

## SCHODACK

### 2nd Amazon Distribution Center: Approved

by Denise Wright

After several months of controversy, on Monday, August 2, the Schodack Planning Board gave its final approval to a second Amazon Distribution Center located on NYS Route 150. This would be a companion facility to the large distribution center already in existence. It is labeled as a "middle mile" operation, where large shipments are brought in, broken down and repackaged for delivery to other centers. While it will have some full-time positions, most of the employees will be part-time with staggered 5-6 hour shifts throughout the day and night at the 24/7 facility.

After some back and forth between the planners and Scannell Properties, the builder of the facility, Town Engineer Rich LaBerge commented via phone he was satisfied and that the project was ready to move forward as long a Scannell addresses some of the remaining 25 technical comments. He also noted that the material lists and record drawings would need to be run through his office for approval. There was one major condition added that focused on acquiring company contact information for



The current Amazon Distribution Center, which would be fed by the new "Middle Mile" facility in Schodack. Photo by Denise Wright.

residents to utilize.

Following the discussion, the Planning Board gave its approval to the Environmental Assessment forms and requirements, special use permits, site plan approval and the site development permit. The Board also asked the developers to work out any noise issues with the adjoining property owners.

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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Controversial Section Of Rail Tracks – Feds Say It's OK

by Doug La Rocque

In March of this year, Rensselaer County Legislators Bruce Patire and Jeff Wysocki, along with Hoosick Councilman Jerry McAuliffe and village resident Bob Downey met with officials from Pan Am Railways and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), to express their concerns about a section of track and culvert near Railroad and Carey Avenues in the Village. It is their contention the culvert is undersized and is contributing to the continual washout of the track bed. Following the meeting, they received a letter from Pan Am Railways indicating they felt the track met all safety regulations, considered to be a Class 2 track which limits train speeds to 25 mph.

Joined by Hoosick Supervisor Mark Surdam, State Senator Daphne Jordan and Assemblyman Jake Ashby, they appealed to the FRA, hoping to force Pan Am into desired repairs.

On Friday, July 30, the FRA responded to Mr. Wysocki and Patire in writing, that they also inspected the section of track, and found it met the

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## PETERSBURGH

### Fire Department Celebrates Its 80th Year

The officers and volunteers of the Petersburg Fire Department gathered at the Berlin Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, July 31 for their annual Installation and to celebrate the department's 80th year in existence. They were joined by officers from Rensselaer County and several neighboring departments.

Mark Murray is starting his third year as Chief with Dickie Snyder returning as Assistant Chief.

The department also honored former Chief and current Safety Officer Earl Brock for 55 years of service with a plaque marking his commitment to the Petersburg community. Rensselaer County Battalion Chief for the



The new officers of the Petersburg Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. Back row from L to R: Katie Snyder, Siegfried Krahforst, Charlie Carr, Paul Montgomery, Earl Brock, Damon Kroboth, Dickie Snyder and Mark Murray. Front Row L to R: Barb Snyder-Nicpon, Nina Morgan and Sue Bedford. Another photo on page 3.

Taconic Valley Cyril Grant administered the oath of office to the newly installed Firematic officers and Ladies Auxiliary.

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## Taconic Valley

### STEPHENTOWN

# Democrats Choose Candidates

Submitted by Bill Jennings

Stephentown Democrats recently held their 2021 Caucus at the Stephentown Fire Hall to select their candidates for the November 2 General Election. The slate includes both strong incumbents running for re-election and exciting new faces to help continue moving Stephentown forward. The tradition of fielding highly qualified, experienced candidates continues.

Leading the Democrats will be Philip J. (PJ) Roder, General Superintendent for Rifenburg Contracting Corp., who after serving 16 years on the Town Council will be seeking election as Town Supervisor, to replace Larry Eckhardt who is stepping down after 12 years. PJ led the recent effort to create the Stephentown Comprehensive Plan and has been instrumental in the several structural changes to the Town Budget that have helped create the current, very positive, financial situation.

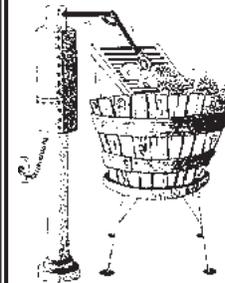
Aldie Goodermote, who has ably served as Highway Superintendent since 2008, will be running for re-election for another 2 year term. Stephentown roads are the envy of all rural Rensselaer County towns and no one works harder at his job than Aldie.

Also seeking re-election will be Cyril Grant, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent for Berlin Central School, who will be seeking his 5th term as Town Justice, continuing to bring fairness and respect to the local Justice Court. Joining him will be Mary Grant, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Berlin Central School and the Berlin School Board, who will be seeking re-election to her 3rd term as Town Tax Collector.

Pam Kueppers, Financial Services Consultant, will be running for her second term as a member of the Town Council. Pam is responsible for creating the

Clean Up Days at the Stephentown Transfer Station, and leads the effort to upgrade the Town Hall, which so far has included a new roof, a new rug in the Meeting Room and refinished floors in the kitchen and bathrooms. Running for her first term on the Town Council will be Robin Catalano, Journalist and Marketer, who is seeking the seat being vacated by PJ Roder. Robin is a 25-year resident of Stephentown.

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# Taconic Valley

**Petersburgh Fire Department Celebrates Its 80th Year**  
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Earl Brock is presented with a plaque honoring his 55 years of service to the department by Chief Mark Murray and Assistant Chief Dickie Snyder. Photos by Doug La Rocque.

## STEPHENTOWN

# The Firefighters Visit Summer Camp

The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department visited the Stephentown Summer Camp twice this summer and had a great time with the campers. On the first visit six members talked to the campers about fire, water, heat, and bike safety. The campers then created posters based on what they learned and during our second visit the SVFD awarded prizes to the poster winners. They were Alyah Varela, Khalani Gonzalez and Otis Corbett. The campers did a great job listening and learning!

Last Friday campers also explored the ambulance and rescue truck and even got to try their hand at spraying water from a hose. Plus they got to see what full firefighter gear looks like and try some of it on for themselves.

It was music to the SVFD's ears to hear several campers express interest in becoming firefighters in the future!



Stephentown Summer camp attendees listen closely as a member of the Stephentown Fire Department explains some of the equipment they use. Photo contributed.

## STEPHENTOWN

# Car Show And Barbecue

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.

## 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.

## PETERSBURGH

# Incident On Olneys Road

Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputies responded with a heavy police presence on Tuesday morning to Olneys Road for a report of gunshots fired. They have confirmed the incident resulted in the death of an unidentified individual. The investigation is continuing pending the results of an autopsy. No other information has been released.



Police vehicles and an ambulance block Olneys Road in Petersburgh Tuesday morning. Photo provided.

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## Taconic Valley

### PETERSBURGH

## News From The Public Library

As we enter the last week of the Summer Reading Program (Aug. 9 - 16) we are combining the colors of Indigo and Violet for our Storytime and craft activities. Please be sure to complete your reading goals by August 16 – and remember to visit the library to turn in the log sheets for your prize bags!

On Tuesday, August 10 we will have special visitors for “Fishing with Fran” from 2 to 6 pm. Come over to join us for the fun!

Also on Tuesday, the Creative Writing group will meet at 6:30 pm. There is no special topic/theme for this month’s writing.

We have an ongoing Community-Wide art project: “Artwork, Formerly Known as Prints,” and we welcome folks of all ages to contribute imagination and efforts to this exhibition!

### STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

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

**Mahjong**

Thursdays at 4 pm

**Live at the Library**

Friday Nights at 7 pm

The Stephentown Library and the Stephentown Historical Society are pleased to present “*Live at the Library*” a concert series of Stephentown musicians held on Friday nights in August 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**

**Birds of Prey**

Saturday, August 14 at 10 am

A presentation of LIVE Birds of Prey given by Robinson Wildlife Lectures. Live animals include birds of prey such as hawks, owls, vultures and falcons.

