



THE BOOSTER LINE

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS



SUMMER 2020

IMPORTANT 2020 GCVFA CONVENTION MEETING

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020
7:30 P.M.
EAST DURHAM FIREHOUSE**

As the status of COVID-19 is subject to change, all GCVFA members are encouraged to attend the meeting. The fate of this year's convention will be the main topic.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION DATES:

September 8 – 12, 2020 - GCVFA convention
Hosted by GCVFA & Auxiliary

Tuesday September 8
Ladies meeting @ East Durham Fire Company

Wednesday September 9
Ladies dinner @ Oak Hill-Durham Fire Company

Thursday September 10
GCVFA Dinner, Memorial & Meeting @ Oak Hill-Durham Fire Co

Friday September 11
Mardi Gras parade – Ashland Theme: NASCAR
Outhouse races & entertainment to follow

Saturday September 12
Dress parade – Ashland



GREENE COUNTY DAY 2020

COVID-19 tried to ruin this year's Greene County Day (June 7, 2020) at the NYS Firemen's Home. However, the West Athens – Lime Street Fire Company, this year's host, was one step ahead of the game.

Due to the Pandemic, the event was slightly different this year. The annual cornhole tournament and all the speeches were cancelled. However, as the saying goes, "the show must go on." And what a show it was! Numerous fire apparatus and personal vehicles lined up for the parade. Lights and sirens were going so you couldn't miss anything. Although it was strictly a drive-thru parade, the route circled the home twice. The residents were thrilled!

In addition, each resident received a small gift, a small bag, as well as cake and ice cream to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the Greene County Day at their Home.

Though conditions were different this year, West Athens would like to thank all the fire companies and individuals who showed up that day and warmed the heart of all present. It will be remembered.





We would like to ask all our firemanic friends & children to make some cards or pictures to send to the residents of the FASNY Firemen's Home. These kind gifts would mean a great deal to them and would brighten their day. They have been restricted to the home and have not been allowed visitors for several weeks now. Please consider helping. You can send them directly to the home. Their address is:



The FASNY Firemen's Home
125 Harry Howard Ave.
Hudson, NY 12534
Attention: Matthew Plew

*Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association
and Ladies Auxiliary*

2020 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Cairo - Durham Central High School:	Jazmin Russo
Catskill Central High School:	Iain G. Alexander
Coxsackie - Athens Central High School:	Kane Schrader & Killian Schrader
Hunter - Tannersville Central High School:	Rosalie Randolph
Ravena - Coeymans Central School:	Ryan VanWormer
Windham - Ashland – Jewett Central School:	Haley Benson
Out of County Private Schools with Greene County Resident Winner.	
Doane Stuart School:	Liana E. LeKocevic

AROUND GREENE COUNTY

Greene County FASNY members are asked to attend this year's Annual meeting, August 8 at the Albany Hilton. **GCVFA PP/WEST ATHENS-LIME STREET FIRE COMPANY** member, John P. Farrell, is on the ballot for President. Members have to be in line to vote by 3:30 PM. County FASNY members need to contact Robert Schrader (518-634-2035) if their Delegate or alternate is not attending. Members voting are invited to KME (Bull Dog) Fire Equipment (Rte 155, Latham) for refreshments, noon - 6:00 pm.

ATHENS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief - Wayne Butterworth Jr.

1st Asst Chief - Anthony DelVecchio III 2nd Asst Chief - James Robinson III

Captain - Brian Gordan

Lieutenants - Antonio Fuentes, Don Winegard & Chris Frisbee



CAIRO FIRE DEPARTMENT will hold their annual picnic on August 9 at the Mountain Braus House starting at noon. At that time, annual awards will be presented (in lieu of the annual dinner). Please let President Feml know if attending. Congratulations to those who will be acknowledged.

A while ago, the **EAST DURHAM FIRE COMPANY** approved restoring their Antique 1947 International/Bean. They are pleased to announce that the first phase of restoration has begun!





