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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Judge Signs Off On PFOA Class-Action Suit

by Doug La Rocque

An agreement between the plaintiffs in the federal class-action suit and three of the four companies blamed for the PFOA contamination of the Hoosick Falls area water sources was announced on Wednesday, July 21. On Tuesday, July 27, Senior Federal Court Judge Lawrence Kahn signed the accord and set February 2, 2022 as the date for a final approval hearing. The agreement will result in payment of \$65.25 million.

Rochester based attorney Stephen Schwarz, who was one of the lead attorney's in the negotiations, tells *The Eastwick Press*, "This is a very happy outcome." He outlined the three sections of the accord as a compensatory package to pay for medical screening of both current and former residents for potential health problems related to their exposure to PFOA and any other chemicals that are part of the overall PFAS family. The settlement will also compensate residential home



The Saint Gobain facility on McCaffery Street in Hoosick Falls, one of the confirmed sites of the PFOA contamination. Photo by Steve Bradley.

owners for losses in property values. According to Mr. Schwarz, \$7.7 million is earmarked for what he labeled as "Nuisance Damages." This money would be available for residents whose drinking water

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## BERLIN

### Fire Hydrants Are An Issue

by Doug La Rocque

"The Fire Hydrant system is failing." Those were the words of Joe Rechen, a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) instructor and member of the Berlin Fire Department. He is talking about the hydrants in Water District # 2, which both he and Fire Chief Stan Pettibone claim are problematic at best. Water flow is the issue here. Chief Pettibone says the department has flow tested many of the fire hydrants, and have found most to be below 500 gallons per minute (gpm), some of which he claims are not usable. Mr. Rechen says NFPA standards require a flow rate above 500 gpm to fight a residential fire. He also told the Berlin Town Board at their Thursday, July 22 workshop meeting, NFPA regulations say hydrants are to be painted yellow, not red, with the caps color coded to represent a particular hydrant's flow rate classification. It should be noted here that the NFPA cannot make rules or laws that are enforceable. It is a citizen run organization. Governments may, if they choose, use NFPA guidelines as their law.

The problem with the water flow in Berlin, and

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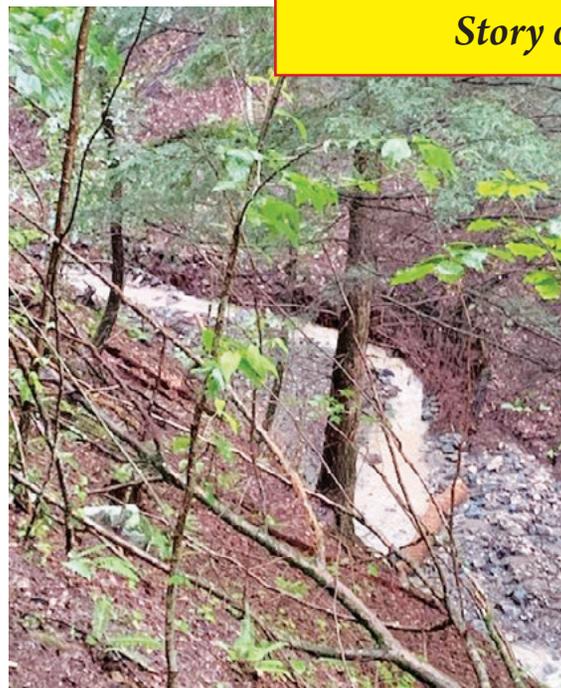
### Suspected PCB Laden Sediment Moves Downstream From Dump

by Doug La Rocque

The July 15 storms that ravaged southern and central portions of Rensselaer County are responsible for the movement of soil sediments from the highly contaminated Dewey Loeffel Landfill down the Little Thunder Brook, a 1,900 foot long tributary of the Valatie Kill which empties into Kinderhook Lake. The sediments along Little Thunder Brook are contaminated with PCB's (a suspected carcinogen) from the landfill, which is a Superfund clean up site. The recent heavy rains have pushed sediment onto some roadways and residential properties as well. Since PCB's tend to cling to soil, it is likely this sediment is contaminated to some degree. Nassau Supervisor Dave Fleming urges anyone who might have sediment deposits on their property not to touch it, but instead call the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 518-407-0400, ext. 4.

Supervisor Fleming tells *The Eastwick Press*, the high volume of water that day actually "carved new channels in the Little Thunder Brook" so that erosion and the flooding may have actually transported these PCB-impact sediments to downstream areas, such as the Valatie Kill. The EPA has been working on a remediation project and has been conducting testing along the Little Thunder Brook, but Supervisor Fleming says the rain event may result in this previous testing having to be scrapped. He indicated the water level that day rose far above the parameters the EPA had set for testing. Mr. Fleming adding some weight to his contention by saying "we seemed to have 100-year floods every year now." He

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This photo, taken by Supervisor Dave Fleming on Tuesday evening, shows the amount of PCB laden sediment dumped along the banks of Little Thunder Brook by the heavy rains and flooding of July 15.

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# Taconic Valley

## STEPHENTOWN

### Car Show And Barbecue



Looking back at a Stephentown Car Show from years past. Photo provided.

Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department's Car Show and BBQ is happening on **Saturday, August 14, from 10 am to 2 pm**. Cruise on down to check out antique autos, classic cars, antique tractors, hot rods and antique fire trucks. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

The entry fee for vehicles is just \$10. Door prizes and trophies will be awarded. Vendors are also welcome. Tables are available for \$10. Walk-ins and spectators enter for free, but a donation is suggested. The rain date will be Sunday, August 15.

## STEPHENTOWN

### Memorial Library Has Reopened

Following an extended power outage, the Stephentown Memorial Library has reopened with its normal business hours. Go to [www.stephentownlibrary.org](http://www.stephentownlibrary.org) for a full list of events, and to register for any of these programs.

**Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/Teens** — *Wednesdays at 4 pm*

**Mahjong** — *Thursdays at 4 pm*

**Live At The Library** 🎵

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 at 7 pm, under the tent at the Stephentown Library. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets, make yourself comfy and enjoy the show.

*Friday, August 6 - Scott Connors*

*Friday, August 13 - Christina Dellea*

*Friday, August 20 - Dimes for Dollars*

*Friday, August 27 - John Zarvis, Pug Demary and Martin Echgardt*

**The USS Slater, A History**

*Saturday, July 31 at 11 am*

Join us for an interactive presentation given by volunteers of the museum about the history of the USS Slater located in Albany, NY. The presentation will be held outside on the deck of the library.

**Starting Your Happa Kitchen: 101 Chinese Pantry Starter**

*Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 pm*

Curious about Chinese ingredients but not sure where to start? Daunted by the options in the ethnic aisle? Ever wonder why your flavor doesn't seem to be quite as tasty? Join Monica Gelinias, Stephentown/NYC neighbor, for a little tutorial and cooking fun. She knows how tough it is on a busy school night raising elementary age kids to crank out simple delicious meals. Learn more about her at [gritwork.com](http://gritwork.com) and her new start up [happakitchen.com](http://happakitchen.com). Demystify the Chinese pantry and other key Asian staples. Focus is on easy and casual for everyone, even on a busy work night.

## Petersburgh Public Library

Come out to enjoy the wonderful collection of contributions we already have to our prints exhibition. While you're here, we welcome you to try your hand at it and create something for the show.

For our summer reading program, storytime, and crafts, next week is blue week. For the 3 pm craft project, Wednesday, August 4, please bring in a stuffed animal.

On Tuesday, August 10, we will have a *Fishing with Fran* program from 2 to 6 pm. Please join us for some fun activities and take a selfie at the Big Fish Photo Frame.

### More storms and power outages this past Tuesday. OK, who fooled Mother Nature this time?

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# Taconic Valley

## BERLIN

### Notification System Corrected

Recently we utilized our new notification system for Berlin Water District #2 customers, to let you know of a drill the Fire Company is doing on Tuesday, July 27. It showed the call coming from an Oklahoma phone number. This has been changed, so any future notifications will show the call coming from 518-658-2161. Sorry for the confusion.

## BERLIN

### Rifle Shooters' Challenge

The Challenge will be held at noon on Sunday, August 22 at the Berlin Rod and Gun Club, 2564 Plank Road in Berlin. Bring you favorite rifle and the ammo it likes best. Cash prizes will be awarded.

## POWNA

### Calendars

To Benefit:

### Pownal Center Building Fund

The Pownal Valley Fire Department's August Cash Calendar is now on sale. All proceeds will go toward the Pownal Center Building Fund. Calendars are \$10 each and may be purchased



Photo from [pexels.com](http://pexels.com).

at Winchester's, Pownal Market, American Legion, Mega Mart (top of South Street in Bennington) or from any member of the Pownal Fire Department.

The department also wishes to thank everyone who donated cash, gift certificates and time toward the calendar. It is greatly appreciated.

### Fire Hydrants Are An Issue... Continued from page 1

really almost any northeastern United States community, is that their water systems are very old. This means the size of the underground pipes (as in Berlin's case) are often only 4 inches in width. No matter how much water you try to push through them, it will not reach 500 gpm. The only way to increase the flow is to install larger water mains, something that is very expensive. Town Supervisor Rob Jaeger estimated replacing Berlin's entire water system would cost between \$4 and \$5 million. That cost would have to be borne by the 183 members of the water district, not the entire town. Supervisor Jaeger estimates that the district will already see a \$300 to \$600 increase in its billing because of the state required water tank now in the construction phase. Mr. Rechen suggested the Board look into a phased replacement of the pipes.

Chief Pettibone said one of the most important reasons for the color coded caps is for out of town fire departments who may be called in to assist with a large fire to know the water flow on a hydrant they might not be familiar with. The Town Board generally agreed with this, and said they will have the hydrant caps painted with the appropriate color, and those hydrants with inadequate flow rates covered and placed out of service.

#### Are The Trucks Too Big?

According to Board member Doug Feathers, part of the Berlin Fire Department's problem is one that many departments are facing. The fire apparatus of the 21st century has pumping capabilities far beyond what most water systems can supply. Case in point, the Berlin Fire Department's newest truck can pump at 1,500 gpm. There are only three hydrants in Berlin that can meet that volume, those being by Stewart's and the Elm Street Bridge. That is because when the new bridge was put in, the old four inch mains were replaced with 10 inch pipes.

This means that when a large fire occurs, departments must either set up a so called "pond" for tankers to pump out of or draw from a nearby water source; in Berlin's case it would be the Little Hoosic river.



This fire hydrant, like all in Berlin, is painted completely red with no color coded cap. This particular hydrant, located by the Elm Street bridge, is on that 10 inch main and can pump more than 500 gpm. The rest in Water District 2 cannot. Photo by Heidi Woofenden.

#### What About Filling Pools?

According to Chief Pettibone, the Fire District regularly fills some homeowners' pools each year, for which he says they receive between \$500 and \$1,000 in donations. Members of the Town Board questioned this practice, concerned the large amount of water needed might draw down the system, and also about allowing a few people to use so much water that the other members of the district pay for. Chief Pettibone defended the practice as a public service. Following the Department's presentation, Board members discussed the possibility of prohibiting pool filling from the water district. It would be within their purview as the Town Board is the administrator for the water district.

