

The Civil War Comes to Windham

By Sarah Nachin
On August 5th and 6th downtown Windham was transported back to the mid-19th century when the Civil War Heritage Music Gathering and Encampment took place. Civil War re-enactors came from all over the northeast and even as far away as Virginia to participate in this event. Many had braved the rain to camp overnight in authentic-looking military tents.

A variety of activities showcased nineteenth century culture and history focusing on the War Between the States. These included exhibits, informal jamborees, demonstrations of skills, lectures, a ladies' tea and a concert of patriotic music.

Costumes, Exhibits and Demonstrations
You have to sympathize with the women of the eighteenth century who had to wear whalebone hoops and yards and yards of material every day, could barely walk upstairs and had to go about their daily chores

in uncomfortable clothing. The ladies who came in costume last week pulled it off with style and grace. The men who attended the event wore reproductions of Civil War era clothing and uniforms (both Yankee and Confederate). David Getty and Harrison Hunt portrayed members of the 79th New York Volunteers, many of whom were Scottish-Americans. Getty wore a kilt and Hunt wore tartan trousers.

There were a number of exhibits and demonstrations, also. These included equipment used by the soldiers and demonstrations of blacksmithing and woodworking. Inside the Windham Civic Centre women's clothing of that period was on display, as well.

Music
Musicians, playing a wide variety of instruments, and singers got together for informal jamborees. These included the duo of Steve and Lisa Ball playing guitar and fiddle, Bob Williams on

the autoharp and hammered dulcimer, Arden Clark and Carson Hudson playing fiddles made from cigar boxes and Teresa Deckard on the flute and penny whistle.

At 7:00 p.m. a concert of patriotic music was performed by all the musicians to a packed house inside the Civic Centre. The pieces included songs from World War I and the themes of all the United States Armed Forces branches. The Hudson River Bells, a group of handbell ringers from Athens, received standing ovations for both their sets. They played a diverse assortment of music – from “Danny Boy” to “Ashokan Farewell” (a modern composition by Jay Ungar made famous in Ken Burns’ television series, The Civil War).

John Quinn of the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers, an organizer of this event, along with others paid tribute to members of their group who had passed away during the preceding year. The finale included touching

renditions of “Auld Lang Syne” and “Will the Circle be Unbroken.”

Ladies Events
Women have played an important role throughout history and the event highlighted women's issues, such as voting rights and clothing reform. Jody Luce of Peterboro modeled a “revolutionary” garment invented by Elizabeth Smith Miller known as the Bloomer and gave an interesting talk on clothing of the nineteenth century. The Bloomer was named after Amelia Bloomer, a newspaper editor of that time. The outfit, sewn by Ms. Luce, consisted of a knee-length dress with trousers underneath.

“The dress originated in Europe and was worn for comfort by women there who were recuperating at a health sanitarium. Elizabeth Miller brought the idea to America and it became very popular prior to the Civil War. The only problem was that women could be arrested for wearing the outfit and were accused of impersonating

a man,” Ms. Luce stated. Later in the afternoon, there was a Ladies Tea held at the Windham-Henryville United Methodist Church. A large group of women attended and were entertained and informed by Judee Synakowski's talk on the language of fans. Most people aren't aware that the hand-held fans that all women carried served another purpose besides keeping cool. The way a woman held her fan and moved it was a form of communication to men and signified anything from “I love you” to “I wish to get rid of you.” Joanna Szakmary and other ladies prepared and served iced tea, finger sandwiches and desserts.

Although large crowds of people did not show up for this wonderful event, possibly due to the forecast of rain, those who came were enthusiastic. Many were history buffs, retired teachers or those wanting to enjoy a little “make-believe.”

Linda, from Albany, accompanied by her sister-

in-law who was dressed in costume, likes the authenticity. She stated, “I like history and it disturbs me to see how much of our history is being rewritten.”

Even Mark Twain (AKA Don Coons) showed up. This 81 year-old gentleman performs as the illustrious author all over the northeast. He left us with this wise Twain thought: “Give every day a chance to be the most beautiful day of your life.”

This annual Civil War Heritage Music Gathering was, indeed, a beautiful event and one that no one should miss next year.

For more information on the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/77thNyRegimentalBalladeers>.

To find out more about the Hudson River Bells go to <http://hudsonriverbells.org/> and “like” their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HudsonRiverBells/>.



Hudson River Bells, 77th NY Regimental Balladeers, Jolly Tars and other special guest musicians. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Ment Photography.



Arden Clark and Carson Hudson



David Getty



Don Coons as Mark Twain



Jody Luce



Harrison Hunt shows memorabilia to Giovanni, Justin and Isabella Jorinov.

