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Gardiner Grieves the Loss of Gable Erenzo

by Misha Fredericks



Photo: William Grant and Sons

Gardiner tragically lost a beacon of its community on April 26, 2021. Gable “Gabe” Erenzo passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 41 in his sleep. The shock of his loss reverberated throughout our small town, around the US, and throughout Europe. His father Ralph was taken aback by the sheer volume of correspondence he has received after his beloved son’s death. People in the US and abroad related tales and fond memories of Gabe’s friendliness, kindness, generosity, and innovative spirit which uplifted many lives. He was instrumental in developing Tuthilltown Distillery and the Hudson Whiskey Brand. For three years, he travelled widely around the US promoting these brands under the employment of William Grant and Sons. In his very first year, the industry awarded him National Brand Ambassador of the Year—an award usually only given to seasoned ambassadors. Tom Fischer, a Kentucky bourbon expert and founder

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Tillson Lake: Then and Now

by L.A. McMahon

You really can’t travel around Gardiner, or the surrounding towns for that matter, without seeing “Save Tillson Lake” signs on people’s lawns. Have you ever wondered why Tillson Lake needs saving? For those unfamiliar with the lake and its history, here is a timeline: In 1922 Hasbrouck (Hassie) A. Tillson, a farm real estate agent and cattle dealer in Walden, amassed considerable acreage below the Shawangunk Ridge. In 1929, Hassie decided to create a lake by damming his very wet property, which was bisected by the Palmaghatt Kill. He created the beautiful Tillson Lake area, with a golf course, a roller-skating rink,

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Our Town During COVID

by Marybeth Majestic

On March 16, 2020 Town Hall was closed to the public due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We were one of the first towns in Ulster County to limit public access because we felt strongly about protecting our employees who work in an open floor plan. Even though the doors were locked to the public, we were "open for business." Some departments continued to come into town hall on a limited schedule and others worked remotely. While working we also assisted with food deliveries to many in Gardiner through the County's Project Resilience program and had a plethora of volunteers to assist us. Where are we now?

Since the pandemic, several changes have been made at town hall. Tempered glass and hand sanitizers are now at our counters and a doorbell was installed for visitors to ring in to minimize contact time with staff. There is a sign-in sheet to document contact tracing if one must enter the building. A drop box allows for contact-less document submissions such as: real estate taxes, building department and planning board applications, as well as payment and immunization records for our summer recreation program.

Town Board meetings remained on schedule and were held by Zoom. As a result, we are currently working on having the meeting room outfitted to accommodate in-person board meetings which will enable remote attendance by the public post COVID. In my opinion, boards seem to discuss and deliberate differently when meeting remotely so I feel it is important to have board members meet in person to be most effective. The Town Hall staff is currently fully vaccinated and we hope to open our doors to the public soon. They may even be open by the time this issue of the Gardiner Gazette goes to press.

With everyone wanting to escape to the outdoors, and our proximity to NYC, we witnessed increased tourism in our town because of COVID. At the same time, the State Park reduced attendance and less parking was available. Route 44/55 on the mountain became hazardous to travel with cars parked on both sides of the road and folks walking on state highways. Working with our neighboring Town of Rochester, we have alerted the Ulster County Transportation Council of the issue and requested a study be done addressing this hazard in the future, which they have agreed to do.

As the weather improves and vaccination rates increase, we believe we must continue to follow CDC guidance. Social distancing, use of masks, and hand sanitizers have proved effective for COVID. These simple protections will help us keep each other safe in the future for any contagious illnesses. Perhaps we can consider this a cultural kindness amongst our residents and towards

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our guests. Not having a local police department and our State Police serving a sub-region greater than just Gardiner, cultural kindness can and will help fill this void.

On the town website there is a "Gardiner's Greetings" tab, where newcomers and visitors are introduced to topics such as: safe use of our local roads, caring for our environment, and quietly enjoying our vistas, night skies and more.