**Music, Magic and More!**

*End of Summer Reading Celebration*

Saturday, August 21 at 11 am

- This program begins with music by Pete McLean (Hawaiian Steel Guitar and Vocals), Mike Ingram (Electric Guitar and Vocals) and Oren Rothchild (Accordion and Fiddle).

- After a short set, Magicians without Borders will give a fantastic magic show and a short talk about the work that they do.

- When the Magic Show is done, the Musicians will play another set for us.

- This program is appropriate for people of ALL ages!

- After the show, kids can hand in their reading logs, get raffle tickets and submit those tickets for the prizes they’d like to win.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, August 24—noon to 6 pm

Make an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

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

### PETERSBURGH

## Library Seeks Grant For Geothermal Heating And Cooling System

by Alex Brooks

The Petersburg Town Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 28 to discuss an application for grant funding for a new heating and cooling system powered by a geothermal heat pump. The idea is that such a system could potentially cut the library’s heating and cooling costs in half, and because the library will probably be able to get grants to pay for more than 75% of the cost, the project makes good economic sense for the Town despite the high cost of a geothermal system. It would also be a significant improvement to the library’s heating and cooling system, providing a healthier and more comfortable interior environment.

Councilman Heinz Noeding said he had contacted four contractors who build these systems. Three were not interested because they would have to certify that they pay prevailing wage under the rules of the State grant that would fund the project and one came out to meet with Noeding, scope out the project, and provide a tentative estimate. That company is Choice Heating and Cooling of Cohoes, NY. The actual contractor will be chosen by an RFP process after the grant is secured, but the Library needs this preliminary estimate in order to describe the project and determine how much grant funding to request.

The proposal called for four wells to be installed behind the library, about 15 feet apart. The wells would be about 400 to 450 feet deep. These do not pull water up out of the ground, but extract heat from the water deep underground. There would be two heat exchangers, one for each floor, and air handling equipment for warm air distribution. The system will also provide air conditioning in the summer, and provide ventilation and fresh air year-round.

The cost estimate was \$26,000 for the heating and cooling equipment, \$32,000 for labor, \$9,000 for other materials, and \$48,000 for the wells. This comes to \$115,000, and they added a contingency of \$11,000 in case there are unforeseen problems which increase the cost.

The grant the library is seeking is state funding through the Upper Hudson Library System, which

pays 75% of the cost of library improvements. In order to apply for the funding, the Town of Petersburg would have to agree to pay the remaining 25%. This would make the cost to the Town about \$30,000, assuming not all of the contingency is used, but it is possible, or maybe even probable, that the cost could be reduced by an additional grant either from NYSEG or NYSERDA, which both have grant programs for geothermal systems.

Heinz Noeding said that he spoke with Tim Burke, the Executive Director of the Upper Hudson Library System, about the cost and scope of the project and had the impression that Upper Hudson would be able to support it, and prospects of being funded through this program are very good. Burke said a number of libraries in the Upper Hudson System had put in geothermal heating/cooling systems, although all of those were in new buildings. Petersburg’s library would be the first in the Upper Hudson System to retrofit geothermal into an existing building.

The library’s costs for oil and electricity for heating and cooling are currently over \$3,000 per year, and Choice Heating estimates the cost of electricity to run the geothermal system at \$1,340 per year. Savings of \$1,660 per year would pay off an investment of \$30,000 in 18 years, but if one assumes a rising cost of oil over those years, the payback period would be shorter. Also, if the Town gets an additional grant from NYSEG or NYSERDA, its expenditure could be significantly less than \$30,000. Also, since the library’s existing boiler is over 20 years old, it may need to be replaced in the not too distant future at significant cost, and that should be factored into the Town’s evaluation of this project.

Although significant uncertainties remain about what the final cost to the Town will be, all of the Councilmen attending (Heinz Noeding and Dennis Smith in person, and Tom Berry by phone) thought the project looks promising and agreed to move forward with the Library’s grant application. No formal vote was taken, as the meeting failed to get a quorum and was therefore not an official Town meeting, but formal approval for the application is expected at the regular August Town Board meeting on August 16.

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# Central County

## GRAFTON

### Dance In The Park

Grafton Lakes State Park and Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park will host a Dance in the Park event on **Saturday, August 21**. The summer is winding down, come out to the park for one final night of fun! Pre-registration is required for the lessons. Dance in the Park is open to dancers at all levels of experience with or without a partner. The event will begin with two lessons, followed by a live band.

Have you been itching to dance, but there hasn't been the opportunity recently? Come out to the park for this unique summer event. Grafton Lakes State Park is offering lessons for two styles of dance: clogging and freestyle swing dance.

Hill Country Cloggers will be leading a demo at 3 pm on the Concession patio followed by a short instruction (no specific shoes needed). The second and third lessons of the evening will be taught by Alpha Dual Adventures and will cover freestyle swing (concrete floor). The main dance will feature the River Road Band. There will also be food available for purchase from the Windstar Catering Company.

#### Schedule:

3 to 4 pm – **Clogging** – presentation and lesson, Hill Country Cloggers

4 to 5 pm – **Beginner Swing Dance lesson**, Alpha Dual Adventures

5 to 6 pm – **Intermediate Swing Dance lesson**, Alpha Dual Adventures

6 to 8 pm – **Live Music** provided by River Road Band (free)

\***Movie on the beach:** following the band

Lessons are \$6 for singles or \$10 for couples. Sign up for two lessons and get the third for free!

Pre-registration for lessons required. Dance in the Park will take place on the concession stand patio by the beach. Swing dance lessons are geared towards adults, minimum age of 14 (no age minimum for clogging or the live music). No partner required. Call 518-279-1155 to register.

\*Following the night's festivities will be a movie on the beach! The movie is kid-friendly and PG-rated so bring the whole family. We can't announce the movie title due to licensing restrictions but think of two classic archenemies whose theatrical cat and mouse antics have been reimagined into a live-action film.

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## SCHODACK

### Palmer Road Preserve Reopens

by Denise Wright

On Saturday, July 31, the Rensselaer Land Trust held a public reopening of the 57-acre Palmer Road Preserve. The Palmer Road preserve is one of eight "neighborhood nature preserves" in Rensselaer county. RLT President Bob Crowley and President of the Schodack Area Land Trust Chris Desany spoke about the cooperation between the two organizations to get the preserve opened to the public and welcomed approximately 40 area residents to tour the area.

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 fox and other woodland animals, turkey, raven



RLT President Bob Crowley; Palmer Road Preserve founder Elizabeth Gable; Preserve steward Bob Simoni and SALT President Chris Desany welcome residents to the preserve. Photo by Denise Wright.

and many other bird species. Bears have also been observed.

## GRAFTON

### Free Food For Kids

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## Central County

### POESTENKILL

## PFOA Found In And Around Algonquin Middle School



Recent state required testing of the water supply at the Algonquin Middle School on Route 351 (Averill Park School District) showed it contained 12 parts per trillion (ppt) of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). New York State regulations limit acceptable levels to 10 ppt and the school district says that upon learning of the test results, they switched to bottled water for consumption purposes.

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas said on Wednesday, August 4, the County Health Department has been working with state and local officials to respond to the findings. In the County's statement, they say jointly the PFOA contamination has been tracked for several months, and includes the school and possibly a limited number of private residences. The residents in 12 homes in the potentially affected area have been previously contacted.

Approximately one dozen residential wells will be tested in the coming days under the supervision of state and county health and environmental officials and the town. The state Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are working with the County Health Department and Town in response.

