



# PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

SPRING 2014

Welcome to the Pulteney Grapevine, a newsletter about services and happenings in Pulteney. This newsletter is compiled and distributed by the Pulteney Free Library to help spread information throughout the community. The Pulteney Grapevine community newsletter is made possible through funding from Steuben Senior Services Fund, the Town of Pulteney, the Pulteney Presbyterian Church, and the Pulteney Fire Department.

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Keuka Broadcasters, a non-profit organization based in Pulteney, has announced that they have started a community fm radio station, WQKA, Keuka 92.9. WQKA will be broadcasting community information for the Keuka Lake area. Along with music, weather, and a community calendar, the station will feature information on local events, organizations, and people of interest in our area. Long time radio broadcaster Don Radigan will be hosting a morning show and featuring interviews with local non-profit organizations, businesses, and other groups. The station will be listener supported and also have business underwriters. Information and news about local organizations can be emailed to [news@wqkafm.com](mailto:news@wqkafm.com) or mailed to

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There is a celebrity among us! On May 6, 2014, Pulteney resident, Alise Irwin, was honored by the New York State Office for the Aging as a distinguished senior citizen at their annual event that celebrates the accomplishments of elders across the state. Although there is no denying her success in nursing, including her role of Director of Public Health Nursing, she is recognized for her outstanding contribution to her community over the course of a lifetime.

Alise's involvement has spanned AAUW, the Pulteney Free Library, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Penn Yan where she is a Sunday School teacher and staff worker at the Closet of Hope. She also serves as a member of the Pulteney Aging in Place advisory group, which has been instrumental in establishing the Pulteney Senior Lunch Bunch, and is also serving on the Office for the Aging Advisory Council. Seen as a leader wherever she volunteers, Alise has served as President of AAUW for 4 years, is current President of the Pulteney Free Library, Board of Trustees, and is currently serving as Chairperson of the OFA Advisory Council. Alise says that volunteering has been a way of life in her family and believes in "paying it forward". We thank her for being a great role model and an





## PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

The PFL Trustees have been LISTENING lately. Trustees are meeting with various groups in Town to ask for opinions and advice about the Library's future. Many residents of all ages have expressed their gratitude for the Programs and

materials available, and for the welcoming atmosphere. We've heard that the Library IS the Town Center; that the personal attention is great; that there's help available for homework and job-seeking. We expect to LISTEN some more this summer as we consider the Library's future.

BY the way! Do you know that Barb has completed twenty years as our Library Director? She was honored by the Town Board for her excellent service to us all. Look for a Resolution posted in various places around

### HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12 - 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00



## PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

Volunteers are needed for both the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. If you are interested contact 868-3003 or [info@pulteneyfire.com](mailto:info@pulteneyfire.com). These organizations depend on volunteers to ensure the safety of our community.

The Sunday Pancake Breakfasts will be starting May 25 and run through Labor Day at the Pulteney Fire Department on Brown Road. The breakfasts run from 7:00 am to 10:00 am.

## PULTENEY FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

There have been some changes in the Fire Dept. Auxiliary recently! For example: the group of folks who worked so hard to produce the very successful Easter Party last month is no longer "THE LADIES' Auxiliary", it's called THE AUXILIARY. Women and Men are encouraged to join the busy group which meets monthly to plan and produce many community activities. However, the Auxiliary also provides equipment and supplies for Fire Dept. needs; prepares and serves coffee and snacks in the event of a fire or other community disaster; works with the Library to help the young people of our community celebrate holidays; and otherwise contributes to helping Pulteney keep up its long tradition of helping and sharing with our citizens. You are invited to join your neighbors as a member of the AUXILIARY! Call Rita Finley at 868-4393 for information.



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## **GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

Pastor Larry Slater reports that Grace Community Fellowship recently launched their new website: [WWW.gracecommunity-fellowship.com](http://WWW.gracecommunity-fellowship.com). All are welcome to check it out. There are some great photos, and a short summary of this week's sermon, as well as descriptions of the various programs and projects now in progress.

They are developing a Children's Choir under the leadership of Naomi Griffin. The Worship Team has adopted a covenant agreement to help the Fellowship be more accountable. The very active Wednesday evening Bible Study members are continuing a video series on "the Feasts of God". The next session is on Yom

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## **PULTENEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Spring may be a little slow arriving, but it has brought the return of our "snowbirds" from the south. Most were back to enjoy our annual Easter breakfast and then worship on Easter Sunday.

We celebrated "Camp Whitman Sunday" early in May. Rhonda Everdyke from the Presbytery office highlighted some of the events for the 60th anniversary of Camp Whitman. A few of our folks attended the first camp back in 1954. It is a great camp for all youth to attend, and if you have children or grandkids here for the summer maybe they'd like to go. There is also a day camp. Call the church and leave a message at 868-3155 and we can get the information to you.

Pulteney Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in July 2015. If anyone has any memorabilia from the earlier days that they'd like to share, kindly contact Donna Colvin at 868-4893 or leave a message at church. Plans are being made for an old fashioned church picnic in July 2015.

Each month we choose a special area to collect items for the Prattsburgh Food Pantry. In April it was "spring cleaning" and for May we are collecting pudding, jello, cake and cookie mixes plus frosting. Summer time will be foods associated with picnics.

