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TODAY! Saturday June 28

The Moriah Chamber of Commerce is holding an Opening for the first of several photo exhibits celebrating the Town of Moriah's history. MORIAH'S MINING HISTORY AND HAMLETS vividly illustrates our Mining Heritage. Visit your Chamber of Commerce office (opposite Lee House) from **5 to 8 pm,** today, meet our local historians, share memories, learn about our past and enjoy this part of Moriah's history through the many amazing photographs on display. Refreshments will be served

A VISIT TO OUR NEWEST BUSINESS

The Fact Finder visited our newest business ***Made in the Mountains Craft Gallery*** twice recently during their permanent hours, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12 – 5 pm. I still feel that I have not seen all they have to offer, it is so filled with unique and beautiful merchandise and yet it is so well displayed there is no feeling of crowdedness. There are colorful, hand-painted furniture, crocheted hats - even a crocheted can holder for cold beer or soda, paintings, hand-made ceramic buttons, hand-crafted jewelry, quilted hangings and other items, Also, there is a wide range of prices, something to fit many different pocket books. All visitors are extremely welcome, the merely curious as well as potential buyers. Beware, you merely curious, often you may not be able to resist becoming buyers.

GREEN

The word "green" covers a lot of verbal ground, "the wearing of the green," green grass, trees, frogs (particularly Kermit) etc., turning 'green' with envy, a golf 'green' and on and on, but it gains a special status when a building is designated as "green." It has been built with as much consideration for the environment as possible. The very infrastructure is built by machines using bio-diesel fuel from soy and the project is paperless, all is done electronically. Everything is done to minimize the effects on the environment. Any item which can be bought locally or within a small radius of the building is used rather than buying overseas or hundreds of miles away. This cuts down on distance of transport which cuts down on vehicle emissions in the delivery of materials.

The above information is interesting, but what does it have to do with Port Henry? Manfred Construction, Inc. has its home office in Port Henry, right next door to our Moriah Chamber of Commerce office. But, before Manfred Construction, Inc. became the reality it is today, Melissa, Charles, Mark and many of its present crew spent four years building the infrastructure and contracting for the Destiny USA Mall in Syracuse, NY which is a totally "green" mall, in fact, it is certified as

environmentally "Gold", the second highest rating by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Of course, I asked why it was rated second and not first. Platinum is the highest rating, very hard to come by, and basically the differentiation is whether the most expensive components or the second most expensive have been used, rather like are you wearing a platinum watch or a gold watch, both are excellent.

The Manfred's, Charles and Melissa, who incidentally met on the Destiny USA Mall job, work on projects together along with Charles' brother Mark who is a licensed surveyor. Melissa is a LEED accredited professional with the US Green Building Council, which helps builders to certify their buildings as "green." Charles came to Port Henry as a small child and was raised here, graduating from Moriah Central. Charles has been in the construction business for 25 years, learning the business "hands-on" and, as the saying goes, "from the ground up." He worked with Kubricky in Glens Falls for eleven years and then with A.P. Reale in Ti, again for the magic number of eleven years. It was now time to work for himself. He formed Manfred Construction, Inc. concentrating mostly on general contracting in Central and Upstate New York. At the moment Manfred Construction is doing site work at the Fort Drum Military Base.

PORT HENRY BOY INJURED

Fifteen year old Ryan Gunning, a Port Henry boy, was severally injured while on a camping trip with friends. Fact Finder does not have the details of the accident but knows he will be requiring numerous surgeries and procedures and must make trips to Boston. The Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus is holding a benefit B-Q Friday, July 18th, from 5 to 9 pm. There will be a DJ, Penelope the Clown, a basket raffle, games and various other activities. If you would like to donate a basket bring it in at 1pm on Friday the 18th.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR –Ernie Guerin

The best possible news! The Village will definitely be receiving a check in the next week or so for $385,000 for the beach damage caused by Irene and in four to six months we will receive the remaining money for the campground damage.

Through the generosity of our Town Supervisor Tom Scozzafava donating his time, the power is on in the Oval and the fountain will be up and running soon. The Info Booth is wired and waiting for power. Soon we will have lights in the Park and Christmas won't be dark. This took so long because we were at the mercy of National Grid. As much as I wanted it done quicker, it seemed the longer it took.

Tom told me where to get FREE "NO SMOKING" signs for the up-street parks, but it seems these signs will be mostly for visiting smokers as everyone has been taking very good care of our Park. Thank you!

. Mountain Lakes is to be thanked for putting flowers on the bridges and watering them for me.

The Village is working on a parking plan that will be most convenient and easy to use. This should be very helpful, particularly in the winter.

For those people affected by the Elizabeth Street project, you will be glad to know that it IS on schedule!

Finally, FYI. The Village IS a part of the Town of Moriah and just because Tom and I do not go to the other's board meetings, doesn't mean that we don't talk about everything and anything we can do to improve our community. I count Tom a personal friend I like working with and think he feels the same.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR – Tom Scozzafava

Last week the Town Board held our first "Open Community Meeting" at the Moriah Firehouse. I am pleased to report that this meeting was well attended and also very informative for myself and the Town Board.
Many issues that concern our constituents were brought to our attention, and in a very constructive manner.
We discussed a variety of concerns, from sidewalks to Police to the condition of our community regarding aesthetics.

The overall topic that generated the most discussion was the overall appearance of the Town in general, and that the Town Board needs to do more to enforce the property codes. The Board has decided that we will hold another meeting to discuss this one issue, and also have started a campaign to try and encourage people to clean up their property. We will work with anyone that asks, and try to provide as much assistance as we legally can in this effort.

The community meeting concept was a success, and I am sure that we will be having more in the future.

JUST FOR FUN

Trick your body – 1. Have a friend sit in a chair and cross arms across chest, then put your finger on his forehead and have him try to get up, can't do it. 2. Stand in a doorway place hands with palms inward and press against frame, after 30 seconds step out and arms will automatically rise. 3. Sit in back of a friend, close eyes, place one of your fingers on your nose and one on your friends nose, rub both for 60 awkward seconds, your nose now will feel like their nose, yours being three feet long. 4. Sit and rotate your foot clockwise while, in the air, drawing a 6" circle, your foot will automatically change directions.

Yes, this issue **is** short but when you have said what you wish to say, say no more. Find Fact Finder's next issue on July 12th at Mac's, Pharmacy, Laundromat, PH Service Ctr., George's, Library, Diner, and TFCU.