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Once again, the realistic Revolutionary War military camp will be open for all visitors to explore. Meet the General and all his soldiers in authentic red military dress. All the women and children will delight you with their colorful costumes of the times. Guided tours explaining the village lay out according to military protocol are scheduled throughout the weekend. The popular

open-hearth cooking demonstration will feature 18th century recipes using genuine cookware and centuries old cooking techniques. Do not forget to stop and meet the “doctor”. He will enchant you with his tales of curing what ails you with his supply of medical instruments and cures. Artisans will show you the 18th century art of making tools and utensils. The kids will have a grand time joining the Mendon militia and learning a drill. They will be delighted in playing Stool-Ball or Catch the Bell-Ringer. Returning this year are the Hoisington’s Rangers and Native American Indian. Authentic

reenactments and demonstrations are scheduled at the festival arena. Special participatory events this year are the 18th century cricket games for the kids. See how life was lived in Colonial times without the internet or phones.

Be sure to visit our Mendon- Honeoye Falls Historians next to the Colonial village. Diane Ham and Lynne Menz eagerly share their knowledge of Mendon and Honeoye Falls history. www.mendonfoundation.com
For more information call 624-3182
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A Nation remembers: Mendon Gospel Choir to perform September 11th Commemoration Concert.

September 10, 2011 7:15 PM

Last year’s Mendon Gospel Choir’s Commemoration Concert was a success. On Saturday night, the festival invites you to “Let Freedom Ring” another special commemorative concert as the nation marks the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. Join the Mendon

Gospel Choir at the Westminster Hall and Chapel for an evening of music and reflection as our community and our nation gathers for this solemn occasion. Admission is free. Contributions appreciated to benefit Benincasa Hospice located next to Westminster Hall and Chapel.

Westminster Hall and Chapel, a Gold Sponsor of the Mendon Station Festival, is conveniently located next to the festival grounds. Open seating. Please arrive early.

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Mendon Station Festival

Silent Auction

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- come on and bid

The very first year we held a silent auction in conjunction with the festival, we auctioned off a beautifully crafted, wooden canoe made by board member Warren Wallace. People have been storming the silent auction booth ever since.

This year we are promising to provide tax documentation to backup what the price was for

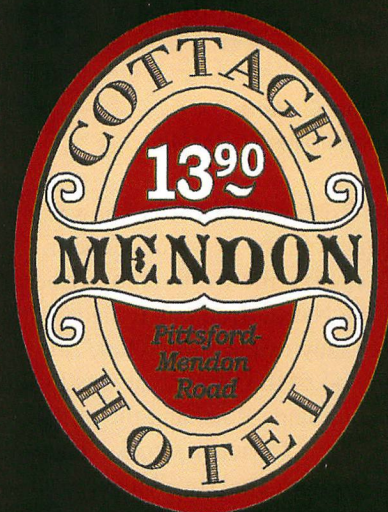
object(s) you donated to us. We are on the lookout for: items, goods and services, gift cards of any size.

Come on by the Mendon Foundation tent to bid on silent auction items. The auction itself closes just before the festival ends. You do not have to be on hand to collect your purchases, but it sure helps.

Call or email Laurie Mercer at 226-2993/laurmec9@aol.com to discuss a donation. Let's keep it lively.



This hand made quilt, by Sandi Shusda—a regular on the bike trails along with her husband Bill—sold at last year's silent auction for over \$200. Sandi and Bill bike for hundreds of miles annually on the trails maintained by the Mendon Foundation. They both say that if they had to ride their bikes in traffic they would not ride bikes at all. Bill, a retiree, also helps with trail maintenance.



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Totiakton

By Diane C. Ham,
Mendon Town Historian

Plains Road is the earliest known settlement in the Town of Mendon. The Senecas, the westernmost tribe of the Five Nation Iroquois Indians built a village they called "Totiakton," meaning "bend of the river" that was located between Plains Road and the bluffs overlooking Honeoye Creek. They lived in communal dwellings called long houses, constructed by setting upright poles in the ground, fitting others to these horizontally by means of "withes" (ropes of twigs) and covering this framework with strips of bark. These tenements were from 50 to 100 feet long by 17 feet wide and were divided into sections six by eight feet. Through the long house ran a passageway for the fires, generally one for every four families, so that some warmth was obtained. The smoke went out through holes in the roof. Lack of ventilation and close living conditions often caused diseases.

The villages, which were made up of these long houses, were called chateaux or castles by the French and capitals by others. A capital simply meant a chief town, not a seat of government. Totiakton was such a village with about 1,000 inhabitants, according to Wentworth Greenhalgh, an English explorer who recorded his findings after seeing it in 1577.

