



COMMUNITY FOCUS

Town Supervisor Todd D. Campbell

Hello, and welcome to Spring! This winter has certainly been an interesting one, the limited availability of salt and the high winds made keeping our roads clear a challenge and I would like to thank our highway crew for all of their efforts over the winter. Please stop in to the Town Hall and see the Town Clerk, Brenda, if you need a permit for Boughton Park or have questions about using the fields or pavilion in Michael Prouty Park.

The Town Hall will be the polling location for future elections now that we have completed the paving and striping of our parking lot—thank you for your patience as we worked to complete all of the requirements from the Board of Elections to make this happen. Our playground project is in process and you should see some activity there over the coming months, please watch for any safety barriers or warning signs if you are in the area as this will be an active work zone. The Town Board has spent several months working with our two volunteer fire departments on the 2025 contract—we are reflecting the active membership in the departments in the contract, so it is a change for both of them. They are both actively recruiting new members—please volunteer if you can!

Please take some time to review the Town’s website, we are always updating it with information about activities in our area in the calendar section, and also have a posting about the County’s hazardous materials/electronics recycling/shredding/tire events.

We are always looking for interested residents to fill positions on our planning, zoning and assessment boards (we have two alternate positions for each board), and on committees that help guide the Town Board and future direction of the town. My door is open when I am here in the town hall—please stop in and see me, or send me an e-mail if you have interest in serving on a committee or one of our boards. On a more personal note-I will not be running for the Supervisor position this election cycle, it has been my honor and privilege to represent the Town for the last 12 years. I would encourage everyone to get out and vote!

I can be reached at 624-2461, or via e-mail at tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org

Town Clerk

Brenda Thompson

Boughton Park

Located in the Town of East Bloomfield, Boughton Park has joint ownership by the Towns of West Bloomfield, Victor, and East Bloomfield. The park consists of ponds (56 acres), trails and wooded areas. It is a popular place for canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Acreage: 330 Acres, Length of Trails: 5 Miles. **Location:** Two Entrances: East Bloomfield, Stirnie Road, 1/2 mile south of Town Line Road & Boughton Road, 2 miles west of NYS Route 444. **Information and map available on our website – www.townofwestbloomfield.org**

Permits for Boughton Park are required. If you need a permit, please stop at the West Bloomfield Town Clerk's Office (9097 Daylight Drive) with proof of residency and your vehicle registration to qualify for your permit. You must apply to the Town Clerk in the township where you live. Acceptable proofs are closing papers, lease agreement, utility bill or property tax bill. **Please remember: your hang tag permit must be visible when you are parked, or you may receive a ticket.**

Invasive Species & Exotic Pests: Spotted Lanternfly

ALERT! Spotted Lanternfly was detected in Ontario County for the first time last fall. The insects were found in Geneva. Be on the lookout for this pest and report it if you see it. The spotted lanternfly is a planthopper native to China and Southeastern Asia. Discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014, the spotted lanternfly presents a threat throughout much of the United States. While its list of hosts is large, the greatest agricultural concern falls on grapes, hops, apples, blueberries, and stone fruits.

Found a Spotted Lanternfly in New York?

1. Take pictures of the insect, egg masses, or infestation you see and, if possible, include something for size, such as a coin or ruler.
2. If possible, collect the insect. Place in a bag and freeze, or in a jar with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.
3. Note the location (street address and zip code, intersecting roads, landmarks, or GPS coordinates).
4. Email pictures and location: Spotted Lanternfly Public Report (<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a08d60f6522043f5bd04229e00acdd63>)



TRANSFER STATION

Dates & Hours

2nd & 4th Saturday each Month – March thru November 8 am – 4 pm

2nd Saturday each Month – December thru February

Location: 2560 County Road #37 - West Bloomfield NY

All material must be from West Bloomfield households/residents only

Valid Permit Required available from the Town Clerk's Office – 9097 Daylight Drive

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 am – 12 Noon and 1 – 4 pm

Wednesday: 12 Noon – 6 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am – 12 Noon

The winter of 2024-2025 was colder and snowier than the last couple and that kept our crew very busy. Although there was a salt shortage it didn't affect us very much. Our salt barn was close to being empty a couple of times, but we managed to get deliveries just in time. Besides the normal deliveries from Mount Morris, we also got salt from overseas and Canada. Despite concerns about the impact on taxes due to increased salt cost, we have not exceeded our budgeted monies. Hopefully next fall will be mild and doesn't impact our salt supply. The good news is that our barn is now full.

