The Homer Garden Club recently honored Mary Alice Bellardini for 50 years of membership and service in the Club and her contributions of time and service to the Homer Village and greater Cortland County Community.

A monetary contribution in her name was made to the Homer Beautification Commission to be used for a future beautification project.
DEADLINE: for ads and news is February 21, 2018.

The next issue of The Homer News will be March 1, 2018. DEADLINE: for ads and news is February 21, 2018.

Food Pantry

The First United Methodist Church has a Food Pantry for Homer residents, which is open on Tuesdays, 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome. For information or emergency, call 749-7159.

EVENTS CALENDAR

As space permits, The Homer News will print a brief notice of your organization's event at no charge in the EVENTS CALENDAR. For more detailed notices we suggest you purchase a display ad.

His name is Mason Towers, Age 7

We kicked off the Winter Fest Friday evening with DJ, Phill Connery at the American legion in Homer! Mason was on the dance floor by the time we all got their till the time he and his family left. No joke he was on that dance floor, at the very least 2 hrs. And did he have moves.

I've attached a few pictures of him in hoping you may be able to put his picture in! The cutest thing he said to me when I told him I needed a little break from dancing, "would you like to go sit down and talk?" Which we did, and talked about his school life and how much he liked it and then asked to have a picture with me as well as my autograph ha! Also asked me to start a dancing band with him!

submitted by Kellen Calale

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American Legion Hosting PTSD Seminar Feb 24

Directly following the February 24 Meeting of the Burns-McCauliffe Post 485 of the American Legion in Homer NY will be hosting a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Seminar as part of the Research and Recognition Project. The Seminar will start at 10:30. All are welcome to attend this highly informative presentation.

Respectfully Submitted:
Brenda McIntosh-Clark, Post Adjutant

Caregivers Support Group

Come join us! And meet with others who are also coping with caregiving issues.

- The Caregivers Support Group meets monthly, every 4th Thursday. (Except November we will meet the 5th Thursday).
- Open to those who provide care and support for a loved one, friend or neighbor who is 60 or older.
- We meet at the Cortland Regional Medical Center in the Basement, Conference Room B from 3 - 4 pm.
- Walk-ins are welcome.
- Sponsored by the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging.
- For more information call the Caregivers Resource Center at (607) 753-5060.

Driver Refresher Class March 7 & 8

A six-hour driver refresher course geared for drivers aged 50 and older, but open to drivers of any age, is being offered over two days on Wednesday, March 7 from 1:30 - 4:30 and Thursday, March 8 from 1:30-4:30 at the Homer Senior Center located in the Homer Town Hall at 31 North Main Street in Homer with parking and the entrance at the back of the building. Participants are encouraged to bring your AARP Membership Card and a sweater or jacket.

This course is approved by the N.Y.S. Department of Motor Vehicles for points and insurance reduction.

Preregistration is required by calling the Cortland County Health Department at 758-5509. Class may be rescheduled due to lack of registrations, and walk-ins might be turned away.

This class is sponsored by AARP, the Cortland County Health Department, the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging, and the Cortland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Welcome Jim Hopkins to the HBA Board!!!

Jim is a financial advisor for Edward Jones & has been in the Homer branch since 2011. He also serves as Vice President on the board for the Center of Arts. He is an active member & past president of the Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club & has been a member of HBA for the past six years.

Jim said his goal as an HBA board member is to be of service where ever is needed.

Jim is very active in the Homer community. We are happy to have him "on board"! Welcome Jim Hopkins to the HBA Board!!!

**Homer Nursery School**

Openings are now available for the 2018-2019 school year.

We offer a 3days/week program from 9:15 am to 12:00 noon
For 3, 4 & 5 year olds.

Please call : 607-749-6753

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Homer History
By Martin Sweeney, Homer Town and Village Historian

Change Over Time

Historians enjoy noting how things change through time. A friend who appreciates the study of history emailed me a story that has done the rounds through cyberspace. It brings home the point that much change can occur in a relatively short period of time. This is that story. See if you can determine the age of the man in the story.

How Old Is This Man?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute. I was born before:

- television
- penicillin
- polio shots
- frozen foods
- Xerox
- contact lenses
- Frisbees and "the pill"

There were no:

- credit cards
- laser beams or "hardware"
- ball-point pens
- pantyhose
- air conditioners
- dishwashers
- clothes dryers
- and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and space travel was only in Flash Gordon books.

Your Grandmother and I got married first and then lived together.

Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25 I called every woman older than me, "ma'am." And after I turned 25 I still called policemen and every man "Sir."

We were before such things as gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Bible, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was eating half a biscuit while running to catch the school bus.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends -- not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was considered junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 &10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a bus, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for $600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day:

- "grass" was mowed.
- "coke" was a cold drink,
- "pot" was something your mother cooked in and
- "Aids" referred to helpers in the Principal's office.
- "chip" meant a piece of wood,
- "hardware" was found in a hardware store and
- "software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

How old do you think I am, son? Answer: This man would be 70 years old. 70 years ago was 1948.

