



SIXTOWN SNAPSHOTS

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Pictured here are Kate Banazek, Riley Wilson, Gracie Elliott and Thomas King.

CLASH OF THE READERS: ANNUAL ADAMS FREE LIBRARY EVENT RETURNS

We have released our books for the next Clash of the Readers Competition scheduled for November 20 at the Adams Fire Hall attached to the Adams Free Library. This will be our fourth competition for 7th-9th graders. Please do not be afraid of reading all the books and COVID-19 restrictions canceling - we will have competition in person or virtually. The winning team gets a \$50 Amazon gift card for EACH participant. So pair up with smart reading friends. We will have ice cream sundaes donated by Stewart's and also Pizza from Ramsey's.

There are six books. Be your own team and read all six. Teams can be up to 3 participants and you each can each read two books. Books are all available at the Adams Free Library. Please stop in or call the Adams Free Library to register and get the book list.

Also, the Adams Library Community Club is holding meetings every other Tuesday right after school at the South Jefferson Middle School in room 618. Any high school student wanting to participate in community service please feel free to join us.

The Club started with Clash of the Readers competition and expanded their role to help the community especially during COVID-19 shutdowns with book deliveries for at-risk patrons, Battle of the Books competition virtually (60 people logged on to the event), Harry Potter virtual trivia, online book club, Story Time online and a Rubik cube club. We helped the Adam's Library secure a \$2,000 grant from the NNY Philanthropy Foundation and hope to launch new youth and teen educational and STEM activities.

Calling all High School students to join our club.

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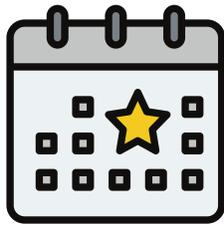
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Upcoming Events

YOU'RE INVITED!

FREE Drive-Thru Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 AT 3 PM

Chili , Cornbread, Dessert
TAKE OUT ONLY

FREE
(Six dinner max per vehicle)

Adams Village Baptist Church
24 East Church St. Adams NY

JOIN US FOR THE
SOUTH JEFFERSON
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Community Thanksgiving Service

A service of Praise,
Thanksgiving, and Song

2:00 PM | Sunday November 21, 2021

Adams United Methodist Church
32 East Church St, Adams NY

BREAST CANCER: SCREENING SAVES LIVES

Upstate University Hospital makes it easy to get your annual mammogram.

Our mobile mammography van will be in your area!

ON **Thursday, December 16, 2021** AT **South Jefferson Rescue Squad**
10 am - 3 pm 38 Main Street, Adams

WOMEN 40 YEARS AND OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO USE THE VAN IF:

- They have not had a mammogram in the past year
- They show no signs or symptoms of breast cancer

Sign up for a mammogram:
Pre-registration is required. Register now!

BY PHONE: 315-464-2582
ONLINE: www.upstate.edu/noexcuses

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You do not have to be an Upstate patient to get a mammogram. Your results will be sent to the health care provider of your choice.
We welcome insured and uninsured women.

This project is supported with funds from Health Research Inc. and the State of New York.

South Jefferson Rescue Squad Inc. presents

Brian C. Thomas Scholarship Run

November 28
8 am
38 Main Street, Adams NY

Candy Cane Run
1 mile
Pre-Register: \$10
Register after 11/2: \$15
no gift guarantee

Gingerbread Run
5K
Pre-Register: \$20
Register after 11/2: \$25
no gift guarantee

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL
SOUTHJEFFERSONRESCUE.ORG

PRIZE FOR UGLIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

BRIAN C. THOMAS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

February 6, 1970
July 29, 2017

Picture Perfect Placement

By Connie Elliott

At some point during the winter a couple of years ago, the 107 year old window at Belloff's got broken and a piece of plywood covered it. Not such a big deal when the bridge concrete barricades were still there after 14 years. But lo and behold Adams got new bridge railings and the plywood no longer fit... in this day and age a window like that is really hard to come by or pay for. So David looked into painting a mural and Brooke Morse a local artist was found.....so the finished product is three little boys Arron, Jace and Aiden fishing in the creek with their grandad looking on. Love love love it.



Shop Belloff's they have it all!

