



SIXTOWN SNAPSHOTS

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10th Mountain Division Band - 2021 Labor Day Parade, Adams

MARCHING AND MERRIMENT: ANNUAL ADAMS FIRE LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Adams Comes Alive: 2021 Summer Concerts



The Grieco Sisters, accompanied by Chris Hyde-Hall, performed August 11 at the Adams Fire Department Pavilion. Summer concert photos continued on page 4...

- Members of the Adams Fire Department paraded down East Church Street, Adams, on Labor Day to initiate the final day of 2021 field days festivities.



Unsung Hero 2021



Phyllis Sauer was named the 2021 'Unsung Hero' during the 112th Adams Fire Dept. Labor Day event, Sept. 5.

Ms. Sauer was nominated for the title after touching the lives of South Jefferson students more than 47 years.

Photo by Kathy Taber-Montgomery

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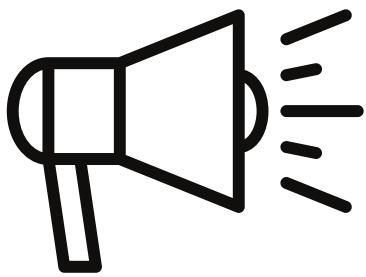
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Upcoming Events

Adams United Methodist Church

Services of Lament, Healing and Hope are scheduled for this Fall at Adams United Methodist Church 36 East Church St. Adams. We will gather together to acknowledge the uncertainty, the confusion, the grief, and the pain that have accompanied the pandemic. We gather together growing open to the healing that enables us to move into the future with hope and faithfulness. Services are scheduled for Sunday October 3, 4:00-5:30pm & Wednesday November 3, 6:30-8:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events include:

~ **Floral Design Class: Wednesday, September 15** from 6-8pm
(offered by Pastor Kevin - pre-registration required \$40 pp)

~ **Rummage Sale: Friday, October 29** 9-5 and Saturday, October 30 from 9am-noon. Social distancing required.

~ **Take-out Lasagna Dinner: Election Day ~ Tuesday, November 2**
4-6pm (or when it's all gone) \$12 per meal.

For more details, visit our website at adamsumc.com
or contact Pastor Kevin at pastor@adamsumc.com

Ellisburg United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 23 will be our **Annual Church Bazaar** from 9 - 3 at the church. Homemade and craft items, such as blankets, afgans, hats, mittens, scarves, home decorations, Christmas ornaments, glassware, jams, jellies, baked goods, and much more. A great time to shop for Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Masks must be worn if not vaccinated. Hand sanitizer is available.

Election Day Turkey Dinner is Tuesday, November 2. Last year because of Covid it was a drive through pickup dinner. This year will be the same and will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, roll, cranberry sauce, & dessert. Take outs will be ready to go by 4:30 PM.

Address: 4618 NY State Route 289. Ellisburg, NY

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church 17 Grove St. Adams, NY

Catholic church rummage sale is returning. Drop off-Monday,Tuesday Sept.27-28 9-4PM. SALE Thurs and Fri.9-4PM, Bag sale Sat.9-11AM..Please, only clean items!

Lorraine and Mannsville United Methodist Churches

Mannsville United Methodist Church

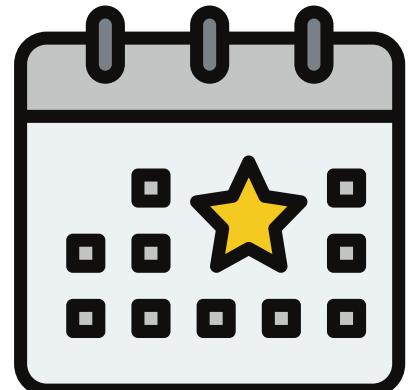
Annual Roast Beef Dinner
Thursday, September 30, 2021

Drive Thru Supper - 4:00pm
Cost - \$12.00 Come and get a great dinner!
Address - 203 Lorraine Street, Mannsville, NY

Lorraine United Methodist Church

Fall Turkey Dinner - Drive Thru
Thursday, October 7, 2021

Cost- \$12.00 Under 12 - \$6.00
Come and get this great dinner and enjoy!
Address: 20560 Route. 189, Lorraine, NY