"We are working to get answers and ensure a safe water supply for those living in the area around the school. We will provide more information and updates when we learn more. Keeping residents fully informed is a priority," added McLaughlin.

"We are looking forward to completing testing and have already have had a number of discussions and communications with school officials and residents in the potentially affected area. We will continue to be vigilant, and work with the state to respond to the issue," added Wachunas.

The school is now using bottled water. McLaughlin and Wachunas said they are arranging for bottled water to be made available to homes that have had wells identified for testing. The county is also paying for the testing for the 12 homes.

The source of the PFOA contamination has not as yet been identified. PFOA is a man-made chemical used in the manufacture of Teflon and other chemicals typically used in manufacturing.

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### GRAFTON

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Eric Schnitzer has worked at Saratoga National Historical Park since 1997, becoming Park Ranger/Military Historian in 2000. He has dedicated his life's study to the organization, personnel and material culture of the military forces associated with the Northern Campaign of 1777. He and his wife Jenna live in an 18th-century house in the White Creek Historic District near Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site.

The program is sponsored by the Grafton Historical Society and the Grafton Community Library. It is free and the public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

### POESTENKILL

## Car Show & 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. Twenty-five 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 vehicle that has traveled the longest distance. Judging for 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 Windover 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).

## 2nd Amazon Distribution Center Garners Approval – Continued from page 1

### Van Hoesen Station

The development on Richwood Drive was presented to the planners in the form of a sketch plan and the Board decided it wished to act as lead agency on the required Environmental Quality Review. The original plan was for the development of 272 apartments, but it has since been scaled back with the addition of 70 town houses. The Board also expressed concerns over limited parking and sewer capacity but complimented the developer on his willingness to diversify the project and work with the adjacent landowner.

### Speaking Out

Prior to the Board's action, two residents did speak about the two projects. In particular they believed they would severely impact traffic in Birchwood Drive neighborhood. Both felt the Board should set written enforceable conditions prior to any approval and expressed their concerns about "over-building."

### Solar Shine On

The final item before the planners that night was the Kasselmann ground mounted solar project on Jensis Road. After declaring a negative environmental impact, the Board approved both the site plan and special use permits with a five-year renewal clause attached.

### VALLEY FALLS

## Library Special Events

### Family Movie Night

*Friday, August 13 at 6:30 pm*

Bring your friends and family to enjoy watching *How to Train Your Dragon* on our big screen. If you like, come in your comfy PJ's and bring a comfy pillow and blanket to sit on the floor. Popcorn and lemonade provided. Licensing provided by Swank Motion Pictures.

### Barn Quilt Workshop

*Saturday, August 14 from noon to 4 pm*

Learn how to paint a beautiful and interesting quilt design on a 2' x 2' piece of wood to hang on the side of your barn, garage, shed, etc. Local artist Julie Weston will teach this class. Participants need to bring a hair dryer to help speed the drying process. Class Fee: \$30

### I Ran from Iran

*August 17 at 7 pm*

Come meet Danyal Mohammedzadeh, an immigrant from Iran. Hear the story of his journey from journalist and human rights activist in Iran to local neighbor and United Methodist pastor in Valley Falls, and test your own thoughts about diversity in Upstate New York.

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# Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

## HOOSICK FALLS

### Reynolds Foundation Funds Distributed



Representatives of the organizations that received funds from the Reynolds Foundation gathered for a group picture at the Cheney Library. Photo contributed.

On Monday evening, August 2, members of the Edith Craig Reynolds Foundation presented checks at the Cheney Library to representatives of local groups in support of their activities. The total amount distributed was \$25,000.

#### Recipients of the funds were:

- Town of Hoosick Historical Society: Samantha Graves
- Cheney Library: Sara Yetto, Deb Tudor and Fred Verderosa
- Wood Park: Bea Peterson
- Wood Bridge: Bonnie Senecal
- Center For Nursing & Rehabilitation Auxiliary
- American Legion Veteran's Coffee Club: Chuck Krawczyk
- Hoosick Falls Rescue Squad: Bill Gaillard
- Town of Hoosick Community Band: Bill Gaillard
- Civic & Cultural Restoration - Civicure: Barbara Sussman
- Town of Hoosick Community Center: Darlene Lanzano
- Hoosick Area Church Association Food Pantry: Dianne Hosterman

Members of the Reynolds Foundation are James Monahan, Brian Rousseau, William Shiland, Sr. and Dianne Hosterman.

## 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 landmarks of Ireland. We hope you'll join the fun with a float, an antique car or by marching.

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.

## Feds Say Controversial Section Of Rail Tracks Is OK ... Continued from page 1



Gathered at the problematic culvert area in March were left to right, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Hoosick Supervisor Mark Surdam, Deputy Supervisor Eric Sheffer, Senator Daphne Jordan, County Legislators Jeff Wysocki and Bruce Patire and Hoosick Councilman Jerry McAuliffe. Eastwick Press File Photo.

safety requirements. As to the culvert, the FRA says it only mandates they be kept clear of any obstructions, and at the time of their inspection, there was no impediments to the water flow. They also indicated the size and type of culvert used is up to the individual railroad.

The letter did not sit well with Legislator Patire, who tells *The Eastwick Press*, it appears to be the end of the road as far as their appeals go. He further stated "the reality of it is the fed-

eral government and Pan Am are not inclined to do anything until something bad happens." As to the 25 mph speed limit, he indicated they have proof trains have been traveling over that section of track at speeds as high as 40 mph.

It was announced earlier this year that CSX Railways was purchasing Pan Am, and it was hoped they might see fit to improve the tracks but that sale is yet to be finalized.

## 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 Congressional Church, 115 Hillside Street in Bennington. For more information, please visit [bpacvt.org](http://bpacvt.org).

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

Medical Matters Welcomes:

# Art Groux Of The Bennington Rescue Squad

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson—a weekly interactive, multiplatform medical-themed talk show—will feature Art Groux, the executive director of the Bennington Rescue Squad, on its August 11 program. The show will air at noon. Groux will discuss local and national trends within Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The show is produced with cooperation from Catamount 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



Bennington Rescue Squad Director Art Groux. Photo provided.

on [www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters](http://www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters).

Groux is a New Hampshire native and a paramedic. He earned his bachelor's degree in Emergency Medical Management from Springfield College in Massachusetts. He has more than 25 years' experience managing EMS in several communities and more than 30 years in the field. While working for EMS in Connecticut, he established a paramedic intercept program that serves 15 towns and the third municipal service dedicated strictly to the provision of Emergency Medical Services. He also founded the Connecticut EMS Chiefs' Association. As a part of his work there, he served as planning section chief for the Connecticut Region 3 Incident Management

Team. As a part of the Bennington Rescue Squad, Groux leads 40 staff members. He has held the role since September 2019.

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 pm Sunday, 1:30 pm Monday, 8:30 am Tuesday, 7:30 am Wednesday, 7:30 p.m Thursday, 7:30 am Friday and 7 pm Saturday. GNAT-TV's Comcast channel 1074 airs the program at 8 am Monday, 9 pm Wednesday, and 1 pm Saturday.

### Upcoming guests include:

- Noon – 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.

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

- Noon – Wednesday, September 1: Cath Burns of Vermont Care Partners will discuss COVID Support Programs.

To contribute questions in advance of each week's show, please e-mail [wellness@svhealthcare.org](mailto:wellness@svhealthcare.org) or post to Facebook with #SVHCMedicalMattersWeekly.

## HOOSICK

### Mishap Closes Route 7 Briefly

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputies along with Hoosick Fire and EMS were called to the scene of a tractor trailer mishap early Tuesday morning on NYS Route 7 near the intersection with NYS Route 22. According to Deputies, the truck was eastbound, crossed into the westbound lane and drove through a guardrail. No injuries were reported. Law enforcement had the busy road between New York and Vermont shut down for a short while.



