

# CHENANGO NEWS

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## WELCOME!

This is the first edition of our new Town of Chenango Newsletter where you will find news of our community organizations, fire department happenings, church news and upcoming events. We will also include stories of town residents past and present and news from our history. You will want to check here for a list of times and dates of coming events in our community.

If your group has information and/or photos to share with the community, please send them to the Town Clerk at 1529 NYS Route 12, Binghamton, NY 13901 or E-mail the town of Chenango Historian at [www.townofchenango.com](http://www.townofchenango.com).

Hopefully, this newsletter will be well received and we will publish every three months. The next one will be November 1, 2011.

Pass the word so everyone will know where to find their community information and where to advertise their upcoming events.

For those without online access, there will be paper copies of this newsletter available at the Town Clerk's office.

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## SUPERVISOR'S DESK

This November will be a proud time for Mr. and Mrs. Ken Starr. Their son Kenny, a tenth grade student at Chenango Forks School will actually be marching in the 2011 Macy's Great American Marching Band. Kenny plays the trumpet and is very active in both the high school Concert Band and the high school Jazz Band at Chenango Forks.

Kenny worked and practiced very hard on his audition piece and it is evident that his hard work paid off. He was one of only four students selected from each state who will meet in New York City the Saturday before Thanksgiving to meet and practice together for the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Kenny will not only be representing our town and school district but also our state.

This is an outstanding achievement for Kenny and definitely comes as a result of diligence, maturity, and the ability to set and achieve his goals and dreams.

Congratulations Kenny. Thank you for being such an outstanding member of our community.

Hal Snopek, Town Supervisor

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## HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

April 2011 marked the beginning of our nation's commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The one Hundred and fifty year anniversary was recognized in our town by an all day event on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Our day began with a memorial service honoring the Civil War veterans buried in Kattelville Cemetery. Gerry Smith, Broome County Historian (wearing a Union major's uniform) was the master of ceremonies. Local re-enactors fired the salute and played taps. Special flags adorned the veterans' graves along with a fact sheet on their military service. We were pleased to see the descendants of the honored men at the service.

Next, the Chenango Schoolhouse Museum was the site of displays and programs. Eileen and David Patch portrayed Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln for the morning program and David Cleutz, author and speaker gave a talk on the 137<sup>th</sup> NYS Regiment in the afternoon. Both programs were well attended.

The Chenango Bridge Civic Association Field was the scene of a daylong encampment of re-enactors, booths with information and displays and a chicken barbecue.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who made the day possible. The day's events were sponsored in conjunction with the Binghamton Civil War Roundtable.

We are looking into the possibility of having a Second Historian's Annual House Tour in September. Please contact me if you have ideas on this subject.

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## ONCE UPON A TIME

Two hundred years ago our country was Involved in yet another war...the War of 1812. The bicentennial of that event will be recognized next year. 1812 marked a time when our country was actually invaded by another. Once again we were at war with England.

There are two veterans of the War of 1812 buried in Kattelville Cemetery. According to the U.S. Army Register of Enlistments, 1778-1914 found on Ancestry.com, **Daniel Robinson** enlisted on April 1, 1813. Daniel's son **Israel Robinson** also served in the War of 1812 at the age of 13.

The Robinson family story began in 1733 when Ebenezer Robinson was born on Cape Cod. He then moved with his parents to Dutchess County, NY. With the coming of the Revolutionary War, Ebenezer was voted a Captain in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Dutchess County Militia under Col. Ludington. He was promoted to Major in 1777.

Ebenezer and his wife Ann raised a family of six sons and two daughters. About 1790, the sons began moving westward to other New York counties. The families usually lived on leased land and earned their living farming and owning grist and sawmills. Their son Daniel came to our area after spending a few years in Delaware County, NY.

Ebenezer's son Issacher also served in the Revolutionary War. He was captured and imprisoned. He caught typhoid fever and was moved to a leper house where he lost all of his

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Robinson family, continued....

hair and fingernails. After his release from prison, he rejoined and fought until the end of the war.

Ebenezer's son Daniel, born in 1771 enlisted in Delaware County as a Chaplain in 1812 according to Volume II of the Council of Appointments of the State of New York, 1783-1821. He joined the Brigade commanded by Brig. General Erasmus Root. In 1819, Daniel received Bounty Land (Warrant # 17077) for his service.

As a Chaplain, his job was to comfort the men who were dying and help treat the wounded. This man saw an enormous amount of bloodshed and suffering, yet never lost his faith or the desire to help others. After the war, in 1818, he was chosen pastor of a church in Otego, New York, where he received a salary of \$50.00 for eight months work.

By the 1850 Census of Chenango, both Daniel, age 79 and his wife Elizabeth, age 65, were living in Kattelville. Nearby lived their son Israel age 50, his wife Catharine, and their son Nathaniel. Both Israel and Nathaniel were blacksmiths. They lived on River Road in Kattelville in what we now refer to as the "Ellsworth" house near Patch Road.

For many years, Back River Road, which extended from Route 12 to the River was known as Robinson Road.

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**HUNTING LICENSES** go on sale August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Clerk's Office (8AM -4 PM).

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## COMING EVENTS

### **SOCK HOP.....FREE!**

This year we will have the **Alders Hollow Band** to play the music of the 50s for us...but.....

**SURPRISE! It is the same band we have always enjoyed but with a new name.**

The dance will be held in the Highway Garage next to the Town Hall on August 12, 2011 from 7 PM -10 PM. Bring your lawn chairs, your family (Yep! Kids are welcome), friends and neighbors and your dancing shoes. Don't forget your appetite...we serve hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and more.

There will also be a cruise-in with antique cars for all to enjoy.

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### **Music in the Parks.....FREE!**

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Freddy Mendoza 7-8PM Hider Park

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Dirt Farm Band 7-8PM Chen. Bridge Park

Thursday August 18, 2011

Rich Wilson, 6:30-7:30PM Hider Park

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Old Friends 6:30-7:30PM Chen Bridge Park

Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket, as seating is limited.

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## CLERK'S CORNER

Each month from September to May, all of the town clerks from across Broome County meet to compare notes, learn about new rules and regulations and listen to speakers who often give them hints on better ways to do their duties

In June all of the clerks in District 6 gathered at Dorchester Park for a summer picnic. The picnic was a great success with plenty of food and fun for all who attended.

The clerk's office is gearing up for the rush of hunters who will be coming in to buy their annual license. These will go on sale beginning August 15, 2011. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8 AM - 4 PM for your convenience. Remember, the accepted payment will be cash or checks.

Rhonda Milks, Town Clerk

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The town board has been receiving many compliments on the flower barrels, which are along Front Street. We hope you are also enjoying them.

Speaking of flowers, have you stopped by the town hall to see the heather beds yet? They are unusual and very beautiful.

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**WANTED! All persons interested in local history that would like to attend historical society meetings in our town.**

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## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN YOU NEED TO CALL 911

1. Do you or the patient have special medical needs?
2. Family and friends to notify

3. List of medications and medical history

While waiting

1. Confine animals
2. Turn on outside light
3. Stay with the patient until help arrives

What to expect when EMTs arrive

1. EMTs will conduct a patient evaluation
2. ALL information you provide is confidential

Things to avoid doing

1. Try not to panic
2. Do not hang up until told to do so
3. Do not move the patient
4. Do not give the patient any food or drink

EMTs are specially trained persons who are able to care for patients outside the hospital setting. They carry specialized equipment and medications designed to aid in the pre-hospital care of medical and traumatic incidents.

For more information, contact your local EMT agency.

This information was provided by the Susquehanna Regional Services Council.