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The HAMMOND COMPASS



A Letter From The Editor...

One of the most amazing things about Hammond is the night sky. There isn't much, if any, light pollution around to fog over a bright starlit night. There are constellations, galaxies, planets, eclipses, shooting stars, comets, satellites, aircraft, and occasional spacecraft all visible by simply looking up.

Since ancient times, people have always looked to the heavens to make sense of life below. In fact, many of our everyday words are rooted in the night sky. The word *consider* originally meant "to observe the stars for guidance", while *desire* meant "to wait for a guiding star to rise" - think Jiminy Cricket. "*Thank your lucky stars*" was once a literal instruction to look up and thank the specific constellations watching over you. "*When the stars align*" came to mean several separate, lucky, or favorable conditions coming together at the exact right time to make something good happen.

Good things are happening in Hammond - the opening of the Health Center, the consolidation of the HOPE group, the camaraderie of the Lantern Parade, fun activities for children, and the anticipation of the Festival of Trees. I'd say our stars are aligning quite nicely. These exciting events remind us that progress, much like a constellation, is formed by connecting individual points of light. Every volunteer, every local project, and every shared celebration adds to the bigger picture of who we are. As we look forward to the months ahead, let's continue to guide, support, and inspire one another. Keep looking up, Hammond—our future is incredibly bright.

Jamie Ipsen

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LOCAL EVENTS

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 **Election Day** Election Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Presbyterian Church	4 **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 5pm**	5	6	7
8	9 Death Cafe 7-8:30pm Presbyterian Church	10	11 **Veterans Day** **H O P E MEETING 5pm** **TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30pm PUBLIC HEARING 7pm**	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 **PLANNING BOARD MEETING 6:30pm**	19 **FOOD PANTRY 9-11am** **FOOD SENSE - PICK UP 1pm**	20	21
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TOWN NEWS

FROM YOUR TOWN SUPERVISOR - RON BERTRAM

The town board has been working hard to keep our budget as low as possible. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, we find it necessary to exceed the state's 2% tax cap this year.

To put this in perspective, staying under the cap would only allow us to increase the tax levy by about 1.5 cents per $1,000 of your property's assessed value. Given the rising cost of living–which affects everything from town operations to the competitive wages we need to pay our employees–we are looking at an adjustment closer to 3 cents per $1,000 this year.

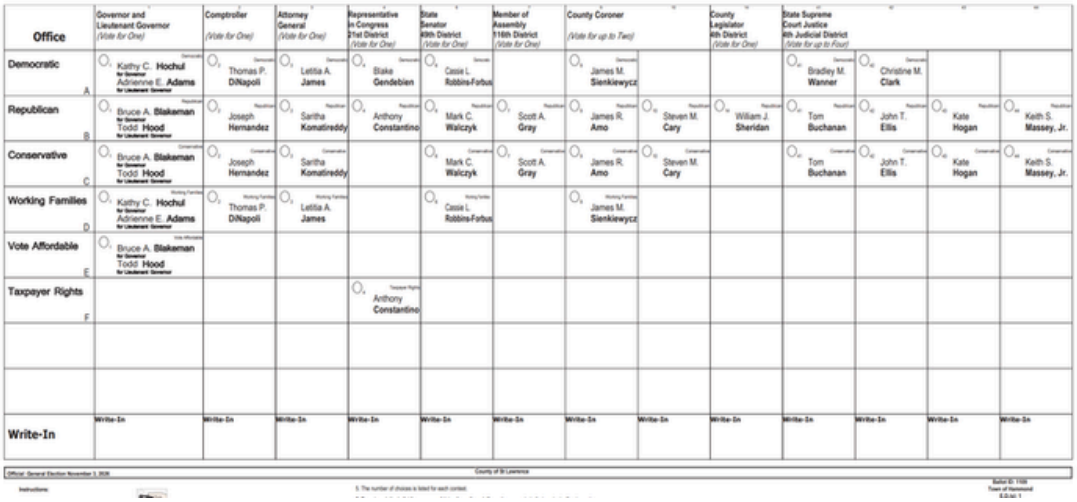
Our goal remains to keep this budget increase as minimal as possible. Over the last 12 years, we have only exceeded the tax cap once. We deeply appreciate your continued trust in the town board to keep our community's finances fair and equitable.
The final public hearing on the budget process will be held on November 11th at 7pm.