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# Central County

## AVERILL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT Algonquin Student Wins DAR Award

An award program was held on July 22 to recognize Algonquin middle schooler Emelia Sala as the New York State winner for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Flag Essay contest. Her essay entitled, *What the Flag of the United States of America Means to Me*, was sponsored for the state contest by the Fort Crailo Chapter of NSDAR. Emelia's mother Kim Sala and Principal Robert Messina attended the presentation. Fort Crailo chapter Regent Liz Goodermote presented Emelia with her certificate and prize. Congratulations Emelia! The state organization will now submit her essay to the national contest.



Emelia Sala is pictured here with her mom Kim, School Principal Robert Messina and DAR Regent Liz Goodermote. Photo by Denise Wright.

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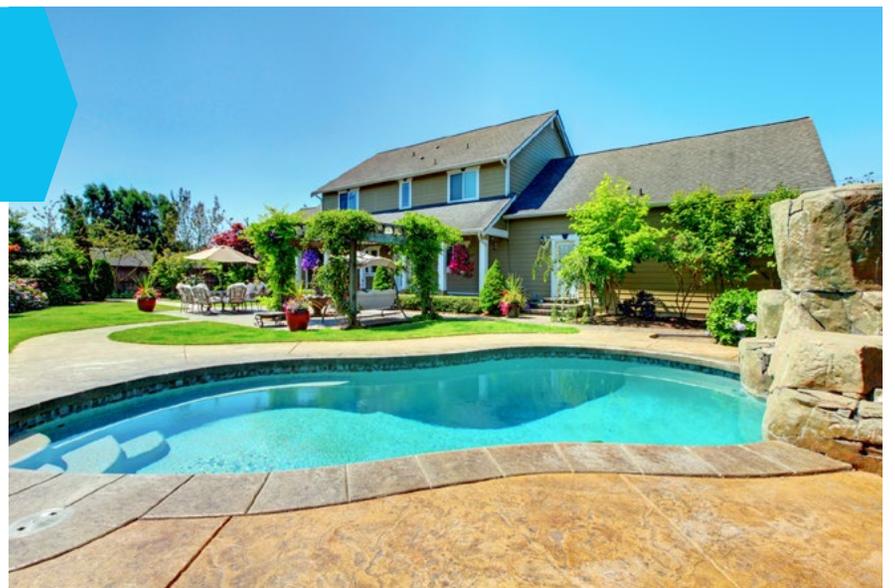
The 76th Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day commemoration ceremony will take place Saturday, August 7. It will begin at 6:30 pm with a walk from Grafton Town Square to the Peace Pagoda, followed by an 8 pm program of peace, featuring speakers, musical offerings and ceremonial lighting of lanterns.

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# Central County

## GRAFTON

### Troop 222 Scout Will Be Getting His Eagle Wings

On Wednesday, July 21, Kevin MacVeigh answered questions posed to him by his Eagle Board of Review team. When a scout has completed all the scout ranks, an Eagle service project and an Eagle Board of Review, he becomes an Eagle Scout. Kevin completed his Eagle Service project for the church in Cherry Plain Square by clearing up the overgrown greenery around the cemetery and church. He placed a bench and a new sign there as well.



## NORTH GREENBUSH

### Update From Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo

A week of constant rain followed by a few hours of torrential downpours on July 14 resulted in severe flooding in Wynantskill. Residents living on Brookside Avenue and streets in the vicinity were evacuated, some with the help of first responders and others with good hearted neighbors. The Town Hall annex was available for shelter for those who needed it. Extreme weather events such as the July 14 flooding are becoming more common due to climate change. So called one hundred year storms have become five year storms. Last year, the North Greenbush Climate Smart Communities Committee did a vulnerability and resiliency assessment and determined the town demonstrated vulnerabilities in evacuation. After speaking with local first responders, it is clear that the town public safety committee should look to update evacuation plans and possibly develop resources for shelter.

In more positive news, the town's Open Space committee that I chair has learned that its

application for technical assistance to prepare a Natural Resources Inventory has been accepted by the Capital District Transportation Committee. The CDTC will provide free GIS mapping of the town's natural and historic resources as well as transportation related mapping for traffic volume, sidewalk and paved share use trail locations, as well as CDTA routes and stops.

Finally, I was honored to participate in a ceremony attended by Bishop Scharfenberger, executives and staff from Catholic Charities and community leaders to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Camp Scully. Although it started in Albany, the camp moved to Snyder's Lake in 1934. Since its beginning, the camp has focused its attention on the underserved and those who did not have access to outdoor recreational programs and currently provides financial assistance to the majority of its overnight campers. I am proud to recognize Camp Scully for its long history of offering quality and accessible summertime recreation in North Greenbush.

## VALLEY FALLS

### Upcoming Library Events

**TALES AND TAILS** - The Collaborative Summer Reading Program for libraries works to develop interest in reading and library use, and is open to all ages, including adults. Participants in the Summer Reading Program are encouraged to keep track of their reading and are invited to participate in fun activities at their local libraries. Registration for the program continues through mid-August

Participants can sign up in person at the library, or create a READsquared account through our Webpage, <https://www.valleyfallslibrary.org/>. READsquared allows you to keep track of your summer reading, go on missions, play games and earn badges.

**Crafts for Critters** - Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 am.

**Turtle Tales** - August 4, hear the Native American creation myth about the world being created on the back of a turtle and then create your own turtle.

**Glove Monsters** - August 7, create your own huggable monster from a stretchy winter glove. Adult assistance recommended for children 8 and under.

**Pinecone Critters** - August 11, create a real or imaginary critter from

pinecones and various craft materials.

**Colorful Dragons** - August 14, create a colorful dragon from pipe cleaners.

**Aquarium in a Jar** - August 18, create your own aquarium in a jar.

**Creative Writing Workshop** - Friday mornings at 10 am, we will have a teen/young adult creative writing workshop. Join us each week as we use the summer to weave and edit a tale from start to finish! Bring a notebook, laptop, or tablet to work with.

## SCHODACK

### Permits Required For Pools

The Town of Schodack Building Department reminds residents that permits are needed for swimming pools. Permits are required for any structure intended for swimming, bathing or wading that contains over 24 inches of water. This includes in ground, above ground and on ground pools, hot tubs, spas and fixed wading pools. Fences are also required for any pool with sides or walls less than 48 inches in height, per the New York State Building Code.

Furthermore, the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code states that any residential or commercial swimming pool constructed or substantially modified after December 2006 shall be equipped with an acceptable pool alarm capable of detecting a child entering the water and of giving an audible alarm.

For information on pool requirements call the Town of Schodack Building Department weekdays at 518-477-7940.

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# Central County

## SAND LAKE

### Delgado, Ag Sec Join Area Farmers For Storm Damage Tour

by Doug La Rocque

Following the severe storms that ravaged portions of Rensselaer County two weeks ago, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack joined Congressman Antonio Delgado, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and several area farmers to tour the damaged areas, discuss what programs might be available to help, and other issues on their minds.

The tour started in Sand Lake, one of the hardest hit areas of the county. Congressman Delgado stated "Thankfully, no one was harmed – but we must invest in infrastructure to ensure our rural communities are resilient in the face of intensifying storms. I thank Secretary Vilsack for joining today's tour and for his commitment to engage USDA staff to further assess damages and provide relief. I look forward to continuing to work with County Executive McLaughlin to secure much-needed emergency assistance." Said Secretary Vilsack, "The aftermath of yesterday's storm underscores the urgent need to make major investments in infrastructure, both so this community can build back and so it and other communities like it across the country have the resources to thrive."

Going with them were area farmers Larry Eck-

hardt or Stephentown, Phil Herrington of Brunswick and Chuck Peter of Schodack. Mr. Eckhardt tells *The Eastwick Press*, "I was excited to be able to discuss the agricultural concerns of our area with Secretary Vilsack, whose visit to Sand Lake he described as serendipitous. The Secretary was in the area to discuss a variety of concerns the following day in Cobleskill. Mr. Eckhardt said he was also able to "get the Secretary's ear" about labor shortages that are hampering area farms. Mr. Herrington echoed Mr. Eckhardt's statements, and also noted that many farms are turning to raising beef cattle as well as a milking herd. He lamented about the shortage of slaughterhouses around the nation that are able to take beef in at this time, saying the wait is sometimes as much as six months.



From left to right, standing with Secretary Vilsack are Chuck Peter of Schodack, Phil Herrington of Brunswick, Secretary Vilsack and Larry Eckhardt of Stephentown. Photo provided.

Both men and County Executive McLoughlin expressed their thanks to Secretary Vilsack and Congressman Delgado for rearranging their schedule to coordinate a response to help Rensselaer County recovery from the storm.

## POESTENKILL

### Car Show And Swap Meet

The Poestenkill Fire Company will host its 26th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, August 8 from 8 am to 3 pm rain or shine. There will be plenty of food, refreshments, vendors and door prizes. Dash plaques will also be handed out to the first 200 cars. 25 trophies will be awarded as well, including Best Ford (in memory of Leroy Lester), Best of Show, Oldest Vehicle at Show, Fireman's Pick and for the vehicle that has traveled the longest distance. The judging for the Best of Show will be done by the participants until 1 pm.

The vehicle registration fee is \$10. The show is free to spectators with free parking as well.

Vendors are also needed and must have a valid NYS Sales Tax Certificate.

For more information please contact John Winder at 518-956-0621 or Bob Lester at 518-424-4283.

## SAND LAKE

### Electronics Recycling

The Town of Sand Lake will sponsor this recycling program on **Saturday, August 14** and **Sunday, August 15** from 8 am to 4 pm each day. Electronics and scrap metal will be accepted. Computers, Docking Stations, Tablets, MP3 Players, Servers, Cable/Wiring, Office Equipment, Projectors, Computer Speakers, Radios, Routers, Cell Phones, SD Cards, lead and lithium ion batteries (no Ni-CDs please) will all be accepted free of charge. TV disposal will cost \$15. No appointment or pre-registration is required.

The service is presented by Capital Region Electronics Recycling.

For more information, please contact Sand Lake Town Clerk Barbara Hansen at 518-674-2026, ext. 122 or visit [crerecycling.com](http://crerecycling.com).

## BRUNSWICK

### Vendors Needed

The Brunswick Historical Society is looking for vendors for our Annual Tag and Bake Sale on September 11, rain or shine. We are located at 605 Brunswick Rd. in Eagle Mills. We will be offering a limited number of spaces, one 8x10 for free. Don't miss out. Sign up now. Contact Tracy for more information at 518-279-3020 or email at [president@bhs-ny.org](mailto:president@bhs-ny.org).

## GRAFTON

### Free Food For Kids

Free food for all kids 18 years old and under. Grab N' Go Meals, at the old Grafton Elementary School at 13 Babcock Lake Road, Cropseyville.

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## GRAFTON

### SP Investigate Anti-Semitic Graffiti At GLSP

New York State Police are currently investigating a bias-related incident at Grafton Lakes State Park after anti-Semitic graffiti was discovered by park personnel on July 25. The graffiti, also including the initials "N + S," was spray painted on trees approximately 75 yards from a walking trail.

Investigators are asking for the public's assistance. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is asked to contact SP Brunswick at 518-279-4427.

