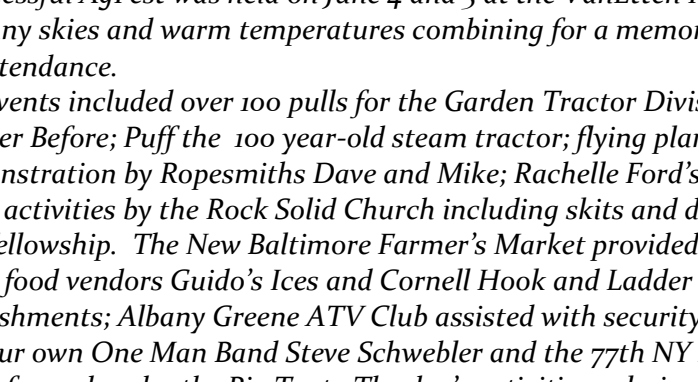


HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY NEW BALTIMORE

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APRIL-JULY



Another successful AgFest was held on June 4 and 5 at the VanEtten Farm Road with sunny skies and warm temperatures combining for a memorable day with record attendance.

Saturday's events included over 100 pulls for the Garden Tractor Division of More Than Ever Before; Puff the 100 year-old steam tractor; flying planes; a booth; a demonstration by Ropesmiths Dave and Mike; Rachelle Ford's Falcon free children's activities by the Rock Solid Church including skits and dance by the youth fellowship. The New Baltimore Farmer's Market provided a wide items for sale, food vendors Guido's Ices and Cornell Hook and Ladder added delicious refreshments; Albany Greene ATV Club assisted with security and control; and our own One Man Band Steve Schwebler and the 77th NY Regiment Balladeers performed under the Big Tent. The day's activities culminated with a delicious dinner prepared by Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company for our residents and friends to celebrate the Town's Bicentennial. Ralph Barger and Country again provided country classics and foot-stomping fiddle music to the of everyone who attended.

Sunday's events began with the Antique Tractor Pull; wagon rides from Spaulding Farms; Bill Robinson's Raptors; town resident Dean Davis' popular reptile presentation; children's activities included the Bouncy Bounce and craft projects; boxes of corn, oats, and sand; pie and pudding eating contests; Peggy Werners Face with temporary air brushed tattoos for all ages; and the Kings Hill Band Gospel and Country Music under the Big Tent. The two-day Silent Auction, with over 200 items and closed with over 800 bids with proceeds to be used for next event to be held on June 2 and 3.

A special thank you to the Van Etten Family; the Ag Fest Committee; and all the volunteers and local businesses and organizations for their hard work and dedication which made this event such a success.

<p>We would like to thank Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Medway-Grapeville Fire Department, the Greene County Sheriffs' Department, our dedicated town employees, and many volunteers for assisting our residents for countless hours during Tropical Storm Irene and the devastation that followed.</p>	<p>Bicentennial Grand Finale</p> <p>Barn Round, Square Dance and Dinner Saturday, September 24 at Flegel Farm, County Chicken Dinner Catered by Tom Fries Music by Peaceful Country \$20 Per Person/Dinner Seatings 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM Call Joyce Schoenig for Reservations 756-1111 or entwjjoy@aol.com</p>
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HISTORIAN’S CORNER

Well, congratulations to my author, Cless Bush, on the publication of [Hogs from a Hudson River Town](#), by the University of New York Press. This book on New Baltimore is right on time for the town’s centennial. I will comment on this book, and make reference to it, in future columns.

I will finish looking at the minutes of the first town meeting in 1811, when New Baltimore separated from the town of Coxsackie.

With self-government came the responsibility of caring for “the poor” who lived in the town borders. This was an allocation of “poor money” to the Coxsackie and New Baltimore. The minutes indicate that Coxsackie will contribute \$10 to New Baltimore, along with the town of Coxsackie, for presenting a proration of the value of the Poor House – the almshouse – still inside Coxsackie borders.

With the establishment of public health in 1813, the care of the poor is the responsibility of public funds mentioned in the town records.

A prominent note in early town records is the management of animals. “Hogs not to be run at – unless yoked with a sufficient number of men and a ringed”, announces the first town meeting.

