to decide between paying your bills or buying food for your families, the pantry is there to help with food. Don't go hungry or let your children go hungry. Just bring proof of residency in the town and a form of identification; either social security cards, birth certificates or Medicaid cards for each member of your household. The pantry is open twice a month; the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 am-12 pm and 4-6 pm. A Mobile Food Pantry is held the third Thursday of the month from 1 pm until the food is all distributed and is open to anyone; no requirements.

Through the Angel Gift Project at Christmas time, Harpursville Central School staff supplied gifts for children and gift cards for teens. Members of the Nineveh Presbyterian Church, Harpursville United Methodist Church, the Square Deal Motorcycle Club and community also bought gifts for the Angel Project. Several generous donations

from members of the community, made it possible to purchase 200-\$10 Giant Market gift certificates and 20-\$20 gift certificates. Each family that came to the pantry was able to sign up for the gift certificate drawing to help with their Christmas dinner. We wish to thank all of the "angels" who made this Christmas a memorable one for the families of the pantry!!

The pantry board would like to acknowledge the Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. for all that they provide to the pantry. Free space, electric, plowing and shoveling that many pantries have to provide themselves. The pantry board would also like to congratulate the Ambulance Service as they have paid off their mortgage on the building on King Road that provides a home for the pantry. They are now debt free due to all the hard work of their squad and board members.

The pantry accepts donations of canned food or dry foods anytime. Just call 693-1228 for a time to drop-off. Monetary donations may be sent to: Colesville Community Pantry, Box 62, Harpursville, NY 13787

No one should be hungry!!

Rabies Clinic

by Tomi Stewart

The Animal Aid & Relief Foundation (AARF) and the Broome County Health Department will be sponsoring a rabies clinic on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, from 6 to 7 pm. The clinic will be held at the Town of Colesville Highway Department.

Dogs, Cats, Ferrets - Protect Your Animals!

Pets need to be at least 3 months old to receive a vaccination.

All pets must be restrained by the owner or responsible adult.



If your pet has had a previous Rabies Vaccination, bring the certificate with you so that your pet may receive a three year vaccination. Without the certificate, your pet will receive a one-year vaccination.

A \$5.00 donation requested but not required. All pets will be vaccinated regardless of ability to donate.

If you have any questions, contact the Broome County Health Department at 778-2887, or Dog Control Officer Michael Rhodes 693-1486 or Town Clerk Tomi Stewart at 693-1174



Thanking Captain Leon Miller of the Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Squad for his many years of service to the squad and to our community.

Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.

by Kathy Merrill

This year is a banner year for the squad and the board. The mortgage on the building on King Road is paid off due to the foresight of the treasurer, Leon Miller. Leon recommended to the board that they pay larger amounts on the mortgage so that it could be paid off sooner. A mortgage burning celebration will be held on May 16th during the annual chicken barbecue that honors the squad members.

This building is used by various organizations in the community: Headstart, Boy Scouts and Riverview Cemetery Association. The building hosts the Halloween Party every year for all the



children in the town. With this building, the hungry have been fed, as it has been the home for the Colesville Community Pantry for the last 8 years.

As Leon Miller has retired as captain, the squad and board members would like to thank him for his many years of service. The new Captain is Charles Lampman, Acting Medical Officer—Cynthia Carpenter, Training Officer—Helen Lampman, Driver Officer—John Knapp and Communications Officer—Hilda Baldauf.

The squad has introduced a new program allowing 16 and 17 year olds to join the organization. They have to take courses (first aid, etc.) that allow them to become Certified First Responders. For more information about this program or if you are an Emergency Medical Technician or in a class to become one, a driver with a clean record, or just a member of the community who would like to help with fundraisers and serve your community in any of these capacities, call 693-1425 or 693-3479 and leave a message.

Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.

- \$5.00 Corporate Family Membership
- \$3.00 Corporate Single Membership
- Donation of _____

Name _____

Address _____

Send to:
 Colesville Ambulance Service, Inc.
 Box 62
 Harpursville, NY 13787
 Attention: Leon Miller

Town Clerk Notes and Reminders

by Tomi Stewart, Town Clerk

Passport Fair Friday June 12, 2009

Broome County Clerk Rick Blythe will be in hosting a Passport Fair on Friday, June 12, 2009, from 3 to 6:00 pm. The Fair will be held in the Town Hall Building on Welton Street Harpursville.

Passport application forms will be available before the fair and also during the fair; photos will be taken on site. Applicants need to bring their birth certificate with a raised seal and a photo ID for identification purposes. You will also need to provide your parents date & place of birth.

Fees set by the US Department of State remain the same,

\$75 for an adult application(16 and older)

Check made payable to US Dept. of State

\$60 for children under the age of 15,

\$25 for processing (check made payable to Broome County Clerk).

\$7 photo fee (check made payable to Broome County Clerk).

Forms will also be available for people who may have lost their passport, name change affidavits, and statements of consent for issuance of a passport to minor children by non-custodial parents or guardians.

Expedited applications will be available for an additional fee of \$60 to the US Department of State and \$30 to the Broome County Clerk for postage.

For additional information, please contact Tomi Stewart, Town Clerk at

693-1174 or Broome County Clerk Rick Blythe at 778- 2451



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Harpursville, N Y 13787

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Colesville Volunteer Ambulance Service.....693-3379

P.O. Box 62, Harpursville, NY 13787

Business Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 pm

Trainings 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday each month at 7pm

Colesville Fire District #1.....693-1454

P.O. Box 245, Harpursville, NY 13787

Business Meeting 1st Monday of each month

Colesville – Windsor Fire District #2.....655-1913

P.O. Box 5 Windsor, NY 13865

Business Meeting 2nd Sunday, 7 pm Ouaquaga Fire Co.

Ouaquaga Fire Company.....655-1913

P.O. Box 5 Windsor, NY 13865

Business Meeting 3rd Thursday 8 pm Ouaquaga Fire Co.

Colesville Fire Protection District #3:

Harpursville Fire Company.....693-1454

P.O. Box 245, Harpursville, NY 13787

Business Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

Trainings, Tuesday 9 am and 7 pm.

Sanitaria Springs Fire Company.....648-2332

811 NY Rte7, Port Crane, NY 13833,

Business meeting 1st Monday of each month, 8 pm

Trainings other Mondays at 7 pm

West Colesville Fire Company.....693-1001

1305 Colesville Rd. Binghamton, NY 13905

Business meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month 8 pm

Trainings Tuesday 9 am and 7 pm

MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Board Meeting: 1st Thursday 7:30 pm, Town Hall

Planning Board: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Thursday 7:30 pm, Town Hall

American Legion: 2nd Tues. 7:00 pm American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary 1st Tuesday 7:30 pm American Legion

Sons of the American Legion 3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm American Legion

Auxiliary Police: 1st Tues. 7:30 pm

Colesville Historian Advisory Committee: 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

Colesville Youth Commission: 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm Town Hall

Eastern Broome Nutrition Center: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Senior Center

Harpursville Board of Education: 2nd & 4th Monday 8:00 pm Elementary School

Harpursville Youth Baseball: 2nd Sunday 7:00 pm American Legion

Harpursville Youth Civic Association, Inc. 1st Monday 7:00 pm American Legion

Nineveh Public Library Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7: 30 pm on alternate months

Old Ouaquaga Historical Society, 3rd Monday 7:00 pm, St. Luke's' Museum



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