



Galway Reader

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Supervisor

Fellow Galway Residents-

The first 3 months of 2019 have been very busy on multiple fronts. On January 16th, I held an open forum at Town Hall to invite residents in and start a discussion about what types of economic development residents are interested in seeing come to our Town. An exciting conversation ensued with a wide range of topics. There were approximately 40 residents in attendance offering many viewpoints. Also in attendance was Martin Vanags from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. The SCPP is working with the Town thru the Next Wave Communities Program and will be assisting the Town in developing a comprehensive economic development plan. Please be on the lookout on the Town website for the next meeting date. I invite all Town residents to take part in this exciting discussion

The Town has also set the date of May 7th thru May 10th as the next “Bulk Waste Drop off” for Town residents to dispose of waste materials. Residents should contact Town Hall for further information on types of waste materials that will be accepted.

Many of our Town youth commission spring sports are getting ready to start. Signups are underway; and, again please contact Town Hall with any questions.

I must say after the last couple of days of 50-60 degree temperatures I have got a large case of spring fever myself. As the weather clears, I invite folks out to take a walk at our Town Park on Sacandaga Road. It’s a great place to take a walk and enjoy the views of our Community.

Until next time, be safe and enjoy the spring weather!!

Mike Smith
Supervisor

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GALWAY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMINDERS

Please check your 911 numbers now that Spring is here to make sure they can be seen from the road when traveling in both directions.

Please put a copy of your medication list, Living Will, DNR, or MOLST for Life Sustaining Treatment (in a plastic bag) inside your kitchen freezer door.

We are happy to attend community organizations's meetings or your home to give explanations on various topics and the importance of the above request.

Have your blood pressure and EKG taken free of charge at our station located at 2175 Galway Road.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED TO OUR 2018 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING!

SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR - 2019

The Saratoga County Fair will run from July 23 through July 28 at the County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa. The fair will feature the best in Saratoga County agriculture as well as commercial and educational exhibits. The usual great selection of "fair food vendors" will be on hand as well as daily entertainment at many venues on the fairgrounds. Check the fair's web site at www.saratogacountyfair.org or check the fair's Facebook page for daily events and features.

Town Historian

We were pleased to learn that a Town of Galway farm has been included in a State Land Preservation Program whereby conservation easements are bought to prevent it from ever being developed, while the owners can continue to use it for agricultural purposes. This farm, since 1938 is locally known as the Lendl Farm and is situated along Parkis Mills Road; south of Mosherville. The Town of Galway map shows the farm belonging to E. Savage and was still E. Savage on the 1866 map. Sometime between 1856 and 1866, Parks Mills Road was rerouted where it passed through this farm. The bridge that crossed the Gloweegee Creek was located a distance downstream of its current location. It was near where the girl scout camp branch merges with the Mosherville branch of the creek. The new route also skirted a steep incline and a 90 degree left turn near the farmhouse. The farm was purchased in 1938 from Paul Cevan by William F. and Anna Lendl. Paul Cevan, we believe, moved to a farm shown on the 1866 map as belonging to J. Pettit.

William F. (Willie) Lendl was born in Vienna, Austria and raised in Budapest, Hungary. He graduated from Majarovar University with a degree in agronomy. He also studied art and oil painting. Willie came to America in 1930 and stayed a short while with his brother, Charles, who had come to America in 1926 and was working as an engineer in Connecticut. A newspaper help wanted ad for farm work brought Willie to Gansevoort in Upstate New York. He worked very hard on a farm for a year before relocating to New York City. There he earned a living at house painting and wall papering for around the next eight years. He joined a class to learn the English language, where he met and later married Anna Marie Stickrad, who was also studying the English Language. They raised a son, Milton, born 1934 and a daughter, Millie, born 1938. Always wanting a farm in Upstate New York, Willie and his wife, Anna bought the 65-acre farm on Parkis Mills Road in the Town of Galway, as was previously stated. Starting out, it didn't take long to discover that their soil was drastically depleted of the necessary nutrients. So Willie got to use the knowledge that he gained from his major course of studies back in college, and use them he did.

During the thirty years of running the dairy farm, Willie and Anna encountered trials as well as tribulations. In the late forties, their big, old barn burned to the ground. Badly needing a building to shelter and milk his cows, Willie took his axe and saw, cut some poles from his woods and hedgerows and with these poles he built a temporary barn using the tin sheets from the burned barn for roofing. While continuing to milk, feed and care for his cows, Willie drew up plans for and with time and the help of neighbors, built a poured concrete walled barn with cow stanchions at grade level and hay storage overhead under a quanset type of roof (years later, the quanset style was replaced with a gambrel style as it currently exists). Sometime in the early sixties, all farmers in the area were given a choice; purchase bulk milk tank (a very costly item), build a new milk house with given specifications or quit dairy farming. Willie and Anna took the first option and purchased a bulk milk tank and brought their milk house up to specifications. They were not yet ready to quit dairy farming. Harsh, cold and deep snow winters added to the trials category.

