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## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### Strong Storms Caused Serious Damage

by Doug La Rocque

"This is worse than Hurricane Irene," which caused extensive damage in 2011. Those were the words Thursday morning from Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, as he gave a Facebook Live update on the damage caused Wednesday, July 14, by a line of storms that "just sat over the county." Mr. McLaughlin has declared a state of emergency that remains in effect at press time, urging no unnecessary travel. Nassau Town Supervisor Dave Fleming has followed suit in his town.

The worst of the damage occurred in the central and southern parts of the county, while northern towns received rain, but not to the amount the Sand Lake, Nassau and North Greenbush area did, estimated to be between 3 and 5 inches in about two hours.

During the height of the storm, numerous roads were closed because of flash flooding or down trees and wire. Other roads simply washed out or became



A look at the damage done to Taberton Road in Sand Lake by the Wednesday storm. Repair work is expected to take several weeks. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

to dangerous to drive on because the base was either eroded or too soft. Complicating the matter was all the rain the preceded the storm, nearly 2 inches on Monday.

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## SCHODACK

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Amazon Facility Is A Step Closer

by Denise Wright

On July 12, the Schodack Planning Board held a special meeting to review the proposed Amazon Sales Distribution center that Scannell Properties LLC hopes to construct on Route 150 in Schodack. At a recent public hearing one resident did voice concern about issues at the first Amazon property that revolved around dying landscaping, the lack of local Rensselaer County labor being used to maintain the facility and potential safety concerns with frequent accidents in the Ridgewood Drive area. The Board told the resident that the town now has a contact number for the local facility, so residents will have someone they will now be able to talk to at the property.

The presenters reviewed the new two driveway entrance that has been approved by the Department of Transportation and will consist of an employee and truck entrance combined with a truck right turn only exit. They also raised 500 feet of the third quadrant of the 1550 foot sound wall to 20 feet near the residential areas.

Across Columbia Turnpike, the proposal of a sidewalk with 5 foot of grass/asphalt shoulder and pedestrian signaled crosswalks were reviewed. Right now, Scannell is doing a "structural analysis" to see if the signal lights can be placed on the lighting presently there. If not, then Scannell will have new lighting

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## Grafton Lakes State Park Celebrates 50 Years

Submitted by Tamara Beal, Environmental Educator

Fifty years ago, Grafton Lakes State Park opened its doors on July 1, 1971. In honor of the anniversary, efforts were made to design a celebration that would build community by highlighting the beauty and history of the park as a part of the surrounding town of Grafton. The main two projects were an art gallery that was displayed in the Welcome Center over the 4th of July weekend and an oral history movie that compiled stories told by 15 different people.

Environmental Educator Tamara Beal worked tirelessly with Grafton Historian Anne Kiely to coordinate the Beauty of Grafton art gallery. The art gallery included quilts, paintings, wood sculptures and even a fly tie display. All pieces represented in some fashion or another the beauty of the park and the surrounding community.

The other major project was the oral history movie. In April and May, interviews were conducted from individuals whose stories dated back 30, 40, 50 and even 60 years. Some of those interviewed were past employees, others were long-time visitors and some used to own land where the park is today. All of their stories were stitched together to make an hour long documentary film that is now available on YouTube.

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Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin hands Tamara Beal and Park Manager Melissa Miller a Rensselaer County Certificate of Appreciation honoring GLSP's 50 years. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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## BERLIN

# American Music Through The Ages

*A Message From The Parade Committee*

On behalf of the July 4 Parade Committee, I would like to thank Dave Theriault, Jan Firszt and Jay Estabrook for their hard work putting up and removing the parade signage. I'd like to thank the parade committee members for their work with judging, making signs, making calls, stuffing envelopes, etc. Anyone wishing to become a member of the committee can contact Anne Maxon. I would also like to thank everyone that donated to the parade; without these donations, the parade wouldn't have been possible. Last but not least, I want to thank everyone who participated in the parade. The floats were spectacular

and well received; the music from the Red Cap Band set the mood for the day. This year we had several wonderfully decorated bicycles. There were many tractors from John Deer, to Farmall, to Allis Chalmers and Massey Harris. We also had several Fire Companies including North Hoosick, Petersburg, Berlin, West Sand Lake, Stephentown and Hoosick Falls. We had several antique and classic cars, too. Amber and Lindsey Oswald completed the equine section. I would also like to thank the Trombone Band, who gave a concert at the Fire House after the parade. They were great and a wonderful addition. I hope everyone enjoyed the parade.



That was the theme of this year's annual 4th of July Parade in Berlin, and its yearly display of Americana did not disappoint. With many musical theme floats along with marching bands, and a break in the weather as well, the event was back as big and bold as ever. Here is a thank you from the parade organizing committee and a list of all the category winners. The Grand Prize went to Team Sprinkles for their entry "Tribute to the Man in Black," Johnny Cash of course. Photo by Amy Modesti.

## July 4 Parade Results

### Grand Prize

Tribute to the Man in Black, by Team Sprinkles

### Theme Prize

1. Music through the times at TLA Melodies & Memories by Taconic Lake
2. Little Country Little Rock 'N Roll, by the Oswald Family

### Prettiest

1. Clowns, by the Airoc Court Lady Shriners
2. Puff the Magic Dragon, by the Kennedys

### Funniest

1. Rock 'n Jukebox, by the Burhans
2. I can't Drive 55, by the Davis Family

### Special Award

Jingles all the Way, by the Community Food Closet

### Farm Equipment

1. 1948 Allis Chalmers, by the Giumarra Family
2. 1952 Farmall, by Ioka Valley Farm
3. 1948 Massey Harris, by Don Whitman

### Cars

#### Antique - over 45 yrs old

1. Kent Goodermote, 1915 Ford
2. David Walsh, 1957 Nash Metropolitan
3. Russell Miller, 1959 Studebaker

#### Classic - 20 yrs. or older

1. Kirk vonHaggin, 1933 Ford
2. Dick Rhindress, 1966 Scout
3. John Kellar, 1950 Jeep

### Horses

1. Amber & Lindsey Oswald

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- Best Appearing, Petersburg Fire Company
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## Berlin Elementary Fifth Grade Awards

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## BERLIN

### Highway Workers Decide To Leave Union

by Chris Tergliafera

Berlin highway workers have decided they no longer want to be part of a union. Berlin is working on getting the workers the same dental coverage they received from the union through the town.

#### Code Enforcement

With lumber prices being as high as they are, Code Enforcement recognizes the need to be prepared to deal with residents using materials other than lumber to build. The potential that these materials may not be covered in the current codes could cause an issue if not addressed.

#### Other News

Dog Control Officer Douglas Goodermote stated that fireworks and recent thunderstorms have scared a lot of dogs and caused them to run off. It may be a good idea to make sure your dogs are extra secure if such things frighten them.

Berlin has filed and been approved to receive

\$184,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Plans for the Taconic Valley Ambulance are moving ahead. Attorneys are filling out necessary paperwork, which is a major step toward getting the ambulance up and running. Berlin's street lights will soon be converted to LED bulbs. Work is expected to begin converting 111 bulbs within the next month.

#### Supporting The Bookkeeper

In our July 2 edition, we reported that Maureen Seel had resigned as the bookkeeper for the Town of Grafton after many years, primarily in a disagreement with a member of the Grafton Town Board over the condition of the town's records.

Ms. Seel has also been the bookkeeper for the Town of Berlin for about 10 years, and Town Supervisor Rob Jaeger wanted it clear he steadfastly stands behind Ms. Seel and her work for Berlin. He noted they have been through numerous state audits with only minor discrepancies found. He added his support is unqualified.

## PETERSBURGH

### Special PFAS Informational Meeting Scheduled

The Petersburg Town Board will hold a special PFAS informational meeting on Monday, July 19 at 6:30, just prior to their regular meeting at the Town Hall.

Petersburgh is joining Hoosick Falls and Newburgh in a study to determine the human health effects of exposure to drinking water contaminated with PFAS (Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances). Dr. Erin Bell, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the University at Albany School of Public Health, will explain the process of how the study will work and why it's important for individuals to participate. Your participation in this effort will benefit residents of Petersburg and other areas with similar water contamination issues. For more information, go to: <https://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas>.

## BERLIN

### Reorganization And Appointments

by Chris Tergliafera

At the July 7 reorganizational and regular meeting of the Berlin Central School Board, Frank Zwack was re-elected as President, Katie Snyder Vice President, and Derrick Gardner Parliamentarian. Katie Snyder was also sworn in to her re-elected position on the School Board, while Trevor Jewitt was sworn in for his first term. Due to the fact that most vital information can be sent almost immediately via email or other means of electronic delivery, the Legislative Liaison position was eliminated.

#### Healthy Kids Program

A motion to adopt the Healthy Kids Program was approved. Program representative Kyle Giocomo was present at the meeting and explained that partnering with the BCSD will provide before and after school programs for Berlin Elementary School students. The program will operate as long as even one student attends, and won't be stopped because it isn't meeting a number threshold. The student to staff ratio will be 10-to-1

#### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Joseph Dhara began his report by thanking staff and students for their cooperation and determination to make a very difficult year successful. An agreement for the next three years was successfully negotiated between BCSD and CSEA. The agreement will address the needs of both students and staff. BCSD is working on a reopening plan, but nothing can be finalized until the district receives guidance from

the state. Summer School is just about ready to start and will run from July 12 to August 20. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the students. Breakfast will be served while students are at school and lunch will be given in to-go bags. An outline of how the District plans to use the American Rescue Plan funds over the next 2-3 years is now on the BCSD website. 163 community members gave input and helped shape the plan.

#### Athletic Update

Gravel and dirt will be brought in to make the cross country course usable. Several Board members expressed their desire to contact a consultant in order to create a long term plan that can keep the course in good condition, instead of temporary solutions. A meeting with the Superintendents and Athletic Directors of Berlin and New Lebanon schools has been scheduled to discuss merger feedback, and to insure the program is as strong as possible going forward.

#### Stephentown Story Walk

Poles for the Stephentown story walk will be removed and a plan will need to be presented and approved before new poles can be placed. Members of the Board stated concern over the current placement of the poles being an insurance liability if someone were to run into one. It was stated that while plans were shared, no permission was given prior to the current poles being placed. It was also mentioned that it could set a dangerous precedent if structures that hadn't been approved were allowed to be build on school district property.

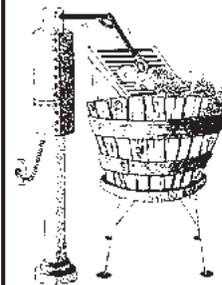
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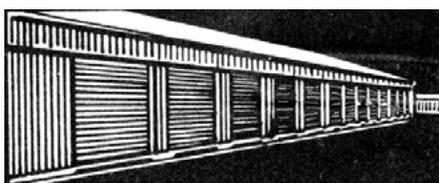
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# Taconic Valley

## BERLIN

### New Berlin Middle-High School Principal Named

At a special meeting on June 22, the Berlin CSD appointed Kimberly J. Brownell as Principal of Berlin Middle-High School, effective July 12.

Brownell, originally from Pennsylvania, comes to Berlin from Hoosick Falls CSD, where she taught English for seven years. She began her career in this area by teaching English, grades 9-12, in a residential placement school in Bennington, VT, and subsequently moved on to Brighter Choice Charter Middle School for Girls, Albany, NY, where she taught 7th grade.

In 2008, Brownell began teaching grades 7 and 8 in Harrisburg City School District, PA. Prior to this, she worked in a nonprofit organization and began tutoring in an after school program in the city of Harrisburg, PA. "It is there that I discovered my passion for helping young people reach their fullest potential in school," she noted.

In 2012, Brownell earned a master's degree in Reading K-12 from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is also certified in Professional Literacy Grades 5-12 in New York State. She holds a BA in Communications with an emphasis in public relations



New Berlin HS/MS Principal Kimberly Brown. Photo provided.

and advertising from Messiah College, PA. Earlier in her career, she worked as a concierge at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, "This gave me a more flexible schedule so I could earn my certification as an English teacher in grades 7-12," she said.

Brownell lives with her husband and young children on a grass-fed beef cattle farm in West Hoosick, NY. She is an active member of her church and says she and her family enjoy working on various home and farm projects, as well as hiking, biking, swimming, traveling, reading and playing games.

Berlin Superintendent A. Joseph Dhara said of the appointment, "Mrs. Brownell brings a lot of passion and dedication with her to Berlin. We are excited to have her join us as a part of our team."

### Stephentown Memorial Library

Free Lunches And Snack For All Kids 18 And Under At SML

Food is grab and go for kids not in camp and is served from 11:45 to 12:30. All kids are welcome.

Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/Teens - Wednesdays at 4 pm

Mahjong - Thursdays at 4 pm

Stuffed Animal Storytime and Sleepover - July 20 at 5:30

Calling all Stuffed Animals and your humans! We invite you to come to the Stephentown Library on Tuesday, July 20 at 5:30 pm for a Storytime and Sleepover with Crosby's new stuffed friend, Nash.

Together all Stuffed Animals and their humans will have a Storytime at 5:30. Then the humans will say goodnight to their Stuffed Animal friends. The Stuffed Animals will watch a movie, read some books, eat some snacks, and then settle in for a sleepover at the library. Sound like fun? Tell your human to bring you to the library on

July 20 at 5:30 pm. We will post lots of pictures of all your adventures at the library. Your human will be able to pick you up on Wednesday at noon when the library opens.

Live at the Library - Friday Nights at 7 pm

The Stephentown Library and the Stephentown Historical Society are pleased to present Live at the Library, a concert series of Stephentown musicians held on Friday nights in July and August under the tent at the Stephentown Library. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets, make yourself comfy, and enjoy the show.