My gratitude goes out to our residents, our greatest

assets, for helping to keep our community safe throughout COVID, for respecting pandemic protocols, and for the amazing volunteerism we currently enjoy. Residents, please watch your mailboxes for information on how you can participate with the town board's current focus of updating our Comprehensive Plan, the plan for Gardiner's future. Once again, please visit our website at www.townofgardiner.org. You'll be pleasantly surprised. Have a safe and happy summer! □



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The Gardiner Gazette Goes on

by Misha Fredericks & L.A. McMahon



We all love movies where the story revolves around the "Big Game", the "Big Race" or the "Big Save", where against all odds the good guys prevail, don't we? When the hero falls down in the middle of the race and then

valiantly gets up to win anyway, we cheer in our hearts, don't we? And who would have thought anyone would cheer at seeing Frankenstein's monster re-animated? But when, upon seeing the monster move, Dr Frankenstein yells out, "IT's ALIVE!!!" we're thrilled for him, aren't we? Well, we are experiencing just such a moment: No one would have bet on the Gardiner Gazette surviving after losing its founder and managing editor, Carol O'Biso. We made a plea in our last issue for help and trusted the Universe would provide, and we are happy to announce that in the nick of time, new blood has been pumped into the editorial committee of the Gardiner Gazette, and we are, in fact ALIVE! Skilled, highly motivated and community-minded volunteers came forward. We are so excited to be able to continue Carol's legacy and creation. In the first 48 issues of Gardiner Gazette she developed a community-supportive newspaper with content that unified and represented us; it has been to our mind, the very heart of our fair town. We welcome like-minded individuals to join us in our endeavor to not only keep the Gardiner Gazette alive but to help it thrive by volunteering to assist us in this new chapter. For more information, contact gardinergazetteny@gmail.com. □

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Community Choice Aggregation

by Jeff Domanski



Gardiner is one of four towns exploring the Hudson Valley Community Power partnership-program as a way to provide low-cost access to 100% renewable electricity from New York to the members of their communities.

The town of Gardiner is exploring joining the Hudson Valley Community Power program to bring easy, clean electricity buying options to community members.

The program is one of a number of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs in New York, which were authorized by the State in 2016. CCA empowers participating municipalities to come together to negotiate for electricity supply on behalf of residences, businesses, religious groups and community organizations within their borders to obtain better prices and access to clean energy.

Gardiner chose Westchester-based Joule Community to guide this exploration. Should Gardiner decide to proceed with joining the CCA, Joule would serve as the Program Administrator, and Joule's non-profit partner, Hudson Valley Energy, will be the in-community program manager.

The program offers the following benefits:

Cost savings from a guaranteed fixed electricity supply rate

100% clean energy from New York-based hydropower, wind or solar

Consumer protection with no contracts, hidden fees or

penalties

Ongoing support and education opportunities provided by the CCA Administration team

The selected supply option would become the new "default" choice for community members for whom Central Hudson is currently choosing electricity supply sources each month. Under this program, Central Hudson would continue to deliver electricity, send bills, and maintain electric service lines for its consumers.

Kim Mayer, Gardiner resident and member of the town's Climate Smart task force supports the CCA effort. "Joining a CCA is a bold move that would significantly reduce our town's carbon emissions and help to combat climate change. The rates are negotiated to be competitive with those offered by major utility companies like Central Hudson. For these reasons, it is smart to be considering this program that has potential environmental and economic benefits for our community."

Although this program automatically enrolls everyone, if one does not want to participate, one can easily opt out. If Gardiner joins a CCA, everyone will receive a letter from their town supervisor describing the benefits mentioned above, naming the company chosen to supply the electricity, and explaining how to opt out if one does not want to participate. One month later, all who did not opt out of the program will receive a letter from Central Hudson confirming that their electricity supply would now be supplied by the company chosen by Hudson Valley Community Power.

The program offers numerous opportunities to learn more and ask questions, including: webinars, public events, and presentations at community and private group meetings. The COVID-19 pandemic is still

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The State of Land Conservation

by Kay Hoiby, Member of the Gardiner Open Space Commission



Hess Farm
Photo: Jaynie Marie Aristeo

It's hard to disagree that one of Gardiner's greatest assets is its idyllic setting. It has many farms and open spaces which support our region's recreation and tourism as well as wildlife conservation and agricultural resources. Gardiner's farms also provide a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products for local and regional consumption.

Did you know that approximately 5,400 acres in Gardiner are protected, open space land? A variety of organizations are involved in preserving these lands, including: the Mohonk Preserve, Open Space Institute, Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Minnewaska State Park, and Awosting Reserve.