In the spring of 1968, Willie was forced to retire from farming because of his gall bladder surgery. After his retirement, he opened an art studio behind his garage where he held art classes and completed many paintings. He specialized in landscapes and portraits, which he sold locally and in many other states and foreign countries. Willie and Anna were members of the Galway Seniors, Willie belonged to a local storytelling group, and did some writing and hosted coffee klatches. Hay continued to be harvested, fields reseeded, limed and kept clear by Milton and Millie, who for years supplied local horse owners with hay, before the farm was released to Eildon Tweed Farm in West Charlton, the largest dairy operation in Saratoga County.

Phyllis Keeler, Historian
Tom Cwiakala, Deputy Historian

Galway Reader Article Submission Deadline

The publication deadlines for 2019 will be at 4 pm on (NO EXCEPTIONS):

Fall edition: Wednesday, September 18th, 2019

Winter edition: Wednesday, December 18th, 2019

Articles may be dropped off at the Town Hall or e-mailed to me at: galwayreader@townofgalwayny.org. The publication will be sent to the printer the next day and mailed out within 2 to 3 weeks. Keep this in mind when submitting articles.

Articles must be one (1) page or less. Articles greater than one page will be returned for revision and/or not included. Pictures will not be included unless they are submitted by e-mail in jpeg format.

Pamela Wright, Galway Reader Editor



The Galway Preservation Society

The Galway Preservation Society meets the **first Monday** of each month, through June, at the Galway Town Hall. Our meetings start at 7:00 with refreshments and social time, followed by a short business meeting at 7:30 and a program of historical interest which begins at approximately 7:45. The May program is *Women's Suffrage Movement in Saratoga County* presented by Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian and in June we hold the annual members' picnic.

You may join the GPS at any time, although you do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. Membership dues is \$10 per household and may be mailed to: Galway Preservation Society, PO Box 276, Galway, NY 12074. Please include name, address, phone and email, and mention any areas of interest. All members receive the GPS newsletter during the months we meet.

Our book, *Galway 1900-1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, is now available for purchase at the Galway Public Library, and Galway & Providence Town Halls. Mail order forms are on our website:

www.galwaypreservationsociety.org.

The Galway Public Library

Come check out these New & Popular Items at Galway Public Library --- Adult Books: *The Incendiaries* – Kwan; *Rule of Law* – Lescroart; *Night Tiger* – Choo; *Hazards of Time Travel* – Oates; *New Iberia Blues* – Burke; *My Sister, the Serial Killer* – Braithwaite; *The Red Address Book* – Lundberg; *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* – James; *Liar, Liar* – Patterson; *Silent Night* – Steel; *Dakota Winters* – Barbash; *Golden Tresses of the Dead* – Bradley; *Hidden Life of Trees* – Wohlleben; *The Point of it All* – Krauthammer; *Bringing Down the Colonel* – Miller; *The Day That Went Missing* – Beard; *Inheritance* – Shapiro; *The First Conspiracy* – Meltzer. **DVDs:** *Bohemian Rhapsody*; *Boy Erased*; *Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald*; *The Favourite*; *Green Book*; *The Hate You Give*; *Instant Family*; *Ralph Breaks the Internet*; *A Simple Favor*; *A Star is Born*; *Widows*; *The Wife*. The library is open Mon. & Tues. 10 – 6; Wed. & Thurs. 2 – 8; Fri. 2 – 6; Sat. 10 – 2; closed Sunday & holidays.

The public is welcome to attend a special **Alzheimer's Information session** on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30. For more information and to register, please contact the library, 518-882-6385. Our regular monthly **adult programs** include Afternoon Tea, Open Art Sessions, Writers' Group, *When Readers Meet* book discussion group, and Tech Assistance. The Board of Trustees meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30; Finance Committee the 1st Thursday at 5:00.

Our **children's programs** include Pokemon, Lego Club, Artful Mondays, Story Hour, Tinker Thursday, Crafternoon, Makerspace, Singalongs and Origami.

The **calendar** on our website (galwaypubliclibrary.org) lists all programs. Sign up to have our **newsletters** emailed to you or "like" our **Facebook page** to see what's coming up, any program changes, and photos of library activities. Programs and classes are open to everyone.

Our **Galway Get Together** bi-weekly newsletter for free advertising, events postings, job openings, etc. is available in print or email. Send us your info: galwaygettogether@gmail.com. **The website**, www.galwaygettogether.org, has a community calendar, bulletin board and directory of local businesses and organizations. There's also a Galway Get Together **Facebook page**. Send a **Guest Post** if you have something for sale, items to give away, a lost pet, etc.

