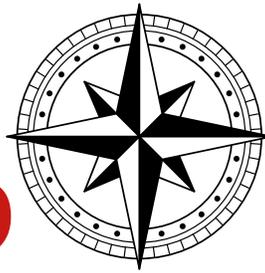


The HAMMOND



COMPASS



A Letter From The Editor...

We're publishing this issue of The Hammond Compass a month earlier than planned. There is simply too much happening to wait! It's only the third month of the year, and already this edition feels more like a magazine than a quarterly newsletter. We feel strongly that everyone can benefit from knowing what the community is up to and it is our goal to get information out to you in a timely way. We hope you will attend and/or take part in some of Hammond's many events.

Of note on page three, you'll find renovation plans for 17 N. Main Street—the old Town Hall. This building holds tremendous potential, and we'd like to hear your ideas. Please send your thoughts to hammondnyhope@gmail.com. No suggestion is too small—and we encourage you to DREAM BIG. Grant funding is available, and bold visions are often the ones that inspire real progress.

And while you are at it, send your thoughts on the whole of Hammond. Do we need a coffee shop? A restaurant? A gas station? Workforce housing? A daycare center? A welcoming community gathering space? An event center? A park? A walking trail? Is everything fine as is? The HOPE Committee wants to know what would make the greatest difference in your life and in our town's future. Your voice matters.

So pour yourself a cuppa, find a cozy spot in the springtime sun and peruse the sounds and sights of Hammond in this newsletter. Then set your mind to wandering about what could be. Somewhere I've read, "The best way to predict your future is to create it".
Jamie Ipsen

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LOCAL EVENTS

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 BRIDGE 1-4PM LIBRARY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 5PM	5	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	9	10	11 BRIDGE 1-4PM LIBRARY HOPE MEETING 5PM TOWN BOARD MEETING 7PM	12	13	14
15	16 GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST 9-10AM	17 GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST 9-10AM ST PATRICK'S DAY	18 GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST 9-10AM BRIDGE 1-4PM LIBRARY VILLAGE ELECTIONS	19	20 1ST DAY OF SPRING SPAGHETTI DINNER 4:30-6:30PM SCHOOL MUSICAL "OLIVER" 7PM	21 HUGS SING-A-LONG @ VILLAGE HALL 3-4:30PM SCHOOL MUSICAL "OLIVER" 7PM
22	23	24	25 BRIDGE 1-4PM LIBRARY	26 FOOD PANTRY 9-11AM	27	28
29 GRANGE PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7-11:30AM	30	31 LEARNING FAIR 3-5:30PM				

GRANDPARENT Breakfast YOU'RE INVITED!

ON THE MENU: PANCAKES, WAFFLES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, HASH BROWNS, FRESH FRUIT SALAD, YOGURT, POPTARTS, ASSORTED CEREALS, JUICE, COFFEE, MILK & WATER

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH - UPH & HINDERGARTEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH - 1ST & 2ND GRADE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH - 3RD & 4TH GRADE
9 - 10 AM

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

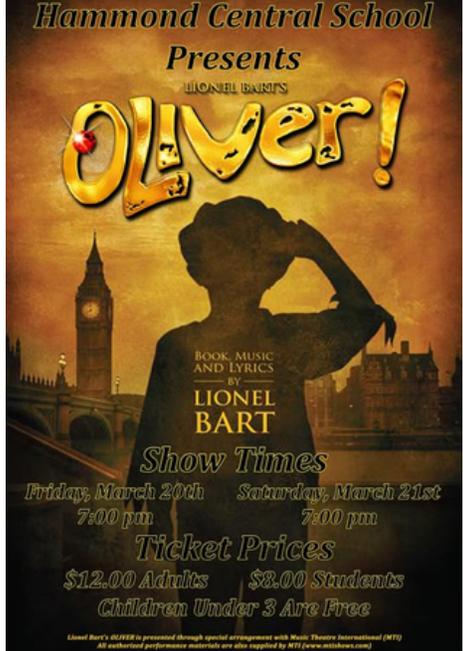
STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT GRADE _____
NUMBER OF GRANDPARENTS ATTENDING _____
COST - \$3 PER GRANDPARENT

DATE NIGHT



Spaghetti Dinner & "Oliver" at the Hammond Central School

Hammond Central School Presents
LIONEL BART'S
OLIVER!



BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY LIONEL BART

Show Times
Friday, March 20th 7:00 pm Saturday, March 21st 7:00 pm

Ticket Prices
\$12.00 Adults \$8.00 Students
Children Under 3 Are Free

Lionel Bart's OLIVER is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtixonline.com)

LOCAL EVENTS

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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19	20 VARSITY SOFTBALL 4:30	21 GARDEN CLUB 3PM	22 BRIDGE 1-4PM LIBRARY BASEBALL 4:30 SOFTBALL 4:30 Seaway Reopens Earth Day	23 FOOD PANTRY 9-11AM	24	25
26	27	28 BASEBALL 4:30 SOFTBALL 4:30	29	30		

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22



From **Save The River** -

“While World Battery Day (2/18) celebrated the incredible advancements in energy storage, **Save The River** is focused on the afterlife of these devices. Improperly disposed batteries can leak hazardous materials into our soil and water, posing a direct threat to our watershed.

That's why we're excited to continue our Battery Collection Project! Stop by the office at 409 Riverside Drive, Clayton and drop off your unwanted batteries, we'll handle the rest!”



HOPE NEWS

The Town of Hammond receives \$7000 in Rock Grant Award from the Northern NY Community Foundation!

Members of the HOPE Committee attended the Village sponsored NNY Community Foundation presentation on their Rock Grant Funding. HOPE knew of the Town Board interest in the restoration of the old Town Hall (17 N Main St) and realized the Rock Grant and the restoration project were a perfect match. Committee member and Town Clerk, Pam Burton, received support from the Town Board to apply for the grant to be written for an assessment report by Crawford and Stearns Architects. Pam solicited support letters from the community, and received grant writing tips from experienced residents and County experts. The HOPE Committee made important additions and final edits and the grant was successful!

Now, the work begins...

Renowned architect Randy Crawford, who has written successful assessments for other buildings in our area, will work with HOPE and the Town Board to provide a full assessment and reuse report for 17 N Main St. HOPE is providing Randy all the wonderful ideas gleaned from town residents over the last 6 months. His report should be complete by May.

If you have any thoughts for what this building could become, email:
hammondnyhope@gmail.com



JOIN US!
**HOPE meetings are the 2nd
Wednesday of
every month at the New Town Hall,
21 S. Main St., 5-6pm**

FARMERS' & ARTISANS' MARKET

BROOKE STARK

We are hoping that winter is finally going to wind down, and the new Market season will wind up! Co-managers Brooke Stark and Lori Thistle look forward to our 13th season with new and returning vendors.

Over the years, our main focus has always been on providing locally grown produce for the community. This year, we hope to encourage new home gardeners to consider joining us so more fruits and vegetables are available at low cost to families.

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a table at the Market, please get in touch! You need not have a big farm to participate. For more information, you can call either 315-324-5032 or 324-6076.

You will soon be able to download our 2026 registration form and rules and regulations from the Garden Share website. Our fees are very reasonable: \$50 for the season, with \$25 being refunded in the fall if vendors have good attendance through the season. As always, crafters and artisans are always welcome. The Market is also looking for a wine vendor!

In the next Compass issue, we will begin spotlighting some of our current vendors, so you can get to know us and how we have come together to provide a wonderful Market experience.



ARTS & MUSIC

The Hammond Ukulele Group (HUGs)



Community Sing-a-longs!

The Hammond Ukulele Group (HUGs) will host community sing-a-longs at the Village Hall on March 21st and April 18th from 3-4:30pm for all ages! Refreshments will be available. Perhaps a free ukulele lesson is in your future?