FROM YOUR TOWN CLERK - PAM BURTON



The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Polling is open 6am-9pm at the Hammond Town Hall, 21 S. Main St.

See election information at https://www.stlawco.gov/Departments/BoardofElections


SAMPLE BALLOT

Office	Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)	Comptroller (Vote for One)	Attorney General (Vote for One)	Representative in Congress 21st District (Vote for One)	State Senator 48th District (Vote for One)	Member of Assembly 116th District (Vote for One)	County Coroner (Vote for up to Two)		County Legislator 4th District (Vote for One)	State Supreme Court Justice 4th Judicial District (Vote for up to Four)			
Democratic A	Kathy C. Hochul / Adrienne E. Adams	Thomas P. DiNapoli	Letitia A. James	Blake Gendebien	Cassie L. Robbins-Forbus		James M. Sienkiewycz			Bradley M. Wanner	Christine M. Clark		
Republican B	Bruce A. Blakeman / Todd Hood	Joseph Hernandez	Saritha Komatireddy	Anthony Constantino	Mark C. Walczyk	Scott A. Gray	James R. Amo	Steven M. Cary	William J. Sheridan	Tom Buchanan	John T. Ellis	Kate Hogan	Keith S. Massey, Jr.
Conservative C	Bruce A. Blakeman / Todd Hood	Joseph Hernandez	Saritha Komatireddy		Mark C. Walczyk	Scott A. Gray	James R. Amo	Steven M. Cary		Tom Buchanan	John T. Ellis	Kate Hogan	Keith S. Massey, Jr.
Working Families D	Kathy C. Hochul / Adrienne E. Adams	Thomas P. DiNapoli	Letitia A. James		Cassie L. Robbins-Forbus		James M. Sienkiewycz						
Vote Affordable E	Bruce A. Blakeman / Todd Hood												
Taxpayer Rights F				Anthony Constantino									
Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 is designated a free fishing day!
Even though a license is not needed, all fishing regulations apply.
More info at:
https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/learn-to-fish



TOWN NEWS





HAMMOND HEALTH CENTER SET TO REOPEN THIS JANUARY

There is great news for our community! The Hammond Health Center is officially reopening its doors in mid-January, bringing medical services back to our town.

This fantastic accomplishment is a direct result of the dedicated, ongoing efforts of the South St. Lawrence Association–a non-profit board made up of your friends and neighbors. Thanks to their hard work, River Hospital in Alexandria Bay has signed a lease to fully staff and operate the Health Center.