Could that be what “commoners” means here, hogs in New Baltimore in 1811 which were supposed to be loose, as long as they were ringed and yoked? The yokes would have kept them outside of farmer’s fences, not inside. The burden of policing all these hogs would have fallen to the animal control officers of the day, the pound masters.

Former town historian Frances Dietz astutely noted that the two pound masters in 1811, Peter Wolf and Noah Wheeler, were both tavern keepers. (Wheeler’s tavern was located on the turnpike to Greenville, a building standing until recently next to the Silver Lake Bar, until both were torn down.) Because they ran taverns, Wolf and Wheeler had fenced or walled impounds in which to keep animals overnight, which could also be used to keep stray animals.

Beginning in 1811, entries in the minutes are made of owners of livestock and the particular marking that is to be placed on the ear of each animal and used to identify ownership. Did this apply to cows? hogs? cows and hogs? For instance, William Bartholomew’s mark was identified as “a swallow fork in the end of the right ear”. Daniel Gregory’s mark – “a slit in the left ear and half penny underside the right ear”. In all, there are 28 persons listed alongside their respective idiosyncratic mark.

The last point of business at that first town meeting was the division of the town into twenty-nine road districts, with one commissioner or overseer for each. Well into the twentieth century, roads in rural New York were maintained by the citizenry. Each property owner was assessed a certain number of days of road work – mostly hole filling and tree and brush cutting – depending on the amount of land he owned, and then was directed to appear at designated times by the road commissioner for that part of town.

Before the meeting was adjourned it was decided that the 1812 town meeting would be held on Jonathan Miller’s place, farther west and on the Coxsackie-Greenville Turnpike. Wolf’s tavern and Miller’s farm were convenient to the great percentage of town inhabitants in the early years, almost all post-Revolutionary War immigrants from New England or the lower Hudson Valley who settled in the central and western portions of town.

Town Historian Ted Hilsenrath is looking for his photographs that appear in the Herkimer County Historical Society for a slide show on December 4. If you would allow him to use any of their photographs, please call Ted at (518) 756-7647 (days) or 756-7647 (weekends). Photos will be copied and returned promptly.

Spafford’s 1813 Gazetteer noted a village at the river landing had several houses, and the only meeting belonged to the Quakers, 511 on the river at Stanton-Hill. Of the names which appeared in the minutes, Mrs. Dietz counted only five – Mrs. Scott, Baker and Vanderzee – the area now called the hamlet of Stanton. In the nineteenth century when building business and the farm were bringing their surplus to be shipped down the river resulted in the sizeable hamlet we know today.

Final note: I am pleased to announce a slide show of Baltimore photographs on Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 2011, at the town hall. If anyone has a photo I could borrow for the program, please let me know.

Ted Hilsenrath
Town Historian

**TOWN EMERGENCY RECORDING
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WE WILL REMEMBER, HONOR, AND DEDICATE

orials Committee of the Town of New Baltimore will be holding a service to honor the memo
er Supervisors, one Highway Superintendent, and a Town Councilman who have passed away.
Kliese, Councilman and Supervisor in 1988 died on June 24, 2011 in Statesville, North Caroli
y his wife Mary; daughters Kelly, Shannon, Juliana, Elizabeth, and Susan; and five grandchildren.
5, 2011, **Sal Costanza** passed away in Summerville, Florida and was Supervisor from 1985-86
mber of Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company. He is survived by his wife Betty; sons Robe
ichael; daughter Diane Johnson; ten grandchildren, and one great grandson.
klund left us on July 19, 2011, Supervisor from 1972-81, Greene County Legislator for ten ye
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acklund, and Stacey (Mark) Gallagher; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.
Williams, former Highway Superintendent, died on July 15, 2010 and is survived by his wife Dar
Donna (Jimmy) Kellam,;3 granddaughters; and 2 great-granddaughters.
Larnon, former Town Councilman, passed away on June 7, 2010, survived by his wife Peggy a
Colleen.