A truck carrying a Sealand container sits partially over the guardrail on NYS Route 7 in Hoosick Tuesday morning. Photo contributed by Lora Meres Patterson.

## 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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## SALEM

### Garden Party And Silent Auction

This year's Music from Salem's Garden Party and Silent Auction will feature those treasures which you found in your attic or cellar while you were sorting out your lives during lockdown. Perhaps that beautiful platter you were given as a wedding present but which didn't go with your china? Maybe an antique clock or a beautiful fishing rod? Maybe a gorgeous coffee table art book which has never been read? A thriving houseplant? Our Silent

Auction will be a bit more like a flea market this year but we are being picky: only items which you think could begin with a minimum bid of \$25 or higher. Help us keep superior cham-

ber music in our lives by thinking about what you might have to add to the treasures of the silent auction and by attending the garden party. It is going to be a fun party in a spectacular setting with delicious food and good company. You might even come home with a new treasure!

Anyone with something to contribute should contact Bliss McIntosh by email: [mcinbass@gmail.com](mailto:mcinbass@gmail.com), or phone: 518-677-3151.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Village Resident Receives National Honor

Doug Sauer, a resident of Hoosick Falls and former resident of Grafton, has been selected by *The Nonprofit Times*, a national trade publication, as one of the 2021 Power & Influence Top 50 nonprofit leaders in the country (<https://www.thenonprofittimes.com/report/npt-power-influence-top-50-2021>). He will be receiving the honor at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in September, joining other notable leaders including MacKenzie Scott, Philanthropist and Author; Mark Suzman, CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and Henry Timms, CEO & President, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Says *The Nonprofit Times*: "Sauer is one of the most creative state association executives in the nation. State asso-

ciation executives across the nation rely on him and seek his counsel."

Sauer has been the CEO of the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) which has a membership of 3,000 nonprofits for 41 years. He is also the CEO of [BoardStrong.org](http://BoardStrong.org), an online board matching service. Sauer's current board service includes Council Services Plus, Inc. (chair), an insurance brokerage firm; National Council of Nonprofits in D.C. (treasurer); First Nonprofit Unemployment Saving Trust in Chicago and The Baby Institute of Albany. He is a former board member of the Berlin Central School District, the Grafton Library, Salem Art Works and the Albany Community Development Credit Union.

### POWNAI

# Couple Facing Childsnatching Charges

At the request of Coventry, RI police, on Monday, August 2, the Bennington County Sheriff's Department arrested Justin and Alexandria Mancini at their Pownal home, after the couple allegedly removed their three children from a grandparents' home in Coventry. The grandparents had been awarded custody of the children. It is alleged the Mancinis broke into the Rhode Island home the night before and removed

the children. According to the Rhode Island Police report, they face charges of childsnatching, burglary and violating the conditions of a restraining order.

During a court appearance in Bennington, the couple consented to extradition to Rhode Island and were remanded to jail without bail until extradited. The children were returned to Rhode Island.

### BENNINGTON

# Brewing Up A Good time

In partnership with Hopridge Farms, the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of commerce will present the 6th annual Southern Vermont Summer Homebrew Festival on **Saturday, August 7**. "Our Brewers are so anxious to return to Bennington for another home brew festival" said Will Gardner, Festival Organizer. "Having missed the Summer 2020 and Winter 2021 Festivals they are chomping at the bit to share their delicious beverages to a crowd, safely of course!"

The 2021 Summer Home Brewers include PUNCH Hard Tea, Jeff and JJ from Schaghticoke, All Nighter Brewing, Harmon Hill, Chasing the Craft Brewery, Invisible Mountain Brewing, Cydersour Brewery, Catseyesoup Brewing, Lamson Brewing, The Jolly

Fool Brews, Teddy K's Brewing, Albany Brew Crafters, Battenkill Brewhouse, Smooth Liquidation, Hugs Brewing, Texermont Brewery, Shady Brewing, Groff Garage Brewery and Vintage Cider Co.

Besides all the brews, food trucks and music will also highlight the day.

Tickets are limited and on a first come basis. The festival runs from 1 to 4 pm on Depot Street in Bennington.



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## New Lebanon & Nassau

# Dewey Loeffel Flooding Contaminant Testing Results

*A Statement From Nassau Supervisor David Fleming*

The localized flooding of July 14, 2021 and subsequent high water events made it clear that damage was done to areas around the Dewey Loeffel Federal Superfund Site that have not yet been remediated as well as to areas under remediation. These areas contained PCB contamination.

At this time, the area most significantly impacted appears to be Little Thunder Brook. This is a tributary that flows from the Loeffel Superfund Site into the Valatie Kill and is a part of the Hudson River Estuary. The brook contains high levels of PCBs.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was quickly informed of this damage and began an assessment even as flood waters continued. At Nassau's request, the EPA agreed to conduct testing of downstream properties and areas impacted by the flooding. Because PCBs cling to fine grain sediments, the immediate concern was downstream properties that had high water sediment buildup resulting from the floodwaters.

The flooding damage to remediation operations in Little Thunder Brook involved tremendous contaminated sediment displacement for the entire length of the tributary.

Please note that EPA's assessment of the impacts of these storms continue. I extend my thanks at this time to EPA for their coordination with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health in this response effort. DEC also quickly provided boots on the ground in response to this storm event.

EPA sampled both the surface water and the floodplain sediment following the storm. Nassau had and continues to request residents with impacts of flood sediments to contact EPA for possible testing.

The initial tests by EPA involved ten sediment samples along the Valatie Kill. According to EPA, in nine of the ten properties, the results indicate that PCBs were either not detected or were present at low concentrations below the regulatory level established by New York State for soil on residential properties. At one property located in close proximity to the Loeffel site, the result indicates that PCBs were detected above the regulatory level established by New York State for soil on residential properties. EPA has already reached out to the owner of this property to discuss the results and arrange for follow-up sampling.

EPA is preparing additional outreach to residents with their testing results. We expect that EPA will be performing additional tests this week and expect that they will be performing additional outreach to residents that experienced flooding from the Valatie Kill to assess conditions on those properties.

It should also be noted that Little Thunder Brook and the Valatie Kill had surface water tests to assess post-flood conditions. According to EPA, those results are similar to previous sampling results. However, again, EPA indicates that additional water sampling will be performed as part of the ongoing assessment of post-flood conditions.

The environmental impacts of this recent flooding will not be understood for some time. Nassau will continue to pursue additional testing and will not relent in communicating the need for complete remediation of this toxic scar on the Capital Region.

### NEW LEBANON

## More Than \$800,000 For Broadband In Columbia County New Lebanon Will Get Its Share

Congressman Antonio Delgado was joined by several other local leaders on Monday, August 2, when he announced the House of Representatives had passed a series of appropriations bills that secures \$829,594 to connect over 300 homes and businesses with broadband across Columbia County.

Speaking at a press conference in Ghent, Congressman Delgado noted that local leaders from New Lebanon, Canaan, Ghent and Austerlitz joined together to request federal broadband funding to address gaps in access. Mr. Delgado said he then advocated to secure the funding in the appropriations legislation.

"Broadband is not a luxury – it is a necessity. I am committed to helping secure critical funding to deliver this essential service to folks in the Towns of Ghent, Canaan, New Lebanon, and Austerlitz," said Rep. Delgado. "Thanks to the tireless work of local leaders and House passage of funding for the project, we are one step closer to securing affordable, reliable broadband to over 300 homes and businesses in Columbia County. I will keep working to ensure every upstate family, small business, farmer and veteran has broadband."