Gives you something to think about, doesn't it?
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Scenes From the Homer Police Department Awards Ceremony

(above) Tom Hittleston recognized by Chief Pitman for 48 years of work in law enforcement

(left) Sheriff Mark Helms presents Chief Pitman with a pin recognizing his 25 years in law enforcement.
The New York State Association for Rural Health, or NYSARH, Board of Directors has announced the relocation of their headquarters to Cortland. After a competitive application process, Seven Valleys Health Coalition (SVHC), located on Kennedy Parkway in Cortland, was successful in their bid to provide the executive and administrative function of the nonprofit. NYSARH was previously headquartered in Corning, NY.

Jackie Leaf is the new Executive Director of NYSARH. Leaf will oversee all agency operations and lead the planning team for the premier rural health conference in New York State each September. The 2018 NYSARH conference will be located in Cortland this year, at Hope Lake Lodge, September 26th – 28th.

As SVHC Executive Director, Leaf will continue to oversee the agency’s traditional functions within the Cortland community, and work with existing SHVC staff as they manage NYSARH’s fiscal operations and facilitate the nonprofit’s communication, including website and social media development and promotion.

Sara Wall Bollinger joins the SVHC team as NYSARH Director for Strategic Development. Bollinger will focus on legislative policy, NYSARH membership, enacting the nonprofit’s strategic planning, and capacity building initiatives.

The Village of Homer and The Winterfest Committee extends our sincere “THANKS” to Dean and The Paul Bunyan Co. for the Donation of the Bonfire Wood
Village of Homer News

Village of Homer Police Officers Honored

On Thursday February 8th Chief Robert Pitman presented the 2017 service awards:

- Officer Matthew Compton: The Honorable Service Award - For his work in stopping and arresting the driver of a car stolen in Syracuse.
- Officer Chris Parrow: The Life Saving Award - For his efforts in providing first aid to two individuals injured in a motorcycle accident.
- Officer Thomas Huttleston: The Exceptional Duty Award - For his law enforcement career which began in 1970.
- Sgt. R.J. Eckard: The Long and Faithful Service Accommodation - For 10 years of service.

Chief Pitman also presented:

- Matt Whitman, director of Cortland Area Communities that Care - For support of the Village of Homer Police Bike Patrol
- Chief Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth McGrath - For her work in prosecuting the person responsible for the deadly fire on Main St., Homer in September of 2016.

On behalf of myself and the Village of Homer Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the recipients of these awards for their service to our community. It is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Event:

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event:

Presented by: the Homer Police Department
Location: St Margaret’s Church, 14 Copeland Ave, Homer, NY
Date: February 17, 2018
Time: 1pm - 5pm
Recommended Equipment: Good attitude, open mind, pen and paper
Course Description: Law enforcement officers and agencies are frequently requested by schools, businesses, and community members for direction and presentations on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, is designed to provide strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills. This course is open to the public.

A Friendly Reminder

Trash and recycling cans are not to be put out to the curb until 8pm the evening before pickup, and must be brought in by 8pm the day of pickup. Please do your part to help keep our village looking beautiful.

Change to Parking Regulation

At the February 14th Village of Homer Board of Trustees Meeting we will consider a change to the law, which will extend the 2-hour parking zone south on Main St. to include the 4 spots in front of the library. This will ensure that there is available library parking during the day for our residents, and prevent their use for all-day parking.

Water Bills:

You may have noticed that you will receive your water bill later than usual this quarter. Due to the upgrades of many village water meters and several water main breaks, our crew were not able to read all of the meters in time, and felt it was more important for us to send correct bills rather than making fixes and adjustments when the meters were read. Residents will still have a full 30 days to pay. We apologize for any inconvenience. - Mayor Hal McCabe
News from the Library

By Priscilla Berggren-Thomas

Things that are Coming, Eventually

So, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd and we are due for six more weeks of winter. Now personally, I find the idea of winter ending in February unimaginable. And the idea of someone waking up a poor groundhog in the deluded belief that such a thing could happen makes me want to bite that person. So, I’m more than willing to allow Phil to bite whoever is silly enough to disturb his slumber on the 2nd.

I do understand that there are places in the world where daffodils bloom in February, but upstate New York isn’t one of them. So, it’s time to stop being surprised that the groundhog sees his shadow. The first official day of spring is after, all March 20th, which not surprisingly is seven and a half weeks after Feb. 2nd. Let’s be realistic and hope we see spring by late March and not at the beginning of February.

