

Lexington, NY Newsletter

March 2017

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Town Supervisor, John Berger's hours are as follows:
Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

What's Cooking?

We are featuring recipes from the Bicentennial Cookbook in each newsletter. This edition's feature is from of Jill Coons (page 37).

Saucy Baked Chicken and Broccoli

1 lb. broccoli (about 4 c.) trimmed, cut
in 1-inch pieces, cooked and drained.

8 skinless, boneless chicken breast
halves (2lb.)

1 (26 oz.) can Campbell's condensed
cream of mushroom soup

2/3 c. milk

¼ tsp. ground black pepper

2 c. regular long grain white rice,
prepared as per the pkg. directions
(about 6 c.)

Place the broccoli into a 3-quart shallow baking dish. Top with the chicken. Stir the soup, milk, and black pepper in a small bowl. Pour the soup mixture over the broccoli and chicken. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Serve over the rice.

1886 - There will be a grand ball at the Martin House, March 17th.
The public are generally invited to attend. Music by Ford's Band – Bill \$1.25

FIRE!

The Lexington Fire Company will be hosting a DRIVE THROUGH Chicken BBQ on April 1, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Town building. The cost is \$12.00 for each dinner or just \$7.00 for ½ chicken.

These amazing men and women can always use our support. They are a team of hard working dedicated first responders, who do their best to protect our community and keep us safe. Their volunteer service is a commitment to always be aware, to always help when needed. They respond to numerous calls each year. So, after work, school, or just a day of shopping, drive on by and pick up dinner for you and your family. Maybe even drop one off to an elderly or home bound neighbor.

Local Volunteer Fire and Rescue organizations are always looking for new members. Have you considered becoming a volunteer?

History: Fact or Fiction

These Lexington residents all made their living here and were full time residents of the town. Match the Lexington resident to their profession:

1. Hezekiah Petit
2. Solomon Freyer
3. Edwin Ford
4. George Hastings
5. Osmar Avery
6. John Berger

- A. Furniture Maker
- B. Correspondent
- C. Baptist Clergyman
- D. Carriage Maker
- E. Shoe maker
- F. Doctor

1 = C, 2 = E, 3 = F, 4 = B, 5 = D, 6 = A

Mountaintop Golden Agers

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, 1:30 PM in the Tannersville Village Hall on Main St.

WAJPL Golden Agers

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, 1:30 PM in the Windham Town Hall, Route 296 in Hensonville.

Jewett Nutrition Center

All persons (age 60 or older & spouses) can go to the Jewett Nutrition Center for lunch. An entrée with vegetable is served daily with bread w/ Promise Spread, milk, coffee, & tea. Lunch reservations are required at least one day in advance. Simply call 518-263-4392. Lunch is served about noon. Suggested donation is \$4 You can get the upcoming menu at:

<http://greenegovernment.com/departments/human-services/services-resources/nutrition-senior-centers>

Lexington Historical Society

The Lexington Historical Society along with the West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association are sponsoring Patriots' Day on April 22, 2017. There will be a Recipe Book Pot Luck Dinner beginning at 5:00 PM at the Community Hall in West Kill. Please bring a dish and your family and friends. Carolyn Bennett will tell the fascinating story of "The Five Wives of Zadock Pratt". If you do not have a Lexington Bicentennial Cookbook, please call Lorraine at 518-989-6646, or stop by the history room at the Town Hall. Call 518-989-6476 ext. 16, leave a message.

Little Free Library

The Hunter Library has set up a small structure in the space at the "store", next to the Lexington Post Office, called the Little Free Library. They have put books inside that can be borrowed at will. The idea is to take a book/leave a book. More info can be obtained on line at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Organizers of the Thunder in the Mountains Car Show are in need of one more parking attendant. This year's organizers are appreciative of the assistance of those who are guiding and helping them. For more information on the car show, please call Mary at 518-989-6813 or Email Lexington_events@lexingtonny.com.