Speaking with *The Eastwick Press*, New Lebanon Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling said "I am grateful to the Town of Ghent, specifically Councilwoman Matheney and broadband chair Dave Berman for the idea to collaborate with the towns of New Lebanon, Canaan, Austerlitz and Ghent to apply for this funding through Congressman Delgado's office. I would like to thank Congressman Delgado and all of his staff for their hard work in ensuring that our needs are being met and always being willing to work collaboratively with local, state and federal government to

ensure that everyone is being heard and represented."

The Town of New Lebanon is committed to having broadband access to each and every home. Throughout this pandemic it became clear that access to high-speed internet is not a luxury but rather a necessity. We had children who could not access their online schooling, employees and business owners who could not successfully work from home and residents who could not access necessary telehealth services. We made every effort possible to define what roads in New Lebanon do not have fiber access. At this point we have only defined Gale Hill Road and Old Gale Hill Road. We are asking any resident who does not live on those two roads that does not have access to fiber along their road to please contact the Town as soon as possible. We have under two weeks to add in any roads that we missed in our first attempt to define what roads did not have fiber access. If you live in the Town of New Lebanon and you do not have fiber access and you do not live on Gale Hill Road or Old Gale Hill Road, please email [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com) as soon as possible to let us know.

Assemblyman Jake Ashby, who represents New Lebanon, told those gathered there "I am proud to join with our community in thanking Congressman Antonio Delgado for securing this essential investment in local broadband connectivity, marking a tremendous step forward for Columbia County. Today's announcement also highlights the importance of working together, building coalitions and putting aside petty differences. This bipartisan, multi-municipality and public-private coalition is a testament to the strength and unity still found in our community and all we can accomplish together."



Congressman Delgado speaking in Ghent on Monday about securing federal monies for broadband access in four Columbia County towns. Photo provided.

## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON

## August Programs At The Library

### 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.

### NASSAU

## Chicken Barbecue Planned

The Nassau Hose Company will sponsor a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, September 18 at the Fire House at 26 Chatham street in the Village. More information will be released as the date gets closer.

### Shop Local, Shop Small

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### COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Mask Wearing Now Advised Indoors In Public Places

Columbia County Department of Health Director Jack Mabb said that as of midday on Tuesday, August 3, the DOH had recorded seven new positive cases of COVID-19 among county residents. For the days of Saturday, Sunday and Monday combined, 15 new cases were recorded. There are currently two individuals hospitalized, with one in the ICU.

"It was a rough week last week – we had more positive cases last week than in all of the previous month, and it appears that pattern is continuing," said Director Mabb.

With the news from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that Columbia County is now considered a community at substantial risk for COVID-19 transmission, the CDC is recommending all individuals, whether vaccinated or not, to wear a mask when indoors. In addition, county DOH is now requiring all its employees to wear a mask when in the DOH Office. "Pretty much all area departments of health and hospitals are now doing the same," said Director Mabb.

"The county is not instituting a mask mandate at this point," said county Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell. "The way things stand, people need to make their own mask decisions. I would say, if you're unsure, wear a mask. We are strongly recommending that masks be worn indoors in public places."

County Emergency Management Director David Harrison added that businesses can require the wearing of masks in their places of business.

The latest CDC mask guidance by county can be found at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

DOH Director Mabb said that the county's vaccination rate is up by a half percentage point since last Thursday: "Three hundred county residents have gotten vaccinated since then. It's clear people are responding to the news about the Delta variant."

Vaccination opportunities are posted on the county DOH website at [columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://columbiacountynyhealth.com).

### NEW LEBANON

## Repair Cafe Project Coming This Fall

Submitted by the NL CSC

New Lebanon's Music in the Park, held Sunday August 1, 2021, had a great turnout. One of the most visited booths of local town and community groups was the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force Booth where Task Force Members Adelia Moore and Kris Cottom answered questions on the CSC's newest upcoming endeavor, a local Repair Cafe. The Cafe, on October 23, 2021 will be at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association meeting hall.

CSC members showed how simple repairs might be made on a lamp, a broken doll and an old stuffed rabbit. Information was displayed in a brightly painted poster (see photos attached) which attracted interested townspeople to the booth. Other CSC projects that garnered lots of interest include community solar, our electric vehicle charging station, free Bike Share project, the free store and community composting.

What is a Repair Cafe? Many of us need help with fixing everyday and well used items. Every time you pass that old lamp that needs a new cord, perhaps you consider just getting rid of it altogether. Or maybe watching a YouTube video about how to fix cords. Or Googling to find out who might fix lamps. No need to fret! Help will arrive on October 23, when the New Lebanon, Austerlitz and Canaan Climate Smart Communities Task Forces will co-sponsor the first area Columbia County Repair Cafe at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association 10-4 pm. Covid protocols in place at the time will be respected.

### Here's How It Works:

Volunteer fixers set up with tools and basic supplies to consult with all comers about needed repairs, and if possible, actually fix the item. Possible types of repairs include: lamp wiring, toaster malfunction, broken clocks, broken bicycles or flat tires, patches on clothing, stuffed animals, cushions and quilts, gluing broken ceramics, hemming pants or skirts, minor jewelry repairs and minor repairs on small pieces of furniture like tables and chairs.

What repairs the Repair Cafe is able to complete depends on who volunteers for a shift or the whole



The Repair Cafe Booth set up at New Lebanon's Music In The Park Day. Photo by Steve Powers.

event: And that's where you come in! Who do you know who's handy with electricity? Or glue? Who likes to tinker with clocks? We will also need volunteers to help us organize, set up and manage the event. We will have another table at Music in the Park Events (September 5, 12-4). Come talk to us to learn more about the idea, or volunteer to help recruit fixers or with the event.

For more information, or to volunteer your skills to repair or your time to help with the project contact:

Adelia Moore ([adeliamoore@gmail.com](mailto:adeliamoore@gmail.com)) in New Lebanon or Wendy Dwyer ([missmisc@icloud.com](mailto:missmisc@icloud.com)) in Canaan.

## Rensselaer County News

# Local Leaders React To Cuomo Report Animal Abuse Registry Legislation Passes

A report released by Attorney General Leticia James on Tuesday, August 3 found the accusations of all 11 women regarding Governor Andrew Cuomo's alleged inappropriate sexual actions and creating a toxic work environment to be credible. Every area elected leader, regardless of their political party, is calling upon the Governor to resign or be impeached.

**Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin:** "Based on the details of investigation by the Attorney General, it must be concluded that Governor Cuomo is no longer able to lead our state during this critical period and must resign immediately. The findings of the report should also be reviewed by law enforcement.

"I have long doubted the Governor's ability to fairly and capably carry out the duties of the position, and called for his resignation during the investigation and the initial reports of the sexual harassment allegations. This report into his shocking conduct further shows he is not able to continue as our top state official.

"Our state has been facing the COVID-19 pandemic, and for months, we have seen decision after decision made by the Governor to distract and divert from his political crisis. It is now time for responsible and reasoned leadership to guide us to a recovery.

"I thank the women who bravely came forward and hopefully brought an end to a culture of abuse and arrogance in the Governor's office."

**Congressman Antonio Delgado:** "The Attorney General's report is clear — Governor Cuomo sexually harassed current and former state employees. He violated both federal and state laws. He must resign. Thank you to the brave women who came forward."

The congressman previously called for Governor Cuomo's resignation back on March 12.

**Congresswoman Elise Stefanik:** "No one is above the law and today justice must be served. Governor Cuomo must resign and be arrested immediately. These brave women deserve swift and definitive justice."

