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Hollenbeck's to open Sept. 23rd

It's that time of year again warm donuts, Dutch apple pie, fresh squeezed cider and the chill of the late September air. The tradition continues here in Virgil NY with the opening of Hollenbeck's Cider Mill. The mill will open for its 87th season on September 23rd. What better way to usher in fall, than to visit the cider mill. Gather your children and Grandchildren and make memories that will last for generations. No one can resist the aroma of all the yummy treats Hollenbeck's has to offer.

The tradition of Hollenbeck's continues with the passing of the baton. Bruce Hollenbeck has retired and his cousin Matthew Hollenbeck is continuing the tradition. Please welcome Matt to our community when you see him. You might recognize Matt, as he sold turnovers and pies this summer at the Virgil Farmers Market.



2017 River Clean Up

There will be a river clean up sponsored by the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation Department. Supplies will be provided to teams that



are registered and can be picked up between Sept. 25th and 29th. The clean up day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30th from 10am-12pm. Any stream, river or Lake in Cortland County can be cleaned. There is a registration form that needs to be filled out and

returned to the SWCD located at 100 Grange Place, Room 204 or email barbara.minor@cortlandswcd.org. Forms need to be returned by September 22nd. There will be forms available at the Virgil Town Clerks office or they can be emailed to you. Thanks for your support.

Deer Management Permits: Doe Tags

Deer Management Permits will be available at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or internet through Oct. 1, 2017. Deer Management Permits, which are used to ensure proper management of the deer herd, are issued through a random selection process at the point of sale. Selected customers will receive their permits immediately. The chances of obtaining a Deer Management Permit remain the same throughout the entire application period hunters do not need to rush to apply for a Deer Management Permit on the first day of sale. The 2017 chances of selection for a Deer Management Permit in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through License Issuing Agents, or by calling the Deer Management Permits Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on Deer Management Permits is available on DEC's website.

The new Hunting & Trapping Regulations guide is an easy-to-read compendium of pertinent rules and regulations, and will be available in August at all license-issuing outlets and on the DEC's Hunting Regulations webpage. The public can find a list of license issuing agents at DEC's online License Center or by contacting the DEC Call Center at 1-866-933-2257. DEC is also committed to expanding and improving communication with sportsmen and sportswomen on fish and wildlife-related programs. License buyers must provide an email address when purchasing their licenses, so that DEC will have an efficient, cost-effective means to notify licensees of additional hunting, trapping, or angling opportunities, impending legislation or regulations that may affect season dates or bag limits, and license renewal reminders. DEC may also use email addresses to request feedback on actions being

considered to fish and wildlife programs or to conduct surveys of hunters, trappers, and anglers about management programs. All customer information is privacy protected and emails are only used by DEC for program-related information.



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Goings on in Virgil

By: Sandy Price

Things are just hopping in Virgil on Saturday, September 23 along with the opening of Hollenbeck's Cider Mill, the Virgil Farmers Market 9-12, there will be an Annual Luncheon and Bazaar at the Virgil Methodist Church 9-3

Kick Off Pizza Party for Youth and

Family Group at Virgil Church Friday 6-9 October 13 Food, music, crafts, message All ages are welcome!

Message from your Legislator: Budget time is here. I would like to hear your thoughts and opinions. Also if you would like to be added to my monthly email reports please let me know.

Two way communications is important.

Thanks, Sandy Price
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Virgil Community Yard Sales

The Virgil Community Yard Sales were held on Saturday August 19th. It's not too early to start planning for next year. We are hoping to continue to grow this annual event, returning to the good old days when the Virgil Yard sales brought quite a few buyers to our small town. There were over 19 sale sights listed this year. That was a bit down from last year. However

there were quite a few folks that had sales and weren't on the list. This is fine, however it would be good to get as many as possible on the list and map to draw more bargain hunters. If you are interested in helping to organize this event next year contact the Virgil Town Clerk, Alane Van Donsel at 607-835-6174 ext. 1.



2017 Town Board Meetings

The Virgil Town Board meetings are held every second Thursday of the month. The meeting begin at 6:30 PM, however the town board sets aside time at 6:30 for public comment. If anyone wishes to address the board that is a wonderful time to do so.