Adams Center Free Library Recognized

The North Central Zone (NCZ) of RENY(Retired Educators of NY) met for the first time since CoVid restrictions , on June 15th at the Ramada Inn in Watertown. The local organization meets as a group for a luncheon in June and September in a normal year. However, this group accomplishes a lot for our communities in between. During CoVid restrictions, President, Elwood "Woody" Lyndaker encouraged members to donate to the group's sponsored programs of their choice. With the generous donations of members, we were able to make an announcement of a special "Love Your Public Library Award" to six Public Libraries in Jefferson and Lewis Counties. The selection of winners was done randomly by drawing library names from tickets with each NCLS (North Country Library System) library in Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

One of our main missions is giving back to education through our communities. Our branch , the North Central Zone , comprises Jefferson and Lewis Counties . The NCZ membership does not hesitate to support our projects with their generous donations. At the June 15th meeting meeting, Patricia Dietrich, Chair of the 'Love Your Public Library 'award had a special drawing to select the six libraries to receive the award. We are happy to announce that the following libraries were selected for the \$100 award to use as they library feels it will be put to best use. The winners were Carthage Free Library, Adams Center Free Library, Cape Vincent, Orleans Library,(LaFargeville); Macsherry Library (Alexandria Bay) from Jefferson County and Turin Library from Lewis County.

Mrs. Patricia Dietrich, instrumental in starting the "Love Your Public Library Award" says the best part of the award for her is bringing a little surprise of unexpected funds to help the libraries and a chance for her to see all the wonderful public libraries in Jefferson and Lewis counties. There is so much being accomplished at each. Therefore, it is with excitement that she has been very busy delivering the checks and certificates personally to each library. A picture of each library director, receiving the check and certificate will be in local papers, as well.

Mrs. Dietrich visited Adams Center Free Library in Adams Center , NY 18267 NY 177 ,recently. During this visit, Mrs. Jaye Worden accepted the award for \$100 and a certificate. Her excitement led to a tour of the little, but very funtuional library. It was fun to visit their children's area with its beckoning for children to enjoy reading there and perhaps enjoy using their little stage area. She displayed the craftsmanship of the built-in libraries and mini stage done by local Amish men. There was a young lady present as an intern for the summer to help out. She will be a big help this summer. Sorry, I did not get her name, but we wish her well in this experience.

Mrs. Worden was excited for a future of possible expansion for future project. This would be a great addition to allow more space for children's events.



Annual Christmas Parade Planned

By Marlene Norfolk

The Six Town Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday December 11 at 2:00 p.m. This year's the theme is:

“Tie a Yellow Ribbon – Always Remember”

Applications to participate are now available on our website at sixtownchamber.org. You can also contact Connie Elliott at 315-767-2627.

Immediately following the parade Elliott Tree Service will be serving s'mores at the Adams Fire Department. A special thanks to Bill Mabe who will be doing the fire pit for us. Pictures with Santa will be in the pavilion. Also, the Meet Me at the Playground Committee will be giving free popcorn. Prizes for the parade will be announced at the pavilion immediately following the parade. We want to thank the Village of Adams DPW for decking the halls for the parade and holiday season.

This truly is the season of giving and remembering for all of us. The Chamber is grateful for all of the events members have hosted, sponsored or supported. We ask that the community supports all of our great businesses and services on Small Business Saturday, SHOP LOCAL on November 27. With problems with the supply chain, now is the time to shop our local merchants and purchase local goods for the holidays.

Join us as we promote Shop Local. Also, please join us on December 11 as we continue to show our gratitude and support to all those who so unselfishly serve us. Together we make a difference. Thank you to everyone. Happy Holidays.



Around the Community

To the voters of the Town of Henderson,

The Board of Trustees thanks you for your support in passing the Henderson Free Library

Proposition. Your vote of confidence ensures that the library will continue to carry out its mission of

promoting literacy and reading in all forms to every member of our community through the purchase of

print and non-print materials, as well as through the library's programming. Your "Yes" vote buoys

our commitment in achieving this goal, as we continue to serve our patrons.

With Sincere Gratitude,

The Henderson Free Library
Board of Trustees

**45th Annual
SENIOR DINNER
December 5th
315-767-2627
For details!**

From Facebook

 **Belleville Henderson Central School District**
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Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Soccer team on winning a Class D Sectional Title this evening. They defeated Cincinnati 4-3 to become the Section III Class D Champions.

Well done boys!

[#PantherStrong](#)



 **South Jefferson Rescue Squad, Inc.**
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Kaitlyn Mesler, community health worker from North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council presenting check to Debbie Singleton, Executive Director, for profit from a chicken bbq held on September 11, 2021 to benefit the Rescue Squad. Thanks to the Council for supporting the South Jeff Rescue Squad and making this generous donation.



Want to Submit a Story?
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ST. CECILIA'S & QUEEN OF HEAVEN
 THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE
 JOIN US ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT
 9AM AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN IN
 HENDERSON.

