

Hot Calls

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Calendar:

Hector Pancake Breakfast	2nd Sunday of every month
Watkins Glen Casino Night	May 6
Mecklenburg Country Style Breakfast.	May 21
First Sportsman Raffle Drawing	
Montour Fair	June 8 - June 10
Monterey 7th Annual Hog Run	June 24
Tyrone Gun Raffle Tickets on Sale Now! \$20 Donation.	September 16 2-6pm
Mecklenburg Sportsman Raffle. Tickets On Sale Now. \$10 Donation.	October 15

1962 Plane Fire

In early December 1962 a refueling plane for the USAF was flying over Schuyler County when a fire occurred. The crew fought the fire with no success. As they flew over Schuyler County they set the aircraft on auto pilot and abandoned the plane. The crew of 10 bailed out over the Odessa area. A search was conducted by Odessa and Montour Fire Departments and the Sheriff's Department. Some landed on Connecticut Hill and others around the area of Odessa. One member was killed as his parachute did not open. The plane finally crashed in Canada. Shows that you never know what the call will be when the tones drop.



Upcoming Banquet Dates

May 13
Odessa

November 11
Tyrone

W. Bruce Beardsley

The following obituary was submitted to The Odessa File by the Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home, Watkins Glen.

W. Bruce Beardsley

Age 88, of Watkins Glen, passed away on April 19, 2017.

He was born at home in Watkins Glen on November 15, 1928, the son of George and Florence Beardsley. Bruce was predeceased by his parents; also brothers Robert and William Beardsley; and brother-in-law, Willis Emmons. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann Beardsley; son, Bill and wife Marlana Beardsley; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Marylou Haight, Carol (Robert) Everett, Walter (Edith) Emmons, Patricia (Richard) Pierce, and Jean Beardsley; and two grandsons, Kyle and Jarrod Beardsley.



Bruce owned and operated Beardsley Auto Parts in Watkins Glen for many years, and worked for AKZO Salt Company. He was past Fire Chief and Commissioner of the Watkins Glen Fire Department; member of the Elks B.P.O.E. Lodge #1546, Moose Lodge #426, the Mechanics Club and American Legion Post #555. Bruce honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Sometimes we need to do things right away and not wait. I have been planning on doing an article on Bruce for this month's "Profile" for the newsletter. I tried to catch him several times at his old hang out Art and Nancy's. We went on vacation and wanted to catch up with him when I got back. Before we got home Bruce passed away. I hope this reminds all of us to do something for someone when they can appreciate it and don't put things off. To Bruce's family I truly enjoyed talking with him and working with him in the fire service. I will miss seeing him at County gatherings. He was a solid member of Watkins Glen Fire Department.

Last Formal Group Meeting of the County Firefighters Association

Shirley Churches gave her monthly report on the history of the departments' activities. This was a sad moment for a lot of us as we see this as an avenue for the average firefighter to get

information and to voice concerns for the average firefighter. It has not been well attended for some time and even when we are at the host station not many from that department show up.

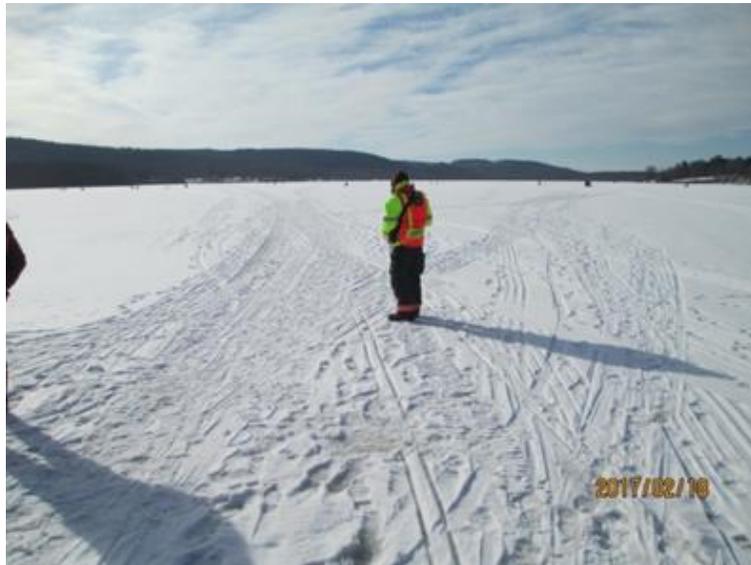
The plan is to keep the board and delegates from the departments. They will meet in Hector in May at the second Thursday of the month to lay out future direction.



