**TOWN OF CAMPBELL**

**NEWSLETTER**

**May - June - July - Aug 2024**

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**Jeff Horton – Supervisor**

**John Tschantre – Deputy**

**Michael Austin–Board Member**

**Norman Maynard – Board Member**

**Glenn Vogel – Board Member**

**TOWN BOARD REPORT**

**SUMMER RECREATION**

**The Town of Campbell will not be holding a Summer Rec Program this year.** The Campbell Savona School District will be holding a Morning Continuing Education Program and an afternoon Summer Enrichment Program Monday – Thursday. For more information on the times and programs, please call the school at 607-527-9800.

**Progress on the Park:**

The old tennis court nets and fencing area was removed, sealed, and are in process of being turned into a parking lot. The old basketball court removed. A new single tennis court was built, and next to it a new half basketball court is in progress. The driveway is being addressed as far as filling it in and being able to park on it without being in water. Two benches are out and there is a new project for two more benches and score boards in process as well.

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**Highway Superintendent &**

**Water Operator**

**Tom Austin**

**Questions, concerns or Road or Water Emergency**

**607-769-5123.**

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**Town Clerk Report**

**Michelle Seeley**

**Mon - Thurs 9am – 4:30pm**

[**townclerk@campbellny.com**](mailto:townclerk@campbellny.com)

**607-527-8244 Opt 2 Ext 213**

**A Note From The Town Clerk**

The Town of Campbell, NY is sponsoring a Free Rabies Clinic in cooperation with the Steuben County Public Health Service. It will be held at the Campbell American Legion Field, across from the 8458 Route 333 Campbell American Legion on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 6 pm-8 pm. Directional Signs will be in place from the 4 lane. Dogs, ferrets and cats are welcome.

You must remain in your vehicle until further directed. This will be a drive thru clinic. Animals must be 3 months old to receive vaccine. Owners are asked to bring any previous Rabies shot records. The Town Clerk will be on hand to license your dog. For more information call the Town Clerk at 607-527-8244 Option 2. ~ Michelle

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**Assessor’s Office**

**Holley Smalt**

**TUESDAY ONLY**

**1st and 3rd In Office**

**8:30am – 3:30pm**

**2nd and 4th In office**

**8:30am – noon**

**2nd and 4th Field Work**

**Noon – 3:30pm**

[assessor@campbellny.com](mailto:assessor@campbellny.com)

**607-527-8244 Opt 5 Ext 217**

**Assessor's Corner**

The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or about May 1st, 2024. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 28th from 4 - 8pm at The Town Hall. The Final Assessment Roll will be filed on or about July 1, 2024. You may view both assessment rolls using the following link or by visiting our town webpage: <https://www.steubencountyny.gov/pages.asp?PID=464>

<https://www.campbellny.com/assessor.html>

If you have an address change, please contact me so that I can update your file.  If you have recently purchased property you will be receiving a Residential Sales Verification Form in the mail.  As part of our continuing effort to maintain accurate property records, we ask that you please complete this form and return it to my office as soon as possible.

New STAR Applicants need to register with the Department of Taxation and Finance.  Register on-line at[**www.tax.ny.gov/star**](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star), or by telephone 518-457-2036 between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm.

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**Campbell Town Justices**

**Patricia Horton**

**Kathy Darcangelo**

**Court Clerks**

**Terry Winnie**

**Danielle Wheeler-Evans**

**Mon – Thurs. 8am – 4pm**

**607-527-8244 Option #1**

**Campbell Town Court News:**

The construction of the new Campbell Town Court Clerk Office has been completed and the office has been moved with the help of our approved JCAP Grant from united court system. You may now find the Court Clerk Office down the end of the hall last door to the right conveniently located inside the courtroom. You will still receive the same outstanding service from the court clerks, Teri Winnie, and Danielle Wheeler-Evans. Feel free to stop by and say “Hello” as sometimes a friendly smile is few and far in-between.

