

# FLEISCHMANN'S Flyer

## \*\*\*Fleischmanns First Flyer 10th Anniversary\*\*\*

### Highlights of the Fleischmanns First July Meeting

The meeting which was held outdoors with permission from Goatie White's in their dining courtyard, commenced at 9:30am presided over by President Jon Frank.

- Financial Report-Alan Sidrane, Treasurer, reported a shortfall in revenue due to cancellation of events. He noted that Fleischmanns First made a contribution to Mark Project for emergency support of Fleischmanns businesses affected by Covid-19
- Pool Report-Michelle Sidrane gave an update on the status of the pool reconstruction and the renovation of the pool amenities. See story inside
- Pollinator Project-Mariano Vega who agreed to take on this project for Fleischmanns on behalf of the Route 28 Byway, described the location of the garden on the corner of Depot and Main Streets. It was noted that there is another pollinator garden in the Community Garden.
- Fleischmanns Theater-Doug Green announced that the plan to clean out the theater originally scheduled for Spring has been postponed to later this year. Doug asked for volunteers and took the names of several of those that agreed to help. Date to be determined.
- It was announced that Village Board meetings are being held virtually. Residents are able to listen in but cannot comment. The Village board is working with State of local officials regarding health and safety concerns.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40am. Next FF meeting to be held at Goatie Whites, Saturday, Sept. 12th at 9:30am



### Village Elections to Take Place on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

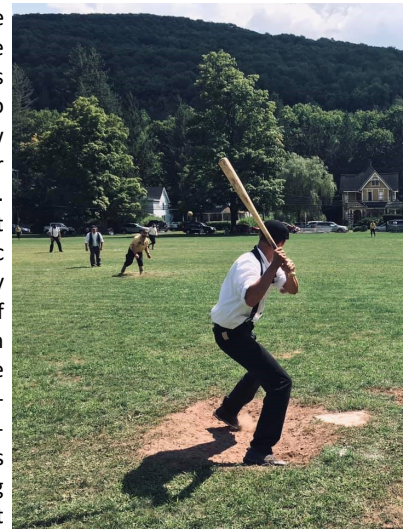
Due to Covid-19 Village elections scheduled to take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> were postponed. Elections are now scheduled for Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. John Granito has elected not to run for re-election; Jennifer Barrow is running to fill his open seat. Dan Halpern is running for re-election.

Voting will take place at Skene Memorial Library from noon until 9pm. Please note those not comfortable will in person voting are encouraged to apply for an absentee ballot.

### MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB MID-SEASON UPDATE

Despite a delayed start and several COVID-19 related cancellations, the M.A.C. has continued to play solid baseball in their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season having four contests thus far with the Bovina Dairyman.

In commemoration of the Edward B. Chace "BASS-BALL" challenge that appeared in the *Delhi Gazette* on July 12, 1825, the M.A.C. opened at Crawford Field in Hamden on July 12 by winning 13-12. The Club then dropped their home opener at the M.A.C. Grounds on July 26 as well as their visit to the inaugural match at the new Creamery Field in Bovina Center on August 1. The M.A.C. bounced back on August 22 at home winning 16-15 in dramatic fashion with a walk-off safety squeeze bunt in the bottom of the ninth to even the season series at two games apiece. The event also raised \$79 in donations to support the Fleischmanns Museum of Memories that has remained closed during the pandemic. The Club's next match will be held on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Creamery Field in Bovina Center. The starting pitcher for the M.A.C. will be Alexia Jorge of Lyndhurst, NJ. Alexia is a catcher on the 2020 U.S. Women's National Baseball Team.



The M.A.C. has been busy off the field as well. In June, the M.A.C. Grounds was listed on the State Register of Historic Places and has recently applied for a Pomeroy Foundation grant to erect a historical marker at the ballfield. The Club was also a feature story in the Summer edition of *Upstate Life* – a free magazine published by the Oneonta *Daily Star*. The team's website has been adding more content such as archived press appearances (including a [July 8<sup>th</sup> radio spot on WIOX's Mark Birman Sports](#)) and a series of [blogs](#) commemorating significant dates in M.A.C. history. The Club has also partnered with the Fleischmanns Yeast Company and The Card Memorabilia Association (TCMA) to produce a series of replica tobacco cards featuring current and past players on the M.A.C. The series is due out in the Fall and will be available for purchase at games and the Club's online store. And last, a story on the M.A.C. Grounds will be featured in the Fall issue of *Tri-County Historical Views*.

Check the website for an [updated schedule](#) of remaining games. See you at the old ballgame.