The Iva Smith Gallery - The Yellow Barn



Iva Smith Memorial Gallery Hours:

Wednesday 10am - 5pm

Friday 1pm - 5-m

Saturday 10am - 5pm

A sneak peek at this summer's art works:

The Places We Call Home

featuring:

- Artwork by **Joan Applebaum** that celebrates the beauty of the Indian River Lakes region together with decorative gourds by **Gretchen Starks-Martin** in a shared exhibition
- Photo journalist **Gary Walts'** powerful, award-winning photographs on the topic of the decline of the American family farm
- Works in pastel by **Catherine LaPonte-Vollmer** in an exhibition, entitled Tales of the North in Texture and Light.
- In addition to the hardwood bowls, cutting boards, charcuterie boards rolling pins and other items by **Dennis DelRossi**, we will be adding on the all-natural skin care products of **Claudia Loomis Chandler**.

ARTS & MUSIC

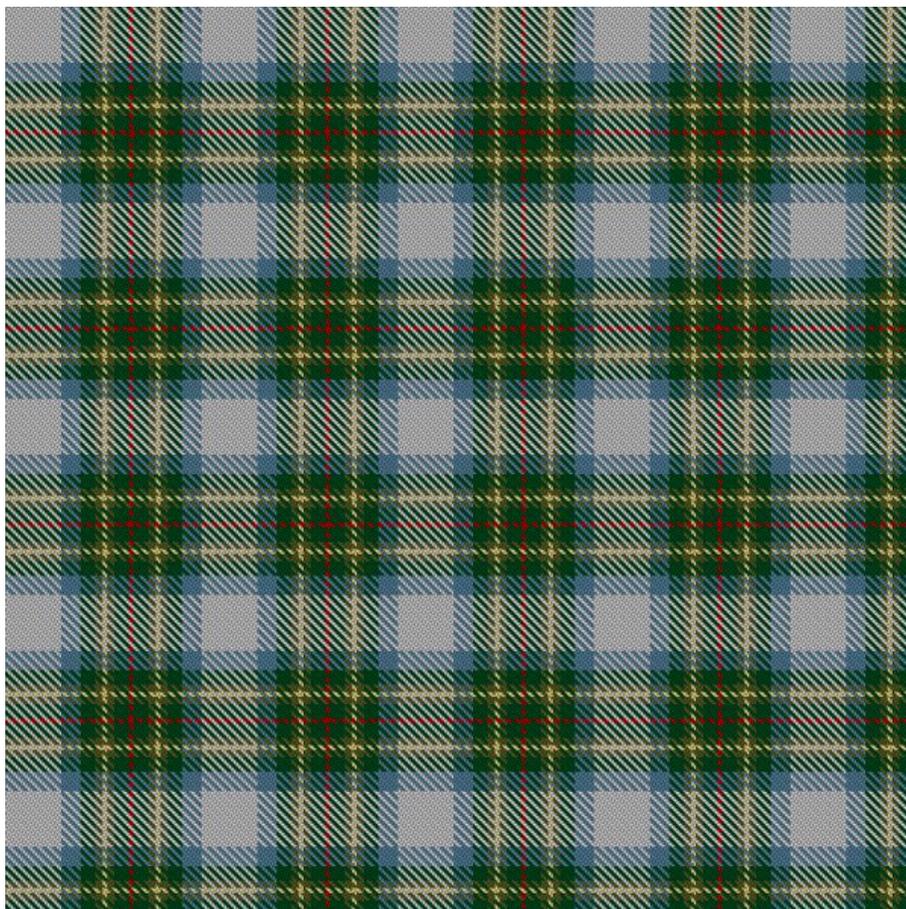
Did you know there is a “Hammond” Tartan?!