Friday July 16 - Mike McMann

Friday, July 23 - Billy Gilbert

Friday, July 30 - Two Fiddles and a Guitar featuring Stephan Deibel, Bob Morgello, and Martha von Schilgen

Go to [www.stephentownlibrary.org](http://www.stephentownlibrary.org) for a full list of performers and bios as well as to register for any of these programs.

### Petersburgh Special Town Board Meeting Page 17

### Wilma M. Anderson Scholarship Winner Named

Due to regulations this year, scholarships for the Berlin Central School District Class of 2021 were awarded virtually. The members of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. wanted to make it a little more personal. So at the monthly meeting on June 28, the Corporate Board of Directors began their meeting a little differently. We invited the recipient and her family to



Berlin Volunteer Fire Company President Tammy Osterhout presents Sierra Pettibone with her scholarship. Photo provided.

join us at the beginning to award the Wilma M. Anderson Scholarship for the year 2021. This year the scholarship was raised from a \$600 award to a \$750 award payable for four years at a total of \$3,000. We look for qualities in a candidate that Wilma displayed throughout her life and 34 years with the Berlin Volunteer Rescue Squad. This year's recipient was chosen by submitting an essay, a transcript and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. We are proud to announce that this year's winner is Sierra Pettibone; she will be attending Hudson Valley Community College in the fall.

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# Central County

## BRUNSWICK

### Clean And Solar Energy Measures Top Board Meeting

by Doug La Rocque

At the June Town Board meeting, several residents urged the Board to have Brunswick join the ranks of those designated as a Clean Energy Community (CEC). Some of the items they mentioned were solar power and switching to LED lighting. At that time, Supervisor Phil Herrington stated there are already solar panels installed, and working with National Grid, they are changing out LED bulbs in street lights and switching out lighting to LED in the town hall.

All the same, the Board invited Tara Donadio from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission to its July 8 meeting, to discuss the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Community (CEC) program. She explained these improvements could count toward the four high impact actions that are needed to earn a CEC designation, which brings with it \$5,000 in match free funding for another clean energy project.

Ms. Donadio also explained the more high impact programs the town completes, the higher the no match funding goes. Board members agreed to study the merits of the program.

#### Solar Project Needs Code Change

The developers behind the Belair Avenue Solar project, at the terminus of Lord Avenue, have asked the Town Board to consider changes to the Zoning Map, as it pertains to a small

portion of the land involved. Most of that land is zoned residential but with an agricultural overlay, which would permit solar. A small portion is not, and that is what the company wants the Board to consider changing. It is a bit of a complicated step, which would involve a public hearing and a full Environmental Assessment Form, before a local law enacting the change could be approved. If it is, the measure would then face review by the Planning Board.

#### Cleaning Up Brush Is Expensive

Earlier this year the town approved a contract with a firm to chip and haul away brush that was being stored at the town's former landfill. This is brush that is picked up from residents in the town. Problem is the Department of Environmental Conservation will not allow the town to store it for very long. According to Supervisor Herrington, the matter is complicated by outside of Brunswick contractors looking to drop off brush as well. Mr. Herrington says they try to stay vigilant on this, as it adds to Brunswick's expenses.

#### Other Notes

The Building Department's Chuck Golden told Board members the number of building permits is up significantly this year over last, and estimates it represents at least \$ one million more in assessed valuations. He also said that Kentucky Fried Chicken has filed its building permit for the restaurant that they are approved build next to the Planet Fitness on Hoosick Road. The Brunswick Community Library reported it had its first 100 visitor day recently since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Grafton Town Park Summer Festival

Come to Grafton Town Park Saturday, July 17, for the Summer Festival. Enjoy Music from the Steel Pier Jazz Band from 10 am to noon in the Gazebo. Stop by the Grafton Library and Historical Society booths and visit Grafton Lakes State Park's display.

Check out the New York Army National Guard display to inspect the Humvee. There is a kids' obstacle course there as well. Experience Crenshaws/NYS 3rd Light Artillery Battalion H Civil War Re-enactors. There

will be a Cannon fired, and a 1 pm ceremony.

A great variety of vendors will be set up around the Park. A chicken BBQ will be served from noon to 2 pm. Eat under the tent or carry it home. Reserve your tickets at 518-421-5070.

Don't miss out on Sister Kenan's Giant Raffle. Drawings will take place all day and your ticket will go back into the drum for the Grand Prizes.

Bathrooms are provided thanks to Grafton Trailblazers.

## BRUNSWICK

### Civil War Living History



The Crenshaw Battery shoot off their cannon during the Civil War Living History event at the Brunswick Community Library Saturday. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Throughout the late morning and early afternoon Saturday, July 10, the Brunswick Community Library was replete with people in Civil War garb, lots of displays related to that time period and even a Civil War era

cannon, courtesy of Crenshaws Battery, a group of Civil War reactors.

They explained all the aspects of transporting a cannon, preparing it to fire and what was necessary after the discharge.

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## POESTENKILL

### Library Hires New Director

The Poestenkill Library has hired Amanda Martinez-Kirby as the new Library Director. Having relocated to the Capital Region from Pennsylvania, Martinez-Kirby most recently served as the Director of the Western Allegheny Community Library where she expanded library programs and services in addition to forming lasting partnerships with community organizations and the local school district. From clerk to director, she has relished her work in public libraries and has a partic-

ular appreciation for the vital role a library plays in a small, rural town. "Libraries are the beating hearts of small communities," she said. "They have the ability to adapt to meet people's needs and to provide something for everyone." Margie Morris, the Director of the Poestenkill Library since 1999, will retire at the end of the summer. Martinez-Kirby will assume her position on September 8.

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### GRAFTON

## Afternoon Mishap Totals A Focus



The driver of this red Ford Focus is alleged to have run the stop at the end of South Road at NYS Route 2, as was struck on the driver's side by a white pickup. The driver of the car received non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is continuing. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

### EAST SCHODACK

## Fire Company Collecting Pajamas

The East Schodack Fire Company on Route 150 in East Schodack will be assisting the 518 Pajamas Program this year by having a drop box to collect new boys' and girls' pajamas of any size. This program started six years ago to help the Unity House of Troy and the Christmas program they host. This collection will be taking place from their September 11 Pizza Night to November 28. If you are interested in donating or learning more about this program, please feel free to visit the 518 Pajamas Facebook page.

### GRAFTON

## Supervisor And Board Name Replacements

by Doug La Rocque

As was previously reported, Grafton Bookkeeper Maureen Seel has reigned and on June 29, Town Councilman Jeff Wagar tendered his resignation from the Board, citing requirements of the New York State Retirement System, following his retirement from

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# Central County

## SCHODACK

### Ambulance Association Thankful For Increased Incentive Plan

by Denise Wright

The July 8 Schodack Town Board focused on several community-based projects that ranged from service awards programs for Ambulance members to grant funding for water districts. The meeting opened with acknowledging Officer Steven Roy's retirement after 20 years of service to the Town of Schodack. President of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association, Jan DiKant, and Chair of the Board, Linda Tucker, thanked the Board for amending the Defined Contribution Service Award Program (LOSAP) for all active members. Kant stated that the 25 active members during 2020 "never stopped" serving the 4,000-resident community with approximately 1,000 calls. She went on to say calls ranged from COVID-19 related to mental health situations. The amended proposition would allow for an increase in the "annual service award contribution credit to eligible participating volunteers" be increased from "\$700 to \$1,200 for each calendar year beginning with 2022, during which such volunteer earns a year of service credit under the point system." Kant stressed that this award program would be beneficial in keeping and retaining volunteers. This resolution will be placed in front of the community on the November 2 ballot with this approval. Kant and Tucker both hoped that this type of incentive would get more people to volunteer for the organization.

Scott Siegel of Laberge Group spoke on the Battisti/BOND resolution for CDGB Grant Application and the East Schodack Sewer District. The town will apply for funds through the Community Development Block Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development with the Battisti Drinking Water Supply Project. Getting financing lined up is part of the application process, and there will be an investigation into whether the town could utilize ARPA funding. The town will designate Supervisor Harris as the certifying officer related to this grant. Siegel also touched on the

East Schodack Sewer District. The NYS Department notified the town of Environmental Conservation that the district's permit requires disinfection in the treatment facility. The Town has explored grant and loan programs to assist with this project to reduce the residents' financial burden. The Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant is due on July 30, and can be used to prepare the required engineering report and planning activities for the Sewer District. Siegel stated that the grant application is "going along very well" and is "pretty favorable." The Town will commit up to 25% of municipal funds to provide a local cash match up to 25% of the grant request.

One of the Castleton Public Library trustees, Kendra Rubin, updated the Board about the digital services available at the library. The Overdrive/e-content system has seen a 65% increase in demand during the pandemic. The library has also developed a working relationship with the Schodack School district to share e-content. Hoopla, a web and mobile library media streaming platform for audiobooks, comics, e-books, movies, music, as well as TV, and Ancestry Library edition, are two other programs that have been made available. The most popular digital advancement is the availability of three hot spots for Wi-Fi that the library has available for residents to use on a first come, first served basis for up to two weeks.

## GRAFTON

### The Wild Women Of Rensselaer County

Suffragists, philanthropists, artists, union organizers and even a clairvoyant physician make up some of the interesting women who have contributed to the history of Rensselaer County. Join Kathryn Sheehan, Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian for this illustrated talk about these extraordinary women and their legacy that still continues today.

This program is presented by the Grafton Historical Society and the Grafton Community Library, and will be held Wednesday, July 21 at 7 pm at Grafton Town Hall. It is free and the public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Plans For Spending Pandemic Recovery Funds

by Alex Brooks

The Hoosick Falls Central School Board of Education held a public hearing on its plans for using \$4.683 million in Federal pandemic recovery money that will be coming its way over the next three years. Specifically, the Hoosick Falls District will be receiving \$1,102,280 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) passed by the Congress and signed by the President last December, and \$3,580,862 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), passed by the Congress and signed by the President in February of this year. CRRSA funds are supposed to be spent over the next two years, and ARP funds are to be spent over the next three years.

Nobody came to the Hearing to hear how the funds are to be spent or to comment on how the funds should be spent, except the School Board and this reporter. Superintendent Pat Dailey went through a list of priority items for use of the Federal funds which his staff has assembled after doing a survey of students, parents, teachers and community members seeking input. The list is available on the District's website as a news item entitled "HFCS Use of Stimulus Funds."

There are five headings in the priority list - safely returning students to school, addressing mental health needs of students, addressing learning loss from the pandemic, providing enrichment opportunities and facility improvements for health and safety. Some of the highlights of the safe return to school section include hiring an additional custodian in order to continue cleaning protocols implemented during the pandemic and working with Rensselaer County DOH to set up an in-house COVID-19 testing capability.

The second heading, addressing student mental health, includes re-instituting the PATH program for students with high social-emotional needs which interfere with their learning. This will involve hiring a teacher to run the program and a social worker to assist with it. The District also plans to create what they are calling "academies" in grades 7 and 8 focused on helping students who missed a lot of school last year to get back up to speed. Dailey also said the district plans to re-engage with Dr. Gil Noam of Harvard and his team at Partnerships in Education and Resilience (PEAR) for guidance in building the social-emotional elements of its program.

And finally Dailey said one of the most important initiatives in this area is to increase extra-curricular options for students such as clubs, before and after school programs and summer programs.

The third heading, addressing learning loss for students, includes reducing class sizes by hiring an additional teacher in both second and third grades, hiring an additional speech teacher, purchasing more Chromebooks and other electronic devices to increase learning opportunities for students and increasing professional development opportunities for the District's teachers focused on how to address learning loss.

The fourth heading is enrichment opportunities for students, which includes hiring a business teacher, a Spanish teacher and a technology teacher, increasing summer programming and before and after school programming and purchasing supplies for advanced PE activities.

The final heading is facilities improvements aimed at improving health concerns. These include new classroom furniture to increase student engagement, new playground equipment, a rock wall for PE classes, new office space for some of the staff hired under this program and upgrades to the school's HVAC system for COVID-19 compliance.

The District's initial proposal for use of the money under CRRSA is due by July 15, so it has already been submitted. But the District has not yet received much of the guidance under the ARP, so details of that proposal are still being developed. Dailey said the guiding principle is to use the money in such a way that there won't be a big hole in the budget when this funding runs out three years from now - to use it for one-time expenses or for programs that are designed as temporary or for programs that will

fit into the District's budget when the special federal funding comes to an end. Dailey said developing plans for expenditure of these funds over the next three years has helped the District think through its long-term budgeting and be better prepared to implement a forward-looking vision for the District.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Summer Concert Series Returns

The Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series is back. After a long year without live music, Wood Park in Hoosick Falls is ready. The Bluz House Rockers will kick things off on Saturday July 17, from 5:30-8:30 pm. The Bluz House Rockers are six veteran musicians from upstate New York, five of whom sing lead and harmonies. Although each member is honored by being inducted into the New York State Blues Hall of Fame, the band's broad repertoire ranges from Sinatra to the Allman Brothers.

