



# THE BOOSTER LINE



A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS

Winter 2024 (February)

## **GCVFA-LA CHRISTMAS PARADE & PARTY AT HOME**

The Auxiliary of the West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company graciously offered to host the annual GCVFA-LA Christmas parade and party at our NYS Firemen's Home. The date was Sunday, December 3 and it began in the afternoon with Santa Claus, accompanied by Auxiliary members and GCVFA Officers, visiting room to room to bring some holiday cheer to each resident. A photo with Santa was taken and each resident received a small gift. As the sun set, brilliantly lit fire trucks arrived for the Parade of Lights, which was a delight on the residents' faces. They were transformed into little kids with amazement and joy at the sight. A reception followed with delicious cookies, and appetizers. It was a day of enjoyment for all.











# From Around Greene County

## Athens Volunteer Fire Dept

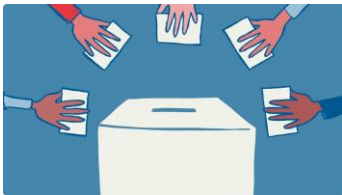
Congratulations to Ethan Ravenscroft for being named Rotary student of the month. Ethan is a very conscientious and engaged student in all of his classes and openly participates in class discussions. In his 10th grade Global Studies class, he shows a strong understanding of both the global issues of today and an appetite for learning about the past. After school Ethan is a **JUNIOR VOLUNTEER IN**



**THE ATHENS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** which demonstrates his willingness to devote his time and effort into his community. Ethan has an excellent work ethic and wants to help others where and whenever he can inside and outside of school.

## Cairo Hose Company

Congratulations to the following who were elected to swerve as Auxiliary officers for the year:



President. Barbara Auger  
Vice President. Pamela O'Reilly  
Secretary. Pamela Fancher-Brent  
Financial Secretary: Adele Carr  
Treasurer. Marrienne Baldwin  
Chaplain. Sharon Pugsley



# Catskill Fire Department

Congratulations to the following who were elected to serve for the 2024 year:

Chief - John Holt

1st Assistant Chief- Ed Dolan

2nd Assistant -Bill Smith

Captain- Earnest Taylor

1st lieutenant- Rochelle Lentz

2nd lieutenant- Addison Allen

Fire police Captain- Ron Smith



President- Paul Overbaugh

1st VP- Grant Hack

2nd VP- Dave Cramer

3rd VP- Rochelle Lentz

Directors -Bob Overbaugh & Brian Rinaldi

Recording Secretary- Paul Omerod Sr

Financial secretary- Pam Wright

Treasurer- Joe Kozloski

Sargent at Arms- Angie Colon

## Cornell Hook & Ladder

Thank you to all the generous people who left “boot donations” at December CH & L Pizza Night for the Toys for Tots drive. Many toys that were purchased to fill a second box!



On New Year's Day morning, the officers of CH&L made breakfast to show appreciation to the members and their families. It's a tradition close to their hearts, where all can come together to share laughter, stories, and a hearty breakfast. As we step into the new year, CH&L wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices. Here's to a year filled with strength, unity, and community. Thank you, CH&L family, and here's to a fantastic 2024!



## Coxsackie Hose Co. #3

In 2023, Coxsackie Hose #3 responded to 194 calls. Thank you to the following members for their dedicated service & being the top responders:



FF Mark Evans - 137  
FF JD Fielding - 117  
FF Roger Burdick - 106  
FP Dick Mirando - 95  
LT Earl Martin - 91  
FF Barry Rausch Jr - 89  
Chief Shawn Burdick - 87  
FF Rich O'Bryan - 83  
Assistant Chief Stephen Salluce Jr - 80  
FF Kenneth Bauer - 77

## Earlton Fire Department

Congratulations to Millage Howe on winning the Wheelbarrow of Cheer raffle! EFD thanks all for your support and hope you have a happy and safe holiday season.



# East Durham Fire Company



Congratulations to Dylan Tercasio, 2023 Firefighter of the Year



Congratulations to Dylan Hogan, 2023 Junior Firefighter of the Year



Sheriff Pete Kusminsky administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected EDFD officers at their annual Installation Dinner/Christmas Party.

## Kiskatom Fire Department



At the Annual Fire Dept Christmas party, several members were honored with special recognition. Tom Golden and Bob Abrahamsen were honored for 45 years with the department while Bryan Taylor was recognized for 20 years and Chad Zmiyarch for 10 years.

Laura Christman was presented with Firefighter of the year award.



Sue Golden, President of the Ladies Aux, accepted a plaque from the dept and a certificate from Assemblymen Chris Tague honoring the ladies for 75 years of service to the dept and community!!

## Leeds Hose Company

At its recent annual elections, the following were voted into office:

Chief: Cliff Vankleeck

1st Assistant: Dan Cooke

2nd Assistant: Doug Lamnek

3rd Assistant: Craig Rowell

President: Brian Pforte

Vice President: Amanda Blake

Tres. & Sec.: Kristin Brazie

Board of Trustees: Dave Brockway, Richard Schmidt, Thomas McCullough III, Len LaFrisco and Logan Mudge





# Palenville Fire Company

Over the Christmas holiday, Santa took time out to visit the Palenville Fire District.



# West Athens Fire Company



Santa also took time out to travel with the West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company on their annual Santa Run through the fire district, as well as make a guest appearance at their December breakfast. He is seen here with one of his elves.

