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## Feral cats remain a problem

Cost of removal could exceed \$9K

By Tony Basile  
Members and supporters of Quaintance House met with the Greenwich Board of Trustees again Monday evening, offering their assistance to help solve the village's feral cat problem. Cost estimates, increased from \$40 to \$90 per cat, however, caused the board to hesitate on adopting a solution. The board asked Quaintance House to provide them with an itemized breakdown of costs that would justify the \$90 figure.

The village has a feral cat population estimated to be between 50 and 100 animals, and due to the availability of food, female cats have been having litters of as many as eight kittens several times per year. Part of the problem in counting the animals results from the large numbers of domestic pets that are believed to be running with the feral cats from time to time.

Because Quaintance House is not a sanctioned SPCA organization under the New York Agriculture and Markets Law, they must operate as an agent of the SPCA of Upstate New York under an agreement with that shelter. The SPCA will not permit an agency arrangement unless Quaintance House agrees to adopt all animals they capture. Quaintance House does not have the facilities to handle more than about 30 cats at a time and does not want to take responsibility for any cats released back into the wild after they are neutered and given necessary inoculations according to law.

The Ag & Markets law permits the destruction of stray animals after a five day holding period, but the SPCA of Upstate New York purports to be a "no kill" shelter and will not agree to the destruction of captured animals. The SPCA, however, will not become involved in the capture program directly because that facility does not have room to keep a large number of

cats that may never be adopted by members of the general public.

Quaintance House originally intended to return those cats they could not place in private homes to the village, based on the theory that a neutered and inoculated cat would not contribute to the cat population explosion and would be safe from disease for at least a year. The board, however, was not fond of that idea. While kittens are generally easy to find homes for, adult cats are not. Feral cats, born and matured in the wild, can be difficult animals to deal with and may never become suitable house pets. These animals can be good barn cats, however, and homes for them could be found in the more rural areas of the town.

Mayor Chris McCormick told Quaintance House to work out an agreement with the SPCA and then return to the board with a justification for the increase in costs for the project. It is believed that even the elimination of 30 cats would be a step in the right direction and perhaps more could be captured if the adoption program was successful. The \$90 figure, however, was not agreed upon, since the cost to the village could ultimately become excessive. Owners of domestic cats captured in the effort would, of course, be responsible for paying the charge if they wished to get their pets back, but with free kittens available every where, many owners may not be willing to pay the redemption fee.

According to Quaintance House representatives, other villages in the area have solved this problem successfully, and Mayor McCormick was urged to contact those villages for information on how it was accomplished. In the meantime, while conflicts between the State Ag & Markets law, SPCA bylaws, Quaintance House's space limitations and village finances are worked out, dozens of kittens will be added to the Greenwich feral cat community.

## Council honors top sellers in annual cookie sales



The Adirondack Girl Scout Council honored the top cookie sellers from the council service area on Sunday, May 21.

Twenty-eight girls from Brownie, Junior Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops were recognized by the council for the number of boxes they sold. Also, recognized were Grace and Hannah Segrave of Gansevoort, Saratoga Springs Brownie Troop # 119 and Cadette Troop #242 received recognition for having sold the highest

combined sales by sisters. They sold 375 boxes.

From this immediate area, girls receiving recognition were: Kassandra Grant, Fort Edward-Argyle Brownie Troop #330 - 264 boxes; Courtney Rafus, Cambridge, Junior Troop #556 - 316 boxes; Jamie Carr of Schuylerville, Greenwich Cadette Troop #336 - 263 boxes; Patricia Russo, Salem, Brownie Troop #231 - 464 boxes; and Jasmine Danaher, Victory Mills, Schuylerville Brownie Troop #320 - 327 boxes.

## New members of Elks Lodge



Left to right are Dennis McDonald, Stanley Mattison Sr., Michael Bonhote, Glenda Tilley and Kimberly Walker were all accepted for membership in the Greenwich Elks Lodge. After the ritual of joining, the new members were treated to a buffet and social hour in the lounge at the lodge.

## Whipple City Festival starts on Friday

Events of celebration conclude on Sunday

Greenwich's annual Whipple City Festival will kick off with a parade, at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16, to be followed at 6 by the event's official opening ceremonies at Mowry Park. The festival's family carnival and games will take place in the area of the town building from 6 to 9:30 and music entertainment will be supplied in Mowry Park by Bob Warren and Friends during the evening hours. The family carnival and games will continue in the town building area on both Saturday (11 to 9:30) and Sunday (11 to 5).