The town board members spend a lot of time keeping our town government running smoothly. Two of our members are running for reelection. Jereme Stiles and Matthew Denniston are looking to serve another four years on the board.

DEC INVITES PUBLIC TO 21ST ANNUAL SALMON RIVER

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that the agency is holding the 21st Annual Salmon River Hatchery Open House and Family Day on Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event celebrates the 35th National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Salmon River Hatchery is located at 2133 County Route 22, Altmar, Oswego County. Admission is free and all are encouraged to attend.

"DEC's annual Salmon River Hatchery Open House is a great opportunity for everyone-kids, families and outdoor enthusiasts-to learn about and participate in the many wonderful recreational opportunities the Salmon River Corridor offers," said DEC Region 7 Director Matthew Marko. "The Salmon River Hatchery plays an integral role in producing the world class salmon and trout fishery in Lake Ontario and its tributaries, including the famed Salmon River."

National Hunting and Fishing Day was designated by Congress in 1972 as a day to encourage people from across the country to experience, understand, and appreciate traditional outdoor sports and recreation, our abundant natural resources, and recognize hunters and anglers for their leadership in fish and wildlife conservation. This year's theme is "Keep America Fishing," focusing on the opportunities for fun and enjoyment that recreational fishing offers and providing these opportunities for

generations to come.

DEC will lead tours of the facility throughout the day, providing attendees with behind-the-scenes access to the hatchery's inner-workings. The popular fish ladder will also be on display, offering the opportunity to view salmon as they migrate. Additionally, children will have the opportunity to learn to cast a fishing rod, tie flies, participate in a laser shooting range, observe the aquatic life of Beaverdam Brook, and learn about rare and threatened fish species in New York State.

In addition to the scheduled program events, several conservation organizations, fishing and hunting clubs, and outdoor recreation groups will be on hand with displays and activities to provide information about their role in the Salmon River Corridor and the Lake Ontario ecosystem.

Guests can also visit the nearby Salmon River Falls, a DEC Unique Area located four miles from the hatchery. The area offers several hiking trails, including a short and accessible trail that leads to an observation point for the 110-foot waterfall, offering views of spectacular scenery.

Visit DEC's website for more information about the Salmon River Hatchery and Salmon River Falls Unique Area. For specific questions about the day's events, please contact Fran Verdoliva, NYSDEC Salmon River Coordinator, at 315-298-7605.

The Underground Railroad and Virgil

Marsha Powell Historian



Bouton House

We have all heard of the Underground Railroad, the vast network of churches, houses and other sites used to provide safe hiding to slaves as they fled to the North and Canada. The Railroad was in existence from roughly 1820 to 1861. It

is estimated that approximately 100,000 slaves were successfully guided to freedom. Harriet Tubman, known as the 'Moses of Her People', guided 300 slaves in 19 rescue trips from the South. It is said she never lost a person. New York State was active in the quest to free slaves.

Virgil too was on one of the routes to freedom. Nathan Bouton, an early resident of Virgil, provided a safe stop on the route north. His brother-in-law, William Gee, provided a safe house in Richford. Late at night a wagon filled with fleeing slaves, often hidden under hay, would leave Mr. Gee's house,

travel through Harford, and arrive at Mr. Bouton's house. Here they rested and were fed and again under darkness, traveled on through Cortland and Homer to the next safe house just south of Preble. This house was owned by another brother-in-law, Rufus Hubbard. Safe houses were 18-20 miles apart. A conductor did not know the entire route, only from one stop to the next. Then the 'cargo' was transferred to the next conductor.

Until recently, the Bouton property, located on Route 392W, had a sign which read 'The Freedom Farm'.

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Calling All Gardeners

If you have ever walked the paths behind the Virgil Town Hall, you have probably noticed our lovely gazebo and its surrounding garden. But did you know that all the plants in the garden were donated by local residents from their home flower beds?

In 2008 your neighbors arrived with freshly dug plants in hand, ready to transplant their flowers to the new Virgil Gazebo Garden. Other neighbors donated time, muscle, and materials to offer soil, compost, and mulch to start our new town garden.