To this village also came a succession of Jesuit missionaries. Father Fremin was responsible for building a chapel known as La Conception at the nearby site of another Indian village called Gandachiragou. Authorities today think the latter was a somewhat earlier settlement than the Plains Road location. Gandachiragou was at the junction of Route 15A and Honeoye Falls Number 6 Road. The chapel was burned, and it is thought that another with the same name was built on the Totiakton site, since Abner Sheldon, the earliest settler in 1803 on Plains Road found remnants of such a building.

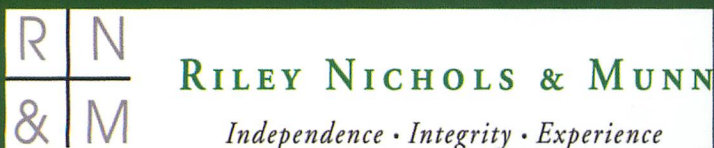
Charles Wray and Harry Schoff, noted Indian archeologists of this area, have in the last few years, produced fairly

good evidence that in about 1565 the Senecas began migrating in two directions--northeastwardly and northwestwardly, whenever they had need for more wood or food, or perhaps for protection. Noting the number of European trade goods found in their archeological excavations, they were able to trace and date the patterns of migration. They noted two large villages or capitals with a nearby satellite village south of each, almost parallel in latitude at the same period of time. Thus, they believe that the village, formerly on the Dann farm, was earlier than the one at Totiakton on Plains Road.

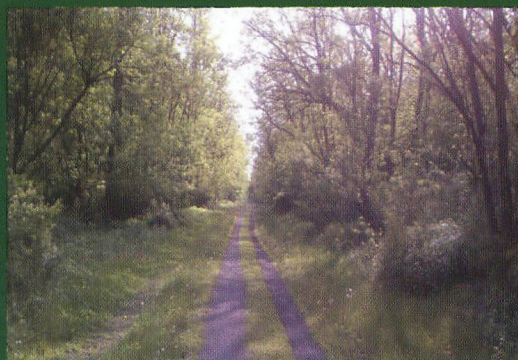
One other very small village was Gannonata, perhaps where the chief lived, and was also located to the south of Totiakton. It is of importance because here in 1684 Governor Dongan, the English Governor of New York ordered the coat of arms of the Duke of York to be placed on the gate proclaiming this territory should belong to England, denying any French claim. Denonville later found this coat of arms when he destroyed the village. It is believed that everyone crossing Seneca

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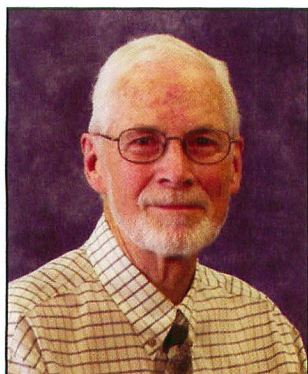


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Remembering John Schaffer, Mendon Foundation Director



On May 31, 2011, the Mendon Foundation lost one of its beloved members and directors. Eight years ago John and his wife Ann bought "Honeoye Haven", the Dr. Evelyn Lewis home and 5 acre property. John and Ann had never lived outside of the city. Moving to the country and to Mendon was a new adventure for them. At first they were not sure how this country living was going to work out. Lovely rolling hills and a beautiful pond surrounded the house. Adjacent to their property was 26 acres of pristine woodland. This parcel, donated by Dr. Lewis, was owned by the Mendon Foundation. Shortly after their arrival, John and Ann became avid stewards of the property by joining the Mendon Foundation. John joined the Board of Directors as our treasurer and active member of the Open Space Committee until 2010. He was instrumental in establishing and promoting the Mendon Foundation's conservation easement program along with the President, Carl Foss and Director, Arlene Cluff. He worked tirelessly with Dick Ramussen and Boy Scout Troop # 45 from the city in maintaining the property. The boys camped and worked. John encouraged neighbors to use the Foundation property for hiking and cross-country skiing. They in turn became stewards of the property as well. John loved driving his tractor and fixing up the house and surrounding land. His biggest project was building an above ground swimming pool and deck for the enjoyment of his and Ann's large extended family. That was quite a feat for a city boy in his early 70's. Of course, there were also a few close calls with the chain saw when John decided to open the view to the pond by cutting down some old trees. Most of all, John and Ann loved Mendon. As an avid hiker and birdwatcher, John could now hike and walk in his own back yard. They soon encountered the "Mendon Deer Challenge" when all their vegetables, hostas and flowers were eaten. Fences finally went up around Ann's flowerbeds. As a bird watcher, John enthusiastically headed the tour of the Mendon birders around the Foundation property. Both he and Ann lived life to the fullest. They were always smiling, kind, gracious and generous to everyone they met. His illness became a challenge that he beat for several years. He was determined that it would not slow him down.

John was also a patron and Board member of Garth Fagan Dance. He was passionate about his commitment to promoting the group. In his career as an attorney, he served for many years as Chief Clerk of the Monroe County Surrogates Court. John actively participated in many community organizations, supporting cultural, religious, political, and legal groups over the years.