Know your Neighbor

Lexington residents, Joe & Kim Cuesta have owned the Black Bear Lodge for the past two years. They also own Mountain Meadow Inn Bed & Breakfast. The quaint roadside lodge is located at 11985 Route 23A, and has been operated as a motel for 40 years. Joe & Kim are the third owners of this modestly priced, pet friendly, creek side splendor. When visiting, you have parking right in front of your room, picnic tables to sit outside on, Adirondack chairs to relax and enjoy the starry nights. They, hopefully, look forward to offering high speed internet in the near future.



Visit BlackBearLodgeCatskills.com
or MountainMeadowInn.com

In Education

The Spring Musical, The Lion King, Jr. gave four performances at 7:30 PM on March 17th and 18th as well as at 2:00 PM on the 18th and 19th at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville. It was a huge success, there is video all over Facebook. The Spring All County Concert was held in Coxsackie on March 24, 2017. Spring break begins with no school on Good Friday, April 14th, and students return to classes on Friday April 21st at WAJ, and Monday April 24th at HTC.

In Education

Attention High School Seniors

The Greene County Historical Society offers a prestigious \$1,000 Scholarship to one high school senior living in Greene County, NY. The Beecher Scholarship was established in 2007 to honor Dr. Raymond Beecher, Trustee Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society. The student will have to complete a 3 to 5 page article related to Greene County History. All articles must be original, written in acceptable English style, word-processed and double-spaced. Also, a bibliography or Work Cited page should accompany all articles. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and the name of your high school.

Articles submitted may be published in the Society's Quarterly Journal. Students should submit their project to: Beecher Scholarship, GCHS, Inc., PO Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051. The deadline for receiving the project is May 1, 2017.

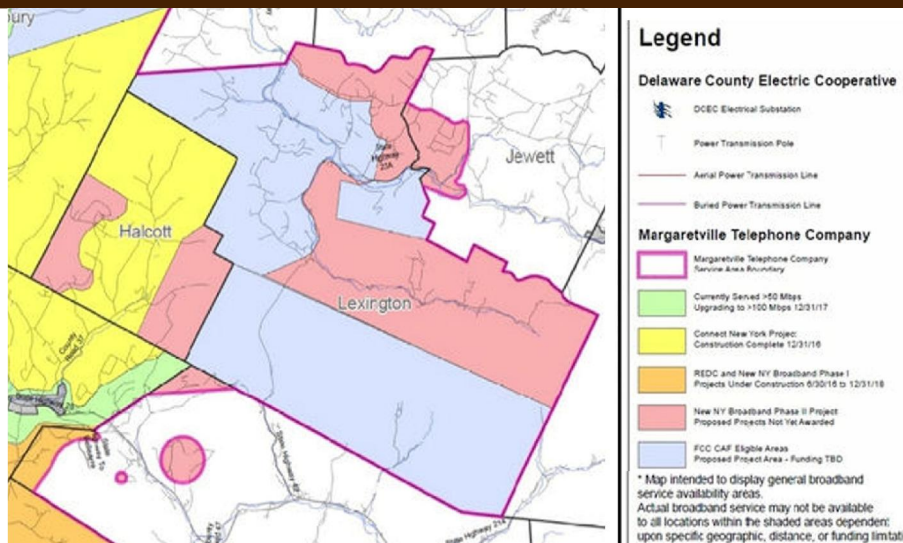
The quality of resources used will be a factor in the selection of the winning essay. The Vedder Research Library (located on the grounds of the Bronck Museum) is open for primary source research on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-4pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm. A panel of three Society Trustees will judge the project. Announcement of the scholarship and payment of the award will be given at graduation or award ceremonies at the student's high school. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager, GCHS, Inc. at jbarnhart.gchs@yahoo.com, 518-731-1033 or Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

