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HOOSICK

VT Man Seriously Injured In Rt. 7 Crash

by Steve Braadley

New York State Police say 68-year-old Albert Lafountain of Pownal, Vermont was traveling east on NYS Route 7 Sunday afternoon, May 23, when he suffered a medical event and lost control of his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, striking a guard rail. Mr. Lafountain was ejected by the impact, while the motorcycle traveled about another quarter of a mile down the road before it finally crashed and burned.

The Towns of Hoosick Rescue transported the victim to a landing site, where he was airlifted to the Albany Medical Center. Troopers say while his injuries were serious, they are not believed to be life threatening. No charges were filed.



Hoosick firemen Wayne King, left, and Ethan Yonconish get ready to wet down the remains of the motorcycle after it finally crashed and burned on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Steve Bradley.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Financial Aid For Fire And Ambulance

Submitted by the Office of County Executive Steve McLaughlin

Rensselaer County will be providing assistance to fire and ambulance organizations across the county, with funds coming from savings achieved during 2020, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and members of the County Legislature announced today.

A resolution for the creation of the Rensselaer County Responds fund was filed with the County Legislature this week. The fund will include \$1.2 million, with the majority of funds going to volunteer fire and ambulance companies.

The funding for the Rensselaer County Responds comes from \$18 million in savings achieved by the county last year. The county also announced this week a portion of funding would be used for the Drive for

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Tamarac Pitchers Toss A Pair Of No-No's

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Protecting Land And Resources

The Rensselaer Land Trust

by Denise Wright



The RLT is responsible for mowing and maintenance on approximately six miles of the AHET Trail system. Photo by Denise Wright.

On Saturday, May 22 the Rensselaer Land Trust held its official opening of the Albany Hudson Electric Trail at RLT's Nassau Lake Trailhead to introduce residents to the many volunteer opportunities and conservation efforts of the 400-member organization. Andy Beers, Empire State Trail Director, and RLT's Maintenance Steward, Tom Phillips, spoke about equipment and maintenance of the trail through the Schodack area.

"The mission of the Rensselaer Land Trust is to conserve the open spaces, watersheds, and natural habitats of Rensselaer County for the benefit of communities and future generations." Rensselaer County has approximately 425,000 acres. Presently, the RLT has worked at conserving over 1606 acres, which comprises 13 fee-owned properties and 13 conservation easements in Rensselaer County, and hopes by

the year 2030 to protect 10,000 acres. The Rensselaer Land Trust works at keeping the trail clean and mowed and according to Board President Bob Crowley, "do what needs to be done."

He explained that the Rensselaer Land Trust is member-based group that works at improving conservation legislation through community support, educational programming, and volunteer opportunities through land stewardship, community events, and outings. They hope to use data they have collected to evaluate conservation opportunities and share it with municipalities and organizations to protect areas. Crowley and Phillips both stated how members and donations are always appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a member or donating, please visit www.renstrust.org.

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