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Brushton bicentennial celebration

The village of Brushton will hold a weekend-long celebration of its bicentennial from Friday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Sept. 30, with a variety of activities intended to invoke the time of the village’s founding.

The celebration will actually kick off on Thursday, Sept. 27, when people are invited to St. Mary’s Parish Center on Gale Road to decorate bikes, toy wagons, floats, strollers and other small wheeled vehicles for the parade that will be held Saturday morning. The decorating gathering will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and is open to all, with decorations provided.

Festivities will commence in full swing on Friday, Sept. 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. with an Old-Fashioned Square Dance at the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department station. Bring your dancing shoes and kick up your heels to the music of The Old Country Boys Band, who will play tunes for square, round and line dancing.

Refreshments, including hamburgers, hot dogs, snack items and soda, will be available at The Firemen’s Snack Shack, compliments of Modern Woodman of Malone.

Saturday’s activities will begin at 10 a.m. (Line-up will take place at 9:30 a.m. on South Woods Road by the dam.)

Directly following parade at 11 a.m., the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department will be serving up one of their delicious barbecue chicken dinners, with takeout available.

A few of the many other events that will be held throughout the day at The Hope Center on Main street, including:

- A presentation on native turtle species by the Nicandri Nature Center of Massena, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The display will feature some of the center’s local turtle celebrities.
- An educational exhibit with authentic 1800 items will be provided by Bonesteel’s Gardening Center of North Bangor, also from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cider doughnuts, candy apples, seasonal fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants will also be offered.
- A Teddy Bear Clinic will be hosted by High Peaks Animal Hospital of Malone from noon to 3:30 p.m. This clinic is designed to introduce children to the field of veterinary medicine. Children are welcome to bring in their stuffed animals friends or other animal toys for a “checkup.” (This is a toys-only event! Staff will not be offering appointments to live pets.)

The day will also feature historical presentations, demonstrations and games. Seasonal confections, fruits, vegetables and craft items will be available for purchase.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m., travel back in time to the 1800s by attending a re-enactment of an 19th century church revival meeting, complete with historical facts and old-time hymns.

Fall foliage colors starting in Northern New York

Fall leaf colors are beginning to emerge throughout the state, including in the north country, according to spotters with Empire State Development.

The agency said that this week you can expect to see some yellow leaves beginning to peek through the green in the Thousand Island-Seaway region, including in Alexandria Bay.

Canton spotters in St. Lawrence County expect a 10 percent color change, with touches of yellow and orange just starting.

In Oswego County, spotters expect a 5 to 10 percent color change, with burgundy and brown hues beginning to show.

The Tupper Lake area of the Adirondacks in Franklin County is promising; spotters expect up to a 10 percent color change, with “tinges of mustard, goldenrod, copper, burgundy and an occasional crimson.”
CANTON — The SUNY Canton Sports Management program will conduct the 20th Annual Nicole E. Fleury Memorial 5K Walk / Run on Sunday, Sept. 30.

The popular walk / run will be held on campus and will utilize the beautiful trails that run through the woods behind campus and along the Grasse River.

The event is held to honor Nicole’s memory as a SUNY Canton student-athlete and outstanding member of the campus community. Nicole tragically lost her life in a car accident on her way back to campus in November of 1998.

Nicole was 1997 graduate of Malone Free Academy and standout high school athlete before entering SUNY Canton as a Veterinary Science major in the fall of 1997. From funds raised from the event, an endowment scholarship in Nicole’s name was established with the Canton College Foundation. Funds raised each year help to grow that endowment scholarship.

The race will begin at 9:30 and the cost is $15. All participants receive a long-sleeve race t-shirt. Participants can register the day of the race from 8 to 9 am. Complete run information and a printable registration form can be found on the run’s website at: nfrun.com

There are few things more relaxing than sitting on the bank of a river, fishing pole in hand. Franklin County offers plenty of spots for both the angler just looking for a place to kick back and wait for a bite on their worm-baited hook and for those serious fishermen who hit the water in boats with tackle boxes stuffed with lures.

The following are excerpts from “Good Fishing in the Adirondacks” edited by Dennis April.

FISHING SPOTS
Lake Colby and Upper Saranac: Lake Colby is located on State Route 86, near Lower Saranac Lake. Fish species include rainbow and brown trout, as well as salmon, smelt, splake and perch.

“Camp and small boat access is available at the Department of Environmental Conservation]-maintained boat launch on [state Route 86 across from the [Adirondack Medical Center],” the book stated.

The book stated that rainbows can be best caught during the summer by fishermen who troll slowly around the middle of the lake.

“ Especially off the point past the former Camp Intermission,” the book said. “Bass fishermen have also discovered the shallows of the western bays.”