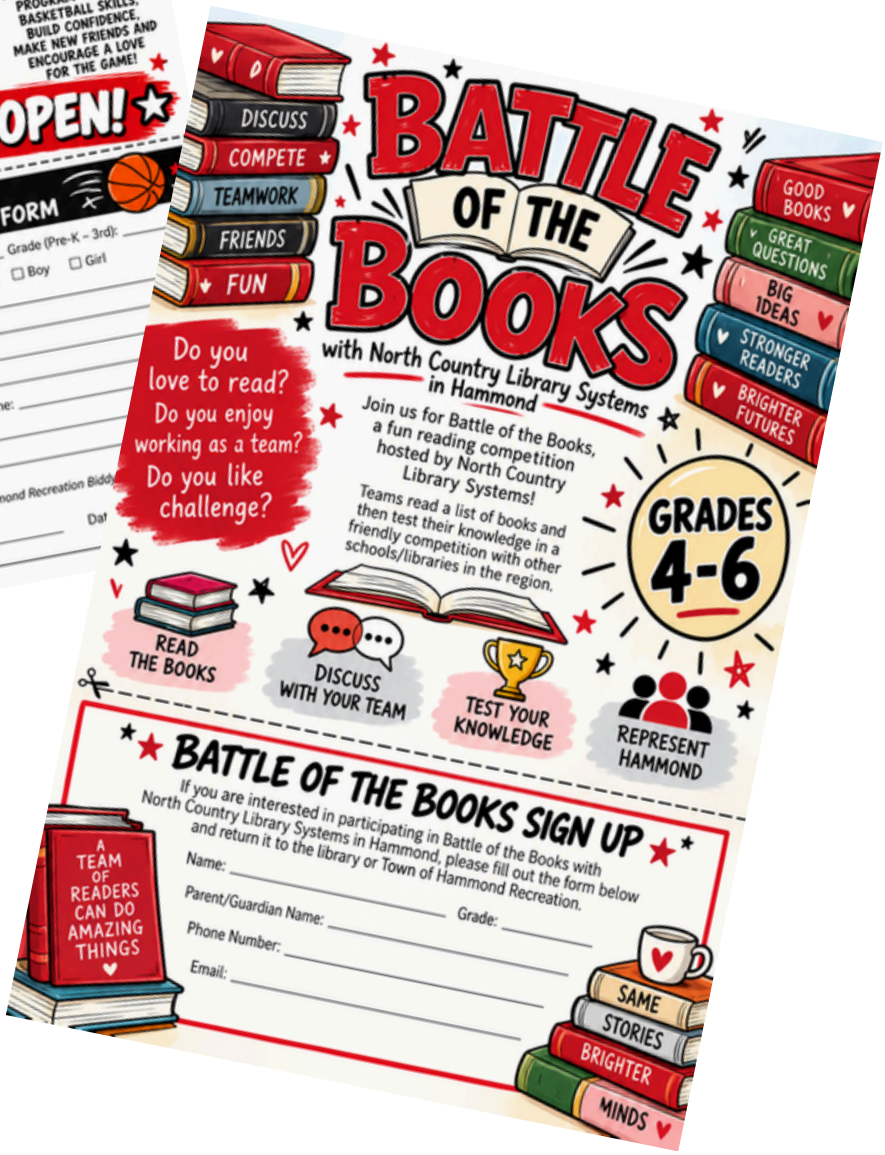
Dr. Lawrence Kring, a familiar face to many of us, will be on location as the primary physician two to three days a week. Thank you to the South St. Lawrence Association for their hard work in maintaining and updating the building while searching for a new lessor, making this smooth transition completely possible. River Hospital is currently finishing up some renovations so the clinic is equipped with everything a modern medical practice needs.

MORE DETAILS IN THE DECEMBER COMPASS !

TOWN NEWS

Town Recreation Department Beth Lacey - Director





HAMMOND SCHOOL NEWS



THERE ARE LOTS OF BASKETBALL GAMES THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER! COME CHEER FOR THE RED DEVILS!



DAYS AND DATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



Adirondack Life and Literature students completed the Tupper Lake Triad



HOPE NEWS

Hammond Opens Possibilities for Everyone - Noreen Dunn

The Hammond HOPE Initiative is making great progress! We have completed our incorporation process, obtained our EIN, adopted our bylaws, and established our Board of Directors. We are currently awaiting a hard copy of our Certificate of Incorporation before moving forward with our application for federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. This should take place within the next two weeks.



It was wonderful to see our community come together for the recent, very successful Lantern Parade! Our treasurer, Pam Burton, is pictured above proudly holding her HOPE lantern–a fitting symbol of the hope, pride, and community spirit that inspire our efforts.

As we continue building the foundation for Hammond's future, our goal remains to preserve our historic heritage, encourage new opportunities, and support projects that will help our community thrive. Every step forward brings us closer to making that vision a reality.

Together, we can help light the way to Hammond's renaissance!

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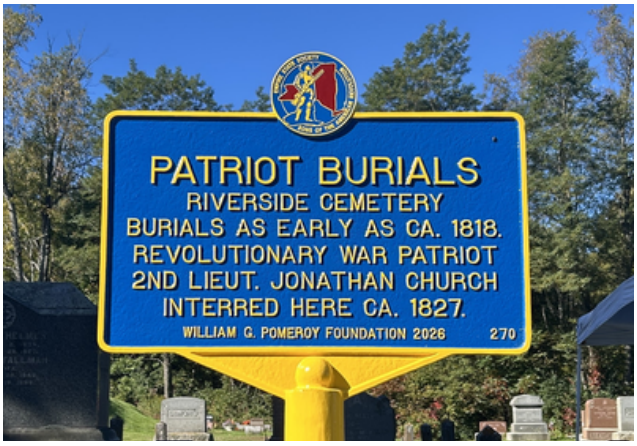
JOIN US!
HOPE meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the New Town Hall, 21 S. Main St., 5-6pm

HAMMOND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

THE UNVEILING OF A NEW SIGN IN ROSSIE!

