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Monthly Newsletter

LYONS FALLS ALIVE

February 2026

WINTER HAS DEFINITELY HIT US!

Winter has certainly made itself at home in our village, with snowbanks piled high and cold days settling in. Even so, this season brings its own kind of warmth—neighbors helping neighbors, kids eagerly counting down to Winter Recess, and plenty of reasons to stay connected. As we bundle up and settle into February, we're reminded that community doesn't hibernate.

One great opportunity to come together is the upcoming ALIVE Meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 PM at the Library. Whether you're a longtime participant or just curious to learn more, we encourage you to stop by. And to our students and families—enjoy the start of Winter! We hope it's filled with rest, play, and maybe a little fun in the snow.

Anne Huntress
ALIVE President

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LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES:
LEVEL-UP FITNESS

What's Happening at Level Up Power Fitness?

February is a great time to bring the whole family to Level Up Power Fitness! Our family rate is $45 for a mother/father or husband/wife, with additional family members just $10 per person, up to four. If you have a fifth family member or more, they're free. Each member will need a key fob for gym access, which is a one-time $10 fee, and once you're in, you'll enjoy 24/7 access to the gym.

We're also excited to announce that cardio kickboxing and strength training classes will be launching in March at just $10 per class. And keep an eye out—kids fitness programs are coming soon!

Happening at the Library!

Lego Club will be held Wed. Feb. 18th from 5- 7PM, open to all children and their caregivers. Two crafts available all month while supplies last: Winter Scratch Art and Snowman Keychain Diamond Painting. Stop by during regular hours and ask for the supplies at the desk!. Open Mic Jam will be held Tues. Feb. 24 from 5-7PM and is open to all who bring tasteful content. Valentine's Day Story Time on Sat. Feb 14 at 10AM. We have 24 new Valentine themed stuffed animals to give out and will read a story

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

Important Announcement
Changes to This Year's July 4th Festival

Dear Residents of Lyons Falls and all neighboring communities.

We are writing to inform you of important updates regarding our annual July 4th Festival. This year our country is celebrating it's 250th Birthday with nationwide pomp and circumstance and celebrations coast to coast that have created a challenge for smaller towns to hold events. Past vendors and festival participants, for the most part, have decided to attend other events with larger audiences for economic and business reasons. Due to these circumstances, which are beyond our control, this year's celebration will be smaller in scale compared to previous years. While we understand that this news may come as a disappointment to many who look forward to this cherished tradition, please know that the decision was made with the best interests of our community in mind.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to providing a safe and enjoyable event. We encourage everyone to join us as we continue to honor our nation's independence with pride and unity. Further details about the revised schedule and activities will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to celebrating together as a community, even in a more modest fashion.

As the event comes together, these are the plans and commitments to date, and we believe that this smaller more intimate event will be a great success despite the challenges. We are already planning 2027 and 2028 festival plans with the future dates as follows. Friday, July 2, 2027, and Saturday, July 1st, 2028. The fireworks display provider is booked 20 years in advance, and these are the only available dates offered to us. So as not to lose the fireworks display, we have secured these dates. We will be working on these events to make them as wonderful as possible with more events and vendors appealing to the larger crowds.

There is no parade this year. No participants have come forward, and most larger communities have pulled past participants for the nation's celebration.
The festival committee will be preparing Riverside Park on Saturday, July 4th, for our celebrations, which will be on July 5th at the park. Events will not begin until 4:00 P.M.

We will be having beer, wine and specialty drinks for the holiday. There will be food provided by food trucks and a dessert truck, serving ice cream and desserts. There will be hot air balloon tether rides, and the cost is being negotiated what the ride per person will cost. There will be a petting zoo of exotic animals with Pricilla, the 20-foot Boa and pictures will be available with her for a minimal cost paid to the vendor. We are looking to have a 25-foot screen to play movies into the evening depicting our nation and the wonderful events that shaped America. We are trying to decide on a band or recorded music to accompany the fireworks display to bring a new addition to the wonderful fireworks planned.

We are suggesting that families and all festival goers bring a blanket and spend the day on a picnic like atmosphere culminating with the fireworks. Watching some movies, great food and drinks and several activities for children and adults alike will make for a wonderful intimate event. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions to our office at the following email.
director.lyonsfallsfestival@gmail.com or lyonsfallsfestival@gmail.com
We have a new website, www.lyonsfallsfestival.com that will be live on February 1, 2026. Please check periodically for festival updates and schedules. We are working on a direct telephone number and will post all that information when it is available. We are always in need of volunteers for day. If you have any free time in your schedule on July 5th, we would love to have your assistance in making this festival a great day.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS NOW GRANTED TO VETERANS!!!

Contact the Village Office for more information.