CHRISTMAS MASS

ST. CECILIA'S 17 GROVE STREET, ADAMS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
 CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm & 7pm
 QUEEN OF HEAVEN 8900 US RT 3, HENDERSON NY SATURDAY,
 DECEMBER 25
 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Mass @ 8:30am



Meet Me at the Playground

The Playground Committee, has been hard at work with strategic planning and reorganizing over the summer after taking a pause because of COVID. They will be offering a variety of upcoming events, not to be missed! The group is now in full swing and you can look forward to a holiday raffle of a brand new 2X 26" HP Cub Cadet snowblower, 2nd prize \$100, 3rd prize \$50. Tickets will be \$10 or 3 for \$25 and will be available at the Adams Municipal Village Offices during business hours as well as through playground committee members. The raffle will be drawn on December 20. An additional raffle of a full size completely furnished dollhouse will be running in December with details to be announced.

Keep an eye out for more playground events and fundraisers coming in the next weeks and month! Buy a Yellow Ribbon, (\$5 per ribbon) the holiday fundraiser, will be running in conjunction with this year's theme for the Christmas parade. Yellow ribbons will be sold to support the playground fundraising and can be used for a variety of Christmas decorating and honoring those who have served their communities. They will be available at local sites in the community as well as following the Christmas parade on December 11. Currently approximately \$34,500 has been raised through donations and fundraising. This extraordinary progress is due in part to many very generous donations from community organizations and individual members to help bring this community playground to fruition!

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information about the upcoming events please find us at Meet Me At The Playground Facebook page or contact Lory Cobb at 315-778-1233 or Kreg Davis 315-955-5859.

Places of Worship

November 2021 – Message from Pastor Nancy L. Russell

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3: 15-17)

Greetings of peace to all. November is here and the season of thanksgiving arrives. It is truly amazing how creation dawns color in this season, and what a beautiful autumn it is. Let us realize how blessed we are to be alive in God's world. For oh...so many reasons. Take time daily to name the reasons you have and share them with someone.

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.”

This quote by Melody Beattie, strikes me in this way. These words are an honest perception of what gratitude is and what this season means to me, and I pray for you as well. It flows right into the words of Colossians. Therefore, ponder the quote and scripture and reflect upon your experience of gratitude.

I've been reading a small book 'Feast' compiled by Ellyn Sanna. It is full of quotes, recipes, and short stories about gratitude and how food fulfills us, both physically and mentally. There is a chapter about Jesus, the bread of life. Let me share a bit about Christ who 'Is our feast.' Much of Jesus' ministry took place around a dinner table. He began his public life at the wedding feast at Cana; He had dinner with Levi; He fed the five thousand; He ate a Sabbath meal with the scribes and Pharisees; He went home for dinner with Zaccheus;

He was eating at a table when a woman washed His feet with her tears and her hair; and He celebrated supper with His disciples on His last night before his death. People were so used to sitting down at a meal with Him that after the Resurrection, the disciples on the road to Emmaus were able to recognize Him by the way He broke the bread. Friends, sometimes we fall into a habit of thinking of our Christian life in spiritual terms that lack any basis in concrete reality. We forget that Jesus Himself rooted the Kingdom of God firmly in the here and now, the ordinary things that we see and touch. He even went so far as to call himself "Bread." Therefore, if He lives in our hearts, then we will always have a feast to share with those around us.

So, let us feast with family, friends, neighbors and strangers. Let us share food and faith so that others can find God as we have. Remember, to tend the feast of celebration where all can find welcome and ease. A place where guests will find the light of Christ and the chair of welcome and gratitude. Amen.

All are welcome - Sunday Worship
Mannsville UMC - 9:30am / Lorraine UMC - 11:15am
Contact Information: Parsonage - 315-465-6385
Pastor Nancy Russell - Cell: 607-435-6091
Lorraine UM can be found on Facebook
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be at both churches.
Watch for flyers around the communities with times.



HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

My husband and I purchased our dream home in 2004. It sits on a picturesque street in Adams in a neighborhood known for having some of the oldest homes in the village. Our home was built in 1864 and retained much of its original charm. It did however require some updating but it had good bones as the saying goes. Little did we know what was asleep in those bones.

Flash forward to 2005 as my husband and I were completing a total remodel of our upstairs. In parallel we removed our decaying front porches and rebuilt them from the ground up. Now mind you neither of these projects were small. We lived in a construction zone for months and each day were sharing our home with contractors. It was as this construction was in its final phases that we began to notice what can only be described as odd occurrences.

