

New Lebanon & Nassau News

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The New Lebanon Newsletter

The Next KISS Program at the New Lebanon Town Hall

The Columbia County KISS Program is once again available to seniors in every town in Columbia County. The KISS Program, founded by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, stands for Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe. It was designed to protect the identities of our seniors while assisting them in the shredding of their sensitive materials. Seniors are encouraged to contact their local Town Hall for hours of operation and more information on the program. Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the NL Town Hall from June 7 through June 26. Please ring the door bell and the Town Clerk's office will assist you, before putting your papers in the shred bin.

Music In The Park And Community Picnic

The Town is hoping to hold two music in the park events this year in August and September instead of the usual four events starting in June. As long as COVID-19 numbers remain low, vaccinations continue to be available and it is deemed safe to hold an outdoor, socially distanced event, the town will hold the community picnic along with the first music in the park on Sunday, August 8 from noon to 4 pm (with the community picnic starting at noon and music starting at 1 pm) and the second music in the park on Sunday, September 5 from 1 to 4 pm. All applicable COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed. More details will be announced as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in setting up an informational table about your local business or organization or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact nlrecreation.long@gmail.com.

Town Clean Up Day

The Town will be holding our annual town clean-up day on Saturday, September 18 from 8 am to 2 pm. All applicable COVID-19 safety measures will be followed. Details regarding obtaining your punch cards, what is allowed to be brought, on site logistics (it will be a bit different this year in an attempt to not have cars going behind the highway garage), etc. will be in the August 1st newsletter. For now, please save the date with more detailed information coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email pzclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

Broadband Committee Update

Based on recent interactions with Consolidated Communications, the committee believes that all areas of New Lebanon have access to the pro-

vider's high-speed internet service, with the exception of Old Gale Hill Road and a portion of Gale Hill Road. These two areas are the focus of a new initiative to expand high-speed service with some funds available from state and federal sources. We will keep readers informed of developments on this initiative as it progresses.

If any resident in areas other than Old Gale Hill and Gale Hill Roads desires high-speed internet service but has been told in the past that it was not available, we encourage them to contact Consolidated Communications Customer Service again because their situation may have improved. If a resident takes this step and is informed that service is still not available, please fill out a broadband survey form on the Town website at <http://www.townofnewlebanon.com/broadband-committee/>. Residents may also contact Doug Banker, Chair of the Broadband Committee, directly at 518-794-9764 or charlesbanker@fairpoint.net.

Charlie's Pantry

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and household supplies to the families that live in the New Lebanon School District (during the pandemic we are also serving anyone in our nearby New York community). We are located behind the Immaculate Conception Church at 732 Route 20. Our current hours are every Saturday 10:30 am to 1 pm. We can make appointments for emergencies or if a family occasionally runs out of food and cannot come when we are open. For further information please call Georgette at 518-794- 0156 or Peter at 518-794-0544.

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Next Food Giveaway Slated For Monday

These food giveaways, sponsored by the New Lebanon Central School District and the Town of New Lebanon, are completely free and open to all families in the New Lebanon and surrounding communities.

Food items will include produce, dairy products, frozen meats (chicken, ham, pork, lunch meats, frozen fruit, etc) and non-perishable products. Free masks and hand sanitizer are also available.

The food was donated and the event made possible through a partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

The event takes place on Monday, May 17 at 9 am in the Town Hall parking lot. Please enter through Shatford Park by the baseball fields.

SPENCERTOWN

Vegetable Garden Planted: Now What?

Spencertown Academy Arts Center Hidden Gardens Virtual Lecture Series presents a talk by Ron and Jennifer Kujawski titled "Vegetable Garden Planted: Now What?" on Saturday, June 19 at 4 pm via Zoom. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A with participants. Tickets are \$10. To register, please see www.spencertownacademy.org.

Though planning, preparation and planting a vegetable garden take effort, the work and rewards are just beginning. This presentation will look at post-planting efforts to sustain the garden and reap the rewards through the growing season. Topics to be covered include summer maintenance, pest and disease management strategies, tips on harvesting, planning for a late season harvest and cover cropping.



Ron and Jennifer Kujawski. Photo courtesy of the Spencertown Academy.

"I am so pleased to welcome back Ron and look forward to meeting his daughter," says Vivian Wachsberger, Academy board member and co-chair of Hidden Gardens. "His lecture several years ago was a big success and his ability to share his knowledge with us in a practical way is invaluable. Our lecture series this year covers a great many aspects of gardening. We look forward to answering questions from first timers as well as old hands."

CHATHAM

Albany Man Accused Of Rape

Submitted by the CCSO

Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office arrested Juan Tyler-Diaz on May 6 and charged him with Sexual Offenses.

Investigator Joshua Oakes and Investigator K.C. Bauhoff began the investigation after receiving a referral of misconduct and sexual acts with minors. During the course of their investigation it was discovered that there were two victims in this case that made disclosures indicating Tyler-Diaz.

In this particular case, the alleged sexual acts occurred in the Town of Chatham ranging back from April 2021 over the course of a few days when the victims were between the ages of 13 and 14 years old.

Tyler-Diaz, 22 years old from Albany, was arrested for Rape 1st Degree, a class B Felony, Rape 2nd degree, a class D Felony, two counts of Forcible Touch-



Juan Tyler-Diaz

ing, a class A misdemeanor and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

Tyler-Diaz was arraigned in Chatham Town Court in front of the Honorable Justice Borgia-Foster, where an order of protection was issued for the victims in this case. Tyler-Diaz was remanded to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$1000

cash or credit or \$5000 bond. He is due back in Chatham Town Court at a later date.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Child Advocacy Center of Columbia-Greene Counties, and the Columbia County District Attorney's Office.

The investigation is continuing and Sheriff Bartlett urges anyone with information regarding this individual to contact Investigator Joshua Oakes of the Criminal Investigation Branch at 518-828-3344.