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## Freezing temperatures frozen hydrant at Kirkwood Fire

NPP Staff reporter

Last Thursday Route 11 was closed for a structure fire. Five Mile Point Fire was toned out to a structure fire at around 11:30 am located at 1126 area of NYS Route 11. Newspaper Publisher arrived on the scene shortly after. NPP spoke with a firefighter on scene. Multiple alarms were toned out with Conklin Fire, Town of Binghamton Fire, Kirkwood Fire, West Windsor Fire, Great Bend Fire contributing equipment and personnel to fight the blaze. While Windsor Fire and Port Dickinson waited on stand-by in case additional assistance was required. Multiple calls came into dispatch for smoke and fire showing. The mobile home and an added structure located on the property showed smoke and fire erupting from the building upon the arrival of the first truck. This reporter, with a decade of fire experience, noted an aggressive attack of the fire. It was unknown to the first arriving truck if there was entrapment or a resident in the structure.

The firefighters found the hydrant across the way to be frozen and had to use tankers for water supply. Tankers and portable tanks are often used by our local heroes. The Town of Kirkwood was able to get the hydrant functioning in relatively short order which greatly relieved the burden on the responding companies. A large diameter hose from a hydrant is much more effective than pulling from tankers or portable set-ups. TOB Fire was seen heading back on Conklin Road a few hours later around 3 pm, be sure to thank our firefighters. Responding in cold is one thing, lower tazes is the other.

The structure was a total loss and was being investigated by Broome County Fire Investigators. The resident was referred to the American Red Cross for assistance but was uninjured in the fire. Thank our first responders when you see them.

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### CONKLIN SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTIONS PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin will hold a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on February 11, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, with a Work Session to be held from 6:00 until 6:30 P.M. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 P.M. that same day to receive input regarding proposed Local Law 1, 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 119 Regarding Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens."



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# Calendar

## Kirkwood:

### KIRKWOOD TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Town of Binghamton:

### Town Board Work Session Meetings

First Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at Town Hall

### Town Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall

### Tuesday, January 28th

>Planning Board Meeting- 6:30pm

>Town Board Work Session- 6pm

TOB Coleman Rd. Community Ctr. IS CLOSED.

## Town of Conklin:

### CONKLIN TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

1st Friday of the Month 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

(YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS VIA THE USPS  
OR YOU CAN PLACE THEM IN THE SECURED  
DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE COURT DOOR.)

### DMV At Conklin Town Hall

Wednesday – 9 A.M. until 1 P.M.

### Monday, February 3rd

> Brookside Elem PTA Meeting

Location: Brookside Elementary

> School Counselors Appreciation Day!

### Thursday, February 6th

Donnelly Elem PTA Meeting

Location: Francis P. Donnelly Elementary, 4pm

### Friday, February 7th

>RTS - PTA Family Fun Night

Location: Richard T. Stank MS, 5:30pm

> RTS - Valentines Semiformal

Richard T. Stank MS, 5:30pm- 7pm

### Saturday, February 8th

ACT Exam

Location: Susquehanna Valley High School

### Monday, February 10th

SV Gridiron Club Meeting

Location: SV HS Cafeteria, 6pm

### Thursday, February 13th

>Brookside Elem - PTA Candygrams & Carnations

Location: Brookside Elementary

> Donnelly Elem - PTA Valentines Event

Location: Donnelly Elementary, 5pm- 7pm

> SRO Appreciation Day!

### Friday, February 14th

(No School) - Presidents Day Weekend

Location: Susquehanna Valley Central School District

## TOB Seniors December Activities

If you're a resident of the Town of Binghamton (55 years and older), please feel free to join us!

Month of December

## Bus Stop Safety Tips

**Cold temperatures will be here before we know it, so here are some cold weather bus stop safety tips.**

- Bundle Up! - Wear layers. Not only will you be more comfortable, but it will prevent skin exposure in the cold.
- Don't forget hats! Most of the body's heat escapes through the head.
- The steps of the bus may be slippery due to freezing temperatures, so always hold on to the handrail when entering or exiting the bus.