Congratulations to Ryan VanWormer, **CORNELL HOOK & LADDER AUXILIARY**, for receiving the fire company's annual scholarship. Ryan graduated from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and will be attending Hudson Valley Community College in the fall studying Forensic Science. Congratulations Ryan!

**Congratulations to the new officers for
CORNELL HOOK & LADDER**

Chief- John Wallace
2nd Assistant Chief - Joe Firstiun
Fire Captains - Jamie Davis & Justin Stratta
Fire Lieutenants - John Stratta & Greg Empie
Fire Police Captain - Jim D'allaird
Fire Police Lieutenant- Alan Van Wormer

1st Assistant Chief - Scott Van Wormer

3rd Assistant Chief - Hugh Sterritt

EMS Captain - Missy Sleurs

EMS Lieutenant - Tiffany Firstiun

President- Scotty Van Wormer

Vice President- Phil Meyers

Secretary - Lisa Johnston

Treasurer - John Cannon

Financial Secretary - Jamie Davis Chaplin - Jeff Schoenig

Stewards - Justin Firstiun & James June



Happy 90th Birthday to Richard Harty, **HUNTER FIRE DEPARTMENT**. For many years, Dick was a fire instructor for Greene County. In honor of his birthday, the Hunter FD had a parade for him.

A few members of the **MEDWAY-GRAPEVILLE FIRE COMPANY** joined together to deliver some fresh bake goods to



some local front-line workers to just simply say thank you for all they are still doing during this very difficult time.

Congratulations to the new officers for OAK HILL-DURHAM FIRE COMPANY



President – Victoria Crawley

Secretary – Kevin Sattler

Sgt. At Arms – Sydney Kohrs

**Trustees – Robert Haller, Randy Sattler, Bruce Stock,
Warren Wagner & Connie Whitbeck**

Chief – Connie Whitbeck

2nd Asst Chief – Robert Haller

Auxiliary President – Sarian Gleeson

Secretary – MitziSu Fremgen

Vice President – Randy Sattler

Treasurer – Lillian Beechert

Chaplain – Reay Mahler

1st Asst Chief – Charles Fremgen

3rd Asst Chief – Kevin Sattler

Vice-President – Lillian Beechert

Treasurer – Connie Whitbeck



Congratulations to **PALENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT** member, **Patrick Gallagher**, son of Terri Jo Gallagher, **KISKATOM FIRE DEPT.** who graduated from Newport News, VA fire academy on July 9. He will be working for NPN as a firefighter/ A-EMT.

Congratulations to the new officers for the
PALENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief - Ed Luther

1st Asst - Evan Spitz

2nd Asst - Chip Spring

3rd Asst - Joe Chicorelli

EMS Captain - Lauren Hanzl

Fire Police Captain - Ed Henne

President - Blake Garrison

Treasurer - Joseph Rothrock

Vice President - Ed Luther

Secretary - Barb Spring

2020 Board of Directors

Shannon Garrison

Maria Impastato

Jennifer McGee

John M. Hanzl

Philip Kenny



**Happy 97th Birthday Arlene Tompkins,
Palenville Ladies Auxiliary**

Congratulations to the new officers for the
WEST ATHENS – LIME STREET FIRE COMPANY

Chief – Tim Farrell

1st Asst Chief – John J Farrell

2nd Asst Chief – James Murphy

Fire Police Captain – Rich Kelly

Foreman – Craig Seaberg, Fred Stein & Fred Vail

President – James Murphy

Vice-President – Craig Seaberg

Secretary (Recording/Financial) – Marilyn Schrader

Treasurer – Victoria Dichian

Directors – Jason Borgen, Larry Farrell & Joe Murphy



Congratulations to Kane & Killian Schrader on receiving the Greene County Department of Human Services Director's Award. As the boys do everything together, they were jointly named recipients of the award. Both boys played for PAL basketball, Coxsackie-Athens Basketball, sharing the title of Varsity Basketball Team captain this past season,