Come and have a bite to eat under the tent with the American Legion. Burgers, hot dogs, sausage with peppers and legal beverages from The Sand Bar. Other summer concerts include Neon Avenue on Friday August 6, from 6-9 pm, and Westside Drive August 28, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information contact Kevin O'Malley 518-894-5035.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Defensive Driving Course

A six-hour point and insurance reduction course from the National Safety Council is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, at 9 am. The class will be held at the North Hoosick Fire House, located at 22106 Route 22, Hoosick Falls. You must call 518-686-4854 to preregister. The cost is \$40 and space is limited.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Class of 2021 Future Plans

*This was not available in time for our Graduation Edition so it is our pleasure to share it with you now.*

**Xavier Alvarado** – 4 year College/ University – unknown  
**Maxwell Archambault** – Employment  
**Faith Arnold** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Dean Baisden** – Employment  
**Aiyana Baker** – 4 year College/ University – Quinnipiac University  
**Benjerminn Bebon** – Employment  
**Zoey Becker** – 4 year College/ University – Russel Sage  
**Amber Brock** – Employment  
**Robert Bulson** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Kailyn Burdick** – Employment  
**Zhsmene Chapman** – Employment  
**Felicity Colegrove** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Emilly Colon** – Military  
**Austin Crandall** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Ayla Fauler** – 4 year College/ University – University of Connecticut  
**Mersadeyes Fowler** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Elyse Friend** – Employment  
**McKenna Greenwood** – 2 year College – unknown  
**Jaiboy Gulley** – Employment  
**Ziena Hurlburt** – 4 year College/ University – St. John Fisher  
**Kazimire Jones-Fote** – Employment  
**Benedict Kapron** – Employment  
**Madelyn Kasulinous** – 4 year College/ University – University of Connecticut  
**Elizabeth King** – 2 year College – Herkimer CCC  
**Nicholas LaCroix** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Alyssa LaFond** – 4 year College/ University – HVCC, then Med school  
**Elliot Landin** – 4 year College/ University – UMass Amherst  
**Ryan LaPorte** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Macy Lindsey** – 4 year College/ University – Siena College  
**Jessica Lohnes** – year College/ University – East Carolina University  
**Kendra Marshall** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Madison Mason**  
**Erin McCart** – 4 year College/ University – Delaware State University  
**Corey Mentiplay** – Employment  
**William Morse** – Staying at HFCS for 2 more years  
**Sierra Murray** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Colin O'Hare** – Employment  
**Hailey Ossias** – 2 Year College – HVCC  
**Ashley Pacheco** – 4 year College/ University – Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
**Odessa Patterson** – 4 year College/ University – Siena  
**Zackery Paulson** – Employment  
**David Paulson, IV** – Employment  
**Bradley Pleasant** – Trade School  
**Rosabell Plusch** – 4 year College/ University – SUNY College at Oneonta  
**Connor Powers** – Trade School – HVCC  
**Adrianna Sacilowski** – 4 year College/ University – HVCC then transfer to a 4 year  
**Caileigh Sawyer** – 4 year College/ University – Suny New Paltz  
**Brandon Scott** – Employment  
**Lita Smith-Sherwood** – Employment  
**Garrett Smith** – Trade School – HVCC  
**Matthew Smith** – 4 Year College – Methodist University  
**Kayla Snow** – 4 year College/ University – Not sure  
**Grace Spiak** – 4 year College/ University – University of New Hampshire  
**Caroline Still** – Employment  
**Zachary Stone** – 4 year College/ University – HVCC  
**Caitlyn Stratton** – Employment  
**Molly Walker** – 4 year College/ University – SUNY Plattsburgh  
**Matthew Wilt**  
**Kodi York** – 2 year College – HVCC  
**Payton Zedalis** – 4 year College/ University – Canisius College

### HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Joe Patire Elected School Board President

The Hoosick Falls School Board unanimously elected Joe Patire as its new President at its Organizational Meeting on July 8. He was nominated by Rachel Boisvert, who has served as President of the School Board for the past two years. Patire then returned the favor and nominated Boisvert as Vice President, and she was unanimously elected to that post.

John Helft thanked Boisvert for her steady leadership in a crucial time, noting that she led the school through the development and approval of the Capital Project, and through the District's COVID-19 response.

The Board and officers were then sworn in for the new year, as were Superintendent of Schools Patrick Dailey and School Business Administrator Emily Sanders. The usual appointments and authorizations were approved, pretty much the same as the previous year.

The Board accepted the resignation from High School English teacher Kim Brownell, approved the hiring of ELA Teacher Adam Cabana to replace her and also approved the appointment of Spanish teacher Angelique Wright.

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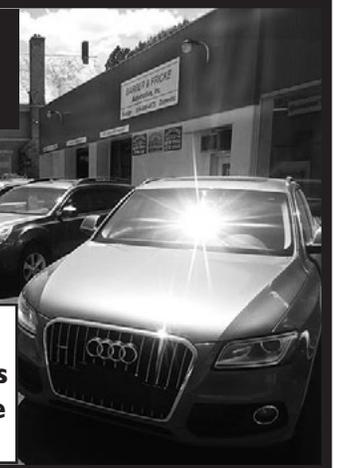
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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

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July 24 - Athena Burke  
 July 31 - Men o' War Balladeers  
 August 7 - Village Harmony  
 August 14 - Barry Oreck and Friends  
 August 21 - Hot Club Saratoga

### HOOSICK

# Rescue Squad Seeking To Raise Awareness

At the July 12 Town of Hoosick regular Board meeting, a representative from the Hoosick Rescue Squad spoke about the need to raise awareness and funds for three large financial purchases. A new roof, new backup generator and the need to replace outdated ambulances are projects the HRS hopes can be completed within the next 18 months. The Hoosick Rescue Squad is staffed with 82% volunteers. The remaining 18% is supplemented through a staffing company. If the percentage of volunteers were able to reach 100% then the funds going to the staffing company could be used for needed projects. The HRS will also reach out to community members in an effort to gain funds and complete the projects in a timely manner.

#### Recreation

The pool is now open, and the first of 3 two week swimming lesson sessions has begun. If you missed the original dates to sign up, you can still do so any day the pool is open, provided there is available class space. Summer camp has begun, and is full for all weeks,

however a waitlist is being made on a first come, first served basis, in case of cancellations.

#### Speeding Complaints

In response to the speeding complaints on Route 67, the Sheriff's Department has placed an electronic speed sign in the area, and will conduct two weeks of targeted safety patrols.

#### Naturae LLC

A July 1 meeting to discuss the ongoing odor issue with Natural LLC was cancelled. A new meeting date has not yet been scheduled. The Board approved a motion to reissue a stop work order, and will look into other steps toward resolving the issue.

#### American Rescue Plan Act Funds

All of the necessary paperwork for the Town of Hoosick to receive the \$345,358 in funding through the ARPA have been filed. When the town will receive the funds is still unknown. A finished outline of how the funds can be used has also not yet been received. The funds will be paid out in two 50% payments, one year apart.

### BENNINGTON

# Deciding Whether Or Not To Get The COVID-19 Vaccine

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson, a weekly interactive, multiplatform medical-themed talk show, will feature Rosalind Case, PhD, a psychologist at Monash University in Australia on its July 21 program, at noon. Dr. Case will discuss the psychological factors involved in changing one's mind, especially as it relates to

getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

The show is produced with cooperation from Catamount Access Television (CAT-TV). Viewers can see Medical Matters Weekly on Facebook at [face book.com/svmedicalcenter](https://www.facebook.com/svmedicalcenter) and [face book.com/CATTVBennington](https://www.facebook.com/CATTVBennington). The show is also available to view or download as podcast on [www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters](https://www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters).

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Satellite DMVs Reopen



Rensselaer County Legislator Bruce Patire (left) stands with County Clerk Frank Merola (center) and Legislator Jeff Wysocki (right) at the entrance to the newly re-opened Hoosick Falls DMV Satellite Office Wednesday morning. Photo provided.

by Doug La Rocque

County Clerk Frank Merola was joined by area County Legislators Bruce Patire and Jeff Wysocki on Wednesday morning, July 14, to officially reopen the Hoosick Falls Department of Motor Vehicle Office. The office has been closed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Satellite offices in East Greenbush and Schodack reopened earlier this week. "I am really pleased to resume the Satellites once again," Mr. Merola said, "We were just waiting for the go ahead from the towns to start up again. East Greenbush, Schodack and Hoosick Falls have reopened and have invited us back, an invitation we are happy to accept."

The reopening of the Satellites coincides with the opening of the host Town Halls and Senior Center and the loosening of COVID related restrictions on governmental buildings. The

Satellite offices will be open only for Rensselaer County residents.

The Satellites will resume the same pre-COVID schedule with Schodack open Tuesdays from 9 to 3 pm at Schodack Town Hall, located at 265 Schuurman Road, and the Hoosick Satellite DMV open Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm at the John J. Murphy Senior Center in Hoosick Falls.

In his press release, County Clerk Merola said "I would like to thank the residents of Rensselaer County for their patience and good will during this fifteen month period where we were forced to severely restrict DMV operations. Unlike the state and many other counties, the Troy DMV was open and fully functioning, but many people were unable to utilize this site for transactions. I am happy to reopen the Satellites in order to make everyone's life a little easier in regard to motor vehicle business."



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# Storm Damage Repair in Grafton Another Look At The Berlin 4th Of July Parade



Grafton and Petersburg Highway Department trucks line up on Jay Hakes Road in Grafton with gravel to repair the washed out sections of the road. Photo contributed.



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## Rensselaer County's Damaging Rainstorm

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The Brookside Avenue area of Wynantskill (North Greenbush) was flooded out with reportedly eight water rescues taking place, and a number of homes evacuated. Several areas of Averill Park were also flooded including the Crooked Lake Hotel.

The clean up has begun in all areas. Some roads that were closed reopened Thursday morning, while others such as Oak Hill and Tabor-ton Roads will take some time, at least a couple of weeks according to the County Executive.

State, County and local road crews worked through the night, often joined by fire and EMS personnel. Despite the intensity of the storms, no injuries or deaths were reported.

It is expected to take some time before a dollar amount can be put on the losses.



A look at some of the storm damage along Tabor-ton Road in Sand Lake. Picture from the Rensselaer County Facebook page.



Red Caps Marching Band. Photos Provided.

## Joe Patire Elected School Board President

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### Capital Project

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Paul Baker gave the Board an update on Capital Project activity. He said, "We are 8 days into the mess." He said all the lights have been removed except in the High School cafeteria and the fourth floor, which are part of next summer's project (as are the bathroom renovations). The ceilings have been taken down and the new ceiling grids are mostly complete, with ceiling panels and lights being installed currently. There is an enormous amount of activity, with something like 50 workers in the building each day. Both Baker and Superintendent Pat Dailey expressed confidence in the ability of construction manager Jim Gray to coordinate all this activity and lead it to a good outcome.

School Business Administrator Emily Sanders said with construction started, bills will be coming in the and District will need to pay all these contractors, so she is planning to have the District take out \$10 million of bond anticipation notes to pay this year's Capital Project expenses. She said interest rates on these are looking very favorable for the District.

The next regular School Board meeting will be on Thursday August 19 at 6:30 pm.

## SCHUYLERVILLE Rod & Gun Club Upcoming Events

Join us at the Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, located at 123 NY Route 32, Schuylerville, for one of our upcoming events.

### Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club will be cooking breakfast on Sunday, August 8, from 8-11 am. The menu will include eggs cooked to order, pancakes, bacon, sausage, French toast, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. All are welcome and the price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

### Trap Shoot

The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club is hosting a trap

shoot on Sunday, August 15, from 9 am to 1 pm. The event is open to the public and everyone from novice to expert is welcome. It's a great time to introduce the youth to trap shooting for fun. The price is \$5 per round. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and water will be available for purchase.

## HOOSICK Fiddlers On The Lawn Concert

The Hoosick Township Historical Society will host Fiddlers on the Lawn on Friday, July 23 at 7 pm. The string trio features Martha von Schilgen, Stephen Deibel and Bob Morgello with a combination of 120 years experience. Bring a chair, a beverage and enjoy a relaxing start to your weekend.

The event will be held on the lawn of the Louis Miller Museum and is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 166 Main Street in Hoosick Falls. The rain date is Saturday, July 24.

### Shop Local Shop Small Business

Why? Because a large portion of each dollar that is spent in a locally owned business stays in your community. With life starting to return to normal, please support our local businesses that have been through so much this past year.

## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON Library

The "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 28. We have lots of fun, animal-themed programs planned. Children, teens and adults can track their reading time for entries in our grand prize raffle happening in August. Stop by the library to pick up a log sheet.

#### Summer Reading Program

"We Rate Pets" - Every week, we'll be sharing your pets on our social media pages. Send us a photo of your pet along with a fun fact or story about them at [leb@taconic.net](mailto:leb@taconic.net).

#### Create A Creature

July 20 at 2 pm

(elementary school aged kids)

Hear a story about animal habitats, then design your own creature and the habitat they might live in. Please register by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/WBFDmQwk99igo6zC6>.

#### Tech Talks

July 23 at 11 am

Welcome to the drop-in class for those newer to or unfamiliar with computers! The Library has laptops available for use during this program, or bring your own along.

#### Clay Animal Magnets

July 27

(elementary school aged kids)

Pick up a take & make kit to create a clay animal magnet at home. Kits will be available in front of the library.

### NORTH CHATHAM Library

The North Chatham Free Library has a full roster of programs on offer this summer. Each program will be on a Thursday afternoon at 4 pm.

On July 22 there will be a guided craft class making collages in the style of Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert. It will be held outside under the tent. To ensure a spot please register with the library.

On Thursday July 29 the Valatie Free Library and North Chatham Library are organizing a bike/walk/run event for all riders, young and old, on the new Albany-Hudson Electric Trail. Starting at 4 pm, participants can take off from either library to cycle on the rail trail for a six-mile one-way ride or as long as you want. Along the way there will be refreshments provided at the Niverville trailhead. There will also be Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail and Fran Martino discussing the Stockport Creek watershed. At the North Chatham Library there will also be freebies for the kids, and at the Valatie library stop a mechanic from Velo Domestique will be standing by to fix any small bike troubles that might occur along the way.