## TOB Winter Parking Ordinance

"No person shall park a vehicle on either side of any town or county highway within the Town of Binghamton between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on each day from December 1 to the following April 1, inclusive.

No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall park the same unattended on any town street or highway within the Town of Binghamton following any snowfall of two inches or more until said street or highway shall have been plowed by or at the direction of the Highway Department of the Town of Binghamton. Any two-inch snowfall shall, for the purposes of this section, constitute a snow emergency.

Failure by the operator of a motor vehicle to obey any of the signs erected pursuant to these provisions shall be construed as a violation and punishable upon conviction by a fine."

**First offense: \$25 Second offense: \$50**

(Citation issued to registrant of the vehicle in violation.)

Please abide by this ordinance. It is very difficult for the large snowplows to navigate down narrow streets when cars are parked along the roadways.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARK TERRACE**

**RESIDENTS: THERE IS NO PARKING ANYTIME ON STREETS LOCATED IN BOTH UPPER AND LOWER PARK TERRACE AREAS. TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TO VIOLATORS**

## SENIORS BOOK CLUB

## TO MEET ON 2/11/25: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek"

By Town of Binghamton

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, the Seniors Book Club will be discussing the book, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. If you haven't read the book, please feel free to come anyway! The club will meet in the Conference Room at the Town Hall (located at 279 Park Avenue) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on this day.

PLEASE NOTE: The Book Club (as a group) chooses the books to be featured each month. If you have a book you'd like to recommend, please bring it with you to the next meeting and join the club!

UPCOMING BOOK IN MARCH:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – "While I was Gone" by Sue Miller.

## How do mountains stay warm in winter?

They put on their snowcaps.



## The Country Courier

NEWS/ADVERTISING DEADLINE

*The Country Courier* goes to press on Wednesdays. Deadline for news and advertising is the Friday before the desired week of publication.

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# FREE RABIES CLINIC @ BC HUMANE SOCIETY ON 2/18//25 – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Broome County Humane Society continues to host free, monthly vaccine clinics for dogs and cats in our community in need of updated Rabies and Distemper shots. Here is a list of upcoming dates

(dates are subject to change):

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

These clinics are held at the Broome County Humane Society located at 167 Conklin Ave in Binghamton from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested, but not required for each vaccination given.

Pets need to be at least three months old and restrained.

Bring previous rabies vaccination certificate (if applicable)

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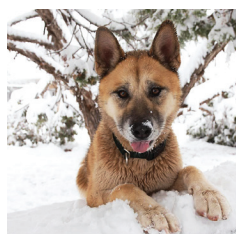
A \$5 donation per pet is suggested but not required.

For additional information, visit the Broome County

Humane Society website.

## Free Vaccines for Dogs and Cats

We will be hosting a free, monthly Vaccine Clinic for dogs and cats in need of updated Rabies and Distemper vaccines in our community on



the following dates (\*dates are subject to change):

All clinics will be held at The Broome County Humane Society located at 167 Conklin Ave in Binghamton

from 5:30pm-7:00pm. A \$10 cash donation is requested, but not required for each vaccination given.



## Crossword pages 6&7



## Kirkwood Senior Group

Blanche Birtch, President Jeannie Ditch, Vice-President  
Linda Yonchuk, Secretary Linda Buffle, Treasurer  
Jeannie Ditch & June Fedish, Trip Coordinator  
Mary Bach, Sunshine Committee

Meetings: Noon, First Wednesday of month, at the Kirkwood Fire Station, Main Street, Kirkwood, unless otherwise noted.

Overview: The Group is a way for Senior Citizens to have social interactions within the community, as well as be involved in the community and its' events. The group has scheduled programs for many meetings, bus trips, and other activities. Any Senior Citizen is welcomed to become a member (including Senior Citizens from surrounding towns.) Dues are \$15.00 per year and paid to participate in trips and special events.

