

Newcomb Town Tattler October 27th, 2008

**Get out and Vote on Election Day November 4th!
Methodist Church has bake sale that day at Fire Hall
Vaccinations too from County Health Department**

****Calendar****

Newcomb Foreign Affairs "Roundtable"

AFTER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION:
THE FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS OF
U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OBAMA AND McCAIN

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
7:00 PM at the Newcomb School

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the rising importance of Russia and China in world affairs, the value of the dollar in relation to world currencies and global trade/investment, the rising price of oil, food, and other commodities, transnational crime and terrorism, genocide in Sudan, nuclear proliferation, and environmental concerns are among the many international issues that directly affect citizens of Newcomb and surrounding communities.

A foreign affairs roundtable is an informal gathering of individuals interested in world affairs who select for discussion different international issues/events not only to gain knowledge of those issues/events, but to share views--and thus to achieve a richer and more rounded appreciation of our complex world.

The purpose of the Newcomb foreign affairs roundtable is to hold periodic sessions that feature a major international issue in order to learn about that issue, its causes and effects, and policy options for the United States in addressing that issue. Newcomb's foreign affairs roundtable is envisaged as an educational-social gathering of citizens who wish to become more knowledgeable about the world that influences upstate New York and the nation at large.

A series of four roundtables is proposed for Fall/Winter 2008-2009. Each roundtable will consist of four parts, each moderated by the presenter:

- (1) a short lecture presentation of an international issue chosen by the participants;
- (2) a roundtable discussion moderated by the speaker during which time participants ask questions and make comments;
- (3) a summary of the proceedings by the moderator; and
- (4) a selection among the participants of the next session's topic.

The presenter suggests one or two readings in advance of each session so that participants who wish to come prepared with questions and comments may do so. The first session will take place on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Newcomb Central School. Skidmore Professor of Government Roy H. Ginsberg has volunteered to lead the series, with the inaugural roundtable discussion titled "After the Bush Administration: The foreign policy positions of U.S. Presidential candidates Obama and McCain."

Please Join Us!

The Newcomb Central School Celebration Dinner and Open House is rescheduled due to soccer sectionals. The new date is **Thursday, November 6th**. The Open House is 4:30-5:30pm and the dinner is 5:30pm.

We are specifically honoring our international students, new students, staff and ALL FORMER employees. It is a pot luck dinner, so find a poster or call the school to see what you need to bring. Please come out for a great evening!

Attention Gardeners!

Hold onto your seeds! There will be a SEED EXCHANGE this February (date and location TBA). Packaged seed and seed harvested from your own vegetables can be shared or exchanged for others. This is a great way to get growing tips and to try something new. Start collecting your garden seed now for your 2009 garden. Do you have a great recipe? Bring it along! More information to follow. Any questions? Call Lorraine Miga 582-2402.

Help!

Paul Hai is trying to do some research on the Upper Works and Adirondac and is trying to nail down the truth of a rumor he's heard repeatedly. He's interested in talking to anyone who was living there and witnessed and/or helped clean up from the Nov 25th 1950 blow-down. Contact Paul either at work 582.4551 xtn 104, pbhai@esf.edu or at home evenings 582.5481.

Joanna Donk can do digital printing from anyones digital camera card. 4 x 6 Glossy \$.35 plus tax just call to catch her at home 582-4601

Wildlife

Marvin noted that 12 Oct. 2008 Many flocks of geese flew over headed south. On the 13 Oct, 2008 More than 7 single engine planes flew over headed north at about the same height as the geese yesterday. "They don't know how lucky they are that they didn't meet those geese. The planes were all the same yellow color. Must be a club of some sort."

I have a pair of Canada Jays hanging out at my house. If you're interested in adding them to your bird list, give me a call and you can come over to see them--Sandy

The Adirondack Ecological Center keeps records of moose sightings in Newcomb. If anyone sees

a moose, please contact Stacy McNulty at 582-4551 x102 or smcnulty@esf.edu (or call AEC and leave a message). Desired information includes:

Location where moose was seen

Date and time of day

Gender (does it have antlers or not? how large are the antlers?)