In light of all that, salt reduction continues to be an important topic. Grants are available for equipment that supports reduction, and I will be attending "Road Salt Reduction Training" this April which is sponsored by the NYSDEC. The training is required to support the grant process.

On March 5 and 6, I travelled to Albany with hundreds of other highway superintendents from all over the state to attend our "Paving the Way In 2025" Advocacy Day. We visited the office of Assemblywoman Andrea K. Bailey and shared our concern that maintenance of local roads and bridges should be a top priority in the State budget. All highway departments receive aid from NYS to help us build and repair roads and bridges. In the proposed state budget, 598 million would go to the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program, known as CHIPS, the same as last year. Our goal was to urge the governor to increase that funding by 250 million.

The month of April will see the snow fence coming down, roads being swept and winter plow damage being repaired along the roadsides. We'll also be inspecting the roads to see where best to invest our road repair monies.

In May we'll be doing our first round of oil and stone.

During the summer we'll be paving Baker Road from Cox Rd. to County Road 35. We'll also continue working on Olmstead Road. We plan to widen the shoulders and install new pavement but that all depends on how the CHIPS funding works out

If you see us out on the roads, please slow down, be patient and give us a friendly wave. We're out there to make the roads better.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at my email address highwaysuper@townofwestbloomfield.org or the office phone at 585-624-2900.

Opening of the new playground equipment at Prouty Park is anticipated for the first week of June.

The Officers and members of the West Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., would like to let the tax paying residents of the Town of West Bloomfield know what is happening to the two organizations that provide fire protection for the town.

The West Bloomfield Fire Dept., Inc. is very thankful and appreciative for all the donations to our annual fund drive this year, and every year in the past, which have and will be used to help with our operating costs.

This is especially important this year since our Town Board led by Supervisor Campbell is proposing cutting West Bloomfield's contracted fire department tax funded payment from the \$91,000 provided last year to \$75,000 for 2025. The town's fire tax base is \$190,000 for 2025. This tax-funded amount has historically been split 50/50 between the Ionia Fire Company, and the West Bloomfield Fire Dept. The West Bloomfield Fire Dept. and Ionia Fire Company have agreed and operated with a 50/50 split of the fire tax money for approximately the last 10 years and it has worked efficiently. The fire departments voiced this same opinion at the Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2025 Budget held on November 13, 2024. Throughout the 74-year history of serving the Town of West Bloomfield, the number of members in each fire organization has alternated back and forth between the two organizations.

What is driving this proposed impactful change to the fire departments? The Town Supervisor and Town Board have been trying hard to push the two organizations to combine into one entity. This elimination of a fire protection service for the Town is something neither organization wants nor supports. For the past 8 to 10 years, both organizations have agreed to be toned out TOGETHER for every call within the town. This was established by both organizations due to many of the volunteers in each organization not being available and wanting to ensure that appropriate coverage and support was provided to the town and its residents. The departments have been working together well for years. It appears that our Town Supervisor and Town Board are trying their best to be able to control these VOLUNTEER organizations, which are here to support the town residents. The proposed unequal allocation of the tax funded fire money will do more harm than good for the departments. Maybe the Supervisor and his board members should think about volunteering to help these groups, instead of trying to control the VOLUNTEERS who dedicate many, many hours of their time to help and protect our community members and their property without any type of pay except knowing that we reached out to help someone in a crisis. What this continued unsolicited involvement by the Town Board is going to lead to is that the town taxpayers will eventually be hit hard with a fire tax increase in the future when the remainder of both organizations age out and the Town must start hiring paid firefighters at over \$200k per firefighter annually.

West Bloomfield Fire Dept., Inc. met with the town supervisor in March and discussed the proposed contract and came up with what was agreeable by both parties for the year 2025. It was also discussed that both fire organizations should follow the New York State recommended best practices for exterior and interior firefighter training, which would show who is qualified under the States recommendations, and that information would be presented to the Town Board by October 1st of the previous year. That proposal would make it so both organizations would be on an equal training requirement policy, which would make it easier for the fire organizations and the Town Board to discuss and come up with an agreeable contract amount annually.