In 2005, the Town of Gardiner, along with several other neighboring communities, initiated a formal process to preserve open space within the community. At the time, numerous subdivisions were being reviewed by the Town's Planning Board creating an urgency to develop a land conservation program. Between 2005 and 2006, and working with a consulting firm, Behan Planning Associates, the Town worked to evaluate existing open space resources as well as to engage the community about their issues and concerns. The result was the Gardiner Open Space Plan, adopted by the Town in January 2007 and an Open Space Commission (OSC) was created to develop and manage the program. The Town Board then placed a bonding proposition on the November 2006 general election ballot to encourage local funding for the acquisition of open spaces and farmland. Most voters in the Town approved this proposition, authorizing the expenditure of \$1,500,000 for the acquisition of open spaces and farmland, including, among other things, development rights. However, the bond funds were never

tapped and the bond expired.

The OAC had two major successes in that they raised enough money through fundraising and grants to purchase the development rights of both the Kiernan Farm on Bruynswick Road and the Hess Farm on Sand Hill Road, thus permanently protecting a total of 215 acres of farmland. After these initial years of success however,

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Local Vaccine Center: Easy Access for Gardiner Residents

by Misha Fredericks



Photo: Misha Fredericks

Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Keep six feet apart. We have all been doing these for over a year now to keep ourselves and others safe. Last year we all lived with doubt and fears about this COVID pandemic and wondered if our lives would ever return to normal. There is now hope that all who want to be vaccinated can be, quickly and easily, thanks to the efforts of County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Department of Health. We have a vaccine center very close to Gardiner now at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on Libertyville Rd in New Paltz. Making an appointment to get a vaccine there is fairly simple. You can either go to the center which is offering walk-in vaccines or make an appointment online at am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov. Click on "Get Started". Once you fill in your zip code, it will show an option to make an appointment at the Ulster County Fairgrounds at 249 Libertyville Road. After your appointment has been scheduled, you are required to complete the NYS Vaccine Form at forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine. Ulster County will send you a CDMS Registration ticket with a bar code on it via email. This paper needs to be shown at your appointment along with a copy of the NYS Vaccine Form, an insurance card, and a photo ID.

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19th Annual Gardiner 5k Classic Run/Walk

by Donna M. Lyons

The 19th Annual Gardiner 5K Classic Run/Walk will be held on July 15, 2021. The proceeds will be used to make improvements to the Gardiner Fire House. The event will follow all CDC guidelines. Only the adult race will be held. (There will not be a BBQ or children run after the adult run.) The run is being dedicated to all our neighbors who lost their lives in the COVID pandemic. Once the race is over, everyone will be asked to leave the park. Winners will be notified by email and prizes will be mailed to the winners.

To support this event, please make checks payable to Gardiner Fire Department with "for 5K" in the Memo line and mail to P.O. Box 271, Gardiner, NY 12525. Donations need to be received by July 5th for business sponsorships (\$75 to have the business name printed on the back of the shirt). For more information on the event or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Donna Lyons at 255-5887. □



Be A Gardiner Library Advocate

by Nicole Lane, Library Director



Dewey Photo: Nicole Lane

What's a library advocate, you ask? The answer: anyone that connects with their public library and tells other people to get connected too! How do I become a library advocate? Not sure where to start? First step, visit the library to get a Gardiner Library card. In five minutes, you'll get access to over 2 million books, over 1.5 million eBooks, 300,000 movies and so much more. All for free! Second step, sign up for the library's weekly e-newsletter (done when you fill out a card registration form) to stay up-to-date on events, programs, resources and more. Third step, attend a program. Connect with staff. Give us feedback. Volunteer and tell everyone you know to get involved too. And if that isn't enough for you (volunteering can be once a year to once a week), join our new Advocacy Committee, tasked with developing a long-term service plan based on community input, developing ways to promote our library services and resources, expanding

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Pete Patel

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Gardiner's First Arbor Day

by Jen Bruntl

Trees add to the aesthetic quality of our lives and supply multiple benefits besides clean air and oxygen. Gardiner's first Arbor Day celebration was held on Saturday, April 24th at Majestic Park, and about 75 people attended. Kim Mayer, the organizer, led off the celebration with an acknowledgement of all the people involved in making this event a success and also shared that Climate Smart Gardiner had recently been awarded two different grants that will positively impact Gardiner's environment: A \$1,000 grant from the New York State Urban Forestry Council, which was used to plant five more trees in Majestic Park, and a grant from the DEC's Trees for Tribes program which supported the planting of 300 new trees along the biking and walking trails behind Steve's Lane. Kim then passed the microphone to her 9-year-old daughter, Ruby Mayer, who warmed up the crowd with tree-inspired jokes, and ended with "What is a tree's favorite pet? A tree-antula!" I heard her whisper to a friend who was waiting for her on the sideline, "I made up that one myself!" she said proudly. I think little Ruby may have a future in comedy or storytelling.