Perspectives from Summer Camp

By Adelyne Jareo

It often feels like all I do is wait for summer. As the other nine months of the year compress into a blur of stress and commitments, summer is the one thing worth looking forward to. It's the land on the horizon, and it offers stress free days of reading, relaxing, and sleeping in. However, this summer looked a little different for me. Instead of the blissfully quiet summer I normally enjoy this year I decided to work at Beaver Camp as a TLT. TLT stands for "teen leadership trainee" and basically means that I was an assistant counselor. Now I've always worked but never in a way where I was gone for weeks in a place with no cell service surrounded by little kids! Instead of reading all day, or sleeping in I spent almost half of the summer slapping at bugs, begging kids to put on sunscreen, and singing a lot of camp songs... And I loved it! Working at Beaver Camp was one of the best things I've done. Despite the anxiety in the weeks leading up to working, and the stress that sometimes comes with taking care of kids it was incredible! I was away from my screen and fully connected with the people around me. There is a sort of power in being away from the world, some of which I hope to share with you today!

One of the things that makes Beaver Camp so great is the ability to disconnect from the outer world, and I definitely took advantage of that this summer! In today's world it's easy to tell kids to just get off their phones but the truth is that we all have a sense of obligation to be available at all times. Between text messages, emails, instagram posts, and snap chats it's easy to get lost in a sea of responding to stimuli. Being at camp provided the perfect excuse as I genuinely couldn't answer anything! It shocked me how little I missed out on. Everything I really wanted to see was still there when I came back from camp and no one needed me desperately. I also recognized how much I like not having technology. I felt more productive and less anxious, and I felt less obligated to constantly respond to people. This time away from technology also gave me freedom to examine how I interact with others, and I realized that oftentimes I don't feel like I am being authentic with other people. A new goal of mine is to share things more genuinely and to form more real connections. I don't think that I would have understood how much I need human connection if I hadn't taken time away from everyone and everything else.

Being away from a screen may have helped me realize that I needed more connection, but being around little kids made me realize that it's a universal experience. Everyone needs relationships where they feel loved and supported through everything, kids just have a more direct way of asking for it! I got to spend my summer taking care of kids in various age groups and I formed genuine connections with many of them. That's what is so awesome about Beaver Camp; the connections. Away from screens and the outside world you leave all expectations behind you. No one knows where you're coming from until you tell them, and this frees up a lot of kids to be the best version of themselves! I watched as each group of campers formed strong friendships with reckless love. Many kids' first instinct was to make friends with each other, and me. I received cards, and notes, and pictures from every group I was with and they all wanted to form some kind of bond! This need for attachments is one of the most real desires I have come across. Most of us want to feel needed and cared for but we are too scared to ask for it. Sometimes in our own worry about being wanted or needed we end up missing signals that others want the same friendship from us! If we could find the courage to be more honest in connections then we would have far more genuine conversations and connections. We all need these links with people, so that we can continue to exist in this crazy world.

Although I didn't get much of a chance to relax this summer, I did get a deeper understanding of myself and others around me! I met incredible people who are all so full of love and grace. I was fortunate enough to work in a beautiful area with the sweetest campers, and amazing support from the staff. Although I learned a lot from how to calm down campers with anxiety, to how to get little girls to brush their teeth my biggest takeaway is that we all need time by ourselves to reflect and grow, and we also need human connection. I am so thankful that I got to spend my summer at Beaver Camp! It was a truly amazing summer and I will cherish the memories for a long time. Or at least until next summer when I will give up my stress free vacation to do it all over again!

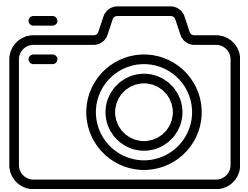
Scholarship Recipient Named



Blake Passino, the 2021 recipient of the Northern New York Community Foundation Anna Mae Searles Cooper Memorial Scholarship. Blake graduated in June from South Jefferson High School and attends Daemen College, Buffalo, where he studies physical therapy. He hopes to return to the North Country after his studies to work as a physical therapist. He is the son of Felicia and Paul Passino, Adams. Established in 2019 at the Community Foundation, Anna Mae Searles Cooper Scholarship honors the life and legacy of longtime South Jefferson Central teacher Anna Mae Searles Cooper. It is presented annually to a South Jefferson High School graduate who demonstrates exceptional motivation and potential. Blake recently met with scholarship founder and Pam Jerome and Anna Mae's longtime dear friend, Sandra Haight, who presented him with a \$1,000 scholarship award. Pictured, from left, Blake Passino, Sandra Haight, and Pamela Jerome.

