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CHECK YOUR BICENTENNIAL CALENDARS-----A FEW DATES SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN PLANNING YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH AT 2 P.M. THE LANSINGBURGH CAMP FIRE GIRLS WILL PLANT LIBERTY TREES AT POWERS PARK IN LANSINGBURGH. ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 4TH THE HISTORICAL CONTATA "MICHAEL AND CORNELIA," BASED ON THE EARLY LIFE OF THE VANDERCOOK FAMILY OF COOKSBOROUGH, WILL BE PRESENTED AT TAMARAC HIGH SCHOOL. THE CONTATA IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE PITTSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND BRUNSWICK BICENTENNIAL GROUP. THE CONTATA WAS WRITTEN BY MARTHA CARRAGAN, NOTED LOCAL COMPOSER. MUSIC DIRECTOR IS ROBERT CLAUSS AND NARRATOR FOR THE EVENING WILL BE STEVE FITZ. ON SATURDAY JUNE 5TH AT 3 P.M. THERE WILL BE A COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY AT MICHAEL VANDERCOOK'S GRAVE IN THE OLD COOKSBOROUGH CEMETERY. ON SUNDAY JUNE 6TH AT 1 P.M. THE CEREMONY TO REDEDICATE THE HISTORIC LANSINGBURGH VILLAGE CEMETERY WILL TAKE PLACE; THE CEMETERY, LOCATED AT THIRD AVENUE AND 107TH STREET, IS THE RESTING PLACE OF NUMEROUS REVOLUTIONARY VETERANS.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD A BICENTENNIAL FAIR AT HERMAN MELVILLE PARK AND ITS HEADQUARTERS ON THE CORNER OF FIRST AVENUE AND 114TH STREET. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN RENSSELAER COUNTY ARE INVITED TO RENT SPACE TO SELL ITEMS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS. FOR DETAILS CONTACT KATHLEEN TIVNAN, PRESIDENT, AT 235-7647. ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH, THE PITTSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE THEIR BICENTENNIAL FAIR AND PARADE. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M., AND THE FAIR WILL FOLLOW AT PARKER SCHOOL IN PITTSTOWN. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING MAUDE LOCKWOOD AT 663-8882.

BICENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS---THE PITTSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS STILL SELLING ITS FINE COMMEMORATIVE PLATES FEATURING THE TOWN SEAL, FOR \$3.50. THEY ARE ALSO SELLING PACKETS OF FLAX AND HERB SEEDS; THESE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING MAUDE LOCKWOOD. THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SELLING ITS 1971 COOKBOOKS AND ILLUSTRATED HISTORIES FOR 50¢ EACH, HARDWOOD BRUSHBACKS WITH BRONZE MEDALLIONS MOUNTED IN THEM FOR \$3.00, AND COPIES OF YE COHORN CARAVAN BY WILLIAM BOWNE FOR \$4.00. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS PLAN TO SELL THE HISTORY OF THE 17 TOWNS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY WHEN THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS MORE COPIES AVAILABLE.

THE PITTSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS ACTIVELY SEEKING OLD PICTURES OF PITTSTOWN TO REPRODUCE IN A FORTHCOMING BOOK. OUR COMPLIMENTS AND BEST WISHES SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE PITTSTOWN CENTINEL AND ITS PUBLISHERS, WALTER AND PAULA AUCLAIR. THE CENTINEL INCLUDES AN ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPH ON THE HISTORY OF THE PITTSTOWN AREA IN EACH ISSUE, AND MUST BE COMMENDED FOR ITS INTEREST IN THE AREA'S HERITAGE.

THE LANSINGBURGH CITIZENS COUNCIL DESERVES GREAT PRAISE FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS IN THE LANSINGBURGH ACADEMY PROJECT. THE TROY CITY COUNCIL, IN A DECISION OF GREAT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, RECENTLY VOTED \$350,000 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE CITIZENS COUNCIL FOR THE RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF THIS BUILDING, WHICH WILL SERVE AS AN EXPANDED LIBRARY BRANCH AND ARTS CENTER. THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITIZENS COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE LANSINGBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY SO THAT THE LANSINGBURGH ACADEMY CAN ONCE AGAIN BECOME THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE COMMUNITY AS IT WAS FOR SO MANY YEARS.