

JANE LECOUNT
 Edited by Sharon Stone

Longtime member, Jane LeCount recently stopped by the museum for a visit. Following is an account of her visit adapted from the note she sent to the museum concerning her visit.

On a beautiful day in May long time member Jane LeCount stopped by for a nostalgic visit with her amiable daughter Beth. As Jane walked slowly around the museum with her walker, viewing displays she remembered helping create and pausing to admire new displays that she hadn't yet seen she mused over her time spent in the museum. She thought about how much she enjoyed solving the mysteries that often accompanied new items that came into the museum and the pleasure she got as she accepted, cataloged and archived the new yet old pieces.

Jane paused by the replica of the Floyd Bennett Bandstand and recalled how the builder/owner said to give it to Isabel Cornell for the museum and to please ask the town to be sure and take care of the bandstand

Regina Porter's dollhouse which is still on display brought back memories of how she and Regina first met and the time they spent together buying items that would fit in the dollhouse.

Jane expressed many thanks to Steve, to Sandi and to all the volunteers who make the Museum the place to go and see in Warrensburg.

Jane ends her note with the following quote: "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know! ~Harry S Truman.



JANE LECOUNT ADMIRING THE FLOYD BENNETT BANDSTAND AND HIS PHOTO ON THE WALL

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Society has begun using "Discover Warrensburg!" to designate its museum of local history.

The museum will continue to offer the history of the town but bring that story into the 21st century. Exhibits and digital offerings will include current activities and opportunities, serving as an information source for both resident and visitor. This transition will occur gradually, as time and space permits.

To increase the name recognition the "3x6" logo is available as a white weather-proof decal for use on vehicles and storefront windows. The decal can be purchased at the museum for \$2.00 or by mail from Warrensburg Historical Society, P. O. Box 441, Warrensburg, NY 12885 for \$2.50 (including postage). Both prices include NYS sales tax. It is also available at Miller Art and Antiques, 3729 Main Street.

The museum, located at 3754 Main Street, is open Wednesdays noon to 4 pm, and Sundays 1 to 3 pm. Visit www.discoverwarrensburg.org to see the expanded scope of its offerings.

For more information contact the museum director, Steve Parisi, at 518-232-7349 or parisi39@yahoo.com.



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who knew him locally as well as his friends from far and wide.

Jim Lieberum, District Manager of the Soil and Water Conservation District, presented a program at the museum on September 23rd titled "Historical Perspective on Erosion and Hazard Mitigation."

Our 2018 Graveyard Walks were held on the evenings of September 21 and October 3, a bit earlier than usual. Mikelean Allen led a troupe of four thespians (Justin Parker, John Gable, Adam Allen, and Candice Healy) as they revived past citizens of Warrensburg Joseph Aiken, Lee Orton, Joe Anselmo, and Geneva Kenyon, respectively. Fifth grade walks were held on October 12 and another walk was held on October 24 for the In-the-Zone program of the elementary school for grades 1-5 (credit Mikelean Allen). 30 people attended our *Dinner With the Dead* at Merrill Magee on Oct 28th.

Our Holiday Dinner will be in the main dining room at Lizzie Keay's on December 11—price \$30, menu TBA. Hope to see you there.

Until next time, keep looking backwards.

Paul Gilchrist

Etymological Note by Paul Gilchrist

The February 7, 1934 issue of the Warrensburg News was the last one to be published with the "h" on the end of the town's name. The following week the paper dropped the "h" with no explanation from the editor or publisher. Several decades earlier, the U.S. Postal Service had notified the nation's towns and cities whose names ended in "burgh" that the "h" would be dropped unless the municipal government requested that it be kept. Only three places in New York State made that request: the City of Plattsburgh, the City of Newburgh, and the Town of Middleburgh, which also contains the Village of Middleburgh. In respect for our town's heritage, the Warrensburg Historical Society decided many years ago to preserve the historical spelling. Readers may notice that the old spelling is also preserved by Warrensburg Beautification, Inc., whose chairperson, Teresa Whalen, once explained that she took the "h" from Theresa and donated it to the organization's name.