At his Celebration of Life, every slide featured John's life as one of happiness, kindness, love of family and friends. We all miss him. John Schaefer was an extraordinary man who touched many lives and made a difference in all our lives. May you rest in peace.

Arlene Cluff, Director and Friend

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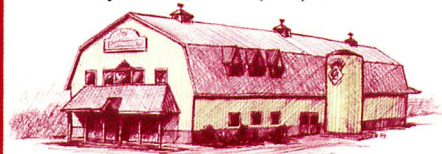
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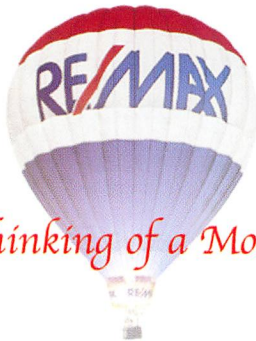
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The Yellow Warbler



Have you ever wondered what kind of bird is singing that sweet song? Are you stumped over what kind of bird is sitting on that stump in your backyard? Come along with us on the annual Mendon Foundation bird walks and discover the wonderful world of birding.

Until then let's take a look at one of the more common song birds found in our area, the colorful Yellow Warbler. This little guy winters in the southern U.S., Central and South America, but while in our area you'd be looking for him along the edge habitat, areas that are somewhat open with available water.

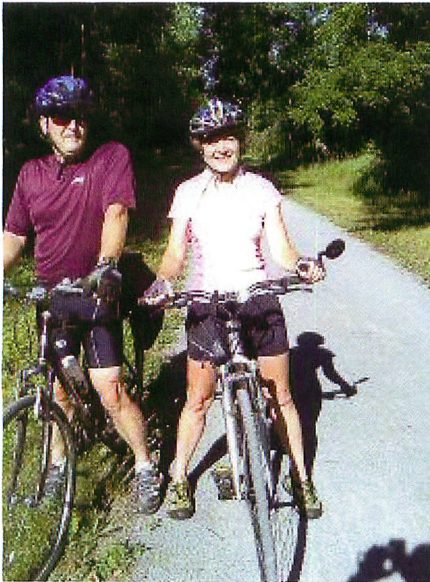
The male of the species displays in open foliage while the female stays back in the thicker leaf cover. The cheerful song is a persistent and clear "sweet, sweet, I'm so sweet." The bird uses its song to maintain territorial

boundaries and to attract a mate. Food choices include insects that it gleans from tree trunks, branches and leaves, and it also enjoys some berries.

Nests of the Yellow Warbler are a cup type built in shrubs and trees. They are often a common target of the Brownheaded Cowbird, who thinks nothing of adding its eggs to the warbler batch. The warbler frequently will bury the invader's eggs in the nest to prevent them from hatching. Female warblers may actually steal nesting materials from each other.

The next time you spot a bird, take a few moments to observe everything the bird is doing. A couple of good reference books include The National Geographic Society's Birds of North America, and The Birder's Handbook by Ehrlich, Dobkin and Wheye.

Why I'm a Member By Judy Beers



I have enjoyed being a member of the Mendon Foundation for the past several years. I first learned of the Foundation through our son, who was on the HFL cross country team. They were selling raffle tickets in collaboration with the Foundation and I learned that this was the group responsible for the Lehigh Valley Trail, which I enjoy on a regular basis.

Had this group of dedicated folks not seen the value of developing and maintaining the Lehigh Valley Trail, I and so many others would not have the wonderful opportunity to walk, bike, ski and snowshoe on the trail. I personally am on the trail 2-3 times a week and cannot remember a time when I did not see numerous other people of all ages enjoying the trail as well. It is one of the few places I can go to bike in the beauty of nature without cars or crowds to worry about or to disturb the quiet solitude. I see deer, various birds, rabbits, woodchucks and even an occasional fox on the trail.

The Lehigh Valley Trail is where I go to run when it's time to do intervals and the school track is just too hot or boring. The construction of the trail with its 1/2 mile markers enable me to know my pace, have a soft surface and find shade on a hot summer day.

Without the Mendon Foundation's development and continued maintenance of the Lehigh Valley Trail, many of us would be without this wonderful resource.

I am a volunteer on the Membership Committee and proud to be part of an organization that works collaboratively to support a Honeoye Falls-Lima Robotics team and numerous Boy Scout Eagle projects; the fall Mendon Station Festival and the December Hot Jazz on a Cold Winter Night series that supports our HFL Music Department.

It is a privilege to be able to contribute, even in small ways to the Mendon Foundation, truly our own LOCAL organization that works to promote local conservation, recreation and education.

I know that every membership dollar I contribute goes directly to maintaining the Lehigh Valley Trail and other critical projects that enhance our community. I am pleased to have the opportunity to volunteer in ways that help the Mendon Foundation continue its fine work that benefits us all. If you are not already a member, I encourage you to take this time to join. We are always looking for volunteers to help - often in small ways that can make a BIG difference. Be a part of something great!