Calendar of Events

- April 1st** – Town of Lexington Fire Company Drive Thru Chicken BBQ:
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. at the Town Hall. Dinner: \$12.00
½ Chicken: \$7.00.
- April 2nd** – Maple Brunch: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the West Kill-
Lexington Community Hall. Adults: \$10, ages 10 & under: \$5
- April 8th** – Artist Talk by Nancy Orr: 1:00 PM Kaaterskill Fine Art
Gallery in Hunter. Artist Display through May 7th.
Lexington Community Hall. Adults: \$10, ages 10 & under: \$5
- April 22nd** – Patriots' Day: 5:00 PM at the West Kill -Lexington
Community Hall. Recipe Book Pot Luck Dinner.
- April 28th** – Christmas in April: 7:00 PM at the Doctorow Center for the Arts,
Hunter. Two – one act plays by the Kaaterskill Actors Theater
and Petite Productions. \$15.00 reserve at www.wilderapril.com
- April 29th** – Christmas in April: 7:00 PM at the Doctorow Center for the Arts,
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and Petite Productions. \$15.00 reserve at www.wilderapril.com
- April 30th** – Christmas in April: 2:00 PM at the Doctorow Center for the Arts,
Hunter. Two – one act plays by the Kaaterskill Actors Theater
and Petite Productions. \$15.00 reserve at www.wilderapril.com
- May 20th** – Lexington Farmer's Market: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Lexington Town Hall Pavilion, Route 42 Lexington.
- May 24th** – Elementary School Concert: 6:30 PM at the Orpheum in Tannersville.
- May 27th** – Brooks BBQ: 5:00 PM. Lexington - Westkill UMC Main St.
Lexington. Dinner: \$10.00, ½ Chicken \$7.00, Ages 5 to 12: \$5.00
- May 29th** – Memorial Day: 9:00 AM. A short ceremony, a parade to both
cemeteries. Ice cream follows at the West Kill Fire House.
- June 3rd** – West Kill Ladies Aid Bake Sale: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Lexington Farmer's Market, Route 42 Lexington.
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Lexington Town Hall Pavilion, Route 42 Lexington.
- June 10th** – Strawberry Supper: 5:00 PM. Lexington - Westkill UMC
Main St. Lexington. Adults: \$10.00 Ages 5 to 12: \$5.00
- June 17th** – Lexington Farmer's Market: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Lexington Farmer's Market, Route 42 Lexington.
- June 17th** – Lexington Historical Society Bake Sale: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Lexington Town Hall Pavilion, Route 42 Lexington.
- June 23rd** – WAJ High School Graduation: 6:00 PM. Windham School
- June 24th** – HTC High School Graduation: 10:00 AM. Tannersville HS

Broadband

MTC Cable was awarded \$1,384,192 for its Lexington project, in Round II grant competition for the New York State Broadband Project. This was the largest Round II award in Greene County, and will be covering 401 units in the town of Lexington. Round III will begin very soon, MTC Cable intends on competing for additional funds to enable broadband to be brought to additional areas of Lexington. Representatives from MTC cable discussed some of the details of what winning in Round II means for those of you in Lexington. This grant program does not cost the town money. This is a partnership between the state and the companies with winning grant applications. Round 2 and potential Round 3 physical build outs will be at least partially concurrent. State and federal funds cover up to 50% of company costs in Round 3, with the provider adding their 50%. We are seeking complete coverage for Lexington. Please be sure to check the website "www.Lexingtonbroadband.org" for the most up to date information from Bonnie Blader. Below is a map showing the likely areas of coverage.



Lexington Garden Club
The Lexington Garden Club is anticipating a glorious season of blooms in the garden by the Post Office and the trough. We'll have a spring cleanup day (TBD). Volunteers are appreciated to help with planting, and with weekly weeding, watering, planting, etc. Donations of compost and plants are always appreciated. Please contact Bev Dezan, 989-6216, bevdezan@gmail.com if you can join us or wish to be kept alerted to work days.

Yoga Classes

"All-level" yoga classes are held twice a week in the court room at the municipal building. Students of all levels are welcomed. Call Anne Donovan RYT at 347-393-3649 for the schedule. There is a suggested donation of at least \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rappleyea, a son ~ May 24, 1888

Get In On It All

To receive these newsletters by email please send your email address to Lexington_events@lexingtonny.com (Subject: ADD ME)

Mail your **business card or information** to Donna / Directory c/o P.O. Box 28 Lexington, NY 12452 to have your business included on the website.