There are a few other things that probably won’t be around for another month or two – like the teen groups’ podcast. This year, the library’s teens are trying their hands at developing a pod-cast called The Loop – The Library of Original Observations Podcast. They’ve been talking about themes and formats and hopefully will start recording episodes soon. At a recent planning meeting, the conversation ranged from emo to hip hop, and hopefully we will see spring by late March and not at the beginning of February.

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So, as soon as we have it up and running, I hope you’ll think about “stay-ing in the loop” with The Loop. Because the thought of our community’s youth are worth listening to.

What’s New at the Library?

Toddler Story Time

Toddler story time with Miss Martsje is on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. This fun program is for children from infants to pre-school age. There are no programs on snow days or school holidays. Upcoming themes are:

- Feb. 21st – No program
- Feb. 28th – Zoo

Rockin’ Readers

Rockin’ Readers, our K-2nd grade story activity time is every Monday from 3:25 pm to 4:15 pm. This is a fun program with stories, crafts, games, and songs. There are no programs on snow days or school holidays:

- Feb. 21st – No program
- Feb. 28th – International Polar Bear Day

Intergenerational Book Discussion

The Intergenerational Book discussion will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 6:00 pm. The group will be discussing Nineh Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes, the story of a young Lamesha’s strength and hope as she works to survive Hurricane Katrina with her grandmother Mama Ya-Ya. Please join us for this discussion open to those in 6th grade through adults.

The first three youth to register for the discussion will receive a free copy of the book. Please remember that by signing up and receiving the free book, you are committing to attend the discussion.

Books for youth are provided for through a grant from the Community Foundation of Tompkins County’s Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund.

Writers’ and Artists’ Book Discussion

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 6:30 pm to celebrate creativity with a discussion of the book Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert. Whether you’ve read the book or not, join the Phillips Free Library’s Writers’ Group for a guided discussion on living a creative life.

Winter Break Activities

During winter break, we’ll be host-ing some special activities. Children in K-5th grades can come to the library from 4:30 – 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, Wednesday, Feb. 21st, and Thursday, Feb. 22nd for Cake Mystery Week. We’ll be reading The Great Cake Mystery by Alexander McCall Smith and having fun with forensic science, crafts, and baking. Stop by the library to register.

We’ll also be showing A United Kingdom, PG-13, on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6pm. This movie, based on the true story of the King of Botswana and his English wife, is an amazing love story of two strong people who overcome obstacles and prejudice to be together. This movie presentation is open to everyone.

MakerSpace in the Wonder and Discover Center

Our MakerSpace is open every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7:30 pm. The library’s Knight of the Tech Table is available to help with using available technology. The MakerSpace will open Wednesday, Feb. 21st, but closed on Feb. 28th. In February we will be featuring the Cricut. Stop by to learn how to use this paper-cutting crafting tool.

LEGO Club

Lego Club will meet Monday, Feb. 26th from 4-5 pm. This meeting is for children in 3rd – 5th grades.

TechExplorers – Technology and Engineering Exploration for Children

Our TechExplorers program, includes a robotics component using Cubeteks for K-5th graders and an electronics invention component using Little Bits for 3rd through 6th graders. These programs are funded by a generous donation from a community member. TechExplorers meet twice a month for K-6th graders to build with Little Bits and Cubeteks. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27th from 4:30 until 5:30 pm. Space is limited to 12 children. Sign up starts a week prior to the program.

Board of Trustees Meeting

In February, the library board will be meeting on Thursday Feb. 15th at 7 pm in the Wonder and Discovery Center. Meetings are open to the public.

Teen Writers’ Group

The writers’ group is made up of 9th through 12th graders. Teen writers meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 pm, except for the first Thursday of the month when they meet from 4-5 pm. The Writers’ Group does not meet on any days school is closed. Starting in March the group will be writing chil-dren’s stories.

Help with Nooks, Kindles, and Downloadable books

Do you need help downloading ebooks and audio books to your Nook, Kindle, or iPad? Want to try checking out an emagazine from Zinio, now available on our website? Let our Teen Tech Volunteers help you. They are available Mondays from 3:30 – 5 pm to help you with your technology needs.

Phillips Free Library Hours:

Monday 10 am to 6 pm
Tuesday 2 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm
Thursday 2 pm to 8 pm
Friday 2 pm to 6 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Phillips Free Library Locations:

Phillips Free Library on 21st: Monday 10 am to 6 pm
Tuesday 2 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm
Thursday 2 pm to 8 pm
Friday 2 pm to 6 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

For more information about any of our programs call 749-4616 or check out our website at www.phillipsfreelibrary.org
### Theme: The Oscars