The idea of creating a Hammond Tartan began many years ago. It was brought to fruition in 2025 with help from weaver, Harriet Burris, and a committee of Hammond residents. The goal was to create a tartan that celebrates Hammond’s Scottish heritage, its people, and the landscape.

Recognizing that there is already a tartan for the St. Lawrence river, the Hammond plaid is designed to incorporate all areas of the community. Green for fields and forests, gold for hay and fields, gray for stone quarries and houses, blue for sky and water, red for school colors and community pride.

The tartan thread design embodies the central crossroads of Route 37 and Black Lake Rd/ St. Lawrence Ave at the heart of the village. This centralized square then radiates outwards to our other communities, i.e. Oak Point, Chippewa Bay, Schermerhorn Landing, Black Lake, Rossie, etc. The resulting tartan “Town of Hammond, NY” is recorded with the *Scottish Register of Tartans* managed by *National Records of Scotland*.

The committee is in the process of locating a weaver in Scotland who will make bolts of cloth in this pattern. It is their hope to have Town of Hammond Tartan items made and for sale in 2027.



HISTORY MOMENT

Fun Facts About Hammond's Stone Buildings

DONNA DEMICK - HISTORIAN

1. Hammond proudly claims the most stone houses in St. Lawrence County. In 1865, 43 were recorded with a total value of \$38,850 – and 40 locations have been verified today.
2. Most were built between 1820 and 1855 using local sandstone from backyard deposits or one of five town quarries.
3. Scottish immigrants and their descendants were prominent stone masons, including Hill, Brodie, More, and Rodger – sometimes said to have worked for modest pay and “a keg o’ spirits”!
4. Chippewa Bay Road and Triangle Road each once had six stone houses, the Calaboga region had five, and the rest were scattered throughout town.
5. Of the 40 known stone houses:
 - 23 are still occupied.
 - 6 are deteriorated or partially standing.
 - 9 are gone.
 - 2 are currently for sale (the Jim Pitcher home and Crossover Farm, which also operates as an Airbnb).
6. The Hammond Museum's stone house and the front of the main museum were built using stone salvaged from two historic homes donated by the McDougall and Dunn families.
7. Hammond once had three stone-built hotels:
 - Barker Tavern (1813), destroyed by lightning in 1925.
 - King's Tavern (1819), a stage stop and dance hall, burned in 1907.
 - Morse (Taylor) House (1838), now the Hadlock “stone block” on Main Street, has served as a hotel, school, garage, post office, and now apartments.
8. Of the town's 13 one-room schoolhouses, six were stone – and five still stand. One now serves as the Chippewa Bay Community Center, where local third graders enjoy a one-room school experience each June.
9. Other notable stone landmarks include the Presbyterian Church (rebuilt in stone in 1917) and Singer Castle (early 1900s).

**WATCH FOR A SPECIAL STONE HOUSE BUS TOUR IN JULY 2027
AS PART OF HAMMOND'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**



More than half of the stone houses in Hammond were built in similar fashion with a front center door and 2 windows on either side of it. Typically, there were 4 rooms downstairs with 4 small bedrooms upstairs. (The house in this photo belongs to Gary & Marilyn Hunter on Pleasant Valley Road.)

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Wellness Thread

RUTH WIDRIG



Beginning Again: The Medicine of Spring

Spring arrives slowly here – a drip of snowmelt, a hint of green, the first birdsong before dawn. It's a season that teaches us how to begin again, gently and without hurry.

As the light returns, try welcoming it with a simple morning breath: inhale as if drawing in fresh air from a newly opened window, exhale with a soft sigh. Let your shoulders drop. Let your heart lift.

This is a beautiful time to reintroduce movement: a daily walk, a few minutes of stretching, or a playful shake-out to wake the body. Let your energy rise at its own pace.

Spring reminds us that renewal doesn't need to be dramatic. It can be quiet, steady, and deeply personal.