According to the book, smallmouth and rock bass are popular species during the summertime, “as are northern pike in the shallow bays of the northern end of the lake,” the book stated. “Live bait and spinnerbaits work best in the Saginaw of Square Bays.”

A nighttime fishing activity that this book deems popular in the area is fishing for bullhead, which are said to be present in every lake in the area.

“Night crawlers, a bobber, a lamp, or fire, and a few good friends are all you need for a good night of bullheading,” the book said.

Tupper Lake: Tupper Lake, according to the book, is best known for its bass, pike, lake trout and salmon fishing.

Because the lake itself was dammed and expanded to help with the transportation of logs to the mill, it created many acres of shallow, weed-filled water, according to the book.

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Black Lake’s small fish could reel in big bucks

By LARRY ROBINSON

MORRISTOWN — They may be small, but there is nothing quite as fun as catching a mess of crappies, bluegills or other panfish on a lazy summer or fall afternoon, many anglers agree.

And, if you’re fishing anywhere along Black Lake through the beginning of October, those little fish just might be worth some pretty big bucks.

“Amercica’s Panfish Marathon” along the entire length of Black Lake is now underway, and organizers are promoting the event with the tagline: “Little fish — Big Money.”

More than $80,000 in prize money will be given out during the event with the tagline: “Littler fish — Big Money.”

And organizers are promoting the tournament and about Black Lake, visit: http://www.blacklakeny.com/

Black crappie

“There are about 300 tagged fish,” said David Roll, one of the event’s organizers. “We’d like to think of this as America’s premier panfish tournament with some of the top prize money in the nation.”

Mr. Roll said a fisherman from North Carolina recently reeled in the fish with the tournament’s $2,000 tag.

“The only rule is that you bring them in alive and be registered,” he said. “If the fish is tagged, you claim that prize.”

The fee is $10 for a week, $20 for 30 days or $50 for the season, according to organizers.

Panfish by definition, according to state Department of Environmental Conservation, include bluegill, black crappie, sunfish and yellow perch.

Sunfish

Anglers in search of the feisty little fish will reportedly get the most enjoyment by using an ultralight pole and line.

Six- to eight-pound test line is recommended, with a small hook, according to state wildlife experts. The lighter the pole and line, the more fun it is to feel the little fish fight.

“Pound for pound they put up a good fight,” Mr. Roll said. “And it’s a great way to introduce kids to fishing. All you need is a light pole and worms. That works as good as anything.”

To learn more about the tournament and about Black Lake, visit: http://www.blacklakeny.com/

Malone Fish and Game Club

The Malone Fish and Game Club is a nonprofit organization located at 1310 Webster Street Road, Malone.

We feature a newly renovated clubhouse, shooting range, 3D archery woods walk, and approximately six miles of trails.

The shooting range and trails are open year around.

Our facilities are for use by our members only, and membership is available to anyone. We have single memberships for $20 per year and family memberships — two adults per household, and kids/grandkids 18 and under — for $30 per year. Our membership year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, and the new memberships are available now and can be purchased at IBC and the Malone Chamber of Commerce, or the clubhouse when open.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

Dexter
Strawberry social: With live music by River Chorus, social, 5 p.m.; concert, 6:30 to 8 p.m. today, Dexter United Methodist Church, 210 W. Kirby St. Information: 315-639-3022.

Massena

Ogdensburg
Fall craft sale: CHMC Auxiliary Crafters, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Medical Office Building, 3 Lyons Place. Benefits the auxiliary. Information: 315-393-0378.

Watertown
Model magic masterpieces: For those 10 to 13 years old, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: 315-785-7705 or www.flowerlibrary.org.


Today: “The Little Prince” (G, 1974), 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Oct. 2: “The Lovely Bones” (PG-13, 2009), 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Oct. 9: “To Kill a Mockingbird” (NR, 1962), 5:30 to 7:35 p.m.
Oct. 23: “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein” (R, 1994), 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6: “Charlotte’s Web” (G, 2006), 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 13: “Jurassic Park” (PG, 1993), 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Tomorrow

Heuvelton
Smorgasbord dinner: 4:30 p.m. today, Heuvelton United Methodist Church, 44 Lisbon St. Donations accepted, but not expected. Benefits church food pantry. Sponsored by United Methodist Women. Information: 315-344-0212.

Potsdam
Seismology workshops: With Dr. Frank Revetta, 3 p.m. Thursday and Oct. 4 and 11, Stowell Hall, Room 131, SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Ave. Free. Information: www.potsdam.edu.

Thursday

Alexandria Bay

Nicholville
Fall rummage sale: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nicholville United Methodist Church, 637 Water St. Donations accepted. Information: 315-328-4667 or 315-212-7476.