Graffiti painted tree at GLSP. Photo courtesy of the NYS.



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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### Letter To The Editor

During the pandemic, it became evident that slaughterhouses and factory farms value profits over their workers' and animal wellbeing. Many meatpacking plants failed to implement necessary COVID-19 protocols, such as social distancing, or providing personal protective equipment, leading to many slaughterhouses becoming hotspots for COVID-19 this past year. This negligence has resulted in 58,898 slaughterhouse workers testing positive for COVID-19 and the deaths of 297 workers since the pandemic began.

Furthermore, shutdowns at slaughterhouses due to the COVID-19 outbreaks also exacerbated the suffering of farm animals. Unable to send animals to slaughter, many factory farms chose depopulation, the mass killing of farm animals through often inhumane methods. Many of these animals were killed through ventilation shutdowns and water-based foam, causing unnecessary suffering and painful deaths.

Factory farms must be held accountable for threatening workers' health, environmental resilience, and the safety of neighboring communities.

The Farm System Reform Act recently re-introduced by Senator Cory Booker and Representative Ro Khanna would enable communities to hold factory farms accountable for negative impacts on the environment and promote more ethical practices by phasing out all large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) by 2040. This bill would be instrumental in protecting the wellbeing of farm animals, the environment, and the safety of farm workers.

To my own Representative, Antonio Delgado, I ask you to please cosponsor the Farm System Reform Act (H.R.4421)

Thank you for printing this letter and making your readership aware of the problems resulting from factory farming.

Sincerely,  
Joyce N Davis

*Editor's Note: The numbers stated by Ms. Davis are unconfirmed by The Eastwick Press and her views do not necessarily represent the view of The Eastwick Press.*

### HOOSICK

## Youth Rescue Squad Reopens

After more than a year, the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad is reopening its Youth Group.

This group is open to young people ages twelve to fifteen. Those looking to join can do so by attending the first meeting on Tuesday, August 3, at 6:30 pm. The group meets once a month at the Rescue Squad quarters on First Street.

Those who attend will participate in activities such as safety training and picnics or movies, depending on the weather. When members reach the age of sixteen, they can elect to join the Junior group, and can choose to ride along with a team.

Any questions please call Deb Lohnes at 518-686-0810, or Bill Gaillard at 518-686-9715. If no one answers please leave a message including name and call back number. We look forward to seeing you.

### CAMBRIDGE

## 40th Anniversary Show

The Valley Artisans Market 40th anniversary show will be held **August 1 to 31**, at the Small Gallery on 25 East Main Street. Artist reception will be **Sunday, August 1, from 3 to 5 pm**. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome.

### Judge Signs Off On PFOA Class-Action Suit ... Continued from page 1

comes from a private well that was contaminated, forcing them to use bottled water until filtration systems were installed. Residents on the Village water systems are excluded from this provision by state law according to a prior ruling by the court.

A fund of \$21 million is set aside for those whose property (approximately 1,300 within the Village and 500 in the Town of Hoosick) has been devalued by the PFOA stigma. Schwarz says the estimate is that each homeowner will receive approximately 9-10% of the fair market value of the home according to the 2015 Hoosick Town tax roll.

To many, medical monitoring has been of primary concern. The proposal sets aside \$23 million to develop a 10 year program that screens for a multitude of health issues associated with PFOA exposure, including but not limited to kidney and testicular cancers, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, pregnancy related hypertension and elevated levels of cholesterol and uric acid. To qualify, a person must have been drinking from a polluted water source for at least six months between 1996 and 2016 and have a measured PFOA level in their blood of 1.86 parts per billion or higher. Schwarz said 1.86 is considered background level and there are approximately 2,000 residents whose blood levels were measured above that level, many by an order of magnitude or higher.

This program will be administered by medical professionals, and provide referrals for any medical conditions that might be detected. This program does not pay for future treatments - that could be part of a separate litigation as class members will have a right to sue in the future if they develop one of these conditions.

#### Notification To Residents

According to Attorney Schwarz, notice to those who may become part of this settlement will be done by direct mail, social media, publication and a dedicated website. The agreement signed on Tuesday calls for the establishment of a \$10 million escrow fund in 20 days to pay for the notification process which must commence within 30 days of the signing of the order. The enrollment period also begins in 30 days. If one does not want to be part of the class action proceedings they must opt out within 105 days. Or, there is the right to object to the settlement, should someone not agree with the terms put forth. That objection deadline is also at 105 days.

#### Reaction

Village resident Mike Hickey is credited with discovering the PFOA contamination, a task he undertook following his father's death from kidney cancer. John Hickey lived near and worked at the Saint

Gobain plant on McCaffery Street in Hoosick Falls for better than 30 years.

Mike tells *The Eastwick Press* "I am very happy this issue is coming to an acceptable close for all parties involved. It has been a long journey for everyone.

I think the polluters have put forth an agreement that will ensure that our health is safely monitored from PFOA related issues and that is more important than any monetary figure.

I am also pleased the property owners that were impacted will be compensated for the loss of value as well. It is a big step in making our community whole again.

Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen sent out a press release that said "the announced settlement in the federal class-action lawsuit between residents of Hoosick Falls and Saint-Gobain, Honeywell and 3M is a landmark moment in the entire Hoosick Falls PFOA story. By providing compensation for victims of PFOA contamination and property owners, and by setting up a decade-long medical monitoring program, this settlement is a major step forward in righting a decades-long wrong that was inflicted upon this great community.

While this class-action lawsuit is separate from the pursuit of a new water source by the Village of Hoosick Falls and our ongoing discussions with the companies, it is a welcome development. It appears to represent a change in the approach that has been taken up to this point by the companies. This is an outcome that is consistent with recognized science, common sense and fundamental principles of justice and fairness. We hope that the companies will now work with the Village and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in a productive manner to finally resolve all of the issues pertaining to the Village's water supply system."

The Mayor added "I am personally grateful to all involved: the residents who opened up their lives to legal scrutiny and the attorneys who fought on behalf of the victims. We as a Village Government stand ready to assist in getting information out to residents when the time comes."

This preliminary agreement will be the subject of information sessions and hearings before a federal judge can decide to make it final with his/her signature.

Dupont has so far refused to agree to the settlement, and a class-action suit against that company is still proceeding toward a trial.

### BENNINGTON

## Audition Call For The Haunting

Auditions for the Bennington Community Theater's production of *The Haunting (of Hill House)* will be held August 28 and 29 from 1 to 4 pm at the Second Congregational Church, 115 Hillside Street in Bennington. For more information, please visit [bpacvt.org](http://bpacvt.org).

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### BENNINGTON

Medical Matters Welcomes:

## Dr. Reeve Of United Counseling Service

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson—a weekly interactive, multiplatform medical-themed talk show—will feature Alya Reeve, MD, MPH, the medical director of United Counseling Service in Bennington, on its August 4 program.

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

Dr. Reeve is responsible for overseeing clinical psychiatric services and providing guidance to clinical staff. She assures that agency patients receive appropriate evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, medical screening and medical or psychiatric evaluation. In addition, she serves as the liaison for UCS with community physicians, hospital staff and other professionals and agencies associated with psychiatric services.

Dr. Reeve has served in multiple professional and academic roles at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Departments of Psychiatry, Neurology and Pediatrics. Dr. Reeve earned her medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine,

with residencies in psychiatry at the Dartmouth School of Medicine and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She also spent time as the registrar in the Epilepsy Unit at the Institute of Psychiatry and Maudsley Hospital in London, UK. Dr. Reeve was a fellow in the clinical brain disorders branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) in Washington, D.C. She earned her master's in public health at the University of New Mexico and a bachelor's degree in French and Zoology from Connecticut College.

After the program, the video will be available on area public access television stations. On CAT-TV, viewers will find the show on channel 1075 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday. GNAT-TV's Comcast channel 1074 airs the program at 8 a.m. Monday, 9 p.m. Wednesday and 1 p.m. Saturday.



Dr. Alya Reeve Photo provided.

#### Upcoming guests:

- 12 p.m. Wednesday, August 11: Art Groux, executive director of the Bennington Rescue Squad, will discuss the Rescue Squad and its work in our community.

- 12 p.m. Wednesday, August 18: Patricia Johnson, RN, and Caitlin Tilley, RN, of SVMC, will discuss their efforts to make vaccines available to the BIPOC community in Bennington and the surrounding area.

- 12 p.m. Wednesday, August 25: Tim VanOrden, athlete and coach, will share his ideas for increasing activity and health in your life.

- 12 p.m. Wednesday, September 1: Cath Burns of Vermont Care Partners will discuss COVID Support Programs.

### POWNAI

## SVMC Welcomes Dr. Shellie Burdick

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center is pleased to welcome Shellie Burdick, DO, family medicine physician, to the SVMC Pownal Campus and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians.

Dr. Burdick completed her undergraduate studies at Houghton College in New York, her medical degree at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and her residency in family medicine at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Most recently, Dr. Burdick worked as the chief medical officer for Alexander Valley Healthcare, a federally qualified health center, and as medical director for the Cloverdale Healthcare Center, a skilled nursing facility, both in Cloverdale, California. She is board certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.



### HOOSICK FALLS

## Class Of 1970 Reunion

The Hoosick Falls Central School Class of 1970 will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 15, at Grafton Lakes State Park. We have reserved the Amphitheater Pavilion starting at 11 am. Classmates and guests are welcome to attend. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share. You may also want to bring lawn chairs. Please RSVP to Bonnie Wilson Devine at [welchb2@verizon.net](mailto:welchb2@verizon.net) as soon as possible. Please indicate if you would prefer chicken or steak.

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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Village Board Holds Special Meeting

by Doug La Rocque

There was not much on the agenda, but what was there was important, particularly to the Water Treatment Plant. The trustees took some time to discuss the bid for Saratoga Networks to install new work stations as well as upgrade software and security at the plant. The approximately \$40,000 cost is already included in this fiscal year's budget. The measure was approved.

Also gaining the Village Board's support was a change order from LaBella Associates and Sterling Environmental for about \$1,900 in added cost for analysis work at the landfill.

#### A New Hire

After a brief executive session at their regular July meeting, the Board decided to table a motion for a new full time

position at the Village Department of Public Works. At the Thursday, July 22 special meeting, the trustees gave their approval to that motion to hire Jina Denu.

#### 115 Main Street

At their regular July meeting, the Village Board was hoping to take possession of the building at 115 Main Street from Rensselaer County, as part of the Woods Brook project. The structure needs to be demolished before remedial work on the creek can begin. The county, however, had not as of that time completed their end of the paperwork. At this special meeting, the trustees approved a resolution to take ownership of the building and passed the resolution on to the County Legislature for action in August.

## HOOSICK FALLS

### St. Patrick's Parade And Irish Festival

Come out wearing your green Saturday, September 18, at 1 pm, for our Hoosick Half-Way Hooley St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Festival. The parade will start in Wood Park, and this year's theme will be land marks of Ireland. We hope you'll join us with a float, an antique car or by marching, to join in the fun.