The women of the Virgil Community Circle (VCC) have been volunteering to weed and prune the garden since 2008. But...yikes...the garden has gotten away from us this summer! All the rain has left our dear town garden somewhat overgrown and in need of extra attention. We will be doing our annual autumn clean-up in the garden on Monday, September 25 at 6:00, at the gazebo behind the Virgil Town Hall. (Our rain date is Monday, October 2 at 6:00). With your help, we can complete this task in about an hour. Please lend a hand, chat with some neighbors, and help return our garden to its glory! We need your help!

And please join us at our first Virgil Community Circle meeting of the season on Wednesday, October 31, at 6:30 at the Acorn Grill at Hope Lake Lodge. Have dinner or dessert (or both!) and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. More information about the group is available on the Virgil website. <https://www.virgilny.org/>
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Virgil Elementary School's Day of Caring

Please join us in the fight against hunger in Cortland County! Virgil Elementary School will be hosting a collection box this year until September 27th. All donations of nonperishable food and personal supplies go to local food pantries within Cortland County. Below is a list of items pantries need.

Food Items : Canned meats, tuna, salmon, Spam, One box meals, boxed Macaroni and Cheese, instant potatoes, pasta and spaghetti sauce, soups, stews, chili, crackers, baby food, baby formula, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, rice, biscuit mix, pancake mix, cereal, beverages, coffee and tea, condiments.

Personal Supply Items: diapers, baby wipes, laundry detergent, cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, deodorants, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes and razors. There will also be a donation box at the Virgil Town Hall for your convenience.



Figure 1 Before shot: The newly constructed gazebo in 2008



Figure 2 After shot: The Gazebo Garden in 2009



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Town Council Members: Jereme Stiles

Eric Snow

Gary Pelton

Matt Denniston

The Town Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 P.M.

- Town Clerk/Collector: Alane Van Donsel
- Deputy Clerk: Carla Plunkett
- Town's Bookkeeper: Gina Nourse
- Town Justice: R. Scott Elston
- Highway Superintendent: John Morse
- Animal Control Officer: Lindsay Kemp
- Town Assessor: Brian Fitts
- Town Attorney: Patrick M. Snyder, Esq.
- Code Enforcement: Craig Umbehauer
- County Legislator: Sandy Price
- Town Historian: Marsha Powell

Virgil Historical Society

The Historical Society meets four times a year. Each meeting includes a program covering some historical topic. Programs in the past have included learning about early mills, the establishment of the fire department, and a haunted house in Virgil.

Please join us at the September meeting to be held the third Thursday, 9/21, at the Town Hall.

Contact Marsha Powell, virgilhistorian@yahoo.com, to be added to the email list.



United State Representative Claudia Tenney will be holding Mobile Office Hours at the Virgil Town Hall on Sept. 28th from 10:00 AM to Noon. The office hours will allow caseworkers to travel to various parts of the district to allow easier access to constituents needing assistance with federal agencies
Constituents can come in during the stated time slot to request assistance from the Representative's staff members or to express concerns with a specific issues.

Claudia Tenney will not be attending the mobile office hours personally, however case worker from her office will be available. The setting will be meeting style, however constituents can meet privately with caseworkers if they request it upon arrival
Constituents are asked to sign in upon arrival before speaking to a caseworker
Please direct all questions regarding Mobile Office Hours procedure to Representative Tenney's New Hartford District Office, which can be reached at 315-732-0713

2017 Election Day

November 7th, 2017 will be Election Day. There are a few local seats to be voted on this year. John Kaminski is looking to be reelected to a two year term as Town Supervisor. Alane Van Donsel is hoping for your support as your Town Clerk/Collector for a two years as well. Matthew Denniston and Jereme Stiles would like to serve another 4 years as Town Councilmen and Britt Morse is looking for support as Town Highway Superintendent, for a four year term.
Thank you for supporting your local government.

Town Budget Workshops

Town Budget workshops are scheduled on the following dates September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st. The Workshops will be held at 6:00 pm at the Virgil Town Hall 1176 Church Street, Virgil NY 13045.
Please join us.