DONNA DEMICK, HISTORIAN

If you recall from last month's article, I wrote about the historic marker dedication for the old town hall in Hammond. On October 3rd, Rossie had its turn for a Pomeroy sign dedication. What a beautiful day it was for the unveiling of a new "Patriot Burials" roadside marker at Riverside Cemetery! The ceremony, which included the Advancing of the Colors, the National Anthem, various speeches, gun salutes, and Taps, was very impressive from start to finish.





Several organizations were involved with the morning's event: The 1000 Island Chapter of the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), Silas Wainwright VFW Post 6338, local Boy Scouts, Gouverneur Elks Lodge, and Forsythe's Rifles. Greetings were given by several officials. County historian Nancy LaFaver noted this was the 10th Patriot marker in St. Lawrence County, with 3 more to be done the following day. (Did you know there are 300 Revolutionary War soldiers buried in our county? Emanual Dake and David Fell came to live in Hammond, but we cannot find their graves.)

The patriot honored in Rossie happens to be my husband's 5th great-grandfather, Jonathan Church (1747-1827). Thus, it made sense for my husband, Steven Demick, to read Jonathan's little bio. (By the way, Steve is just one of many, many descendants of Jonathan Church!) During the Revolutionary War, Jonathan Church lived on a farm near Brattleboro, VT. He and his wife, Perone, had 4 children by that time (adding 9 more later, 3 of whom died before age 2). Oftentimes, Jonathan left the farm to serve in the militia and was promoted to second lieutenant. He was involved in the battle with British General Burgoyne's troops at Fort Ticonderoga and may have seen the general's surrender at Saratoga on October 17, 1777.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

NEW SIGN (CONTINUED)....

Three of the Church sons moved to this area, and eventually, Jonathan and Perone came to live in Rossie with their son James. After Mrs. Church died in 1817, Jonathan moved to Morristown to live with the family of his son, Daniel Church (Steve's 4th great-grandfather). Ten years later, in 1827, Jonathan passed away and was buried in Rossie next to his wife.

The gravestone for Jonathan & Mrs. Church is broken and flat on the ground. However, in 1917, ladies of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) put a very nice stone at the gravesite, noting that Jonathan was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. And now, there is even greater acknowledgement of his participation with the new roadside marker, thanks to the generosity of the Wm. G. Pomeroy Foundation.



7th Generation descendants of Jonathan Church
(Steve Demick with cousins, Marilyn Hunter & Jon Bickelhaupt)

Have you ever been told you have an ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War, but you don't know how to verify it? I'd be more than happy to assist you in your genealogy research. Feel free to email me, Donna Demick, at hammondhistorian@gmail.com.

ARTS & MUSIC

2026 LANTERN PARADE

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - - -



CLICK HERE TO WATCH A VIDEO!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE!



ARTS & MUSIC





TOWN HALL ARTWORKS Pamela Winchester

The next Town Hall Artworks Show will be from Jan 4th - Jun 4th 2027. The theme is ***HAMMOND***. The medium is photographs.

General Rules:

- Currently living photographers can submit photos they took in Hammond, NY during the years 1927 to 2026 (OK you could be 104 or so - we didn't want to miss anyone)
- Your photo must be framed and ready to hang.
- Please include with your submission: The title of the photograph, the name of the photographer, and a phone number where you can be reached.
- Your photograph should be between the sizes of 5x7 and 8x10 inches (the frame can be larger).
- Artwork must be delivered to the new Town Hall (during business hours) from November 23rd to November 30th.

****There will be 1st ($75), 2nd ($50), and 3rd ($25) prizes awarded based on public visitor voting.****

The show will be in conjunction with Hammonds 200th birthday next year.