Following the parade, we are bringing the Irish Festival back along with local food vendors and drinks. We are fortunate to have the Craic Agus Band, playing the best of Irish/Celtic music for us in Wood Park. It promises to be a fun afternoon of Irish music, food and drinks. So come out and enjoy a good time with neighbors, family and friends. To enter, contact Kevin O'Malley at 518-894-5035, [hoosickkid@gmail.com](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com), or Marie O'Neil at 518-686-4829.



You are sure to see St. Patrick again at the Hoosick Half-Way Hooley Parade. Eastwick Press file photo.

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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON

## August Programs At The Library

### New Lebanon Book Group

Sunday, August 1 at 11 am

The New Lebanon Book Group will return to meeting at the library this month. The book to be discussed is *The Book of Eels* by Patrik Svensson. Every first Sunday, this group gathers to discuss their latest read. Newcomers are always welcome, and copies of the book are available at local libraries. Check the library website for more information.

### Easy Sew Plush Sloth

Wednesday, August 4 at 2 pm

(for tweens and teens)

Hang around with us and make a felt sloth. Whether you have some sewing skills or are just beginning, this craft is for you! Please let us know you're coming by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/9pDyW5Lyxmchs1HN9>.

### Online Concert: Linda Worster

Friday August 6 at 6:30 pm

You can stay socially distant and still have fun connecting through great music every First Friday. Join local singer/songwriter Linda as she brings us music online. Visit the library website the day of the event for login details.

### Storytime

Thursday, August 12 and 26 at 10:30 am

Join Miss Ann on the patio/lawn behind the library for live, in-person Storytime! Bring along a chair or blanket.

### Tech Talks

Friday, August 13 and 27 at 11 am

Sharon is back with this 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.

### Kids Tie-Dye Backpack

Saturday, August 14 at 11 am

Get ready to go back to school in style with your own tie-dyed drawstring backpack! For elementary aged kids, tweens and teens. All materials provided. Event is outdoors behind the library and will be rescheduled in the event of bad weather. Please check the library website for updates.

### Crafternoon Kids Kit Pickup

Tuesday, August 17

Grab a kit while they last! Make a no-sew fleece drawstring bag to keep the treasures you've collected over the summer.

### Open Rehearsal with the Berkshire Highlanders

Wednesday, August 18 at 7 pm

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, join us on the lawn and get ready to be suffused with the sounds of Scotland at an open rehearsal of the acclaimed pipe band. This event is weather dependent (no bagpipes inside the library!) so please call 518-794-8844 to confirm in case of questionable weather. Donations for the performers appreciated.

### Take It & Make It Crafts for Grown-ups

Thursday, August 19 at 6:30 pm

Join us for another fun craft project with Jeanne: Recycled Ladybug Plant Stakes! All materials provided.

### NEW LEBANON

## Music In The Park And Other Things

Experience this wonderful community program – mark your calendars for Sunday, August 1, from noon to 4 pm (note date change from August 8 in a prior newsletter). The Town's Community Picnic and Music in the Park are combined to celebrate New Lebanon and our emergence from the restrictions of "COVID Year 2020." The event will be held in the Shatford Park pavilion, rain or shine.

**Picnic:** The Community Picnic is hosted by the New Lebanon Recreation Commission, which provides grilled burgers and hot dogs (donated by community businesses), donated soft drinks, condiments, sweet corn, etc. People who attend are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share.

**Craft beer** by our local Roaring 20's Brewery will be available for purchase as well. Community members may volunteer to assist with setup, cleaning of the pavilion tables, etc. Also needed is someone to direct parking, primarily early in the event as people arrive.

Contact Recreation Commission Chair Samantha Long at [nlrecreation.long@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation.long@gmail.com) to sign up. Any community person or organization is welcome to set up a table or kiosk giving information about their enterprise or sell their wares. You must bring your own table, chairs, "EZ-up," etc. No politics, please, and selling food or beverages is not permitted. Contact Samantha Long to secure a spot. First up at 1pm, Linda Worster and David Grover, "honorary residents" of New Lebanon, will bring their magical mix of folk, soft rock and original music to our pavilion.

The second band, starting at 2:45 pm, will be New Lebanon's The Echoes (Tistrya Houghtling, Judy Zimmer, and Doug Banker, with help from the Houghtling kids). They will be playing many of your favorite folk, pop and rock tunes with ukuleles and guitars, with Julian on drums.

**For The Kids:** We are adding to the fun of this year's community picnic with a bounce house, face painting and kid friendly games.

### SPENCERTOWN

## Academy Celebrates The Art Of The Garden

Spencertown Academy Arts Center's 17th annual Hidden Gardens is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, with a self-guided garden tour, outdoor market and botanical-themed art exhibition. This beloved Columbia County summer event is designed to inform, inspire and intrigue garden enthusiasts.

"The 16th Annual Hidden Gardens Tour and Market on the Green had to be canceled for 2020 because of the pandemic. Not knowing exactly how opening up would evolve, we passed up the month of June this year and opted to schedule the event for later in the summer for the first time," says Madaline Sparks, who co-chairs the event along with Vivian Wachsberger.

The gardens will be open, rain or shine, from 10 am to 4 pm. Advance tickets are \$35 and day-of tickets are \$40. Advance tickets may be purchased via [spencertownacademy.org](http://spencertownacademy.org). Day-of tickets will be sold at the Academy and at The Market on The Green from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Tickets and the program guide, with maps and descriptions, will be available to be picked up on the morning of the tour at the Academy or the Market starting at 9 am.

### Suspected PCB Laden Sediment Moves Downstream From Dump

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A sign that has been up for many years by the entrance to the Dewey Loeffel landfill in Nassau warning against entering the property. Eastwick Press File Photo.

also fears since the PCB contamination is susceptible to erosion, it could be actually transferred to the Hudson River through such tributaries as the Valatie Kill.

Mr. Fleming has praised the EPA for its quick response to the situation, which has included residential testing, the results of which he hopes will be shared with residents soon. It has also included the installation of stone dams on the Little Thunder Brook to limit the potential for further sediment movement. The EPA conducted a tour of the entire brook system for the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor Lani Richards and Highway Superintendent Fred McCagg on Tuesday evening, July 27. According to Supervisor Fleming "there was a tremendous amount of soil redistribution from the flooding."

Mr. Fleming continues to call for a complete remediation of the landfill, which is capped and was not significantly affected by the storm. He wants to see the complete removal of the estimated 46,000 tons of industrial waste, including PCB's, waste oil and industrial solvents, dumped there in the 1950s and 60s. He also wants the Little Thunder Brook to be included in this remediation.

### NEW LEBANON

## Free Rabies Clinic

The Columbia County DOH is holding a Free Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, August 3 at the New Lebanon Town Garage, 14755 State Route 22 in New Lebanon (at the intersection of Rt. 22 and Old Post Rd). Dr. S. Gagliardi of Chatham Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccines.

**Cats & Ferrets** are 4 to 5 pm

**Dogs** are 5 to 6 pm

For the safety of all attendees, all dogs must be on a leash; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Breeders must use their own veterinarian for rabies vaccines.

Please wear your masks.

### NASSAU

## Clerk's Hours Change

Nassau Town Clerk Sandra Rings has announced her office will be closed Fridays through the month of August. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to noon. Any questions please call the office at 518-766-2343 or email [sandra.rings@townofnassau.org](mailto:sandra.rings@townofnassau.org).

The office will also begin the sale of hunting licenses including doe permits on August 2.

# Rensselaer County News

WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Delgado & Stefanik Demand NYS Release Emergency Rental Assistance Monies

U.S. Representatives Antonio Delgado and Elise Stefanik have joined several other Republican and Democratic Congressional Representatives signing a letter to the New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance demanding that it accelerate processing and begin the immediate disbursement of funds through New York State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

A press release from Congressman Delgado's Office says in June, New York launched its program to distribute this funding but no assistance payments have been made to date. With the eviction moratorium expiring at the end of August, New York state must distribute these funds or could be required to return its \$2 billion allotment to the Treasury.

"These delays are unacceptable," said Rep. Delgado. "I joined my Republican and Democratic colleagues to demand New York State release Emergency Rental Assistance Payments immediately. Upstate tenants and landlords are counting on this relief to remain in and keep their homes"

Beside Stefanik and Delgado, 13 other Congressional Representatives from New York have signed the letter.



Representative Elise Stefanik



Representative Antonio Delgado

## Rensco Update On COVID-19 Numbers And Vaccination Progress

Rensselaer County officials on Monday, July 26, provided an update on vaccination efforts and results in the county, and noted that cases continue to increase slightly.

Both County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas said the county is continuing efforts to make vaccinations available to residents in a convenient and accessible way during the summer months.

"We want residents to know we are watching the new COVID-19 cases closely. We are continuing to advise residents to be careful, not fearful, and to recognize there are convenient ways to be vaccinated," said McLaughlin.

"Getting vaccinated in Rensselaer County is an easy process. The county has a Vax Bus at events across the county, a partnership with Stewart's Shops for vaccination clinics, and twice-weekly clinics right at our Health Department," said Wachunas.

### The county's vaccination rates are as follows:

For 18 years and older, 71.9 percent have received one dose; 67.6 percent are fully vaccinated.

For 65 years and older, 90.2 percent have received one dose; 85.5 percent are fully vaccinated.

For ages 12 years and older, 70.2 percent have received one dose; 65.8 percent are fully vaccinated.

Since July 7, the county has been tracking new COVID-19 cases in vaccinated persons. Approximately 70 percent of the new cases of COVID-19 have occurred in non-vaccinated residents. Approximately 30 percent of the new cases of COVID-19 have occurred in vaccinated residents.

"What we do see is that when a vaccinated person acquires COVID-19, in many cases symptoms are reduced and hospitalizations are less frequent. As cases have increased in recent days, we have seen hospitalizations remain low, which we attribute to vaccinations," said Wachunas.

The county will be partnering with Stewart's Shops for pop-up vaccination clinics at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday - August 3 at 110 Hoosick St., Troy

Thursday - August 12 at 10 Sweetmilk Creek Rd., Troy (corner of NYS Rts 7 and 142 in Center Brunswick

Tuesday - August 24 at 3516 US Route 20, Nassau

Vaccinations will be available throughout this week. The county Vax Bus, a partnership between the county and CDTA, will be at the ValleyCats game on Thursday, Troy Night Out on Friday and the Powers Park concert on Saturday. The county Health Department offers vaccinations Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the department, located on the second floor of the County Office Building, 1600 7th Avenue, downtown Troy.

## Democrats Call To Activate A Committee To Promote Rensco Tourism

Submitted by the Office of the Legislative Minority

Members of the Democratic Minority of the Rensselaer County Legislature have filed legislation that would direct revenue collected from the county's hotel "bed tax" to a dedicated Tourism Development Fund.

In 1991, the Rensselaer County Legislature recognized the importance of tourism dollars and approved a 3% sales tax added to the charges of overnight accommodations from travelers who stayed in local hotels, which now include Airbnb's as of 2017. Currently, the county's 3% bed tax generates over \$600,000 in tax revenue each year, all of which goes directly to the county's general fund for day to day operations. Minority Legislators believe that the promotion of tourism in Rensselaer County is inadequately funded, and that the County Execu-

tive in the upcoming 2022 budget needs to dedicate a significant percentage of the bed tax revenue to the promotion of Rensselaer County's unique attractions and events.

