THE BOOSTER LINE

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS

SPRING 2014

CATSKILL AUXILIARY PLAY CUPID'S HELPERS

The Catskill Fire Company's Auxiliary held a Valentine's Day party for the Fireman Home residents on Sunday February 9. All enjoyed refreshments, gifts, dancing and entertainment by Paul Slusar.

ADAM OVERBAUGH NAMED KISKATOM FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Adam Overbaugh was named "The Firefighter of the Year" for the Kiskatom Fire Department at the departmen's annual awards dinner on December 7, 2013. Adam was honored for his relentless devotion to the fire department and his determination to get the truck ready for last year's GCVFA conventiopn. He has created an obstacle course for in-house drills; and is often found around the firehouse doing maintenance work. He is always able to get the Auxiliary to march in the various parades with the firefighters. Adam has shown his devotion, hard work and dedication to the fireservice throughtout his membership.

Also recognized that night were: Brian Taylor for 10 years of service, and Tom Golden and Robert Abrahamsen for 35 years each.

LEEDS FIREFIGHTER GET FIREMANIC GOODBYE

Gabby Ashley, Leeds Hose Company, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army. On Sunday, February 24, firefighters from Leeds gave her an emotional send off as she begins basic training. For many older veterans who left for military duty many, many years ago, they never got much of a send off or home coming, as is seen today. Times have changed for the better. Gabby - when you take your oath, be proud that you will be one of our protectors for our Freedom and Greene County is proud of you. (Gabby can be seen front row, center)

PALENVILLE AUXILIARY MEMBER TO RUN IN BOSTON MARATHON

Kayla Gessner, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Palenville Fire Department and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association, will be running on the Miles for Miracles Team in the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2014. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE DONATIONS TO THE MILES FOR MIRACLES TEAM SUPPORT BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. Each person on the team is assessed a donation goal for the privilege of being part of the Miles for Miracles Team, one of very few ways to earn a spot to run in the marathon. (Kayla's donation goal is set at $7,000.00.)

Two children with strong ties to this area are currently being treated as out-patients at Children's Hospital. Avery Toole (daughter of Cheryl Stabile Toole) received a heart transplant in 2009 at the hospital after four years of numerous hospitalizations and heart related events. Avery today is functioning as any eight year old, living life to the fullest. She frequently visits Grandpa Bob Stabile in Palenville and Grandma Patricia (Packy) Brand in Round Top. You can view Avery and her parents on the Boston Children's Hospital website. Avery is a Heart Hero.

Callen Farrell, son of Brian and Renee Farrell of Athens is currently being treated for an Interstitial Lung Disease at Boston Children's. They're hoping that, as is many times the case, as Callen grows older his breathing problems will lessen or totally disappear. Of course, the ultimate hope would be for a cure for this disease and others like it.

Boston Children's Hospital treats children from all over the world at no charge if the parents have no means to pay or any insurance. If you would like to help Kayla reach her goal, please contact her grandmother, Nancy Ferretti.

THINKING OF YOU:

Deepest sympathy to the Lubera family (Athens VFD)
on the death of their aunt, "Honey" Lubera

Deepest sympathy to the Farrell family (West Athens)
on the death of their uncle, Jack Peckovitch

Deepest sympathy to Darroll Hutson (Cairo Fire Dept)
on the death of his father

Congratulations to Brian Farrell (West Athens) and family
on the birth of his daughter, Charlotte

Good luck to Gabby Ashley, Leeds Hose Co, as you begin your military career.

Good luck to Kevin Murphy (West Athens Fire Co) as you begin your new career endeavor

Thoughts & prayers to Sheila Ormerod (Catskill FD)

IN MEMORY:

On behalf of the GCVFA and LAGCVFA, The Booster Line would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following firemanic members who have recently passed away. We apologize for anyone that we missed and offer our condolences to their families.

