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Local National

February Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, February 4th, 5:30pm
Ellie Burke
 Ellie is co-owner of Highland Tree Farm, a veteran and husband & wife - owned family business. Highland Tree Farm is located at 1985 Keech Road in Branchport. Sean and Ellie started Highland Tree Farm in the Spring of 2020 with a vision of a Scottish inspired Christmas and festive tradition was wildly successful in their 2024 inaugural season.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86551897884?pwd=95KWGY4bZlj4YcCvMpARaHesLbqNWw.1>
Meeting ID: 865 5189 7884
Passcode: AAUW

In the News: In January 2025, the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Kentucky issued a decision to vacate the updated Title IX rules released in April 2024. Please see AAUW's statement denouncing the decision:
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-denounces-district-courts-decision-to-vacate-2024-title-ix-rules/>. -Submitted By Michele Foster

On January 31, 2025, Rhode Island federal judge issued a temporary restraining order barring the Trump administration from freezing spending on federal grant and aid programs, calling the move illegal and saying the issue was not mooted by a White House memo claiming the directive had been rescinded. The judge's order requires that the administration continue to comply with all its obligations to provide federal financial assistance to the states while it conducts its reviews. Judge McConnell said the states involved in the litigation rely on federal funds for vital programs, and those states provided evidence that withholding federal funds will create "severe disruption" and harm. <https://www.npr.org/2025/01/31/nx-s1-5282410/trump-spending-freeze-blocked-federal-judge>.

Meeting Minutes

AAUW Bath Branch Remote Meeting, Tuesday January 7, 2025

Guest Speaker Tracey Tremaine of Tremaine Landscaping of the Finger Lakes.
Tracey gave us an informal talk about her unconventional career.

6:50 Meeting called to order by Co-President Sally Murphy

1. Treasurer's Report-Beginning balance November 26 was \$4,438.47. Ending balance as of December 23 is \$2,228.72. During this period a check for \$2,000 was paid to EOF, a check for \$1,084.75 was paid to Timberstone and dues of \$98 were paid for Onalee Newman. Deposits were made for the holiday dinner and for Onalee's dues totaling \$967.

2. Membership-New member Gretchen Cruz

3. Co-communications-Bridget Steele reports, as stated in our December newsletter, that from now on, all communications will be using the following email address:
communications.bathbranch.aauw@gmail.com.

4. Diversity-Co-chair Bonnie Taggart reports that our national organization is requesting that our members act quickly on the passing of the ERA before the Biden Administration ends. The link to act is: <https://www.aauw.org/>.

5. Old Business: Jerine Faber reports that she has been in touch with playwright Barb Murphy about other opportunities to present her work (ie. Bristol Valley Playhouse). More to come.

6. New Business: Co-Pres Sally Murphy indicated that we will plan a Baby Book Shower for Bridget Steele (expecting mid-April). She also mentioned that new member Jen Taylor just gave birth to a baby girl.

7. Our February 4 meeting will be virtual. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Burke, the co-owner of Highland Tree Farm in Branchport.

8. Adjournment was at 7:10PM.

-Respectfully submitted, Elfie Tompkins

Announcements

I am excited to announce we found a day for Bridget Steele's baby shower! Below you will find the invite.
February 18th @ 5:30pm.

Books and/or diapers welcome- any books and any size or brand diapers.



-Submitted By Sally Jacoby Murphy