It began one Saturday afternoon as my husband was watching a football game on the television when the window blinds behind him violently shook for no reason. The windows were closed and there was no draft that would have caused the blinds to move so strangely. Later that night as I lay in bed our very gentle and very passive labrador retriever suddenly jumped up from her bed, barked, growled, bared her teeth and began to chase something out of the bedroom. I could not see what she was chasing. Given this incident and that of earlier in the afternoon, my husband and I attributed the activity to a mouse and gave it no more thought.

Several weeks after the initial happenings, we began to notice strange yet comical behaviors in our dog. She was a lovely dog but knew no tricks. However, as if on cue, she would suddenly sit, shake and roll over. We simply assumed that her previous owners had trained her to do so. It became quite the family entertainment! In addition, at this same time, our electronic soap dispenser at the edge of the sink would occasionally begin to dispense soap even though no one was near the sink. Thinking that it was broke, I replaced it with a new dispenser only to discover that the new dispenser did the same thing but more often.

Furthermore, I would often smell cigarette smoke in the house although no one in our home smoked. It was all very odd.

On top of all this, I came home from work on a cold January day to discover that our pellet stove was running at full blast even though it was not plugged in! It is important to note that the pellet stove would not operate without electricity! It must have been 85 degrees in the house and there was our dog laying in front of the pellet stove wagging her tail and enjoying the heat. As soon as I spoke to her, the flame died out. To say that I was spooked was an understatement.

It was at this point that I knew that there was something very strange taking place in our house. I had seen enough scary movies and paranormal television shows to know that this type of activity was not just all a fluke. I mentioned this to my husband who thought I was crazy and that all the activity had logical explanations. Nevertheless, I knew that there was more going on than meets the eye.

So, in an attempt to understand what was happening and to much guffawing by my husband, I reached out to a psychic medium who was and is well known in upstate New York. For the purpose of this story, let's call her Carol. I know that Carol had assisted others in such matters so I thought what have I got to lose? As soon as I explained the peculiar activities and the fact that we were completing a major remodel she too agreed that there was more happening than mere coincidences.

So, being impatient and wanting answers right away, I pressed her to visit us as quickly as possible. She cleared her schedule and arrived the next afternoon. Not knowing what to expect when Carol arrived I was pleasantly surprised to find her quite normal. She was a school teacher and not at all like I had imagined. Had I seen her in the grocery store I would have never taken her for a medium. She explained that since birth she had been able to commune with spirits and after many years of denial now embraced her abilities.

As the session started she sat quietly on our couch and seemed to hear sounds and voices that I was not able to hear. After several minutes, Carol asked to walk through the house. During the walk Carol and I went to our basement. It was here that Carol really appeared to be communicating and responding to energies to which I was oblivious.

After sometime, Carol and I returned to the couch to talk about her discoveries. I was floored by what she shared. It seems that our home contained a "portal" in the basement that was being used by a number of now deceased individuals who had not yet passed on to "the other side." Interestingly, these individuals, let's call them spirits, were former residents of our neighborhood! They used this portal as an access point that allowed them to travel back to their former homes! To say that I was gob smacked was the understatement of the year. Carol was very clear in saying the spirits meant no harm. Passing through or not, I really wanted them gone.

Carol explained that the spirit that stayed with us the longest was a German immigrant named Fredrik who temporarily lived in the neighborhood in the 1860s and who was employed as a laborer on many of the homes in the area including mine. Carol further explained that Fredrik had spent many months working on our home during its build and now that we were once again in the middle of construction he had returned to see what was happening. In addition, he remained in our home because he had become very attached to our dog and it was he who had taught her the sit, share and roll trick! Carol also shared that Fredrick apologized for turning on the pellet stove on that cold January day but that our dog was cold and he was simply trying to warm her up!

In addition, Carol shared that we occasionally had a spirit who was simply traveling through named Duncan. Apparently Duncan had lived several doors down when alive and occasionally liked to return to his previous home to check up on things.

Carol advised that she needed to close our home's "portal", to assist the spirits in passing to the "other side" and to cleanse the home of all energies that may remain from Frederick and Duncan. Carol spent the remainder of the afternoon in our home in meditation, prayer and energy cleansing. It was an experience that I will never forget. The experience was actually very moving and very spiritual. I feel very blessed to have been able to be privy to such an event.

So, Flash Forward to 2021, we have had no more spooky occurrences in our house. Although I gave begun to notice that our cat is spending quite a bit of time staring at our basement door!

Happy Belated Halloween.

Karen Hongo

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