SEASONAL PRACTICE: MORNING RENEWAL BREATH

Inhale fresh air as if opening a window

Exhale with a soft sigh

Repeat 5 times

A breath for beginnings.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: BEGIN AGAIN

Choose one tiny habit to start fresh.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: STEP INTO SPRING

A 10 minute walk each day.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

CLEAR ONE SMALL CORNER EACH WEEK.

Spring Blessing

*May the returning light awaken something bright within you,
and may the first green shoots remind you
of your own capacity to begin again.*



HEALTH & FITNESS (continued)

SHAPE UP!

BROOKE STARK

Are you interested in getting more physically active these days? Is your old treadmill a coat rack? Many of us have trouble exercising on our own, but don't know where to turn.



ZUMBA LOVE

We will be looking into various places where one can gather in the area with others for exercise and fun at the same time. Remember that if you choose to begin a fitness regimen, even if it's moderate, you should check with your physician, especially if you have any restrictions.

There are several programs in the Alex Bay to Ogdensburg area that might appeal to you. From the gym in the Bay to less rigorous forms of exercise, including walking, yoga, Zumba and Silver Sneakers, something might suit you and your needs best. And if you know of other opportunities out there, please let us know!

This issue will focus on Zumba classes being offered in Brier Hill and Ogdensburg. Certified instructors Mary Prinz, Barb Peretta and Angela Dwyer offer low-impact Zumba dance exercise that is easy to learn and able to be modified for those with joint or other issues. Set to a combination of Latin and contemporary music, participants get a good workout that isn't overwhelming for beginners. The steps are easy to learn, and everyone has fun getting together in a group setting. There is as much laughing as there is exercising!

Classes at the Brier Hill Fire Dept. are led by Barb Peretta during the colder months every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 pm, and Mary Prinz in the warmer months. Classes are \$5.00 each, or 6/\$25.00. Barb offers additional toning classes at Northern Physical Therapy in the Burg on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am. Angela Dwyer holds Zumba on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am at Julie's Dance Studio in Ogdensburg.

So, grab a pair of sneakers and a water bottle, and drop by for one of the classes and have fun getting some easy exercise! Our next issue will feature where you can enjoy yoga or workout rooms nearby. Let's "shape up!"

SCHOOL NEWS



Universal Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2026-27 School Year.

It's time to start thinking about registration for the 2026-27 school year. If you are a Hammond Central School District resident and have a child who will be 4-years-old on or before Dec. 1, 2026, they are eligible to attend our full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program.

The Hammond UPK Program can help your child develop important skills that will inspire success in kindergarten and beyond. Research has shown that students who participate in pre-kindergarten programs are:

- Better prepared to start school and tend to score higher on reading and math assessments;
- More likely to have better attendance records and fewer behavioral issues; and
- Exposed to early learning activities that boost creativity, problem solving, and social development.

If your child attended the Hammond UPK Program during the 2025-26 school year, they will be automatically enrolled in the district's Kindergarten Program. If they did not attend UPK at Hammond this past school year, you will need to register your child.

If you have questions concerning registration, you may call the Main Office at (315) 324-5931 ext. 26100 or email Mrs. Niles at tniles@hammndk12.org.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The *Hammond Compass* would like to hear from Hammondites about former students who attended HCS to share their successes and accomplishments. This could be you, a child or a grandchild who has gone on to do interesting things following graduation from our small community school. Everyone has a story! If you are interested in a former Red Devil being featured in our future issues, please email Brooke Stark at ennisbrooke55@yahoo.com. She will do a simple interview and bring Hammond residents up-to-date on the achievements of the young adult(s) in your family. You may wish to include a photo as well.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDARS ON PAGES 1 & 2 FOR SCHOOL EVENTS!

GROUPS & CLUBS

TOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BETH LACEY - DIRECTOR

We have just successfully wrapped up our first year of Youth Cheerleading and Bidy Basketball. We are currently accepting sign-ups for Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball.

Baseball & Softball (Grades 1-6):

The season runs from April through June, featuring games against local teams.