West Bloomfield Fire Dept., Inc. decided to sign the current new contract with the revisions, so we were not leaving the town without the fire protection that both organizations have supplied in the past.

Signed by the Members, Officers, and VOLUNTEERS of West Bloomfield Fire Department, Inc. Established 1951

Please note that every member of the West Bloomfield Fire Dept., Inc., currently is open to review of a fair distribution of funding. These proposed changes in the allocation of funding should have been provided prior to final budget approval, and with full transparency and input from the fire departments and residents as well as the Town Board.

The town taxpayers should be aware that the Supervisor and Board have set up a collaboration fund for the past 2 years. This year it was eliminated. This tax-funded allocation came WITH THE STIPULATION that the departments had to present the Town Board with a proposal for the Supervisor's desire to combine both departments into one for as long as he has been in office. The Ionia Fire Company was originally organized to have fire protection in the northern area of the town. This is needed since there are no fire hydrants and limited access to water in that area. What the Supervisor and Board refuse to recognize is that the departments work together as a team to support the town, and we support and are supported by surrounding towns. The impact of lack of volunteers is felt by our town and all over the country. West Bloomfield is called frequently to support neighboring communities. The new pumper/ tanker truck that carries 2,600 gallons of water is a vital asset.

Firefighter Kevin Cary assisting West Bloomfield Volunteers at recent grass fire



Photo provided by Jeff Ball

Open Burning

New York State has a **“Burn Ban”** in effect preventing most open burns from March 16 through May 14.

The Burn Ban is the result of devastating forest fires across the state several years ago. During this period, vegetation on the surface is extremely flammable and burns easily. Even though the ground itself may be wet, the vegetation from last year remains dead until vegetation begins to bud out and things begin to look green. Anyone who ignores the state-wide Burn Ban is responsible for damage caused to neighboring property and structures. The New York DEC website <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning> has details on the open burn ban in New York State.

Memorial Day

The IVFC will be marching in the local Memorial Day Parade on May 26, beginning with the parade in Ionia, followed by West Bloomfield and East Bloomfield. Memorial Day honors the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service for our country. These courageous individuals have given everything they had to defend our freedoms and way of life. Memorial Day reminds us of the high price of freedom and the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice, to honor their memory with gratitude, and to support the surviving family members.

The origins of Memorial Day can be traced back to the aftermath of the American Civil War. As the conflict ended in 1865, people across the country began holding ceremonies to honor the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in conflict. The first national observance, then known as Decoration Day, was declared by General John A. Logan, Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868. The day was a time to decorate the graves of the fallen with flowers and to hold ceremonies to honor their sacrifice.

Congress declared Memorial Day a Federal Holiday in 1971, to be celebrated on the last Monday in May each year. American flags are flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day and then raised to full staff for the rest of the day as a symbol of the Nation’s resilience and determination. The red colored poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. The tradition dates back to World War I, when a poem called “In Flanders Fields” described red poppies growing on the graves of the fallen soldiers.

Mendon Carnival – June 5 through June 7

The Ionia Volunteer Fire Company will again have a booth at the annual Mendon Fire Department’s Fireman’s Carnival. The Ionia Fire Company sells French fries at our booth under the pavilion. This is a fundraiser for the company. Please come to the carnival to support both the Ionia and Mendon fire departments.

Volunteering

The Ionia Volunteer Fire Company continues to look for volunteers to become members of the department. Anyone who is 16 years or older can become a member. Being an active member, you can receive training to respond to emergencies like motor vehicle accidents or fires. If you have a skill set, we have other opportunities for you to support the fire company. If you have served in one of the branches of the armed forces, we are interested in speaking to you. Stop at the station on any Monday evening and speak with a member.

WBHS Re-opening for 2025 on Tuesday April 8th at 7PM

Winter is over and we'll resume monthly programs and events from April to October. Unless noted, events take place at our headquarters and exhibit space, 8966 Rt. 5 & 20 (formerly St. Joseph's Church).

We will also be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th, from 9 to 11 am – so stop by between parades for a cool drink and a look around.

Where to find news of our offerings: The WBHS Website and Facebook page ♦ Flyers in the West Bloomfield & Ionia Post Offices and at Town Hall ♦ *Genesee Valley Penny Saver* and *Community Focus*.