**State Senator Daphne Jordan:** "The just-released comprehensive, thorough and independent report from New York State Attorney General Letitia James into the Governor's disturbing pattern of sexual harassment, and workplace intimidation while breaking state and federal laws leads to one inescapable conclusion — one that I reached months ago: Cuomo must resign, now! As detailed in the Attorney General's findings and a five-month-long investigation, Cuomo is a serial sexual harasser that has brought disgrace upon his office and stained our state. For the good of New York, Cuomo must go. He must immediately resign or face bipartisan impeachment during a Special Session of the state Legislature."

**Assemblyman Jake Ashby:** "Today's report made very clear that Gov. Cuomo has, multiple times, violated countless laws by sexually harassing and assaulting a staggering number of women, many of whom worked directly for him. I again emphasize the bravery of these women for coming forward to tell the truth — doing so takes tremendous courage and they should be treated with respect and dignity.

"It is our duty as state legislators to immediately bring forth the resolution to impeach Gov. Cuomo, as no one should be empowered to lead our great state who habitually disregards basic decency and fails to respect the women he encounters. New Yorkers have placed their trust in us to take action when situations like this arise and it is well past time for the Legislature to act.

"While these actions alone warrant the impeachment of Gov. Cuomo, it is also important to note that

we are still awaiting the results of the investigation into the thousands of New Yorkers who lost their lives as a result of Gov. Cuomo's unthinkable COVID-19 nursing home directives and the subsequent millions he made writing a book about it.

"With public trust in government growing weaker by the day, we cannot sit idle while Gov. Cuomo continues to make a mockery of our rule of law and erodes public trust with each second he remains in office. I am calling on Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and all of my colleagues to do the right thing and swiftly move forward the resolution to impeach Gov. Andrew Cuomo."

**Assemblyman John McDonald:** "Previously, I had issued a statement when the NYS Attorney General announced that an investigation would be undertaken to look into sexual harassment allegations against Governor Andrew Cuomo. This previous statement said the Governor should step aside immediately and allow the Lieutenant Governor to serve until the report was complete. The NYS Attorney General's thorough independent investigation has concluded and a report has been issued that reaches the conclusion that Governor Andrew Cuomo violated state and federal laws and there was a pattern of sexual harassment, a hostile work environment and unlawful retaliation. I believe that the Governor must step down immediately.

"The public trust is of the utmost importance. If the Governor does not resign, I as a member of the NYS Assembly, am prepared to vote in favor of moving forward with the impeachment proceedings. I am thinking of all who bravely came forward with these substantiated allegations and thank them for bringing this to light, even when it was not easy for them to do."

**Assemblyman Chris Tague:** "I am calling for Speaker Carl Heastie to convene a special session of the Assembly to remove Gov. Cuomo from office through impeachment. This call to action follows a press conference held by Attorney General Letitia James detailing how her office's independent investigation into the governor found he has sexually assaulted multiple women including aides and a state trooper assigned to his security detail and threatened to retaliate against them for going public with their stories, in violation of state and federal law.

"What we learned demands an immediate and decisive response, to reject a leader who has abused his power to harm people who trusted him. There's no reason to wait to call a session to order, this is a matter of basic humanity. If there was ever something people of all parties can come together and agree on, it's that someone who's hurt people like Gov. Cuomo did has no place in our state government."

## SCHAGHTICOKE

### 4-H Cow Chip Bingo

The Rensselaer County 4-H Cattle Program is super excited to host their annual fundraising event. The Cow Chip Bingo event will be held on Saturday, September 4 at 6 pm at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds.

This year we will be doing virtual and in person sales. Virtual sales will be taken from now up until August 31. You can get your tickets (via credit card) here: <https://ccerensselaer.mahaplatform.com/events/vnqm8zlls8>.

If you would prefer to pay with cash or check, give Kayela a call and we can schedule a time for you to meet her at our office in Troy. After the August 31 date,

The Rensselaer County Legislature has approved the Animal Abuse Registration Act proposed in April by District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly. The registry, which will be located on the District Attorney's website, will allow for sharing of information for anyone over 16 years of age who has been convicted of an Animal Abuse and Neglect crime. The registry will include their name and address. Additionally, no animal shelter, or professional, licensed and/or accredited pet dealer located in Rensselaer County shall sell, exchange or otherwise transfer the ownership of any animal to any person listed as an Animal Abuse Offender on the Animal Abuse Registry. Prior to the sale, exchange or other transfer of ownership of any animal, the animal shelter, or professional, licensed and/or accredited Pet Dealer located in Rensselaer County is required to examine the Animal Abuse Registry to confirm that the name of the potential owner of the animal is not listed.

Any animal abuse offender required to register with the Animal Abuse Registry who fails to register shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by incarceration for a period of not more than one year and/or a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the Animal Abuse Offender fails to register. Any Animal Shelter, or professional, licensed and/or accredited Pet Dealer located in Rensselaer County that violates Section 7 of this Local Law shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine.

## DA Donnelly Installed To State Office

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly's office has announced that District Attorney Donnelly was recently installed as the Third Vice President and member of the Executive Board of the District Attorney's Association of the State of New York (DAASNY).

"I am honored to accept this responsibility as a member of DAASNY's Executive Board. During my two years as District Attorney, the structure of criminal law in New York State has undergone massive change. DAASNY has provided a forum for the free exchange of ideas and strategies, to further the goal of implementing procedures that ensure that the Rensselaer County District Attorney's office can continue to provide justice for our victims. I look forward to taking on this new role," said Donnelly.

Throughout the pandemic, DAASNY subcommittees met virtually, addressing unprecedented challenges with a constant emphasis upon ethical issues facing prosecutors.

tickets can only be purchased by cash or check at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds up until the event.

Each square is \$5 and on the day of the event, if your square is "chosen" you will win \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.

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A link to a Google Doc should have appeared in your confirmation email after you registered using the link above. The grid on this Google Doc is what we will base our real grid off of. Please select your square(s) by inputting your first and last name. If more spaces need to be added, Kayela will do so as needed.

If you have any additional questions, contact Kayela at 518-272-4210 ext. 105 or [kls342@cornell.edu](mailto:kls342@cornell.edu).

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### AUTO RACING

# Heffner Gets First Valley Win Since 2019

Compiled by Steve Bradley

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 8/30. 35 laps. Modifieds: Matt Delorenzo, Ken Tremont Jr., Mike Mahaney, Marc Johnson, 5) Anthony Perrego, Keith Flach, Jeremy Pitts, Ronnie Johnson, Derek Bornt, 10) Demetrios Drellos, Adam Pierson, Jessey Mueller, Peter Britten, Jack Lehner, 15) Jack Speshock, Rich Ronca, Neil Stratton, John Lutes Jr., Don Ronca, 20) Scott Huber, Kris Vernold, CG Morey, James Meehan, Derrick McGrew Jr., 25) Matt Depew.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31, 30 laps. Modifieds: J.R. Heffner (first win since 2019), Kolby Schroder, Brett Haas, Wayne Jelley, 5) Andy Bachetti, Marc Johnson, Kenny Tremont Jr., Paul Gilardi, L.J. Lombardo, 10) Ryan Darcy, Brian Berger, Chase Dowling, Eddie Marshall, Kyle Armstrong, 15) Chris Curtis, Josh Marcus, Mike King, Bobby Hackel, IV, Kyle Sheldon, 20) Olden Dwyer, Dan Humes, Timothy Davis, John Ruchel, Kenny Aanonsen.

Small Block Modified from July 3. 24 laps: Ryan Larkin, Joey Coppola\*, Ray Hall Jr., Chris Curtis, 5) Andy Bachetti, Ryan Charland, Olden Dwyer, Kim LaVoy, Frank Harper, 10) Brandon Lane, Montgomery Tremont, John Lutes Jr., Alan Houghtaling, Mark Pullen, 15) Sean Mandel, Michael Sabia, Brian Sandstedt, Kevin Petrucci, Jason Herrington.