HISTORIC TOUR OF HOMES



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extensive renovations to the meeting room last year.
Liberty Hall, built in 1912 by the Bedell family, were among the earliest
settlers in central New Baltimore during the late 18th century. Rob and Shelly
Van Etten currently own the property which produces an annual hay crop and
some of the furniture is original to the house.
Original owners of the Lisk Homestead were Benjamin and Elizabeth Lisk who
were leaders of the Quaker community after the Revolution. They are buried
in a nearby cemetery with other family members. Current owners Priscilla and
Edward Coates have updated some of the living space, they have left other
areas in original condition.
The Dean Place was built around 1830 and its residents were prosperous
farmers who bought the farm near the end of the Civil War. Current owners
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Construction of the New Baltimore Reformed Church was completed in
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1969 and turned it into a workshop, studio, and art gallery.
The Parsons-Wolfe Homestead was built before the Revolution and was a
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The Eagle Tavern was built around 1828, was a local stopping point along the
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APRIL

Adopted Resolutions congratulating James Ono and Kendall Cousinsmen on Receiving Rank of Eagle Scout. Budget Presentation by Superintendent Dan Tomplesky and Lyn Way from the RCS Central School and Grim Superintendent Bernmarie Barkman from the Coxsackie-Hens School District. Established policy for use of Town Hall by other Organizations. Appointed Toni Campbell as Summer creation Director. Approved Pump Station Contract with Empire Merchants.

MAY

Adopted Town Board Meeting Rules. Approved New Health Insurance Policy for Full time Elected Officials and Full time Employees ended after May 9, 2011.

Towning Board of Appeals

BA did not meet in May, or June since there were no applications to come to the Board. In July, Hearing for BJ Best for variance for Carport was approved at regular meeting that followed.

MAY

- Approved Intermunicipal Agreement with Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.
- Gifted Unused Microfilm Reader to Greene County Clerk.
- Approved Grant with Central Hudson to Replace Lighting at Highway Garage.
- Authorized Purchase of Cell Phones for Chief Sewer Plant Operator and Code Enforcement Officer.
- Authorized Special Events Liability Insurance for AgFest.

JUNE

- Approved Highway 284 Agreement for general repairs to 6 miles of town highways and improvements to Gill, Sweezey, Acquetuck, and High Rock Roads.
- Appointed Dawn Palmateer as a second Workplace Violence Prevention Contact Person.
- Authorized Town Clerk to attend Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute 2011 Annual Training Seminar on July 17-21.
- Appointed Susan O'Rorke to the Animal Control Committee and Michael Meredith to the Grants and Economic Development Committee.

JULY

- Approved annual Town Clerk, Tax and Justice Court Accounts.
- Authorized purchase of computer equipment and software for Town Clerk.
- Scheduled Special Meeting for July 17th.
- Authorized installation of Dutch doors in Town Hall.
- Approved hiring of Deputy Justice Clerk Miller and Annette Miller.
- Appointed Summer Program Staff.
- Approved Cell Phone Animal Control Officer.
- Adjusted Hourly Rate for Building Inspector.
- Established Public Hearing Local Law 3 to Promote Presence in Town Hall Between Dusk and Dawn.

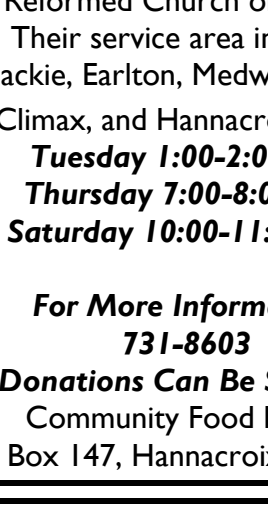
Assessor's Report

Grievance Day was held on July 24 and the Board of Assessment Review was held and addressed 32 claims. Homeowners have been notified of the board's decision. The 2011 Final Roll is posted on the town's website www.townofnewbaltic.com and there is also a link that provides a search engine where homeowners can use the map to find their information.