## You Are in Our Thoughts . . .

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Speedy Recovery to Denise Taber (Cornell Aux) following her surgery

Speedy Recovery to Deb Stein (West Athens Aux) following her health issues

Speedy Recovery to Tom Callan Jr (A M Osborn Hose, Life Member) following his recent surgery



Deepest sympathy to Ruth Pforte (Leeds Hose Aux) and her son, Brandon (Haines Falls Fire Co) and Brian (Leeds Hose) on the death of her mother

Deepest sympathy to Marilyn Schrader & Vickie Dichian (West Athens); Bob Schrader (Athens VFD) and their family Ryan (Haines Falls) and Melissa Seaburg (West Athens Aux) on the death of their sister and aunt, Patricia

Deepest sympathy to Nathan Huber (West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co) on the death of his grandmother





## **In Memory . . .**

On behalf of the GCVFA and GCVFA-LA, The Booster Line would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following firemanic members who have recently passed away. We apologize to anyone that we missed and offer our sincere condolences to their families.

Walter Wood – Oak Hill-Durham Fire Department  
Al Schnare – Earleton Fire Department  
Myrtle Legg – East Jewett Fire Department  
Dorohty Wood – Oak Hill-Durham Fire Co

# FUNDRAISERS

## EAST DURHAM VOL. FIRE COMPANY

*Come join us for our famous Sunday breakfast!*

**Sun Jan 21, Sun Jan 28 and Sun Feb 4  
8am - 12 Noon**



**Full breakfast menu including:  
Pancakes - French Toast  
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy  
Eggs - Home Fries  
Bacon - Sausage  
and more!**

**As always it is a free will offering  
and cooked to serve!**

## Athens Volunteer Fire Department



PIZZA BONELESS WINGS MOZZ STKS

October 12, 2023 - March 28, 2024

39 Third St, Athens

**CALL - (518) 945-2599**

Calls answered from 3 PM TO 7 PM

Thursday Night's 4:00 - 7:00

**Free delivery within the Village Only**

**EAT IN ALSO AVAILABLE**

*Pizza: Cheese \$12; Xtra Cheese+ \$2;*

*\$2 each MEAT topping - Pepperoni, Bacon, Meatballs, Sausage*

*\$1 each VEGGIES topping - Onions, Mushrooms, Peppers*

*Meat Lovers (All 4) \$20; Chicken Bacon Ranch \$18*

*Buffalo Chicken \$18; Crew Special (All 7 toppings) \$20*

*Dozen (12) Boneless Wings \$11*

*Plain, Mild, Hot, 5 Alarm, BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Honey Mustard*

*Mozzarella Sticks: 6 for \$6*

*October 12, 19, 26/2023; November 2, 9, 16, 30/2023*

*December 7, 14, 21, 28/2023; January 4, 11, 18, 25/2024*

*February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29/2024; March 7, 14, 21, 28/2024*



## 2024 Super Bowl squares

- \$50 Squares

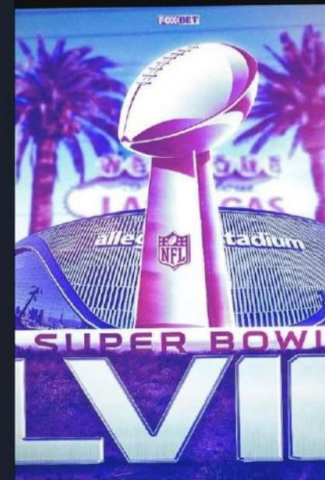
- Payout is \$50 per completed minute. With 60 chances to win.

Does not include overtime.

- Squares will be assigned at random

- Contact a member to purchase

- Remaining proceeds will go directly to CH&L





# All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024** 

**8AM – 12 NOON**

***MONTHLY SPECIALS***

In addition to regular menu  
Eggs – Pancakes – French Toast  
Sausage – Hash Browns  
Orange Juice – Coffee

**Location: West Athens Firehouse #2  
Leeds-Athens Road**

**Freewill Offering**

***Sponsored by West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company***

**AUXILIARY OF THE  
PALENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE RAFFLE**

**BUNDLE INCLUDES:  
4-BURNER 36" GRIDDLE COOKING STATION  
WITH HARD COVER  
36" SOFT COVER WITH UV PROTECTION  
8-PIECE PROFESSIONAL CLEANING KIT  
5-PIECE ACCESSORY TOOL KIT**



**TICKETS \$5.00 EACH  
5 FOR \$20.00**

**DRAWING HELD AT  
MARCH 20 WEEK CLUB**



**Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/230426203748587>

**Ladies Auxiliary GCVFA**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/133972580046759>

**Greene County Emergency Services web page**  
<https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/emergency-services/organizations>

**\*\* GREENE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION. \*\***

**"QUARTERLY MEETINGS 2023 – 2024"**

**GCVFA** - OCTOBER 26, 2023 - EXECUTIVE BOARD – CAIRO

**GCVFA** - NOVEMBER 2, 2023 – KISKATOM \*\*\*

**\* FIRE CHIEF'S –**

**\*\* FIRE POLICE – JANUARY 24, 2024 - CAIRO**

**GCVFA** - JANUARY 25, 2024 – EXECUTIVE BOARD – CAIRO

**GCVFA** - FEBRUARY 1, 2024 - ATHENS \*\*\*

**\* FIRE CHIEF'S -**

**\*\* FIRE POLICE – APRIL 24, 2024 - CAIRO**

**GCVFA** - APRIL 25, 2024 – EXECUTIVE BOARD – CAIRO

**GCVFA** - MAY 2, 2024 - OAK HILL \*\*\*

**\* FIRE CHIEF'S –**

**\*\* FIRE POLICE – JULY 24, 2024 - CAIRO**

**GCVFA** - JULY 25, 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD – CAIRO

**GCVFA** - AUGUST 1, 2024 – WEST ATHENS\*\*\*

**\* FIRE CHIEF'S –**

**\*\* FIRE POLICE – OCTOBER 23, 2024 - CAIRO**

**136<sup>th</sup> GCVFA CONVENTION - TBA**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**



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