### The parade

The parade, the third in the celebration's history, will form on lower Main Street, near Mill Hollow, at 5 p.m., step off at 5:30, and proceed up Main Street to the gazebo at Mowry Park and to Academy Street. The entire community has been invited to participate in the event with floats and marchers. Grand marshal for the procession this year is Dr. John Fitzgerald, who retired last year as Greenwich high school principal. Parade co-chairman Buddy Corey last week said that Fitzgerald was chosen to head the parade because "He has touched the lives of most of the people in Greenwich."

### Musical entertainment

Following the festival's opening ceremonies at Mowry Park at 6 p.m., local musician Bob Warren (and friends) will perform from the gazebo. He will be joined by bassist Tony Markellis and percussionist Sam Zucchini. Featured will be some selections from Bob's latest compact disc release, *Love Walked In*, and earlier albums: *Partners* and *Bob Warren & His Band Live at Cafe Lena*.

On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., entertainment at Mowry Park will be provided by Direct Drive with music from the 40's to the "Top 40." Meanwhile! at the Commons, five local youth bands will be performing. The Steel Pier Jazz Band will play at Mowry Park on Saturday from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

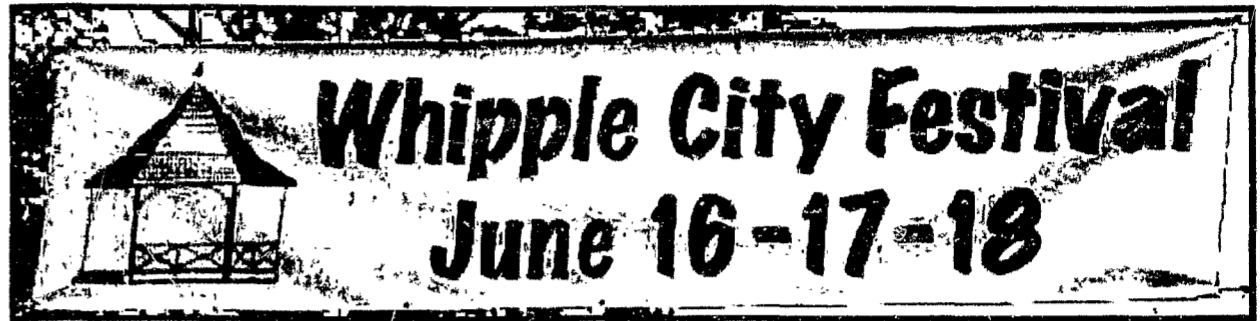
Sunday, the local band, Green, will play at Mowry Park from noon to 4 p.m.

### A new event for Saturday

The festival has added a new event this year, a 5-kilometer running (or walking) race. Participants will go out Gray Avenue and a portion of the North Road before returning to the village. T-shirts will be awarded to race's first 100 registered participants. Prizes will be awarded to overall and age-group winners.

### Other Saturday events

Other events on Saturday include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held at



## Whipple City Festival Schedule of events

### Friday - June 16

Third annual Whipple City parade — Main Street — 5:30 p.m.  
Opening ceremonies — Mowry Park — 6 p.m.  
Family Carnival and games — Town building area — from 6 to 9:30 p.m.  
Bob Warren & Friends — Mowry Park — until 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, June 17

Start of Road Race — Greenwich school — 9 a.m.  
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament — GCS — 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Ellsworth Farms Emus — Dorr Park — 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Dedication of new fire apparatus — IGA — 10 a.m. - noon.  
Beth Bidwell's nature demo — Dorr Park — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Family Carnival and games — Town building — 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Youth Music Festival — Town Commons — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
and Music with Direct Drive — Mowry Park — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
"Wet Down" ceremony - fire apparatus — Greenwich Elks Lodge — 1 p.m.  
Pony rides — Dorr Park — 1 to 6 p.m.  
Soap Box Derby - Youth (grades 1-8) — Church Street — 2 to 4 p.m.  
NYS Martial Arts Demo — Mowry Park — 4 to 4:30 p.m.  
NYS Trooper K-9 demo — Evergreen Bank — 4:30 to 5 p.m.  
Steel Pier Jazz Band — Mowry Park — 6 to 9:30 p.m.

### Sunday, June 18

Toukie the Clown — Mowry Park — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Ellsworth Farms Emus — Dorr Park — 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Family Carnival and games — Town Building — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Father's Day Essay winners — Mowry Park — 11:30 to noon  
Pedal Tractor Pull — Church Street — 11:30 to 12:30.  
Green Band — Mowry Park — 12 to 4 p.m.  
Children's Pony rides — Dorr Park — 1 to 3 p.m.  
Soap Box Derby - Adults — Church Street — 1 to 3 p.m.  
Nature Demonstration — Dorr Park — 1 to 4 p.m.  
Drawing for chamber prizes — Mowry Park — 4 p.m.  
Special events include encampments of Revolutionary War at Memorial Park and Civil War at Dorr Park; Rough & Ready Firehouse Museum on lower Main Street, book sale at the Greenwich Free Library, Early Childhood Association children's tent, Washington County Dairy Princess, exhibits, craft vendors, sidewalk sales and free horse and wagon rides.

