

Monthly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

As we head into December, we're excited to share two important community events. Santa will be visiting the Village on Sunday, December 7th!

He'll leave the Fire Hall at 1:00pm and make his way through the main streets on the firetruck. Santa will be handing out gifts and treats to all the children waiting along the route – (see following article). Listen for the firetruck to know when he's getting close!

ALIVE will also hold its bi-monthly meeting (every other month) on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00pm at the Library. This is a great chance to hear about ongoing projects, share ideas, and get involved in the work happening around the village. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there and keeping our community connected and strong.

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ALIVE President

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ALIVE Annual Meeting- Minutes

- The Old School has been sold!!!! It will be turned into 20 middle and upper end apartments as well as one commercial space. Construction should begin next year
- There will be a village sewer project starting this winter. It has taken a while to secure funding and prices continue to increase.
- There will be a water infrastructure project investigation occurring in the Spring.
- NY Forward small-business funding has closed. 2 projects submitted applications
- We are again accepting applications for Veteran's Banners. Stop in the Village Office or Library to get more information.



His route will be:
Franklin St,
Laura St,
Center St.,
Markham St,
Cheery St.,
High Falls Apts, and
upper McAlpine
lower McAlpine St.
stopping at the Library
in case he missed you!

Happening at the Library!



[Energy Jeopardy Game with North Country Clean Energy Hub](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 5:30PM - . Sign up at the desk ahead of time for a chance to compete for energy efficient prizes including an induction cooktop, LED lightbulbs, hats, water bottles and more

[Lego Club](#) Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 5pm for all kids and their caregivers.

[Holiday Crafts for Kids](#) drop-in from Dec. 9th - December 27th during regular hours.

[Open Mic Jam](#) Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 5-7PM - Open Mic Jam is open to everyone. Bring an instrument, a song, or come to sing along!



The Lyons Falls Bowling alley will be available for parties and open bowling starting November 15, 2025. Contact Nate Farr:
315-240-3642



SUMMARY FROM NEW AND IMPROVED FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Ok. Here is where we are. It is difficult to fill the day because everybody is so committed with the nation's birthday events. We spoke to several people in town and some suggested scaling back the Festival for 2026 and committing to the 2027 Festival now with the certainty of early bookings for vendors and entertainment and fireworks Perhaps that would be much more successful?

It is also difficult to have a big event on a Sunday night, as people have to get up to work the next day. We are still working diligently but are a little saddened that we feel the attendance will be really low.

We have not gone live with the web site as of yet or the FB page because there is not much to advertise yet, but it will be up on January 1 as we originally planned. The update is: Plans are still being formed and we will have a full update in January.

- Falls Festival Planning Committee



COMMUNITY CHOIR UPDATE

THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY CHORUS WILL PRESENT A CLASSY BRASSY CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 2PM AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN BOONVILLE. MUSIC FOR DOUBLE CHOIR AND DOUBLE BRASS QUARTET WILL BE FEATURED.



LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES: LITTLE FRIENDS VET SERVICES

Little Friends wants everyone to know that, with deep regret, they will be closing as of December 30, 2025.

“It has been our absolute pleasure to serve our community and care for your pets over the last decade. This has been an extremely difficult decision for me, however I have reached a point in life where a new path has opened up. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the many pets and people that I have met over the years in our community. It has been an absolute honor. I will cherish the memories of being able to care for the animals and families through Little Friends Veterinary Services.”- Liane Underwood

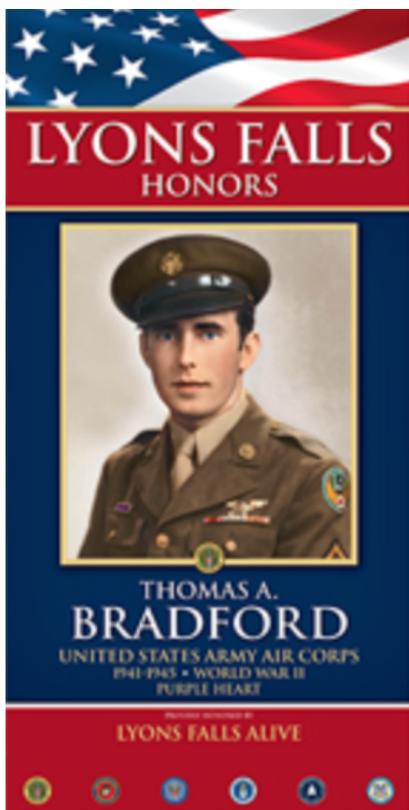
More information about medications and referrals can be found on their website: Littlefriendsvet.com.

A MESSAGE FROM VETERANS BANNER COMMITTEE

Will anyone who can, please meet Linda in the Community Room at the library on December 9 from 3-7 to clean the Veterans' Banners before storing for the winter. We can follow up on December 16 from 3-7, checking to be sure they are all completely dry and roll them all up. They will be stored in the original wrappers and boxes they were shipped in to use for storage. The company said to just wipe them off with a little soap and water but to be sure that they are completely dry before rolling them up to store.

Special thanks to Kevin Ward and the village crew that took the banners down and transported the banners to the library. We have six more banners all paid for with almost the entire month of December for more orders. The deadline for banner orders is December 30th.