T-Ball (Pre-K & K):

The season takes place in June and July.

The deadline to sign up for these programs is March 31, 2026. We are also looking for volunteer coaches and umpires; anyone interested should contact Beth Lacey.

Sign-up Link: <https://form.jotform.com/260314281942150>



HAMMOND FIRE AND RESCUE

Hammond Fire & Rescue wishes to congratulate and introduce you to our newest New York State Certified EMTs:

- Nate Weidel
- Ashley (Tyree) Weidel

They recently completed their EMT Course through Clarkson University's EMS Education Program and passed their New York State Exam to become EMTs.

We are proud of you both and thankful for your dedication to our community. **Congratulations!**



HAMMOND LIBRARY

The Hammond Library hours are:

Monday 3-5pm

Tuesday-Thursday 12-5pm

Saturday 9am-noon

Closed Friday & Sunday

The library has added puzzles for lending. Check out the selection on FaceBook!

The Pre-K story hour each month is hosted by Liz Scarlet

GROUPS & CLUBS

HAMMOND FOOD PANTRY

DAN IPSEN

Despite the cold weather in February, the Hammond Food Pantry helped 52 families and 146 individuals. We cast a pretty broad safety net that includes Hammond, Brier Hill, Macomb, Morristown, and Rossie. New volunteers and/or donations are always appreciated, especially in winter as many of our “snowbirds” fly south. Upcoming food distribution dates are March 26, April 23, and May 28 from 9-11 AM. For more information, please contact Dan Ipsen 518-603-5583.

HAMMOND MASONS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 29TH

7-11:30AM

600 ACADEMY STREET



**PANCAKES - FRENCH TOAST - SAUSAGE - EGGS - TOAST
MILK - COFFEE - TEA - OJ - HOT COCOA**

COST:

ADULTS - \$10

CHILD - \$5

UNDER 5 - FREE

GROUPS & CLUBS

IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE...

Join Liz Scarlett Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm in the meeting room adjacent to the Hammond library. We will come together to move, stretch, breathe, laugh and learn new habits based on neuroscience to increase our mental and physical well being.

Happiness is not a personality trait. It is a skill that can be developed. There is no charge. Questions? Text or call Liz 315-276-4885.

LET'S GET LIT - BOOK CLUB

BETH LACEY

Our group meets at the end of each month to discuss books, life, and participate in fun activities. At our February meeting, we held a "Blind Date with a Book" swap. At our next meeting on March 31st at 6:00 PM (location TBD), we will share summaries of the mystery books we received.

Our selected reading for April is **My Husband's Wife by Alice Feeney**.

New members are always welcome! For updates and event locations, please join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Hxdvvhgkkw>

GARDEN CLUB

KICK OFF 2026 MEETING:

Tues, April 21 ~ 3:00PM- Town Hall
(Membership dues are \$5)

The planning for Plant Sale and Program 2026 will be finalized.

Please join us!



We had a remarkably inspiring workshop with St Lawrence Nurseries on apple tree grafting! All who attended took home their trees to plant this spring! Thank you all for participating.

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge club meets Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00pm @ the town Hall from mid-September through May. If you are interested, text Marilyn Hunter at 315-323-6384 for details.

GROUPS & CLUBS

THE LOCAL EXCHANGE

BETH LACEY

We have started a new Facebook community for homemakers, crafters, artists, DIYers, gatherers, and woodworkers. Our goal is to host monthly or bi-monthly meetings to collectively share, barter, and trade skills, passions, and surplus goods. The only requirement is to bring items you made, grew, or created to trade with fellow participants. Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/189j4erAGs/>

We are looking to host our first event on March 28th (Time TBD & updates to follow on our page)

All will be welcome to participate in these one-of-a-kind events. Examples of items that have been received/traded at previous events: food and garden products such as baked, canned, fermented, frozen items, fiber and sewn items, ceramics, woodworking, paintings and art, herbal medicine and tinctures, plant cuts, seeds, and so much more.