If you are having or know of an event nearby, please email the flyer or the information about the event to Lexington_events@lexingtonny.com. They may be posted on the town website, Facebook page, and included in the newsletter. **FREE ADVERTISING.**

Water Front Park

Adam Cross is looking for volunteers to help at the water front park on Route 13A in Lexington. They will be breaking ground approximately May 1st. Please call Adam Cross for more info 518-989-6476 ext. 11

Information for the Masses

LWK United Methodist Church

54 County Route 13A
Lexington, NY 12452

Worship times

Weekend Services:

Sundays: 9:00 AM

Last Sunday of the Month

Worship is at 10:00 AM

St Theresa of the Child Jesus RC Church

5188 State Route 23
Windham, NY 12496

Mass times

Daily Mass:

Tuesday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 9:30 AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Reconciliation every
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Jewett

Presbyterian Church

53 Church St.

Jewett, NY 12444

Worship times

Weekend Services:

Sunday 9:00 AM

Kaaterskill

Methodist Church

Worship times

Weekend Services:

Sunday 10:30 AM

At 5936 Main St.

Tannersville, NY 12485

St. John the Baptist

Ukrainian Catholic

Church

Mass times

Summer Only

Immaculate Conception Church

55 North Lake Rd.

Haines Falls, NY 12436

Mass times

Daily Mass:

Monday 12:00 PM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 12:00 PM

by request (*please contact*

Father Jay to schedule a
Mass 518-734-3352)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Greek Orthodox

Church of the Assumption

4752 State Route 23

Windham, NY 12496

Mass times

Weekend Mass:

Sunday Orthros: 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy: 10:15 AM

Windham-Hensonville United Methodist Church

5296 State Route 23, Windham, NY 12496

Worship times, Weekend Services: Sunday 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Easter Services

Lexington-WestKill UM Church Easter Services:

7:45 AM at the Lexington Cemetery, County Rte. 13

8:30 AM Easter Breakfast at Jewett Grange Hall, County Rte. 17

10:00 AM Combined Easter Worship Service at Jewett Church

Immaculate Conception Church, Haines Falls:

Good Friday – 12:00 PM Mass

Palm Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

Easter Sunday – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses

For more info go to sacred-heart-immaculate-conception.weebly.com

Big Valley Trail Breakers

The Big Valley Trail Breakers Snowmobile Club, Inc. (Facebook page) has certainly been able to hit the trails with this year's snow. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM once a month. For more information please call 518 989-9820 or email them at

bigvalleytrailbreakers@yahoo.com

This letter was sent to Supervisor John Berger.

COUNTRY KINDNESS

On November 11, 2016, I hit a deer on route 42 very near the Lexington town building. Other than resulting in significant damage to my wife's car (and likely the deer, who, thankfully, was able to amble off, though I cannot imagine that the prognosis was good), happily no one in the car was hurt. Moreover, what happened next re-enforced our strong belief in the inherent goodness of folks who live in and around Greene County and is just one more reason why we so enjoy our visits.

We have been coming to Lexington for years and have always enjoyed the beauty and serenity of the area, but we have not met a lot of people. On November 11, 2016, we met Adam Cross.

We hit the deer at about 7:30 p.m. It was dark, and it was cold. A truck pulled up to where we were stopped and asked whether we were ok. We thanked the driver and his passenger, and assured them we were fine. The car was operable, but the air bags had deployed, making operating the car for any distance impossible. I moved it a little down the road to the town building so that I could get it out of the road. We had our dogs with us, and they were pretty shaken up, so we leashed them up and got them out of the car. My wife called 911, and a state trooper told her he was on the way. I walked the dogs.

