

Rambling Reporter

December 2018

Solar Project

Southern Cayuga Solar Project Vote on January 15, 2019

The Southern Cayuga Central School Board of Education proposes a \$1.5 million capital project to construct a 749.4kW solar array on our campus. Southern Cayuga CSD will team up with Renovus Solar to construct a three-acre solar array which will meet 45% of the district's annual electrical need and save the district over \$30,000 per year.

Renovus Solar has a successful track record for solar project development, construction, operation, and maintenance; and recently completed a project at Candor Central Schools. The proposed project complies and will qualify for the highest New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) grant available (\$0.45/watt installed for projects 750 kW DC and under). In addition, a successful public vote will yield our highest building aid rate available.

As a result, more than 80% of the project cost will be paid through the NYSERDA grant of \$337,669 and \$877,083 from New York State building aid. The remaining 20% of project costs will be paid using the credits from NYSEG for energy produced on our campus. Therefore, the project will not increase our local debt share or the tax levy.

Instead, the financial benefit to the district is significant, providing annual savings of over \$30,000 for the next 15 years, increasing to over \$54,000 per year beginning in year 16. The solar panels are guaranteed from the manufacturer for 25 years, and over that time the cumulative savings for the district will be over \$1million.

District residents are invited to learn more about the solar project at a **public hearing** to be held on **January 8, 2019, at 7 pm in the high school library**. Additional information can be found on our website.*

A special **vote** for the SCCS Solar Project will be held on **January 15, 2019**, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, in the district office at the Poplar Ridge Campus.

*www.southerncayuga.org



Time to Play!

by Elaine Meyers

On a sunny day in October, the Southern Cayuga Head Start class boarded a school bus for a trip to Auburn and the Play Space at 63 Genesee Street. Parents and teachers alike were looking forward to watching their preschool students learn through play. A few families had visited the Play Space, and their children were describing the fun they had playing on the boat, building huge forts and designing meals for their farm to table play area. The Play Space brings children and their families together through play and values its welcoming and inspiring space for children birth to six. For more information about the Play Space visit <https://www.playspaceabc.com/>. For more information about our Head Start program contact www.cscda.com.



Two young Head Start sailors enjoy playing on Play Space boat

Technology Corner

by Carl Scheffler

The 8th grade tech classes have been learning coding with Ms. Snyder and using the design and engineering processes in the wood shop with Mr. Scheffler. Students must complete a number of coding lessons to further their skills with programming and at the same time learn some problem-solving skills while designing and making a holiday gift. Our next project will challenge students to plan and build a balsa wood structure that will be the lightest weight and hold the

largest load of sand. We'll keep you informed of the results!

The high school Engineering class has been involved in a number of individual and group projects ranging from making wood holiday ornament blanks and a

sneaker shelf for the elementary students, to creating a board game and personalized holiday gifts for friends or family. We hope to start work soon on our electric vehicle, which will be built to specifications allowing it to qualify for the Electrathon race each year at Oswego speedway.

The Aerospace Technology class has been investigating the basic forces involved with earth flight using paper airplanes and principles of physics. The latest technology in rocket propulsion from NASA and SPACEX will be what takes manned missions further into space. However, we need to know distances to the objective to plan long-term space exploration, so the class just finished an activity using trigonometric parallax to determine distances to relatively close objects in our solar system and galaxy. How many parsecs is it to Proxima Centauri?



Fire Prevention Week



Save the Date!

The SCCS Boosters Club presents

Dinner and a Game

Friday, January 25

Dinner served in the SCCS High School Cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 pm or until sold out

Menu of Pork Loin, Grilled Chicken Cacciatore, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole, Wild Rice Pilaf, Focaccia & Cookies

\$10 per adult, \$5 per child eight & under

SCCS Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball Games versus Moravia starting at 6:00 pm

#chiefsnation

Catering by the Inns of Aurora



Eleven members of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter participated in the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo October 24-27 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Throughout the four day convention, members explored their interest in agriculture through active participation in student workshops, networking experiences at the career/college exposition and attending industry tours.

Additionally, members were excited to have the opportunity to support Logan LaFave, previous chapter member, as he received his American Degree. The American Degree is awarded each year to less than one percent of FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. To be eligible, an FFA member must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agricultural enterprise. Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement. Logan's demonstration of effort toward his SAE, leadership abilities and community involvement in FFA was evident and has earned him this recognition. Logan is the sixth member of the Southern Cayuga FFA chapter to achieve this honor since the chapter was established. Other recipients include Scott Shaw, Daniel Utter, John Fessenden, Doug LaFave and Samuel Fessenden.