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A Day in the Life of a Locally-Brewed “Brewskie”

When the Genesee Country Village Museum decided they wanted to offer an authentic tanker of ale, they turned to a popular local micro brewery-- Custom BrewCrafters, Inc, 300 Village Square Boulevard, in Honeoye Falls.

“Beer from the 1800s was very specific,” explains Jason Fox, Brewmaster. “So we replicated a dark, chewy unfiltered ale that we call 1803 Fat Ox Ale that they sell in the museum’s pub.”

Jason says Americans like what he terms “big beer,” that is one high in alcohol and strong taste. Plus they like “anything new.” In addition to producing over 40 different beers for bars and restaurants in western New York, they have a full offering of ales and more.

Founded in 1997 by Luanne and Mike Alcorn, Custom BrewCrafters has grown and expanded. The couple clearly was ahead of the wave in the micro-brewery popularity. Their first custom beers, Jeremiah’s Frog Grog and Hogans Park Ave Ale, are both still favorites in the market today.

Beginning on Paper Mill Street in the village, it only took 10 years for the micro-brewery to out grow its location. In April 2008 they moved into their new barn-like building where brewing and a tasting room with a 2500-square-foot, retail store share the space. The sweet smelling plant is decidedly “malty.” Hops are growing on trellises outside. The silo is not just for show, it is used for the company’s malted barley.

If you want to make beer, visit



Google, but if you want to taste beer, come to Custom BrewCrafters where they cook the grain, make the mash and mix it. From storing grain in the silo to the loading product into refrigerator trucks, the entire process takes place in-house.

Free tours take place on Saturdays and Sundays with private tours available on weekdays. Visitors can quickly learn the difference between beer, ale, and lager, and begin to become familiar with terms like malt, hop, hoppy, pale ale, India Pale Ale, porter, stout, and bock.

Just how do barley, wheat, oats and



other cereal grains get to be steeped in warm water and dried to form malt? Malt is then crushed, again mixed with warm water and allowed to rest. The mixture, known as “mash,” is then rinsed with hot water and the liquid is pumped into the brew kettle. This mixture, known as

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- Pittsford Firemen's Band
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Mendon, NY. The 2011 Mendon Station Festival is just around the corner. Research shows there are 10 main reasons why people attend the Festival:

1. **Fantastic food and Custom Brew Crafter "Beer Garden"**

Read's ice cream, Mark's Pizza, hot dogs, Philly cheese steaks, foot long sausage and homemade lemonade are just the start. A Saturday night BBQ of famous STICKY LIPS scrumptious chicken and pulled pork. Custom Brewcrafters Beer Garden at Cibi's, Ages 21 and older.



2. **A fun way to Support a Good Cause.**

The Mendon Foundation a not-for-profit organization that maintains the Monroe County Lehigh Valley Trail which people use every day for walking, bird watching, biking and horseback riding.



3. **Music to rock the day and night away.**

Popular local entertainers are back by popular demand: Pittsford Fireman's Band and Dixie Jazz "Black Diamond Express" led by Mendon's Rodney Ham. The Young Irish Dancers. Mendon's own "Nightshift". Amanda returns with her Up Town Grove, and more. Bring a chair or sit on a straw bale.

4. **Horses, horses everywhere.**

Welcome to the Mendon Equestrian community's finest hour. They'll be here to showcase classic skills and discipline with drill teams, harnessing and driving exhibitions.



5. **Hear Ye! The Red Coats are back.**

An authentic British Colonial Village. His Majesty's 64th Regiment of Foot, the Hoisington's Rangers and the Native American Indian host the program of reenactments of village life, drill teams, fire and load a musket.

6. **Rides, Robotics, Reptiles and Scholastic Art Show.**

The miniature train ride, pony rides and giant inflatables are back for kids of all ages. Learn to play 18th Century Cricket games in the festival arena. Robotics games of skill. Back by popular demand-- Shanley & Friends Reptile Show and alpacas on display. Special kids games. HF-L students Art show.



7. **Get back to nature and see what all the fun is about**

Horse drawn wagon ride down the historic Lehigh Valley Trail. Climb aboard the, enjoy the scenery, and hear about the history of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Early Christmas shopping.

8. **Early Christmas Shopping**

Bring your list, check it twice. Here's your chance to see arts and crafts on display and meet the local artisans who created them. Find unique gifts.