Small Block Modified Feature No. 2. 24 laps: Andy Bachetti, Kolby Schroder, Chris Curtis, Brandon Lane, 5) Ray Hall Jr., Ryan Charland, Ryan Larkin, Frank Harper, Kim LaVoy, 10) Montgomery Tremont, Sean Mandel, Mark Pullen, John Lutes Jr., Alan Houghtaling, 15) Olden Dwyer, Michael Sabia, Kevin Petrucci, Brian Sandstedt, Jason Herrington.

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31. (a whopping 50/50-\$4,356). 30 laps. Modifieds: 30 laps: Ronnie Johnson (first win of 2021, 31st of his career in the division, and first win since 8/20/2016 at Fonda), Rocky Warner, Stewart Friesen, Mike Mahaney, 5)

Josh Hohenforst, Dave Constantino, David Schilling, Jessica Friesen, Craig Hanson, 10) Bobby Varin, Brian Pessolano, Pep Corradi, Steve Akers, JaMike Sowle, 15) Brian Calabrese, Ancel Collins, Jim Introne Jr., Adam McAuliffe, Ryan Odasz, 20) Jack Lehner, Anthony Cardamone, Ray Zemken, Aaron Jacobs.

**Devils Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 7/31. Sportsman Modified: Jimmy Ryan, Justin Comes, Tim LaDuc, Ames Hanson, 5) Justin Stone, Don Mattison, Adam Pierson, Tanner Siemons, Anthony Warren, 10) Mike Palmer, Shawn McPhee, Adam Piper, Billy Lussier, Kevin Chaffee, 15) Johnny Bruno, Brian Whittemore, Joey Scarborough, Vince Quenneville, Marty Kelly III, 20) Mike Fisher, Jason Bruno, Josh Masterson, Elmo Reckner, Gene Pierson Jr., 25) Frank Hoard III, Demetrios Drellos.

Devil's Bowl Speedway announced that two drivers from its Sportsman Modified division have been penalized following a pair of related incidents on Saturday, July 31.

Joey Scarborough and Demetrios Drellos were competing for second place in the 30-lap feature when Drellos made contact from behind with Scarborough's car, resulting in both cars spinning off the track and crashing. Drellos pulled his car out of the race immediately after the incident.

For his unsportsmanlike conduct, Demetrios Drellos has been placed last in the finishing order of the race (26th place) and will receive a 50-point penalty in the weekly handicap. Drellos has also been suspended from competition for one (1) race at Devil's Bowl Speedway and will not be eligible to compete on Saturday, August 7. He will be allowed to return for the "Battle of the Bowl" event on Sunday, August 8.

After the race, Joey Scarborough entered the pit area and intentionally drove his car toward Drellos' pit stall at a high rate of speed, narrowly missing several pedestrians before ramming into the parked race car of Justin Stone. Scarborough then attempted to

reverse his car and change directions before several people including Devil's Bowl Speedway owner Mike Bruno intervened, stopping Scarborough's car from moving. Scarborough then exited his car and a scuffle ensued with several bystanders.

For his actions and for actions detrimental to motorsports, Scarborough and several of his team members have been suspended from Devil's Bowl Speedway indefinitely and will not be allowed on the speedway's property for the foreseeable future.

### Coming Up

**Albany-Saratoga Speedway.** Friday, 8/6. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Sportsman, Limited Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Street Stocks.

Modifieds: \$3,000 to win, \$2,000 (2nd), \$1,000 (3rd). Sportsman: \$1,000 to win, \$750 (2nd), \$500 (3rd). Pro Stocks: \$1,000 to win, \$750 (2nd), \$500 (3rd). Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modifieds.

**Lebanon Valley Speedway.** Saturday, 8/7. Weekly divisions: Modifieds,

Pro Stocks, Pure Stocks. Butch Jelly Tribute Event. 30 lap Pro Stock race.

August 24: Eve of Destruction. Sold out from previous date. No tickets available. Sept. 25: Massive Malta Weekend: Super DIRTcar Series Big Block Modifieds. Horsepower 100.

**Fonda Speedway.** Saturday, 8/7. Weekly divisions: Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman, Four Cylinders.

\$5 Grandstand Admission plus Pre-Race Fan Appreciation Meet & Greet. \$2,700 to win feature, \$270 to win heat races.

**Devil's Bowl Speedway.** Saturday, 8/7. Weekly divisions: Sportsman Modified, Limited Sportsman, Super Stock, Mini Stock, 500 cc Mini Sprints. Limited Sportsman \$500 to win.

Sunday, 8/8: Big Block/Small Block Modified, 75 laps, \$7,500 to win. Sportsman Limited, Mini Stock. Due to a scheduling conflict, Kenny Tremont will be strapping into Justin Stone's 1x for the Sportsman Modified portion of the 'Battle of the Bowl.'

*Dutchaven Golf is online only this week due to limited space.*

*Thank you for understanding. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/339n5jyv>*

## Tamarac Girls Are All American Wrestlers

Recently Ragan Retell and Emily Frost became All-Americans in the biggest Olympic style tournament in the world held in Fargo, ND. Ragan finished 3rd in her weight class in a bracket of 128 and Emily Frost finished 6th in her weight class in a bracket of 128. Ragan also won the prestigious award of most pins in the least amount of time given to only one athlete.



Emily Frost (left) and Ragan Retell (right) stand with their Coach Joe Uccelini. Photo by Jenn Myrdal.

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**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.

**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 **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.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of the Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company. Name: **Windy Hill Metals LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/21. 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, 655 Breese Hollow Rd, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of **DEARSTYNE FARMS, LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on May 3, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC 124 Lord Ave., Troy, NY 12180. 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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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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Queenie B's LLC**. Articles of 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.

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

Legal Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: **Troy Story Games LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/27/2021. 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, 83 Maple Ave, Troy, NY 12180 (781) 292-0384 Purpose: For Any lawful purpose.

Notice of the Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **Context Clay LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/29/2021. 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, 95 4th Street, 3F, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **LuckyFin Cosmetics LLC**. Articles of 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.

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.

**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.

**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 **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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on a request from Nokomis Ecology Center for a Minor Subdivision approval for a lot line change and a request for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review to construct an ecology center located at 599 Wadsworth Road, New Lebanon, New York 12125.

The Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours.

By: Michelle Bienes  
Planning/Zoning Clerk  
Town of New Lebanon, NY  
07/30/2021

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on a request from Taconic Engineering, DPC (Camp DD, LLC) requesting approval for a Site Plan Approval for an RV Storage Facility. The property is located at 14398 State Route 22, New Lebanon, New York 12125.

The Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By: Michelle Bienes  
Planning/Zoning Clerk  
Town of New Lebanon, NY  
07/30/2021

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on a request from Marcia Mayper about a Minor Subdivision approval for her property located at 2216 County Route 5, New Lebanon, New York 12125.

The Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours.

By: Michelle Bienes  
Planning/Zoning Clerk  
Town of New Lebanon, NY  
07/30/2021

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.

**Tempus Adde LLC**. Filed 6/3/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Kyle Brody, Tempus Adde Llc, 9603 Rittenberry Dr., Brentwood, TN 37027. 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.