Kids will get a gift card from Smile's in Nassau good for an ice cream for participating. Those who complete the ride will be eligible to win one of two gift cards for a free tune up from Velo Domestique bicycle shop in Valatie or from Steiner's on Rt. 9.

## New Lebanon Won't Oppose Marijuana Establishments

With the recent legalization of marijuana in the State of New York, towns and municipalities will need to discuss how they plan on dealing with cannabis within their community. New Lebanon will need to decide if they wish to opt out of allowing dispensaries, cannabis bars, or both. The Board made it very clear they have no intention of passing any legislation opposing either form of establishment. However, there will be a need for the Zoning Re-Write Committee to look into whether there are certain places that marijuana can't be allowed.

#### Highway Bids Received

The annual highway bids have been received and were read at the meeting. Bids that were the lowest for a particular material or piece of equipment were able to be approved. Some bids that were not the lowest, but recommended to be accepted, will need additional paperwork in order to be in compliance with town law.

#### Community Picnic Awards And Recognition

Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling stated she would like to take about a half hour at the August 1 New Lebanon Community Picnic for Awards & Recognition. Supervisor Houghtling asked the Board their thoughts on how this could best be done. The consensus seemed to be that groups which are recognized, whether formerly or loosely organized, would receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Each group could then

nominate one person among them, who they feel went above and beyond, to receive more personal recognition.

#### Bids For Town Skatepark

Recent weather has made it difficult to move forward with plans for the upcoming skatepark. However, New Lebanon will begin to accept concrete bids for the park. Bids will be due Friday August 6 at 4 pm.

#### Veterans Tax Exemption Request

The Board approved a motion to send a letter to the New Lebanon Central School District asking them to reconsider their decision to not give Veterans a tax exemption. Currently NLCS D is the only school district in the county to not give such an exemption.

#### Other News

The Board is still planning on scheduling a public input session to discuss how best to use funds from the American Rescue Plan. At this time however, not enough guidance has been given by the Federal Government for the Board to feel comfortable scheduling such a meeting.

With New Lebanon Highway Department workers looking to unionize, the Board approved Hinman Straub as Labor Counsel to assist with the Union negotiations for the remainder of 2021. A Highway Grader from 1988 has been declared surplus and will be open for bids. Those interested in purchasing the grader can submit bids until September 10 at 4 pm.

### EAST NASSAU

## Community Yard Sale Sails On

Rain or Shine, the East Nassau Senior Advocacy Committee holds its annual Yard Sale each summer, this year taking place on Saturday, July 10. This year they were joined by a walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Besides the donated items on sale, the event always features lots of good homemade foods and desserts.



Shoppers enjoy the offerings Saturday at the East Nassau Senior Advocacy Committee Yard Sale. Photo by Denise Wright.

### NEW LEBANON

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

On Saturday, July 17, at 4 pm, The American Legion in partnership with the LVPA would like to invite everyone to a flag retirement ceremony at Shatford Park. A flag retirement ceremony is a way to honorably dispose of unserviceable flags. If you have a flag that needs to be retired you can bring it to the drop box at Country Squire. If you plan on attending the event, you can bring it with you.

### NEW LEBANON

## "Time To Get Off The Fence"

The Columbia County Department of Health recorded two new cases of COVID-19 as of midday on July 13, said DOH Director Jack Mabb, who called the two cases "a family thing." From July 10-12, an additional two new cases were recorded, neither of whom were vaccinated, added Director Mabb. There are currently no hospitalizations among county residents from the virus.

Director Mabb said according to the CDC website, "the math has changed dramatically" as new infections develop around us. All counties between Columbia County and New York City, and Greene County, now appear in the "moderate" category for infection, while Columbia County remains in the "low" category. On Monday July 12, Albany County reported 15 new cases, Greene County 13, and Warren County 6.

"All this concerns me," Director Mabb said. "Looking at this, we need to be prepared for the possibility that our incident rate will rise. Interestingly enough, this is happening in the summer. Now that we're seeing this spike in neighboring counties, people on the fence about getting vaccinated need to get off the fence, especially with a potential spike coming in the fall. It's clear that fully vaccinated people are not getting sick to the extent of those that are not vaccinated."

On Wednesdays from 5-7 pm, the county DOH will offer vaccinations, weather permitting, at the Waterfront Wednesdays family friendly public programming on the Hudson waterfront.

In addition, this Saturday, July 17, the county DOH will be at the Lebanon Valley Speedway in West Lebanon from 5-7 pm offering vaccinations to track attendees. Vaccination opportunities are posted on the county DOH website at [columbiacountyhealth.com](http://columbiacountyhealth.com)

## Rensselaer County

### Rensselaer County Legislature Adopts Resolution Opposing Cuomo's Emergency Declaration

The Rensselaer County Legislature, at their Tuesday, July 13 meeting, adopted a late file resolution that was drafted in response to Governor Cuomo's latest Executive Order that declares a "Gun Violence Disaster Emergency" and treats gun violence like a public health crisis.

A press release from the Legislative Majority office says since the Governor's emergency declaration, critics on both sides of the political aisle have roundly criticized the declaration, calling it a public relations stunt that ignores the real reasons for the spike in violence.

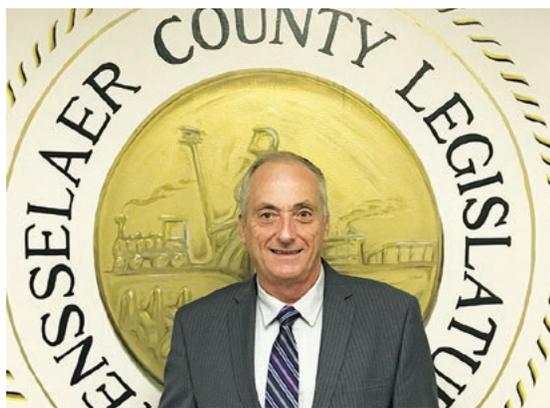
"Governor Cuomo created another Executive Order to give himself the power to spend over \$137 million any way he wants to. He ignores the fact that his policies have let career criminals out of jail by dismantling the criminal justice system in New York", said Legislator Bruce Patire of Eagle Bridge.

The resolution also opposed the recently adopted NYS law that seeks to hold gun manufacturers responsible for crimes committed with guns that may have been stolen or obtained illegally.

"Governor Cuomo is now looking to blame gun manufacturers for crimes committed by career criminals that have been arrested by the men and women of our law enforcement, only to be released hours later to commit more crimes. The policies that he signed into law, after they were passed by the State Legislature, are not keeping our neighborhoods safe. They need to be revisited and fixed", said Legislature Chair of Finance Bob Loveridge of East Schodack.

"Gun violence is really a law enforcement issue, not a health department issue. Common sense will tell you that any additional money should be spent on law enforcement, not funding a new office in the NYS Health Department," said Majority Leader Ken Herrington of Brunswick.

The resolution was passed unanimously which meant it had the support of the six members of the Democratic Minority Caucus. Minority Leader Peter Grimm tells *The Eastwick Press*, "although some of the resolution's content was political rhetoric, the resolve was urging for the State to take another look at bail reform. The minority has heard from members of our Criminal Justice system and from our District Attorney and they make valid points on why we need to have a closer look at bail reform. For this reason, we were in support. These situations need to be fluid and reflect the ever changing policies that best ensure the safety of all."



Legislator Bruce Patire.

The press release also contends there has been growing opposition to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, most recently from Albany County District Attorney David Soares who authored a blistering op-ed piece that was printed in the *New York Post*. Soares called Cuomo's crime plan "Weak Sauce," and urged state leaders to reconsider the changes that were made to bail reform, including restricting judicial discretion that would have allowed judges to keep dangerous offenders in jail.

"The governor's failed policies are noticed by all, regardless of political parties, and the safety of our residents is paramount. I urge the governor to reconsider these ill-conceived reforms," Scott Bendett of Averill Park.

### NORTH GREENBUSH

## County Breaks Ground For New Fire Training Tower

County Executive Steve McLaughlin was joined by a host of county and local officials as well as many representatives for the area's fire agencies on Thursday, July 8, to break ground for the new fire training tower on Macha Lane in North Greenbush. The Executive said during the ceremony "Our fire and emergency services responders perform outstanding and valuable work every day for the people of Rensselaer County. We can never repay the debt owed to these brave and selfless men and women.

The county emergency services training tower will help train the next generation of fire and emergency services responders and help ensure our current training standards are met today. This is a proud moment for Rensselaer County and hopefully shows our appreciation for the work of our emergency services."

The training tower had been closed



A print of what the new Rensselaer County Fire and EMS Training Complex will look like after construction. Photo courtesy of Amy Modesti.

### TROY

## Police Chief Owens Walks Out

by Amy Modesti

After 23 years on the job, Troy Police Chief Brian Owens officially retired on Monday, July 12, with a walk out ceremony outside the Police Station. Speaking with *The Eastwick Press* following the ceremony, Chief Owens described his time as chief as "interesting." "When I started out 23 years ago, I never thought I would wind up in this position, but I was blessed to have the opportunity and I had a lot of great examples of leaders that I worked for through the years and so that helped me prepare." The Chief also said he feels the department has a "great relationship with the community. Some times, I think in recent times, we get some negative messages in the media, but the people who support us, they want police in their neighborhood."

Deputy Chief Dan Wolf is taking over from Chief Owens, and is officially being sworn in later in the week. He said "I'm going to miss Brian very much. I think he's a wonderful Chief



Retiring Troy Police Chief Brian Owens is warmly greeted as he "walks out" on his last day on the job Monday. Photo by Amy Modesti.

and a great friend to me. He prepared me well to take over and I thank him for that."

The new Chief also said "I've got some ideas I want to put forth and hopefully I can get them done." One of those is to get closer to the community, particularly with the kids. "I want them to feel comfortable around us, make you want to hang out with a cop. We're nice people."

## Rensco Legislators Pass Law To Protect Cats And Dogs

Submitted by the Office of the Legislative Minority

A local law was passed at the July meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature that will establish an Animal Abuse Registry. Animal cruelty is a serious and growing problem, which results in the abuse of thousands of animals a year. It is a fact that people who have abused pets in the past are likely to do it again. The purpose of enacting this local law is to establish an online registry for individuals who are convicted of animal abuse and neglect crimes.

"The Minority Office introduced similar legislation years ago and have continued to reintroduce legislation to protect animals time and time again," said Minority Leader Peter Grimm.

"A bipartisan effort to pass such important legislation has brought this Local Law to fruition," added Legislator Carole Weaver.

"This is such an important piece of legislation to have in Rensselaer County, because research has shown that those who abuse dogs and cats often are abusers in other aspects of their lives," stated Deputy Minority Leader Cindy Doran.

## Business

### HOOSICK/TROY

## Brown's Brewing Is A Bestie

In the recent Times Union "Best of Poll" Brown's Brewing was named as the Best Outside Dining Location. Brown's has both a brewery and a restaurant in Hoosick and Troy, and is known for its fine line of craft beers and elegant dining. Rensselaer County Legislators Jeff Wysocki and Bruce Patire recently presented Brown's Brewing owner Gary Brown with a Certificate of Congratulations from the County Legislature.



Legislator Bruce Patire (left) and Jeff Wysocki (right) make their presentation to Brown's Brewing owner Gary Brown (center). Photo provided.

### EAST GREENBUSH

## Curtis Lumber Opens Its Doors

In conjunction with the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Curtis Lumber officially cut the ribbon recently on its newest store in East Greenbush. The chain of lumber and hardware stores based in Ballston Spa offers building materials, home improvement and home maintenance products, including treated and untreated lumber, decking, roofing, siding, windows, doors, hardware, tools, kitchen and bath design, paints, stains, drywall and more.



The new Curtis Lumber store on Columbia Turnpike in East Greenbush. Photo by Denise Wright.

The store will serve the East Greenbush, Schodack, Averill Park, Sand Lake and Nassau areas among others.

### NORTH GREENBUSH

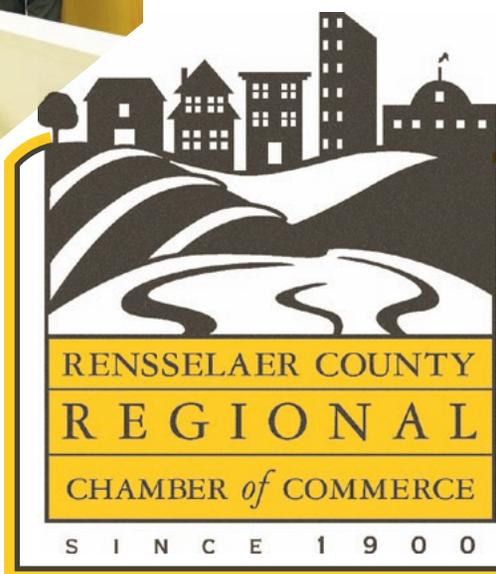
## Alexis Diner Returns The Love



Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, the Rev. Donna Elia, Alexi Lekkas and Rensselaer County Clerk Frank Merola stand in front of the food that was donated to TAUM. Photo by Amy Modesti.

by Amy Modesti

Recently named the "Best Diner" in the Times Union's "Best Of Poll" for the fifth year in a row, the owner of Alexis Diner, Alexi Lekkas decided it was time to give back to those in the Capital Region who have supported him and his business for so long. And he did so in a big way - teaming up with Ginsberg Foods, he donated \$2,500 of food to the Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM) for their food bank.



### TROY

## Chamber Announces Van Rensselaer Award Winners

For more than 30 years, the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce has recognized businesses that invest in the economic, cultural, and humanitarian advancement of the county by bestowing the Van Rensselaer Awards and the Edward H. Pattison Citizenship Award. This week the Chamber announces the 2021 awards, which will be presented at the Van Rensselaer Awards Dinner on Oct. 7.