Activities:

Meetings: Monthly-Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert: coffee, tea, and water is provided. The meeting takes place after lunch.

October, November, and December meetings are catered with a fee charged (\$10.00 - \$15.00, depending on the meal.)

Upcoming Events:



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# Freezing temperatures cause frozen hydrant at Kirkwood Rt. 11 Fire





# SV Saber Bowlers Senior Night!

*Photos by SV School District*

Congratulations to SV Saber Bowlers Haylie Jicha and Lucas Parks, our seniors from the Class of 2025! Their Senior Night ceremony took place last night, January 27, during their match against Waverly.

Haylie has been a dedicated member of the Sabers JV & Varsity Bowling team since seventh grade! One of her favorite memories is scoring a 200 game. She expresses her gratitude to coaches Ray Lasky and Alyssa Barrett for their guidance, as well as her parents, Sherrie & Jason and Leon & Kimmie, for cheering her on at matches.

Lucas, in addition to bowling, has also participated in cross country and been part of the Sabers Swimming & Diving team. His favorite sports memory is of achieving a 200 game as well. Lucas extends his thanks to his coaches for their support over the years and appreciates his parents for their constant encouragement.





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## STATEPOINT SUPER BOWL CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1. Bungle

5. Cause of a trip?

8. Dao, alt. sp.

11. Between marquess and viscount

12. Super garb?

13. Inlet in Norway

15. Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum

16. Long story

17. Deprived of a limb

18. \*Half-time headliner

20. Ice, dark or middle \_\_\_\_

21. \*Cindy Crawford wore “\_ Dukes” in a Super Bowl ad

22. Flightless bird

23. \*Last year’s Super Bowl winners

26. A cheap, run-down motel

30. “\_\_\_\_ the fields we go”

31. Merry

34. Actor’s part

35. Expensive

37. Not him

38. Cell phone bill item

39. Civil Rights icon

40. \*David Tyree’s \_\_\_\_ Catch

42. Letters of distress

43. What rule follower does

45. Get cozy

47. Greed, biblically-speaking

48. Grieve for the dead

50. Time period

52. \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances

55. 3600 seconds, pl.

56. Casino chip

57. Salmon’s output

59. En \_\_\_\_, all together

60. Like Piper of Hamelin

61. Uber alternative

62. \_\_\_\_ Robinson

63. Acronym, abbr.

64. “Come Sail Away” band

DOWN 1. Service charge 2. Songbird

3. Craving

4. Marilyn Monroe, e.g.

5. \_\_\_\_ lazuli

6. Hot

7. 52 cards

8. Hefty volume

9. Greek god of war

10. 1, e.g.

12. Cherry red

13. Post vitriol

14. \*Team with no Super Bowl appearances

19. Looney Tunes duck

22. Architectural add-on

23. Meat of coconut

24. Roman king of Judea

25. Like certain whiskey

26. Grow crop

27. Brag

28. Algorithmic language

29. Ganders’ companions

32. Tom Jones’s “\_\_\_\_ a Lady”

33. Rolodex abbr.

36. \*\_\_\_\_ Superdome

38. Wombs

40. Lady lobster

41. Hardened

44. Follows wash

46. Pig sounds

48. Bouncing off the walls

49. Weasel’s aquatic cousin

50. Fly like an eagle

51. Boot-wearing kitty

52. Mama Bear’s husband

53. To perfection (3 words)

54. \*Justin Timberlake’s “\_Back,” sung in Super Bowl show

55. Expression of doubt

58. \*Steelers’ number of Super Bowl trophies

# Expanding Paid Family Medical Leave Positions Moms and Babies to Thrive

(StatePoint) Paid leave prevents workers and their families from falling down a financial rabbit hole when breadwinners need time away from their jobs to care for a loved one, a newborn child or to address their own serious health issue. For new moms, infants and toddlers, these programs are vital.

