



Welcome to the December 2025 Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide families monthly updates about upcoming trainings, events, and/or groups in their area that they can take part in. If you have an event you would like added in the future please reach out to Melissa Rookman, Community Schools Coordinator at mrookman@boces.com or 315-777-9797 option 3.

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Parent Information/Trainings/Groups

Food Support Resources

Do you or someone you know need help with securing food for yourself or your family? Lewis County has many resources available to help those in need.

- Many communities have local food pantries. Some have income requirements and others do not. But all can usually supply a family with emergency food regardless of income. Contact your local pantry to learn more.
- The Food \$en\$e program is open to anyone and helps lower the cost of some food staple items and has multiple pick up locations.
- A few churches offer local meals open to all in the community.
- The Department of Services can help you apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Currently funding may or may not be available but they can help you apply for when it is available.

To learn more about many of these resources go to <https://www.nnycs.org/services> click on your county and the "Food" option.

warming Center

November 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025 - 7:00pm - 7:00am
5499 Jackson Street Lowville NY

"Anyone needing a warm place to stay is welcome to stay. Use the entrance on the right of the building."



Specialty Designed Instruction for Families and Caregivers

December 3, 2025 - 11:00 - 12:30pm
Zoom

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<https://www.boces.com/crpc>

Warmth For Your Sole

December 6, 2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
Turin Library - Turin NY

"Get ready to feel the warmth, from your head to your soles!
We are SO excited to officially announce our annual "Warmth For Your Sole" community giveback event!

This is our favorite end-of-the-year initiative, a simple way to share some holiday spirit and help guarantee our neighbors in need (or anyone feeling a bit vulnerable this season) have the essential cold-weather gear for the chilly winter ahead.

Join us on Saturday, December 6th at the Village of Turin Public Library!
We'll be distributing FREE Christmas gift bags packed with love and cozy essentials, including: * A warm winter hat * A soft neck warmer * A pair of knit gloves * A pair of fun, vintage holiday socks!

But that's not all! Come for the gear, stay for the good vibes!
We'll have: * Festive Christmas music playing * Freshly baked cookies * Piping hot cocoa (with all the fixings!) * Hot coffee for the adults

This event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome. So bring your loved ones, come meet your friendly hosts—the Black River Valley Business & Community Alliance and the Boonville Environmental Conservation Council—enjoy some delicious refreshments, and leave with some cozy gear to keep you warm!"

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Diploma & Credential Options: For Families

December 10, 2025 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom

Join the Family and Community Engagement Center to learn about Credit Requirements, Current Pathways to Graduation, and Exiting Credentials."

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/nak_ksn-QLGaldZSIVSNoQ#/registration



Whole Family Events

Local School Holiday/Winter Concerts

Dates and Locations Vary see below. Come support students as they share their music and joy of the season.

Beaver River Central School - Beaver Falls NY - <https://www.brcsd.org/>

- December 9, 2025 - 7:00pm - High School Christmas Concert
- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - Elementary and Middle School Christmas Concert
- December 17, 2025 - 7:00pm - Advent Concert @ St. Stephens

Copenhagen Central School - Copenhagen NY - <https://www.ccsknights.org/>

- December 3, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Winter Chorus Concert
- December 10, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Winter Band Concert

Lowville Academy and Central School - Lowville NY - <https://www.lowvilleacademy.org/>

- December 9, 2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - 5th and 6th Grade Chorus and Band Concert
- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - 3rd and 4th Grade Chorus and Band Concert
- December 16, 2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - 7th and 8th Grade Chorus and Band Concert

South Lewis Central School - Turin NY - <https://www.southlewis.org/>

- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - Middle School Winter Concert
- December 18, 2025 - 7:00pm - High School Winter Concert

Lego Clubs

Dates and Locations Vary see below

December 2 - 4:30pm - Lowville Free Library - Lowville NY - Open to all children and their caregivers.

- <https://lowvillefreelibrary.org/calendar/lego-club-w-encompass-recreation-2/2025-12-02/>



Storytime and Holiday Festival

November 28 - December 7, 2025 - 10:00am - 4:00pm
Lewis County Historical Society Temple Building - Lowville NY

"Gingerbread Houses, Meet Santa Claus, Meet the Grinch, Historical Displays, Daily Events."

Golden tickets and bells will be available to purchase for \$5.