"The start of the county budget process this year coincides with an unprecedented post-pandemic increase in tourism, so the timing is perfect," said Minority Leader Peter Grimm, who has now been advocating for a Tourism Development Fund at the county level for 13 years. "Tourism is an identified economic engine that has basically remained untapped in Rensselaer County, and if we begin to positively and aggressively promote our tourist attractions, it will increase our revenues and help offset property taxes.

"For every dollar spent on tourism in our county, seven dollars are returned to the state in the form of

local and state taxes," added Deputy Minority Leader Cynthia Doran. "Many residents of Rensselaer County have still not financially recovered from the economic devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the tax relief that would come from promoting tourism would be a much-needed economic boost for the residents and businesses in the county."

In April of 2015, the Rensselaer County Legislature unanimously passed a resolution establishing a Tourism Development Fund, which would be funded by the aforementioned bed tax. However, the new tourism committee that this resolution called for has yet to take shape.

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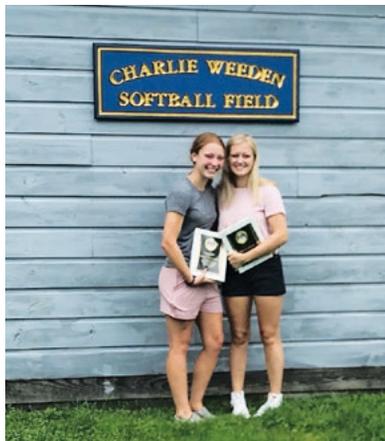



## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### Hoosick Falls Students Receive Charlie Weeden Scholarship Award

Submitted by Sharon, Jennifer, Jim and Andrea Weeden

We would like to congratulate Madelyn Kasulinous and Macy Lindsey on receiving this award in 2021. This award demonstrates competitiveness, leadership, athletic excellence and teamwork. Good luck to this year's winners in their future endeavors.



Charlie Weeden Award winners Madelyn Kasulinous (left) and Macy Lindsey (right). Photo provided by the Weeden family.

### AUTO RACING

## Johnson Grabs \$5,000 Lebanon Valley Win

Compiled by Steve Bradley

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 7/23. (35 laps). Modifieds: Demetrios Drellos, Jack Lehner, Anthony Perrego, Peter Britten, 5) Marc Johnson, Ken Tremont Jr., Keith Flach, Ronnie Johnson, Jeremy Pitts, 10) Matt Depew, Adam Pierson, Neil Stratton, Jack Speshock, Mike Mahaney, 15) Don Ronca, Matt DeLorenzo, Brandon Walters, Jesse Mueller, Vinnie Visconti, Rich Ronca, 20) Kris Vernold, Derek Bornt, Brian Berger, Jeff Rockefeller, Scott Huber, 25) Corey Lowitt, James Meehan, Derrick McGrew Jr., CG Morey, Bobby Hackel IV, 30) Bob Schmidt.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 7/24, (30 laps, \$5,000 to win): Marc Johnson, L.J. Lombardo, Brett Haas, Eddie Marshall, 5) Andy Bachetti, Bobby Hackel, Kyle Sheldon, Kyle Armstrong, Olden Dwyer, 10) Ryan Darcy, Timothy Davis, Mike King, Dan Humes, Josh Marcus, 15) J.R. Heffner, Kenny Tremont Jr., Paul Gilardi, Kenny Aanonsen, III, John Ruchel, 20) Wayne Jelley, Kolby Schroder, Brian Berger.

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 7/24. (50/50-\$2,928) Modifieds: Stewart Friesen, Matt Sheppard, Ronnie Johnson, Josh Hohenforst, 5) Jessica Friesen, Adam McAuliffe, Tyler Dippel, Bobby Varin, Jack Lehner, 10) Pep Corradi, Craig Hanson, Rich Christman, JaMike Sowle, Jim Introne Jr., 15) Brian Pessolano, Alex Yankowski, Ancel Collins, Steve Akers, Mike Mahaney, 20) Dave Constantino, Rocky Warner, Aaron Jacobs.

**Devils Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 7/24. Modifieds: Justin Stone, Todd Stone, Tim LaDuc, Don Mattison, 5) Demetrios Drellos, Justin Comes, Johnny Bruno, Vince Quenneville, Tanner Siemons, 10) Mike Palmer, Brian Whittemore, Marty Kelly III, Mike Fisher, Frank Hoard III, 15) Billy Lussier, James Hanson, Gene Pierson Jr., Adam Piper, Anthony Warren, 20) Joey Scarborough, Jimmy Ryan,

Shawn McPhee, Jason Bruno.

**Weedsport Speedway.** Weedsport, NY. Sunday, 7/30. Hall of Fame 100, \$10,000 to win Super DIRTcar Series event. 37 entries.

**Note:** Friesen is the series points leader but is not eligible to win the points title due to not being a Platinum driver. Matt Sheppard is currently the second place driver. Modifieds: Stewart Friesen, Max McLaughlin, Tim Sears, Erick Rudolph, 5) Chris Hile, Tim Fuller, Billy Decker, Jimmy Phelps, Larry Wight, 10) Mike Mahaney, Peter Britten, Matt Sheppard, Mat Williamson, Gary Tomkins, 15) Justin Haers, Dave Marcuccilli, Jordan McCreadie, Demetrios Drellos, Kevin Root, 20) Chad Phelps, Garrson Krentz, Ronnie Davis, Tyler Trump, -Jack Lehner, 25) Dave Rauscher, Brandon Walters, Danny Johnson.

### Coming Up

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 7/30. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Sportsman, Limited Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Street Stocks.

\$3,200 to win Modified feature, \$320 to win heats. \$1,320 to win, 32 lap Sportsman feature. \$1,000 to win Pro Stock feature. Four cylinders.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Pure Stocks. Sportsman. \$5,000 to win Modified King of the Track event.

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman, Four Cylinders. CRSA Sprint Cars. Pro Stock Super Six Series \$1,000 to win.

August 7: Fan Appreciation Night – \$5 Grandstand Admission & Pre-Race Meet & Greet.

**Devil's Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31. Weekly divisions: Sportsman Modified, Limited Sportsman, Super Stock, Mini Stock, 500 cc Mini Sprints. Super Stock Special. Enduro 50.

## 25th Annual Young Angler Fishing Tournament

The Lake Lauderdale Improvement Association's 25th annual Children's Fishing Tournament returns this year after COVID-19 canceled our plans in 2020. The tournament will take place on Sunday, August 8 at the Washington County Park Pavilion on beautiful Lake Lauderdale. The tournament is free and open to all young anglers age 15 and under and is strictly catch and release.

The tournament runs from 8 to 10:30 am and concludes with a free hot dog lunch for all participants. As always, there will be no fee charged for children entering the contest.

Registration opens at 7:30 am and all young anglers are required to stop at the pavilion prior to getting their fishing lines wet. There will be several different age groups and LLIA is working hard to ensure that all participants receive a small prize. All young anglers are required to have a parent or legal guardian on hand with them at all times.

Visit our website for more about LLIA and the fishing tournament: <http://lake-lauderdale.org/fishing-tournament/>

We fish rain or shine. Questions or for more information contact Gail: [gail.pfister@lakelauderdale.org](mailto:gail.pfister@lakelauderdale.org)

### GRAFTON

## Register For 35th Annual Run For The Roses 5K Race

Registration is open for the 35th Annual Run for the Roses 5K Foot Race on Sunday, August 8 at Grafton Lakes State Park. The event benefits Grafton Community Library, and includes a 2.5 Mile Nature Walk and Kids' 1 Mile Fun Run in addition to the USATF sanctioned 5K race.



Participants start off the 2019 Run for the Roses. Eastwick Press file photo.

The Nature Walk steps off at 8 am. Registration fee is \$20. The 5K starts at 9 am with a fee of \$30. Fun Run starts at 10 am and the fee is \$10. All participants receive a free book and a rose. Fun Run kids also receive a Stewart's ice cream cone certificate and a ribbon.

Register online at [www.finishright.com](http://www.finishright.com) or download application from [www.graftoncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.graftoncommunitylibrary.org), where you'll find a description of the race course and more information. Applications are also available at Grafton Lakes State Park Office, 518 279-1155, and at the Grafton Library at 2455 NY Route 2.

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**Anticipated Food Service Worker Opening** – The Berlin Central School District has a five hour opening for a Food Service Worker. Prior experience is helpful but not necessary. Must maintain clean, neat appearance, practice personal hygiene as required by health department, work from oral and written direction, follow federal and state regulations, and maintain excellent working relationship with all segments of school community. Knowledge and ability to prepare, produce and serve quality meals, general cleaning duties and computer skills required. Driver's license also required. Moderate physical activities include lifting and carrying 50+ lbs. Ability to maintain confidentiality and may act as cashier.

Send cover letter and resume to Tammy Whitman by August 6, 2021, BCSD Business Office, P.O. Box 259, Berlin, NY 12022 or [twhitman@berlincentral.org](mailto:twhitman@berlincentral.org).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: - **Tone Color Solutions LLC**. Articles or organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/2/2021. 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, 3534 E. Lydius Street Schenectady, NY 12303. 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.

**ST Pauls And Fourth LLC**. Filed 6/16/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Peter R. Kehoe, 18 Hawthorne Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

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, 1467 5th Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 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.

**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.

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.

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Sealed Bids for the construction of the Woods Brook Drainage Improvements Project, Phase 1 will be received by the Village of Hoosick Falls, at the office of the Village Clerk until 2 pm local time on Thursday, August 24, 2021, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of improving stream conditions at two locations. The first location (Site 1) is located at the culvert crossing on Johnson Hill Road. Proposed work at Site 1 includes removing and replacing the existing culvert; reconstructing and repaving a portion of roadway; driveway reconstruction and other associated roadway improvements; and site restoration. The second location (Site 5) is located to the north of the Hoosick Falls Country Club near Richmond Avenue. Work at Site 5 includes realigning the stream; installing grade control structures; and all associated site restoration. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., 10 Airline Drive Suite 200, Albany, NY 12205, (518) 218-1801. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online by registering with the Issuing Office at [www.bartonandloguidiceplanroom.com](http://www.bartonandloguidiceplanroom.com). Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the Issuing Office's website as "zipped" portable document format (PDF) files for a nonrefundable fee of \$49. The date that the Bidding Documents are downloaded will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by Bid security, as prescribed in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) prescribed in the Bidding Documents.

In order to perform public work, the Successful Bidder and Subcontractors prior to contract award shall hold or obtain such license as required by State statutes, and Federal and local Laws and Regulations.

Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that have been barred from competing on public works under General Municipal Law 5A-103-b.

Purchase made by the Village of Hoosick Falls are not subject to any Federal, State or local sales tax. Bidders shall not include in their bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials. Exemption certificates will be executed upon request.