Potsdam

West Carthage
Business after hours: 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Community Bank, 84 Bridge St. Adoptable animals in attendance. Bring animal related donation for drawing. Cost: $10. Information: Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce, 315-935-3590.

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Oct. 27: Boo at the Zoo - Wild Kratts Creepy Creatures, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., New York State Zoo at Thompson Park.

Nov. 14: Great Performances: The Sound of Music, 5 p.m., WPBS-TV, 1056 Arsenal St.

Russian cupcake decorating: With Janet Evers, master baker, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, community room, WPBS-TV, 1056 Arsenal St. Cost: $11; includes all materials and refreshments. Information, registration: www.wpbstv.org/tickets.

Light up cards: Adults, LED cards, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: 315-785-7705 or www.flowerlibrary.org.

Friday

Cape Vincent

Friday night dinner: 4 p.m. until gone Friday, John C. Londraville American Legion Post 832, 248 E. Broadway. Cost: $11; fisherman’s platter, $15. Benefits veterans’ and/or community projects and scholarships. Information, pre-orders: 315-654-2101.

Chaumont


Hammond

Poetry night: 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Iva Smith Memorial Gallery of Fine Art, 627 Route 37. Bring a poem to share. Information: 315-324-5767 or www.ivasmithgallery.com.

Lowville

Spaghetti dinner: To benefit cancer fund, 5 p.m. Friday, Lewis County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6912, 7752 W. State St. Takeouts: 4:30 p.m. Raffles, auctions. Information: 315-376-2733.

Nicholville

Fall rummage sale: See Thursday.

Philadelphia

Roast beef dinner: 5 p.m. Friday, Philadelphia United Methodist Church, 19 Main St. Takeouts: 4:30 p.m. Cost: $10; 5 to 11, $5; 4 and younger, free. Information: 315-642-3204.

Potsdam


Watertown

Color mixing art: For those 5 to 10 years old, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: 315-785-7705 or www.flowerlibrary.org.

Saturday

Burke

Annual harvest festival and Civil War living history: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.


Harvest fest: 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 3G Fire Department, 6229 Blue St. Games, food, hay ride, haunted house, face and pumpkin painting. Information: 315-376-2511.

Lowville

Adirondack Playboys: Adirondack Playboys, 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Lewis County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6912, 7752 W. State St. Cost: $5. Information: 315-376-2733.

Massena

Fall crop day: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Mary’s Church, 7 Sycamore St. Door prizes and workshops. Lunch not included. Cost: $10. Information: believeandcreateworkshops@yahoo.com.

Model train, toy and collectible expo: Sponsored by Norwood Model Railroad Club, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Massena Arena, 180 Harte Haven Plaza. Cost: $4; 9 and younger, free. Information: www.norwoodmodelrailroadclub.altervista.org.

Pulaski

Death at the Disco: With The Butler Did It Players, 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Kallet Theater, 4842 N. Jefferson St. Cost: $15. Information: www.kallettheater.com or 315-298-0007.

Sunday

Burke

Annual harvest fest and Civil War living history: See Saturday.

Lake Placid

North Country Out of Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide: Registration, 11 a.m.; opening ceremonies, 1 p.m.; ending, 4 p.m. Sunday, Olympic Speed Skating Oval, 2634 Main St. Information: Shelby Davis, shelby@mhainessex.org, 518-962-2077 or www.afsp.org/northcountry.

Lyons Falls

Trap shooting: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Moose River Fish and Game Club, Davis Bridge Road.

Massena

Model train, toy and collectible expo: See Saturday.

Osceola


Potsdam

Faculty recital: Featuring Carol Lowem, bassoon, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sara M. Snell Music Theater, SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Ave. Information: www.potsdam.edu.

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Sackets Harbor
Cider days: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, 112 E. Main St. Music, food, games, raffles. Information: 315-846-8341.

Watertown
Superhero dog walk: To benefit SPCA of Jefferson County, registration, 9:30 a.m.; walk, 11 a.m. Sunday, New York State Zoo at Thompson Park, 1 Thompson Park. Cost: $10; family of six, $30; pets and 2 and younger, free. Raffles, prizes, food. Information: 315-782-6180.

Oct. 2
Canton
Science cafe: Held 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Best Western University Inn, 90 E. Main St. Information: www.clarkson.edu.

Oct. 3
Potsdam
Science cafe: Held 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Lawrence Valley Roasters and Jernabi Coffeehouse, 11 Maple St. Information: www.clarkson.edu.

Oct. 4
Alexandria Bay
River Ramblings: See Thursday.

Potsdam
Seismology workshops: See Thursday.

Oct. 5
Carthage
Sixth annual dueling piano show: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Carthage Elks Lodge 1762, 511 Fulton St. Information: Taylor Scanlin, tscanlin@cahny.org.