ARTS & MUSIC


HAMMOND'S
1ST ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF TREES
A New Holiday Tradition for the Entire Community
VILLAGE HALL • HAMMOND, NEW YORK
DECEMBER 4-13, 2026
COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY
HOLIDAY SPIRIT
TOGETHER
Festival of Trees
Hammond, NY · 2026
Trees Bring People Together
EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON
Stroll through a festive display of uniquely decorated Christmas trees created by local businesses, schools, organizations, families, and community members.
Vote for your favorites, help decorate the Community Tree, and enjoy an unforgettable holiday experience for all ages.
FREE ADMISSION
Donations gratefully accepted.
ENTER A TREE
We invite:
Businesses
Schools
Clubs & Organizations
Teams
Families
Individuals
Tree Setup Day
Thursday, December 3
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Application forms available now.
hammondcompass@gmail.com
AWARD CATEGORIES
People's Choice
Best Use of Theme
Most Traditional
Most Unique
Most Elegant
Best Use of Natural Materials
Visitors may cast ballots throughout the festival.
COMMUNITY TREE
Help create Hammond's Community Tree!
Every visitor is invited to add a decoration and become part of this new village tradition.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help welcome visitors and assist with tours.
Contact Jamie Ipsen
518-369-8211
FESTIVAL HOURS
Friday, Dec. 4 4 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, Dec. 5 12 PM - 5 PM
Sunday, Dec. 6 4 PM - 7 PM
Thursday, Dec. 10 4 PM - 7 PM
Friday, Dec. 11 4 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, Dec. 12 12 PM - 5 PM
Sunday, Dec. 13 12 PM - 5 PM
MEMORY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Sunday, December 6
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Featuring student singers, refreshments, and holiday fellowship.
Everyone Welcome!
Celebrate. Create. Vote. Share the Holiday Spirit.
A BRIGHTER COMMUNITY
THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

ARTS & MUSIC

Festival of Trees
Hammond, NY - 2026

Are you passionate about cats, or gnomes? Are you an advocate for Save the Penguins? Maybe the Grinch Who Stole Christmas is your favorite holiday story? Any of these 'themes' are suitable for festival trees. You can also let the community know what your group has been up to - there is a rumor that the 3rd grade class may provide a monarch butterfly tree! The Ski Club could hang paper snowflakes on a tree and trail symbols - green circles, blue squares, black diamonds. I think the Hammond Ukulele Group will have a tree full of Hawaiian leis! This festival is really about seeing what is happening in our community. And seeing it through lights and fun.

Any business, school group, team, club, organization, family or individual can participate. Trees will be set up on Thursday, December 3rd from noon - 8pm. If you are interested, please read and complete the application on the next page and email it to hammondcompass@gmail.com or take a picture of it and text it to 518-369-8211.

Award Certificates will be given to the winning trees in these categories: People's Choice - Best Use of Theme - Most Tradtional - Most Unique - Most Elegant - Best Use of Natural Materials. Any person visiting the Festival can vote by completing a ballot sheet while at the Festival and return it to the front desk. Votes will be tallied on Dec 12th and winners announced Dec 13th.

The Festival of Trees is free but donations are gratefully accepted to help defray costs. There will be a donation box at the front desk.

We will need LOTS of voluteers to help sign people in and lead 'tours'. There are 48 two hour shifts to fill! If you are interested, please let Jamie Ipsen know 518-369-8211.

FESTIVAL HOURS

FRIDAY DEC 4TH - 4PM - 7PM
SATURDAY DEC 5TH - 12 - 5PM
SUNDAY DEC 6TH - 4PM - 7PM ***

THURSDAY DEC 10TH - 4PM - 7PM
FRIDAY DEC 11TH - 4PM - 7PM
SATURDAY DEC 12TH - 12 - 5PM
SUNDAY DEC 13TH - 12 - 5PM

****** the Memory Tree Lighting w/student singers and refreshments will take place from 6-7pm. All are welcome!***



2026 FESTIVAL OF TREES APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form below to apply for participation.

Festival of Trees
Hammond, NY - 2026

Contact Name: _____

Organization/Team: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Theme For Tree: _____

Height Of Tree: _____

Rules for Participation:

