

## TOWN OF CAMPBELL

### NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017 - Quarterly

#### KRAFT-HEINZ UPDATE

A "postponement of separation" for the employees of Kraft-Heinz was filed with the Town Supervisor, Michael Austin, changing the date of separation from May 26, 2017 to August 23, 2017 to allow more time to negotiate the sale of Kraft-Heinz. There is to be a major announcement about the plant in the near future. While the Town Board has accepted the resignation of Town Supervisor Michael Austin as of June 19, 2017, we would like to extend our thanks to Mike for his negotiating and hard work with the parties involved on behalf of the Kraft employees and the Town.

#### SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Town of Campbell Summer Recreation Program will run July 6 through July 31; Monday – Thursday, 9 am – noon at the Campbell Campgrounds on Route 415. Register at the Campgrounds or pick-up a registration form at the Town hall. You MUST submit an immunization record for your child to attend the program.

#### A Note From the Assessor...

The 2017 Final Assessment Roll will be filed with the Town Clerk on or about July 1st. It may also be viewed on the Steuben County Website at

<http://www.steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=464>

and on the Town website at <http://www.campbellny.com>.

If you have purchased a home since March 1st, 2015 and it is your primary residence you may be eligible for the STAR Exemption. You will need to register with The Department of Taxation and Finance. To do this you may go on-line to <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star> or Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (518-457-2036). You only need to register once so if you have already registered there is no need to register again.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your assessment and/or exemptions please contact me at the office at (607) 527-8244 ext. 217.

#### A Note From the Historian...

Hello everyone. I guess it's about time I introduce myself. My name is Sallyann Dyer-Congdon and I am the new Historian for the Town of Campbell. It's been a busy time already. I've been getting myself acquainted with the Town files and archives and learning all I can. With the help of Sandy Austin, we have set up some nice displays of local history items at the Town hall. Stop in and take a look. I am currently looking for any local historical items/artifacts from the Town of Campbell. I can accept donations, loans, and have a small budget for purchases. We are always looking for paper items as well. Old ledgers, photos, postcards, letters, receipts etc. are all welcome, as are oral stories. Stop and share what you know about the history of the Town!

We have had some lovely items come in already. Some of the items we have received are:

- An extensive history of the Aulls family including the Roller Mills and Electric Plant
- Old ledgers from the Les Forester store
- 1800's photos from the Scudder farm and dairy
- Items from the Stickler and Allis hardware stores
- A 1912 pennant from Campbell Central School

My current office hours are noon – 1:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, but you can always call for an appointment 607-643-2899 or leave a message at the Town hall.

#### TOWN CEMETERIES

##### "STORIES FROM THE PAST"

This is the first in a series of articles written by Sandy Austin for the Town Newsletter about the Town cemeteries. There are some very old and interesting cemeteries which bring up some "stories from the past".

The Balcom Cemetery which is located on the Curtis-Coopers Road, sometimes called the "Old Curtis Cemetery", is now abandoned and maintained by the Town. There have been a couple of recent burials, but for the most part there is no one to manage the cemetery.

This cemetery reminds me of an old story from the pages of

Campbell history. The burials in this cemetery date back to about 1843. In this time frame, the area was called Curtisville and was a thriving area with, in the 1850's, a railroad running through it, a depot, a school, a post office, a saw mill and some tanneries.

Samuel Cook was a church member who thought it was a good location for the Methodists to have a church, which I believe was on land which was part of the Balcom Farm on the Curtis-Coopers Road. This would allow for people from Curtisville and Coopers Plains, to attend church. A map on file for this time period, shows the area of the Balcom Cemetery as owned by Uri Balcom. On the old Curtis Road was the Balcom home with the white pillars on three sides; believed to have been built between 1839 and 1841. Samuel was instrumental in building an old Methodist Church a short distance away, and there beside it, became the Balcom Cemetery. His wife was one of the first burials there; Temperance Cook, who died February 9, 1843 at the age of 59. In those days it was typical thing for a church to have a cemetery beside it.

The church attendees were happy for a while. The Curtisville folks were satisfied, but the Coopers Plains people thought the church should be in Coopers. One very cold winter night when the river was frozen solid, some of the men from Coopers came up around midnight, jacked up the church, put it on rollers, [likely some smooth logs], and rolled it down the bank on the ice. From there I can see how it could easily have been skidded down the ice pulled by a team of horses, to a flat clearing in Coopers Plains. The story was that by noon the next day they had it sitting on the site where it still stands as the Coopers Plains United Methodist Church on Race Street.

Samuel Cook died September 8, 1864, at the age of 85, and was buried at that cemetery.



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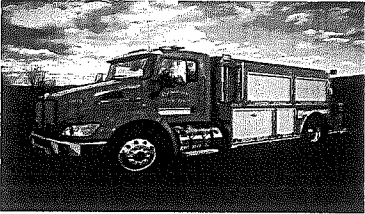
East Campbell Training

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS!**

**EAST CAMPBELL**

East Campbell recently had Extrication Training with some of our neighbor fire departments. East Campbell is always willing to work with neighboring departments to learn their tools and to meet their members. It was a great training. Special thanks to Hornby FD and North Corning FD!

**CAMPBELL, N.Y. (18 NEWS) -** Congressman Tom Reed announced the Campbell Fire District is the recipient of a \$67,912 federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG).  
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Campbell's New Truck

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to our Town volunteer, Deb Baldwin, for the computer work she did so the Town would come into compliance with the Office of the State Comptroller's Office (OSC) regarding the Town's Capital Assets and Inventory. Very good hand written inventory records were kept by previous employees, but were not acceptable anymore by the OSC. Deb took the old records, verified them and added in all new records. She did all computer input into the new OSC approved program. Our assets inventory was submitted and accepted by the OSC for 2016. Now this report will be easy to maintain and to submit every year. THANKS DEB!  
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**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2017**  
**GREAT JOB Campbell Savona**  
**Central School BAND!**  
**FANCY FOOTWORK &**  
**GREAT SOUND!**

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Town Board Members**

Jeff Horton – Acting Town Supervisor  
John Tschantre – Acting Deputy Supervisor  
Jamie Drumm  
Terry Wheat

Sandra Austin – Town Clerk  
Tom Austin – Highway Superintendent  
Doug Horton – Town Justice  
Patty Horton – Town Justice  
William Rosplock – Tax Collector

**2017 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

July 4 – TOWN HALL CLOSED  
July 10 – Town Board 6:00 pm  
July 19 – Planning Board 6:00 pm  
August 14 – Town Board 6:00 pm  
August 16 – Planning Board 6:00 pm  
Sept. 4 – TOWN HALL CLOSED  
Sept. 11 – Town Board 6:00 pm  
Sept 12 – Republican Primary - VOTE  
Sept. 20 – Planning Board 6:00 pm

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