## Young band will perform Friday

There will be a special treat at Whipple City Days this Friday evening during Bob Warren and Friends performance. A young band will perform during Bob's break at the Gazebo. The members of this band are Andrea Green - vocals, David Wright - bass, Joey Wilson - drums, and Kevin Warren - guitar and keyboards.

## Committee to tour Parry Street site

A Jail Construction Project Committee meeting is scheduled for today, Thursday, June 15, at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of County Office Building B in Fort Edward.

The committee will meet at Valmet Property, Parry Street to tour site, then there will be a Site Selection Screening Analysis - LA Group.

## Fair ride

Ride tickets for the Washington County Fair will be available from 4-H members. Advance sale ride tickets are good for all rides, all ages, all day and night, all through the week of the fair.

The fair has contracted with Amusements of America to provide the carnival for this year's fair.

The tickets will be available until Friday, August 18.

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## Washington trip this summer

The Wonders of Washington trip for 4-H teen members (15 years and older) will be a five night program in Washington, D.C.

The excursion will include the Smithsonian Institute, the Capitol, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and all the major monuments. A stop will be made at Gettysburg on the trip home.

Participants will stay at the National 4-H Center which provides a safe, positive environment for all.

Only a limited number of teens can attend and it will be on a first come, first serve basis. The trip will be by bus with Saratoga County members.

Anyone interested should contact Dave Shippee or Chryls Nestle at the County Extension office in Hudson Falls as soon as possible. A deposit must be made by June 28. The teen council will pay about 43 percent of the cost. If finances are a problem, let Dave or Chryls know.

## Pre-kindergarten hearing at school

A hearing will be held in the Primary Grade conference room at Greenwich Central School on Monday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m., concerning the New York State Universal Kindergarten Program.

The Greenwich Central School Pre-kindergarten Policy Advisory Board will present their recommendations.

The hearing is open to the public. Parents, school personnel, child care providers, and members of the community are welcome.

## Official visit of Grand High Priest

Federal Chapter No. 10 of the Royal Arch Masons will be visited by the Grand High Priest, State of New York on Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cambridge Masonic Temple. This is the Grand High Priest's official visit. The Grand High Priest of the State of Vermont will be present also.

The two will present an apron and warrant to a companion of Federal Chapter who will be the New Grand Representative from Vermont to the State of New York.

The convocation will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. All companions and their ladies are invited to attend the presentation and dinner. Bring a dish of food to share.

The convocation is open to all who wish to attend the presentation.

## Required course in tractor safety

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County is offering a 4-H Tractor Safety Course for youth ages 14 and 15. It is required by law that any youth working on a job that requires tractor use (other than that of a home farm or business) must have completed a Tractor Certification Course.

A course will be offered at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 29, and Friday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions must be attended for certification. Bring a bag lunch or money for lunch for both days. To register or for more information, contact David Shippee at the Extension Office in Hudson Falls.

## On the Library lawn

Lemonade and cookies will be available at the Greenwich Free Library on Sunday, June 18, from noon until 4 p.m., when Cliff Oliver Mealy will be present to visit with people about Greenwich's past and present.

Anyone with such stories are urged to stop by and share them with Cliff. Veterans are asked to join him and share their stories.

Bring along old photographs to show him.

## 4-H Fair Workshop

The 4-H Fair Workshop and picnic will be held at the Washington County Fair Grounds on Thursday, July 6. At 6 p.m. there will be a potluck supper. Workshops will begin at 7 p.m. It is for all 4-H families, leaders and members.

The workshops will center on the who's, what's, why's and how's of entering exhibits, the 4-H food booth, photography exhibits and general youth building information.

Bring a dish to pass. Place settings, beverages and dessert will be supplied.

## WEATHER

During the last week, we were blessed with three days of sun and clouds and one real sunny day. What did the others have to offer? Rain and drizzle of course.

Temperatures and conditions for the past week follow:

Date	Conditions	High	Low
		June	
7	Mostly sunny	62	45
8	Mostly sunny	72	58
9	Showers, cloudy	74	62
10	Sunny	86	55
11	Sun and clouds	89	54
12	Drizzle, cool	62	52
13	Rain	65	55