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# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Spafford Aux and the Spafford community are holding a benefit roast beef dinner on May 6, 2006, from 4 p.m. to 6 p. m. for the Sartwell family, Town of Spafford residents. The Sartwells (a family with 5 children) lost their home and all personal possessions to a fire in March. Call Rose Clark at 607-749-2753 for reservations.

## **Spafford Food Pantry**

Rose Clark 607-749-2753  
Tanya Wright 607-749-6052

Donna Miles 607-749-7470  
Debbie Brown 607-749-7780

The Spafford Food Pantry is serving breakfast ever Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. through April 29. Join your neighbors, or invite some to join you, for pancakes, eggs, toast, sausage, ham, home fries, coffee, cocoa, milk, and juice at the most reasonable price in Town!

We will be holding another Penny Social on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 4 p.m. at the Spafford Fire House. We had a terrific time last year! Look around your home for “like new” items to donate, no clothes please.

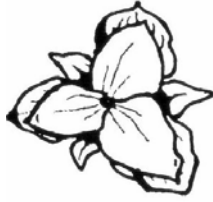
Once again, during March and April we are working on the Feinstein Challenge. This foundation donates money in relation to the donations received by our Food pantry. Help us increase the amount of the foundation’s donation so we can more readily assist our neighbors in need!

We’ve planned ahead – with Easter falling on April 16<sup>th</sup> the Food Pantry will be open on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 6 pm to allow distribution of the Easter dinner boxes. Call us if you would like to help.

## **Memorial Day Essay Contest!!**

*Sponsored by the Martisco Lions Club*

- ❖ The essay theme is : “What Memorial Day Means to Me”
- ❖ All school-aged children residing in the Town of Spafford are eligible to enter
- ❖ Essays should be no longer than 300 words
- ❖ A winner will be chosen in each of three categories  
Elementary School (grades K-5)  
Middle School (grades 6 – 8)  
High School (grades 9-12)
- ❖ All entries must be received no later than May 13, 2006
- ❖ Each winner will receive a Savings Bond
- ❖ All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and an invitation to march in the Town of Spafford Memorial Day Parade
- ❖ Entry forms available at the Spafford Town Clerk’s office.



## 2006 Town of Spafford Memorial Day Observance

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our nation. The Town of Spafford will observe Memorial Day with a parade and commemorative program. This year's program will be held on **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**, and is dedicated to Capt. John Rodney Bass of the United States Air Force (See the accompanying article by Town Historian, Barbara Shoemaker). As in previous years, the parade will begin at the Borodino Fire hall and conclude at the Veterans' Memorial. New to our observance, is a Memorial Day essay contest open to all school age children living in the Town of Spafford. To learn more about the contest, visit our Town Clerk, Lisa Valletta.

All former and current members of the armed services are invited to march in the parade. Anyone who wishes to march should be at the Borodino Fire Hall by 9:30 a.m. Parking, including access for the disabled, is available at the Fire Hall. The program will last approximately one hour, and in case of inclement weather, will be held indoors. We hope that you are able to join us. Questions can be directed to Susan Underwood, (315) 673-1206.

The Memorial Day Observance Committee has been appointed by Town Supervisor Webb A. Stevens. Members of the committee are: Merrill Clark, Joe Marcheterre, Barbara Shoemaker, Susan Underwood (chairperson), and Mark Valletta.



## Town of Spafford Honors Native Son

Captain John "Rodney" Bass, U S Air Force Pilot, 13<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, was born in Syracuse, NY to Glen A. and Maude (Curtin) Bass, December 5, 1933. He joined his siblings, Eileen, Barbara, and Dale, on the family farm on Becker Road. (now Brennemens')

Mr. Bass had to pay a small tuition, to send the children to the Borodino District # 8 school, instead of sending them to their Willow Dale District # 7 school. The Ammermans', Rodney's aunt and uncle, lived in the house now occupied by Bunt and Mary Lou Osborne. If the children had to leave school early, they could go to their aunt and uncle's house. In good weather they would walk across the lots to school.

Rodney finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade at District #8 and entered Marcellus Central School in the fall of 1945; graduating in June of 1951.

While attending Syracuse University, he joined the ROTC, and upon graduation in 1956, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. His basic training was done at Lackland AFB, TX. Over the years he was stationed at Bartow, FL, Laredo, TX, and Williams, AZ. He was an Instructor Pilot for four years while stationed at Reese AFB, TX.

While on tour in Japan, in 1963, he received his commission as Captain in the Regular Air Force. After rotating missions to Korea, he was sent to the Philippines in 1964.

As a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, he was serving as a "check pilot" with another "seasoned" pilot, when their B-57 crashed in the Philippines, June 6, 1964.

Rodney was survived by his wife Dianne (Schmuckmier), their two daughters, Kim and Kristen, and an unborn son, John. He was also survived by his parents, Glen and Maude; his sisters Eileen and Barbara, and his brother Dale. A full military funeral was held in Marcellus; Rod is buried in St. Francis Cemetery, Marcellus.