- Registration is first come first serve and will close once all slots have been filled or by November 27th, whichever comes first. All interested participants must complete this application and email it to: hammondcompass@gmail.com or text a photo of it to 518-369-8211
- All trees will be set up Thursday December 3rd from 11am - 8pm at the Village Hall on Main Street. Your tree should be set up by you and your team (there will be a few of us on hand to help). Each tree must be a 4-8ft artificial tree with LED lights and a topper. All lights must be connected into a single plug. Trees must be free standing in a secure stand. All lights and decorations must be firmly attached.
- Trees can be set up and decorated in any style that represents you or your organization. Visitors will be voting in several categories for their favorites so be creative!
- The Festival will be open to the public December 4, 5, 6 (with the Memory Tree Lighting on the 6th) and also December 10, 11, 12 & 13. While there will be 'staff' in the building, we cannot be responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. All trees must be taken down December 13th.
- You may list your tree as "For Sale". 25% of your sale will go to the FOT.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Wellness Thread

RUTH WIDRIG

Finding Steadiness in the Swirl

Things are really swirling around right now - in the world, in our schedules, in our hearts. November has a way of stirring the air, inside and out. Which is why this month asks us to pause and center, to find that quiet steadiness that helps us move through daily life and all its ups and downs...life's own swirling dance.

Last month, many of you filled Wisdom, Gratitude, and Joy jars with small truths gathered from your days. This month, consider bringing those jars to your Thanksgiving table. Before the feast begins, open them. Read a few notes aloud - the wisdom that surprised you, the gratitude that softened you, the joy that glimmered. It's a simple way to let the whole table share in the quiet abundance of the season. A way to remember that the year wasn't just busy - it was meaningful. A way to let the inner harvest sit beside the outer one.

November's wind has a personality of its own - brisk, honest, and a little wild. Let it be a grounding cue this month. When the wind picks up, pause. Take one long exhale. Imagine the wind carrying away tension you don't need to hold. A small, somatic release offered by the season itself.

November can feel gray, so let's add a little play with a MicroJoy Scavenger Hunt!
Every day, look for three small joys:

One visual – a color, a shape, or a shadow
One sound – leaves crunching, a kettle whistling, someone laughing
One comfort – a warm mug, soft socks, or a blanket ready for you

This rhyme may help you to remember:
"A shade, a sound, a softness near - three small joys to anchor me here."
Feel free to send me your favorites rwidrig@gmail.com and I'll feature a few in the next issue of Compass.

Rather than a season of winding down, let November be a month of softening – softening your expectations, softening your pace, and softening the way you speak to yourself. Try one tiny softening cue each day. Put lotion on your hands slowly. Wear something soft on purpose. Speak one gentle sentence to yourself. Small softnesses add up. They change the way we move through the world.

November also invites us toward small, steady sources of warmth. One of the simplest grounding practices is flamegazing - letting your attention rest on a single, quiet flame. Light a candle. Sit with it for a minute or two. Let your breath soften as you watch the flame rise, fall, and sway. If it helps, whisper a tiny mantra: "Steady flame, steady breath, steady me." Let the glow be enough.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Wellness Thread - continued

As November settles in, may we remember that steadiness doesn't come from having everything figured out - it comes from pausing long enough to feel our own center again. The wind will swirl, life will swirl, plans will swirl. And, we don't have to. We can choose softness. We can choose presence. We can choose the tiny joys that anchor us.
And as we gather - in homes, in churches, in community halls, around long tables and small ones - may we bring forward the quiet offerings we've collected all autumn long. The slips of wisdom, gratitude, and joy. The moments that shaped us. The truth that steadied us. The softness's that helped us breathe. These small notes remind us that even in a swirling world, we are still growing, still noticing, still connected.
As I closed my cottage up North, I took a pause in each room, each special place, and offered a silent prayer of gratitude. A thank you for holding me safely and securely in my home away from home. I have a closing ritual of cutting a branch from my bittersweet bush and placing it on my car's dashboard for the ride home. I do not know of a better symbol of this day, when I close one place to return to another. Good-byes to dear friends and hellos to those back home. Bittersweet, for sure. So, to all my dear North country friends that now I think as family, I leave you with this prayer. Maybe, you will use it at your own Thanksgiving table and think of me.