Your name and phone number

It's moose breeding season so they are on the move. Thanks!

Newcomb Friends Near and Far, New and Old

contributed by Marvin Bissell

Heard from Ray Masters..."Ray Masters was snowed in a week or two ago when we were enjoying clear days and temperatures of 60-70. He got 40 inches of snow in his driveway and he didn't like it. Said it was too much. Hooray!"

23 October 2008 Vera Wilcox. died in Glens Falls SHe was born in Newcomb 6 July 1912. Her parents were John 1879-1951 and Helena (Busch) 1887-1978 Wilcox. John's parents were James, born 1852 in Chestertown and Julina Stanton born 1856. James had 2 sisters Edna 1877-1889 and Nettie 1883- 1889 who died from diptheria and are buried in the Huntington cemetery.

The John Busch family was said to have lived in the Frank Rapant house on the dump road. If so, it is an old house. Mother knew the family. His daughter, Helena Busch , wed John Wilcox.

My records state that her parents moved to Glens Falls about 1932 or 3. So it was interesting to read that Vera graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1931. The Busch family grandparents moved to Glens Falls, possibly as soon as 1914 after John Busch's wife Eliza Kelso died. Maybe Vera lived with her Busch grandparents in Glens Falls when she was in high school to get a better education or other reasons.

Vera was the eldest child and the last member of that family. She will join her parents, sister Agnes and brother Mark in the Newcomb cemetery.

John Busch and Eliza Kelso (Vera Wilcox's grandparents) are buried in the old catholic cemetery, west of our present school building.

Newcomb in the News

Dozens and dozens of high schools across the state applied to play at the New York State School Board Association's annual conference! Three were chosen, and only one was picked to play before the Commissioner of Education spoke. Yes, it was Newcomb Central School's Hand Bell Choir! These great students played before a packed house, and at the end, received a standing ovation! Congratulations to Zhanna Pendell and the students on a GREAT job!

Local municipalities get assessment awards

http://www.pressrepublican.com/archivesearch/local_story_294234516.html

****Check it Out!****

Yes, the Russians are coming! Newcomb was one of a few schools in the State of New York chosen for a wonderful international program. From December 5th - 13th a group of five Russian educators will be coming to Newcomb to witness rural education in America. The group will also include a facilitator and translator. Russian education has a great reputation, but they are transitioning from state to local education. They are interested in the "hows" and "whys" of American education. **Mr Hults is looking for a few homes for these men and women to stay. If you can assist, please give the school a call.**

Have you checked out www.greatschools.net? Newcomb Central School was the only North Country school rated 10 out of 10! We are the only school district with a ten rating found in Saratoga, Hamilton, Warren, Essex and Washington counties. Congratulations to the Board, faculty and staff, students, and families!

Results of the Chamber election

President Jackie Lacourse

Vice-Pres Open

Secretary Leonard Abare

Treasurer Joanna Donk

Board of Directors

Judy DePasquale

Maggie Alitz

****Thoughts, Prayers, Cards and Casseroles****

For the most part I can't pass on the details of people's medical condition or need but if a name shows up on the list suffice it to say that you might want to call and see how they are doing.

Our daughter, Brie, is expecting triplets and has been hospitalized in Great Falls, MT until they are born. Please add her name to your people who are ill and need prayer. The babes are due Dec. 26 but will probably be born within the next couple of weeks.

Thanks.....Mary and Bob Ward

Gert Canon, Lana Fennessey, Maggie Alitz

Family and Friends of Richard Drosdowich

Obituary: Vera Wilcox

<http://www.poststar.com/articles/2008/10/25/community/announcements/obits/14032698.txt>

****From the editor/publisher/whatever****

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