Summer Concert Series 2021

Adams Revitalization



Ron and Nancy Onesong performed on July 21
at the Adams Fire Department Pavilion.



Double Barrel Blues Band performed July 28
at the Adams Fire Department Pavilion.



Oceans Below performed August 4 at the Adams Fire Department Pavilion.



Tug Hill Jazz Band performed on August 18 at the Sixtown Meeting Hall, Adams.

Program Coming to Adams

The Six-Town Community Fund was established to support projects and activities to enhance the quality of life for the Towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth. Since its inception, the fund has awarded 32 grants to non-profit organizations.

All of this is possible from the many donations to the fund from generous donors. One donor shared that the importance of the fund was "the concept of everybody working together to help as opposed to individual groups".
Gifts are made by persons who love the Six Town area.

Currently the Six-Town Community Fund is sponsoring a program in our Six Town area - *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World*. The program will encourage participants to investigate ways to get out of poverty and "get ahead". The Urban Mission will deliver the program to our area: Thursdays 1pm to 4 pm from September 30, 2021 thru Jan 27, 2022 at the Adams Fire Hall. -Barbara Greene

Sixtown Chamber Happenings

By Marlene Norfolk

Summer zoomed by. Yes, some events took place via Zoom due to conditions of the pandemic. However, the Chamber was fortunate to hold two Business After Hour events that gave our members a chance to meet and greet and catch up.

In July our After Hours event was sponsored by Tug Edge and More and Watertown Savings and was held at the new Tug Edge location on Route 11. Members were treated to great food provided by Spookhill, Great Lakes Cheese and cookies by Annabelle Hyde. It was our first event in over a year and participation was great. Our hosts shared their information about their businesses and members got their first opportunity in over a year to network and socialize.

After Hours in August was held at the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts grounds. This event was hosted by Global Link, Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, Fargo's Market, Safe Harbor Teas and Lead and Sugar. We were happy to introduce our two newest members - Global Link and Lead and Sugar. It was a fantastic evening under the tents in Henderson where we were provided information about our hosts.

We have one more After Hours event on September 23rd at South Jeff Wine and Liquor to be hosted by them and Northern Credit Union. We hope to see our members at South Jeff Wine and Liquor from 5:30pm to 7:00pm to wind up our 2021 After Hours events. Thank you to all who have hosted and our members for attending as we promote business and networking in our area.



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Chamber Newsletter

PO Box 167 Adams, NY 13605

Andrew and Lucy Fargo, owners of Fargo's Family Market, Henderson, share excitement about two new business locations during the August 19, 2021 Business After Hours.

Remembering Josh



Photo:
Sullivan and Priolo Families

Adams Country Club has a beautiful new addition to the course. In July a bench was dedicated in Joshua Sullivan's memory by his aunts and uncles.

Josh was a golf season pass holder for years, even celebrating a hole-in-one at ACC.

His presence will be missed by many, but his legacy lives on through his family and friends who love and miss him.

- Connie Elliott



Community Concerns

Dear Town of Henderson Voters,

It seems like everything is changing these days. Funding for community libraries is no different. Some of you may be aware of library funding issues that have recently been highlighted in local newspapers and featured on local news channels. In like manner, our community library is anticipating changes in our funding.

Currently, the Henderson Free Library receives funding from the Town of Henderson's general fund. The Board of Trustees for the Henderson Free Library has been in discussion with the Henderson Town Board. To ensure greater transparency for the voters of the Town of Henderson, it is felt that the library should seek to raise money through a line-item tax levy.

The money raised from this direct levy will be the same amount that we have received from the Town in the past. It will replace, not be in addition to the Town's previous contribution to the library's budget. The library will receive the same amount of funding. It will just be a direct payment, rather than a part of the Town of Henderson budget.