-Stumpy

## MUSEUM OF MEMORIES COLLECTION

### It Happened in Fleischmanns--1980's & 1990's

For the 2020 Fleischmanns Flyer, the Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories will highlight events that happened here over the past 11 decades. This month--the 80's & 90's

While the last class to graduate from Fleischmanns High School was 1968, the building continued to be used for the elementary grades. June 1984 saw the final use of the building as a public school. Starting that fall, all students would go to Margaretville Central School.

The winter of 1987 brought much snow--a bonanza for all the local ski-related businesses. Numerous articles in the Catskill Mountain News and other publications raved about the skiing here.

In June 1987, a '50-Year Reunion' for Fleischmanns High School was held, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the newer part of the school. Letters after the event praised the organizers, and told how much fun the event was.

### Mother Nature Provides Helping Hand In Best-Ever Catskill Mtn. Ski Season

For the second year in a row, Mother Nature has assisted the Catskill region to produce a record-breaking ski season. Tallying the statistics to support what they already know, area ski slope operators report the best year yet in the history of Catskill ski centers.

Economic well-being in the area is closely linked to successful operations at any one of a number of ski centers which offer recreational activities year

round. But the primary emphasis is on skiing and when all is said and done, owners and operators breathe easier after a season like the one just past.

As a sampling of the past winter's success story, Belleayre Mountain Ski Center was operational for 124 days this year from the weekend before Thanksgiving through March. Steady temperatures and an abundance of natural snow made the sport all the

more appealing to a record 20 percent more skiers than last year, when skier visits had been at a very high level.

Belleayre superintendent John Johnson reviewed snowfall data for the 1986-87 period, stating that 140 inches of natural snow fell on the mountain, supplemented by 100 inches of man-made snow. Snowmaking weighs heavily on the economics of operations at Belleayre as elsewhere in the world of ski centers in the Northeast, and with close to an equal amount of natural snowfall added to that made by snow guns, this past season much less manufactured snow was necessary than in previous years.

Catskill Mtn. News  
April 23, 1987

Lumen Searle, famed Catskills fly-tyer, woodcarver, and tale-spinner died October 20, 1989

The First National Bank of Downsville, which then operated

a branch at what is today (for a short while yet) Community Bank, donated \$13,000 worth of paint to 'brighten up' Main Street in Fleischmanns. This was reported in a September 1990 article in the Daily Star.

La Cabana opened in 1994.

Unseasonably warm weather, coupled with heavy rain, created a mammoth flood in upstate NY January 19 & 20, 1996. Fleischmanns was very hard-hit.

**ATTN: Corrected Date: JUNE 27 (not July 27)**

**FLEISCHMANN'S HIGH SCHOOL - WAGNER AVE.**

**50-YEAR REUNION JUNE 27, 1987**

Festivities will begin with registration at 6:00 P.M., followed by Millers Chicken Barbecue. W.K.R.B. will provide 50's and Country Music at 8:00 P.M. Reservations, with money (checks payable to) Nancy Ballard, accepted until June 18. For information contact: Tillie Fairbairn, Georgi Fairlie, or Nancy Ballard, Fleischmanns, N.Y. 12430.

**50-YEAR REUNION - JUNE 27, 1987**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
If married give maiden and married name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

\$14.00 Per Person x Number Attending = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

## Theater Work Party Sunday September 13, 1-3 pm

The Village has been slowly restoring the Maxbilt Theater on Main Street, a property listed on the State and National Historic Register. The façade has been improved, windows replaced, funds are being raised to repair the roof. Fleischmanns First volunteers have restored the vertical Maxbilt sign, cleaned out the storefronts, and created artwork in the windows.

This is your opportunity to see the historic interior in all its charm, and lend a hand in removing some accumulated rubble. Come join the work party.



### New on the Bookshelves at Skene Memorial Library

Library hours as follows:

Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday, 10am-2pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1-5pm

Saturday, 10am to 2pm

#### Fiction:

- Afterlife by Julia Alvarez
- The Man in the Red Coat by Julian Barnes
- The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian
- Everywhere You Don't Belong by Gabriel Bump
- Long Range by C. J. Box
- The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare
- The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich
- Camino Winds by John Grisham
- The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
- Writers and Lovers by Lily King
- If It Bleeds by Stephen King
- The Mirror and the Light by Hilary Mantel
- A Woman Is No Man by Etaf Rum
- The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John
- The Last Trial by Scott Turow
- The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate
- The End of October by Lawrence Wright

#### Nonfiction:

- Every Drop of Blood by Edward Achorn
- Death in Mud Lick by Eric Eyre
- How To Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
- Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker
- The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
- Too Much and Never Enough by Mary L. Trump
- Erosion: Essays of Undoing by Terry Tempest Williams
- The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben



## Congregation Bnai Israel Celebrates 100 years



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of construction of Congregation Bnai Israel in Fleischmanns. The congregation was founded in 1918 by a group of farmers and merchants from the Fleischmanns and Halcott area.