Sciencenter Visit

In October, second grade students traveled to the Sciencenter in Ithaca. Students participated in an interactive discussion about where energy comes from and ways to reduce our environmental impact. They worked on an engineering challenge to develop their own windmill while learning about renewable energy and climate change. Students had an opportunity to explore more than 250 hands-on exhibits and the outdoor playground. Emily Howland Elementary second grade students love learning science!



Jared Basso Wins SCCS Spelling Bee

by Molly Walter



Southern Cayuga eighth grader Jared Basso out-spelled the competition to take first place in the annual SCCS spelling bee. Basso, who correctly spelled the word *couriers* to claim his first place finish, was one of 24 fifth through eighth grade SCCS students to participate in the bee, which is part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. It is sponsored locally by the *Post Standard* and WCNY.

Qualifying for the local SCCS bee begins with students taking a 20 word written spelling test. The top finishers in each grade level then move on to the local bee. Basso was one of four SCCS students who will move on to the next step in the national bee competition, a written spelling test given at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse.

The top 35 spellers on that test will then compete in a televised oral bee on WCNY in March. The winner of that bee goes to the national bee in Washington.

Joining Basso in Syracuse for the written test will be second place finisher, fifth grader Aiden Jillson and eighth graders Kaya Shelton and Payton Youngers.

Future Field Trip!

by Julia Dunsmoor

This year's sixth graders are planning a trip to Washington DC in May. Although spring seems far away, students have already begun fundraising to reach their goal. Students are learning all the requirements needed to hold a large fundraiser and the math that is involved. In class students are learning about unit price, which greatly helped when students needed to figure out the cost and profit for each event. As the trip gets closer, students will research which locations they wish their group to visit, including any of the 19 Smithsonian museums, galleries or zoo in DC. The group will also learn about how to ride the Metro and determine the best places to eat within their budget. This is an exciting trip for sixth graders since it is the first time away from home for some and even the first time for many in a big city. Thank you for your support, and keep an eye out for future events to help make the trip a success!



The Southern Cayuga FFA chapter received \$2,000 through the AmeriGas School Days program to provide financial support for our chapter members' participation in local, state and national events. Our FFA chapter is grateful to have a supportive community that strives to grow the future of the agriculture industry through youth development. Thank you to all who contribute to this program.

The Spirit of the Season is Everywhere -- even in PE class!

by Anita Furness

In early December students arrived to PE with sneakers on, completed their warm-up exercises and were ready to go. Little did they know that on this day they would learn a lesson in giving. Outfitted with a scooter, hula hoop, noodle poppers, crayons and pictures of the holiday season, classes worked together to give away the poppers to their classmates and to color & cut out some holiday themed artwork. Students teamed with buddies to create masterpieces with crayons and scissors. When two days of sharing and caring were over, 723 ornaments were sent to Sarah's House in Syracuse and Bluefield Manor in Auburn. Decorations will be used for Christmas, cafeterias and hallways. Emily Howland students provided a living example of compassion for others -- that is the spirit of the season.



The Genoa Historical Association Rural Life Museum (RLM) is selling **2019 GHA Calendars**. Cost per calendar is \$12.00. Reserve YOURS NOW by calling the museum at [315-364-8202](tel:315-364-8202) or emailing genoahistorical@gmail.com. Calendars will be available before the Holiday Season. Cash or check payments can be dropped at the RLM during open hours (M, W, F, 10:00-4:00) or a check can be mailed to **Genoa Historical Association**, PO Box 316, King Ferry, NY 13081. Please include your name and the number of calendars you would like. When the calendars arrive, we will let you know regarding pick up/delivery. There is a limited supply so order SOON!



"Grip It and Rip It!"

by Tyler Weslowski

As the culmination of the three-week physical education golf unit for juniors and seniors, we took a trip to the King Ferry Golf Course to give students the opportunity to play a few holes on a real course. Main objectives were safety and having fun. Students learned about equipment, order of play, how to navigate a golf course, how to keep score, and about care of the course. Students were given a small set, including a 3-wood, 5- and 9-irons, and a putter; they had time to play three to five holes with a partner. Mr. Otis was able to join some of the classes; he and I moved to the different groups to assist students with club selection, rules and swing tips.

Students had a great time learning about the challenges of golf while discovering a fabulous resource that exists within our own community! Many thanks to the Kopp family for opening their course to us, providing us with tees and for their assistance. We hope this experience has fostered the start of a lifelong activity!