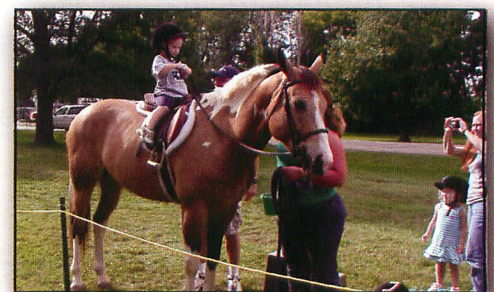
9. **Meet the President at the Mendon Foundation tent. Bid at the Silent Auction.**

Our President and Directors will be here to shake your hand, share information about who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved. Take a 50/50 chance to win big bucks, and be a silent bidder in our silent auction.

10. **Commemorate September 11th.**

Join the Mendon Gospel Choir for "Let Freedom Ring" free concert. Contributions to benefit Benincasa Hospice at Westminster Hall and Chapel.

At 12 noon on Sunday, September 11th, bells toll, taps play, and a 21-musket salute honors our fallen heroes.



2011 MENDON STATION FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Artists & Craft Vendors
- Food Court (Sat. 12:00 - 7:00 PM, Sun. 12:00 - 5:00 PM)
- HFL Student Art Show (at Westminster Hall & Chapel)
- HF-L Robotics Games
- Mendon Volunteer Fire Department Display
- Mendon Historical Exhibit (with Town & Village Historians - Diane Ham & Lynne Menz)
- SILENT AUCTION (at Mendon Foundation Tent)
- Beer Garden (at Cibi's, adjacent to Festival Grounds, 21 & Older Only)
- Pre-Revolutionary British Encampment & Demonstrations
- Honeoye Falls-Mendon Ambulance Display
- Helimission Aid Helicopter Display
- Children's games (at Westminster Hall & Chapel)
- Alpacas on Display
- Sticky Lips - BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken Dinners (Saturday Only)
- Miniature Train Rides (12:00 - 5:00 PM)
- Pony Rides (1:00 - 5:00 PM)
- Inflatable - Triple Fun Combo (12:30 - 4:30 PM)
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides (take a ride down the Lehigh Valley Trail) (12:30-4:30 PM)

SPECIAL EVENTS (and Location)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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| 12:00 - 12:30 PM | Young Irish Dancers |
| 12:30 - 1:30 PM | 64 th Regiment of Foot - Learn to play 18th Century Cricket (Festival Arena) |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Black Diamond Express (Stage) |
| 2:15 - 3:30 PM | Black Diamond Express (Stage) |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Bristol Valley Mounted Drill Team (Festival Arena) |
| 4:00 - 4:30 PM | 64 th Regiment of Foot -British Colonial Field Demonstration (Festival Arena) |
| 4:30 - 5:00 PM | 64 th Regiment of Foot -Learn to Load and Fire a Musket (Festival Arena) |
| 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Night Shift (Stage) |
| 7:00 - Till PM | Mendon Gospel Choir - "Let Freedom Ring" - Benefiting Benincasa
(at Westminster Hall & Chapel, adjacent to festival grounds) |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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| 12:00 - 12:15 PM | 9-11 Memorial Service with Taps (Stage) |
| 12:15 - 12:45 PM | C Town Music (Stage) |
| 12:45 - 1:30 PM | Musket Firing-a hands on opportunity (Festival Arena) |
| 1:30 - 2:00 PM | 64 th Regiment of Foot- Learn to play 18th Century Cricket (Festival Arena) |
| 1:10 - 2:30 PM | Pittsford Firemen's Band (Stage) |
| 2:45 - 3:15 PM | Student Art Show Awards (Stage) |
| 3:15 - 3:45 PM | Mendon Pony Club (Festival Arena) |
| 3:45 - 4:15 PM | 64 th Regiment of Foot- British Colonial Field Demonstration (Festival Arena) |
| 3:45 - 5:00 PM | The Up Town Groove with Amanda (Stage) |

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The 64th Regiment of Foot encampment and field maneuvers are always a great attraction for Festival goers interested in Colonial American life.



“wort,” is brought to a boil and then hops are added.

After cooling, the wort is sent to the fermenting vessel and yeast is added. The yeast consumes the sugars present which produces alcohol, carbon dioxide, and heat. The result is a “brewskie” which is cooled, aged, carbonated, packaged and probably quickly consumed.

Jason says that the popular destination is often reached by folks on the “Wine Trail.” The half-gallon growler is a tasty souvenir. They also make root beer for the underage set.

Beer tasting with 6 samples for just \$4 is a big draw for visitors. There are at least 28 different taps to try in a constantly changing rotation. Between manufacturing beer and running the retail/tasting operation, the company employs approximately thirty people, about 10 are full time.

Jason adds, “For us being in Mendon is ideal. It is a gorgeous place to visit. We will probably be adding another 2,000 to 3,000 square feet soon.”

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when he destroyed the village. It is believed that everyone crossing Seneca territory in any direction had to stop here to get permission from the Gatekeepers of the Western Gate.