For information concerning the proposed Work, contact Ryan Weitz, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., at [rweitz@bartonandloguidice.com](mailto:rweitz@bartonandloguidice.com)

Section 3 and MWBE entities are encouraged to bid. The Owner's right is reserved to reject all Bids or any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Bidding Documents.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2021,

Marie O'Neil, Village Clerk  
Village of Hoosick Falls

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **LuckyFin Cosmetics LLC**. Articles or organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/6/2021. 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, 32 Tamarack Lane East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

**S&R 367, LLC**. Filed 7/13/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company. Name: **Maddox Logistics, LLC**. The date of the filing of the articles of organization with the secretary of the state of New York (SSNY) is: May 25, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 402 Hill Hollow Road Petersburg, NY 12238. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC): **Arcane Antiquities LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/14/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 15 Skyline Dr, Troy, NY, 12180. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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.

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### CITATION

SURROGATE'S COURT, RENSSELAER COUNTY  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
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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 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 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.

## Senior Menus

To Reserve or Cancel Call: Troy: 518-270-2740 Schodack: 518-477-6591 Rensselaer 518-463-2166 Hoosick Falls: 518-686-7561 Grafton: 518-279-3485

### Grafton Congregate

**August 3:** Chicken nuggets w/ ranch sweet tater tots, veggie blend, fruit cup, dessert and juice

**August 5:** Swedish meatballs, garlic mushroom pasta, broccoli florets, whole wheat bread, dessert and juice

**August 10:** Beef patty w/ old fashioned gravy baked potato, spinach, whole wheat bread, dessert and juice

**August 12:** Macaroni & cheese, zucchini & tomatoes, sliced carrots, dessert and juice

**August 17:** Fish filet w/ garlic butter, parslied rice, broccoli florets, dinner roll, dessert and a juice

**August 19:** Eggplant roll w/ sauce, vegetable blend, spaghetti w/ sauce, italian bread, dessert and juice

### Home Delivery And Rensselaer, Schodack And Hoosick Falls Congregate

**August 2:** Shepherd's pie (beef & gravy), mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll and yogurt

**August 4:** Italian style sausage w/ peppers & onions, pasta w/ sauce, italian blend veggies, italian bread and fresh fruit

**August 6:** Sliced chicken w/ lettuce & mustard, potato salad, tomato & onion salad, white bread and a fruit cup

**August 9:** Hawaiian turkey burger w/ red onion & pineapple, sweet tater tots, cut green beans, round roll and peanut butter crackers

**August 11:** Chicken patty w/ country gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, biscuit and fresh fruit

**August 13:** Sliced roast beef cold plate w/ lettuce & horseradish mayo, three bean salad, pickled beet salad, white bread and a cookie

**August 16:** Swiss steak / tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, whole wheat bread pudding

**August 18:** Veal patty marsala, buttery mashed potatoes, peas & onions, italian bread and a fruit cup

**August 20:** Chef salad w/ lettuce tomatoes, onions, black olives & dressing, macaroni salad, croutons and an orange

*More Senior News on Page 18*

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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.

**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.

**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.

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## General News

### CASTLETON

## Rensselaer County's Third Annual Farm Day Out

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County and Windy Hill Orchard from on September 11 from 10 am to 3pm for Rensselaer County's Third Annual Farm Day Out!

As you tour the farm stop by each station to learn something new or ask questions about the apple and cider industry. Also, be sure to visit exhibits set up by local organizations & businesses, experience the equipment used on the farm, and stop by the Fun Zone.

Admission and parking for this event is free and open to the public and food will be available to purchase for your enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in being a volunteer, a sponsor,



A look back at the Farm Day Out in 2019 held at Kinderhook Creek Farm in Stephentown.

or have any questions about the event, please reach out to Kayela at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County's office at [kls342@cornell.edu](mailto:kls342@cornell.edu) or 518-272-4210.

### SCHODACK

## Rensselaer Land Trust Reopens Palmer Road Preserve

The Rensselaer Land Trust (RLT) is pleased to announce the reopening of Palmer Road Preserve in Schodack. The 57-acre property was transferred to Rensselaer Land Trust upon the voluntary dissolution of the Schodack Area Land Trust (SALT) in late 2020. On Saturday, July 31 from 10 to 11 am, Rensselaer Land Trust will hold a public reopening ceremony. The land trusts invites the community to join them as they celebrate this special place.

Located in a residential community near Miller Road in Schodack, the property features an extensive walking trail system. The entrance to Palmer Road Preserve is located just beyond the cul-de-sac at the end of Thoroughbred Drive. The Preserve features a 1-mile loop trail system. Hiking, birdwatching and other forms of passive recreation are permitted and encouraged; however, hunting and the use of motorized vehicles are prohibited. The Preserve is home to foxes and other woodland animals, turkeys, ravens, and many other bird species. Bears have also been observed.

The Palmer Road Preserve adds to RLT's grow-

ing network of neighborhood nature preserves in Rensselaer County. Neighborhood nature preserves complement existing parks and protected areas and provide places for local residents and visitors to enjoy nature.

"We are very excited about receiving the Palmer Road Preserve from the Schodack Area Land Trust and continuing to make it available to the community," says RLT Board President Bob Crowley. "We wish to thank SALT for entrusting us with their legacy. We are honored to be the next steward of this special place."

Christopher Desany, President of the Board of the Schodack Area Land Trust, spoke about the changes to the Palmer Road Preserve and SALT. "While this chapter of the story of the Palmer Preserve and of SALT has come to a close we are so pleased that our friends at Rensselaer Land Trust have chosen to carry on what we started almost twenty years ago. We look forward to working with RLT on the transition to new ownership of the preserve and beginning the next chapter."

## Schodack Town Board Holds Special Meeting

by Denise Wright

On July 27, the Schodack Town Board held a special meeting to approve resolution 186, which authorized \$100,000 of Schodack's American Rescue Plan funds to be "dedicated as a match to the funds received to refurbish the Battisti Subdivision water district. This water system was abandoned by the New York State Department of Public Service." The Town recognized the need for "extensive repairs and upgrades," and this funding will connect these parcels to the Clearview Water District No. 1, which is owned municipally. This project will enable residents to receive higher water quality and improved pressure as well as consistent maintenance.

Town Engineer Rich LaBerge also presented some informational reports about two other water projects, Route 9 and #6, in Castleton. Essentially LaBerge stated that the "we think the numbers are right"

and that there will be a "balancing act" and "due diligence" on making sure the town is maximizing costs when it comes to soil probes, wetland studies and archeology analysis. Board members did stress that they are looking for "conservative numbers." LaBerge assured the Board that he would be working in that direction by communicating about volume and cost with local leaders.

Two other items discussed were the East Schodack project and how the planning grant has also included an analysis of connecting the 28 residents to Sewer District 6. The replacement of the bridge in Old Town Park is also in the works. DEC and the Army Corp of Engineers will be evaluating materials needed for the project, and the Board would love to see this "fast-tracked" to construct a permanent structure by the end of next year."

### TROY

## Music@Noon Concert Series Returns

Live music is back! The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is happy to announce that we are accepting applications from professional and amateur regional musicians to perform as part of our annual Music@Noon Concert Series. This season, applications will only be accepted digitally through an online portal.

Since 1988, on the second Tuesday of each month from October to May, our free Music@Noon concert series has presented exceptional local musicians with a diverse mix of musical styles. Musicians are encouraged to verbally interact with the audience which is made up a wide cross-section of the community – from school-age children to retired individuals.

Although Music at Noon concerts are open to all musicians, artists whose performances do not require electronic amplification are encouraged due to the lively acoustic nature of the performance venue. The Music Hall is seeking to represent a broad array of genres. Note that a limited number of artists will be selected. Artists wishing consideration must apply through the online portal.

Materials should be submitted online no later than August 20. More information and the link to the online application may be found here on the Music Hall's website: <https://www.troymusichall.org/contact/music-noon-call-for-artists/>

## August & September Programs At Grafton Lakes State Park

For the convenience of our patrons and staff, our registration process has changed to by phone. To register for all events and programs unless otherwise specified, call us at 518-279-1155.

### Fire Tower Hike

Sunday, August 1, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

### Park After Dark – Campfire Stories

Friday, August 6, 8:30 to 10:30 pm

### Yoga on the Beach

Saturday, August 7 and 21, 9:30 to 10:30 am

### 35th Annual Run for the Roses

Sunday, August 8, 9 am- noon

Registration online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Grafton/GraftonRunfortheRoses5K>



Grafton Lakes State Park in the good ole summertime. Photo courtesy of GLSP.

# Entertainment

## Now Showing

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 7/30 – Thursday 8/5

**Jungle Cruise** (PG13) 1:30 2:30 4:05 5:15 6:40 9:15

**Stillwater** (R) 1:00 3:45 6:30 8:00 9:15

**The Green Knight** (R) 1:25 4:00 6:45 9:20

**Space Jam: A New Legacy** (PG) 1:25 4:15 7:00 9:20

**Old** (PG13) 1:20 4:00 7:00 9:15

**Snake Eyes** (PG13) 1:30 4:15 7:00 9:25

### Hathaway's Twin Drive-in Theatre

Friday 7/30 & Saturday 7/31

Screen 1: **Jungle Cruise** (PG13) 8:25 pm  
Screen 2: **Snake Eyes** (PG13) 8:35 pm

**Escape Room: Tournament of Champions** (PG13) 11 pm  
**The Forever Purge** (R) 10:40 pm

Sunday 7/25

Screen 1: **Jungle Cruise** (PG13) 8:25 pm

Screen 2: **The Forever Purge** (R) 8:35 pm

### Hollywood Drive-in Theatre

Friday 7/30, Saturday 7/31 and Sunday 8/1

**Jungle Cruise** (PG13) at approximately 8:45 pm

**Escape Room 2** (PG13) at approximately 10:50 pm

### Images Cinema

**The Green Knight** 7/30 & 7/31 at 4:15 pm and 7:30 pm

**Respect** 8/13 & 8/14 at 4 pm and 7:30 pm

**Charade** 8/1 at 8 pm – Family Flicks Under The Stars

**Astrup: Catching The Flame** 8/4 - 8/10 virtual theater, free

### SUDOKU

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### Theme: Happy Hour

#### ACROSS

- Sail support
- \*Percentage of alcohol, acr.
- Cheesy sandwich
- Oil, in Italy
- What refugees do
- Noble one
- \*Moscow \_\_\_\_
- Wrinkly fruit
- Cereal killer
- \*Non-alcoholic cocktail
- Elementary particle
- Old and feeble
- American cuckoo
- \_\_\_\_ tunnel
- Create a misnomer
- \*Tap choice
- Tooth cover
- A wedge in golf, e.g.
- Wesley Snipes' 1998 movie
- Notable time
- Fancy neckwear
- Denim innovator
- \*Beer \_\_\_\_, or biergarten
- Before, archaic
- Particular marking on a butterfly
- Neuter in language, e.g.
- Red Cross bed
- Ele de la CitÈ river
- Lump of stuff
- \*18th Amendment, a.k.a. \_\_\_\_ Act
- Assemblage of members
- D'Artagnan's weapon
- Freight horse cart
- "It's Always \_\_\_\_ in Philadelphia"
- Wooden pegs
- \*Margarita garnish
- Lend a hand
- \*Not sweet
- Sun rising direction

#### Last week's crossword solution:

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#### Last week's sudoku solution:

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- Farmer's storage type
- Steel on a work boot
- Relating to aquarium scum
- Misrepresent
- Bride screen
- \*Often served dirty, pl.
- Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum
- Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
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- Pointless
- Chili con carne legumes
- Between 10 and Queen
- Breathing matter
- C in CNN
- Stray cat's home
- Plunder
- \*Fermented honey and water
- Formed a curve
- "Fahrenheit 9/11" documentary
- director
- Go in
- \*Straight from the bottle
- Make a blunder
- \*One appeal of happy hour
- About or concerning, archaic
- "\_\_\_\_ Milk?"
- Knights' breastplates
- Dorothy's sleeping aid
- Conifer attribute
- Deep sleep
- Lament for the dead
- \_\_\_\_ hub food takeout service
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- Hawk or peddle
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- River obstructions
- Geological Society of America
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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

## August Meetings

### 2, Monday

**Schodack Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### 3, Tuesday

**New Lebanon Zoning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### 5, Thursday

**Brunswick Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Nassau Zoning Board**

**Pittstown Zoning Board**, 7 pm (as needed)

### 9, Monday

**Pittstown Town Board**, 6:30, Town Hall

**Grafton Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Hoosick Town Board**, 7 pm, Hoosick Armory

**Schodack Zoning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### 10, Tuesday

**Rensselaer County Legislature**, presentation 5:30 pm, mtg. 6-8 pm, 1600 Seventh Ave., Troy

**Hoosick Falls Village Board**, 6 pm, Municipal Building

**New Lebanon Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Nassau Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall

### 11, Wednesday

**East Nassau Village Board**, 7 pm, Hoag's Corners

Ambulance Building

### 12, Thursday

**Brunswick Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Nassau Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

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

**Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Berlin Town Board**, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex

### 16, Monday

**Brunswick Zoning Board**, 6 pm, Town Hall

**Grafton Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Petersburgh Town 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

### 17, Tuesday

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

### 19, Thursday

**Brunswick (Brittonkill) School Board**, 7 pm

**Brunswick Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Hoosick Falls School Board**, 7 pm, HFCS

### 24, Tuesday

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

### 26 Thursday

**Berlin Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex

**Grafton Workshop/Special Mtg.** 6:30 pm, Town Hall

**Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### 30, Monday

**Petersburgh Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

### 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.

**Dyken Pond, enjoy an evening guided paddle \$10**, limited to 10 boats, 475 Dyken Pond Road, Cropseyville, [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com) or 518-658-2055

### July 31, Saturday

**Bennington Battlefield Musket Demonstrations**, 12-1 pm, brief lecture on weapons used in Battle of Bennington, near hilltop tent (program canceled for rain)

**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 1, Sunday

**Dyken Pond, rent a kayak, basic instruction, guided paddle \$10**, limited to 10 boats, 475 Dyken Pond Road, Cropseyville, [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com) or 518-658-2055

### August 2 - 6, Monday - Friday

**Irish Dance Week**, any age with at least one year Irish Step experience, evenings, \$100, register at [Hubbardhall.org](http://Hubbardhall.org) or 518-677-2495, ext. 314

### 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

### August 8, Sunday

**Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$8 adult, \$4 child, NY Route 32, Schuylerville

**Run for the Roses**, Grafton Lakes State Park, 9 am, registration at [graftoncommunitylibrary.org](http://graftoncommunitylibrary.org)

**Dyken Pond, rent a kayak, basic instruction, guided paddle \$10**, limited to 10 boats, 475 Dyken Pond Road, Cropseyville, [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com) or 518-658-2055

### August 13, Friday

**Dyken Pond, enjoy an evening guided paddle \$10**, limited to 10 boats, 475 Dyken Pond Road, Cropseyville, [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com) or 518-658-2055

### August 14, Saturday

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

### August 15, Sunday

**Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Trap/Clay Shoot**, 9 am-1 pm, Novice to Expert, \$5/round, lunch available, NY Route 32, Schuylerville

### August 16, Monday

**244th Commemoration of the Battle of Bennington**, 7 pm, Bennington Battlefield

### August 18, Wednesday

**Breakenridge Stand-Off, Birthplace of Vermont**, 1-4 pm re-enactors/demos, tours, lectures, McWaters Park by the Henry Covered Bridge, North Bennington

### August 21, Saturday

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

## Student Honors

**Leila Bruske** of Cambridge has been named to the Emory & Henry College Spring 2021 Dean's list.

**Abigail Decker** of Buskirk was named to the Cazenovia College Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

**Emma Kelly** of Hoosick Falls received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychological Science and Educational Studies from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

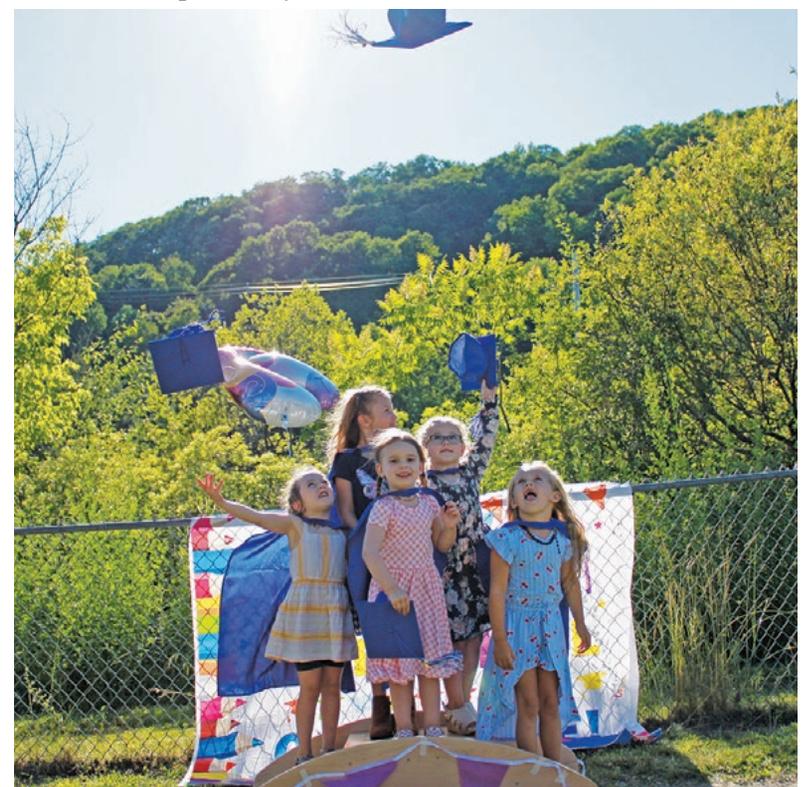
## School Supplies Needed

Catholic Charities Tri-County Services coordinates school supply programs throughout our communities and we are in need of new supplies from backpacks and notebooks to graphing calculators and sneakers. You can help a child start on the road to a successful school year. Donations can be dropped off at our office at 50 Herrick St. in Rensselaer or call Justine Carroll at 518-512-3577 extension 115 and we can arrange a pickup for larger quantity donations. We have also made an Amazon back to school wish list where you can purchase one or more backpacks and have them sent directly to our office, where they will find their way to a child in need. Other items we can never have too many of include: glue sticks, pencils and child size scissors. If you prefer to make a monetary donation you can do so online by selecting Tri-County Services from the drop down menu.

## Children's Center Celebrates Graduates

Over 60 people were in attendance to celebrate community partners, board members, families, staff and Pre-K graduates at Oak Hill Children's Center's recent end of year Celebration and annual meeting.

"Needless to say, this has been quite a year," said Executive Director Beth Traver Adolphus. "It is inspiring how everyone pulled together during the pandemic so we could continue to serve children and families every single day. On a local level, our staff continued in their work despite the risks, and families did a great job following COVID-19 health and safety protocols. At the governmental level, we had the full support of Governor Scott, the Vermont Department of Health, the Child Development Division and the federal Payroll Protection Program. The happy result was that children continued to learn and grow in the place they know and love."



## Senior News

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open with limited hours. State and County guidelines will be posted and must be followed. Please note a change in days that the center will be open. Starting Wednesday, August 4, the center will be open 9 am to 3 pm Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The center will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Friday only. You must call to be placed on the list.

Congregate lunch is served at noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All seniors are invited. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal. Following lunch there will be games, cards, activities, puzzles and lots of chats and laughs.

Friday, August 6 there will be a Hoosick Area Senior Group membership meeting at 11 am to discuss upcoming events, upcoming trips and the daily operation of the center. Plans for a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Hoosick Area Senior Group will be finalized. All residents 60 and over are encouraged to attend the meeting and stay for lunch and Candy Bingo.

The gym will be available 9 am to noon by appointment only for those unvaccinated or those that wish to exercise alone. The gym will be open to all vaccinated seniors from noon to 3 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday with no appointment needed. The library is open all hours the center is open. We have a large selection of books available.

Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance at 518-686-7561 to be placed on the lunch list so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

#### Grab-N-Go Meals

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center offers Home Delivered Meals (HDM) for residents 60 and over that do not drive. HDM provides a healthy meal Monday through Friday, to allow residents to safely remain in their home. If you know of a senior that could benefit from this service, please share this information with them. All referrals for HDM need to be made by calling 518-270-2040.

At this time, the center is also offering Grab-n-Go meals for those that do drive, Monday to Friday. Call 518-686-7561 to be added to the list, and then drive your car up to the main door and staff will deliver a take-out meal to your car.

There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal, whether you choose Home Delivery Meals, Grab-n-Go meals, congregated meals at the center, or a combination of any of the above.

#### Group Trip

The Hoosick Area Seniors have planned a senior trip to South Deerfield, MA on Thursday, August 26. The trip will include a walk along the Bridge of Flowers, shopping at the Yankee Candle flagship store, a magical moment at Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and lunch on your own at Hillside Pizzeria.

The bus will leave the TOPS parking lot in Hoosick Falls at 7:30 am and is expected to return around 6:30 pm. Cost for the trip is \$15 per person, plus the cost of lunch on your own. Hoosick area seniors need to have reservations in by August 13. Final reservations, and all money, need to be in by August 20. Please call 518-686-7561 for all reservations.

#### 50 Year Celebration

The Hoosick Area Senior Group will celebrate 50, plus 1 years, on August 16, with a picnic at the St. Stanislaw Polish Hall Pavilion on Mechanic Street in Hoosick Falls. The 50th anniversary of the Hoosick Area Seniors came up while we were shut down during the pandemic. With the reopening of the senior center, a picnic celebration has been planned. All seniors age 60 and over are encouraged to attend.

Festivities will begin at 10:30 am with Bingo and prizes for winners. At 11:30 am Bob Treffiletti, back by popular demand, will provide live music. Hotdogs, beverages and cake will be provided by the Hoosick Falls Senior Center. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Guest speakers and presentations will follow lunch, ending with music and dancing. There will be yard games all day for the young at heart.

Please note that the Hoosick Falls Senior Center will be closed on August 16, as staff will be at the picnic. Home Delivery Meals will still go out to the home bound. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 518-686-7561.

### Grafton Senior Center News

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd., Cropseyville, will be open with limited hours. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. Beginning August 3, the center will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm, as well as Monday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 am for Yoga. There is also Yoga class on Tuesdays.

Van transportation to and from the center will be available on Tuesdays only at this time. Please call to be placed on the list.

