



The work has begun on the Ross Mills Bridge. The photos are thanks to Phil Pratt.

The bridge crosses the Cassadaga Creek on Rt. 380 and Ross Mills Rd intersection.





Rev. Bessie Hazel (Poole) Olson, 84, a resident of Chautauqua County, N.Y., passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

She was born in Grove City, Pa., on

March 13, 1933, daughter to Pearl N. Poole & Osceola G. Poole of Stoneboro, Pa.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sisters Dorothea E. Palmer and Pearl Anna Poole and brother, Theodore N Poole and her son, Larry D. Olson (Marion).

She is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years, Donald F. Olson, her children;

~THE Olson's came to our community in 1979 and Bessie became the Pastor of the Church. She was a good leader. A lot happened in that first part of 40 years. An add-on in 1986 and new siding. The old part - new parsonage in 1980. More land was purchased in the 1990's and another parsonage in 2000. A pavilion was built in 2006 and some maintaining of the church, like a new roof and windows and on and on.

Much of this would not have been possible without Pastor Bessie.

Irene F. Pangborn Nash, 96, formerly of Quaint Road, Falconer passed away Sunday (April 23, 2017) in Heritage Village Rehab and Skilled Nursing Center.

A lifelong area resident, she was born June 21, 1920, in the town of Ellington, the daughter of the late Frank and Minnie Hugoboom Shearer.

Irene attended Ellington High School and prior to retirement was employed by the former Jamestown General Hospital, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Zion Covenant Church and Sunnybrook Rebecca Lodge 507 for 27 years. Irene enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening.

~THE Pangborn family was a big part of our community for many years. Their kids went to the Ross Mills School and had a big part in building our church. Harry was a good brick layer and helper.

Irene had such a pleasant personality.



**Ross Grange Names Walter Dahlgren
Community Citizen of 2017**

Walter Dahlgren, a well-known bee keeper was named Community Citizen of 2017 by Ross Grange at their annual awards night. Mr. Dahlgren has been recognized as a teacher for Conservation Field Days for 30 years. This is arranged annually by the 4-H department of Cornell Cooperative Extension. He is also a volunteer fireman and treasurer of Busti Federated Church. Donating blood is a high priority in his life, with Mr. Dahlgren having donated 34 gallons of blood. This honor came as a complete surprise although several members of the Chautauqua County Bee Keepers Association were in attendance.

Falconer School Board Members Visit Ross Grange

Stephen Penhollow, School Superintendent, Cathleen Kimball, Robert Carpenter and Gordon Buck, members of the Falconer School Board of Education, visited the April 24th meeting of Ross Grange. The proposed annexation of the Jamestown Sub Station on Dow Street was explained, noting tax monies would be lost to Falconer Schools, Town of Ellicott, and Village of Falconer. Only the Town and Village residents will have a vote, even though taxes will affect those who live in other towns being part of the school district.

School election will be May 16 with three items to be voted upon. 1) A proposed Capital Improvement plan, noting this is the best thought out project since 1980: 2) Upkeep, Elementary Maintenance, and Safety: 3) Two seats on the board will be filled, with three people running for office.

Other items mentioned included poor home situations of many younger students and the Common Core program. Many Falconer Seniors graduate with a semester or year of college to their credit, due to working closely with Jamestown Community College.

Bob Goodwin and Ellie Burch were hosts for the meal preceding the program at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall.

The next Ross meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, a change from the usual night, and will host 4-H members who have won the Meat Animal Essay Contest. The 4-H Volunteer of the year will also be recognized.

The baking contest, Snickerdoodle Cookies, will be held at the May 22 meeting. The contest, previously planned was postponed. Phone Leona Peterson 985-4652 for information.

Water, How we Harvest it For Use

Many people are able to come up with a good supply of water by driving a pipe in the ground, hitting a vein of water. This was done with a point on the end of pipe (made for this purpose) and a heavy cap screwed on for driving in. This water could not be down more than around 30 feet, or it will not draw up. A shallow well pump would work if the water was in range. In years past a pitcher pump was used. I remember seeing these hand pumps in the house right to the kitchen sink.

As time went on drilling rigs were made and a casing was put down for deeper wells and then a deep well pump was used. In days past large hand pumps with a working barrel down in the well.

Many times springs were available to furnish us with water. We had one that supplied our barn. It was a small spring, but it kept the trough full for the live stock.

Up in our lot was a large spring and that water was what furnished the barn and house down below. Another farm up the road got their water from a larger spring with a ram that forced water up to a tank above the house and then it flowed to the house and farm.

What about dug wells? You let a bucket down to bring up water. This was a hole dug down in the ground and lined up with stone. One remains at my house, it is 32 feet deep and later they drilled down and put a casing another 100 feet deep. They filled the well part up, the stone is still in place. I dug it out a little way when I removed the hand pump and hooked up an electric pump back in the 1940's. If you were down in lower Ross Mills you could drive a pipe down to the aquifer and get your water without a pump.