Odessa FD: Ice Rescue Training

A couple of weeks after having an ice rescue on Cayuta Lake, the Odessa, Mecklenburg and Enfield fire companies had a combined training at the boat launch. Each department went through removing a victim from the lake. It gave everyone an opportunity to see what equipment each had and be able to work together. All three were involved in the previous rescue.





MECKLENBURG VOL. FIRE CO. 2017 SPORTSMAN DRAWING



**11 Chances to win
Choice of prize or money**

**Tickets available at Fire Company functions,
from members, or by calling 607-280-4419**

Donation: \$10

**Early Bird Prize drawing, for tickets already sold,
May 21, 2017, 10:30 am at the Breakfast.**

Winner will be entered in October Drawing

**Drawing for remaining ten prizes
October 15, 2017, 10:30am at the Breakfast.**

Need Not Be Present to Win



Monterey: House Fire

Saturday, March 4th at 10am a structure fire was discovered on Hornby Road. Monterey was toned out and soon a second alarm was sent out. Initial reports had an occupant still in the structure. A responding firefighter was able to guide the owner to safety. Water had to be trucked from WGI race track over five miles

away. Additional tankers were requested from East Campbell, Bradford, Burdett along with the second alarm companies of Beaver Dams, Tyrone, Watkins Glen, Montour Falls, Schuyler County Emergency Management, State Troopers, Schuyler County Sherriff, and AMR ambulance. It was a very

cold day and manpower had to be supplemented also. The home was a total loss and a pay loader had to be brought in to assist with over haul. A It took at least three hours to bring things under control. An very large attached garage was saved with an aggressive attack by fire companies.



A pay loader was used to help with overhaul. The building collapsed early in the fire operations.



Coordinator Bill Kennedy operates "Monterey Command". This is one of the functions of County Fire Coordinators.

CASINO NIGHT

**THE WATKINS GLEN FIRE COMPANY
PROUDLY PRESENTS CASINO NIGHT**

Saturday May 6th, 2017 From 7pm to 12am
Watkins Glen Fire Station. 201N Perry St. Watkins Glen NY
Admission: Any Cash Donation at the Door



Games Include:

- Blackjack
- Bingo
- Beat the Dealer
- Money Wheels
- Over-Under 7
- Pull Tabs

Sportsman Raffle:

- 22 Firearms
- Duck Call Raffle
- Deck "O" Cards
- Gun Giveaway
- (2) Crossbows
- Compound Bow

Raffles, Prizes, Food & Drink

- \$500.00 Cash Giveaway
- 50/50 Raffle
- Tons of Door Prizes
- Free Adult Beverages
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers
- Sausages, Salads
- Ham and Turkey Raffles

Sportsman Raffle Rules Apply/Rules Listed on Sportsman Raffle Ticket. Casino Night Rules Apply/Must be 21 to Enter.

Sportsman Raffle Tickets on Sale Now, Only 1,000 Sold. Contact WGFD at 607-535-7700 or send us a message on Facebook to Get Your Tickets.

Come Support the Watkins Glen Fire Company and Help Us Help You!!

Montour Falls: Structure Fire

Friday morning, March 3rd at 3:29 am Montour Falls and Odessa were toned out to a reported working structure fire on the Hayes Road. On arrival Chief Bill Thomas reported a fully involved structure. A second alarm was transmitted and Watkins Glen, Burdett, Millport were along with Montour and Odessa. A defensive operation was conducted and the structure soon collapsed into the basement. The owner was

able to escape because of the smoke alarm waking him up. He was very lucky to escape the fire. This was also a very cold night and everything was freezing up. Good job by all.