Galway Public Library's new building is slated to open in late summer/early fall of 2019. Follow the photos of progress on our New Building page at www.galwaypubliclibrary.org. The photo below (taken 2/28/19) is courtesy of Wayne Brandow.



GALWAY YOUTH COMMISSION

Galway Youth Commission Spring Recreation Soccer Program

Youth Commission Spring Recreation Soccer Program will be held starting on Saturday, May 4th through Saturday, June 15th for youth pre-K through 6th grade at the Town of Galway Dockstader Fields. The fields are located on Sacandaga Road across from the Ballston Spa National Bank in Galway. Registration forms will be available at the Elementary School Office, the Galway Town Hall, and the Galway Public Library. Further information please contact Samantha Price, Soccer Coordinator/Coach at 518-866-4360 or Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347. Registration will be ongoing.

Galway Karate Club

The Galway Karate Club will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Galway High School Dining Room. Beginner classes will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and Advanced Classes are from 8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration is ongoing. Due to the school construction project, please contact Karate Instructor Chris Malley at 518-727-0385 about the class location during the summer.

Family Fun Day 2019

The Galway Youth Commission and the Town of Galway will be sponsoring Family Fun Day 2019. The Theme this year is “Celebrating Our Youth”. Family Fun Day 2019 will be held on Saturday, June 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine at the Town of Galway Complex. A variety of activities will be held including the Big Slide, the famous Dunk Tank, DJ Music by “Small Town Sound”, Viscosi Photography Photo Booth, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, Arts and Crafts, many fun games with small prizes, Cool Sno-cones, and a karate club demonstration. We will have pizza, hot dogs, and beverages provided. There will also be free raffle drawings for all youth to participate and share a variety of safety information. There is more to come! This day is “Free of Charge” to ALL. Come and join the fun to celebrate our Youth! For further information, please contact Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347.

Summer Recreation Program

The Summer Recreation Program will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon beginning on Tuesday, July 9th through Friday, August 2nd. Due to the school construction project, we are currently working out details to where the program will be held. Our Recreation Program will serve children going into kindergarten in the fall through those that completed the 6th grade. A variety of activities will be held according to the age. Those activities include a variety of sports, arts and crafts, cheerleading and dancercise. There will also be a Storytime Group which includes stories, craft projects, games and outdoor play for the preschool children. The last day of the program, Friday, August 2nd will be a special celebration day with games, demonstrations, Reading Club Awards and a family picnic. Registration will be ongoing and the children may attend as many days as they would like. Registration forms will be available at the Elementary School Office through the last day of school in June, at the Galway Town Hall and the Galway Public Library. Summer Recreation Program Director will be Nyrelle Horton, who has been a staff member of the Program. Karen Moffatt will be working with Nyrelle and training her for the program. Karen will retire from the Recreation Program at the end of this year’s program. We appreciate all she has done throughout her years of service! For further information, please contact Director Nyrelle Horton at 518-428-7554 or Donna Sowle at 518-882-1347. Welcome Director Nyrelle.

GALWAY YOUTH COMMISSION

Free – Learn to Swim Program

The Galway Youth Commission Free Learn to Swim Program will be held in the afternoon at the Glenville YMCA for children in the Galway School District the age of entering kindergarten through those entering the fifth grade in the fall. We will be offering 2 – two week sessions with 25 youth in each session. Lessons will be Monday through Friday for 2 weeks for 1 hour featuring ½ hour instructional lessons and ½ hour free swim time. Informational flyers will be sent home from school in June, and available at the Galway Town Hall and the Galway Public Library. For further information, contact Donna Sowle, Coordinator at 518-882-1347.

All Galway Youth Commission Programs are free of charge for youth in the Town of Galway and youth in the towns that participate in our Youth Commission Programs in our School District. There is a one-time charge of \$15 per activity for towns in our School District that do not pay. The fee is waived for those who can't pay.

A special Thank You to all of our local businesses, community service organizations and Galway School District for their continued support and donations to the Galway Youth Commission.

Also, a Thank You to members of our Youth Commission Board as well as our many program coordinators and volunteers who contribute their time to serve our Youth. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

With everyone's support and help, we are able to provide our youth with a variety of programs.

Donna Sowle
Galway Youth Commission Chairman

Galway Youth Commission
Youth Referral Service

For youth 14 years of age and older, seeking babysitting,
housework,
shoveling, yard work, and other odd jobs

Persons interested in hiring youth for odd jobs should
contact:

Donna Sowle, Youth Referral Director, at 882-1347

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