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Welcome to Wayne's Welcome, a newsletter about services and happenings in the Town of Wayne, NY. This newsletter is compiled and distributed by the Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc. to help spread information throughout the community. The Wayne's Welcome community newsletter is made possible through funding from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please call the Town Clerk, at (607) 292-3450. Please consider going green by receiving this via email!!

From the Town of Wayne Supervisor – Stephen Butchko

The last time I sat down to write my supervisor's column for our town's Wayne Welcome newsletter, there was nothing but snow outside my window. Since then it seems to be nothing but rain! Can't seem to catch up on mowing the lawn. Water everywhere, which makes me think that one of our biggest asset in the area is water; our lakes.

Our town has a unique geographical feature. We have two distinct watersheds, geographically separated within our boundaries. On the eastside, along portions of Ridge Road and County Route 87, we are part of the Waneta Lake watershed, where we have approximately 1.6 miles of Waneta's 7.1 total miles of shoreline. Waneta is part of the Cohocton River watershed which makes its way to the Chesapeake Bay. Because of Waneta's elevation of 1,098 feet, our forefathers were able to float barges loaded with local goods to Baltimore. Can you imagine that?

On the west side of town is the Keuka Lake watershed, where we have approximately 5.5 miles of Keuka's 60 total miles of shoreline. Keuka is part of Seneca Lake watershed which eventually makes its way to the St. Lawrence Bay. Now they didn't float barges to the St. Lawrence. However, with Keuka at 714 foot elevation, hydropower was generated in the early 20th century by using Waneta's water via canal and penstock to power a generator on Keuka. This was in use up to 1998.

So our lakes have given us geographical, scenic landscape features, historic economic drivers, and a very pleasant and wonderful place to live and play.

The quality of the water of these lakes is paramount. As early as 1938 the Lamoka- Waneta Lakes Association (LWLA) was founded, and incorporated in 1965. 500 members are active in protecting and preserving the waters and its watershed. If you live on the lake and are a member, great! If not, consider joining.

In 2002 the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District, (LWLPRD) was created between Schuyler and Steuben Counties as an intermunicipal agreement to oversee and administer the District's programs. This taxing entity carried out an initial herbicide treatment on Waneta in 2003 which helped to improve the water quality. It has also had a significant positive influence on land and property values. Today, the Waneta watershed consisting of just Bradford, Orange, Tyrone and Wayne has a total assessed value of \$434 million, \$56 Million of which is Wayne and of that number, \$39 Million is shoreline. Between the LWLPRD, the District, the municipalities and the property owners, much has been accomplished and much still needs to be done.



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WAYNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

Come enjoy breakfast at the Fire Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month provided by the Auxiliary. Cost is \$8.00 per person and will be held 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, and 10/12.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Turkey dinner at the Fire Hall on September 7th. Watch for more details to come!

Remember that reflective address signs are still available for \$20. Please call the Fire Department to order at 292-3380 and we will even help install them!

MEAD-PRICE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1208

4926 County Route 26
Wayne NY 14893
(607) 292-6223



Hours: Sundays open at 1 PM

Monday -Saturday open at 3 PM



Beef on Weck every Thursday at 6 PM by popular demand!

Fish Fry is available the first Friday of the month (7/5, 8/2, 9/6)

Chicken Barbeque is July 20th. Pre-sale tickets are available at the bar or by calling 292-6223.

Our **Golf Tournament** will be on September 14th. Teams of 4 should register ahead of time by calling the legion.

Remember that we still offer the following services to our community:

American flags are available for your home or cottage for \$15 each.

Durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, shower seats, walkers, commodes, etc. are available for loan to the community. Call the Legion for more details and availability.

WAYNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Located in the Heart of the Hamlet and pastored by Judy Peppard.

Adult Sunday School is offered every week from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Sunday worship takes place from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with Coffee Hour immediately following the service. The community is invited to all! Please call (607) 292-3956 for more information.

