

Calendar

This Saturday, **December 5th** is the Class of 2013 dinner and the Adirondack Arts Center's An Adirondack Christmas Carol. The dinner is 5-7pm in the school cafeteria. The menu is meatloaf and the fixings for \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for kids, and a special family price of \$20. The community play is in our school theater at 7:30pm at a cost of \$12 and \$10 for members. Children can come for \$8 and \$5 if members. We've got some kids from Newcomb in the play.

Memory Tree ceremony is **Sunday the 6th** at 3:00p.m. at the Fire Hall. Refreshments will be served. It was in the Enterprise for Saturday the 5th.

December 8th is the annual NCS Holiday Concert at 6:30pm. Please come out and hear the elementary-high school students as they sing and perform holiday songs. Also, by popular demand is Napoli Catering of Saratoga and the Class of 2010's A Taste of Italy dinner. Seating begins at 4pm and will include all the favorites: Stuffed Shells, Ziti, Meatballs, Chicken Cacciatore, Sausage & Peppers, all the fixings, and dessert.

December 10th at 7pm is the 2nd Roundtable Discussion of the 2009-2010 school year. The topic is the Balkans Revisited: Prospects for Bosnia and Kosovo and is hosted by Professor Roy Ginsburg at NCS.

Fifteen Years After the Dayton Peace Accords

The disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire into new states in 1919, at the end of World War I, is still being played out 90 years later. Yugoslavia (1919-1995) was one of the successor states to Austria-Hungary. However, Yugoslavia disintegrated into separate states during a bloody conflagration in 1991-1995. The Dayton Peace Accords ended the wars of national dissolution in former Yugoslavia.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, which broke off from former Yugoslavia in 1992, and Kosovo, which broke off from Serbia in 2008, are two examples of Yugoslav successor states struggling for national survival, security, and unity.

The roundtable focuses discussion on (1) what is happening in these troubled lands in 2009 and their prospects for peace and stability fifteen years after Dayton; and (2) international efforts to stabilize the region, promote reconciliation, and build new national economic and political systems.

Recommend Readings: Tim Judah, Kosovo: What Everyone Needs to Know; Ivo Andric, The Bosnian Story; and the U.S. Department of State websites for Kosovo (<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/kv/>) and Bosnia (<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2868.htm>)

Community choir directed by Karin Cook will be performing at the Newcomb United Methodist Church on **Friday December 11th** at 7:30, Saturday, 12th Long Lake town hall 8:00. Refreshments served at both venues.

On Saturday **December 12**, 2009 starting at 6pm. Santa will start his wonderful journey on top of our Newcomb Fire Truck with Ms. Clause nearby,

visiting the children of Newcomb. This event is sponsored by The Newcomb Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad. Any question please call Bea Taylor-Geiger @ 582-3732 or e-mail adkbea@frontiernet.net

United Methodist Women soup and bread delivery Dec. 17 and 18. Call Karin Cook or Ginny Hall if you can help cook and or deliver. Collecting warm wear (socks, hats, mittens, coats etc...) for missions ongoing.

The HOLIDAY LIGHTING contest will be held on Tuesday **December 22nd**. Please have your lights on between 6 and 8pm. Call Lorraine Miga (2402) if the judges need to go down your driveway to see all your decorations or if you are a participating Goodnow Flow resident. First prize is \$100 - Second place is \$50 and Third place is \$30. This event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Newcomb's Mountain Quilters and the Lions Club. HO! HO! HO!

[Check out the School website for basketball games.](#) Great fun and now we have cheerleaders too!

Don't Forget

Anyone wishing to reserve the Fire Hall, please call the Rescue Squad Building at 582-4712.

Happy Birthday Shout Outs!

Happy 18th Birthday to Nicole Roda on the 3rd and Larissa Roy on the 18th. Also Wishing Katie Geiger Happy 12th Birthday on December 8th

Newcomb Friends Far and Near, Past and Present

contributed by Marvin Bissell

Mary Yandon wrote the following in a letter dated Jan 1998

When Mary was in high school she was in a play and wore a flimsy ballerina costume (that her father objected to). The play began by Mary lighting a candle on a darkened stage and was put on in Newcomb without any problems. But when the play was begun in Long Lake the head of the match flew into the costume and it went up like paper. Her brother John jumped down from the balcony and wrapped the big curtains around her. But Mary was burned and spent many weeks in bed recovering. She still had scars on her side and arms and would have had scars on her face had not Dr. Johnson spent hours at her house working on it. March was cold and dreary but when she got outside for the first

time everything was in bloom and she never forgot the beauty of that day. Mary's lineage has been traced back to England in the 1500's.

The obituary for Gerald Pickering doesn't mention that he and his brother had a fabric shop in Tupper Lake for a while. Gerald had a fabric shop in Newcomb in the building near Harland Stubing's house and one in Warrensburg for years. I think they are in the right order but not sure.

Gerald and Nancy were members of the Newcomb Square Dance Club for years.