The Board of Trustees of the Henderson Free Library wants you to know that a very important vote is coming up on November 2, 2021. On the ballot, the library seeks to raise \$50,000 of the library's annual budget through this line-item tax levy. It will be listed as a Proposition. We ask that you recognize the library's vital contribution to our community – and get out and vote YES to ensure that adequate funding continues for the library.

Thank you,
Henderson Free Library Board of Trustees

Places of Worship

**Honeyville Baptist Church
Pastor Al Dowker**

Take a moment and think about all of the things that you have to do when you finish reading this article. Perhaps you're in the middle of something else right now. The busyness of today keeps us running as we plan more of the same for tomorrow, for next week, and so on. When we're not busy with work, be it at home or away, we're busy trying to have fun and when we're not busy having fun we're probably busy fixing something that broke when we were busy trying to have fun. Hopefully, intertwined within all of it is God, our family, our communities, you know, those areas where we find our purpose. In other words, you have a lot to do and a lot depends on you.

Imagine that you stop doing everything that you're doing right now and everything that you have planned to do. Impossible right? There are simply too many people depending on you and just too many things waiting to be done, by you. I thought the same thing.

October 27, 2020 started out like any other day. No, not really. In fact, looking back, there were details that I did differently that morning than I normally would. I can't really explain it but it was as if somehow I was preparing for something. I'm the pastor at Honeyville Baptist Church and that keeps my wife, Donna Jo and I pleasantly busy running in different directions, sometimes together. I had done chores that morning feeding the beef cattle that we're raising along with the other 20 things that needed to be done. Donna Jo had done her 21 things and headed for church while I finished up a couple of phone calls. We had a meeting scheduled at the church for 10:30 so I hurried along behind her as I wanted to get on the church roof and seal around the restroom vents before hand. The rest of the day was planned.

At about 10:15, having already scaled the more challenging set of roofs I put the ladder up to do the final one. I didn't call Donna Jo back out to hold the bottom of the ladder again because it was getting late, it wasn't that high and this was the easy one. I climbed the ladder, went to step off and the bottom kicked out from underneath me. I was only 10 or 12 feet from the ground when I realized that I no longer had control of my situation. I couldn't get my left leg out of the rungs of the ladder fast enough and it shattered my tibia and fibula in a very spectacular fashion as the doctors informed me. In the process both ankles were shattered and crushed and I ended up with a broken back. In that moment everything that I had planned to do came to a stop. But then something else started to happen. Area pastors gathering for the meeting, which went on without me by the way, began covering me with coats and no doubt praying. The deputy sheriff responding and South Jeff Rescue arrived and began taking care of me. Henderson Ambulance and Smithville Fire Dept went above and beyond to make sure we were taken care of afterwards. Churches began to pray and people prayed for us and helped in every way that we needed. It hasn't stopped yet. Since that day we have been surrounded, helped, and encouraged by a community that we love now even more than we already did. Others took care of things I thought I had to do while still others did things I didn't even know needed doing. Jesus took the pain when nothing else could touch it. The list is so extensive I know it would take another column to hold it. We are humbled and grateful to the extent that it cannot be put into words. Prayer has sustained us and continues to do so. The future is more uncertain now and we find ourselves in the midst of a difficult challenge. Actually that last sentence pretty much sums it up for all of us doesn't it? I'm finding that our faith is more important than ever and that God really can and does take care of things;ie. - you and me. The story continues to unfold each day for all of us, and in the midst of it is a loving God, providing for our needs and working miracles. I am so thankful that we live in a community where faith and hope are not just lofty ideals but instead are real attributes that are put into place and practiced daily.

There are many unknowns going forward but I am reminded that the best way to keep from worrying about my own problems is to be thankful for my blessings, allow God to handle it and then go and care for someone else, the way so many have done for me. In that way I believe we find some of our purpose. No matter what your situation is today you have a Heavenly Father that loves you and is invested in you. Even though it may not always seem that way, He has things under control. Check out Jeremiah 29:11. We are blessed to live in a community that cares for and supports one another. I know you're busy but before you get back to the next thing at hand why not take a moment and a breath and just be thankful... it's all going to be ok.



Bilkey Moore, Historical Association of South Jefferson, in the Six Town Meeting House where grant support from the Community Foundation and its Six Town Community Fund has helped to restore a series of antique stained-glass windows.

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