Active Mornings

by Jean Amodeo

The Active Morning program for all students has been revived! It is recognized that the time between arrival and start of classes is an excellent opportunity to provide students with additional exercise and arts enrichment. Instead of sitting in the cafeteria or lobby waiting for classes to begin, students get their breakfast and then play outside, take part in physical activities in the gym or enjoy art, music or library time when the weather is uncooperative. Not only do students thoroughly enjoy their mornings, they arrive to class focused and ready to learn. Thank you to Anita Furness, Dennis Johnson, Jackie Webster, Melissa DeMarinis, Joe Gessler, Michelle Lawrence, Mary Napier, Mary Burns, and Martha Laboon for bringing back this program and making it such a success.





KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

The King Ferry Food Pantry is located in the Agriculture wing of Southern Cayuga High School. Our mission is to alleviate hunger in southern Cayuga County by operating a welcoming community food pantry which offers nutritious food, referrals, support and hope to our neighbors in need.

The pantry strives to offer a variety of fresh produce, dairy, bread, bakery, snack foods, frozen meats/fish, along with canned and boxed food items. Our regularly scheduled distribution days are the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. No appointment is necessary – just show up!

Our Healthy Bodies and Strong Minds reading area opens at 9:00 a.m., where children or families are welcome to share books together, enjoy books being read aloud, or play with toys that promote early childhood development. Children may remain in this area with volunteers while adults shop.

We are staffed by volunteers who work throughout the month to keep the pantry well stocked. On recent Saturdays the food pantry has been serving 60-65 families. Everything provided by the King Ferry Food Pantry is only possible because of partnerships and donations from Southern Cayuga Schools, The Food Bank of CNY, community fundraisers, grants, churches, organizations, businesses, farms and many generous individuals in our community. We are very thankful for the many gifts of time, talent and treasure we receive year-round.

You may contact us at kingferryfoodpantry1@gmail.com, (315) 497-2049, or mail us at PO Box 242, King Ferry NY 13081.

SCSF

As we embark on the holidays and the year comes to an end, the Southern Cayuga Scholarship Foundation (SCSF) Committee thanks the community for their continued support during 2018.

In February we held our annual phone-a-thon to raise funds for the Scholarship Award. Though we lost one day due to a snowstorm, our student volunteers excelled at reaching out and garnering your pledges of support. As a result, we were able to provide fifteen awards equaling \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and students continuing their higher education. SCCS seniors who received \$1,000 awards were Amber Black, Primrose Kirk, Aimee Kreydatus, Brittney Mead, Emily Myers, Lorenzo Raymundo, Claire Rejman, Emily Richardson and Lily Vernon. SCCS students in college who were awarded \$1,000 included Emily Kopp, Olivia Lounsbury, Lauryn Mattoon, Molly Murphy, Shannon O'Neil and Sam Schneider. Their awards have been distributed to their institutions to help with tuition expenses as they pursue their educational dreams.

The Southern Cayuga Scholarship does not only recognize the student's academic efforts, but their per-

sonal support within the community as well. Each year one student is selected for the George Peter Service Award, honoring their strong community involvement. This year's George Peter Service award went to Emily Kopp. Emily boasts an extensive array of community service activities throughout both high school and college, including volunteerism with Food Pantries, Habitat for Humanity and Alternative Spring Breaks.

As we begin a new year, we remind you of a few important dates in 2019. February 6 and 7 our student volunteers will again conduct our annual phone-a-thon, reaching out for your pledges and support for the next class of student award recipients. We remain appreciative and thankful for your continued support.

Pledge payments for this year's scholarship are due to Central New York Community Foundation by March 31; however, donations can be received year-round as is convenient for you. Payments can be made by check to Central New York Community Foundation Inc. (please note SC Scholarship Foundation in the memo) 431 East Fayette Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY, 13202 or securely donate online at <https://cnycf.org/southerncayuga>.



SOUTHERN CAYUGA

Anne Frank

TREE PROJECT

HUNGER DEPRIVES OUR CHILDREN OF MORE THAN JUST FOOD.

According to the Feeding America organization, one in five children in New York State struggles with hunger. Children who do not have an adequate diet are more likely to have trouble concentrating and bonding with other children and are more likely to perform poorly on standardized testing, leading to a greater risk of dropping out of school in later years. A child's chance for a bright future begins with getting enough healthy food to eat today, giving them the energy they need to learn and grow.