Section 1, TITLE, This Local Law shall be entitled "Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption".

Section 2, PURPOSE, The purpose of this Local Law is to enact a residential real property tax exemption for veterans residing in the Village of Lyons Falls, which tax exemption is permitted by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a.

Section 3, DEFINITIONS, The definitions contained in Section 458-a(l.) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York are hereby incorporated in this Local Law as if they had been set forth at length herein.

Section 4. EXEMPTION GRANTED.

(a) Qualifying residential real property located in the Village of Lyons Falls shall be exempt from Village real property taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed $12,000.00 or the product of $12,000.00 multiplied by the latest State Equalization Rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

(b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations. as documented by the award of the United States Campaign Ribbon or Service Medal, qualifying residential real property located in the Village shall also be exempt from Village real property taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed $8,000.00 or the product of $8,000.00 multiplied by the latest State Equalization Rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

(c) In addition to the exemptions provided by paragraphs (a) and (b), where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Administration or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property located in the Village shall be exempt from Village real property taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the Veterans disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed $40,000.00 or the product of $40,000.00 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less. For purposes of this subparagraph (c), where a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service during a period of war died in service of a service-connected disability, such person shall be deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of 100%.

Section 5, APPLICATION. Application for exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the State Office of Real Property Services. Such completed application shall be filed in the office of the Assessor of the Town of Lyonsdale or Town of West Turin on or before the appropriate taxable status date.

Section 6, EFFECTIVE DATE, This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York, to be applicable to tax years based on the tax roll established July 1, 2026.

JOB FAIR

FEBRUARY 4

2PM–5PM

HOSPITAL LOBBY

Bring your resume
Immediate interviews

Lewis County Health System

ARE YOU IN AN IMMEDIATE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

MOBILE CRISIS

Call 24/7
315-405-0696

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

February 10th:

South Lewis Lions Club

SPAGHETTI DINNER

LIONS INTERNATIONAL — We Serve South Lewis LC

at St. John's Catholic Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Lyons Falls New York
Drive Thru Pick-up: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm or Delivery

$13 PER DINNER

SIDES INCLUDE: MEATBALL AND SAUSAGE, TOSSED SALAD, ITALIAN BREAD & DESSERT

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE LIONS CLUB

FOR MORE INFORMATION & PRE-ORDERS CONTACT

BERNADETTE AT (315) 348-8945
OR KATHY AT (315) 348-8577
DAY OF ORDERS: (315) 348-6599

Lewis County Senior Nutrition Program February Meal Site Menu

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February

LEWIS COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
*To reserve your meal at a site, or cancel your HDM, call (315) 376-5313
The suggested contribution - $4.00 Guest Fee - $11.00
The Nutrition Program accepts cash, checks & food stamps
Copenhagen, Croghan, Harrisville, Lyons Falls & Lowville

***Menu is subject to change without notice**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY (Home Delivered Meals Only)
2 **Chicken & Biscuits** Broccoli Corn Peaches	3 **Sausage & Egg Sandwich** Home Fries with Peppers Spinach Orange Juice Pudding	4 **Three Bean Chilli** Carrots Cornbread Warm Pears	5 **Meatloaf with Gravy** Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Banana	6 **Swedish Meatballs** Noodles Brussel Sprouts Warm Applesauce
9 **Stuffed Pepper Soup** Green Beans Corn Muffin Fruit Cup	10 **Chicken Broccoli Bake** Carrots Baked Apples	11 **Broiled Haddock** Baked Potato Asparagus Peaches	12 **Valentine's Day Meal!** **Chicken Parmesan over Pasta** Italian Vegetables Garlic Bread Raspberries over Chocolate Cake	13 **Beef & Broccoli** Brown Rice Sauteed Peppers Fruited Yogurt
16 HAPPY *President's Day* **Sites & Offices Closed**	17 **Macaroni and Cheese** Stewed Tomatoes Brussel Sprouts Grapes Chocolate Milk	18 **Pork Stir Fry** Seasoned Rice Green Beans& Red Peppers Apricots	19 **Chicken Salad Cold Plate** Veggie Pasta Salad Broccoli Bacon Salad Birthday Cake with Berry Topping	20 **Tomato Basil Fish** Herb Roasted Potatoes Asparagus Mandarin Orange
23 **Spaghetti & Meatballs** Broccoli Warm Garlic Bread Pears	24 **Creamy Tomato Soup** Tuna Salad Sandwich Zucchini Apple Crisp	25 **Baked Ham** Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Rye Bread Pineapple	26 **Turkey with Gravy** Stuffing Yellow Wax Beans Banana Dinner Roll	27 **Cook's Choice!**
				1% Milk Offered Daily