

Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas News

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with a current well as a backup alternative source of drinking water. Mayor Rob Allen said the village would like to see a monitoring well between the new site and the current wells, just in case some of the PFOA contamination should move in the direction of the new wells.

The Specialty Building

Long since abandoned, in rough shape with several safety concerns, village businessman Jasen VonGuinness indicated he hopes to purchase the structure with renovation in mind. He was there to ask the trustees for their support in efforts to obtain grants to help with the project.

At a previous meeting, a village resident expressed concern about the 1,000 gallon underground propane tank outside the Thorpe Block building. One of that building's owners, Jim Martinez, read a statement to the Board in which he said the tank was installed according to code and is protected by four ballards, also prescribed by code. Codes Enforcement Officer Mark Surdam visited the site for an inspection and found no violations. According to Mr. Martinez's statement, this resident now believes parking a car within 10 feet presents an ignition source.

Mr. Martinez also brought up that the owner of a neighboring building has four 120 gallon above ground fuel tanks, indicating that both the required setback from the property line and proper safety guards may not be in place.

Tag Sale

The annual Village-Wide Tag sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 from 8 am to 4 pm. The event is sponsored by Hoosick Area Here & Now as well as Trustee Kevin O'Malley. There is a \$5 fee to be included on the map that is being handed out. Funds are used for advertisements and press releases.

Legal Reappointment

The Board choose to continue the retention of David Engel, Esq., as environmental counsel on PFOA contamination related matters. Mr. Engel has left his previous law firm and now is an attorney of counsel with the law firm of Gilchrist & Tingley, the Village's legal representatives.

Contracts

The Board awarded the contract for additional services pertaining to the leachate collection pump system at the landfill to LaBella Associates DPC and the Waste Collection/Transport contract to County Waste.

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Cheney Library User Survey

How can Cheney Library better serve you? We are looking for feedback from our community. Fill out our survey and be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon.com gift card. The survey closes on June 7, and the drawing will be held on June 18. All are invited to participate – even if you don't use the library!

Complete the survey using this link: <https://www.cheneylibrary.org/survey/>
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Village Man Faces Drug Charges And Extradition

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office

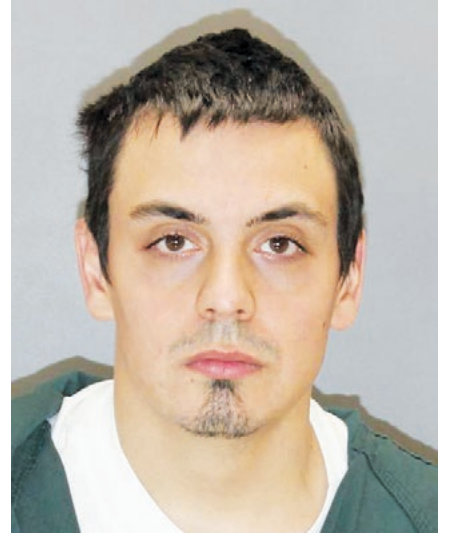
On May 6, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office arrested Jonathan P. Welch, 28, of 68 Mechanic Street in the Village of Hoosick Falls.

Following several anonymous tips and a six month investigation, a search warrant was signed by Rensselaer County Court Judge Sober. The search warrant was executed and yielded approximately 800 bags of heroin (tested positive for fentanyl), packaging material, surveillance equipment and scales.

Welch was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree, and Criminal Possession of Narcotic Drug (w/intent to sell) 3rd, both B Felonies.

Due to Bail Reform, Welch was released on his own recognizance, to appear in court at a later date.

A subsequent investigation revealed a warrant out of Vermont State Parole. Sheriff's Investigators arrested Welch at his residence on May 13, where he was remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail, awaiting an extradition hearing.



Jonathan Welch

Summer Homebrew Festival

The Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Hopridge Farms is excited to announce the return of the Southern Vermont Summer Homebrew Festival! The Festival will be held on Saturday, August 7 from noon to 4 pm on Depot Street in Bennington.

The sixth annual event encourages brew-loving patrons to come and enjoy unlimited sampling of home-brewed beer, wine, mead, cider and more, plus entertainment and eats from the area's food trucks.

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