- Bring items you grew or made only
- Label all food items with proper name and date
- Absolutely NO exchange of money allowed, just the bartering system



HAMMOND'S FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

This December, Hammond will host it's first Festival of Trees! Details will be coming soon but first we are asking for 6'-7' artificial Christmas trees in good condition.

If you have one you would like to donate, email Jamie Ipsen at hammondcompass@gmail.com

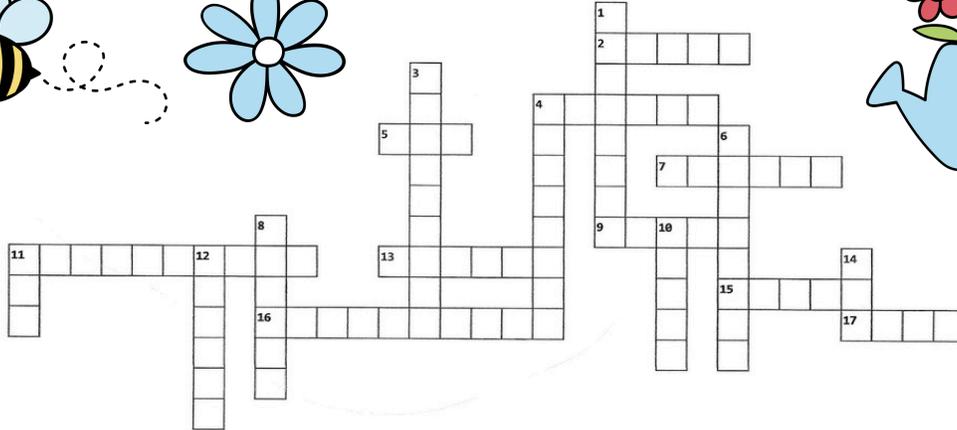
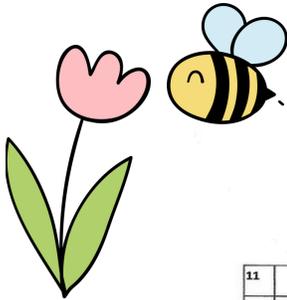
KNIT HAPPENS!

Would you like to learn to knit? Perhaps you have a knitting project that needs finishing? If you are interested in a weekly or monthly meeting, email Jamie Ipsen at hammondcompass@gmail.com



HUMOR & FUN

Spring Has Sprung



Across

- 2. Sousa wrote many
- 4. Nickname for a child
- 5. A good friend
- 7. Officially opens
- 9. Fourth month
- 11. A special time for mom
- 13. Light rain
- 15. Fowl that arrive
- 16. Sweetness for pancakes
- 17. Melt

Down

- 1. Water repeller
- 3. Splash makers
- 4. First flower
- 6. More of this every 24 hrs
- 8. Not cooler but
- 10. First bird
- 11. Wet dirt
- 12. Coiled wire
- 14. Not dry

7 B's Of Summer

Spring is sprawling
 out there somewhere
 in a Bikini on a Beach
 drinking Beer
 toes in the sand
 glass in hand
 while snowflakes are falling
 and winter's still here
 then when good old
 sunny summer comes
 (and swallows do too)
 oh to go Barefoot
 in a Boat on the sea
 Barbecue in the garden
 play Ball in the park
 fun in the sun 'til evening twilight
 lowers the night with a curtain of dark
Martin Howard Samuel



RECIPES

SPRING-THYME CHICKEN STEW RECIPE

BY: AMY CHASE

Total Time: Prep: 15 min. Cook: 7 hours YIELD: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 pound small red potatoes, halved
- large onion, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs, halved
- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

Directions

1. Place potatoes, onion and carrots in a 3-qt. slow cooker. Sprinkle with flour, garlic, lemon peel, thyme, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Place chicken over top. Add broth and bay leaves.
2. Cook, covered, on low 7-9 hours or until chicken and vegetables are tender. Remove bay leaves. Sprinkle servings with parsley.