<p>ved Special Use Permit Car Services through mber 31.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>Hearing rescheduled for 4 for Minor Subdivision Patricia Schiller.</p> <p>ved Minor Subdivision ation from Roberto on High Rock Road.</p> <p>ved Minor Subdivision ation for Saul and Jamie y and scheduled Public ng for July 14.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>Hearing for minor isions were held for Saul ime Stanley and Patricia r and were approved in r monthly meeting that ed.</p> <p>ssed expansion of Eagle opment, site plan ation was submitted, and hearing scheduled for t 11.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Permit Applications Received 1 • Sign Permit Applications 1 • Code Violation Investigations 2 • Property Maintenance Violations 4..... <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Inspections 20 • Building Permits Issued 10 • Building Permits Renewed 3 • Certificate of Compliance Issued 6 • Certificate of Occupancy Issued 1 • Demolition Permit Applications Received 1 • Demolition Permits Issued 1 • New Building Permit Applications Received 12 • Pool Permit Applications Received 2 • Pool Permits Issued 2 • Septic Repair Permit Application 1 • Sign Permit Application 1 • Sign Permit Issued 1 • Code Violation Inspections 7..... <p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Inspections 13 • Building Permits Issued 7 • Building Permits Renewed 2 • Certificates of Compliance Issued 6 • Certificates of Occupancy Issued 4 • Commercial Site Fire inspections 1 • New Building Permit Applications Received 5 • Outside Boiler/Woodstoves, Etc. Permits Issued 1 • Code Violation Investigations 3..... <p>Total Fees for Year to Date.....\$</p>
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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT

Deputy Greg Seeley, Deputy Greg Stewart and his K-9 companion Blaze, and Sergeant Ken Stern recently returned to town residents. The Sheriff's Office purchased Blaze, a 2 1/2 year Czechoslovakian Shepherd, with drug fund monies and public donations and has been in service for about one year. They work on a week rotating between 7AM to 5 PM and 7 PM to 5 AM, but are available for call 24 hours a day. They are instrumental in tracking missing persons and fleeing suspects, finding discarded or hidden articles of evidence, and assisting other agencies both in and outside Greene County. He recently completed narcotics training and has been instrumental in locating drugs in vehicles. Blaze assisted the Sheriff's Department in locating a suspect who was found menacing residents with a weapon on Shady Lane. Blaze quickly located the weapon in the woods, buried under trees.



According to Sheriff Seeley and Deputy Stewart, Blaze has been such a valuable asset to the Sheriff's Department and provides these services at **no cost** to Greene County residents. Blaze is a Deputy and proudly wears a badge, his nose is 70% more sensitive than a human, he can search a home quicker, and he works harder, even on his day off. The community has also been very supportive with local veterinarians donating his services; Young's Agway supplying his food; collars and leashes provided by the Rotary and the National Bank of Coxsackie; and a special reward was given for the unit. Deputy Stewart and Blaze are available for demonstrations to schools, churches, groups, and organizations by contacting the Sheriff's Office at 943-3300.

Community Food Pantry New Hours

The Community Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Reformed Church on Mansion Street in Coxsack. Their service area includes Coxsackie, Coxsack, Earlton, Medway, New Berlin, Climax, and Hannacroix. Hours are:

Tuesday 1:00-2:00 PM

Thursday 7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM

For More Information

731-8603

Donations Can Be Sent To

Community Food Pantry

Box 147, Hannacroix, NY 12087

Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is open Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM at Cecil C. Hallock District 2 Park.

Route 54 until September 25. A variety of fresh produce and meat, baked goods, jams and preserves, honey, and candles are available from local vendors. Enjoy free coffee and live music.

Town Hall on Greene County Historical Register

Our Town Hall, the former Rocky Store School, was recently placed on the Greene County Historical Register.

Bob Hallock, President of the Greene County Historical Society,

identifies the plaque that was placed at the entrance to the building.

to commemorate this designation. Thank you to Jean Bush, Ken Mabey, Natalie Daley, and the Historical Register Committee for all of their efforts.



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this special recognition.

Bob Hallock, with his wife, is the Rocky Store School's Irwin, and his wife Ann.

Coxsackie, David Fingar from Mid-Hudson C...