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project is conducting its annual Ton of Food Campaign to raise funds to support the Southern Cayuga Backpack Program. Through this program students identified by the school as being at risk of hunger on the weekends are provided with a backpack of child-friendly, nutritious food items on Fridays and during school breaks. The main focus of the program is to reduce the weekend hunger gap and help children return to school better prepared to learn. The Backpack Program also funds school meals for students in need, the Summer Mobile Pantry for children, the Children's Birthday Bag Project and continued food support for children who graduate from the Backpack Program.

The King Ferry Food Pantry is able to purchase much of its food for an average shared maintenance fee of **19¢ per pound** or **\$380 per ton** through our membership with the Food Bank of CNY and Cayuga County Food Providers. Our goal is raise funds to purchase 12 tons of food which will help to feed hungry children in our school district for an entire year.

Will you please join our efforts to help our neighbors in need by donating to the Ton of Food Campaign? Make checks payable to King Ferry Food Pantry PO Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081

Please list "Ton of Food" on your check memo line.

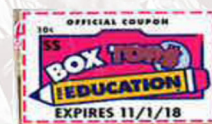
Contact our coordinator, Dana Mandel, with any questions at (315) 364-7570 or dana@lifespantherapies.com.



• ***Southern Cayuga Backpack Program: Fighting Hunger in the Southern Cayuga School District*** •

Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program continues; please be aware of the expiration dates on them! This is an easy way to earn cash for our school. Cut out the symbol on participating products and send them to Emily Howland. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school!





Aurora Free Library

Happy Holidays!

We are starting a Knitting Circle on Monday evenings from 6-8pm. All skill levels and fiber arts welcome! Please join us!

The Southern Cayuga Book Club usually meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm, often at the Aurora Free Library. New members are always welcome! Please email aurorali@rochester.rr.com to be added to our email list. Here is what we are reading in the coming months:

- January 9, *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion (note: second Wednesday)
- February 6, *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
- March 6, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- April 3, Community Read to be held at SCCS Library

Preschool Storytime is held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 when SCCS is in session for children and their caregivers. Doors open at 9:00 for book selection and play. No registration necessary.

Check our website aurorafreelibrary.org or Facebook page for more information on upcoming events.

NOTE: We will be closed December 24, 26 and 31 for the holidays.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer your time, knowledge or talent. Email Sandy at aurorali@rochester.rr.com or stop by the library. We look forward to serving you!

Hazard Library

Happy Holidays from Hazard Library. Wishing you and your family a happy & healthy 2019!

Hazard Library is supporting Westminster Manor in Auburn during the holiday season. We are collecting bars of soap & boxes of tissues for the residents. Please drop off these items at Hazard Library.

Hazard Library Board is conducting its Annual Appeal in December. Letters are being mailed asking for a financial donation and/or volunteers for our library. Your support of our library is greatly appreciated.

Winter weather closings at Hazard Library are on Hazard Library Facebook page as well as channels 3, 5 & 9. Generally closings/delays mirror SCCS closing. Or call the library for information.

Story Hour continues on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 (when SCCS is in session). All are welcome to join Miss Lisa for stories, songs and crafts.

Southern Cayuga Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm. New members are always welcome. Contact the library to be added to our email list.

Hazard Library is closed Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day). We will be open on Thursday, December 27 from 1-8 pm and Saturday, December 29 from 9am-2pm. Normal library hours resume on January 3.

Local Libraries

Hazard Library

2487 State Route 34B
Poplar Ridge NY 13139
Phone 315-364-7975
www.HazardLibrary.org
librarian@hazardlibrary.org
Facebook Hazard Library Association
Tuesday 9 to noon and 2 to 8
Thursday 1 to 8
Saturday 9 to 2

Aurora Free Library

370 Main Street
Aurora NY 13026
Phone 315 364-8074
www.aurorafreelibrary.org
Monday & Friday 3 to 8
Wednesday 10 to noon and 3 to 6
Saturday 10 to 3
"Like" us on Facebook

Swimming Lessons



WHO: All SCCS students K-6

WHAT: American Red Cross Swimming Lessons (Levels I-VII)

WHEN: Session I Mondays, February 25 thru April 1
Wednesdays, February 27 thru April 3
Fridays, March 1 thru April 5

If school is closed or has an early dismissal, THERE ARE NO LESSONS.

WHERE: SCCS Pool-Poplar Ridge Building

COST: \$35 per student per session
(Please indicate which days; you can register for more than one day/session.)