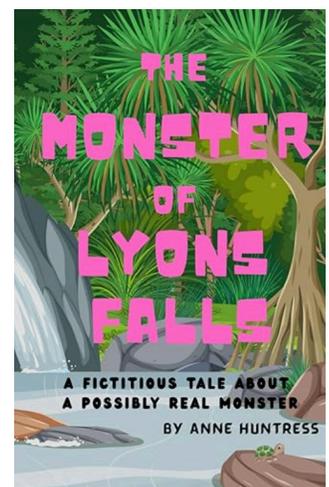
Thank you, Linda



LYONESSE HAS MADE HER NARRATIVE DEBUT!

Thanks to the numerous stories shared at Farmers' Markets and Social Media, "The Monster of Lyons Falls: a fictitious story about a possibly real monster" is now available on Amazon.com and at the Depot Market. I will also be at local Holiday Craft fairs, so please stop by, tell me new stories of sightings, and buy a copy as a gift!

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council.





Homeless Christmas Tree
 November 24th - December 31st

Please drop off Unused donation items at:

HUMAN SERVICES
 5274 Outer Stowe Street in Lowville
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Suggestions to support those in need:
 Shampoo & Conditioner - Deodorant - Brushes - Toilet Paper -
 Bath Towels/Wash Clothes - Soap - Snacks/Microwaveable
 Meals - Tide Pods & Dryer Sheets

Tops/Wal-Mart Gift Cards or Cash are
 accepted and we can do the shopping for
 you!

Help those in need within Lewis County

Sponsored by:
 Lewis County Youth Bureau



Deck The Falls
 Christmas Decorating Contest

For any home/business in
 Area Code 13368

Judging will be December 20
 (Snow Date of Dec 21)

sponsored by Lyons Falls ALIVE

**St. Martin & St. John's Altar Rosaries
 December Raffle 2025**

Tickets: \$10.00 each, Two for \$15.00, or Three for \$20.00
 All Proceeds Benefit the Altar Rosary Societies

For tickets, please contact Christine Chafty at (315) 766-6897 or Stacey McCall at (315) 348-5138.

Drawings begin December 1st
 31 Chances to Win!

- Prizes vary from \$25 to \$100 +
- Christmas Eve \$50 Lottery Tree
 - Cash Prizes Every Sunday
 - Local Businesses Gift Certificates
 - And Other Holiday Prizes



Port Leyden Community Library

 **Tree Lighting** 
Join us in the parking lot Dec. 7th, 4:30 pm. Caroling-Kids Crafts-Santa!

Holly jolly Christmas



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

PORT LEYDEN COMMUNITY (FIRE) HALL
3387 Douglas Street

FOOD VENDOR, RAFFLES,
BASKET AUCTION,
HANDMADE CRAFTS,
ORNAMENTS, CARDS,
UNIQUE GIFTS,
BAKED GOODS,
GRANDMA'S ATTIC
& MUCH MORE!

10 AM - 3 PM

Additionally, we are collecting non-perishable food, hygiene items, and pet food to donate to the Port Leyden Food Pantry for distribution. Please verify the dates, as we cannot accept items with expired dates. Any donations (1-3) will earn you a ticket per item to our \$100 Walmart Gift Card Raffle. (Four items or more will earn five tickets). Baby diapers of all sizes are needed, as well as kitty litter (will earn five tickets).

PORT LEYDEN BINGO: AT THE FIREHALL COMMUNITY HALL ON DEC. 12TH.

Friday December 12th, don't forget about Bingo! Doors open at 6pm and game starts at 7pm. Everyone at least 18 years of age is welcome! Snacks, refreshments and pull tabs are available! So come join us at the firehall for some fun! And as always, your support for our local volunteer fire department is greatly appreciated!



CATTLE HOOF HEALTH WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 16TH, 17TH, 18TH
10AM-3PM

THREE LOCATIONS:

DECEMBER 16TH: LEWIS COUNTY
LOCATION: JORDAN THOMAS', TURIN, NY

DECEMBER 17TH: ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
LOCATION: KELLY DAIRY LLC, RENSSELAER FALLS, NY

DECEMBER 18TH: JEFFERSON COUNTY
LOCATION: WINDSONG DAIRY LLC, RODMAN, NY

COST:
\$45, INCLUDES LUNCH AND MATERIALS

REGISTER HERE:



[HTTPS://SER.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/NYHOOFHEALTHWORKSHOPS_222](https://ser.cce.cornell.edu/nyhoofhealthworkshops_222)

TOPICS INCLUDE: HOOF HEALTH & ANATOMY, LAMENESS DETECTION & PREVENTION, BASIC HOOF FIRST AID & CARE, AND HANDS-ON PRACTICE TRIMMING

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If your organization is in need of high school student volunteers or would like to advertise an upcoming event during the school year, please feel free to reach out. I'm working to connect South Lewis students with opportunities to support and engage with our local community. You can contact me at ahuntress@southlewis.org with details about your needs or events—we'd love to hear from you!



St. John's and St. Martin's Catholic Churches will be hosting their Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 6th, 2025

This will be held at the Port Leyden Community (Fire) Hall, 3387 Douglas Street. 10am to 3pm

Food Vendor Raffles, Basket Auction, Handmade Crafts, Ornaments, Cards, Unique Gifts, Baked Goods, Grandma's Attic and much more!

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