"It's appropriate that this year's awards recognize the exceptional dedication and commitment of three recipients whose leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic assisted their communities in responding and recovering," said Chamber President Kate Manley. "Honoring them with these awards is one way for our community to recognize their outstanding service during a very challenging time."

### Van Rensselaer Corporate Award

St. Peter's Health Partners will be honored with the Van Rensselaer Corporate Award, which is presented to a Chamber member that practices good corporate citizenship through its involvement in and contribution to the quality of life and economic growth of the community.

The region's largest non-profit health care network responded to the pandemic by increasing bed capacity and working to secure personal protective equipment so health care workers stay safe. SPHP also expanded its virtual health services to better connect patients with health care providers and offered COVID testing at primary locations and urgent care centers throughout the region. In December 2020, SPHP became the region's first health care institution to offer monoclonal antibody therapy, the only FDA-authorized COVID treatment. Additionally, SPHP expanded its monoclonal therapy outreach to eligible COVID-positive residents of its skilled nursing facilities. With 170 locations and 12,000 employees, the impact SPHP has had on individuals, families, and communities in the region has been significant.

### Van Rensselaer Small Business Award

UCM Digital Health is being honored with this year's Van Rensselaer Small Business Award, which is presented in recognition of a business' contributions to the quality of life within our community.

UCM Digital Health delivers an end-to-end health care solution that combines a digital front-door platform with 24/7 telehealth triage, treatment, and navigation services, all designed to lower costs, improve outcomes, and provide a better patient experience. Partnering with Rensselaer County and CDPHP, UCM Digital Health provides ER Anywhere, an app that connects patients with emergency medical providers. When the pandemic hit, UCM Digital Health was already providing solutions. Its team of emergency medical providers, care coordinators, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and ER physicians used their virtual capabilities to triage patients and treat as needed or direct them to appropriate care. As the nation emerges from the pandemic, the company continues to support individuals around the clock.

### Edward H. Pattison Citizenship Award

"The Ebbie," which is how many refer to this award, is presented annually to an individual demonstrating good citizenship through his or her dedication to improving the lives of the residents in our community. Established in 1990 by the Chamber through a gift from the Troy-based law firm of Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg & Griffin, the award is named in honor of the firm's distinguished partner, Edward H. "Ebbie" Pattison.

This year's recipient is Maryfran Wachunas, Rensselaer County's Public Health Director, who has been at the heart of the county's response to COVID-19 and the opioid crisis. Under her leadership, the county established a point of distribution at Hudson Valley Community College to provide vaccinations and has operated community vaccination clinics at locations throughout the county.

### Thinking About Joining The Chamber? Why Wait?

The Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce is more than just an organization made up of area businesses, it is considered by many to be one of the tools to their success. The Chamber regularly holds mentoring and marketing sessions for its members, helps understand and work through government programs aimed at supporting business, and brings together community and area business leaders to share their insight on the complexities of today's business culture. The Chamber also offers various benefits to its members.

For more information or to become a Chamber member please call Matt Jensen at 518-681-1240 or email [mjensen@rensochamber.com](mailto:mjensen@rensochamber.com).

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### DUTCHAVEN GOLF

## League Nears Final Third Of The Season

**Notes: Life Lesson:** All things good or bad come to an end. Eventually the rain will stop and we will enjoy the greenery! The Dewstompers are rolling along Wednesday mornings at Dutchaven. If you want to come on over and play with a bunch of good guys, the competition starts between 8 and 8:30 am. A modified stableford system is used so you get points for the good holes and the bad holes are erased from your memory. Each birdie is worth 4 points. Each par is worth 2 points. Each bogey is worth one point. Each double bogey goes in your pocket and you move on. Results from July 7th: 1st place → Ron Hunt at plus 5. 2nd place → Easy Eddie Powers at plus 4. 3rd place tie → Al Brock and Keith Shannon at plus 3. Closest to the Pin (hole 3) → Leon Rosko 11 ft 1 in. There have been between 15-20 players each week. This week, 3 new players showed up and there were a season high 20 players.

**Leaders:** John Newkirk and a sub for Joe Gerwin have won 4 straight weeks, including all 3 weeks in the second half to take over first place in Flight A. Kevin Weeden and Peter Martin III are the only other team to win all 3 weeks in the second half (and 6 straight weeks going back to the end of the first half). Dan O'Rourke and Mike Marpe have won 2 in a row and hold onto the final wild card spot in Flight A. With only 2 teams winning 2 out of 3 second half matches, the Harrington boys (Chris and Gerry) hold onto first place in Flight B. The team of Jeff Hull and Dale Dearstyne, winners of 2 straight, hold a slight point advantage for second place over 7 teams. In Flight B, there are only 4 points that separate 2nd place from 8th place. Nick Diotte/Dave Jones, Garth Duclos/Henry Rose, Peter Martin III/Kevin Weeden and Jeff Hull/Dale Dearstyne are already in the playoffs. These 4 teams came in first or second in their flight for the first half of the season.

**Week Thirteen Results:** Season best → John Newkirk 4 pars, Kyle Woodward 5 pars, Nick Pallo first birdie of the year. Low Net scores (score minus handicap) → John Newkirk 29 (6 under his handicap), Skip Russell & Nick Diotte 32, Dave Jones & Dan O'Rourke & Ed Powers & Jeff Hull & Dale Dearstyne & Jeff Maynard & Mark Tate & Marsh Ogert all had net scores

of 33, Peter Martin III & Nick Pallo & Kyle Woodward had net scores of 34. Low Team Net Scores → Dave Jones/Nick Diotte shot 65, Jeff Hull/Dale Dearstyne 66, Marsh Ogert/Nick Pallo 67, Dan O'Rourke/Mike Marpe 68, Jeff Maynard/Darryl Lee 69. Low Gross Score → Nick Diotte 35 (even par), Dan O'Rourke 38, Jeff Stevens & Ed Powers & Skip Russell & Dave Jones & Peter Martin III & Kevin Weeden shot 39. Birdies on the night → Nick Diotte holes 3 and 6, Mark Tate hole 8, Dale Dearstyne hole 7, Jeff Hull hole 3, Brett Seiler hole 8, Eddie Powers hole 8, Mike Marpe hole 3, Dan O'Rourke hole 7, Dave Jones hole 2. Top Pars for the night → Kevin Weeden 6, Nick Diotte & Peter Martin III & Brett Seiler & Skip Russell & Jeff Stevens all had 5.

**Skins Update:** No skins winner for week 12. No one had a birdie on hole #2. Just a reminder, at the beginning of the next week, someone rolls an 18-sided die to determine the hole for the skin from the week before. If you are in the skins pool and had the lowest score on that hole by yourself, then you win the skins pot for your flight. This week, Dave Jones (hole #2), Mike Marpe (hole #3), Dan O'Rourke (hole #7) and Ed Powers (hole #8) will all have a chance from flight A. This is a 5-week pot and is over \$140. Dale Dearstyne (hole #7) and previous winner Mark Tate (hole #8) will have a chance in Flight B. Now it's up to the dice roll on Monday.

**Closest to the Pin Winners Week Thirteen:** Hole 1 → Peter Martin III (finally) 4ft 11.5in, Hole 3 → Dave Jones 14ft 5in, Hole 9 → no one again (3-week carry over for week 14 winner)

## Hoosick Falls Sand Bar Holds Benefits

(L to R) Maureen Carknard, Trish Bloomer, Mary Bradley and Will Bradley at the Sand Bar EC Fund benefit. Bloomer owns the Sand Bar Restaurant and Bar with her husband Mike. Last Saturday the Sand Bar held a volleyball tournament to benefit the EC Fund. The Sand Bar is a great supporter of Hoosick Falls area activities, with upcoming benefit volleyball tournaments for the Youth Center on July 31 and the Food Pantry on August 21. Photo by Steve Bradley.



### AUTO RACING

## Jessica Friesen Holds Off Hubby For Fonda Win

Compiled by Steve Bradley

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 7/9. (35 laps). Modifieds: Rich Ronca Jack Speshock, Bobby Hackel IV, Jack Lehner, 5) Peter Britten, Derek Bornt, Matt Depew, Mike Mahaney, Anthony Perrego, 10) Ken Tremont Jr., Ronnie Johnson, Marc Johnson, Keith Flach, Adam Pierson, 15) Matt DeLorenzo, Don Ronca, Jeremy Pitts, James Meehan, Jessey Mueller, 20) Derrick McGrew Jr., CG Morey, Brian Berger, Vinnie Visconti, Scott Huber, 25) John Lutes Jr., Neil Stratton, Kris Vernold, Demetrios Drellos.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 6/26, 30 laps. Modifieds: Feature # 1 postponed from July 3 rain out): L.J. Lombardo, Kyle Armstrong, Kolby Schroder, Kenny Tremont Jr., 5) Marc Johnson, Brett Haas, Andy Bachetti, Wayne Jelley, Kyle Sheldon, 10) Ricky Davis, Brian Berger, Dan Humes, Chase Dowling, Paul Gilardi, 15) Mike King, Chris Curtis, Olden Dwyer, Bobby Hackel, IV, Josh Marcus, 20) J.R. Heffner, Eddie Marshall, Timothy Davis, Ryan Darcy, Kenny Aanonsen, III, 25) John Ruchel, Karl Barnes.

Modified Feature, 30 laps: Andy Bachetti, Brian Berger, Brett Haas, Eddie Marshall, 5) Kyle Sheldon, Marc Johnson, Kyle Armstrong, Wayne Jelley, Ryan Darcy, 10) Kenny Tremont Jr., J.R. Heffner, L.J. Lombardo, Mike King, Ricky Davis, 15) Kolby Schroder, Paul Gilardi, John Ruchel, Chase Dowling, Timothy Davis, 20) Dan Humes, Chris Curtis, Josh Marcus, Olden Dwyer, Bobby Hackel, IV, 25) Kenny Aanonsen Jr., Karl Barnes

Small Block Modified, 30 laps: 1)

Andy Bachetti, Jason Herrington, Frank Harper, Ryan Charland, Chris Curtis, Brandon Lane, John Lutes Jr., Brian Peterson, Montgomery Tremont, 10) Brian Sandstedt, Sean Mandel, Mark Pullen, Alan Houghtaling, Kim LaVoy, 15) Joey Coppola, Ryan Larkin, Michael Sabia, Ray Hall Jr., Kevin Petrucci

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 7/10. (50/50-\$2,705). 30 laps -\$2,400 to win. Modifieds: 30-laps: Jessica Friesen, Stewart Friesen, Rocky Warner, David Schilling, Adam McAuliffe, 5) Ronnie Johnson, Mike Mahaney, JaMike Sowle, Jack Lehner, Craig Hanson, 10) Pep Corradi, Dave Constantino, Steve Akers, Josh Hohenforst, Ancel Collins, 15) Dylan Scribner, Rich Christman, Bobby Varin, Jim Introne Jr.

**Devils Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 6/26. Sportsman Modified: Tanner Siemons, Demetrios Drellos, Tim LaDuc, Joey Scarborough, 5) Anthony Warren, Mike Palmer, Frank Hoard III, Brian Whittemore, Johnny Bruno, 10) Justin Comes, Marty Kelly III, Don Mattison, Adam Pierson, Justin Stone, 15) Josh Masterson, Jimmy Ryan, Shawn McPhee, Billy Lussier, Jason Bruno, 20) Michael Wagner-Fitzgerald, Mike Fisher, Vince Quenneville, Gene Pierson Jr., Elmo Reckner, 25) James Hanson, Adam Piper

### Coming Up

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 7/16. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Sportsman, Limited Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Street Stocks. \$1,000 to win Sportsman. Tobias Slingshots.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 7/17. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Pure Stocks. Sportsman. Biker Night. July 19: Malta Cruise-In (From July 12). Sept. 25: Massive Malta Weekend: Super DIRTear Series Big Block Modifieds. Horsepower 100. Rescheduled from July 13.

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 7/17. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman, Four Cylinders. Fan Appreciation Night – \$5 Grandstand Admission & Pre-Race Meet & Greet. Pro Stock \$1,000 to win.

**Devil's Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 7/17. Weekly divisions: Sportsman Modified, Limited Sportsman, Super Stock, Mini Stock, 500 cc Mini Sprints. Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modifieds.

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## General News

### 2nd Amazon Facility

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arms installed. There will also be extensive berms placed around the facility to screen the view and reduce the noise.

Lighting was a concern, but the lighting in the employee parking lots has been reduced to 25 feet high and 30 feet high in the truck parking lot. Scannell plans to construct the noise wall as early as possible in the approximately four-month construction process. Hours of operation for construction are scheduled to be 6 am to 8 pm, with Saturdays being used as a "make-up" day due to weather/construction issues. The Board was reassured that construction would be only "dawn to dusk." The color of the wall was a concern because the first facility's walls are a distracting bright white; Planning Board members expressed a need for a much more natural, earth-tone coloring to fit the landscape of the area.

Landscaping along the boundary walls/lines was a significant concern for Planning Board members. Many of the members wondered with the number of trees and plants needed, would availability be an issue. The new facility will contain over 350 evergreens and 380 lilies which will act as screening for the sound wall. There was discussion about instituting a biannual assessment in the spring and fall of the vegetation to see if any landscaping would need replacement.

The Town Engineer and attorney will be working this week on creating the necessary resolutions (SEQRA, site plan, and special permit for water quality) hoping for approval to take place at the July 19 Planning Board meeting. Scannell Properties presenters said they would be "working diligently" with the town to expedite this process. Still, some Planning Board members said they "need to feel comfortable with the whole document" and the myriad comments so they might need more time to review all of the information, which means approval might have to be put off until the August 2 Planning Board meeting.