Eagle Asso., Tammy Parker from Henke Wa

Warner Realty, Jeff Carlson from W&W Tru

Area Chamber of Commerce. Sheriff Greg Seeley and County Clerk Mike Flynn spoke

<p>Town residents can reach</p> <p>1. Town of...</p>	<p>If residents have name or mailing</p> <p>1. ...</p>
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Supervisor O'Rorke	Tax Collector Lynn Taylor	Superintendent of Highways Denis Jordan	Calendar
Town Board Members Lynn Taylor John Finke Michael T. Meredith Christopher Norris	Town Clerk Janet Brooks	Town Justice Joseph Cosenza Joseph Farrell	Town Board Meeting 2nd and 4th Mondays
	Gordon Bennett, Assessor Ray Blaisdell, Code Enforcement Officer Ted Hilscher, Town Historian		Planning Board Meeting 2nd Thursday*
Board of Assessment John Blaisdell Alfred John Finke John Murray John Turner	Planning Board Kathy Rundberg, Chair Joseph Caputo Bill Johns Dan Kelly Kenneth Kuder John Murray Alta Turner	Zoning Board of Appeals Maeve Tooher, Chair Donna Carlson Marie Corrado Jack Covey Shelly VanEtten	Zoning Board Meeting 1st Wednesday*
	Joe Tanner, Animal Control Officer		*If no agenda, no meeting For agendas and other information, please call our offices or visit our website www.townofnewbaltimore.com 756-6671 756-8880 Fax

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Baltimore Bicentennial Celebration

Finale

"Celebrating 200 Years of Community

"March 15, 1811-2011

Barn Round, Square Dance & Dinner

Saturday September 24, 2011

from 5:30 to 9:30

at the

Flegel Farm

Cr Rt 51 Hannacroix

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their Barn

er to be a part of an **Old Fashion Apple Pie Cont**

1st prize \$100.00 - 2nd prize\$ 50.00 - 3rd prize \$25.00

Appetizers : Steamed Clams and Clams Casino

Old Fashion Chicken Dinner Catered by "Frese's Catering"

und and Square Dance Music by "The Peaceful Country Band

\$20.00 per person

Dinner seating at 5:30- 6:30- 7:30

Beer and Wine will be sold at the dance .



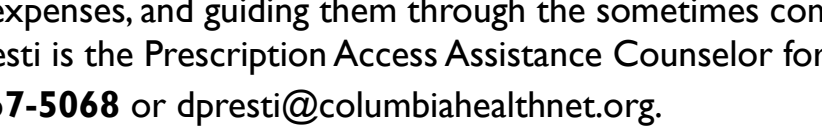
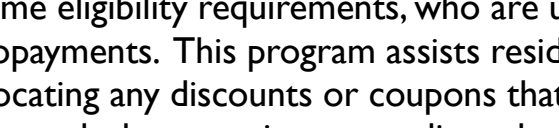
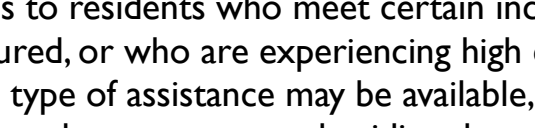
For more information call
Chairwoman Joyce Schoenig
756-7032
email entwjoy@aol.com



Senior Picnic

Altamont Town Board began a Senior Citizen Committee earlier this year to address the target needs for seniors in the town. One of the first events planned was a picnic which was held at Cecil C. Hallock Park on June 29, attended by over 60 seniors and friends. Councilman Art Byas provided his expertise on the grill and all were invited to bring a dish and conversation to share. Town resident Steve Schwebler, Treasurer, provided the day's enjoyable entertainment. Committee Co-Chairs Ellie Alfeld and Art Byas were overjoyed with the response and would like to work together to organize future events in the future.

In response to the overwhelming response, another picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 22 at Cecil C. Hallock District 2 Park. Call Ellie to RSVP at 516-782-1234.



Do You Need Help With Your Prescriptions?

Prescription drugs can be very costly for many families and senior citizens, especially those without health insurance. The Healthcare Consortium's Prescription Access Assistance Program is available to Columbia, Greene, and Northern Dutchess County residents from June 1, 2016, to help with the cost of their medications.

The program currently covers over 400 participating drug companies that offer discounted or free medications to residents who meet certain income eligibility requirements, who are unemployed, disabled, or who are experiencing high copayments. This program assists residents in obtaining the type of assistance may be available, locating any discounts or coupons that may be available, out-of-pocket expenses, and guiding them through the sometimes complicated application process. Stephanie Presti is the Prescription Access Assistance Counselor for Greene County. Call her at **567-5068** or dpresti@columbiahealthnet.org.