Oct. 6
Carthage
Fourth annual autumn festival: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Games, crafts, face painting, story time. Information: 315-785-7705 or www.flowerlibrary.org.

Oct. 7
Sackets Harbor
Harvest festival: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, West Main Street. Farmers market, sales, children’s activities, art. Free. Information: sackschamber@gmail.com.

St. Regis Falls
St. Ann’s harvest dinner: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 77 N. Main St. Cost: $10; 11 and younger, $5. Information, takeouts: 518-522-4633.

Three Mile Bay
“Musical History of American Folk Music”: With Scott Aubertine, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Lyne Heritage Center, 8718 County Route 5. Free. Information: phyllis@clarkson.edu.

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Oct. 9

Clayton

Watertown

Oct. 11

Canton
St. Lawrence University writers series: Held 8 p.m. select days, Sykes Residence Hall, St. Lawrence University, 23 Romoda Drive. Free. Information: www.stlawu.edu.

Oct. 11: Hanif Abdurraqib, poet, writer, and cultural critic
Nov. 5: Madeleine Thien, author

Malone
Michigan Day: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 11, Court House.

Potsdam
Seismology workshops: See Thursday.

Oct. 13

Adams Center
Ladies auxiliary craft sale: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Adams Center Fire Department, 13401 North St. Benefits antique fire truck repair. Vendors: 10x10 space, $20. Information: 315-583-5740.

Clayton
Harvest festival: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Coyote Moon, 17371 E. Line Road. Live music by Bad Husbands Club. Information: 315-686-5600.


Depauville
Carmen D’Avino Second Saturday Cinema: Films held at 4 or 7 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, Depauville Free Library, 32333 County Route 179. Free, admission, donations accepted. Bring snacks and beverages. Information: depilib@ncls.org, 315-686-3299 or www.depauvillefreelibrary.org.

Oct. 13: Jen Senko’s “The Brainwashing of My Dad,” 7 p.m.
Nov. 10: Nora Twomey’s “The Breadwinner,” 4 p.m.
Dec. 8: Emilio Estevez’s “The Public,” 4 p.m.

Finview
Clarkson Seminar Series: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13, Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Welleseley Island State Park, County Route 100. Information: 315-482-2479.

Throughout the area
Free Kids Fishing Classes 2018: Lake Neatahwantha, with Mike McGrath, McGrath and Associates Carp Angling Services, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13. Free bait and tackle. Information: mmcmgrath2@twcny.com or srybaak@yahoo.com.


Potsdam

Watertown

Oct. 16

Chaumont

St. Lawrence County
Rabies vaccination clinics: 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 17, Ogdensburg Fire Department; 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24, Lisbon Fire Station; and 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 1, Human Services Building, Canton. Free. Dogs and cats receiving first vaccination must get booster in one year. All pets must be controlled by an adult and be on leash or in carrier. Information: 315-386-2325.

Oct. 17

Malone
Business after hours: Malone Chamber of Commerce, 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18, Malone Golf Club, 79 Golf Course Road. Information: director@malonechamberofcommerce.com.

Ogdensburg
Fall book sale: During library hours

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Oct. 18 to 27, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Information: 315-393-4325.

Oct. 18:
- Chateaugay: On stage: Held at 7 p.m. select days, Chateaugay Town Hall, 191 E. Main St. Cost: $20; advance, $15. Information: www.chateaugayny.org or 518-497-3126.

Oct. 19:
- Chateaugay: Angel Forrest Trio

Oct. 20:
- Chaumont: Seventh annual punkin' chunkin' festival: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20, Clayton. Catapult pumpkin into the St. Lawrence River, bounce house, vendors, food. Information: www.1000islands-clayton.com.

Oct. 21:
- Chateaugay: ‘Four Seasons Yoga in Nature’: With Thousand Islands Land Trust and River Yoga, 9 a.m. Oct. 21, Zenda Farms Preserve, Route 12E. Information, registration: treks@tilandtrust.org, 315-686-3485.
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5345, or www.tilandtrust.org.

Ogdensburg


Oct. 22

Ogdensburg


Oct. 23

Canton

Science cafe: See Oct. 2.

Gouverneur

Blood drive: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6338, 100 W. Main St. Information, appointments: 800-RED-CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org.

Ogdensburg


Oct. 23

Canton

Science cafe: See Oct. 2.

Gouverneur


Ogdensburg


Oct. 24

Watertown


Oct. 25

Potsdam

Science cafe: See Oct. 3.

St. Lawrence County


Oct. 26

Ogdensburg


Oct. 27

Alexandria Bay

Halloween festival: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, downtown Alexandria Bay. Free. Information: www.visit1000islands.com.

Ogdensburg


Nov. 1

St. Lawrence County


Nov. 2

Canton

St. Lawrence University writers series: See Oct. 11.

