Monthly Newsletter

LYONS FALLS ALIVE

April 2025



Falls Festival Planning Has Begun– HELP NEEDED!

Welcome to the latest edition of the village newsletter! Exciting times are ahead as we kick off planning for this year's Falls Festival, set for July 5th. We're thrilled to be working together to make this year's event even more memorable, and your participation is key. Whether you're interested in volunteering, setting up a booth, or simply coming out to enjoy the festivities, mark your calendars and get ready for a day full of fun and community spirit. In addition, don't miss our upcoming quarterly meeting on April 9th at 5 p.m. in the Library, where we'll discuss the latest village updates, share ideas for future events, and address any community concerns.

In other exciting news, there have been some changes within our local businesses, with a few now under new ownership. Be sure to stop by and support the new faces in charge, as they continue to serve our village with dedication and fresh ideas. Finally, we're excited to share that a local author is working on a book about our very own village monster, an intriguing figure in our history that's sure to capture the imagination of both longtime residents and newcomers. Stay tuned for more details, and thank you for being an essential part of what makes our village special!

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LYONS FALLS ALIVE **FARMERS MARKET**



The Lyons Falls Farmers' & Crafters' Market is scheduled to open June 10th and will run weekly from 11 am to 4 pm. As usual it will be at Riverside Park, Laura Street. Please do not come to the market before 11 am. as our vendors need time to set up. The last day of the market season will be September 30th.

We need more farmers to sell fruits and vegetables. We are sad to say that the Eberly Family has retired and will not be selling products at our market. They have been at our market since the beginning. Please contact Katie Liendecker, 315-348-8744 or cliendecker@gmail.com, if you know of any farmers that would like to join our market.

If you are a crafter and would like to join our market please contact Patty Corey, 315-348-6590 or lucycatmcalpine@icloud.com

LOCAL BUSINESSES UNDER **NEW OWNERSHIP**

Exciting changes are happening at two of our beloved local restaurants, Boondocks/3 Willows and Dorrity's, as both have recently been sold to new owners who are no strangers to these establishments. Having worked at each for many years, the new management at each are deeply committed to maintaining the warm, small-town atmosphere that has made these spots so cherished by our community. While they are focused on preserving the charm and character that patrons know and love, they also have big plans for making a few much-needed upgrades to enhance the dining experience.

Boondocks and 3 Willows have been sold to the quartet of Amelia Hoskins, Ryan Hurilla and Matt & RJ Lewis. Meanwhile, Dorrity's, will be in the trusted hands of Makayla McMinn. The Dorrity's restaurant will now go by the name, Center Street Diner.

St. John's And St. Martin's Catholic Churches Are Having An Easter Raffle Drawing will be Sunday, April 13th

Prizes:

- 1. Easter Egg (\$) Money Basket
- 2. Easter Egg (\$) Money Basket
- 3. Easter Ham
- 4. Lisk's Floral Gift Certificate.
- Marino's Gift Certificate.

- 6. Homemade Easter Cookies
- 7. Easter Basket for Adults.
- 8. Easter Basket for Kids.
- 9. Box of Croghan Candy

Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 For Tickets call: Kathy 315 348 8577 or Stacy 315 348 5138

Seeking Stories About Our Local River Monster!

Do you have a tale to tell about the mysterious river monster said to inhabit our local waters? Anne Huntress has received the SLCA Individual Artist Grant for 2025. She is collecting stories for an upcoming book, and is looking for any accounts—whether passed down through generations or more recent sightings—that might shed light on our legendary creature. If you've heard whispers of strange occurrences by the river or have your own spine-tingling story to share, she'd love to hear from you.

Please note: This will not be a historical account. Anne is writing a children-middle grade, fictional tale about a young boy who hears about the creature, does some research to help in his hunt, and adventures around the village in hopes of finding the mysterious monster. He will make a few new friends and, along with his trusty pet turtle, may or may not actually find our friendly village protector.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a piece of local folklore and help create the narrative of an actual novel! Please reach out with your stories or any information you might have—who knows, your experience could become part of a legendary tale for future generations! (anne.huntress@yahoo.com)



An example of a Giant Sturgeon captured. Today, the Lake Sturgeons found in the Great Lakes region are being considered for the endangered species list.

Community Choir Is Preparing For The Easter Season

There will be a performance on April 6th of A MOST AMAZING MAN including songs from Godspell and Jesus Christ Superstar. Rehearsals and the performance are at the Lowville Presbyterian Church. All singers are welcome! Contact pegandterry@gmail.com if interested.





HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA!

New Covenant Community Church - Community Meal

When: 1st Wednesday of each month, 4-6 PM Where: Fellowship Hall, Corner of Moose River

Road, Port Leyden

Details: Free meal, donations welcome.

Port Leyden Fire Department - Bingo Night

When: Monthly, Doors open at 6 PM, Bingo

starts at 7 PM

Where: Port Leyden Community Hall, 3387

Douglas St, Port Leyden

Details: Snacks, refreshments and pull-tabs available. Must be 18 years of age to attend.





Getting ahead is a 18 week commitment and classes are held once a week for 2 ½ hours

Class will be held April 29-September 9, 2025 Lowville Public Library: Dayan Street 4:00-6:30 PM

- Call/Text Karen (315) 250-4999
- Email: bridgeslewiscounty@gmail.com





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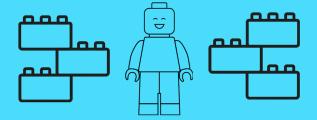
Saturday, April 19th 10AM

Kids of all ages are welcome! Join us for familyfriendly fun, prizes, and refreshments!

We are committed to making our events accessible to everyone, If you require an accommodation or service to fully participate, please contact us by phone or at lyflib@ncls.org at least 3 days prior to the event.



LEGO DAY



SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 9AM-NOON

Open to all children and their caregivers.
Use our blocks and LEGO books!



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OPEN MIC JAM



TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH 5PM-7PM

Bring an instrument, a friend, or just come to sing along! Tasteful content of any kind is welcome.

This is a family-friendly event.



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