Montour Falls Banquet

On March 18, 2017 the Montour Falls Fire Department held their annual banquet. There were no changes in the line officers . They had 346 calls

for the year. John Horyczun was the Firefighter of the Year. A new award was presented by the village Mayor. It is called the Mayor's Award. It was given

to the whole department this year but will be an individual award from this point forward.



Line Officers are sworn in by Coordinator Kennedy.

From left to right:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chief | Bill Thomas |
| 1st Asst. | Jake Burns |
| 2nd Asst. | Jeremy Edmister |
| Captain | Joel Husted |
| 1st Lt. | Andrew Yessman |
| 2nd Lt. | Brian Swartwood |
| Deputy Chief | Jeff Confer |

Hector Banquet

Hector had their installation banquet on February 25, 2017. Steve Williams gave a report on the renovation of the fire station and the construction of the new Library. They also reported on the expected delivery of their new pumper/tanker. This year saw the loss of four active members of the department and auxiliary. Dave Wickham, Dave Beckhorn, Anna Monroe, John Bills.



Don Dalrymple was recognized for his work with fire prevention



Hector line officers sworn in by Bill Kennedy.

Watkins Glen Banquet



Watkins firefighters hold annual banquet

Firefighters and officials from around the area gathered Saturday night at the Hidden Valley 4-H banquet hall for the annual Watkins Glen Fire Company banquet. The master of ceremonies was Paul Cartwright. Chief Charlie Scaptura delivered his annual report, and awards were given for training and response, as well as for years of service.

Left top: Bill Haeffner was honored for 20 years of service with the department. Among others honored were Dominick Smith (25 years) and Joe Matwiejow (60 years).



Left bottom: Among the many guests on hand were fire inspector Dale Jaynes and longtime fire official and EMT Rebecca Franklin-Guild.

LINE OFFICERS

Chief	Charlie Scaptura
Asst. Chief	Charlie Smith, III
Asst. Chief	Derek Bacon
Asst. Chief	Robert Gruver
Deputy Chief	Dominick Smith
Deputy Chief	Jason Hudson
Deputy Chief	Robert DeDeominick
Captain	Shawn Gilbert
Open	
Open	
Rescue Captain	Anthony Nieves

**Story and
Pictures by
Odessa File**



From left at the Watkins Glen firefighters' banquet: Chaplain Tony Specchio, Deputy Chief Robbie DeDominick, Chief Charlie Scaptura

ANNOUNCEMENT

Montour Falls **61st** Fire Department

Festival & Parade of Bands

June 8th-10th 2017

Scheduled to Appear on the

Cayuga Health System Stage



Thursday June 8th 6pm-10pm

Music from Hard Rock to Hip Hop to Country



Presented by: Dunkin Donuts



Friday June 9th 8pm-11pm

Classic Rock



Presented by: Cargill



Saturday June 10th 7:30pm-11:30pm

Country Music Recording Artist



Devon Franks

Presented by: **Watkins Glen Supply**
And **Silverline Construction**

BEFO Class Held

The Basic Firefighter Exterior Operations (BEFO) class is currently being held in Schuyler County. Lead instructor John Jelliff says all is going well. The hope is they will have enough students to continue on for the Firefighter 1 continuation. This is our future. Students in your department need the

encouragement and mentoring to help them get through the training and want to be good firefighters for all of us. Take time to show them and answer questions they may have. We can't complain that we don't have enough help if we don't show the new people that we care!



A New Look for Hector Fire Company

Ever since the fire house was built, the local library has shared space in the fire station. Now they have their own area added on to the existing fire house (Right Picture)



A refurbished kitchen has added to the current community room. County Assoc. will be meeting in May come see the changes.

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Last Alarms



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EMT/CFR Instructor

Upcoming Classes

- *Rescue Technician Basic (May 10)*
- *EVOC (May 15)*

Want to be notified of our upcoming courses? Join our mailing list! Send requests to jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us

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