On another note, our Campbell Town Justice, the Honorable Patricia Horton, was presented an award at the February 2024 Steuben County Magistrate Association meeting. A plaque was presented by the Steuben County Magistrate Association President, the Hon. Russell Diederich and the New York Magistrate Association President, the Hon. Ohi Johnsen recognizing her dedication, assistance, and guidance provided to all magistrate members highlighting her readiness to share her expertise, noting her experience, her hard work, passion, and willingness to go above and beyond assisting the organization and its members thus making a significant impact on the organization and her court, Campbell Town Court.

If you need to contact the Campbell Town Court, please feel free to call or email.

607-527-8244 ext.1

[campbelltowncourt@nycourts.gov](mailto:campbelltowncourt@nycourts.gov)

Also, check out the NEW Campbell Town Court website page at [Town Court (campbellny.com)](https://www.campbellny.com/town-court.html)

For making this website a reality, the Court would like to recognize Jacqui Kohman, the Water Billing Administrator, Tax Collector, Summer Recreation Coordinator, and Website Coordinator, for her efforts in taking a court idea and making it a reality. Thank you!

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**WATER DISTRICTS**

**Water Billing**

**Jacqui Kohman**

**Mon – Thurs 8am – 4pm**

**WATER NEWS**

Our new Water District #4 is still progressing well. For those who are interested in hooking up to water, contractors are ready to help you through the process. Stop by and get water applications and information on approved contractors.

On another note, there are a few Water Assistance Programs for those who may need a little help. Applications for Arbor Housing and Development provides assistance to those in need to have water hooked up through grants and loans if approved. Applications for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides financial help upon approval to those struggling to pay their water bill. For more information on either application, please contact the Water Department at 607-527-8244 option 3. Applications are also available for pick up at the Town Hall.

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Campbell Yard Sales Day

The Lions club is hosting the annual Town wide Yard Sales Day on May 18, 2024.

**2024 Town Board 10:00 am**

**2nd Monday of the month**

January 8th

February 12th

March 11th

April 8th

May 13th

June 10th

July 8th

August 12th

September 9th

October 21st

November 18th

December 9th ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**2024 Planning Board 6:00 pm**

**3rd Wednesday of the month**

January 17th

February 21st

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th

July 17th

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

No meeting in December

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**The Town Turned**

**193 YEARS OLD!!!**

**APRIL 15, 1831**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**TOWN**

**OF CAMPBELL!**

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**Campbell Historian**

**Sandra Austin**

**Hours by appointment only**

**607-527-8244 Ext 219**

**And leave a message**

**SNIPPETS OF HISTORY**

“THE BANK OF CAMPBELL LEFT TOWN 100 YEARS AGO”

By: Sandy Austin, Campbell Town Historian

In the late 1800’s, Campbell was in an excellent location, halfway between Corning and Bath. The Hamlet area was a thriving place, as it was right along the main travelled way which was right down the main road in Campbell. Travel then was by horse and carriage and “Campbelltown” as it was still called by the U.S. Post Office until about 1890, became known as the stopping place to rest the horses, relax and shop.

There were three general stores, three boot and shoe shops, one tannery, one saw and grist mill, one planing mill, a wagon and carriage shop, three blacksmith shops, a harness shop, a hardware store and tin shop, a post office, two millinery stores, one meat market, a jeweler shop, three physicians and two clergymen. There were churches, hotels and resting lodges. In addition, there were various businesses along the main travel ways, but the main “business block” was the block of Main Street between Church and Bemis Streets. This was also the time when the railroad prospered.

In about 1880, among the other about 15 businesses in the “business block” was the Bank of Campbell which began business with George Sutherland, president and sole owner. The original bank building was of wood construction, as were the surrounding stores, and it was located on the west side of Main Street, which is toward the River. The Bank was doing well, and upstairs was the office of “The Campbell Herald”, the Town’s newspaper.

Robert C. Turnbull also had an Insurance office at the Bank building for fire, life and accident representing the Home Insurance Co. of New York.