In 1687, the French General Denonville, in an effort to gain control of the fur trade, decided to attack the Senecas, the strongest tribe and the one nearest to Fort Niagara. With a force of 3,000 men including 400 Indians, he left Irondequoit Bay on July 12, 1687 for Ganondagon, the principal Seneca village south of Victor at what is Boughton Hill Road today. The Senecas attacked them in the swamp just before they reached the village. The French proclaimed the victory, but both sides suffered great losses. They burned Ganondagon, nearby Fort Hill, and St. Michel, which was near East Bloomfield.

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visit soon.

Denonville and his men then marched to Totiakton, but the Senecas had heard of their approach and had deserted the village leaving only corn and pigs. Denonville continued his devastation of the countryside, burning a little town, probably Gannonata, “two leagues distant,” then returned to Totiakton, destroying all of the crops.

On July 19th at Totiakton with many notables present, the French claimed possession of all the Seneca country. Many of the men were sick from eating corn and fresh pork so Denonville made no effort to pursue the Senecas, whom captives said had fled to the East. The Army marched back to Irondequoit landing and went on to Fort Niagara. Totiakton was never rebuilt by the Senecas. It was the end of an era.



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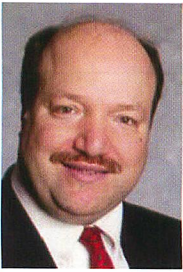
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Paparazzi Invade Rochester Junction!

By P.J. Erbley

It all started as a simple reunion. The principal parties who either inspired or constructed the handsome baggage cart display on the Lehigh Trail at Rochester Junction, came together to admire the finished product.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad and its appurtenances are relegated to memory, but this 1953 photo shows the unsung role of a simple baggage cart in the life of a busy train depot. Several of them are positioned exactly where the present-day restored flowerbed impressed travelers during the halcyon days of passenger train travel.



photo credit PJ Erbley

Many years ago, the cart itself was acquired at auction by Hank and Marie Moffitt, better known as "Mr. and Mrs. Dipper Dan Ice Cream." Being probably the most inveterate fans of train travel in this area, the Moffitts ride the rails every chance they get. To them, a vacation begins with one step into a passenger car and the immortal call of the conductor, "All Aboard!"

For years this cart was protected from the elements, as various family accumulations buried it at one end of their garage. As the Mendon Foundation and its bucolic Lehigh Trail was picking up steam, the Moffitts learned of the need for railroad artifacts, and promptly donated the baggage cart to the cause.

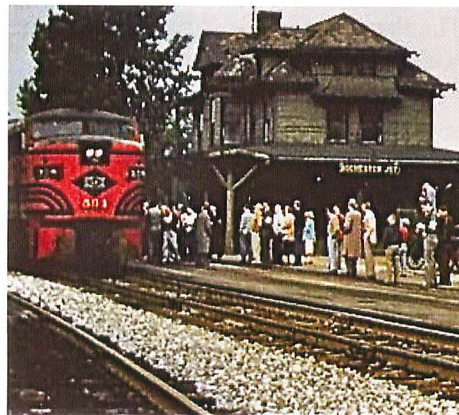


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Not quite all the principals were in attendance, however, perhaps getting wind of the onset of paparazzi to photograph the event. OK, Erbley tends to puffery on occasion, since that pesky breed of photojournalist snaps unauthorized shots of famous people and are usually pains in the fanny. So let's just say it was a photo op of people who made the display possible – no politicians, no protesters and certainly no paparazzi on scooters – just three fellas with digitals.

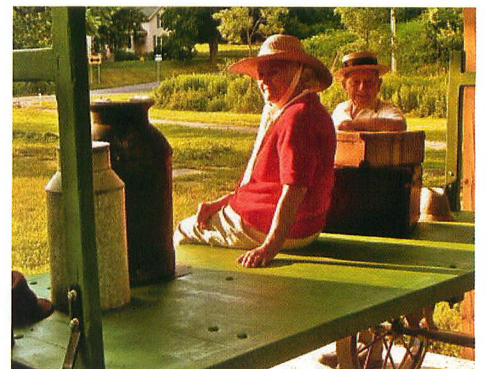
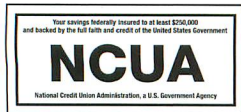


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Warren Wallace, generally acknowledged as the straw boss, cheerleader and/or day laborer of the Lehigh Trail concept, and Rodney Ham, a pitch-in-whenever-called kinda guy, hauled the heavy steel and wood conveyance over to the Ham barn, where it awaited further developments. As with so many of the improvements and embellishments that have evolved along the route from the Victor line clear to the Genesee River side of Rush, a pair of Eagle Scout projects were proposed and subsequently completed by two of Mendon's finest young men.

