

JAMESVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM

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jamesvillemuseum.org



Museum Hours

• May through December
Sundays 1-4 pm.

• March through April
Sundays 2-4 pm.

The museum is open anytime by appointment. Please call Greg Titus at 693-6081.

NOTE: Your membership is current for December 31st of the year shown on the mailing label.

Membership Application 2016

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Supporting	\$50	*Patron	\$300
Family	\$25	*Benefactor	\$150
Individual	\$15	*Sustaining	\$ 75
Senior/Student	\$10	*Suitable for Corporate Members	

Please make your check payable to: Jamesville Community Museum. Your contribution is tax-deductible.
Check here if Membership cards are desired.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
(As you would like it to appear on museum list)

Address: _____
Email: _____

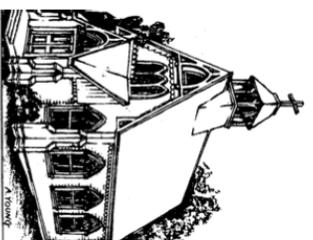
I am interested in:

- _____ helping with Memorial Day parade activities
- _____ planning exhibits for coming year
- _____ planning children's activities (field trips from the elementary school and/or kids' corner)
- _____ carpentry, exhibit setup, etc.
- _____ helping with cataloging and record keeping
- _____ serving as host/greeter on Saturday and Sunday afternoons
- _____ landscaping and gardening
- _____ helping with refreshments
- _____ school and/or kids' corner
- _____ telephoning
- _____ publicity



Museum News

Jamesville Community Museum November 2015



Letter from the President

As the season changes and winter approaches, the museum is preparing for year end activities. It's hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. Summer seemed so short but the long nights, crisp mornings, and falling leaves cannot be ignored. The museum continues to be available to the community and many visitors are impressed by our offerings. During the summer months we are open on Sundays and for special events. Our curator is available to meet with individuals seeking information such as, documents, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. Those seeking general information can visit our website at jamesvillemuseum.org. Also available are three museum publications that describe our small hamlet and its early history.

In 2014, the officers of the museum proposed that we develop a capital fund drive for the purpose of replacing our roof, installing a bathroom, and upgrading the front entrance. The roof was a priority and the other two projects were felt to be important for safety and convenience. The roof has been replaced and we are planning to move forward with the other two projects as finances allow. Please refer to the Capital Fund Campaign membership form in this newsletter. We thank those that have been able to help us in meeting our goals and ask for your continued support in improving and maintaining our building. The Civil War Reenactors presented a display for us in August that was well received by those that attended. It was a small sample of that historical event with some artifacts displayed and many questions answered. We would also like to thank Bob Goode for displaying some of his Civil War artifacts at that event. We are planning a similar activity in March but it will be expanded to include all military actions our country has been involved in.

Enclosed in this newsletter are tickets for the annual quilt raffle. This may be your year! Tickets will also be available at M&T Bank, Cutlers Corner, The Yam Cupboard, and the museum. Our holiday open house will be on December 6th with cider, cookies and Christmas carols. We will also be open on the night of December 5th for "The Light up Jamesville" activity. If available, Mrs. Santa may stop in for a visit! We hope that you are able to visit us for some holiday fun. -*Marnie Badley*

Capital Campaign Project Application

I am interested in helping with the fundraising for the Capital Campaign projects by:

- _____ Contributing to the Capital Campaign projects in general
- _____ Contributing to a specific Capital Campaign project:
 - _____ New unisex bathroom facilities \$30,000
 - _____ Upgrade front entrance of museum \$30,000
- _____ Helping to identify potential donors and soliciting them for contributions.



Contributions may be made directly to the Jamesville Community Museum in the form of cash gifts, check or pledges. Any amount is acceptable and much appreciated. The success of the campaign will depend on the generosity of many individuals, corporations, and foundations working together to ensure the preservation of this important landmark.

Please make your check payable to: Jamesville Community Museum. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

If you reside in or near Jamesville, and in the market for good food at a reasonable price, you're in luck! Hop in your car and look for the establishments that have the police cars and highway department trucks parked outside. As you enter the hamlet up the hill on Jamesville Rd., you'll pass Ruston's Diner on your right. Originally established close to fifty years ago, it is presently operated by retired deputy sheriff Bruce Heaney. Bruce took over the business in July, 2003 and it has prospered under his management. Breakfast and lunch are served daily here and the atmosphere is reminiscent of the TV show, Cheers, without the alcohol! Lifelong Jamesville celebrities such as Dave Paul, Ingy Plumpton and Bob Hopkins can be found at the counter almost every morning. At lunch time, the clientele is a mixed bag; an occasional federal judge, personnel from the DA's office, construction workers and local police. Business is always brisk. I recommend the fish sandwich and clam chowder on Fridays.

As you continue south on Jamesville Rd., you'll see Robbie T's, on your right. Owned and operated by Robbie Thompson, it was originally established in the Jamesville shopping plaza in 1987. The business soon outgrew its facilities and moved to its present location in 1998. Open for lunch and evening meals, Monday through Saturday, Robbie T's picks up where Ruston's leaves off. Their specialty is pizza, however my favorite is the calzone. If you don't know the other patrons when you enter, you will by the time you leave. Robbie makes a point of employing many of our local high school students and a win by one of the varsity teams can result in free pizza.