As of January 2025, only 13 states and Washington D.C. have or will soon have statewide paid family and medical leave programs in place. Expanding paid family and medical leave programs nationwide is an important matter of equity and security. This is because just 27% of workers have paid family leave through their jobs absent a state policy, and low-wage workers are 10 times less likely to have access than the highest-paid workers.

“For all too many families, caring for a newborn child means being at risk for falling behind on rent, groceries, gas and other day-to-day essentials,” says Katie Bishop Kendrick, national senior advocacy consultant, National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers. “During these critical months after the birth of a new child, new parents should have the time needed to bond with and properly care for their newborns, and to rest and heal after giving birth.”

A growing body of research shows that paid family and medical leave not only helps individuals and families, it benefits communities and is good for business. These programs are associated with greater workforce retention, are estimated to reduce the share of workers who are poor, and are found to reduce the use of other public benefit programs, according to Urban Institute research for the U.S. Department of Labor. While there are concerns that state leave programs will lead to overuse, or unmanageable hits to a state’s workforce, program data shows that only a small share of workers (about 3-7%) use state paid leave programs each year.

Some states use a fixed percentage approach to wage replacement while others follow a sliding-scale. States also fund their programs differently. Advocates say that no matter what model is followed, one thing is clear: comprehensive, universal state paid leave provides financial security to working people at minimal individual cost.

For more information about paid family and medical leave programs, visit [ncit.org](http://ncit.org).



“Paid family and medical leave positions families and babies to thrive,” says Bishop Kendrick. “Federal lawmakers should use comprehensive state programs as examples to design a national program. Doing so will ensure more American families have the resources they need during this foundational period in a child’s life.”

## LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE

02/21, 02/28, 03/07.

Notice of formation of Maximum Blends LLC Maximum Blends LLC of Organization filed with Secretary Of State of New York ( SSNY) on 07/10/2024. Office location: Tioga County. SSNY Designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Po Box 98, Newark Valley, NY 13811. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. #68369 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28, 03/07.

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### Broome County Dog Shelter: Volunteers needed!

Due to staff shortages at the moment we are looking for new volunteers for dog walking, cleaning and laundry! If you have applied we are working on setting up an orientation very soon! If you’re interested in applying you can come in and fill out some paperwork or get the application from our website!



## Snow facts

1. Snow is actually clear and colorless, but appears white because it reflects light in many directions.
2. While it’s commonly said that no two snowflakes are alike, scientists have found identical snowflakes.
3. Snowflakes form when water vapor freezes around tiny ice particles in cold air, arranging itself into a hexagonal shape.
4. Snow and ice make up 80% of the Earth’s freshwater, which covers 12% of the planet’s surface.
5. When windblown snow mixes with black dirt, it creates a substance called snirt.
6. In a snowy environment, everything seems quieter. Not only does it seem that way – it’s scientifically proven! The air in the snow causes sound to be absorbed and makes noises sound quieter.
7. The shape of snow crystals depends largely on the temperature. At very cold temperatures, rather clumsy snowflakes fall, while at less cold temperatures, very well-shaped, star-shaped snow crystals fall.



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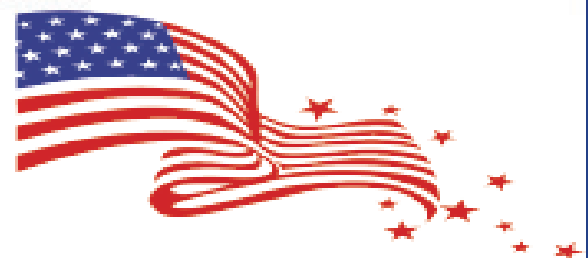
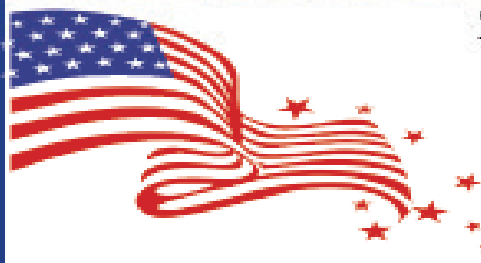
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