Message from the President and Historian Mike Borgeest

Our first day to re-open will be Tuesday April 8th at 7pm. Frankly it has been a very hectic time over the past several months. This opening evening will be more of a show and tell session. Our collections committee headed up by Loraine has been very busy over the winter. In addition, members Suzanne, Scott, Laura, Janet and Chris all contributed many hours as well. Several projects including a continuation of updating our computer system and to begin cataloging several years' accumulation of photographs. We also had a couple of very nice ephemera collections donated including Civil War letters. So, a casual evening to catch up and see some of the changes and additions. And not that I need to remind anyone but yes finger foods and treats are always welcome. And we anticipate a program on Tuesday May 6th as well.

Annual Yard Sale Returns for 33rd Year – Sat., July 12th, & Sun., July 13th

The West Bloomfield community is the backbone of our Sale's yearly success – and we still need you!

Spring cleaning? Set aside some usable, sellable items to donate in late June.

We are unable to accept items that are illegal to sell or costly to discard if not sold (check our Web site in the coming weeks). Learn about recycling such items at the Town Web site www.townofwestbloomfield.org.

Please consider volunteering for an hour or two before, during, or after the Sale, even if you are not a WBHS member. The Sale grows every year, and we need your help! It's our primary fund raiser for operating expenses and helps preserve our historic building and the artifacts that tell West Bloomfield's story. To learn more, call 585-657-7060.

Rent space for your own yard sale on the WBHS lawn. Reasonable rates for the whole July 12-13 weekend. Watch for full details on the WBHS Web site, Facebook page, and in the next *Focus*.

Greetings from Troop 56. . . Our Scouts recently hosted our February Pancake Breakfast, and it was nice to see many of you at this event which helps raise money for our Scouts' Spring Trip.

A Reminder: For this year's Memorial Day parade, we are interested in having townspeople who have served in one of our military branches join us for the parade. Without the presence of the Bloomfield American Legion at the parade, it is not the same as it once was. We would like to find a way to include veterans as we continue to show our respect for the fallen service men and women. Please reach out to me by phone or e-mail (585-509-1350 or fordguru@frontiernet.net).

In past articles I have followed up to share what some of our former Scouts are doing these days. This brings me to Steve Gefell, Eagle Scout & oldest son of Gary & Michelle. I recently had an opportunity to become re-acquainted with Steve. He was the first Boy Scout to earn his Eagle rank soon after I had become a leader in the Troop. Steve has experienced much in his 35 years . . . earning his bachelor's degree from Nazareth University, becoming an avid outdoorsman with accomplishments like climbing every high peak in New York and every fire tower in the state, and riding his bicycle from Niagara Falls to the Hudson River along the Erie Canal. He also walked from Charlotte to Letchworth State Park in 24 hours on the Genesee Greenway trail. For his latest adventure, Steve plans to walk across the United States having left from Cape Henlopen Delaware on his way to San Francisco! You can follow his posts and progress on Instagram (Use the app to find "Saunterin Steve.") While penning this article, Steve's father looked him up on his smart phone and found him in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia! His next stop will be a visit to his brother Matthew in Huntington, West Virginia.



As usual, I invite any youth and their parent/s to come join us at a Troop meeting. All are welcome! Come and see what life can be like without a cell phone or tablet at hand. We offer opportunities some may only dream about. Join us Tuesday evenings, 7 PM, at the West Bloomfield Fire Dept. Or you can contact me, the Committee Chairman, at 585-509-1350 or fordguru@frontiernet.net

It was a chilly and icy winter at the Allens Hill Free Library but that gave us time to make lots of plans – We have added many new books to our adult and children’s collections, along with new and classic DVDs. Our Makerspace for kids and adult coloring materials are always available. We have a Free Little Seed Library available for anyone who would like seeds for their gardens. And we will have brand new books on our Story-walk® as soon as the weather permits. Stop by and see our growing outdoor area with many great spaces to relax! Spring programs include crafts, local history, and art workshops. Also stop in to add your name for our monthly drawing. There’s something new every month!

The OWWL Library System is also sponsoring a local library tour. Pick up maps at any local library and tour each of the 42 libraries across the four counties in our system to collect stickers. If you collect them all, you can earn the coveted golden library card!



