



Scouts visit Regional Food Bank

Boy Scout Troop 15, of Richmondville, visited the Regional Food Bank, in Latham, on Sunday, February 28. They learned that this facility serves 23 counties, from the Canadian border to almost New York City and west to Utica. There are other regional food banks that serve the rest of New York State.

This food bank distributes over 30 million pounds of food annually, and serves 1,000 local agencies, including local food pantries in Schoharie County.

Scouts had a tour of the facility, which included a salvage room where salvaged goods are sorted, a large walk-in cooler, a larger walk-in freezer, and other areas where foods are gathered, sorted, and compiled for distribution.

After the tour, they spent one and a half hours sorting salvaged goods, items that are donated to the food bank from companies such as grocery stores, that are not deemed sellable partly because of damage to the packaging.

Boy Scouts who participated were Tyler Hotaling, Andrew Jackson, Jack Bradley, and Dahkeya King, along with Scoutmaster George Horning and Assistant Scoutmaster Amy White. Also accompanying the troop were Troop Committee Chair Charlene King, Committee Member Shelley Bradley, former Troop 15 Scout Max Horning, Girl Scout Makaya King, and Merit Badge counselor Erna Beadling.