RIVER NEWS

Seaway Opening Date - March 22, 2026



NEARBY

NYS Maple Weekends

Maple syrup season is just about here! Who can resist a stack of hot pancakes, a dollop of butter, and maple sweetness? (see also 3/29 on our calendar-pg 1) New York State has a website which shows maple syrup producers offering demonstrations and maple products for sale the last two weekends in March.



Sugar shacks closest to us are:

- **Sweeter Creations Sugar House - Waddington** - We will be hosting our pancake breakfast from 8am until 4 pm. Weather permitting we will be making maple syrup. In the event Mother Nature doesn't comply, we will be making maple cream or maple sugar. *Products - Maple Syrup (Pure), Maple Syrup (Flavored), Maple Sugar (Granulated), Maple Spread ("Cream"), Maple Sugar Shapes, Maple Coffee, Maple Tea, Maple Cotton, Maple Mustard*
- **Orebed Sugar Shack - DeKalb** - Come learn about the Maple Tradition and share our family tradition, with four generations of Maple Producers. WE are FAMILY ORIENTED and SENIOR-FRIENDLY. We offer the following activities FREE: A heated sugarhouse; Guided tours (Learn how sap from a maple tree comes to the sugar shack and out of the evaporator as maple syrup); Granulated maple sugar demonstrations throughout the day; See the equipment in operation (weather permitting); See an old-fashioned backyard flat pan set up and running; Samples of Maple Cotton Candy, Maple Syrup, Maple Cream & Maple Candy; Horse-drawn wagon rides; (11:00 am-3:00 pm); See & pet the Alpacas; Chainsaw carving (Saturday's only); Raffle for adults; Coloring contest for kids. Rules can be found on a post on our Facebook Page. *Products - Maple Syrup (Pure), Maple Sugar (Granulated), Maple Spread ("Cream"), Maple Sugar Shapes, Maple Candy and/or Lollipops, Maple Coffee, Maple Cotton*
- **Trout Lake Maple - Gouverneur** - Sugarhouse tours: Sap filtration, storage and reverse osmosis Syrup testing and grading Syrup-making equipment and bottling of syrup Saturday, March 16th am Candy-making demonstration Maple cotton floss pm Maple popcorn demonstration samples of different popcorn flavors Sunday, March 17th am Maple Cream making demonstration samples of the product pm Donuts making maple and glazing samples of the product Saturday, March 23rd am Maple popcorn demonstration samples of different popcorn flavors pm Donuts making maple and glazing samples of the product Sunday, March 24th am Candy-making demonstration or Maple sugar making pm Wax on Snow Maple ice cream making. **Products** - *Maple Syrup (Pure), Maple Syrup (Flavored), Maple Sugar (Granulated), Maple Spread ("Cream"), Maple Sugar Shapes, Maple Candy and/or Lollipops, Maple Coffee, Maple Tea, Maple Cotton, Maple Popcorn, Maple Coated Nuts, Maple Fudge*

<https://www.mapleweekend.com/producers/>

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Fire or Ambulance.....	911
Chippewa Post Office.....	315-324-5550
Citizens Bank.....	315-324-5961
Citizens Telephone.....	315-324-5911
Coast Guard.....	315-482-2575
Code Enforcement.....	315-324-5321 ext.12
County Sheriff.....	315-379-2222
Dog Control.....	315-276-6805
Dollar Store.....	315-984-0000
Hammond Central School.....	315-324-5931
Hammond Health Center.....	315-713-5941
Hammond Library.....	315-324-5139
Hammond Museum.....	315-324-6628
Hammond Post Office.....	315-325-0371
NYS Police (ABay).....	315-482-2525
Town Barn.....	315-324-5611
Town Clerk.....	315-324-5321 ext.11
Wellnow Urgent Care.....	315-605-3079

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NEXT ISSUE? We want to include YOU!**

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