HELP WANTED

Roxbury Central School

Full time, 12M Custodial Worker, night shift 2:30 PM-11 PM, CSEA non-competitive position w/contractual salary/benefits. Selected candidate must be willing/able to receive necessary training and acquire the necessary license to operate a public school bus (CDL-B w/air break, passenger and school bus endorsement).

Applications can be picked up in the main office or a letter of interest can be sent by 9/8/17 to:

Thomas J. O'Brien, Superintendent
ROXBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL
53729 State Hwy. 30
Roxbury, NY 12474
EOE

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR:

Charlotte Valley CSD
Cooperstown CSD
Edmeston CSD
Milford CSD
Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD
Worcester CSD
ONC BOCES

Teachers • LTAs/Aides • Nurses
Hourly Cleaners • Bus/Van Drivers
Clerical/Office Support
Food Service Workers

Please visit www.oncboces.org/subs for application and information.
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LEGAL ADVERTISING

Notice of Formation of Property RESERVOIR 12 LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/07/15. Principal Office: 181 Bournedale Road Manhasset NY 11030 Nassau County. Steve Quint designated as process agent. Process Service address: 69 Loring Ave Staten Island NY 10312. Purpose: any lawful activity.

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified entity for demolition of a structure in the Town of Jewett, Greene County on property purchased pursuant to the NY-CDEP funded Flood Buyout Program. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held August 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM on site. Bids must be received at CWC by 4:00 PM, August 29, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the West Kill Cemetery, Incorporated will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at 2pm at the West Kill-Lexington Community Hall, Spruceton Road,

West Kill NY for the purpose of electing officers, receiving of reports, and the transaction of any other business to come before the said meeting. By order of the Board of Trustees of the West Kill Community Cemetery, Incorporated. Jim Tilt, President.

NOTICE OF DATES AND TIMES
ONC BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
Please take notice that the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education of the BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF THE SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF OTSEGO, DELAWARE, SCHOLARIE AND GREENE COUNTIES for August of 2017 through November of 2017 will be held as follows:
Tuesday, August 22, 2017 –Northern Catskills Occupational Center, Grand Gorge 12:30
Wednesday, September 13, 2017 –Otsego Area Occupational Center, Milford 12:30
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 –Northern Catskills Occupational Center, Grand Gorge 3:30
Wednesday, November 8, 2017 –Otsego Area Occupational Center, Milford 3:30

Meeting times for the remainder of the year will be determined at the November 8, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.
Alyssa Oliveri
Clerk of the Board
July 17, 2017

TOWN OF CONESVILLE FUEL BID NOTICE
The Conesville Town Board is now accepting sealed bids to supply the following: 87 octane gasoline, a blended ultra low sulfur diesel product of 60% diesel and 40% kerosene December 1 through March 31, all ultra low sulfur diesel April 1 through November 30 and Number 2 heating oil for the Town Hall and Town Highway Garage. The term of the agreement to provide these products will be October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Interested suppliers may submit a bid for any or all of the products. The Conesville Town Board will award each product separately.
Sealed bids may be mailed or submitted in person on or before 11:00 am on September 6, 2017 at the following address: Conesville Town Clerk, 1306 State Route 990V, Gilboa, NY 12076. All envelopes need to be clearly marked FUEL BID. Bids will be opened at the September 6, 2017 Town Board Meeting at 7:30 pm. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
By order of the Conesville Town Board Laurel Mattice, Conesville Town Clerk

MEETING NOTICE
A regular monthly meeting of the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the SWCD office in Walton, NY.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT
Studio apartment for rent. Efficient, 2nd floor apartment in East Jewett. \$600 rent \$600 security. Wifi, snowplowing, lawn care included. Available Aug 1. No smoking, no pets. Credit check. Elaine 518 589 6229.

NOTICE OF 9/6/17 PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
ROXBURY TRAIN DEPOT MASTER PLAN

The Delaware County Planning Department in conjunction with the Ulster & Delaware Historical Society and Hoffmann Architects & Planners, LLC. is hosting the second of two public informational meetings regarding the ongoing study of the Historic Roxbury Train Depot located at 101 Bridge Street in the Hamlet of Roxbury. This study has resulted in a Historic Structures report/Depot Master Plan, a necessary component for future grant funding efforts to restore the Depot. The meeting will provide an opportunity for public comment on the Master Plan.

YARD SALES
Stamford Garage Sale Day
Stamford Village Yard Sale Day 8/12/17, 9am-4pm, 25+ Sales. Maps, food, restrooms at Fire House, 111 Main Street. Info: 607-652-3609

FOR SALE
2005 Chevy Venture minivan. Remote starter, set of studded snows on rims. Synthetic oil change every 3k miles. Newer battery, brakes, & tires. \$1550. (607)652-2349