Shown below is Teddy Cost, of Old French Road, mimicking a primary function of a depot expressman from another era. Taken a few weeks ago, as he was hauling it into position, Teddy restored the cart with white oak decking, removed rust from every nook and cranny, painted the whole kit-and-kaboodle to match its former green-and-black livery, and secured it to a concrete platform.



photo credit Warren Wallace

Now the concrete is the work of another Eagle Scout, Ben Stewart, of Sibley Road, who arranged for and laid-in the slab. He is shown below, modeling the site with the Moffitts as willing props.

Overhead is a shelter roof that, if one imagines, represents the type of structure that extended along both the branch and mainline platforms from the

Rochester Junction depot. That's Stewart's work, too. Designed to protect entraining traveler from the rains of Saint Swithin (thus also known as umbrella sheds), train depot photos from around the globe depict many a cart standing at the ready under a shelter roof.

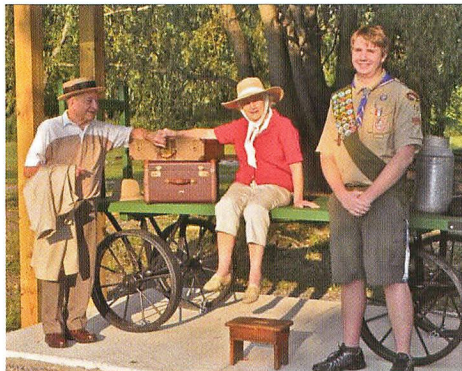


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Crushed stone, similar to that found along untold miles of railroad right-of-way (great for weed control), came from a pile leftover from other scout projects. Lumber and hardware was supplied by the Monroe County Parks Department, while the Mendon Foundation coordinated the entire venture – from dust-covered baggage cart in Hank and Marie's garage, to Ham's old barn, to a paparazzi extravaganza just off of Plains Road last week. At least Warren and Eric and P. J. Erbley, liked pretending to be paparazzi – sans the boorish behavior.

Hats off to Troop 10 Eagle Scouts, Ben Stewart and Teddy Cost. Like "Old Reliable" quipped to the writer many winters ago, "they done it all, they done

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After the Civil War

By Diane C. Ham,
Mendon Town Historian



Two hundred thirty-four soldiers from Mendon had participated in the "Great War". Of that number, 35 were killed in battle or as a result of it; 117 were discharged and eventually died and were buried in Mendon and Honeoye Falls Cemeteries. In my earlier article on the Civil War, fewer soldiers were reported as having served in the War as well as fewer soldiers were buried here. But after more research, the numbers increased. These were the men from Mendon who served and fought for the American North.

Soon after the soldiers returned from the Civil War in 1865, the American North was full of energy. The industrial revolution was underway. Factory-produced goods began to replace hand-made items. Factory jobs began to take the place of some of the farming or "cottage crafts" for some of the families in Mendon. The pace of life in general quickened.

Along with the hustle and bustle came unrest and a search for better ways of doing things. Labor problems often boiled over into public protests. Abolitionists and suffragettes marched in support of their causes. The North was simmering with new ideas and challenged by constant change.

The Civil War brought quite different results in the North than in the South. Away from the ravages of battle, there was little rebuilding to do. Besides that, the Northern economy actually benefited from the conflict. There were new markets for products used by the Union Army. Northern factories were producing more than ever before. Booming factories meant that bankers and investors were making profits. This money supported new inventions and better ways to produce goods. In 1868 a banking office was opened on the corner of Monroe and Main Streets in Honeoye Falls. Two years later, the Bank of Honeoye Falls opened for business.

New technologies sprouted from the period of growth after the Civil War. While the War was in progress, Cyrus Fields of Massachusetts developed the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable. The cable was laid on the ocean floor in 1866. At the same time, Charles Sholes invented the typewriter.

Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for the telephone in 1876. According to Paul Worboys' excellent research, the Bell Company of Buffalo arrived here and set up a phone exchange at Dutton & Allen's Drug Store in Honeoye Falls about 1884. The Town of Mendon already had a telephone line running through it at that time. In 1895, John Lapp and Fred Locke of Honeoye Falls installed a line between the Lima and Honeoye Falls Railroad depot in Lima and the New York Central freight house in Honeoye Falls. In early 1898, after a few other clients were connected, the Sheldons and Gardners, residents of Plains Road and the Rochester Junction area were connected to George Vallance in the village. (George Vallance was the son-in-law of Francis Gardner). After that time, there were many activities connected by the telephone in Honeoye Falls and the Town of Mendon.

Meanwhile, Thomas Edison was experimenting with the phonograph and the light bulb. Both these inventions were made public in the 1870's as well. Electricity came to Rochester in the late 1880's and 1890's. The gas-lit horse and buggy days passed with the joint arrival of electric lights in the mid-1880's. Electricity was brought to Honeoye Falls to private homes in 1898. It wasn't until 1899 that the Honeoye Falls Village Hall was wired for electricity. The Town of Mendon received electricity in the early 1900s. By that time, the Industrial Age was in

full swing. Along with electricity, the automobile was beginning to make an appearance all over much to the dismay of the horses on the roads. There was no stopping the men who were headed for the future inventions.