A nutritious congregated meal will be served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with games and activities to follow. On Tuesday, August 3, there will be haircuts and manicures by appointment only. Please call the center to schedule an appointment.

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.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

Lebanon Valley Seniors' monthly meetings have resumed 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. All trip info will be sent through email and available at the meetings. We suggest for all away events that you have a mask with you. Come to the meetings or call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 for details and information or to reserve. We will be collecting items for the Backpack program at the August 6 and August 20 meeting. You may donate whatever you think a child would need for the upcoming school year.

### Stephentown Seniors News

Stephentown Seniors will resume their regular meetings starting on Thursday, August 5. The Seniors will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1 pm. Meetings will be held at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road, not at the Fire Hall.

The first trip this year will be to the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY on Wednesday, August 25. Cost of \$30 includes \$25 for free play and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave Stephenstown at 7 am.

Anyone 50 or over is invited to join the Stephenstown Seniors. Guests are always welcome. For further information call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755.

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## Church News

### 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

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, with 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.

### 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. In the event of inclement weather, we will

move inside.

**Chicken BBQ** – Gilead Lutheran Church will be holding their annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 11 from 4-6 pm, prepared by our own cooks. Dinner will consist of a half chicken, baked potato, whole ear of corn, coleslaw, roll, along with brownies and cookies for dessert. The cost is \$12 and will be take-out only. Please call Jen Blair at 518-248-1295 to reserve a dinner.

**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, on any of the above, please leave a message at 518-279-9270 and someone will return your call. Our web site is [gileadlutheran.org](http://gileadlutheran.org).

### Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church will be having its Thrift Shop on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. We have a huge selection of adult and children's summer clothing, as well as special occasion and career clothes, shoes, purses, jewelry, toys, linens, household and decorative items. Our newly organized book room has over a thousand books for sale. 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.

## Church Directory

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH** – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sunday at 10 am. (COVID-19 protocols observed.) Weekly Morning Prayer on Sunday at 8 am via Zoom; see website for log-in information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. [www.allsaintshoosick.org](http://www.allsaintshoosick.org)

**CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180 invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals. We ask that if you are not vaccinated you continue to wear a mask; social distancing is still being practiced. If you would rather receive a link to our on line worship, contact [barbara@car-reclan.us](mailto:barbara@car-reclan.us) to be added to the distribution list for weekly worship and mid week reflections. Follow us at [centerbrunswickumc.com](http://centerbrunswickumc.com). Pastor Joel Holcomb.

**CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR** – 14660 Rt 22 New Lebanon 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8 am in our Fellowship Hall. COVID-19 protocols observed, celebrant is Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 83581110224/ 416299.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN** - 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor Michael Switzer. Sunday Worship 9:30 am (in person and online). Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm (online). Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube, and the Church Website ([Berlinfbc.com](http://Berlinfbc.com)).

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOOSICK FALLS** – 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Pastor David Hall, 518-380-3947, Sunday morning worship in person at 10 am. Audio of services available on our website [firstbaptistchurchhf.com](http://firstbaptistchurchhf.com). All are welcome.

**GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick, NY, 12180. Indoor services at 10:30 am. Also available on Facebook and YouTube, or you may listen outside the church on 107.5 FM. COVID-19 rules and regulations apply.

**HOOSICK FALLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH** – 484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls NY. Rev. Jonathan Youngmann. Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 am each Sunday, both in person and livestream (YouTube, FB, or on our website: [HoosickFallsCAC.org](http://HoosickFallsCAC.org). Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am (Adult Sunday School via ZOOM available). Adult Prayer and Youth Group/Teen Prayer both on Tuesday at 7 pm. For more info, call the church office at 518-686-3269.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH** – 73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Masses: Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 10 am. Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter Tkocz. Masses are being held in the church hall. Please call 518-686-5064 between Wed-Fri to register for Mass.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH** – 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. Now open for indoor masses. Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOW** - 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 9:15 am. Food Pantry is open all year on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor as of July 1 is Fr. Tom Morette.

**THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** – 4274 Route 203, North Chatham, NY 12132. Worshiping in our sanctuary on the first and third Sundays of the month, with masks and social distancing required. Worshipers should enter through the back door of the church. On all other Sundays, worship is virtual. All worship services are at 11 am and all are available on Zoom. The Zoom login information is on our website ([northchathammethodistchurch.org](http://northchathammethodistchurch.org)). For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website. Thanks and we hope to see you soon, in person or on Zoom!

**PETERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH** – 19240 State Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138. 518-658-3834. Sunday School 9:45 am, Church Service 11 am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm. Pastor J. Mark Norlund.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN** – 41 North Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship on Saturday at 10:30 am (either in person or live streamed at [youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch](http://youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch)) Pastor Matthew Olson.

**STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH** – 1513 Garfield Road, Stephentown, NY 12168, 518-733-5813. A Methodist-Presbyterian congregation who currently are meeting online through our website [www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org). Guest ministers.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN** – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 am in person (following the guidelines of our Safety Plan). We also gladly extend an invitation to all those at home to enjoy the Live Stream or the video of the service. Please contact [goodermotess@yahoo.com](mailto:goodermotess@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive the link. Community Food Closet offered 9 to 11 am third Saturdays and 3 to 5 pm third Tuesdays or in emergency by calling the church 518-658-2942.

**WEST HOOSICK BAPTIST CHURCH** – 1349 Buskirk W. Hoosick Rd., Buskirk, NY 12028, 518-686-7201. Pastor J. D. Milton. Sundays at 10:30 am (COVID-19 protocols observed) Streaming Sunday Messages. [www.facebook.com/westhoosickbaptistchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/westhoosickbaptistchurch/)

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am and on our Facebook page (Zion United Church of Christ of Sand Lake, NY) Sunday school starts at 10 am in the church. Pastor: Hafidah Saadiqah

## Obituary

### Mary Alice Jones Hodges

Petersburgh, NY - Mary Alice Jones Hodges passed peacefully on July 24, 2021, at the age of 97. She was the daughter of Frank and Katherine Jones. She lived in Petersburg at her family's mill on the Little Hoosic River. She graduated from Berlin Central School as valedictorian of her class in 1941. She went on to study at Albany Business College where she graduated in 1942 with highest honors. Shortly after this time she began going by Alice and worked in the secretarial field for many years, including the principal's office at the Berlin Central School.

Alice married Byron Hodges on January 3, 1943 and resided in the Berlin, NY area until 1967 when they purchased land and built a home in Petersburg where they resided for 50 years. Alice was a very active member of the Petersburg Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time in the summers at the family camp on Dyken Pond in Berlin.

Alice is survived by her children Barbara (Ray) Joyce of Rhinebeck, NY, Stephen (Sharon) Hodges and Philip (Laurie) Hodges both of Petersburg, NY. Grandchildren Richard Johnson II, Colleen Dorval, Paul Hodges, Amanda Reding, Katie Dastoli, Tabitha Lajeunesse and Ariel Gilbert along with many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was the last surviving member of her family.

Service to be held on Saturday, July 31 at the Petersburg Baptist Church. Calling hours 1-2 pm, with a service at 2 pm. Interment at Meadowlawn Cemetery, Hewitt Road, Petersburg, NY.

Arrangements are being handled by Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home, Petersburg, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Petersburg Baptist Church, P.O. Box 37, Petersburg, NY 12138.



### Linda Jean Sullivan

Stephentown - Linda Jean LeClair Sullivan, 72, died suddenly Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Albany Medical Center in Albany, one day before her 73rd birthday.

Linda was born in Pittsfield, MA on July 29, 1948, the daughter of the late Arthur and Jean Roach LeClair. She was a lifelong resident of Stephentown and was a 1966 graduate of Berlin Central High School.

She was employed by General Electric in Pittsfield, MA for a short time. She began her career with Zwack, Inc. in Stephentown on August 19, 1981 and was coming up on her 40th year with the company. She began as a secretary, later became office manager and most recently she was in charge of purchasing materials for manufacturing.

Linda was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Stephentown and was a very active member of the St. Joseph's Cemetery Committee. She was a member of the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department, Stephentown Historical Society and the Stephentown Seniors.

Linda loved genealogy, Turner Classic Movies, loved to play cards and enjoy a gin & tonic and was very proud of her property on Route 22 where you could find her riding her John Deere garden tractor.

She was the beloved wife of the late William I. Sullivan who died in 2012; loving mother of Kimberly J. Sullivan (David Corlew) and Kelly (Shawn) McGivern both of Stephentown; adored grandmother of Mikayla and Earl Buffa, Jr., Makenzie (Dave) Williams, Cassidy (Tony) Bridges and Jill McGivern; great grandmother of Logan and Calvin.

Relatives and friends may call at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43, Stephentown on Friday from 11 am-12:30 pm. Her funeral mass will follow at 1 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Stephentown with Rev. John Close officiating. Interment will follow in the Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 208, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Condolence book at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](http://ParkerBrosMemorial.com).



# Rain Brings Mushrooms



Recent rains and humidity have caused underground fungi to send up their fruit, which most of us call mushrooms. When you enter our local woods, you can see all colors and sizes right now. Orange Earthtongue (*Microglossum rufum*) is no more than a couple of inches in height, frequently in bunches and orange to yellow in color. These were found in the rich woods of Petersburg by Trix Niernberger.

## The Life Of George Holcomb

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

### The Adventure Of The Broken Wagon

Saturday, November 23, 1850: I mended stable floor and banked up the house. Today my two daughters and the wife of James M. Glass went on a visit to Samuel Beers. They went with my horse and Mr. J. M. Glass wagon. When they had got nearly there the axletree broke and they walked a short distance to reach Mr. Beers, and when they returned home at night Mr. Beers fetched them part of the way and they walked to Geo W. Glass factory and from there they rode in my wagon for Geo P. had been to work on my Fairbanks lot making fence. This afternoon Geo P. took the broken wagon to Glass's factory to Tayer's shop to be mended but Tayer could not mend it. Monday: Today I took my one horse wagon and rode to Pittsfield and I paid up a note of fifty dollars to J.A. Gold Esq. the note I gave him the 12th of the present month, and I took dinner with him and then I called to Jarvis and got my coat I left to be cut out last Friday. Today Geo P. took the first ten bushels of ears of corn of Mr. John Russel on a contract of 50 bushels at 25 cts per.

Tuesday: Today some snow and rain. This afternoon we chopped a black oak tree and sawed three logs and drew down from the woods for to be sawed into plank for stable floor. Wednesday: Today I took my one horse wagon and went to Hancock and carried ten and a half bushels turnips. I called to Mr. Acox and paid nine dollars which was the interest on a note of 150 dollars up to the 22nd of the present month. Friday: This morning I walked over to my Rodgers farm. I went to reckon with Mr. Aaron Merrils. but his wife was not to home to tell what their charges were for spinning and we agreed on tomorrow to reckon for his wife would be home. Saturday: This forenoon I walked over to Mr. Aaron Merrils and reckoned with him and his wife. We passed receipts of one hundred and fifty nine dollars in full of whatever name or nature up to this date with an exception said Merrils is to fodder the nine head cattle part of the winter and his wife is to spins six pounds of wool and what wool she now has on hand.

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