and the school Baseball team, and made the school's Honor/High Honor Roll. Kane received Most Improved and the Indian Award in baseball, as well as was named NYS Section 2 Most Homeruns in a Game holder, and Senior All-Star Basketball Team this past season. They have been supporters of the Autism Connection of Greene County; Make-a-Wish Foundation, and the American Cancer Society by participating in numerous walks and events. Both boys attended Questar's Heavy Equipment Program and plan to work in the construction field with heavy equipment. They hold several certificates from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research). Kane & Killian proudly follow in a family tradition back to their great-grandfather by serving as volunteer firefighters with the **WEST ATHENS-LIME STREET FIRE COMPANY**

Congratulations . . .

To the following members of the graduating Class of 2020
& serve the community as volunteer firefighters

CORNELL HOOK & LADDER COMPANY

Justin Firstiun, William Linger, and Ryan VanWormer (RCS)

GREENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emily Connolly, Clifton Drolette & Katelyn Pastina (Greenville H.S.)



WEST ATHENS – LIME STREET FIRE COMPANY



Kane and Killian Schrader (Coxsackie-Athens H.S.)

**James Murphy
Bachelor of Science,
Magna Cum Laude
Southern New Hampshire University**





Thinking of You . . .

Chuck Adsit (Catskill Fire Dept.) as you face
some health challenges

Shawn Rose (Cairo Fire Dept.) – Glad to see you are back up
& around from your injury



In Memory . . .

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

Cosmo Casaregola – Catskill Fire Department
Louise Bloom – Palenville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
Rich Britten – Palenville Fire Department
Dottie Backlund – Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary
Anne O'Dowd – Round Top Fire Ladies Auxiliary

BACK THE BLUE MARCH

August 2, 2020
Cairo, N. Y.



Starting at 2:00 p.m.

Line-up is at Cairo Hannaford's
Parking lot. March will go down
Main Street to Angelo-Canna
Park Pavillion.



Please bring flags, banners, signs, ect... to
show our local LEOs that we have their back.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

LAST THURSDAY IN

OCTOBER, JANUARY, APRIL AND JULY

7:30 P.M. – EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE, CAIRO

GCVFA

AUGUST 6 – EAST DURHAM VOL. FIRE CO.

2020 CONVENTION – TBA



ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT golf tournament scheduled for August 21, 2020 is postponed but they are hoping for a date mid to late September.

KISKATOM FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY will not be having their annual Nickel Social in August as they want everyone to remain COVID free.

CORNELL HOOK & LADDER PIZZA AND WING NIGHT - AUGUST 14 2020

Call 518-756-8222 after 3:30 to order.

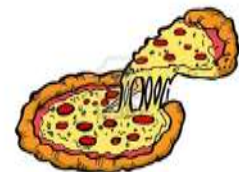
There will be social distancing regulation in affect, and we ask that you please wear masks when you enter the building to get your food. There will be signs posted with more information when you enter the building.

16" cheese pizza \$10.00/ Toppings \$1.00 each

Extra cheese – Pepperoni – Sausage – Onions - Mushrooms – Peppers – Jalapeños - Black olives – Tomatoes – Broccoli

Wings \$10.00 per order

Hot – Mild - Garlic Parmesan - Barbecue



CHICKEN BBQ

Prepared by Halvo Homestead

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

4:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00

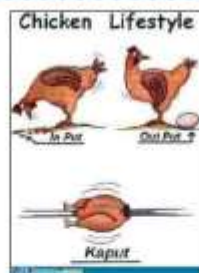
1/2 Chicken Dinner

(Drive Thru-Take Out Only)

Location: Across from Stewarts
Route 23B, Cairo, NY



Sponsored by the
Cairo Hose Co. Auxiliary



CHICKEN BBQ

SUN. OCT. 18, 2020

1pm - 5pm

West Athens Fire Station #2
Leeds-Athens Road, Athens

\$13 Take-out Only

Advance Tickets Required
See a member to obtain

Benefit of West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co.

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