Holiday Movie

December 2, 2025
5428 Shady Ave - Lowville NY

"The Holiday Movie is Back!

Join the Lewis County Office for the Aging and NY Connects on Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM for a family-friendly holiday movie everyone will enjoy! (Christmas with the Cranks) The first 300 guests will receive free popcorn, thanks to our friends at Northern Regional Center for Independent Living].

Bring your family, your holiday spirit, and get ready for a cozy afternoon of festive fun. We can't wait to see you there!"

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Christmas in Castorland

December 2, 2025 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Heritage Park - Castorland NY

Tree Lighting at 5:00pm, wagon rides, Santa, bonfire, caroling, and more.



Knitting Group

December 4, 2025 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Lowville Free Library - Lowville NY

"Visit the library with your knitting (or any handwork project you're working on!) for dedicated project time, visiting, and warm drinks on the first Thursday of the month!

Group facilitated by Kim Watkins."

<https://lowvillefreelibrary.org/calendar/knitting-group-2/2025-12-04/>

Children's Christmas Party

December 6, 2025 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
American Legion Post 1663 - Croghan NY

"Join us for crafts, games, prizes, hot cocoa bar, decorate a sweet treat, and goody bags of fun!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GKwoHfuTt/>

Lowville Farmers Co-Op Christmas Village

December 6, 2025 - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Lowville Farmer's Co-Op - Lowville NY

Step into the magic at the Lowville Farmers Co-op Christmas Village. It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season with friends, family, and a little Christmas magic. Bring the whole family and get ready for a day filled with holiday cheer.

Popcorn & Cotton Candy-Hot Chocolate-Pictures with Santa- Games & Fun Activities- Food-Wagon Rides- Reindeer Food- Crafts for the Kids

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Skating with Santa

December 13, 2025 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Lewis County Ice Skating Pavillion - Lowville NY

"Come enjoy Santa's Elves some Hot Chocolate, Cookies, and maybe a visit from the Grinch! Bring your letter for Santa's Mail Box."

Holiday Showcase

December 13, 2025 - 11:00am - 2:00pm
Double Play Community Center - Lowville NY

"Join us for our Holiday Showcase Open House at Double Play Community Center! This family-friendly event will include pictures with Santa, gifts, and special performances from our music and dance students. You'll also have the chance to walk through the facility, meet our staff, and check out everything Double Play has to offer.

We'd love to celebrate the season with you! "

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Stone Soup Dinner

December 18, 2025 - Starting at 4:00pm
Croghan Mennonite Church - Croghan

"We will be serving Ham, Scalloped potatoes, Corn, Roll and dessert. All are welcome to this free meal!"



Elks Children's Christmas Party

December 18, 2025 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Lowville Elks 1605 - Lowville NY

"Pizza & Soda provided. Gifts for all children. Visit from Santa 6:00pm.

Annual Christmas Spectacular

December 21, 2025 - 2:00pm
Lowville Academy - Lowville NY

"Join the historic Lowville Village Band for their annual Christmas Spectacular performance featuring the Lowville Jazz Orchestra!

This is a family friendly and free event open the public! Join us for an hour of your favorite holiday classics!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19wm7AYJpA/>

Game Night

December 23, 2025 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Lowville Free Library - Lowville NY

"Join Grace Metzler and learn a new board game, or invite a couple friends to play your own! Bring a game or grab one from the library's collection (and check one out for later). Adults and teens welcome-fourth Tuesday of the month. Check social media for this month's featured games!"

<https://lowvillefreelibrary.org/calendar/game-night/2025-12-23/>



Elementary Aged Events (Prek - 5th)

4-H Robotics Club

December 3, 2025
CCE of Lewis County - Lowville NY

"Ages 5-18
New members welcome!
First Wednesday of each month.
This month we are continuing the lesson on circuits and making our own flashlights to bring home!"

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Middle School Aged Events (6th - 8th)

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Peer Educators Needed

Planned Parenthood

"Peer Educators promote health and wellness through educational and fun events for other youth in the community.

Open to Youth ages 13 - 24 years of age

If interested in learning more - ppncny.education@gmail.com



High School Aged Events (9th - 12th)

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Specialized Group Events

Sensory Friendly Movie

December 21, 2025 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Town Hall Theater - Lowville NY

"We are so proud to partner with North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc to offer a sensory friendly showing of Zootopia 2!