The Allens Hill Free Library is just 6 miles south of the West Bloomfield Town Hall on County Road 40. We provide print and non-print materials and services to the community. In addition to books for all ages, we have DVDs, CDs, video games, board games, and many other materials to borrow. A collection of jigsaw puzzles has been added for patrons to borrow.

We also have internet access, computers for patron use, and printing services.

Check out our website and social media for more details on future events. We would be thrilled to provide you with a library card if you don't already have one. Stop by and visit us soon!

Hours: Tuesday 3:00-6:00. Wednesday, 3:00-6:00. Friday 3:00-8:00. Saturday 1:00-4:00

Phone: (585) 229-5636 **Address:** 3818 County Road 40, Bloomfield, NY 14469

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/allenshillfreelibrary>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AHFLibrary **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/ahflibrary>

(The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.)

At the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Road in Ionia, all are welcome to our services, fellowship times, and events!

Sunday, 9 AM: Our Lenten Book Study of “*Believe Like Jesus*” will be held through Palm Sunday, April 13th. Our Spring Bible Study Group will begin after Easter.

Sunday, 10 AM: Worship with a “Coffee/Fellowship Time” after the service. We are planning a special service for Easter Sunday, April 20th.

2nd Sunday of each month: Birthday Sunday, celebrating birthdays that are in that month.

Last Sunday of each month: Pot-Luck Brunch after the service, with lots of good food & fellowship.

Thursday, June 19th, 4:30 – 6 PM: We will hold our annual Strawberry Social with hot dogs, burgers, sausage, salads, and strawberry desserts, all priced a la carte.

For more information about our church, check out our website: www.ioniaumc.org and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY

Creation Care Program: We invite you to continue to drop off 5-cent redeemable pop cans and bottles into the totes or crate behind the church. 100% of the proceeds support our church’s mission outreach for local, national, and international causes. Please – no recyclable jugs or bottles.

We encourage everyone to recycle all items that can be recycled by putting them into your trash collector’s recycle container, and taking recyclable plastic bags to store collection bins, keeping these items out of landfills, rivers, and oceans.

Outreach – Free Senior Lunch: Our church is in the planning stage for a popular Free Senior Lunch to be served on Tuesdays at noon in cooperation with Ontario County Office for the Aging. Watch for the starting date!

Ionia United Methodist Church is passionate about the local, national, and international community. We focus missional funds, volunteer hours, and other giving throughout the year towards ongoing needs and in response to events such as start-of-school year, holidays, or the devastation of a weather event. We join other church-based and community organizations in identifying needs and directing resources. We want to thank the whole community for their incredible support of all our programs and activities, including our September Fall Festival and November Holiday Fair Craft Show!

IONIA WOMEN’S CLUB

Shari Stottler

The Club welcomes all women living in the Ionia area to our meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. In an age of faceless communications, the Club remains a refreshing form of human contact. Over the fall and winter, we have enjoyed several activities including making 35 candy sleighs to donate to the Blessings Room at holiday time, creating and sharing an afternoon tea, and having a meal of soup and bread also known as ‘Ladle and Loaf.’”

In the spring and summer, we will have a presentation from the local Rotary Exchange students from Finland, a dinner out, a white elephant auction, and a summer potluck. We will also be working on the garden surrounding the Ionia sign on Route 64. For information on joining our gatherings, call or text Shari Stottler 585-519-2581.

Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science

www.RochesterAstronomy.org

Marian & Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy

8355 County Rd. 14, Ionia, NY



We are Rochester's "Astronomy Club" with our dark sky observational center right here in Ionia. We are dedicated to helping our members and the general public appreciate and enjoy the wonders of the universe, and to furthering the understanding of astronomy in the Greater Rochester area. Members enjoy all aspects of astronomy, including planetary, lunar and deep sky observing, astrophotography, education and public outreach, or just stargazing.

Although most members have little or no formal training in astronomy, math, physics, or space sciences, a few members are professional astronomers. If you are interested in any aspect of amateur astronomy, why not join us? We can help you learn your way around the sky. We can help you choose the right telescope to buy. We'll help you learn the fascinating science behind the hobby. And, we'll help you have fun while doing all that.

