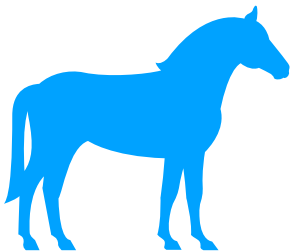


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4633 Damon Hill Road, Gerry, NY

*Join us for our  
Grand Opening*

**Please join us for the Grand Opening of Homestead Stables  
on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 1-5pm.**

This FREE event is open to the public and will include tours, kid-friendly activities, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (2pm), and more! Bring your friends and family to help us celebrate the opening of our state-of-the-art facility.

Free gifts • Horse-drawn carriage rides • Santa & Mrs. Claus • Refreshments  
Facility tours • Meet our staff  
<https://www.homesteadstables.org>

## Johnny Cake

It can help make up a satisfied meal and years and years ago at times there for many people there would not have been a meal if it wasn't for Johnny cake. Back in the old days it wasn't the stars that you could replace things that was needed - in this case in order to come up with the making of Johnny cake, you got some corn to grind. I don't date that far back, we did have a lot of Johnny cake though. We picked out corn meal at a store. My mother made it for our dog Rover. It was a big part in survival back then, along with hoping to have a good growing summer and getting a good crop off things (such as potatoes so forth). Remember reading about Indians and then how they grew corn with stones - so making things from corn dates way back.

I remember few years back when we asked my mother's brother (at that time he was a 103 or so years old) what he would like for his birthday, and he said "I would like Johnny cake".



We call it corn bread now a days, but it is still corny. ~Emory

<— Grinding stone used for grinding corn.  
[http://mobilestudiotravels.blogspot.com/2010/01/great-southeast-american-indian-mound\\_4864.html](http://mobilestudiotravels.blogspot.com/2010/01/great-southeast-american-indian-mound_4864.html)

Ross Grange NEWS  
Ross Grange Plans Craft Show

Ross Grange met Nov. 12 with details for the Holiday Happenings Craft Show finalized. Betty Wakefield is General Chair, with Mary Jane Griffith in charge of the kitchen. 27 vendors have been signed up for the event Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 AM - 3:30 PM. The event will be at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall with free admission. All Grange members are encouraged to furnish items for the bake sale. Membership materials will be available for the public.

A letter of thanks for donation to NY hospitality day at National Grange in Stow, VT was received, as was a letter from the VA Buffalo Hospital for Veteran's Day cards. Betty Wakefield and Opal Sprague were voting delegates to NY State Grange when they met in Oneonta recently. Wakefield was assigned to the health committee while Mrs. Sprague was on the Grange issues committee. They told of committee work as well as activities and speakers during the session.

The Grange Christmas party will be at the home of Opal Sprague December 10.

The next regular meeting will be at the Falcon's Nest with a tureen meal at 6:00 PM. November 26. The program will be on Community Service.



**BUSTI** The town of Busti, named in honor of Paul Busti, General-Agent of the Holland Land Company, was formed from Ellicott and Harmony, April 16, 1823, though settlement near and at the village of Busti began as early as 1810.

It was not until six months after the forming of the town that Busti post office was established and Emery Davis appointed postMaster on October 10, 1823. Mr. Davis held the office for over 20 years. The settlement was, and still is, in the center of lot 60. The post office was closed November 15. 1907 and the mail was ordered sent to Jamestown.

The next office was established on the shores of the lake at a spot then known as Lakeview, now Lakewood. The location was a very popular summer colony with fine large hotels and homes. The hotels are long since gone, but Lakewood is a thriving, modern village. The first postmaster was John A. Cowing, appointed on July 31, 1874. This first office was known as Cowings. One year later, July 23, 1875. while Mr. Cowing was still postmaster, the name was changed to Chautauqua Lake. During the term of Stephen Wright, on January 22, 1880, the name was changed to Lakewood which named the village and post office still remains.

The only other post office to be established in town came into being on October 9, 1883, on lot 48, about a mile south of the village of Ashville. Here the Boomer family owned a hotel and the railroad had a station. The post office was named Boomertown and the postmaster was George W. Boomer. This office was discontinued on May 31, 1913 and the mail was ordered sent to the Ashville office.

**Article taken from: The Early Post Offices of Chautauqua County, New York: by C. Malcolm Nichols; Jamestown, New York 1960**