Franco Carucci spoke next about the history of Arbor Day and the importance of trees to our environment, and Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic read a proclamation for the town of Gardiner recognizing Arbor Day and thanking the many people who enthusiastically put it together, especially noting how involved the whole Mayer family had been in all steps of the event. She also introduced some younger members of the Gardiner community: Maggie Ziegler and Ennis Adler have volunteered to serve as "tree stewards," and Ashlyn Hilderbrand and Sean O'Sullivan each read a nature-inspired poem. Seeing our younger generation involved and speaking on behalf of our environment was particularly inspiring since it is these youngsters that will be the future caretakers of our Earth.

The ceremony was capped by Tim Hunter who played his guitar and sang two songs that he had written called, "Plant a Tree" and "I Pledge Allegiance to the Earth." One line of the song that Tim sang went, "Plant a tree, plant

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Jasmine's Encounter with a Warty Toad

by Lin Sisto

My old dog Jasmine spied a warty
brown toad.

Her nose touched his back-
that nose wet and cold!

It startled the toad and
he suddenly froze,
And next he struck a very
strange pose:

All four legs outstretched and
with nowhere to hide,
He thrust his head up
and his eyes opened wide!

Jasmine was puzzled...this was
no normal toad.

In just seconds he'd morphed
into freaky fight-mode!

Having seen many toads in her
lifetime before,
Jasmine thought 'Is this really
worth starting a war?'

So with one more quick sniff
and a turn of her paw
She sheepishly left without
settling the score.

As for toad, he stood still
In his fight-mode he stayed
'Til for lack of the dog
it did finally fade.

This menacing foe who
had seemed oh so bold,
Had once more become
just a warty brown toad.

Paris in Gardiner

by L.A. McMahon

A stroll down the Champs-Élysées, in Paris, France, is a sensory experience with delicious aromas wafting out the doors of brasseries/cafes on almost every block. These bring in fresh produce and other farm-fresh products every single day and menus, often created in collaboration with renowned chefs, change with the seasons and offer a selection of delicious homemade pastries, real French butter, and in spring, sheep's milk yogurt. Discover Gardiner's two—there may be many more--Paris-worthy food items that are not to be missed. First, order an almond croissant at Julian's Provisions, and close your eyes and breathe in through your nose as you bite into it. This is my

current favorite--buttery, flaky, light with sliced almonds and the barest soupcon of powdered sugar on top. As the flavor washes through your senses, think "PARIS!", because you've just been there. Afterwards, check out Willow Pond Sheep Farm's mild sheep milk yogurt made at their farmstead creamery with milk from their own, happy, fluffy pasture-raised ewes. You'll absolutely marvel at the silky texture and mild, slightly sweet flavor, which is delicious with berries, or use it in sauces and dressings. It's great because it does not overpower the other flavors but rather transports them in a marvelous way. Available in both 8 oz. and 16-oz jars, Fridays 4pm-7pm, until Fall! For more info: willowpondsheepfarm.com. □



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VACCINE—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

After registering online, I was given an appointment for my first shot of vaccine at the Ulster Fairgrounds on March 28th. I was pleasantly surprised at how well the site was set up and organized because I had heard of people standing in long lines for hours at other vaccine centers in New York State. When I parked my car in the big parking lot, I had an option to either take the shuttle or walk to the vaccine center. It was nice out, so I walked. At the entrance of the Vaccine Center, I was greeted by a man in Army fatigues who asked me to read some questions on a placard as he took my temperature. When I entered the Vaccine Center, I was checked in and led to a seat with two friendly healthcare volunteers, Sally and Jane. They administered the vaccine after asking a few brief questions and gave me a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card that showed that I had received the 1st Dose and also designated the date of my next appointment for the 2nd dose, three weeks later. I thanked Sally and Jane for their service, and they said they felt honored to serve the community during this difficult time and were glad they could help by vaccinating others. Sally put two stickers on me. One sticker said "I was vaccinated", and on the other was the time I should leave the site, which was 15 minutes after the time I was vaccinated; the NYS guidelines recommends that everyone vaccinated sit for 15 minutes just in case someone has an allergic reaction to the vaccine, even though such a reaction is an extremely low probability. Thankfully, I had no immediate reaction and left after the 15 minutes had passed.