This spring's upcoming events at the Farash Center in Ionia:

Public Star Party on Friday, April 25, from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM.

Public Star Party on Friday, May 16, from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM.

Public Star Party on Friday, June 20, from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM.

Bring your Astronomy curiosity and a jacket to keep warm.

Please park in the lower field in the designated area outlined by traffic cones.

Visit our website calendar for more opportunities to participate:

www.RochesterAstronomy.org

Welcome to our Astronomy Section Dark Sky site: The Marian & Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy. – Mark Minarich, Past President ASRAS

West Bloomfield Congregational Church

9035 Routes 5 & 20, West Bloomfield, 585-624-1313

Website - wbccucc.org, email wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com

Sunday Service at 10 am. Our campus is fully wheelchair accessible with two ramps and an elevator. Our church is proudly Open and Affirming (ONA). ONA is an official designation of congregations and other settings in the United Church of Christ (UCC), affirming the full inclusion of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons (LGBT) in the church's life and ministry.

David Starbuck Gregory began his transitional pastoring at West Bloomfield Congregational Church UCC in January of 2025, and will be us for a period of 18 – 24 months while we search for a permanent replacement pastor. We'd love to have you come to a service and meet David. He also has office hours on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm. Please call or email him to make an appointment. revdgregory@gmail.com or (845) 741-5118

Join us one of two ways for **Mindfulness Practice** (no experience necessary). Tuesday at 6 pm via Zoom and/or Wednesday at noon in the chapel. Please reach out to wbccoffice@rochetster.rr.com if you'd like the Zoom link.

The West Bloomfield Congregational Church is hosting our 2nd Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day event on Saturday May 3rd: Hands-on learning, workshops, educational seminars, and vendors with an emphasis on sustainability, conservation, preservation, etc. The intent of this is to bring area businesses and service providers together and invite the community to learn more about sustainability, preservation, conservation, climate change mitigation, energy efficiency at the local level and how each person can make a difference. This will be a free event for the community. Stop by from 9 am to 3 pm.

Our **Annual Chicken BBQ** will be Father's Day, June 15th.

West Bloomfield Congregational Church is proud to house The H.O.P.E. (Helping other people eat) Food Pantry: We maintain a 24-7 food shelf in the alcove at the south side of the building, accessed by the metal ramp. We also hold a "grocery store" style food giveaway four times per year. Donations are also always accepted! Please call the church if you are having a food emergency, 585-624-1313.

Please also check out our social media presence for information about the happenings at WBUCC. Instagram page [@westbloomfieldcongregational](https://www.instagram.com/westbloomfieldcongregational), Facebook [@West Bloomfield UCC](https://www.facebook.com/WestBloomfieldUCC)

-- Sarah Williams, Program Director



Photo is of Gianna Trippi, West Bloomfield Congregational Church's first Junior Deacon. (photo credit, Pamela Hawkins)

Millers Corners Cemetery

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, March 26th. The current Treasurer and Superintendent gave their annual reports. Officers were elected to one-year terms, two trustees were elected to three-year terms, and one trustee was elected to fill the remainder of another trustee's term. The lawn mowing contract for this year was awarded. Unfortunately, the price of some cemetery services had to be increased due to third party increases this year.

Mark your calendar: A brief Memorial Day ceremony is currently scheduled for Monday, May 26th at 8:30 AM.

Grave decorations: By the time you read this, you should have removed your holiday decorations from any graves you are responsible for. This spring when placing flowers and plants on the graves, they must be potted. Any items permanently planted in the ground will be removed as allowed by NYS Cemetery Law. Also, by local policy, memorial lights are NOT allowed at any time in the cemetery.

Finances: In the interest of keeping our local cemetery well maintained it is important that the Millers Corners Cemetery Board does not deplete the General Fund. Unfortunately, the expenses exceeded the income every year except for two for quite a few years. Thankfully, donations received in the last couple of years helped our income to

almost exceed our expenses. We would appreciate families directing memorial donations to the cemetery when a family member passes.

Donations may be sent to: Millers Corners Cemetery, PO Box 52, Ionia NY 14475

Lot purchases: Make life easier for your family by purchasing a lot before it is needed. If you wish to purchase a lot or schedule the installation of a monument, please contact the Superintendent, Larry Evans, at 585-624-4993.