*Barbara Shoemaker  
Town Historian  
March 2006*

## ***There is strength in numbers!!***

A Spafford Community garage sale is being organized for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will be responsible for their own signs, (you might consider it best to put one on the main roads to point potential customers to side roads and then of course on your lawns. Ads for the Pennysaver and announcements on the 104.7 Community Events have been arranged. Join the fun!

# **SPAFFORD JOINS FORCES WITH TOWN OF SCOTT**

The Town of Spafford is joining forces with the Town of Scott to extend recreational opportunities to Spafford. This partnership will give Spafford residents access to Scott’s facilities—park, playground, picnic pavilion, and boat launch at south end of Skaneateles Lake—as well as the Town of Scott Summer Youth Recreation Program.

The Youth Recreation Program offers a variety of fun day activities for kids ages 6 to approximately 14 years of age. This year’s program will run July 3 through August 19<sup>th</sup>. Activities will include swim lessons, crafts, and sports including archery, field trips and hikes. A bus will pick up children at the Spafford Firehouse. They will be asked to pack a lunch; headphones are required on long trips. The schedule will be available in the next few weeks at Spafford Town Hall.

HELP IS NEEDED to accompany children on bus trips. This is a paid summer position. The summer program runs July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>. For details call the Scott Town Hall at (607)749-2902

The Spafford town board has given \$1,000 from the parks & recreation budget to aid plans to enhance Scott’s facilities. Members of the Spafford Recreation Committee will lend a hand expanding the Scott trail system.

The Recreation Committee plans to identify and improve existing recreational areas in the town of Spafford. Maps and signs will make residents more aware of the resources our town possesses. Parking areas will also be considered. The committee will research potential recreational sites, and possibly develop a Spafford trail system.

Recreation Committee meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at Spafford Town Hall at 9:30 a.m., and are open to the public. Suggestions and ideas from all are welcome. For more information, contact committee chairman, Merrill Clark at (607) 749-2753, or e-mail [rmclark@odyssey.net](mailto:rmclark@odyssey.net).

To reserve the Scott pavilion, contact Marilyn Mowry at (607) 749-4461. A \$25 deposit is required.  
-----Spafford Recreation Committee

## **Street Smarts**

*by Carl Wiers, Highway Superintendent*

We’ve had some trouble this past year with one of our trucks; it’s been in the repair shop more than on the roads. The Town Board has decided to replace it since it does have some trade-in value. Due to the need to replace this truck, our road budget is somewhat restricted this year. The road projects I had planned for this year need to be cut back to fit within the budget. I know there are some rough spots around town; I will deal with the roughest ones first and will take care of as many as I can within the budget.

## METAL DAYS!

It's April, and that means Metal Days have returned! On the third Saturday of each month, through October, you may bring any item that is at least 50% metal to the Transfer Station for disposal. Those items that contain Freon/refrigerant may be disposed of for a \$10.00 fee. The fee is to be prepaid to the Town Clerk. A sticker will be issued and must be placed on the unit prior to disposal. The \$10.00 fee covers the cost of removal of the Freon/refrigerant from the unit. As a matter of safety, please make sure the doors on refrigerators and freezers cannot close.

Propane tanks are not accepted at the Transfer Station. A complete list of rules for the Spafford Transfer Station is available at the Town Clerk's office.

## Dog Licensing Change

As of January 15, 2006, New York State has revised the dog licensing law. A major provision of the new law is that no license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccine. Unless you license your dog on the same day that it is vaccinated, the license will not be valid for a full year. The fee is not prorated; you will pay the full regular fee for the license. Most veterinarians use a three year rabies vaccine to booster dogs, so this will not affect all renewal licenses. On the form you receive from the Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, the expiration date of the rabies vaccine is printed in each of the boxes on the left to see if your dog's licensing is affected by the change in the law. You receive this form one month prior to the due date of the license. If you have questions, please call my office, 673-4144.

*Lisa Valletta, Town Clerk*

## Grievance Day

The dates the Town Assessor will be available to discuss your assessment have not yet been determined. Please call the Town Clerk's office after April 17<sup>th</sup> for information.

**Grievance Day** will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon 2 pm – 4 pm and in the evening 6 – 8 pm. Appointments are appreciated and can be made through the Town Clerk.

## Well & Drinking Water Workshop in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed

On April 18, 2006 the Cornell University Cooperative Extension is conducting a well workshop to help residents with private water supplies determine the quality of their water and how to protect it. The workshop is being held at the Niles Town Hall in New Hope and begins at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Participants can also have their drinking water tested for a discounted rate of \$15. Advanced Registration is required. Brochures and registration forms are available at the Spafford Town Hall.

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## Numbers to Post

<b>Town Hall</b>	<b>673-4144</b>
<b>Highway Dept.</b>	<b>673-3906</b>
<b>Building Dept.</b>	<b>673-9557</b>
<b>Town Court</b>	<b>673-0710</b>
<b>Assessor</b>	<b>685-5570</b>

<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>636-8338</b>
<b>Town Historian</b>	<b>636-7700</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>1-800-852-1741</b>
<b>Dog Control Officer</b>	<b>1-607-749-2729</b>

Town Clerk: [spaffordtown@alltel.net](mailto:spaffordtown@alltel.net)

Building Department: [spaffordbuilding@alltel.net](mailto:spaffordbuilding@alltel.net)