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GARRY BROWN Gazette Photographer  
James D'Agostino drives a pin into a new door frame as part of the restoration of the entryway of the 1750 Nellis Tavern.

What a great summer this has been for Nellis Tavern.

The first part of our legislative grant is now complete. The drainage ditch to divert water away from the north cellar wall is now in place. The section of that wall that was threatening to collapse was taken down and carefully rebuilt. The wall is now solid again. The slope in front of the Tavern has been graded to a more gentle slope.

Jim D'Agostino (see picture), a restoration artist, has rebuilt the south cellar entrance frame and is making the door for it, using the same methods and materials as the original. He used the blacksmith shop at Fort Klock to make hinges, latch, etc. It's a joy to watch Jim work.

The front of the Tavern has been painted with two coats of high quality oil-based paint donated by the Amsterdam Decorating Center. The trim and the east end are going to be painted too, but we need funds to do so. Can you help?

If enough of you could donate \$15 toward the cost of materials & paint, we could get this part of the restoration done this year. In return we'll list you in our "Book of Honor" of those who have helped restore the Tavern. (Those of you who donated to the roof fund when we re-

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Donations and/or dues should be sent to Melvin Smith, Treasurer, Palatine Settlement Society, Box 183, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

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