Wow! What a winter we had. While I'm a skier and appreciate the snow, I also know there were some difficult travel days. Many thanks to our Highway Department for their great job in keeping our roads in good shape!

We are looking forward to our annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26th, starting at 8:30 AM SHARP! The parade begins at the corners of Route 65 and Quaker Meeting House Road and goes to the North Bloomfield Cemetery. Don't miss the world's biggest little parade! After the reading of the names of our veterans, starting with the French and Indian War, everyone goes back to the Community Chapel for coffee, goodies, and friendship. Bring something to share for breakfast! We'll provide beverages and paper supplies. So please come out and meet your neighbors.

We are continuing with our efforts to bring the building to a sufficient level of solidness to have it last another 100+ years. We have a need for a variety of skills, so if there are any that you can provide for us, it would be greatly appreciated. If there is anyone looking for a community project, please consider donating your time. Contact Doreen Haller at 732-7545 for information.

Dues are \$10 per family annually and are paid on the honor system. Dues help offset our electrical bill and improvements at the Chapel. Checks are payable to North Bloomfield Community Association and can be mailed/dropped off to Doreen Haller at 1891 State Route 65, Honeoye Falls, 14472. We are making every effort to keep everyone informed about our community. We can keep you informed, up-to-date, and keep costs down if we have your email address. This list will not be sold or marketed to anyone other than for North Bloomfield Community Association business. Please send your email address to: doreen@treeskiers.com.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21st at the Chapel from 7-8:30 PM. At this time, we would like to prepare the Chapel for our Memorial Day Brunch. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from May until October. The time and place remain the same. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you at our Memorial Day parade!



The Historic Rural Cemetery of West Bloomfield

8960 Routes. 5 & 20 will have an Annual Lot Owners' Meeting on Monday, April 21st, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the West Bloomfield Town Hall, 9097 Daylight Drive.

All Board members are required to attend and lot owners and interested parties are encouraged to participate to discuss finances and the future of this historic cemetery.

Tom Weigert, Superintendent (585) 624-1823

Ed Price, Treasurer



North Bloomfield Cemetery Association, Inc.

Deborah V. Jahn, Volunteer NBCA Secretary
Cemetery Superintendent 585-624-1823

1941 NY Route 65, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472
Plots for sale, \$650

Spring is coming! That means that all winter decorations need to be removed by April 1st so maintenance of the cemetery can begin.

Speaking of decorations, be mindful of the items you place on the graves. Are they dangerous (or in the way) to the people who are trying to mow and trim around the monument? Will they deteriorate and blow into the horse paddock next to the cemetery? Will wildlife choke or be poisoned?

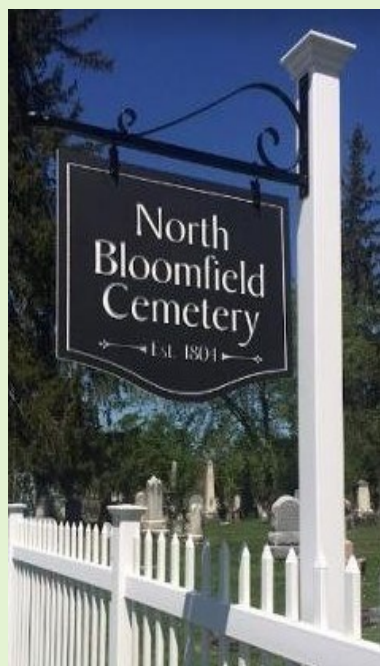
The cemetery rules have been updated. They are posted in the bulletin board on the shed. The most notable change is there is NO ALCOHOL allowed in the cemetery. Folks who have been leaving full, unopened cans of beer and empty bottles on a couple of the graves have made it necessary to document a rule that was somewhat assumed.

Some of the prices of services will also be increasing. If you are interested in purchasing a plot, or installing a foundation or monument, please contact our Superintendent.

Dates to remember - Mark your calendars

Monday, May 26, 8:30 am sharp: The Memorial Parade and brunch. Please come out and remember those who sacrificed for us.

Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 pm: The Annual North Bloomfield Cemetery meeting in the North Bloomfield Chapel across the street. Come find out what happens to your town cemeteries when there are no more volunteers to run it. Please remember that this is your community cemetery and is completely operated by volunteers and your donations. We have IRS non-profit status and death notices can be put in the paper with tax deductible contributions directed to: North Bloomfield Cemetery Assoc., 1941 State Route 65, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472



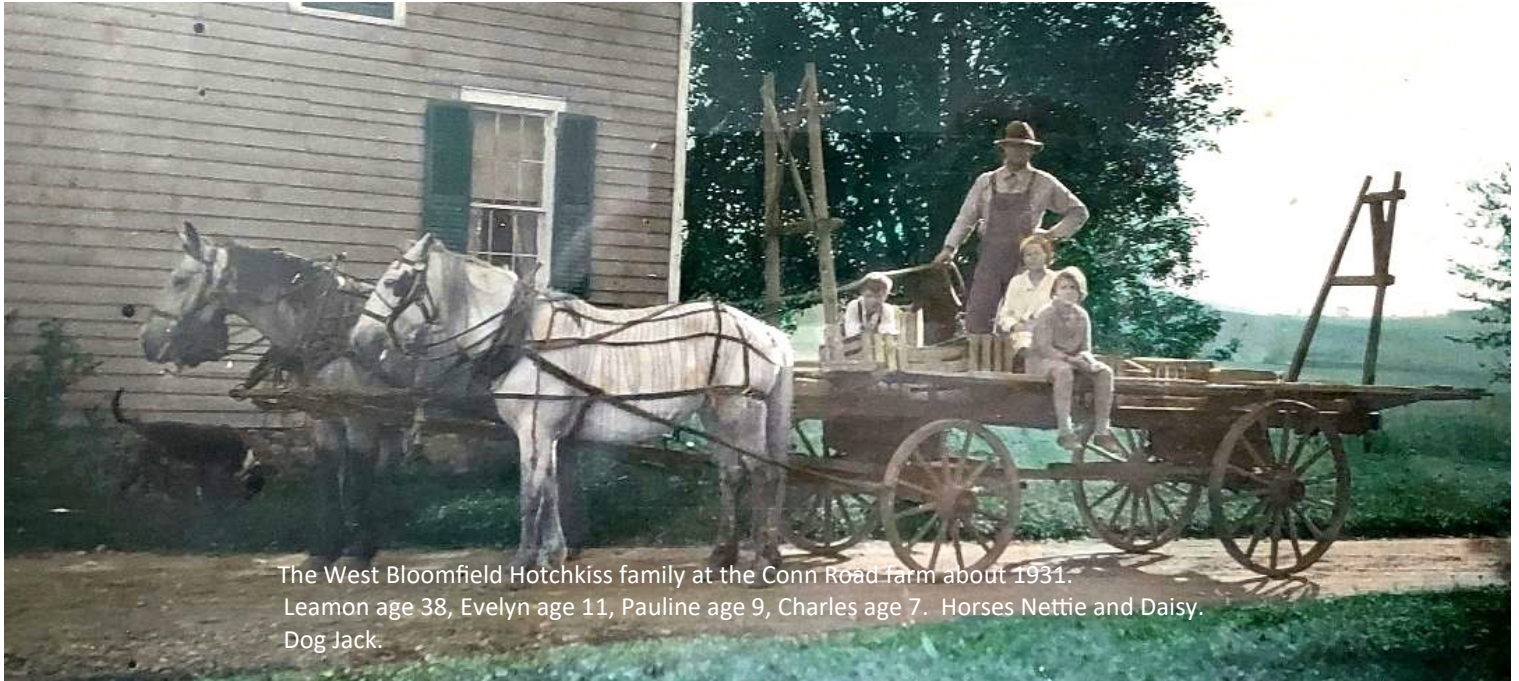
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Editor's note:

Dear West Bloomfield Residents, an article about this year's STAR program was omitted from the Winter issue of *Community Focus*. One of the most important functions of this newsletter is to share information from our Town government. We do apologize and want you to know that we have reviewed our process and have taken steps to improve it. Please know that your questions and concerns about *Community Focus* are always welcome.



The West Bloomfield Hotchkiss family at the Conn Road farm about 1931.
Leamon age 38, Evelyn age 11, Pauline age 9, Charles age 7. Horses Nettie and Daisy.
Dog Jack.



Ontario County RABIES Prevention Clinic

Saturdays April thru November by appointment.

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