Pot Luck Luncheons are served to church members and the community on the 4th Sunday of each month, 12 pm until all are served. We welcome you all!

Our fellowship hall is open to community members. Call 607-292-3956 (Mary Campbell) for more details.

From the Town of Wayne Supervisor – Stephen Butchko (continued from page 1)

Over on our town's west side in the Keuka watershed is the Keuka Lake Association (KLA), founded in 1956 and has over 1700 members. It has a well established presence in many water quality issues for preserving and protecting the water. The recent threat of invasive plant species promoted the KLA "Boat Steward Program", and I am proud to say that we utilized the training and educational literature for establishing 'Wayne Boat Stewards' at our town's public boat launch. This will be our third year in providing the service periodically at the boat launch. The steward's presence helps protect the water and makes our launch guests better aware of harmful unwanted water quality threats.

Another organization protecting and preserving the water quality of Keuka is the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC). An intermunicipal organization founded in 1992, has the eight municipalities (Hammondsport, Urbana, Pulteney, Jerusalem, Penn Yan, Milo, Barrington, and Wayne) surrounding Keuka's shoreline. KWIC's original primary focus, which continues to this day, is inspection of on-site septic systems within 200 feet of shoreline, known as Zone 1. (For a matter of note, we use the KWIC model for Waneta Lake as well, and that area is known as Zone A.) This program has had one of the most significant affects on water quality since its inception. In 2015, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) rated Keuka water AA.

The Keuka watershed has a total assessed value just shy of \$3 billion. Our town is \$229 Million of that total and of that \$160 Million is on the shoreline. This works out to about \$29 million per mile of shoreline value, or in other words, a lot to protect!

As chairman of KWIC these past ten years, we have streamlined operations without impairing performance, (actually increasing it), reduced municipalities contributions to operate by 50%, and now are beginning to branch out to address threats to Keuka's water quality. Recently we began a 3 year program with the NYS DEC in harvesting invasive species.

In 2018 we teamed up with KLA, Seneca Water Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO) and Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA), to acquire \$270k grant monies, \$90k cash monies and \$40k in-kind monies in order to complete the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the NYS DEC '9 Element Plan' (9EP). Basically this three year project, through scientific watershed analysis, will determine where we are most threatened; ways to mitigate those threats; and establish and present educational outreach programs with key stakeholders, such as our town. Participating in this exciting project will allow me to help Keuka, but also transfer the knowledge, experience and contact relationships to help Waneta as well.

Currently it may be "water, water everywhere," but the rain will end. But our commitment to ongoing water quality in both our lakes will continue. Let's make our lakes clean, safe, and enjoyable place to spend a sunny, summer afternoon!

STEBEN SENIOR SERVICES FUND

You are cordially invited...

1st Annual "Bubbly & Brunch"

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

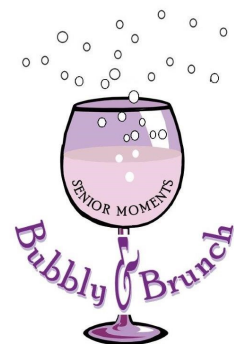
Pleasant Valley Wine Co., Visitors Center

8260 Pleasant Valley Road, Hammondsport

Join us for savory cuisine, wine, entertainment, raffles, a live auction and an exclusive patron gathering in support of the mission of SSSF. We empower senior citizens to age with dignity and independence in the place and manner of their choice.

For tickets, call 607-664-2298 or purchase online at www.SteubenSeniorServicesFund.org

\$35 per person until July 4th \$40 per person beginning July 5th Ticket sales end on July 21st



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by appointment

The Wayne History Group has decided to share little tidbits of history of the Town of Wayne that was originally put together by Don A. Rowland in 1988 when he was the Town of Wayne Historian. We will continue to do this in upcoming newsletters until we have worked through his valuable information.

