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Towns And Villages Celebrate Memorial Day

by Doug La Rocque



The Yankee Doodle Band is the oldest continuous American Legion Band in the country. Based out of Rensselaer, they were the first musical group in Monday's parade.

Memorial Day is considered by many to be the unofficial start of summer, replete with picnics, time at the beach (not this year), family gatherings and the like. But most importantly, it is a time for solemn remem-

brance and to honor all those who gave their lives in defense of this country. All around Rensselaer County, there were parades, special prayers and celebration of their lives and the ultimate sacrifice they made.

It's Raining Candy From Heaven



These twin boys, Maverick and Tucker, were all smiles when some of the floats passing by started tossing out candy. Mom, watching both the parade and her boys from Main Street, seemed to have no aversion to her lads snatching up an extra piece, just this once. Photos by Doug La Rocque.

One such gathering took place in Hoosick Falls, where last year's parade was canceled because of COVID-19, and for a while, it appeared this year's would be too. But the number of cases started coming down, and American Legion Post 40 decided to go ahead with the 2021 edition. By all accounts it was the right decision and one well accepted by most, as the streets of the venerable ole village were again lined with spectators. Prior to all of this however, the Legion Post and its Auxiliary spent the earlier part of the morning honoring all those lost service men and women, with ceremonies at the Shop Bridge, at Monument Park and at the Veteran's Memorial in Wood Park.

James C. Brown was the Grand Marshall of the parade, a Vietnam Vet wounded during that war, and recently honored as a Purple heart recipient. Asked by *The Eastwick Press* as to his emotions this day, Mr. Brown said "honored. It feels good, really good."

Hoosick Falls was not the only community to hold a parade and Memorial Day ceremonies. Reports about some of these other gatherings are sprinkled throughout this edition.

Schodack TB Deals With More Development

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Berlin High School Principal Resigns

by Doug La Rocque

Berlin High School Principal Jodi Sullivan has resigned her position effective June 30.

The resolution approved by the Board of Education simply accepts the resignation without comment. *The Eastwick Press* asked the school administration if there is any other information available and was simply told they wish Ms. Sullivan the best in her future endeavors. Ms. Sullivan took over as Principal on July 1 last year, following the retirement of long time high school principal and school administrator Dr. Cathie Allain.

According to members of the School Board, the search for Ms. Sullivan's replacement has already begun.

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