### Grafton Town Board Meeting ... Continued from page 6

NYS employment. Right after the opening pledge of allegiance the Board vote unanimously to seat Pierce Hoyt as his replacement for the rest of the year. Mr. Hoyt is already a candidate for the Town Board in this November's general elections. Councilman Wagar had decided not to seek re-election.

As to the Bookkeeper, Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum announced that she has appointed Wendy Ashley to the job. In the announcement, Ms. Gundrum cited many of Ms. Ashley's qualifications, and noted she was already the bookkeeper for the Town and Village of Nassau.

#### Code Of Ethics

Grafton recently reformed the Ethics Committee and according to member John Oliver they have complete a draft versions of a Code of Ethics for the town. It has been presented to the Town Board for their review, after which it would face a public hearing before adoption.

#### Lots Of Calls For Help

Grafton Rescue Squad Captain Sharon Lece reported they received 40 calls in the month June, 27 in Grafton and 13 in Berlin. They were unable to respond to four of them for a lack of a crew. Grafton has been covering Berlin since picking up the Certificate of Need (CON) from the Berlin Fire Department, who disbanded their ambulance. The town of Berlin purchased their of ambulance and has placed it in service as part of the Grafton Rescue Squad, but the town is currently pursuing what is called a Municipal

### PETERSBURGH

## Town To Purchase New Truck

by Alex Brooks

The Petersburg Town Board held a special meeting on Wednesday June 30, primarily to approve the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. The Town was offered two trucks the week before in response to its request for bids. Delurey Sales and Service of North Hoosick offered a 2016 all wheel drive International with a 315 horsepower engine for \$80,000, and Village Truck Sales of Lanesborough MA offered a 2008 all wheel drive International with a 470 horsepower engine for \$125,000.

Town Highway Superintendent Adam Beaudry has reviewed the bids, inspected and test driven both trucks, and written a memo to the Town Board recommending that the Town purchase the larger truck from Village Truck Sales. The truck offered by Delurey does not quite meet the specs in the Town's request. The Town was seeking a minimum of 350 horsepower, at least 6 speed transmission and 11' plow, with manual transmission and tandem axle preferred. The Delurey truck has 315 horsepower, 5 speed automatic transmission, a 10' plow and single rear axle. The truck from Village Truck Sales exceeds the specs in all these areas, with 470 HP, 18 speed manual transmission, tandem axle and 11' plow.

Beaudry said he has spoken with a few people who own a truck with the same 315 HP engine and a 5 speed automatic transmission who say that it is "very sluggish uphill with a load on." He is concerned that climbing steep Petersburg roads with the snow plow wing on and a full load of sand in the back may be too much for a 315 HP truck, whereas a 470 HP truck with an 18 speed manual transmission "will surely go anywhere."

Beaudry also noted that the Delurey truck needs some rust repair to the body and frame, while the Village Truck Sales vehicle has recently had the undercar-

riage including plow frame and dump body sandblasted and repainted. He also noted that the larger truck from Village Truck Sales can carry a significantly larger payload of sand or gravel, which means less trips, so the crew can get more done in less time.

Although the larger truck is significantly more money and comes with less warranty, the Board voted to accept the Village Truck Sales bid and purchase the 470 HP truck for \$125,000. Beaudry said the Highway budget has a reserve of \$100,000 for a truck purchase, and the remainder could be found elsewhere in the highway budget. He said he plans to sell some old trucks and equipment, which would cover some of the cost of this purchase.

The Board also discussed a request for bids from paving contractors to repave parts of Armsby Road and Coonbrook Road, with the work to be done in September. These bids will be due Monday August 9. The notice about it is on the home page of the Petersburg Town website, and will also be published in several area newspapers and online sites for paving bid requests.

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## Community Calendar

### Fridays through Labor Day

**Hoosick Local Market**, 3-6:30 pm, farmers produce, baked goods, pastured meats, maple syrup & artisans crafts, plus more, 5343 NY 7 at Mapletown Rd., Hoosick just before the Bennington bypass

### Saturdays through October

**Bennington Farmers Market**, 10 am - 1 pm, by the deer park, across from Tastee Freeze, 100 Memorial Drive

### Sundays through August 29

**Farmers & Artisan Market**, 10 am - 1 pm, Park McCullough Historic Mansion, 1 Park St., North Bennington

### Sundays

**Cambridge Valley Farmers Market**, 10 am - 1 pm, Cambridge Central School, Route 22

**KeyBank "Broadway is Back," Proctors Series**, 6 shows from Capital Repertory Theatre, 7 show series, call 518-346-6204, 432 State St., Schenectady

### July 16, Friday

**Bennington Museum Free Concerts in the Courtyard, starring Deena Chappell Trio**, 5-7 pm, weather permitting, bring chair, wear mask, with food & drink available by The Avocado Pit, 75 Main St.

### July 17, Saturday

**Grafton Summer Festival**, Town Park, Route 2

**Jeff Tweedy & Special Guest Nels Cline**, 8 pm, Benefit Concert, MASS MoCA, 1040 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA

### July 20, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, TS Ensemble (Pop)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### July 21, Wednesday

**Hoosick Falls Community Band Concert**, 7:30 pm, Wood Park, bring lawn chair

### July 22-25, Thursday - Sunday

**The Stranger by Agatha Christie**, The Theater Barn, 654 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, \$30-\$35, visit [www.thetheaterbarn.org](http://www.thetheaterbarn.org) or call 518-794-8989.

### July 23, Friday

**Bennington Museum Free Concerts in the Courtyard, starring Heard**, 5-7 pm, weather permitting, bring chair, wear mask, with food & drink available by The Avocado Pit, 75 Main St.

### July 24, Saturday

**"Preserving the Bounty of the Garden" with Chef Linda Romeo**, 10-11 am \$10, registration required, Spencertown Town Park Pavillion, 816 Route 203, Spencertown, presented by Spencertown Academy

**Hubbard Hall Free Concert on the Great Lawn with Athena Burke**, 6 pm, bring blanket/chair, limited number inside in case of rain, 25 East Main St., Cambridge

### July 25, Sunday

**Tickets go on sale for The Roots Concert**, Sunday, August 22, 8 pm, outside, MASS MoCA, 1040 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA

### July 27, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, The Lustre Kings (Rockabilly)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### July 28, Wednesday

**Hoosick Falls Community Band Concert**, 7:30 pm, Wood Park, bring lawn chair

### July 30, Friday

**Bennington Museum Free Concerts in the Courtyard, starring Moose Crossing**, 5-7 pm, weather permitting, bring chair, wear mask, with food & drink available by The Avocado Pit, 75 Main St.

### July 31, Saturday

**Hubbard Hall Free Concert on the Great Lawn with Men o' War Balladeers**, 6 pm, bring blanket/chair, limited number inside in case of rain, 25 East Main St., Cambridge

### August 7, Saturday

**Hubbard Hall Free Concert on the Great Lawn with Village Harmony**, 6 pm, bring blanket/chair, limited number inside in case of rain, 25 East Main St., Cambridge

## Meetings

### July 19, Monday

**Brunswick Zoning Board**, 6 pm, Town Hall  
**Grafton Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Petersburgh Special PFAS Mtg**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
(see page 3 for details)

**Petersburgh Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Schodack Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Stephentown Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Hoosick Planning Board**, 7:30 pm, Hoosick Armory  
**New Lebanon Planning Board**, 7:30 pm, LVPA Fire House

### July 20, Tuesday

**Berlin School Board**, 7:15 pm

### July 22, Thursday

**Berlin Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex  
**Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### July 26, Monday

**Grafton Town Board Workshop**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
**Petersburgh Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### July 27, Tuesday

**Pittstown Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall (as needed)

### July 29, Tuesday

**Hoosick Falls School Safety Public Hearing**, 6 pm

## Student Honors

### Pine Cobble Honor Roll Spring 2021

#### High Honors

##### Grade 8

Flora Birch  
Mila Marcisz  
Claire Puentedura  
Eve Rhoads  
Xavier Traver-Adolphus

##### Grade 7

Megan McGrath  
Chloe Moore  
Mea Richardson  
Charles Sheehan  
William Sheehan  
Xavier Smallwood  
Fanny Thomas  
Jesse Thompson

#### Honors

##### Grade 8

Alexander Boyd  
Saddie Cellana  
Trevor Ott, Jr.  
Grade 7  
Grady Brownell-Wilkins  
Jackson Burnham

Sasha Gutt  
Lillian Jenkins  
Reed Miles-Harris  
James Stenson

#### Effort & Citizenship

##### Grade 8

Flora Birch  
Alexander Boyd  
Saddie Cellana  
Mila Marcisz  
Trevor Ott, Jr.  
Claire Puentedura  
Xavier Traver-Adolphus  
Eve Rhoads

##### Grade 7

Grady Brownell-Wilkins  
Sasha Gutt  
Lillian Jenkins,  
Megan McGrath  
Reed Miles-Harris  
Chloe Moore  
Mea Richardson  
Charles Sheehan  
William Sheehan  
Xavier Smallwood  
James Stenson  
Fanny Thomas  
Jesse Thompson

## Student Honors

### Berlin Elementary 2021 Fifth Grade Awards

The Berlin Fifth Grade recently held their moving up ceremony, marking the students' entrance next year into Middle School. While we reported on the ceremony space did not permit us to publish all the awards at that time. Also here are the Berlin Fifth Grade Honors:

#### Math

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Aryn Hunt  
Ms. Rizzo – Luis Gardell Jr.  
Mr. Turetsky – Italo Dominguez

#### Reading

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Sophia Ciliberti  
Ms. Rizzo – Blake Arena  
Mr. Turetsky – Lydia Morgan

#### Writing

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Arianna Thorsey  
Ms. Rizzo – Alyah Varela  
Mr. Turetsky – Braydin Yerdon

#### Social Studies

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Emmett Smerdon  
Ms. Rizzo- Clair Schaaphok  
Mr. Turetsky – Sydney Ward

#### Science: Consistent Effort in Science

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley: Addison Mosher  
Ms. Rizzo: Luis (Louie) Gardell, Jr.  
Mr. Turetsky: Dederick Bolt

#### Music Achievement

Mary Perkins  
Garrett Burdick  
Band Achievement  
Arianna Thorsey  
Markell Popov  
Physical Education  
Mackenzie Garhartt  
Clair Schaaphok  
Luis Gardell Jr.

#### Markell Popov

*Sandra G. Morley Leadership and Excellence Awards in Physical Education*

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Garrett Morgan  
Ms. Rizzo – Clair Schaaphok  
Mr. Turetsky – Mackenzie Garhartt & Markell Popov  
*Dyken Pond Scholarships*

#### Garrett Morgan

#### Colin Maxon

#### Character Awards

#### Kindness

Mrs. DeMagistris/ Mr. Moseley – Gabriella Yerdon  
Ms. Rizzo – Christopher Roberts  
Mr. Turetsky – Mary Perkins

#### Respect

Mrs. DeMagistris /Mr. Moseley- Dudley Sanders  
Ms. Rizzo – Nicholas Catricala  
Mr. Turetsky – Colin Maxon

#### Perseverance

Mrs. DeMagistris /Mr. Moseley – Kody Quick  
Ms. Rizzo – Michael Bennett  
Mr. Turetsky – William Snyder

#### Cooperation

Mrs. DeMagistris /Mr. Moseley- Garrett Morgan  
Ms. Rizzo – Logan Lenyk  
Mr. Turetsky – Ridley Hughes

#### NYS Comptroller Awards – Thomas P. DiNapoli

Mrs. DeMagistris /Mr. Moseley – Sophia Neet  
Ms. Rizzo – Jackson Goodermote  
Mr. Turetsky – Mackenzie Garhartt  
*Attorney General's Triple C Awards*  
Mrs. DeMagistris/Mr. Moseley – Addison DeZess  
Ms. Rizzo – Alyah Varela  
Mr. Turetsky – Dederick Bolt

# Entertainment

## Now Showing

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 7/16 – Thursday 7/22

**Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)** 1:00 2:15 3:30 4:40 7:00 9:20

**Black Widow (PG13)** Fri thru Tues 1:00 2:30 3:45 5:15 6:45 8:00 9:25 Weds 2:30 3:45 5:15 6:45 8:00 9:25 Thurs 1:00 2:30 3:45 5:15 6:45 8:00 9:25

**The Boss Baby (PG)** 1:30 4:00 6:45 9:00

**F9: The Fast Saga (PG13)** 12:45 3:45 6:40 9:25

**The Forever Purge (R)** 7:05 9:15

**Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway (PG)** 1:00 3:00 7:15

**The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (R)** 5:00 9:05

**Out Of Death (R)** Wednesday 7/21 at 1:00

### Hathaway's Twin Drive-in Theatre

Friday 7/16 - Sunday 7/18

Screen 1: **Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)** 8:30 pm  
Screen 2: **Black Widow (PG13)** 8:40 pm

In the Heights **Drunk Bus (R)** 10:55 pm (PG13) 10:45 pm

### Hollywood Drive-in Theatre

Friday 7/16, Saturday 7/17 and Sunday 7/18

**Black Widow (PG13)** at approximately 9 pm

**Cruella (PG13)** at approximately 11:20 pm

### Images Cinema

**Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain** 7/16 - 7/24 at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm

**Spider-man: Homecoming** 7/18 at 8 pm – Family Flicks Under The Stars

**Sneak Preview: Hudson Falls** 7/21 at 7:30 pm – Fundraiser for Images Cinema

### SUDOKU

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### Theme: Kids Classics

#### ACROSS

- E-wallet content
- Pen \_\_\_\_\_
- \*Rubik's \_\_\_\_\_
- Bryan Stevenson's "Just \_\_\_\_\_"
- \*\_\_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- Egyptian falcon-headed deity
- Top of a steeple
- \*"\_\_\_\_\_-I-Am"
- Vernacular
- \*"Walking" spring toy
- \*Purple dinosaur
- Foot the bill
- Smidgen
- \*KIDZ \_\_\_\_\_
- Like a mattress?
- Stay clear of
- \*Dumbo's were huge
- \*Arnold Lobel's "Frog and \_\_\_\_\_"
- Emotional punishment
- At the summit of
- Young hooter
- Shakespeare's hometown river
- Increase rpms (2 words)
- \*Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
- Retired, shortened
- Soft palate vibrations
- Bob of the boxing world
- Bovine hangout
- Give the cold shoulder
- Unagi on sushi menu
- \*Place called Sesame
- \*Place for Pong and Pac-Man
- Semolina source
- It would
- Mourning fabric
- Arterial blood vessel
- Atlantic catch
- Partner of pains
- Emeralds and rubies
- \*One of "Little Women"
- Haul something heavy

#### Last week's crossword solution:

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#### Last week's sudoku solution:

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4	3	1	5	2	7	6	9	8
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#### DOWN

- German river
- Large edible mushroom, pl.
- Seed covering
- Substitute for tender
- \*Shenzi, Banzai and Ed in "Lion King"
- \*One in a pocketful
- Lawyers' league
- Horizontal bar dance
- It's knee high by the 4th of July?
- Strong desire
- Channel marker
- Eastern Standard Time
- What bullies do
- City in Japan
- Past tense of eat
- Popular salad dressing
- \*Winnie and Paddington
- Derived from oats
- Utah city
- Thanksgiving turkey, e.g.
- Burn to a crisp
- V-clay of Czechoslovakia
- Be theatrical
- \*One of the Darling children
- Horse prod
- Letter opener
- More true
- Bygone Spanish money
- "He said, \_\_\_ said"
- Place that attracts visitors, pl.
- Ancient city in Africa
- Cooler climate conifer
- \*"One, two, buckle my \_\_\_"
- Four years in the White House, e.g.
- \*"\_\_\_ of NIMH"
- \*\_\_\_ Walker, American Girl
- \*"Matilda" and "The Gremlins" author
- \*"The Three Musketeers" sword
- Tail action
- \*Huck's friend
- Sixth sense

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**Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): SDBH LLC** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/19/2021. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, PO Box 117, Cherry Plain NY 12040. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

**Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company Name: McStrake LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 10, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 95 Classic Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

### Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company Around The House Property Care, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Justin M. Rutherford, Esq., 8 Airline Drive, Albany, New York, 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Arts. of Org. of Charlie Potatoes, LLC ("LLC")** filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/4/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Charlie Potatoes, LLC, 26 Rock Candy Lane, Troy, NY 12182, principal business address. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Ed Martin, Law Office of Edward J. Martin, PLLC, 125 High Rock Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE:

The Town of Grafton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:50 pm at the Grafton Town Hall located at 2379 NY2 in the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer and State of New York to consider the following:

6:50 pm - Barney Dooley, Sub-division - Fire Tower Road. Purchasing 25 acres of 140 acres.

Tom Withcuskey  
Planning Board Chairman

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA STATE OF NEW YORK

Please take notice of the meeting dates, times and locations for the Town Board Meetings, Other Board Meetings and Committees. Only the Town Board and the Planning Board will be both in person and live streamed on Town Hall Streams. All of the other Boards and Committees will be in person only meetings, no more online meetings will take place.

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 and live streamed:

To watch the meeting live streamed go to: [https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary, at 7:30pm

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125:

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Tuesday of each month, as necessary, at 7:00pm

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee meets the third and fourth Tuesday, at 6:30pm

Conservation Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month, as necessary, at 6:30pm

Business & Economic Development Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm

\*\*The Board of Ethics does not have a standing meeting date and time, only when needed.\*\*

The Following will be meeting at the Shatford Park Pavilion, 170 Old Post Road, New Lebanon, New York, 12125, IF weather permits. In the event of inclement weather, the meetings will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125: (please note that as the weather gets colder All meetings will move inside to the Town Hall)

Zoning Rewrite Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, as necessary, at 6:30pm

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee meets the first Wednesday at 6:30pm

Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month, as necessary, at 6:30pm

The Following will be meeting at the Lebanon Valley Fire Department(LVPA), 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125:

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens meet the first and third Fridays each month at 1:00pm

By order of the New Lebanon Town Board,  
Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk

7/2/2021

Notice of formation domestic of **T and C Containers LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on June 29, 2021 office location: Rensselaer County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her to Mark Coyne, 12 Inglewood Rd., East Greenbush NY 12061. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice is given that a limited liability company named, **536 River View LLC**, has been formed. The Articles of Organization were filed June 1, 2021. The office of the LLC is located in the County of Rensselaer. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address within the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 560 State Route 346, Petersburg, NY 12138. The purpose of this LLC is to be a land owner.

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Notice of formation domestic of **MR. EXOTICS LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on April 1, 2021 office location: Rensselaer County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her to Brandon Futia, 120 Liberty Road, Troy, NY 12180 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Chabacano LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1123 Van Curler Ave, Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Hanging On By A String LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/15/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 689 Hoosick Rd PMB 145, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **484 LOUDON, LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/29/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 124 Lord Ave, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Sunflower Fields Forever LLC**. Articles or organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/3/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 3862 State Route 7, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **Angela Mia Photography LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/16/2021. Office location, County of Rensselaer. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 51 Munro Ct, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful act.

**Bees & Baas LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/11/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 924 Stony Point Road, Castleton, NY 12033]. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF PETERSBURGH  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
CEMETERY LAWN CARE BID**

The Town of Petersburg is seeking quotations for lawn care maintenance for cemeteries for the 2021 season.

The Town of Petersburg reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sealed bids will be received at the Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, or mailed to P. O. Box 130, Petersburg, NY 12138, until 1:00 pm on Friday, July 16, 2021. Bids will be opened at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board on July 19, 2021.

By Order of the Petersburg Town Board  
Deidra Michaels, Town Clerk

(each to be mowed once a month from July through October and prior to each Federal holiday)

**Sanford Hewitt Farm Cemetery**  
Leah's Road off of Route 2

**Reynolds Cemetery**  
Off of Route 22 near Reynolds Road

**Griswold Cemetery**  
East side of Route 22

**Weaver Cemetery**  
Weaver Dam Road

**Worthington Cemetery**  
Route 22 across from Fire Dept.

**Hill Hollow Cemetery**  
Hill Hollow Road

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File No. 2019-42

CITATION

SURROGATE'S COURT, RENSSELAER COUNTY  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: New York State Attorney General

John Doe, if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Josefina Pancic a/k/a Josefa Cruz Cebrian, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained and to Purification Cruz Cebrian, Carmen Cruz Cebrian, Dolores Cruz Cebrian, Eduardo Cruz Cebrian and Esther Cruz Cebrian whose whereabouts are unknown.

A petition having been duly filed by Carina A. Mahar, who is domiciled at 1525 Red Mill Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Rensselaer County, 80 Second Street, Troy, New York, on July 28, 2021, at 10:00 AM o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Josefina Pancic lately domiciled at 10 Fairlawn Avenue, Rensselaer, NY 12144 admitting to probate a will dated March 10, 2015, a copy of which is attached, as the will of Josefina Pancic deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Carina A. Mahar.

[ ] Further relief sought (if any): none.

Dated, Attested, and Sealed,  
HON.

Paul V. Morgan, Surrogate  
Seal

Susan Wilson, Chief Clerk  
William D. Pfeiffer

The Pfeiffer Law Firm PLLC  
(518) 407-0347

20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, New York 12211  
Address

NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

TO PERSON SERVING THIS CITATION: THE CITATION IS TO BE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COURT'S ORDER DIRECTING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

\*\*\* THIS RETURN DATE IS A VIRTUAL APPEARANCE. NO PERSONAL APPEARANCES WILL BE PERMITTED. SEE ANNEXED NOTICE\*\*\*

Notice of Formation of **77 SCOTT OPERATING LLC**. Art/Org filed w/SSNY on 4/26/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent for svc/proc & shall mail to: 90 State St #700-40, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING  
ZONING BOARD  
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
COLUMBIA COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Zoning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Tegan Joy Campbell for the purpose of a 5 ft. area variance. The property is located at 897 US Route 20 in the Town of New Lebanon. The Public Hearing will take place on August 2, 2021 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22 Road, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours at 518-794-8884

By: Michelle Bienes  
Planning/Zoning Clerk Town of New Lebanon, NY  
07/08/2021

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**STORM HILL PROPERTIES LLC**

**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company** Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on May 24, 2021. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to STORM HILL PROPERTIES LLC, 4700 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Apt. 630, Austin, TX 78746. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

**Notice of Formation of an LLC  
The Café Euphoria, LLC**

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 13, 2021. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Atsushi Akera, 253 Liberty St, Troy, NY 12180. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PLLC**

Notice of formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: **ROBIN CONNOLLY NURSE PRACTITIONER IN FAMILY HEALTH PLLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 3, 2021. County of office location: Rensselaer County. Street address of the principal business location of the PLLC: Robin Connolly Nurse Practitioner in Family Health PLLC, 12 Edward Street, Valley Falls, NY 12185. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Robin Connolly Nurse Practitioner in Family Health PLLC with an address of: 12 Edward Street, Valley Falls, NY 12185. Purpose: the professional service limited liability company shall practice the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Family Health.

**Notice To Bidders**

Please take notice that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Petersburg located at the Town Hall, PO Box 130, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York 12138 in the county of Rensselaer, State of New York up to July 16, 2021 at 1 pm for (1) Paving Contract for designated sections of 2 existing paved roads located in the Town of Petersburg. All bids should be plainly marked "Paving Contract RFP" on the outside of the envelope.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4 pm on July 19, 2021, in the Town Clerk's office, and a summary of each bid shall be prepared by the Office of the Town Supervisor in conjunction with the Town Highway Superintendent for review at the following Town Board meeting currently scheduled for July 19, 2021 at 7 pm.

Attention of bidders is called to the fact that the Bid Packet includes acceptance of a non-collusive bidding certificate and an immunity waiver as required by Sections 103-A and 103-B of the General Municipal Law of New York State.

The Town of Petersburg reserves the right to reject any and all bids for no stated reason and to waive any formalities or technicalities. Bidders are fully responsible for delivery of bids. Reliance upon mail or public carriers is at the bidders' risk. Late bids will not be considered.

Persons with general questions on the bid package may contact the Town of Petersburg Highway Superintendent, Adam Beaudry, at 518-658-3541. Specific questions must be made via formal communications as outlined below.

Deidra Michaels  
Petersburgh Town Clerk  
(518) 658-3777 ext 10

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Queenie B's LLC**. Articles or organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/16/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 67 5th avenue, Troy NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

## Church News

### Petersburgh United Methodist Church Rummage And Bake Sale

Saturday July 17, from 9 am to 4 pm

\$1 bag sale from 2 to 4 pm. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, chili, soup, coffee and soda. For more information, call 518-658-3757 or 518-658-3555.

### Christmas In July At Brunswick United Methodist Church

On July 16 and 17 Center Brunswick United Methodist Church will be having a Holiday Bazaar, from 9 am to 4 pm. There will be crafts, a baked goods table, artificial trees, gift items and decorations for sale. Lunch items will be available to enjoy. Come and shop for the Holiday season. The church is located at 990 Hoosick Rd. Troy, at the intersection of Hoosick Rd. and Rte. 142. Plenty of on-site parking is available.

### United Methodist Of Pittstown Chicken Barbecue

United Methodist Church in Pittstown will be having a take out only chicken barbecue Saturday, July 17 from 4 to 6 pm. The menu is a half chicken, macaroni salad, cole slaw, baked beans, roll and brownies. The cost is \$13 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. The church is located just off Route 7 and reservations are suggested. For reservations call Bev at 518-663-5607.

### First Baptist Church Bible School

Anchored – Deepening Faith In God, weekend vacation Bible school. Saturday, August 7, from 9 am to 3 pm at the First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls.

Dive into a wild weekend. Join the crew at the Coral Reef to celebrate God's unfathomable love and faithful friendship. Registration forms will be located at the First Baptist Church and Wood Park registration, Wednesday evening, July 28, during the band concert. Crews need to be preregistered by Wednesday, August 4. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 518-686-5779.

### Zion's United Church Summer Festival

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**Kemaya Customs LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/05/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 337 Phillips rd. Valley Falls, NY 12185. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Primo Botanica LLC** filed with SSNY on 3/30/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC: 12 Linden Avenue Troy NY. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Alexandra Kadner Medical Writing, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/10/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 3rd St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Please have your legal and classified submissions to us by noon on Tuesday for publication in that Friday's edition.

Email your articles to:  
[ads@eastwickpress.com](mailto:ads@eastwickpress.com)

Come join us on August 7, for our 112th annual Summer Festival and Chicken BBQ at Zion's United Church of Christ in Taborton. The church is located at 741 Taborton Rd in Sand Lake. Booths are open from 11 am to 7 pm and music by Cannonball Express with Gloria & Punky from 5 to 8 pm. Games for both kids and adults include the fish pond, ring toss, milk bottle, duck float and dart booths. Enjoy our food and fancy booths and visit the raffle table with prizes from many local businesses. Taborton Treasures offers our version of a large yard sale and there will be an auction in the early afternoon. The chicken BBQ is \$15 and will be served at 4:30 and 5:30 pm. For reservations call Diane Hoffman at 674-2746 or Jane Weber at 258-4307.