Part Two of Town of Wayne History

- 1820 Census shows of Wayne population to be 3,607
- 1824 NYS Legislative Law erects the Town of Starkey from northern Reading and Yates County annexes the Town of Barrington and Starkey, thus reducing that portion of Steuben County.
- 1825 Census shows of Wayne population to be 1,124
- 1827 Jinrikisha inventor Jonathan Goble born in Wayne, just north of Keuka Landing
- 1828 John B. Mitchell buys a lot from Matthew McDowell and then builds the corner store in Wayne hamlet (later known as the Crookston store)
- 1831 Francis Marion McDowell born in Wayne, later to become one of the seven Founders of the National Grange



- 1837 First Presbyterian Church built at south edge of Wayne hamlet by an Association first started in 1809



The church was on Silsbee Road

WAYNE HISTORY GROUP (continued)

- 1845 Wayne Hamlet Baptist Church built after Van Gordon road church burned a few years ago
- 1854 NYS Legislative Law erects Schuyler County, removing parts of the Steuben Towns of Bradford and Wayne to straighten the county lines. Also annexed the towns of Orange, Reading and Tyrone from Steuben County
- 1855 Common schools of Wayne number eleven with 519 pupils
- 1860 Census of Wayne population is 944
- 1861 – 1865 Civil War or Way of the Rebellion. Town of Wayne sends ninety-two residents into service
- 1863 John Grace sets out the first vineyard in the town just east of Keuka Landing. The second vineyard is set out by James and Norman Sunderlin.
- 1864 Sam Hallett murdered in Wyandotte, Kansas (builder of 24-column landmark of Wayne – Aisle of Pines)
- 1868 Grove Springs Hotel built by J. N. Crane and J. W. Davis. Colonel Stephen Moore Operated the hotel till 1873
- 1869 Frances Pollay, Town of Pulteney wagon maker, received a letter of instructions from Jonathan Goble, missionary of Yokahoma, Japan to build a two wheeled Cart for transporting his invalid wife. Pollay created it, built the cart per instructions, crated it, and sent it to Yokahoma. It was later being used throughout the Orient as Japanese copies spread in use as a means of Transportation.
- 1870s Grape vineyards flourished and railroad failed. The Corning, Sodus and New York Railroad was started up through Wayne with a road bed, but a time of Depression ended the venture

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Town of Wayne News & Notes

The compost site is open Fridays and Saturdays, 9am – 4 pm.
Only yard waste accepted. No garbage and no construction debris.
Thanks to you all for a very successful Town Clean Up day! It was well attended, and well organized.

Alluding to Mr. Butchko’s note about the lakes and water, the Boat Stewards are again at their posts at the Wayne Boat Ramp. They are there to share information on how to stop the spread of invasive species to our waters. Give them a ‘shout out’ when down on the ramp and listen to their information.

Remember that use of the Boat Ramp is a privilege, and if abused, this privilege can be revoked. Please adhere to the time and noise limits. The Boat Ramp is only open from dawn to dusk. And please be courteous to your neighbors by keeping noise to a minimum.

Thank you to Supervisor Butchko and Highway Superintendent Howard for spending a long day to complete the paving on Keuka Hill Road.

Summer fun also means being considerate to our neighbors. Please respect the summer fun of others by being aware of noise, music, boats, kids, and parties. Being safe, and keeping family and property safe is essential to a good time. If on the water, know the NYS boating rules and regulations. The paper lanterns that are lit and set up in the air are a fire hazard, and unsafe. Landlords, this applies to you as well, and it is your responsibility to let your tenants know. Everyone, have a great time, just be safe and considerate while you do so!

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
10 – 4 pm
Saturday 9 am - noon
Supervisor, Stephen Butchko 342-0084
Highway, Dave Bauer 292-6610
Code Officer, Gill Harrop 342-5847
Justice, Thomas Freeman 292-6003
Watershed, Maureen Kurtz 292-3450
Clerk, Bill Mahr 292-3450
Assessor, Dave Oliver 292-3450
Historian, Kay Thomas 292-3450
Dog Control Officer
Megan Pifer 368-9917

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Open to the Public
6:30 pm at the Town Hall
July 9, August 13, September 10