A North Country Thanksgiving Prayer

O Spirit of the River and the North Country hills, we give thanks for this land that holds our stories - for the St. Lawrence flowing steady and ancient, for the pines and maples standing guard through every season, for the wide sky that reminds us of our place in the great turning of the world. We honor the Indigenous peoples who first cared for this land-the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, including the Kanien'kehá ka - the Mohawk people - whose deep relationship with this river, these forests, and this land stretches far beyond memory. They cared for these waters with reverence, walked these shores with wisdom, and understood the balance between taking and tending. May we walk with that same respect. May we remember that we are guests here, and that stewardship is our shared responsibility. We remember the earliest settlers who came later - those who built homes from timber and hope, who survived by grit, determination, and neighborly hands. May their courage live on in us. May their resilience guide our steps. May their stories remind us that strength and tenderness can share the same heart.

We give thanks for the helping hands of our community-for neighbors who show up without being asked, for friends who carry what is too heavy, for kindness that moves quietly from house to house, binding Hammond together in ways seen and unseen. Bless the tables we gather around, the meals prepared with love, and the people who sit shoulder to shoulder, sharing gratitude, sharing stories, sharing the warmth of belonging.

Bless the river that steadies us, the wind that clears what we no longer need, and the flame that reminds us of the warmth we already hold. And bless Hammond - our little corner of the North Country - with peace, safety, and the quiet abundance of this season. May our homes be warm, our hearts be steady, and our hands be ready to help one another. Amen.

GROUPS & CLUBS

2ND ANNUAL DEATH CAFE' - LIZ SCARLET

Last November 10 people were adventurous and curious enough to try something new. Inspired by Lisa Sarfaty's interest in Death Cafe's, Liz Scarlett hosted the first Death Cafe' in Hammond in the dining room at the Hammond Presbyterian Church. As gloomy as the words Death Cafe' sound, there were some smiles and laughter throughout the one and a half hours.

WHAT IT IS: Over refreshments, participants are invited to sit together and openly talk about death and share their experiences, if they wish. There are a series of prompt questions to stimulate conversation. One example is,"How old were you when you realized human beings and animals die?" You do not need to share unless you wish to. Confidentiality and respect for other people's views are expected.

WHAT IT IS NOT: It is not a lecture, a grief support group, or grief counseling. It does not support any particular belief system about what happens after there is no longer a physical form.

WHEN: Monday, November 9, 2026 7-8:30pm

WHERE: Hammond Presbyterian Church - 215 St. Lawrence Ave. Hammond, NY 13646

Questions &/or RSVP: Text or call Liz Scarlett 315 276 4885

Dessert and beverages will be served.

On the evaluation sheets of last year's Death Cafe' participants, every person said that they would recommend the experience to a friend.

GARDEN CLUB - NANCY MISENKO

The members of the Hammond Area Garden Club are so happy that so many monarchs visited our pollinator garden during this fall! We planted zinnia seeds and dahlia tubers in the spring so we would have plenty of fall color to attract them and provide nectar for their journey to Mexico.

Now it is time to clean out the gardens for some winter rest. If any area gardeners need any fall clean up tips, you can send your questions to our Facebook page - Hammond Area Garden Club . If you planted dahlias and would like some tuber storage tips, you can call Barb Grimsley at 585-978-1506. She is our dahlia expert. Happy Autumn gardening !









GROUPS & CLUBS

HAMMOND FOOD PANTRY DAN IPSEN

The Hammond Food Pantry (HFP) is proud to support the local communities of Brier Hill, Hammond, Macomb, Morristown and Rossie.

As an emergency food pantry, HFP supplements SNAP by providing 15 nutritious meals per month for each family member served. The pantry emphasizes a client choice grocery store-like experience that balances each of the major food groups (fruits & vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy). In October we helped 48 families and 134 individuals of all ages.

HFP wants to express our sincere thanks to the Masonic Lodge for a large donation of fresh apples in October. The Dollar General has also been very generous with regular food donations each month.