These are both establishments that cater to the small town atmosphere of Jamesville and specialize in hospitality and good food.

Holiday Open House

Get closer to the Jamesville Community Museum this holiday season! On Sunday, December 6, you are invited to attend the museum's annual open house.

There will be refreshments, Christmas carols, and our beautiful quilt drawing. The party will begin at 2:00 and the quilt raffle drawing will be at 4:00.

Please join us for the festivities! Raffle tickets for the quilt are enclosed in this newsletter with a return envelope.

Tickets will also be available at:

- M&T Bank
- Cutter's Corner
- The Yarn Cupboard



Light Up Jamesville

December 6, 2015

Light Up Jamesville will take place in Jamesville Town Square at 5:00 pm. There will be holiday activities held throughout the hamlet, with local shops and the museum open from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Be sure to visit the Jamesville Train Station for refreshments and raffish! Santa will arrive by Jamesville fire truck to greet the people in the town square. There will be gifts, pictures and events for the children at the train station until 8:00 pm.

The Jamesville Fire Department Auxiliary will host a Holiday Gift Bazaar at the train station, with hand made crafts and gifts priced under one dollar.

At the museum, our special guest, Mrs. Santa, will be there to greet children from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

The Kid's Corner will be open again this year where they can create holiday crafts and other activities. Bring the children and enjoy an evening of holiday fun!

What's in a Name?

When the Town of Dewitt established two pocket parks in the village center of Jamesville they had no identifying names. Sue Esholzer of the Grassroots Gardeners thought that it would be nice for each park to have a name related to their past history. Best place to go for the history in Jamesville was the Jamesville Community Museum and Curator, Nancy Strat. As the two browsed through the past history of the parks, they discussed possibilities for names. Of course, Avery Park was a very simple choice given that the Avery building once stood on the site for many years. The second park sitting next to Butternut Creek was more challenging but they decided that it could honor the various mills that stood along the creek in the past. Therefore, they called it the Grist Mill Park.

Since naming the parks was not their decision alone, the Town of Dewitt had to be notified. Sue was asked to write to the Town of Dewitt and the Grassroots Gardeners. Both parks have quite a history that some people may not be aware of because they are new to the area. The two parks are small in scope but they present a beautiful sight as one drives through the village of Jamesville.

The Grist Mill Park is located on the corner of East Seneca Turnpike and Route 91. It lies nestled at the bottom of Penn Hill and presents a beautiful view of Butternut Creek with flowers, trees and picnic tables. A lovely stone wall holds flower boxes filled with colorful flowers. It is an inviting park where one can sit and enjoy the rippling sounds of Butternut Creek.

A wonderful resource to learn more about the Grist Mill Park is the museum book entitled, WATER, WHEELS AND STONE. The gristmill was originally established in 1803 by Benjamin Sanford and later taken over by the E. B. Alvord Company. The mill eventually went into the business specializing in the production of water lime, quick lime and plaster. Through the years the gristmill changed hands through family members or new investors. An interesting aspect of the mills, located on the eastern side of Butternut Creek, was the narrow gauge track that ran across the dam from the mill to the storage sheds on the west bank of the creek. One can almost envision the dam when standing on the bridge and looking south. A horse named "Dumpty" was attached to the winch and would pull the car of plaster across the creek to the storage sheds. By 1930, with everything being in ill repair after so many years of use, the remaining structures were burned to the ground. Therefore, Grist Mill Park, with its long history, was certainly the right choice for the naming of this park.

Avery Park is located in the upper part of Jamesville at the corner of Apulia Road (South Street) and East Seneca Turnpike. It was built in the late 1870s and was a very large structure. It housed four apartments and at street level there were many general merchants such as the post office, a billiard room, a barbershop, and many other businesses through the years. One of the most interesting businesses in the Avery Block was Jamesville's first and only movie theatre opening in 1912. Marie Whelan, a resident of Jamesville who lived on East Seneca Turnpike, accompanied the silent screen on the piano. In 1919, Sokoy Process Company purchased the Avery Building from John D. Quinlan to help meet the housing needs of the many workers who moved to the village. An excerpt from the book, WATER, WHEELS, AND STONE, explains the many interesting businesses that had been located in the Avery Building.

"Since 1900 the Avery building housed six cream parlors of Nicholas Polak, Hugh O'Donnell and Gallwey George and Marie Scagliardi's Bakery shop (started by Walter Barker) 1921-22; the post office, a shoemaker shop, "Chris the Barber", Chris Anderson succeeded by "Mac the Barber", Floyd McCleann (1949), a variety story of Gilbert and Doug Tins (1949-1951) and the law office of Bertman D. Hummel."

As stated in WATER, WHEELS, AND STONE, "The chain of title followed the Avery's from Chapman W. Avery to Dennis C. Avery and by 1887 to Timothy M. Avery."

During this time the building was rebuilt and thus became known as the Avery Block.

How fortunate we are to have two pocket parks that help beautify our small village here in Jamesville. Enjoy!