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**The Church Directory is online only this week due to limited space. Thank you for understanding. Please visit [eastwickpress.com/news/2021/03/church-directory](http://eastwickpress.com/news/2021/03/church-directory)**

## Senior News

### Grafton Senior Center News

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd., Cropseyville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. There will not be van transportation to and from the center at this time. In addition to Tuesdays, the center will be open on Thursdays from 10 to 11 am, to offer Chair Yoga to residents 60 and over. Yoga is also offered on Tuesdays.

Tuesday, July 20, lunch will be eggplant roll with sauce, side of pasta and a vegetable blend. Following lunch, seniors are invited to stay for Senior Feud and an ice cream social sponsored by Humana. Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance to be placed on the lunch list so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

Seniors are encouraged to visit other senior centers that are open on days Grafton's center is closed. If you have questions, or want to be added to the lunch list, please call 518-279-3413.

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. State and County guidelines will be posted and must be followed. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center. You must call in advance to be added to the list. In addition to Wednesdays and Thursdays, the center will open from 10 am to 12 pm on Mondays for those that wish to play cards. Gather a team or come alone and join the group that is here. There is no van transportation on Mondays. Grab-n-Go meals will be available as you leave.

Wednesday, July 21, lunch will be Live Maria with bacon and onions. There will be a fun game of Senior Feud to follow. Thursday, July 22, lunch will be Sloppy Joe with corn. There will be \$1 bingo following lunch. Bring a \$1 wrapped item. We will have a few available at the center for those unable to shop. All residents 60 and over are welcome to join us at the events.

Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance to be placed on the lunch list so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared. If you have questions, or want to be added to the lunch list, please call 518-686-7561.

## GLSP turns 50 ... Continued from page 1

The bulk of the anniversary celebrations took place on Thursday, July 1. Entrance per car was 25 cents, same as it was back in 1971. Anne, the Grafton Historian, led a cemetery walk and a photo flashback program. However, the day culminated around a 50th luncheon. Invited to the luncheon were the oral history participants, the Beauty of Grafton artists, town representatives and park representatives. Six speakers kicked off the event including, Rensselaer County Executive Steven McLaughlin, Park Manager Melissa Miller, Saratoga/Capitol Parks Regional Director Alane Ball Chinian, Grafton Historian Anne Kiely, and Environmental Educator Tamara Beal. Including public, around 60 people were in attendance. A video of the 50th anniversary speeches is also available on YouTube.

Enough thanks cannot go out to the many staff and volunteers who were instrumental in making the 50th anniversary celebrations happen with such success. Here's to another 50 years!

## Many Happy Returns



*The Grafton Senior Center reopened its doors in June, the first time since last spring when the COVID-19 pandemic began. The Center is only open on Tuesdays for now. Here, many seniors enjoy lunch together. Photo provided.*

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

Lebanon Valley Seniors monthly meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Meetings are at 1 pm at the New Lebanon Firehouse. Upcoming events at this time include a 3-day Amish trip August 25-27. The Amish trip includes Sight & Sound Theater, visits to Good & Plenty and the Amish stores. We suggest for all away events that you have a mask with you. For details, information or to reserve, come to the meetings or call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

We will be collecting items for the Backpack program at the August 20 meeting. You may donate whatever you think a child would need for the upcoming school year. We are also having a bake sale on July 17 by the Lebanon PO.

## Obituaries

### Patricia Ann Fosby

New Lebanon - Patricia Ann Hogan Fosby passed away at the age of 87 on July 3, 2021 in Celina, Tennessee.

Born on January 15, 1934, Pat was the daughter of the late Martha E. Mainard Hogan and John T. Hogan, and resided in West Lebanon, NY, for most of her life. She was predeceased by her husband of 28 years, Ellsworth (Fuzzy) Fosby, Jr.

Prior to Pat's move out of state, she was an active member of Immaculate Conception Church and enjoyed making visits to the homebound members of her church. She also volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program. Pat enjoyed music and dancing, traveling, and very much loved meeting new people and visiting with friends and family.

Pat is survived by her daughters Maryann (Tony) Davis of Castalian Springs, TN, Donna (George) Zelno of Asheboro, NC, and Kathleen (Daniel) Baldwin of Vonore, TN; and grandchildren Nicholas Gerald, Christopher Zelno, David Zelno, Trey Davis and Brooke Davis.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at the Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon, NY, officiated by the Rev. John Close. Burial followed the service in Cemetery of the Evergreens, Lebanon Springs, NY.

Memorials may be made to Music & Memory, P.O. Box 590, Mineola, NY 11501, or to the charity of one's choice. Condolence book and memorial page at [parkerbrosmemorial.com](http://parkerbrosmemorial.com).



### Edward F. Deyoe

Troy - Edward F Deyoe, 99 passed away peacefully at the Troy Center for Rehabilitation in Troy, N.Y. on June 29, 2021.

Edward was born on August 25, 1921 in Green Island, N.Y. to his parents Lola Elizabeth Burke and Elmer C. Deyoe. When he was just 21 years old, Edward decided he wanted to join the Army and was stationed in Indiana. Edward was a decorated Staff Sargent when he was deployed into combat serving in Africa and Italy under General George S. Patton for two years during World War II.

After returning from the war Edward worked for 15 years for his family's trucking business before taking a job at Tacy Trucking. He worked at Tacy's for over 30 years when he retired at the age of 62. When he was not working, Edward had a passion for camping, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, spending time with his family and playing his harmonica. Edward was always full of adventure and loved the great outdoors. Edward was a member of the American Legion Taconic Valley Post #937, the Bethlehem Grange #137, the Berlin Rod and Gun Club and the Grafton Senior Center.

Besides his parents, Edward was predeceased by his wife of 41 years Irene G. Deyoe, son James "Mike" Deyoe, sister Katherine Ritz and brother James H. Deyoe. Left to cherish his memory include Ed's 5 children Janet (William) Miller of Berlin, John (Carol) Deyoe of Albany, Jane Williams of Ravena, June (Stanley) Hmielenski of Poestenkill and Jerry (Antonietta) Deyoe of Rensselaer, 17 Grandchildren, 30 Great-Grandchildren, 8 Great-Great Grandchildren along with 3 stepsons, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

At Edward's request there will be no calling hours and the burial will be private. A celebration of life will be held at the Berlin United Methodist Church on August 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm for family and close friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Capital District Sportsman Club (located in the old Grafton Elementary School) PO Box 188 Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 or Venmo @Capitaldsc in Edward's memory and his lifelong love of the great outdoors.



### La Porte Services

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Maria J. La Porte on Friday July 16 at 10 am at the Immaculate Conception Church on Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Burial will follow the mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hoosick Falls.

Maria passed on December 17, 2020. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Activity Fund at the Danforth Adult Home or the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad through the Mahar Funeral Home in Hoosick Falls who are handling the services.

### Chris Williams Life Celebration

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday July 25 for Christopher "Chris" Williams. Chris died suddenly on May 15, 2021 of natural causes. Chris was born in Hawaii to Sharon Williams. They returned to Hoosick Falls where he graduated from HFCS in 1997. He resided in Salem for many years with his wife (Nicole Bradley Williams) and their 3 sons Logan, Brody and Rees. Please join Nicole and their sons as they celebrate Chris and share memories with them at the American Legion in Cambridge NY from 1 to 4 pm.

### Church News

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#### Gilead Lutheran Church

Gilead Lutheran Church is holding worship services in our beautiful outdoor setting. Service takes place Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. We also offer Communion each week. The church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside. Any questions, please leave a message at 518-279-9270. Our web site is [gileadlutheran.org](http://gileadlutheran.org).

#### Gilead's Body & Soul Pantry

Our summer hours are 3 to 5 pm on the last Thursday of the month, through August. The free community dinner will disappear for the summer months but will return in September.

For those individuals who have not visited the pantry in the past, why not? We are located at Gilead Lutheran

Church at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick. If you have any questions please leave a message at 518-279-9270 and someone will return your call.

#### Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church will be having its Thrift Shop on Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 pm and the first Saturday of the month through July 31. Look for the sign at the corner of Route 67 and Route 111. The church is located at 22 Bridge St. Johnsonville.

#### Eagle Bridge Thrift Store

The Eagle Bridge Methodist Church is resuming its weekly Thrift Store on Wednesdays through October 27. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The church is located on Route 67 in Eagle Bridge.

### Richard E. Hammond

Petersburgh - Richard Edward Hammond, 91, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 1, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Colebrook, NH on May 23, 1930, the son of the late Clarence and Delila O. Comstock Hammond. He was raised in South Williamstown, MA and moved to Petersburgh at the age of 17 and graduated from Berlin Central High School.

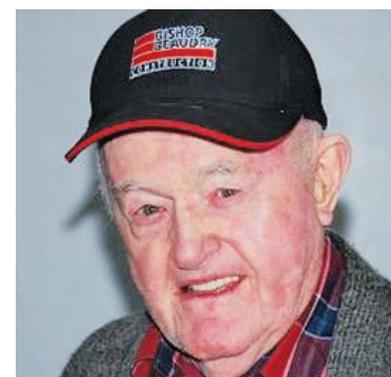
He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War serving in active duty from 1953-1955 and with the Army Reserves until 1961. He worked on the family farm and later was a carpenter with Art Smith, Jr. Contractor in North Petersburgh for over 30 years, retiring at the age of 61.

He served as the Petersburgh Town Judge for 30 years from 1976 to December 31, 2006. He was known around town in Petersburgh as "The Judge."

Richard was a member of the Petersburgh Baptist Church and the Bennington Elks and the Hoosick Falls Moose. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowled at the Barbeque Recreation in Hoosick Falls. He especially loved cutting his lawn on his lawn tractor.

He was the beloved husband of the late Edythe J. Smith Hammond whom he married on September 22, 1956. She passed away on September 8, 2008. He was the loving father of Becky Bonesteel and Paul A. (Jean) Hammond both of Petersburgh; proud grandfather of Phillip Bonesteel, Kevin (Jennifer) Bonesteel, Daniel Hammond, Jeffrey (Brittany) Hammond, Jessica (Paul) Virtue, Joseph (Diane) Crandall, Andrew (Shelly) Crandall; great grandfather of Noah, Isaiah, Jacob and Madelyn Bonesteel, Matthew, Spencer, Zoey and Mazey Hammond, Johnathon Crandall, Issac and Rebekah Virtue and the late Mackenzie Hammond; brother of the late Leigh Hammond and Jeanne Stone.

Funeral services will be held privately for the family. Burial will be in the Hancock Cemetery in Hancock, MA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Liberty ARC, 43 Liberty Drive, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Arrangements are by the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home in Petersburgh. Condolence book at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](http://ParkerBrosMemorial.com).



# A Mug Shot



The Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) is the most common rabbit in North America. Originally, it was not found in New England, but was introduced and now competes for habitat with the native New England Cottontail. At this time of year, you can see these rabbits in the evenings munching in area gardens. This one is on the most wanted list on Potter Hill Road in Petersburg. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

# The Life Of George Holcomb

by George Holcomb • Transcribed by Betty McClave • Edited by Alex Brooks

## Selling Turnips; Paying The Lawyer Gold

Wednesday, October 30, 1850: I and Mr. Perkins worked a spell this morning in the woods splitting rails and then today we pulled and cut turnips. Tonight at sunset Geo P. returned from White Creek but could not buy any sheep. His expenses I paid, eighty cents.  
 Thursday: This forenoon I went up town with one horse wagon and carried turnips. On the way I called to Judah Rowley's and got seven dollars that Nore Morrills sent to Geo P. to pay for apple trees, and I called to the widow Morey's and got our umbrella that my children lost or left to Mr. Smith's the other evening.  
 Friday: This afternoon I and Geo P. rode over to Appolos Rollo and he went with us to what is called the Arvinwood Farm and I paid him 36 dollars for 20 ewes. On the way going I carried old Mr. Perkins five bushels turnips which pays him up for the two days works I owe him, and I called to Geo W. Glass factory and got 26 yards flannel, 20 yards paid for, and I agreed to deliver him six bushels turnips to pay up. Today John F. and Mr. Perkins and Charles Palmer worked pulling Geo P. turnips.  
 Saturday: Today I took the one horse wagon and went to Hancock and carried 19 bushels turnips and seven bushels of them were mine and the remainder of them were Geo P.'s. I fetched home from my Rodgers farm 16 bushels of carrots the Mr. Aaron Merrills raised to the halves and two bushels I fetched to

Russel Palmer for his boy going two days with Geo P. to look for to buy sheep. On the way this forenoon John came with me and Mr. Merrills helped us cord a buck and we turned a buck with our ewes. Today Geo P. went to his nursery and sold nine trees to a young Hull from Berlin.  
 Tuesday: I and Geo P. went to election to Lanson Carpenters and I carried the six bushels of turnips to Geo W. Glass that I bargained I paid Friday last. Today at election I paid Old Mr. Farrington up in cash 87½ cents for making a fork, and I paid Jerry Vary one dollar on my subscription that I signed for Elder Haven. John F. carried his sisters to Orlando Rose's on a visit and then he went to election.  
 Tuesday: This forenoon while I was in Pittsfield I called to Esq. J. M. Gold and he looked over his whole charges of the suit that C.E. Holcomb, my daughter had with M. Ross and I paid up as follows. He had charged me 182 dollars, he then made a deduction of 30 dollars which left 152 dollars and then he added the cost of the court 83 dollars and 37 cents, he then credited me 60 dollars that I had paid him. I now pay him 125 dol and I gave my note on demand for 50 dollars, which makes in all 235 dollars for his services and the cost added. I took a receipt in full of him and he agreed to assist me in collecting the judgement and cost if we do not go into prosecution to collect.

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