Our cold storage equipment was upgraded this month. Based on very timely grant writing by our Treasurer Diane Ayotte, we were able to replace two antiquated freezers and a double door refrigerator. These improvements enable reliable cold food storage well into the future.

The next HFP distribution date is Thursday November 19 th from 9 to 11 am at the Hammond Fire Hall. Food, financial support or volunteer hours are always appreciated. If you know of local families in need, please don't hesitate to refer them to our pantry.



GROUPS & CLUBS

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.

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

The book for November is "Hollow Bones" by Jodi Picoult

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY & LITTLE FREE MOVIES

Take a look!! Beth Lacey and her husband have set up two little free libraries on their lawn two doors down from the Presbyterian Church. Books and movies are available to borrow. If you have any to share, please leave them in the box. Beth even made bookmarks for you! Thank you for this special endeavour !





GROUPS & CLUBS

Hammond Senior Citizens Group





HAMMOND TARTAN PROJECT

The Hammond Tartan committee is currently drafting a 'pre-order' form for items that will be made from the Hammond tartan. The form will be in the next issue of the Compass.

The Hammond plaid was 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.

It is officially recorded with the Scottish Register of Tartans managed by National Records of Scotland.



Some of the new items!

HUMOR & FUN




EMAIL:
hammondcompass@gmail.com
for answers ;)




FALL
WHICH CAME FIRST

Which one came first? The one with the most correct answers Wins!

Thanksgiving	OR	Halloween?
Apple pie	OR	Pumpkin pie?
Candy corn	OR	Chocolate bars?
Carving pumpkins	OR	Bobbing for apples?
Maple syrup	OR	Caramel apples?
Sweaters	OR	Hoodies?
Pumpkin spice	OR	Chai spice?
Scarecrows	OR	Jack-o'-lanterns?
Corn mazes	OR	Pumpkin patches?
Fall festivals	OR	Oktoberfest?
Black Friday	OR	Cyber Monday?
Football	OR	Basketball?
Roasted chestnuts	OR	Caramel corn?
Halloween costumes	OR	Masks?
Harvest festivals	OR	County fairs?
Cranberry sauce	OR	Mashed potatoes?
Thanksgiving Day	OR	Black Friday?
Apple butter	OR	Pumpkin butter?
Cornucopia	OR	Pumpkin centerpiece?
Hayrides	OR	Haunted houses?

DID YOU KNOW?



Benjamin Franklin famously praised the wild turkey as a "bird of courage" and wished it had been chosen as the United States national symbol instead of the bald eagle



Turkeys have vision three times sharper than a human, see in color, and boast a 270-degree field of vision





Mother turkeys communicate with their chicks (called poults) while they are still inside their eggs

Wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour for short distances and sleep high in trees at night to stay safe from predators

RECIPES

Most Awesome Mac and Cheese

ANDREA CHENIER

Ingredients:

- 16 ounces macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- Ground black pepper
- Onion powder
- Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups milk
- 4 cups shredded cheese- I mix sharp, Monterey, pepper jack, mozzarella (any combo of cheeses you would like)
- Topping- I cup crushed Ritz crackers and 1/3 cup melted butter



SERVES: 8

Directions:

- Boil macaroni about 8 minutes and drain.
- Melt butter in a large fry pan- stir in flour, adding salt, pepper, onion powder and Worcestershire sauce to your taste preference and stir till smooth.
- Slowly pour in milk and cook until bubbling and smooth about 5 minutes
- Add cheese and mix until melted.
- Pour in macaroni and mix together.
- Pour in a 9x13 inch greased baking dish and put one cup shredded cheese mixture over top.
- **Topping:** - mix 1/3 cup melted butter with one cup crushed Ritz crackers crushed and spread over top.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes

German Apple Pancake

PAM BURTON



Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 2+1 tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 tsp vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tart baking apples, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375
- Whisk eggs, 2 TB sugar, flour, milk, vanilla, salt.
- Rest for 10 minutes.
- Spray/oil sides of a 9-10” iron or oven safe skillet, add butter, apples, and cinnamon. Sauté for 2-3 minutes.
- Whisk batter one more time and pour over apples.
- Bake 30-35 minutes until browned and puffy.
- If desired, garnish with confectionery sugar.

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