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play and a couple of the holes were challenging enough to be included in a discussion of difficult holes in the area.

Over the years some of the people who ran the clubhouse were Pauline Smead, Joe Hanlon, Pat and Jeremy Arehart and Rich Wagner.

The membership included a cross section of people from our area. Of special significance was a group of senior golfers, some who learned their golf skills as caddies at area courses. We enjoyed listening to their stories that included tales from rounds of golf at The Sagamore, the Glens Falls Country Club, Cronin's, Green Mansions and Scaroon Manor. In early days, the PGA Tour had a tournament at Glens Falls and the elite players of that era played. The Sagamore entertained many dignitaries and golfers and several of our older members caddied for them. If you listened to the stories of our local members you could learn a lot, including how to play the game right, abiding by the rules and how to carry yourself on and off the golf course.

The golf course membership included women. The women played in a number of the tournaments and at one time they had their own golf league.

We enjoyed casual and competitive golf. There were golf leagues and tournaments that included local golfers and people who traveled just to enjoy the peace and solitude along the Hudson River. The game of golf offers a handicap system which levels the playing field and makes all matches even at the start. Regardless of your ability you had a chance to compete. We didn't play for much money or many prizes, we played for something more important, pride. The golf ranged from heroic (several hole-in-ones) to painful (lost balls, broken clubs, even pulled muscles) but the camaraderie was always the best.

Sometimes the golf led to entertaining events. We had a member who couldn't see very well. He would hit the ball and then ask if anyone saw

where his ball landed. This would last for nine holes. After he finished his round, he headed to the clubhouse for refreshments where he could always see his beverage. One night one of our members, a local Judge, got frustrated with his 4 wood and decided it needed a good bath. After an Olympian toss it rested at the bottom of one of the ponds. By the time he got to the clubhouse he decided he really liked his 4 wood and wanted it back. One of the younger members (his nephew) offered to retrieve the 4 wood from the pond for \$20. After some thought the Judge paid the \$20 to his nephew, who insisted upon being paid in advance. Then the young man went to the pond, waded out to the area where the club disappeared and he retrieved it. During a tournament, two golfers were traveling by golf cart and missed an important turn on the cart path. The driver also applied the brake way to late and the cart with both golfers, two sets of golf clubs, most likely at least two beverages, veered off the path and into a pond. Both golfers and all the equipment were eventually retrieved. This gave new meaning to the term double bogey.

A friend once said golf is a great game to watch. Golf will bring pillars of the community right to their knees. This certainly happened at 1000 Acres. 9 Holes of golf made you humble.

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1888 the Warrensburg Union Free School and Academy provided free education thru High School for Warrensburg children. On December 7, 1897 Warrensburg Union Free School became a High School under the New York State Board of Regents. The Warrensburg Central School District (K-12) was established on June 16, 1938 and included Warrensburg, most of Thurman, parts of Caldwell (Lake George), Chestertown, Bolton and Stony Creek.

I should have mentioned that in order to keep District #3 involved my grandfather Ralph Brown became a School Board member and served for 23 years. When he retired from the School Board my dad Arthur took his place in 1938 and served for 25 years. My dad, upon his retirement convinced me to be on the Warrensburg School Board where I served proudly for 25 years.

Little did Mrs. Williams know that her resolution and the results of that ballot would mean people from that little District #3 on Schroom River Road be involved on the Warrensburg School Board for over 60 years. My aunt Evelyn taught Kindergarten for 41 years and my mom Vera taught for 37 years at Warrensburg Central. My two sisters (Judy and Janis), myself, four children (Shana, Seth, Jenifer and Trevor) all graduated from Warrensburg Central. Now two of my grandchildren (Ahni and Lila) attend Warrensburg Central.

Thanks Mrs. Williams.