**ACROSS**

1. Can’t stomach
2. Toot one’s horn
3. *18-time Oscar host
4. Speak from a podium
5. Fix a shoe
6. Rolodex abbr.
7. Purple precipitation
8. Bodily fluid
9. Hightailed it
10. “____ and proper”
11. Additional
12. Indigo user
13. Ten million, in India
14. “____ takers?”
15. Like a girl
16. Nirvana genre
17. School of thought suffix
18. Before, old English
19. Oscar nominated meet-the-parents thriller
20. Deprive of weapons
21. *He played Getty parents thriller
22. Bald-faced ____
23. Right-angle building extension
24. “I call passenger seat!”
25. Mammoth site, e.g.
26. Mountaineer’s tool
27. Comprehend
28. Write on a tombstone
29. *Best Animated Feature and Best
30. Land measure
31. Guesstimate phrase
32. Apathetic
33. Lay ____ to a castle
34. “Sesame Street” regular
35. Crucifix
36. Albany-Buffalo canal
37. Crucifix
38. Opposite of talker?
39. “Sesame Street” regular
40. *In 1992 De Niro was nomi-
41. *Do this and hope for an
42. Button on electrical outlet
43. Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex
44. Desert mirage
45. Economize
46. S-shaped molding
47. Dionysus’ party
48. “Do ____ others...”
49. Feather glue
50. Celestial bear
51. Ray Charles’ “Mess ____”
52. Paintings in an Orthodox church
53. Self-centeredness
54. Like anchor aweigh
55. Unfit
56. Spinner’s product
57. Two of the same
58. Narcotics agent
59. “Me and Bobby McGee” singer-songwrit-
60. Ailments
61. Altar location
62. “Lorenzo’s ____” in 1993
63. Altar location
64. Deprive of weapons
65. *Sarandon was nominated for
66. *J. Paul Getty’s grandson
67. Unfit
68. Ideas worth spreading, acr.
69. Like anchor aweigh
70. Zilch
71. *Cathy Bates’ or Louise
72. Google ____
73. Bro’s sibling
74. Had supper

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2. Hightailed it
3. *Over Price Printing
4. “Minister of commerce”
5. *Can’t stomach
6. Styling goo
7. “Lorenzo’s ____” in 1993
8. Evacuation location
9. Deprive of weapons
10. *Olympic hopeful’s story
11. *Best category
12. Ensign, for short
13. ____________
14. “____ takers?”
15. Ten million, in India
16. Nirvana genre
17. Spanish small plates
18. “____ and proper”
19. “Sesame Street” regular
20. Bodily fluid
21. *He played Getty parents thriller
22. Bald-faced ____
23. Right-angle building extension
24. “I call passenger seat!”
25. Mammoth site, e.g.
26. Mountaineer’s tool
27. Comprehend
28. Write on a tombstone
29. *Best Animated Feature and Best
30. Land measure
31. Guesstimate phrase
32. Apathetic
33. Lay ____ to a castle
34. “Sesame Street” regular
35. Crucifix
36. Albany-Buffalo canal
37. Crucifix
38. Opposite of talker?
39. “Sesame Street” regular
40. *In 1992 De Niro was nomi-
41. *Do this and hope for an
42. Button on electrical outlet
43. Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex
44. Desert mirage
45. Economize
46. S-shaped molding
47. Dionysus’ party
48. “Do ____ others...”
49. Feather glue
50. Celestial bear
51. Ray Charles’ “Mess ____”
52. Paintings in an Orthodox church
53. Self-centeredness
54. Like anchor aweigh
55. Unfit
56. Spinner’s product
57. Two of the same
58. Narcotics agent
59. “Me and Bobby McGee” singer-songwrit-
60. Ailments
61. Altar location
62. “Lorenzo’s ____” in 1993
63. Altar location
64. Deprive of weapons
65. *Sarandon was nominated for
66. *J. Paul Getty’s grandson
67. Unfit
68. Ideas worth spreading, acr.

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From: Office of the Mayor of Homer, New York

RE: PRESS RELEASE: Water Bills

The Village of Homer would like to thank all of the Village residents for your patience regarding our tardiness sending out the water bills. Unfortunately, due to new meter installations and numerous water main breaks, we have been delayed in getting the water meter reads at the normal time. As a result of the late reads, water bills may be higher. As some of the meters were read about a month late, some people will have more water consumption to be charged for. For those people, the next reads will be a month less, therefore, less consumption and less charge. Furthermore, the Village will redeploy some of its workforce to keep on pace with the next cycle of water meter reading.

Also, some of the bills have the usage dates wrong; this is simply due to the way the program was initially set up. The accounts that were on a handheld meter system, then switched to the new meter system, have the old dates (from when it was on the handheld meter reader). We are diligently working with our software company to rectify. All of the meter reads are accurate, and the amount charged is correct.

Again, we would like to thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

Further inquiries concerning Water Bills can be directed to the Village Clerk Office, email at clerk@homerny.org or telephone - (607) 753-3327.
Where is The Homer News Being Read??

The Homer News was being read by Steve and Julie Thompson on their trip to Kruger National Park in South Africa where many giraffes (and other wild animals) were seen.