Doug Osterhoudt – West Athens Fire Company
Ron Clifford – Earlton Fire Dept
Peter Bruno – Athens Volunteer Fire Dept
Charles Porto – Catskill Fire Dept
Ralph Favicchio – Athens Fire Dept (Honorary)
Bill Miller – Past Chief West Athens Lime Street Fire Co
Juanita Loveland – West Athens Lime Street Auxiliary
Rick Albright – Athens Vol Fire Dept
Donald Jason – Leeds Hose Co.
Richard Morse – Windham Hose Co

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MONTHLY BREAKFASTS:
3rd Sunday of each month – West Athens Fire Company, 8am - Noon
4th Sunday of each month – D. M. Hamilton, Coxsackie, 7am - Noon

PIZZA: Every Thursday, Athens Fire Department, 4pm – 7pm

COMING IN JUNE

GREENE COUNTY DAY @ THE HOME & GREENE COUNTY DRILL DAY

COME ENJOY
A PANCAKE DINNER
AT THE
PALENVILLE FIRE HOUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
5 - 7:30 PM

FREE WILL OFFERING

CORNED BEEF DINNER

Saturday March 8, 2014
5pm – 7pm
West Athens Firehouse #2
Leeds-Athens Road

$12 - Adults
$6 - Children 12 and under
Free - Under age 5

Sponsored by
West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co. Auxiliary

Hunter Fire Company's

Pancake Breakfast

at the

Hunter Fire House

17 Bridge St. Hunter, NY

8:00 AM

to

12:00 PM

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Bacon

Pancakes

French Toast

Eggs

Sausage

Sausage Gravy

Biscuits

Coffee

Tea

Juice

Adults $8.00

Students $6.00

Please Help Support Hunter Fire Co.

Host of the 2014 Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention

September 4-6, 2014

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday March 15

8am – 4pm

D. M. Hamilton #2

Coxsackie

Refreshments will be sold

For further information: 731-2028

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Sunday April 6

Doors Open 3pm

Drawings start 4pm

Greenville Firehouse

Refreshments Available

Everything must go!

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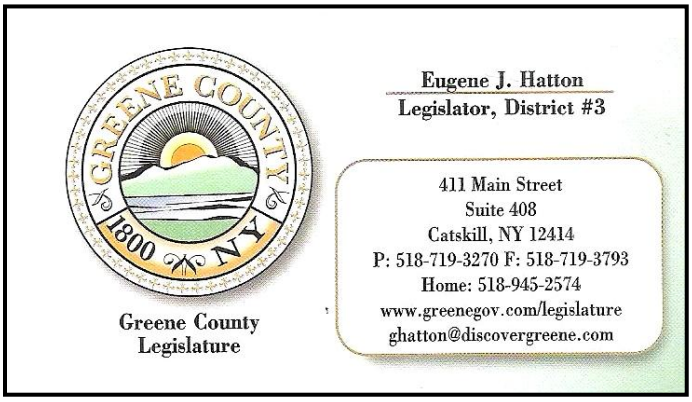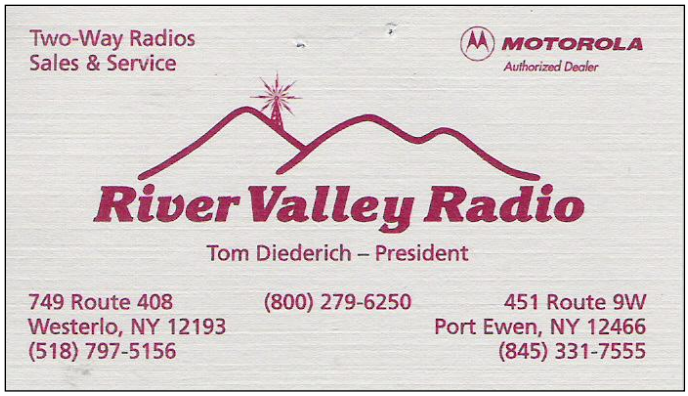
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