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## PITTS TOWN

### Three Cars Crash Two People Injured On Route 7



A NYS Trooper looks over the 2019 Mazda that struck the rear of a 2016 Honda (to the right in this picture) in a three car accident Tuesday on Route 7 in Pittstown.

by Steve Bradley

According to New York State Police, two people were sent to an area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries, following a three car crash on NYS Route 7 near Upstate Auto Sales in Pittstown on Tuesday afternoon, May 4. The crash also closed part of the road for a short while.

The investigation shows an eastbound auto rear ended a stopped Subaru looking to make a left turn into Upstate Auto Sales. That impact shoved the Subaru into the path of a westbound auto, shearing off part of that vehicle's driver's side, and coming to

rest against a pole of a newly installed electronic sign at Upstate Auto. In fact, the sign had apparently just been installed two hours prior to the mishap. According to the Pittstown Fire Department Facebook page, the driver of one of the vehicles had to be extracted.

The accident remains under investigation. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Rensselaer County Sheriff's deputies. The Pittstown and Raymertown Fire Departments were called in as well as the Pittstown Volunteer Rescue Corp and an ALS ambulance from Bennington.

## BRUNSWICK/HOOSICK FALLS A Successful Merger

by Doug La Rocque

Anytime two schools in close proximity to one another merge programs, the administrations are always dogged by the question, how will this work out? For Hoosick Falls and Tamarac, the football program was the first of what will eventually be the combination of several sports teams. So all eyes were on this football team called the Wildcats, in deference to the Tamarac Bengals and the Hoosick Falls Panthers. The administrators can plan and the coaches can instruct, but the real question is always, how will the student athletes from two different school districts blend together as one. The answer here, reported last week as the case between Berlin and New Lebanon schools, is wonderfully.

It is not easy for student athletes to be asked to give up their own school's singular identity and form a new one with other students they may never have met. Identity aside, these students have to push past internal competition and learn to trust that player lined up next to you, one you may have practiced with for only a short time and really don't know much about. So as administrators, you roll the dice, trust your instincts and have faith that these students can

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## EASTERN RENSSELAER COUNTY

### The Need Has Not Stopped So Neither Will We

by Doug La Rocque

Once again on Friday, April 30, Catholic Charities Mobil Outreach (CC Moves) joined forces with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY and the Capital District Area Labor Federation to sponsor a mass food giveaway at Grafton Lakes State Park. According to the Director of the program, Sister Betsy Van Duesen, 464 households representing 1,347 people were fed that day. In all more than 17,000 pounds of food was handed out.

This was the second such event at GLSP, the first taking place in November of last year.

A special thanks goes to GLSP manager Melissa Ann Miller and her staff, without whom none of this would have been possible. Other organizations that helped out were the Grafton Baptist Church, Grafton Area Food Pantry, Grafton Rescue Squad,

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Some of the volunteers are shown here. Miranda Sehl from The Eastwick Press, Soheila "Sue" Hexemer from the Sycaway branch of M&T Bank and Celine Casey show some of the meat products given away at the CC Moves event on Friday. Photo by Amy Modesti.



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