This event is FREE of charge, and does not require pre-registration.

We welcome EVERYONE, not just those needing sensory accommodations. *We will be collecting basic demographic information (age + gender) during the event.

What does a sensory friendly movie showing mean?

The lights will be turned up a bit from the typical darkness of a movie - The sound will be turned down a bit from typical settings - We welcome, and encourage, movement to keep regulated - We will feature our Chill Zone again for anyone needing a break from the movie.

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events/sensory-friendly-movie>



DIPLOMA & CREDENTIAL OPTIONS: FOR FAMILIES

**Join us on Zoom
December 10, 2025
5pm-7pm**

- ✓ Credit Requirements
- ✓ Current Pathways to Graduation
- ✓ Exiting Credentials



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SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

PRESENTED BY:

THE CENTRAL REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER:

SCHOOL AGED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FACILITATOR: JULIA ALTERI

This workshop is intended to develop a basic understanding of SDI in order to increase knowledge of parents and other family members as engaged meaningful partners in the special education process and the education of their child.

DECEMBER 3RD 11-12:30
JOIN VIRTUALLY

SCAN TO REGISTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.BOCES.COM/CRPC



Christmas in *Castorland*

Tuesday, December 2 from 5-8PM

Heritage Park	Community Firehall
Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 5PM	Chili and Hot Dogs
Family Photographer	Hot Cocoa Bar and Cookies
Christmas Caroling	Wagon Rides with Santa
Live Music	Bonfire

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

- Pictures with Santa!
- Every Child Leaves with a Gift!
- Performances by Music and Dance Students
- Walk Through the Double Play Community Center Facility
- Meet The Staff

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
11AM-2PM | 6912 BARDO RD

DOUBLE PLAY
COMMUNITY CENTER

Croghan American Legion
Post # 1663

Children's CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Crafts
- Games
- Prizes
- Hot Cocoa Bar
- Decorate a Sweet Treat
- Goody Bags of Fun!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 PM**



Elks Children's Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18
5:00—7:00 pm

Visit from Santa 6:00

Pizza & Soda provided

Gifts for all children



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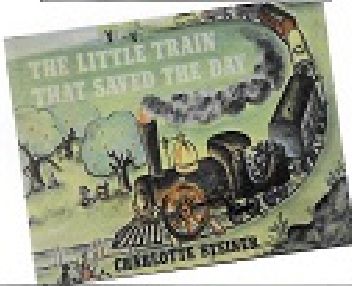
POPCORN & COTTON CANDY **HOT CHOCOLATE**
PICTURES WITH SANTA
GAMES & FUN ACTIVITIES **FOOD** **WAGON RIDES**
REINDEER FOOD **CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS**

2025 Storytime Holiday Festival


At the Lewis County Historical Society Temple Building
November 28th - December 7th
10-4 each day

Christmas Tree Auction
 Huge raffle
 Gingerbread houses
 Meet Santa Claus
 Meet the Grinch and other characters
 Daily storybook time
 Historical displays
 Daily events

We are pleased to present "Sounds of the Season" in the Blue Room at 7 pm on November 29th showcasing members of the Adirondack Community Chorus. A free public event.



7502 South State Street
 Lowville, NY 13307
www.historicalny.org
 315.376.8907



FREE Holiday Popcorn & Movie Event

"Christmas with the Kranks"

-Rated PG
 at the Lowville Town Hall Theater, Shady Avenue



Finally alone for the holidays, Luther (Tim Allen) and Nora Krank (Jamie Lee Curtis) plan to eschew the Christmas traditions and take a cruise in the Caribbean instead. This doesn't sit well with their Christmas-obsessed neighbors Vic Frohmyer (Dan Aykroyd) and Walt Scheel (M. Emmet Walsh), who are determined to win the annual "best decorated street" competition, and the Kranks soon find themselves social outcasts because of their lack of Christmas spirit.

December 2, 2025
4:00pm

A great movie for the grandkids too!
THE FIRST 300 GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE SMALL POPCORN!

Presented by:






Skating with Santa

Saturday December 13th 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Lewis County Ice Skating Pavilion
5485 Bostwick St, Lowville

Come enjoy Santa's Elves' some Hot Chocolate, Cookies and Maybe a visit from the GRINCH
Bring your letter for Santa's Mail Box



Any questions please call 315-788-4660 X603