In 1895, records indicate that in the wee hours of the morning, on Saturday, October 13th, the bank building burned to the ground in a multi-business fire in the Town’s business block. Fire raged from building to building; the nearest fire department was summoned; it was the Bath Babcock Ladder Company which came down in the dark of night on the dirt travelled-way with the horse-drawn fire apparatus, but by the time they arrived here, there was not much anyone could do except let the fire burned itself out. Along with the Bank, several stores, the post office building, and several homes were destroyed. It was determined that the fire began as a result of a defective chimney at the Willard’s Drug Store in the upstairs meeting room. It was a devastating event and folks referred to it as the night Campbell burned down. The over-all loss was determined to be about $50,000.00 with only about ½ covered by insurance. Converted to today’s purchasing power, it would be equivalent to a $1.8 million loss.

Mr. Sutherland and the depositors were relieved to find that the Bank vault, which contained all the books, securities and valuables, had withstood the heat and fire. He immediately made plans to re-build on the same site, but using brick construction. By 1903, the Bank, doing well, had depositors for a radius of 10 to 20 miles with business dealing with almost every state and territory. The Bank’s annual volume of business was over a million dollars.

The Town was doing well, and had rebuilt from the big fire and was again prospering. Around this time, the “horseless carriage” was coming on the scene and folks, eager to use them, began travelling the main road as they could afford them. The main road from Corning to Bath still brought the travelers through the Hamlet.

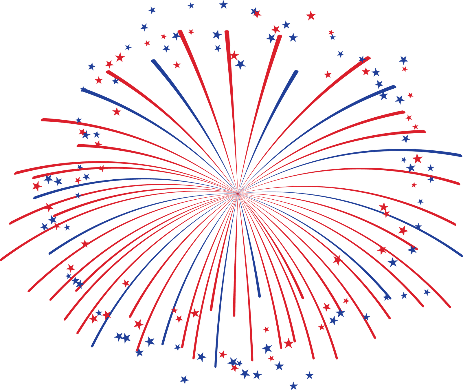
On November 20, 1912, George Sutherland died of a heart attack at the age of 64. He had been the sole owner of the Bank of Campbell, so it was closed pending the settlement of his estate. Sutherland’s will was promptly probated and the executors appointed were John F. Little of Bath and Robert C. Turnbull of Campbell. By December, a successor bank was organized under the name of Sutherland, Turnbull & Co., headed by Robert Turnbull who was a trusted man of the Sutherland family. A partnership was formed with Robert Turnbull as president and in charge on the Bank, his partners being, George’s widow and two of his cousins. The successor bank was opened at the offices of the former Bank of Campbell.

A short time later, Robert Turnbull was elected President of the Bath National Bank and he divided his time between the two banks. Under his management, the Campbell Bank survived another fire and two bank robberies. By 1924, the Bath National Bank had grown by leaps and bounds and was requiring more of Turnbull’s time. After much consideration, he made arrangements for the Bath National Bank to take over the Campbell Bank business. Then he sent out notices to all the Campbell depositors that as of March 29, 1924, the Bath National Bank would take over the Campbell business and all the banking would be operated from Bath. The Campbell Bank had been in business for over 50 years. It was the end of an era the Bank left Town 100 years ago!



NOTE: More from this story is currently in the display at the Campbell Town Hall and the full story will be posted on the Town’s website: <https://www.campbellny.com/presentations-and-articles.html> under the Historian section. Look on the top flower over to the 4th tab which says “history” and go to the drop down. There you will see the options to view.

**2024 Town Hall Dates at a Glance**



May 13 – Town Board 10 am

May 15 – Planning Board 6 pm **Campbell Town Hall**

May 27 – Town Hall Closed **8529 Main Street**

June 10 – Town Board 10 am **Campbell, NY 14821**

June 19 – Planning Board 6 pm **607-527-8244 PHONE**

July 4 – Town Hall Closed **607-527-8280 FAX**

July 8 – Town Board 10 am

July 17 – Planning Board 6 pm

August 12 – Town Board 10 am

August 21 – Planning Board 6 pm

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