Members of the community raised funds to support the cost of building a sanctuary on Wagner Avenue and in 1920 ground was broken.

The construction firm of Crosby and Kelly which built Skene Memorial Library was hired for the project.

The synagogue which is unique with an exposed wooden beam ceiling is on the National Register of Historic Places. A plaque commemorating the place-

ment is visible in front of the building.

Congregation Bnai Israel is a Conservative /Egalitarian synagogue located at 347 Wagner Avenue

Shabbat services are held on Fridays at 7pm and Saturdays at 9:30am

All services are held both in person with social distancing precautions and via Zoom.

High Holiday services will also take place in the sanctuary as well as virtually.

For information about services and activities call (845) 254-9945

Instagram@bnaiisraelcatskills, on Facebook and web [bnai-israel-fleischmanns-ny.org](http://bnai-israel-fleischmanns-ny.org)



### Fleischmanns First Contracts with Skill Cats for Renovation of the Fleischmanns Pool Changing and Bathrooms

As work on the new Fleischmanns pool comes to an end, renovation of the pool bathrooms and changing rooms begins. Fleischmanns First with the approval of Village Trustees is overseeing and covering the cost of the renovation of the pool amenities. The New York State Dormitory Authority grant acquired by then Mayor Don Kearns covers the replacement of the Village pool but it does not allow for any other updates to the buildings on the lot.

A major gift from AB Mauri/ Fleischmanns Yeast in conjunction with Fleischmanns' Founders Day held in 2019, plus funds from FAB/The Great Catskill Mountain BBQ Fest 2016 and 2017, will largely cover the expense of the renovation. When completed there will be two bathrooms, two changing rooms and two outdoor showers. The footprint of



the building will remain the same but all the fixtures, doors and showers will be new. Fleischmanns First thanks Dan Weaver, architect, for the redesign and Francia Miles, architect, for helping to evaluate and analyze the costs. Skillcats Construction will begin shortly after Labor Day and is expected to be completed in three weeks.

A plaque commemorating AB Mauri's major gift and that of Fab/The Great Catskill Mountain BBQ donation will be erected before the summer season of 2021.

### Fleischmanns First Membership Donations

Every year at the Fleischmanns First Memorial Day Street Fair and the Cauliflower Festival we have been gratified by donations from supporters to renew their membership in our organization. However, this year as the events were cancelled due to Covid-19, we were unable to collect donations except those received from readers of the Flyer who responded to our call out in the last issue.

Most of our activities this year have been curtailed but our members and supporters have participated in the Flower Barrel planting effort, the cleanup of the Gazebo garden, producing the Fleischmanns Flyer and most importantly in managing the process and securing the funds for the renovation of the Fleischmanns pool amenities. We are looking forward to celebrating the reopening of the pool in spring 2021.



Please support Fleischmanns First with a minimum donation of \$10. Individuals making a donation of \$25 or more will receive a frameable print of the Gazebo watercolor by Polly Vos, the winner of the 2020 Fleischmanns poster contest.

Donations and contributions should be sent to Fleischmanns First, PO Box 111, Fleischmanns NY 12430 or by PayPal to Fleischmanns First. Please take into account that PayPal donations incur processing fees.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### Fleischmann's Events ~ Save the Date!

- Sept. 3rd** Thursday, Fleischmann's Planning Board Meeting, Middletown Town Hall, 5:30pm, open to the public
- Sept. 5th** Saturday, MAC vs Bovina Dairymen, Creamery Field, Bovina 11am
- Sept. 12th** Saturday, Fleischmann's First Monthly Meeting, Goatie White's, outside dining area, 9:30am
- Sept. 14th** Monday, Village Board Meeting, telephonically, 6pm
- Sept. 15th** Tuesday, Village Elections, Skene Memorial Library noon-9pm
- Sept. 17th** Thursday, Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing, telephonically 4pm

The Village Planning Board meets as needed, (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday), of each month at 5:30 pm, Skene Memorial Library. Check with the Village Clerk regarding meeting status & agenda.

Zoning Board Meeting, meets as needed, (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the Skene Memorial Library. Check with the Village Clerk regarding meeting status & agenda.

For Village Info, please contact the Village Clerk, Stacie Skelley, at 845.254.5514

To have your activity posted here, please contact the Fleischmann's Flyer.



If you have something you'd like to submit to be included in the Fleischmann's Flyer please write to:

fleischmannsfirst@gmail.com or  
PO Box 111, Fleischmanns, NY 12430

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