Nov. 3


Nov. 4

Chateaugay

On stage: See Oct. 19.

Nov. 5

Canton

Science cafe: See Oct. 2.

Nov. 6

Canton

Science cafe: See Oct. 3.

Nov. 7

Watertown


Nov. 8

Potsdam

CPS Presents Dalí Quartet: See Oct. 1.

Nov. 9

Chateaugay

On stage: See Oct. 19.

Nov. 10

Depauville


Nov. 11

Clayton

Clayton Community Band: See Oct. 9.

Nov. 12

Watertown


Nov. 13

Potsdam

Science cafe: See Oct. 3.

Nov. 14

Potsdam

Science cafe: See Oct. 3.

Nov. 15

Chateaugay

On stage: See Oct. 19.

Nov. 16

Potsdam

Science cafe: See Oct. 3.

Nov. 17

Chateaugay

On stage: See Oct. 19.
Continuing Events

Adams
Family movie night: 6 p.m. last Wednesday of the month. Adams Free Library, 2 N. Main St. Information: 315-232-2265.

Breakfast: 9 to 10 a.m. last Sunday of the month, Adams Assembly of God, 23 S. Main St. Free. Information: 315-232-4936.

Alexandria Bay

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Oct. 8, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9 to 21, Boldt Castle. Information, tickets: www.boldtcastle.com.

Brownville
Ham Jam: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Brownville Fire Department, 121 Brown Blvd. Classic country music jam session with some bluegrass and gospel. Free, donations accepted. Information: David J. Schryver, 315-489-1408.

Clayton

24th annual festival of trees: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 13 to Dec. 21, Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James St. Free. Information: sharon@tmuseum.org.

Evans Mills

Meals in the Mills: With Jefferson County Office for the Aging. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 8412 Main St. Cost: 59 and younger, $7.50; 60 and older, free. Free tai chi classes available. Information: 315-785-3191.

Fulton

Fulton Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through Oct. 20, South First Street. Information: www.oswegofulton-chamber.com/farmers-market.html.

Gouverneur

Friday lunch program: 11:30 a.m. Fridays, First United Methodist Church, 34 Grove St. Information: 315-287-2440.

Launda


LaFargeville

Bluegrass Music Jam: 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Oct. 21, LaFargeville American Legion, 1788 W. Main St. Information: 315-658-2679.

Lowville

Farmers market: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 18, Lewis County General Hospital, 7785 N. State St. Lowville Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5465 Bostwick St.

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Lyons Falls

Lyons Falls Farmers Market: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, through Oct. 16, Riverside Park, 6904 Laura St.

Malone


Massena

Soup and sandwich lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St. Free. Information: 315-769-8036.

Massena Thursday Farmers Market: 2 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 11, Danforth Place Park. Information: Massena Chamber of Commerce, 315-769-3525.


Moira

Grilled food: 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Brushton-Moira American Legion Post 939, Sayles Road. Information: 518-529-7219.

Old Forge

“Stephen Fletcher Wilderness Songs”: Exhibit on display through Oct. 21, View (Arts Center) Old Forge, 3273 Route 28. Information: www.viewarts.org or 518-369-8411.

Fiber arts exhibit: With the Pointed Pine

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Quilters, on display through Saturday, Old Forge Library, 220 Crosby Blvd. Information: 315-369-6008.


Italian night dinners: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. first Monday of the month, through Nov. 6, Parishville Volunteer Firemen’s Hall, 25 Rutman Road. Menu: Lasagna and/or spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, dessert. Cost: $8. Takeouts: 315-261-4642.

Potsdam

Game night: 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Information, registration: 315-265-7230.

Free Friday lunch: Sponsored by Potsdam Interfaith Community (formerly Ministerial Association of Potsdam), noon Fridays, Potsdam First Presbyterian Church, 42 Einn St. Takeouts available. Information: Rev. Brooke Nevell, brooke@cjgreen.net or 315-265-7474.

Potsdam Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Ives Park, Main Street. Information: Jennifer McAvoy, 315-528-2454.

Spanish storytime: With Senora Elena, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Information, registration: 315-265-7230.

Little bees family storytime: Families with babies and toddlers, 11 a.m. Saturdays, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Information, registration: 315-265-7230.

Saranac Lake


10th anniversary studio tours: Self-guided studio tours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays, last weekend of the month, through November. Saranac Lake area. List of participating studios, information: www.saranaclakeartsworks.com.

Watertown

Farm and craft market: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, through Oct. 10, Washington Street. Information: watertownfarmersmarket.weebly.com.

Bridge game: 12:30 p.m. every Monday and Friday, Ives Hill Retirement Community, 1200 Jewell Drive. Small games, partners found if needed. Closed if school is on snow day. Information: Debbie, 315-654-4419.