Fairly shortly thereafter, an SUV pulled into the town building parking lot. We thought perhaps it was an unmarked police car, even though it seemed too soon for the Trooper to have arrived. It was Adam Cross. He explained that he was driving home on that Friday evening, saw me at the town building, walking the dogs and talking on my phone, and figured I had just pulled off to make a phone call. For some reason, though, he came back, and when he saw I was still on the phone he decided to investigate. Hearing of our plight, he opened the building (as Building Inspector, he had keys to the town building) and let us use the phone and, more importantly, enjoy the warmth. He stayed with us (which likely was more of an exercise in prudence than charity, but the prudence was required only because of the previous charity) and even held onto the dogs while I went back outside to talk to the Trooper when he arrived. But, as they say in the knife commercials, there's more. Here we were, two hours from our home in Westchester County, without transportation, on a Friday evening. Our plan was to eat dinner out (we had a reservation at Vesuvio). Obviously, those plans were out the window. The Trooper kindly offered us transportation to the cabin where we were staying but there was no food there and no prospect of becoming mobile until sometime the following day. Although we were not facing starvation, we were facing the absence of food until perhaps late in the following day. Adam came to the rescue.

Not only did he assure the Trooper that he would get us to the cabin, he helped us load our stuff out of our car and into his SUV, he drove us (unbidden) to Jim's Great American in Prattsville to get some food, and then back to the cabin. He even helped us unload our stuff out of his SUV. He made sure we had his

telephone number and encouraged us to call if we needed anything that evening or the following day. As we wended our way the following day through the insurance calls, the rental car, and the taxi to Hudson to pick up the car, we came close several times to taking him up on his offer. Fortunately, we did not need to bother Adam again; Majestic Mountain Taxi got me to Hudson, Enterprise had a car available that was sufficiently large to transport the dogs (and my wife and myself) back to Westchester, and Chubb once again proved you get what you pay for by honoring the claim without question, hassle, or reservation. So what could have been a traumatic experience passed as easily as one could hope for, but the primary reason it was so easy was Adam.

In the short time we spent with Adam we were able to learn of some of the background about how he and his wife Alice Marie came to relocate to Lexington. That they were not born and raised in the area is important, because it demonstrates that what I have called Country Kindness is the product of nurture rather than just nature. Perhaps it is in the DNA of people born and raised outside of our major (or even minor) metropolitan areas to be kind and helpful to strangers. But if it is genetic, it is also contagious, and that contagion makes sense. I have to admit that before last November, if I passed someone stopped on a deserted stretch of road I might have stopped to ask if they were ok and I might have offered some assistance, but the likelihood that I would have done more was low. Hopefully it is needless to say, but I'll say it anyway: our experience with Country Kindness has given us a whole new frame of reference. They say that virtue is its own reward. We did not offer Adam anything but our thanks, and I doubt that, this testimonial notwithstanding, his kindness on this occasion will win him any awards or acclaim. My guess is, though, that knowing that he has made an impression on an otherwise too busy guy from the city and has affected that guy's conduct going forward will be reward enough for Adam. He already knows that he has our sincere thanks.

Town of Lexington Fire Company

Chicken BBQ



Saturday April 1, 2017

3pm to 5pm Drive-thru

\$12 Dinners - \$7 Halves

Dinner Includes:

½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll & Dessert

Town of Lexington Municipal Building / Lexington Fire House
3542 State Route 42

West Kill / Lexington Community

MAPLE BRUNCH

Sunday April 2nd 2017

10 am - 2pm

West Kill - Lexington Community Hall
141 Spruceton Road
West Kill, NY 12492

Enjoy Apple Pancakes,
Chive and Cheese Eggs,
Old Fashion Grits

And of course real
Local Maple Syrup and
much, much more!

Adults \$10.00
Kids 10 & under \$5.00

Kaaterskill Actors Theater and Petite Productions present



The man who wrote the American classic, "Our Town," brings you two fantastic, funny and fascinating one-act plays. "The Long Christmas Dinner" carries one family through 90 years of Yuletide celebrations, all in the space of a single meal. "Pullman Car Hiawatha" transports its comical passengers to Chicago by way of Ohio, time, space and the Milky Way. Celebrate Spring and join us for a truly Wilder Christmas in April!

Doctorow Center for the Arts

Main Street, Village of Hunter
Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 7:00 pm
Sunday Matinee, April 30 at 2:00 pm

Tickets \$15 cash at door - Reservations and info at
www.wilderapril.com