TRANSPORTATION: Students at Emily Howland will be met in the cafeteria and escorted to the pool and locker rooms where they will prepare for lessons. At 4:45 all students MUST be signed out and picked up by a parent or guardian. If students are signed out by someone other than the person on the registration form, a note must accompany that student. Students are welcome to stay for community swim with a permission slip and an adult present, by 5:00 pm.

BRING: swimsuit, towel, hair tie/cap for long hair; goggles are also helpful to many

DO NOT BRING: toys, food/gum, band aids or glass

QUESTIONS: Contact Cathy Murray, 315-364-7111 ext 2256, 315-730-7087 (cell) or rayc@southerncaayuga.org

Registration: Send completed registration form with exact payment to student's teacher. Checks made payable to SCCS swim. No late registrations will be accepted!! Space is limited to 40 for each day.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: January 31st OR 40 REGISTRANTS

NAME OF CHILD _____

Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone #

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Phone #

TEACHER'S NAME _____

BUS #

SWIMMING LEVEL IF KNOWN (circle one) non 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Program Choice-(CIRCLE PLEASE)	MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS
1. <u>1</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>15</u> <u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> <u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u> <u>29</u> <u>30</u> <u>31</u>			

Date:

I give permission for my child _____ to stay for Swimming Lessons
from _____ (dates).

Signed

Attention: Graduating Seniors **do not** need yearbooks ordered for them.

Atención: los graduados de último año no necesitan que se les ordenen los anuarios.



Southern Cayuga High School

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE

NUESTROS ANUARIOS ESCOLARES YA ESTÁN A LA VENTA

Ordering available until: **April 19, 2019**

Pedidos disponibles hasta: 19 de abril, 2019

Full-Color Yearbook.....\$45.00

anuario a todo color.....\$45.00

Personalize Your Yearbook Cover! Until January 31, 2019, add your name for an additional **\$4.00**

Personalizar su cubierta del anuario! Hasta 31 de enero, 2019, agregar su nombre para **\$4.00** adicional

After March 1, 2019, price of the yearbook will increase to \$55.00

Después 1 de marzo, 2019, precio del anuario se incrementar a \$55.00

To order visit: www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter code: **34180E**

Or return envelope with cash or check payable to: **SCCS**

visite: www.inter-state.com/yearbook y escriba este código: **34180E**

o volver sobre con dinero en efectivo o cheque a: **SCCS**

Please fill out the form below, detach, and mail to:

Por favor complete el formulario a continuación, despiece y envíelo a:

Shelly Kulis

Southern Cayuga Central School

2384 State Rt. 34B

Aurora. NY 13026

Student's Name\Nombre del estudiante _____

Teacher's Name\Nombre del maestro _____

Grade\Grado _____ **\$** **Total Amount Due\La cantidad total debida**

Yearbook: _____ @ \$45.00 Yearbook w/Name: _____ @ \$49.00 Yearbook after 3/1/2019: _____ @ \$55.00

Opportunity to order personalization ends 1/31/2019 \ Oportunidad a ordenar personalización termina 1/31/2019

PERSONALIZED COVER IMPRINTING: If ordering, please indicate the exact spelling of your first name (or nickname) and last name in the boxes below. Please leave an empty box between your first and last names.

[illegible]

Use one envelope for each child - please do not fold currency.

Use one envelope for each child - please do not fold currency.
Use un sobre por cada niño- Por favor no doble el dinero- Incluya la cantidad exacta.



2384 Route 34B
Aurora, NY 13026

**Box Holder or
Rural Route**

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 1
Poplar Ridge, NY
13139



Rambling Reporter



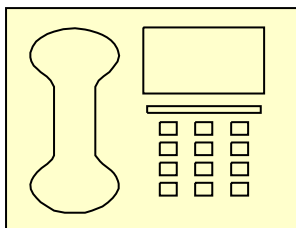
SCCS Board of Education

President: Susan Gloss
Vice President: Michael Huber
Members:
Matthew Bennett
Christine Brozon
David Harvatine
Ann LaFave
Kelsey Rossbach

District Phone Numbers

Jr/Sr High School Office	364-7111
Emily Howland Office	364-7098
Director of Special Education	364-5570
Athletic Office	364-5924
District Office	364-7211
Business Office	364-8711
Bus Garage	364-8652

Board of Education agendas and minutes can be found on our website. www.southerncayuga.org



School Messenger

Please be sure the district has your correct emergency contact information, including your phone number(s), email address and mailing address. You can add or revise your information from a link on our website, or by calling 315 364-7111, ext 2114.