

PITTSTOWN

## Thieves Caught In The Act At A Car Dealership



*It has happened before to the owners of Upstate Auto Sales on NYS Route 7 in Pittstown, and last Tuesday, they noticed a catalytic converter had been cut out from under a bucket truck. On Friday, April 9, thieves were back at it, but this time an elaborate security system notified police, who showed up quickly and caught them in the act. Photo provided.*

SCHODACK

## Distribution Center Concerns Top Board Meeting

by Denise Wright

The April 8 Schodack Town Board meeting was busy and full of comments and concerns. During the public comment section of the meeting, a Richwood Drive resident voiced worries over the ongoing issues associated with the Amazon complex on NYS Route 9. The resident cited several incidents about light and noise pollution and traffic problems, such as pedestrians walking along Route 9 to the Route 150 bus stop and UBER and Lyft drivers who get lost in their neighborhood. She begged the Board to address her concerns publicly because of another impending large distribution center planned in the town.

A Woodward Road resident addressed the Board about having her lower property being landlocked because the Town sold an access road to her neighbor that they understood was no longer used by the Town. The resident stressed that this action “precluded” her from “putting anything on her backfields in the future.” The Board explained that since the deed was already registered, she would have to look for other alternatives to attain a solution.

Sewer districts were also a topic of conversa-

tion. The Castleton Consolidated Sewer district was approved. According to resolution 130, the approximate cost of the improvements will be \$1.75 million, and a connection fee of \$275 will be charged by the Town of Schodack to the property owner. Maintenance and updating the East Schodack Sewer district was also introduced to the Board through information from G&G Municipal Consulting. Supervisor Harris asked the Board to review the data to see what cost-effective approach would benefit the 28 affected households. The Board hopes to discuss this at the next Town Board meeting on April 22.

Steve Hart’s Board presentation for the business park on Route 9 near the Amazon complex brought some good news to the Board. Two of the buildings already have potential occupants: Trojan Energy Systems from Troy and Dibble Equipment.

The meeting ended with the approval of several resolutions, including the transfer station’s fee schedule for its spring clean-up days on May 13-15 and the 2021 road program proposed by the Superintendent of Highways to resurface 12 roads with hot-mix asphalt and crack fill/single chip seal treatments on seven others.

BRUNSWICK

## Tailgate Sale

On Sunday, May 2, the Brunswick Grange will hold its annual Spring Agricultural Tailgate sale at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. More than 50 vendors will have various varieties of chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, veggies, plants and other agricultural items. Absolutely no dogs, cats, puppies or kittens will be allowed. A donation of \$15 per vendor will be charged at the gate. Spectators are free.

Masks will be required and there will be no food vendors on site. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information please call 518-279-9113.

The fairgrounds are located at the corner of NYS routes 40 and 67 in Schaghticoke.

### Fish Stocking Sale

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Service Center’s parking lot, in front of the Agriculture & Life Sciences Building in Troy. Checks can be made payable to: Rensselaer County SWCD. Order forms and checks can be mailed to: 61 State Street - Troy, NY 12180, Completed order forms and/or questions can also be E-mailed to: [Megan.Myers.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com](mailto:Megan.Myers.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com).

### Drug Take Back Day

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Several features ensure security, including a double-locked front panel. Medications can be removed for disposal only when both a member of the Bennington Police Department and a member of the hospital security staff are present. In addition, the box is monitored by video.

Disposing of unused and expired medications at a drug take-back location prevents the drugs from being abused or sold. In the past, people often flushed medications down a toilet or drain, which can cause pharmaceutical contamination of the water supply.

The program was made possible through The Collaborative Regional Prevention Partnership, a grant from the Vermont Department of Health; and cooperation from the Bennington Police Department, notably Chief of Police Paul J. Doucette and Lieutenant David Dutcher.

## Hand Pain Solutions

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) proudly presents Hand Pain Solutions on Tuesday, May 4, from 6 to 7 pm over Zoom video conferencing software. It is free and open to the public.

The event is appropriate for any person who experiences hand pain, along with members of their families. Presenter Dr. David Veltre will share the most common causes of hand pain and the treatments he offers to help resolve it. Attendees will learn what they can do to maintain or recover their hand function.

Dr. Veltre completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Boston University Medical Center and completed a hand and upper extremity fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic and MetroHealth Medical Center

in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Veltre earned his medical degree at Boston University School of Medicine in Massachusetts and his master’s in biomedical engineering from Cornell University in New York. He graduated with a Bachelor’s in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Cornell in 2004.

Those interested in attending need to register in advance by visiting [svhealthcare.org/Classes-Events](http://svhealthcare.org/Classes-Events). Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information needed to join the webinar.

## Music from Salem Awarded Stewart’s Holiday Match Grant

Music from Salem is proud to announce that the organization is the recipient of the 2020 Stewart’s Holiday Match grant that supports programs for children and youth. This generous grant makes possible an outreach to a young local audience by offering free workshops that provide a lively introduction to classical music making and listening, featuring Music from Salem musicians. The 2021 workshops will be held at the Historic Salem Courthouse and at the Greenwich Youth Center if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. These workshops for young listeners, which have been offered since 2011, are an important part of Music from Salem’s season, which also features chamber music concerts, garage lawn performances, emerging artists workshops and listening clubs, which will take place throughout the summer.

Each year from Thanksgiving to Christmas, customers of Stewart’s Shops donate to the support of programs that help children. Stewart’s matches their gifts and then makes grants to organizations throughout the region. Music from Salem is

tremendously appreciative of the generosity of Stewart’s Shops and the great community they represent. If you wish to learn more about the Stewart’s Shops contributions program, visit [www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving](http://www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving).



*Music from Salem programs, such as the one shown above for children, are made possible in part by the Stewart’s Holiday Match and the New York State Council on the Arts. Photo provided.*