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## **BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE GROUP**

Bone Builders continues as snow-birds return from their travels and new members of the community join the group. Gentle but effective stretching and balance and weight-lifting exercises are done from 9:00 until 10:15 AM every Monday and Wednesday at the Fire Hall. There's a bit of giggling; some practice with vowels and counting (backwards), singing, and sharing of "community news" as well as the huffing and puffing that goes with the exercises. The group's volunteer leaders are Rita Finley, Nancy Cole, Kathy Wheat, Sue Steeves, Ray Dutcher, and Carole Smith. All have received special training, up-dated annually. Bone Builders is FREE, and FUN, and amazingly EFFECTIVE in preventing osteoporosis and promoting

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## **PULTENEY TUESDAY MORNING QUILTING & CRAFT GROUP**

There are a group of ladies that meet at the Pulteney Fire Hall every Tuesday morning at 8:30 - Noon to share their knowledge of sewing and crafts. They enjoy the friendship of each other as they join for coffee & home baked items and work on their crafts. Most of them sew, quilt, and embroider plus crochet, knit, etc. the variety is terrific and so are the laughs. They welcome anyone who wants to share their crafts. Sometimes they work as a group on a project, but most times they work on their own with show and tell. Call 607-868-4393 or just show up and see how this friendly group works.

### PULTENEY SENIOR LUNCH

The Pulteney Lunch Bunch meets most Mondays and Thursdays at the Pulteney Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall for a hot meal, cool conversation, and friendly advice (whether you need it or NOT!) Folks sign up to have a meal delivered by Pro-Action; coffee and tea and often some great home-made desserts are available in addition to the nutritious lunches. A donation of \$3.00 is requested from those 65 and older. Young people are asked to contribute \$6.00 for most occasions. To sign up, call 522-5121 and show up shortly before 11:30 AM on Mondays and Thursdays. We'll be very happy to see you there!

### MEMORIAL DAY

Pulteney's Memorial Day will kick off with a parade starting at Mill St. at 12:00 on May 26. The parade will proceed along North Main St. (County Route 74) to Lakeview Cemetery. Supervisor Bill Weber will be introducing our guest speaker, Congressman Tom Reed. Kids are welcome to decorate their bikes to ride in the parade and they can meet at the Ambulance Barn . Contact Lisa Stone at 868-7405 for more information.



An individual from Pulteney notified Steuben County Office for Aging that she received the postcard on the right notifying her of a \$100 unclaimed prize. When she called the phone number, she was asked to provide her credit card number to cover the cost of processing and shipping. Upon further investigation, we have found that these postcards are being widely sent throughout this area.

If this happens to you, please **do not give out your credit card number**. A legitimate sweepstakes will never ask you to pay for processing and shipping or any other fees. You should notify the Steuben County Sheriff's Department at 622-3911 as they track these types of scams and will send out a press release if it is a widespread problem. You should also take the mailed item to your local post office and report it as mail fraud. The USPS has a mail fraud investigative unit that has the authority to prosecute.



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## **PULTENEY TOWN NEWS**

As spring arrives after such a brutal winter, we welcome a change for the better in the weather. The ice formation on the Lake and the subsequent break up caused a great deal of damage to docks and water front equipment. Beyond the higher than usual heating bills we all have experienced, the Town Highway Dept. under the leadership of Terry Gibson has done a great job of keeping the roads open during the winter and getting them in shape after the frost has left. Ken Forenz, the Manager of the Water Dept., has been kept busy with various leaks in the feed system along the Lake Road. He is happy to report we now have 323 customers connected to the system and there are more to come as Spring arrives. Theresa Keesey, our new Town Clerk, has settled into her job nicely and is meeting the needs of our residents with friendly efficiency. Lauren Welch, our Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, has been busy with building permit applications, problems with dogs on Ford Road, and assisting me and Councilman Mark Illig with various items in the Town's relationship with KWIC, as the organization is in the process of using two contract managers of Yates Soil and Water to perform the functions of the retired manager. David Oliver, our assessor, has just completed a Town wide re-assessment that will keep us at 100% equalization rate and provide a greater degree of fairness in all the taxes we have to pay. I am glad to report our Town has a competent and dedicated Town Board and we are running with good efficiency and managing our financial resources well with the fine work of Joyce Appenowich, my Bookkeeper. Best wishes to you all for a happy and pleasant Spring and Summer.

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## **PULTENEY COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We had our first meeting of the year in April to begin planning for the season. Meetings will be the third Thursday of the month from April through September at 6pm at the town hall. All are welcome. Policies should be posted on The Town of Pulteney website soon.

A work day will be conducted on May 17 from 9am-Noon and we have submitted an application to United Way for A Day of Caring volunteers to come assist us with painting the garden boxes. Cornell Cooperative Extension has donated seeds to plant. Crops will be donated to those in need and to local food pantries. We are looking for sponsorship of beds at a cost of \$25 each. You will be allowed to plant whatever you would like or sponsor a bed for someone in need of garden space. Businesses that sponsor beds will be allowed to paint their logo on the bed or attach plaques with their logos if they choose. We are still in need of topsoil and shade loving plants!

Please contact Liz Ryder at [lizzardsden@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzardsden@hotmail.com), Kathy Burns at 607-868-3163, or leave a message with the Town Clerk if you would like to donate materials. Checks can be made out to the Town of Pulteney Community Garden. Please get involved to make this a successful hometown project that will benefit com-

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**Reminder: Pulteney dog licenses are due June 30, 2014.**

**Pulteney Free Library**  
**P.O. Box 215**  
**Pulteney, NY 14874-0215**

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## **CALENDAR:**

May 26 - 12:00 noon - Memorial Day Parade

June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

Bone Builders - Mondays & Wednesdays - 9:00 am - Pulteney Fire Department

Pulteney Free Library Story Hour - 9:30 am - Saturdays

Senior Lunch - Mondays & Thursdays - 1100 am - Pulteney Presbyterian Church

Pulteney Fire Department Breakfasts—Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day - 7:00-10:00 am

Pulteney Tuesday Morning Quilting & Craft Group - 8:30 - noon - Pulteney Fire Hall

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS:**

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- The Town of Pulteney
- First Presbyterian Church of Pulteney
- Pulteney Fire Department