The entire experience was easy and stress-free. In less than 10 minutes from the moment I had parked my car, I was vaccinated and in less than half an hour I was back in my car which is impressive since I can't get in and out

of Hannafords in that amount of time. Consequently, I would highly recommend others get vaccinated at the Ulster County Fairgrounds Vaccine Center. □

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a tree for you and me, Plant a tree, plant a tree so we can breathe", and the crowd joined in on the chorus for each. It was a lovely communal moment followed by a demonstration by Matt Elkin from Bloom's Nursery who gave practical information to the crowd on soil, best time of year for planting, depth, watering, etc. During the demo, a Magnolia tree was planted by Matt. The tree was donated by Holly Shader, a Gardiner resident, in honor of her partner John Wackman, the founder of Repair Cafe Hudson Valley, who recently passed away this winter.

To find out more about Climate Smart Gardiner and environment-related events and activities, contact Jason Mayer at jsmayer@hotmail.com. □

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preventing in-person meetings, but many live-virtual meetings by Zoom are scheduled. More information on the Program and a calendar of public education events be found on the Events page of the program website: HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com. Everyone is encouraged to contact the Program support team by email at info@HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com or by phone at 845-859-9099. Several members of the support team speak Spanish. □

CONSERVATION—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

the OAC's members' terms expired and were not refilled resulting in the Commission becoming defunct.

Then in 2018, land development pressure started increasing again throughout the region and the Town Board reestablished the OSC. Once again, the Town has made a commitment to addressing the need for open space preservation and to reinvigorating its comprehensive approach to it. One of the tools used for preserving open space is a conservation easement; a


voluntary, legal agreement that permanently limits the uses of land to protect its conservation values, sometimes in return for monetary compensation. The new OSC developed a Conservation Easement template to ensure consistency for all conservation easement proposals coming before the town. Its other efforts include identifying and mapping all existing preserved open space within the Town, working jointly with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Town's Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) to create a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) identifying and describing the naturally occurring resources located in Gardiner, and most recently proposing a new plan to the Town Board to solicit conservation easements to preserve additional land within the Town.

Starting in June 2021, the Gardiner OAC will kick off this new land conservation initiative with a series of community education and outreach workshops highlighting the importance of preserving land in our Town and explaining the tools for preserving land as well as identifying potential grants, financing and tax incentives to help pay for the costs. For more info: townofgardiner.org/open-space-commission. □

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visibility and connection in Gardiner, increasing the number of library cardholders and advocating for continued library funding at the state level (read about the "Build America's Libraries Act"). Over the past year we have adapted to many changes and you have supported and encouraged us every step of the way. The Gardiner Library is our library. The Gardiner Library should reflect our community's needs, and each of you has the power to help make that happen. We can't wait to see you! Learn more at gardinerlibrary.org or contact Nicole at nlane@rcls.org. □

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a pavilion, boats for hire, fishing, docks, diving platforms and wonderful grassy banks for picnicking, relaxing and watching swimming races and regattas. The lake shore had gazebos, badminton courts, food for sale and ample parking. People came from near and far to enjoy the pleasures to be had there.

Many locals have intense memories of the glory days of Tillson Lake. Hassie Tillson eventually sold the lake to Dominick Porco, who kept it as a treasured destination, but in the late 1970s, he sold it to a member of the Unanue family, the owners of Goya Foods, who proposed to surround the lake with trailers that would effectively cut it off to public use. His plan was rejected by the Town of Gardiner in 1982. In retaliation, Unanue drained the lake, creating a field of invasive plants with a skinny stream running through it. It remained that way for 12 years until

it was bought by John Bradley, owner of the 2,500-acre Awosting Reserve. Bradley proposed to build a gated community with 249 "starter castles," with the lake as part of the development. A grass-roots organization called "Save the Ridge" fought the project. Eventually, a judge decided to sell the property to Trust for Public Land and the Open Space Institute, and in 2006, Tillson Lake became part of the NY State Parks when it was



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turned over to Minnewaska State Park Preserve and to its managing agency, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC).