I asked Lilburn if he had traced the Yandon family. He said he had found his father's brother in Canada but not much else.

I asked a friend to help and we have traced the family back to France in 1620.

I have seen names misspelled but never spelled at least 20 different ways. Nor spelled different ways in the same family.

It was spelled Guedon when part of the family came from France to Canada in 1670.

Since then it has been spelled; Yada, Yaddow, Yanda, Yandan,

Yandaw, Yandeau, Yando, Yandon, Yandow,

Tandeau, Yeaudon, Yedan, Yeddau, Yedon, Yondau, Yondeaun Etc. and Guindon which I am told is the French spelling of Yandon.

Francois Guedon was born in 1620 in Loudin, Vienne, Anjou, France and wed Marie Molle. They had 10 kids, their son

Pierre Guindon was born 24 Sept, 1662 and wed Catherine Rouchellet-Braza. 3 kids.

Their son

Jean Guindon, was born 1707 and wed Madeline Labelle. 10 kids. Their son

Francois Guindon, was born in 1745 and wed Madeline Girard. 7 kids. Their son

Francois Yandon, was born 1778 and wed Genevieve Laberge, About 13 kids, Their son

Jacques Jacob Guindon, was born 1811 and wed Elizabeth Hall. 12 kids, Their son

Abel Yandon, was born 1841 and wed Rose Walker, who was Irish. 9 kids. Their son

Abel Yandon was born 1873 moved to USA in 1889 and wed Almira Akey. 3 kids. Their son

Lilburn Yandon was born 1915 and wed Mary Hall. 11 kids.

Marvin BIssell, copyright 3 December 2009

The parts of the plane that crashed into Santanoni Mountain have been removed by a salvage company.

Mitch towed his travel trailer to a park in North Carolina. He saw a tall pine between his truck and trailer which didn't look healthy and told the park man it should be taken down. The man said he would when he got around to it. A storm broke the tree in two about half way up and it fell away from the truck and trailer. The man told Mich he was lucky. Mich said no, you are lucky. If it had fallen on my trailer and injured me I would have sued you.

There are more hunters this year partly because they lost their job and are trying to put meat on their table. The deer aren't cooperating.

Some Newcomb hunters went down to the southern tier. One returned in a hurry because there were too many ticks crawling on him.
Another one promised to repair my truck a month ago but hasn't done it.

Thank You!

The PTSO would like to thank all who contributed to the Holiday Bake sale! The baked goods were wonderful and we were able to raise \$78.35 for the PTSO.

Special thank you to Rebecca Marra, Aiden La Course, Caitlyn Yandon, Mandy Bush, and Marlene Bott for the many hours they spent Sat. Manning the booth.

Thank you,
Jackie La Course

The Chamber would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's Holiday Fair. Our success belongs to all who purchased the fine locally made crafts, bought tickets for the wonderful Raffle Baskets (just ask winners Karen Friend and Marion Hurlburt!), bid on the Silent Auction items or just stopped by for lunch. Even the children were delighted when Santa himself stopped in for a visit!! Operation Santa Claus will be receiving a sizable donation from the Chamber. Merry Christmas to all and THANK YOU!!!!!!

George Walsh would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and well wishes.

Buy Local

Dear Newcombites & Quilters,

The Batiks have arrived & are just beautiful. At \$4.50 a yard makes it even better. All Christmas fabrics are \$6.00, Thimbleberries & Modas \$6.00. Plus, I have a Christmas gift for everyone who comes to check them out.

Regards,
Maggie
Aunt Polly's Material Girls
518-582-2260

Half price clearance sale on tobacco products at Bissell's Store. Stock up now. NYS is too chicken to collect the tax on the Native American's tobacco sales. Now they want \$1000.00 for a tobacco license to make up for their lost tax revenue; and after ruining our sales so we can't pay for it. Marvin Bissell

Newcomb in the News

At state agencies, what gets done depends largely on who leaves

<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/510017.html>

Proposed three-county rail trail gets planning aid

http://www.poststar.com/news/local/article_e65939ea-daf4-11de-9c78-001cc4c002e0.html

Adirondack land use lawsuit gets split ruling

http://www.poststar.com/news/local/article_bd3b4b9a-da02-11de-8dec-001cc4c002e0.html

Small plane crash claims two lives

http://www.poststar.com/news/local/article_2b126282-d37f-11de-9a4a-001cc4c002e0.html

Your Thoughts, Prayers, Cards and Casseroles Appreciated...

Family and friends of Gerald Pickering

Obit for Gerald Pickering

http://www.poststar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/article_2d717dde-def5-11de-beef-001cc4c03286.html

Family and Friends of Mary Yandon

Obit Mary Yandon

http://www.poststar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/article_0d3840a8-db0c-11de-8d81-001cc4c03286.html

Ann Dillon, Pauline Miller, Cecile Levesque, Karin Cook, George Walsh

Service Nov. 18th for Bob Ward's sister who died of cancer in New Jersey. Her husband also has cancer. They have 2 sons. This was the last of Bob's siblings, Their parents predeceased them.