Saturday Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Mayor Joseph Butler Pavilion, JB Wise Place. Information: saturdayfarmersmarket.com.
Wilder Farm Harvest Festival

Enjoy an autumn day at the Almanzo Wilder Homestead’s annual Harvest Festival and Civil War Living History Encampment on Sept. 29 and 30 at the farm in Burke, NY. This year’s event will span both days with a variety of activities for all ages to enjoy.

The Adirondack Regiment of Civil War Re-enactors and co-re-enactors from all around the Northeast and Canada, as well as a nine-horse cavalry, will be on site for the weekend. Camps will be open to the public both days at 10 a.m. Visitors can visit with soldiers at their camps and be immersed in the history shown with the many military, mercantile and medical tent displays and demonstrations.

Saturday’s schedule includes two vignettes — “Rich Man’s War” and a military court martial. A company drill and artillery demonstration will take place on Sunday.

Battles between the Union and Confederate soldiers are scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday — beware the boom of cannons!

Other activities will include pumpkin painting, 19th century games, a scavenger hunt, corn pit, and scarecrow stuffing for children. A wide variety of farm market and craft vendors will be on site on Saturday. There will be demonstrations of spinning, shingle making, blacksmithing, weaving and others. Fresh apple cider will be pressed in the orchard.

Travis Preve and Jim Stickney, of Thirty 1 and Mandolin, will be on site to entertain on Saturday. Visitors can enjoy a folk song sing-along beginning at 1:30.

The ninth Annual “As Time Passes” juried adult art show will be open for viewing from Sept. 24 through 30 in the replica one-room schoolhouse. Artists have submitted their works related to life on the farm in the mid-1800s. Some will be available to purchase and visitors are all invited to cast their vote for the Viewer’s Choice award. Winners will be announced on Sept. 30 at 3 p.m.

Food available both days will include hot dogs, fries, pou- tines, pulled pork, and fresh cider donuts.

Admission is $9 for adults, $6 for ages 6-16, and ages 5 under are free. The homestead will be open extended hours for this event — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Civil War re-enactment campment on Sept. 29 and 30 will be open for viewing from mid 1800s. Some will be available to purchase and visitors are all invited to cast their vote for the Viewer’s Choice award. Winners will be announced on Sept. 30 at 3 p.m.

Food available both days will include hot dogs, fries, poutines, pulled pork, and fresh cider donuts.

The Confederate commanders strategize for their next altercation with the Union soldiers at last year’s Civil War Living History.

The Almanzo Wilder Homestead is located at 177 Stacy Road in Burke (Malone if using gps). For more information and activity schedules, go to www.almanzowilderfarm.com, Facebook, or call 518-483-1207.

A young visitor concentrates on achieving perfection as she paints her pumpkin at last year’s Harvest Fest.

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Pumpkin patches throughout the area

Here are a few pumpkin patches open to the public throughout the region. This is not an exhaustive list, so be on the lookout for other locations as you take scenic fall drives in the coming weeks.

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Great Adirondack Corn Maze opens on or about first weekend of August and continues through the end of October.

Regular hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first.

Flashlight nights are Friday and Saturday nights from dusk until 10 p.m. Everyone must be out of the maze by 10 p.m.

Admission prices to corn maze are $10 for adults and any unaccompanied children; $8 for children age 4 to 12 years; children less than 4 years are free. Snacks and hot/cold beverages are available.

Tucker Farms will have someone familiar with the maze on premises at all times who can “find” those who become “lost.” There is an elevated platform amid the maze for those needing an aerial view of the maze; A porta-potty is available on premises.

Snacks as well as hot and cold refreshments are available! Pack up the kids and come out for a great time!

Tucker Farms is located at 64 Hobart Road, Gabriels, NY 12069. Phone: 518-578-6460. Alternate Phone: 315-854-3109. Email: adkspud@hotmail.com.

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This pumpkin patch has pumpkins already gathered from the field, a kiddie (mini) corn maze and a child-sized hay-bale maze.

Breezy Maples also has pie pumpkins, tractor-pulled hay rides, a bouncy house, maple syrup from trees on the farm, fresh eggs, farm market, gift shop, concessions/refreshment stand, porta-potties, face painting, bouncy castle, pony rides, farm animals, birthday parties, school tours and events at your location (call for information).

Open Sunday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open for Christmas Trees from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve.

Breezy Maples is located at 331 Willard Road, Massena, NY 13662.

Directions:
• From Massena, follow Route 37 south 4.4 miles from the corner of route 56, take a left onto Willard, the farm is ahead on the right.
• From Potsdam and Canton, take county route 34 (Swamp Road) from Route 310 into Louisville. After the bridge, take a right onto Willard Road. The farm is 1.5 miles ahead on the left.
• From Waddington, follow Route 37 into Louisville. Willard is the next right past Louisville school.