Even as early as the late 1700's Mendon produced an important industrial pioneer. It should be mentioned that an article in Anah B. Yates column in the "Honeoye Falls Times" on May 4, 1922 reads: "John Lane, whose name should be written side by side with that of Fulton, Morse and McCormick as one of the greatest inventors of the country. He was born in Amherst, NH, in 1793, the son of Ziba Lane and had settled in Mendon before Feb. 14th, as on that date he married Mrs. Patty Hopkins of Pittsford. John was a practical farmer and mechanic and invented and made in Mendon, the first steel plow ever

used, and his invention has proved of national importance. Being urged by promoters to have his plow patented, he refused, saying, "If my plow is of any value or service to my brother farmers, they are more than welcome to it." It would be interesting to know where this wonderful man lived and made the first plow, but I have been unable to find anyone who has descended from him. I find that he married a second wife named Lucy Olmstead, of Ridgefield, CT., and they removed to Homer, Ill., where John died suddenly, his wife dying nine years later." So Mendon was the home of one of our inventors even though he avoided notoriety.

With the coming of the railroads through Mendon, products and produce could be taken to market in record speed. The future was at hand.

Volunteer Appreciation Shout Out

Here's a shotgun acknowledgement to the many contributions of dozens of volunteers. A BIG "THANK YOU."

To the Lehigh Valley Trail team: Kyle Stevens, Stonewood & Waters, Charlie Rogers, Jim Howe, Sandi & Bill Shusda & Gary Denton

To the Rochester Junction team: Paul Worboys & John Livermore

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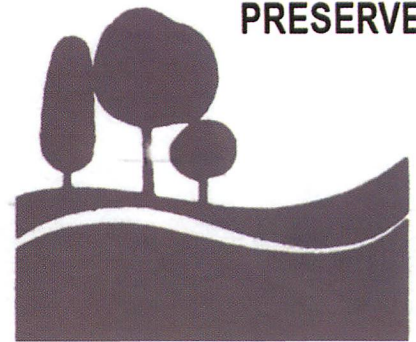
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Not pictured: Tim Smith, Dale McIntyre, Alison Jones, Trevor Jones, Kevin Koek.*

National Work on the Trails Day at Great Bend Nature Park on 4/9/11

At least 23 volunteers from several organizations came out to work on a beautiful sunny day to help clear and maintain slightly overgrown trails at Great Bend Nature Park. Groups represented were: Troop 10 Boy Scouts, First Robotics, Mendon Foundation, Mendon Parks Advisory Committee, Mendon Recreation Committee, and the Mendon Birding Group. Many thanks to all who helped out. Thanks to grant funding, significant improvements will be made to the trails at Great Bend this summer. Come check out the newly improved trails this fall after completion of the work!

WOW!! – 40!!! Unbelievable, But True...



What a great year 2011 is turning out to be for the Lehigh Valley Trail.

Not only has Teddy Cost, from Troop 10 done a terrific job in restoring a vintage baggage cart for display at Rochester Junction (see “Paparazzi”

article on pages 10 & 11), but also the construction on the two trail extensions and restroom is about to get underway.

Additionally, six Life Scouts from Troops 10 and 105 have picked trail enhancements for their Eagle Projects. Their undertakings include;

- A flat-stone walkway, retaining wall and two benches at Mendon Station Park(MSP).
- A display of a large artifact from one of the two train wrecks that occurred at Rochester Junction (RJ).
- Construction of a lodge/meeting room next to the restrooms at RJ.

- A flag pole and paver surround at MSP.
- A baggage cart display area at MSP.
- Restoration of a c.1910 baggage cart for display at MSP.

This is the largest number of scout projects that we have ever had in one year, and their completion will bring the total number of scout projects on the Lehigh Valley Trail to 40.

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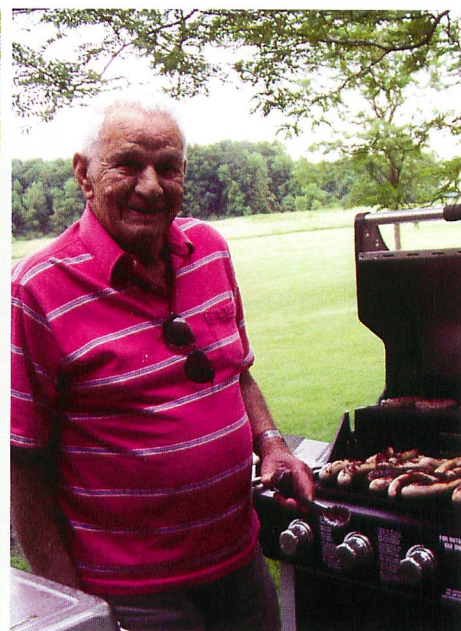
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