When I asked Morey Gottesman, President of Friends of Tillson Lake, about the reaction of local residents to the lake being taken over by the State, he said, "We were happy and thought they would maintain the dam, and everything would be great, not just for us, but for the many visitors that come to enjoy it in ever-increasing numbers. You know, Tillson Lake has the easiest access of any lake in Minnewaska State Park Preserve. It is also the only lake in which one can fish, and only one of two where free boating and kayaking, with a permit, are allowed. In April 2021, we held a successful permit event so that those wanting to obtain boat permits could do so easily, rather than line up at the Minnewaska visitor's desk." But why, I asked, is Tillson Lake still in danger of being drained? Morey answered, "The DEC (Dept. of Environmental Conservation) changed the standards for dams. Whereas before, dams had to be capable of withstanding a 100-

year flood event, but now because of climate change, the DEC upped the standard to 500-years. That means the dam needs upgrades and the spillway is considered to have damage and needs repair to meet the new, higher standard." He added wryly, "It's about the money, and has really always been about the money, but we have many allies at this point, including the PIPC who'd like to preserve the lake if they could." The good news, apparently, is that it will cost close to the same amount to disassemble the dam, \$3.5mil, as it would to upgrade it, \$3.7mil. That means there is a good chance that if enough people use the lake and make their desire to keep the lake alive and well are heard, when the State Legislature finds some money, it can be used to preserve, not destroy Tillson Lake. By joining the Friends of Tillson Lake facebook group, talking about the lake in social media, and contacting NYS legislators, all can take part in preserving Tillson Lake and benefit from all it provides. For info on upcoming sponsored summer events for boating, fishing, etc., go to facebook.com/savetillsonlake or savetillsonlake.org. □

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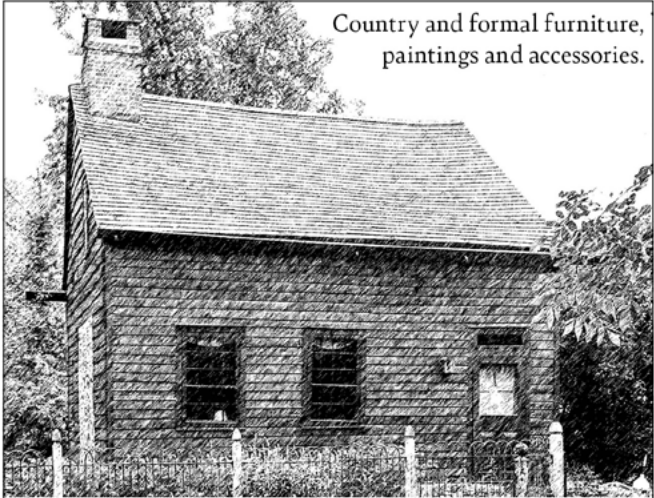
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of BourbonBlog.com, interviewed Gable on several occasions. These can be viewed on YouTube: "Ralph and Gable Erenzo Live on BourbonBlog.com", "Hudson Whiskey at Tales of the Cocktail 2014", and "Speakeasy Motors Whiskey Co. Celebrating National Bourbon Day Live". In 2015, Gable decided to leave William Grant and Son to pursue his entrepreneurial interests. He opened the Gardiner Liquid Mercantile and developed the first portable still in New York State. Gable's wife Cathy is keeping the business open. The community is encouraged to continue patronizing the Gardiner Liquid Mercantile. Please visit the website at gardinerliquidmercantile.com to view their menu, products and to place orders.

Over the years, Gable and his wife Cathy fostered 7 children. Four were sets of brothers and sisters. They were willing to take children at a moment's notice. "Gable and Cathy were exceptional parents. They adopted one of

the children they fostered: Jesse now aged 4, and they were fostering a toddler at the time of Gable's passing. His greatest joy was playing with and teaching the kids," Ralph fondly related. Gable's stepbrother Baret Upham created a GoFundMe fundraiser where one can donate money to help support the family Gable left behind.

The link is

gofundme.com/f/the-gable-erenzo-legacy-fund.

"He was a friend to everyone, my best friend and became a far better person than I could have hoped for," his father reminisced. "I was proud and grateful to have him in my life. We lost someone so important in our community." Gable Erenzo Memorial will be held on Saturday, June 26 from 4pm-7pm at Majestic Park. More info at fb.me/e/1rbJyaxl7. □

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