For more information, call 315-705-6460 or send an email to info@breezymaples.com.

KINGSTON ROADSIDE STAND

Pumpkins for sale in the shop or farmstand. Pumpkins can also be picked in the field.

Kingston Roadside Stand also features wagon rides, haunted house, haunted rides and farm animals. The Haunted Barn and Wagon Ride Friday and Saturday, the day before Halloween and Halloween Day 6pm to 10pm or later;

The stand is located at 39 Route 34, Canton, NY 13617. Phone: 315-528-1081. Alternate Phone: 315-854-8092. Email: linda_kingston2002@yahoo.com.

LB’S PUMPKINS & CORN MAIZE

Corn maze, pumpkins, pumpkin patch — pick in the field or purchase pumpkins already gathered from the field.

Crops are usually available in September and October. Open Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LB’s is located at 1639 State Highway 58, Edwards, NY 13635. Phone: 315-562-2320. Email: lbspumpkins@tds.net.

Directions: 14 mile North of Gouverneur on State Highway 58, look for signs. 14 miles south of Fire on State Highway 58, look for signs.

Cornell Co-op shiitake workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a presentation on forest cultivation of shiitake and other specialty mushrooms, for home or small farm-scale production from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Paul Smith’s College Visitors Interpretation Center.

Learn the proper tree species, timing, inoculation and management techniques, along with the basic economics and marketing. Students will get to inoculate their own log to take home!

Cost of the workshop is $20 per person, which includes the inoculated log.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Sept. 26. Space is limited. To register online go to franklin.cce.cornell.edu or register by phone by calling Franklin County CCE at 518-483-7403.
Hunting and fishing in St. Lawrence County

EDITOR’S NOTE: Many people that the Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer and the time to put the fishing tackle away and take to the fields and woods for hunting.

But the truth is that some of the best opportunities for north country fishing take place in the fall.

The advent of cooler nights often triggers increased feeding for fish from panfish to muskie and the huge trout and salmon of the Lake Ontario regions.

Anglers urged to stay abreast of low water conditions of certain bodies of water.

The following is a combination of two “Hooks and Antlers” columns by longtime Johnson Newspapers outdoor writer Mike Seymour, who is presently retired, which explore the fall fishing and hunting opportunities in the north country.

FALL HUNTING

October 1 marks the traditional opening of hunting seasons for cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, woodcock, pheasants, and wild turkey across the Northern Zone.

Too, the first of October is now the opening day for Early Bow Season in the Southern Zone.

Pheasant Stockings

Wild pheasants are a rarity in our area although some birds from preserves or DEC stockings do survive the winter as evidenced by the pair of hold-over roosters I have seen outside of Rensselaer Falls.

Hunting pheasants in the north country means heading to a preserve or to one of the public hunting areas where DEC stocks birds.

Pheasants are traditionally stocked at seven locations in the area including St. Lawrence County’s Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Canton, Wilson Hill WMA in Louisville, and Fish Creek WMA in Macomb; Jefferson County’s Perch River WMA in Brownville, Ashland WMA in Cape Vincent, and French Creek WMA in Clayton; and Lewis County’s East Martinsburg Road in Martinsburg.

Upper and Lower Lakes WMA sees pheasants released at various locations along County Route 14, State Highway 68, Irish Settlement Road, and the public hunting area off the McAdoo Road (CR 16).

At Wilson Hill WMA, pheasants are released in the upland areas surrounding the open-marsh pools, and these birds typically scatter in the cattail and alder edges of wetland areas.

Special regulations are in effect for this WMA so hunters should check the posted rules at the kiosk in front of the check-station building. Stocking locations at Fish Creek WMA typically include the fields with access roads off the West Lake Road and off State Highway 58.

At the 7,862-acre Perch River WMA, pheasants are annually released along the Dog Hill Road and both sides of the Vaudri Road where hunting regulations are posted at the check station and there is self-sign-in.

The 2,040-acre Ashland WMA sees releases of birds along a significant length and both sides of the Ashland Road while the 2,300-acre French Creek WMA release sites typically include the French Creek, House, and Grant roads.

For the lone Lewis County stocking at 6490 East Martinsburg Road, look for the pheasant signs at the intersection of State Route 12 and the East Martinsburg Road. Hunters should note that this is private property and sign-in is required at the tool barn behind the house.

Pheasant Regulations

Pheasant Season in the Northern Zone extends through Feb. 28, and hunting hours are from sunrise to sunset. The daily limit is two birds of either sex. For more information on DEC pheasant programs and stockings, visit www.dec.ny.gov.

Turkey Population, And Regulations

Unlike the pheasant population, wild turkeys exist throughout the region. Still, turkey numbers have been on the decline for a number of years now so last year DEC instituted a four-year research program that includes shortening the fall turkey season in the Northern Zone from three weeks to two weeks and decreasing the seasonal bag limit from two birds of either sex to a single bird of either sex.

Locating Fall Turkeys

More so than spring birds, fall turkeys hang out in flocks, and typical flock makeup include hens and their young together as well as males grouped by age with other jakes or gobblers.

Locating flocks of turkeys is the first key to successful autumn hunts, and key places to look for actual birds or sign such as tracks, droppings, feathers, or scratching are grass fields, cut-crop fields, hardwood stands, and logging roads. Too, listening in the early morning for talkative birds and listening in the evening for noisy fly-ups to roosts are effective techniques for locating birds.

Once a flock has been located, learning the feeding, travel, and roosting habits of turkeys in a given area, as well as having a familiarity with the area’s terrain, serves to tip the odds in the hunter’s favor.

One maxim for fall turkey hunting states, “Find the foods, and you’ll find the birds,” but since wild turkeys eat a variety of nearly 400 plants, grasses, seeds, nuts, berries, and insects, determining their prime food sources at a given time of year does require some scouting.

Autumn hunters, however, can’t go wrong if they focus on cut cornfields, clover or alfalfa fields, patches of wild berries or grapes, and hardwood stands of beech, oak, hickory, or black cherry.

When weather conditions are warm, grass fields and their bug inhabitants are especially good bets.

FISHING

The St. Lawrence River offers outstanding catches of - Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, muskellunge, and walleye in the fall which is most known for the time to catch trophy fish. The fall is especially prominent in terms of catching large perch who provide great action and table fare.

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In addition to the St. Lawrence River, St. Lawrence County boasts of the Oswegatchie, Grasse, Raquette, St. Regis, Indian and Deer rivers and their hundreds of miles of angling opportunities in the spring, summer and fall.

For the most part, these six rivers originate in the Adirondack Park, and their uppermost reaches harvest harbor trout. In contrast, the lower stretches offer first-rate angling for a variety of warm-water species, including smallmouth bass, walleyes, perch, rock bass, crappies, pumpkinseeds, bullheads, fallfish, northern pike, muskelunge, largemouth bass and catfish.

The rivers are especially attractive to shore fishers, waders, kayakers, canoeists and small boat operators. Float trips are extremely popular, and options vary from several hours to several days. Access points along the rivers include boat launches, community water frontage, bridges, roadside pull-offs and road crossings.

**Oswegatchie River**

Originating from small flows in the Five Ponds Wilderness Area, the Oswegatchie River winds for 132 miles before entering the St. Lawrence River at Ogdensburg. This wide, slower-moving stretch has a gentle character with a vertical drop of only 200 feet, and the fishing is good for walleyes, smallmouths, northern pike and panfish.

**Grasse River**

The upper reaches of the Grasse River hold brown trout and brook trout while warm-water anglers concentrate their efforts on the 44-mile stretch of river from Pyrites to Massena. Boat launches below Canton and above and below the Madrid Dam make the river accessible to those fishing from small boats. These launches as well as various roadside access points make the Grasse a popular river for day-long, float trips via canoe.

The Grasse holds good numbers of smallmouth bass and walleyes. The river has a stable musky population. Statewide regulations call for a 40-inch minimum length (54 inches on the St. Lawrence River) for muskies, but anglers are encouraged to practice catch and release.

**Raquette River**

The Upper Raquette has good bass fishing and fair angling for pike and walleyes, but this 17-mile stretch receives minimal pressure because of limited access and strong rapids. The Upper Impoundments comprise the next 27 miles of river, and these impoundments have good access. The middle and lower portions of the Raquette River flow for nearly 50 miles from Colton to the St. Regis Indian Reservation.

The middle stretch consists of several reservoirs, numerous dams and flowing river sections while the lower stretch offers 15 miles of gentle, uninterrupted flow. The final 5.6 miles flow through the reservation before emptying into the St. Lawrence, and permission should be gained prior to angling on the reservation.

**St. Regis, Indian And Deer Rivers**

The St. Regis, Indian and Deer rivers originate in neighboring counties, but a portion of each flows through St. Lawrence County. The section of St. Regis River from the county line to Fort Jackson is trout water, but the 25-mile stretch from Fort Jackson to the St. Regis Reservation offers quality action for bronze-backs and walleyes. In addition, northern pike and muskies are possibilities.

The Indian River flows for nearly 100 miles through Lewis and Jefferson counties before entering St. Lawrence where the river empties into Black Lake.

The river’s 10-mile length from the county line to Black Lake offers quality angling for panfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleyes, northern pike and catfish. The water below the falls in Rossie offer quality fishing for crappies and walleyes once the walleye season opens.