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## Student Honors

*Correction: Last week we listed Emily Schafer and Sydney Smith as being on the Dean's List at Siena College. The information sent to us was incorrect and has since been updated. Both students were actually on the President's List at Siena College. Congratulations.*

### Tufts University

**Arlyss Herzig** of Averill Park has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester.

### Russell Sage College

**Hunter Day** of Cambridge has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester.

### Emmanuel College

**Julia Benson** of New Lebanon has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester.

### University of Hartford

**James McDade** of Averill Park has been named to the President's list for the Spring semester.

**Melissa Schupp** of Averill Park has been named to the President's list for the Spring semester.

### SUNY-Delhi

**Tiffany Ceccarelli** of Cropseyville has been named to the Dean's list for the Spring semester.

**Jennifer Wilcox** of Averill Park has been named to the Dean's list for the Spring semester.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Town of Petersburg Justice Court  
Notice to Contractors  
County of Rensselaer  
State of New York

To all interested parties, please take notice that the Petersburg Town Justice Court is currently accepting quotes for (1) Records Room for the Petersburg Town Justice Court, located in the Town of Petersburg. For quote packets including project specifications, please contact the Petersburg Town Clerk either by phone at: 518-658-3777 x 10, or e-mail at: [DeidraM@Petersburgh.org](mailto:DeidraM@Petersburgh.org). Any request for a tour of the specific project space will need to be scheduled with the Petersburg Justice Court Clerk for an appointment. All quotes should be plainly marked "Town Justice Court Records Room Project Quote" on the outside of the envelope and received no later than end of business on the 13th day of August, 2021.

All quotes will be opened, in the Petersburg Town Justice Court, with the Town Clerk, Court Clerk and both Town Justices present.

The Justice Court for the Town of Petersburg reserves the right to reject any and all quotes for no stated reason and to waive any formalities or technicalities. Interested Contractors are fully responsible for delivery of their quotes. Reliance upon mail or public carriers is at the Contractor's risk. Late quotes will not be considered.

Persons with general questions on the quote package may contact the Town of Petersburg Justice Court Clerk, Allison Oswald, at 518-658-3777 Ext. 17. Specific questions must be made via formal communications in writing.

Amy Manchester, Town Justice  
Richard Snyder, Town Justice  
Allison Oswald, Justice Court Clerk  
518-658-3777 Ext. 14, 15 or 17

# Entertainment

## Now Showing

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 8/6 – Thursday 8/12

- The Suicide Squad** (R) 1:15 4:00 6:45 8:00 9:20
- Jungle Cruise** (PG13) 1:30 2:30 4:05 5:15 6:40 9:15
- Stillwater** (R) 1:00 3:45 6:30 9:15
- The Green Knight** (R) 1:25 4:00 6:45 9:20
- Old** (PG13) 1:20 4:00 7:00 9:15
- Space Jam: A New Legacy** (PG) 1:15 4:00 6:30
- Snake Eyes** (PG13) 9:00

### Hathaway's Twin Drive-in Theatre

Thursday 8/5 - Sunday 8/8

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| Screen 1:   | Screen 2:  |
| <b>Jungle Cruise</b> (PG13)<br>8:10 pm                      | <b>The Suicide Squad</b> (R)<br>8:20 pm                    |
| <b>Escape Room: Tournament of Champions</b> (PG13) 10:15 pm | <b>The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It</b> (R) 10:35 pm |

### Hollywood Drive-in Theatre

Friday 8/6, Saturday 8/7 and Sunday 8/8

- Jungle Cruise** (PG13)  
at approximately 8:35 pm
- Escape Room 2** (PG13)  
at approximately 10:45 pm

### Images Cinema

- Astrup: Catching The Flame**  
8/4 - 8/10 virtual theater, *free* – Norwegian Film Festival
- The Green Knight**  
8/4 – 8/12 at 4:15 pm and 7:30 pm
- Hope**  
8/11 – 8/17 virtual theater, *free* – Norwegian Film Festival
- Respect**  
8/13 – 8/26 at 4 pm and 7:30 pm
- Charade** (1963)  
8/8 at 1 pm

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### Theme: TV Theme Songs

- ACROSS**
- \_\_\_\_\_'s razor
  - Credit card-related acronym
  - Goes with rave
  - Garlic mayo
  - "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
  - Echo sounder
  - Beauty shop
  - European Economic Community
  - Falstaffian in body
  - \* "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work \_\_\_\_\_"
  - \* "So no one told you life was gonna be \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Pocket watch chain
  - Uncouth one
  - Place to get a massage
  - Boozer
  - Pie nuts
  - Sharpen
  - Orange powder drink mix
  - Tennis-affected joint
  - Bright thought
  - Reputation-damaging gossip
  - Symphony member
  - Famous Beethoven symphony
  - Microsoft browser
  - "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
  - Dines at home
  - Telephoned
  - Up to present time
  - Neat
  - Diamond stat
  - \* "Gee, our old \_\_\_\_\_ ran great, those were the days"
  - \* "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Loosen laces
  - Opposite of vend
  - Kind of artery
  - One Beatle
  - Recipe amt.
  - Opposite of atonal
  - \* "Where the kisses are hers and \_\_\_\_\_ and his, Three's company too"
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon
  - Rosetta Stone, e.g.

### Last week's puzzle solutions:

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### DOWN

- Brewer's kiln
- "Ta-ta!" in Italy
- \* "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so \_\_\_\_\_"
- Remote in manner
- S.S. \_\_\_\_\_ of "Gilligan's Island"
- Not many (2 words)
- \* "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Right-hand page
- Schneider and Reiner
- Afresh
- Astronaut's insignia
- Three pointer
- Evening party
- Sad newspaper notices
- Goes with skip and a jump
- Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
- \* "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to \_\_\_\_\_"
- Podium, pl.
- Concerning, archaic
- \* "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your \_\_\_\_\_"
- Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- The Beatles' "\_\_\_\_\_ Road"
- Not a soul (2 words)
- \* "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Good \_\_\_\_\_" cooking show
- Lady n'Èe Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
- Extend subscription
- Infamous German leader
- Naught
- Barley kernels
- Financial woes
- Where there's trouble?
- Verdant
- Initial stake
- Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
- A snob puts them on
- Use a keyboard
- Marine eagle
- Bibliographical abbr.
- \* "Just sit right back and you'll hear a \_\_\_\_\_"
- \* "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning \_\_\_\_\_!"

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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

### Wednesdays - Sundays until August 31

**The Valley Artisans Market 40th Anniversary Show**, 10 am - 5 pm, Small Gallery, 25 East Main Street, Cambridge

### August 5 - 8, Thursday - Sunday

**Night and Day, Music & Lyrics by Cole Porter**, The Theater Barn, 654 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, \$30-\$35, visit [www.thetheaterbarn.org](http://www.thetheaterbarn.org) or call 518-794-8989

### August 6, Friday

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

**Live at the Stephentown Library, musician Scott Connors**, 7 pm, under the tent, bring lawn chair and/or blanket, co-sponsored by the Stephentown Historical Society

### 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

**Poestenkill Fire Co. 26th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet**, 8 am - 3 pm, rain or shine, food, refreshments, vendors, door prizes, Dash plaques, trophies, vehicle registration \$10, show free

**35th Annual Run for the Roses**, Grafton Lakes State Park, download registration at [graftoncommunitylibrary.org](http://graftoncommunitylibrary.org), register online at [www.finishright.com](http://www.finishright.com), Nature Walk, 8 am (\$20), 5K, 9 am (\$30), Fun Run 10 am (\$10)

**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

**76th Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day Commemoration Ceremony**, 6:30 pm, walk from Grafton Town Square to the Peace Pagoda, 8 pm program of peace, featuring speakers, musical offerings and ceremonial lighting of lanterns

### August 10, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, Get Up Jack (Irish Folk Songs)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### August 11, Wednesday

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

### August 13, Friday

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

**Live at the Stephentown Library, musician Christina Della**, 7 pm, under the tent, bring lawn chair and/or blanket, co-sponsored by the Stephentown Historical Society

**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

**Stephentown Fire Department Car Show & Barbecue**, 10 am - 2 pm

**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 17, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, Kyle Bourgault Band (Country)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### 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

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

### August 20, Friday

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

**Live at the Stephentown Library, musicians Dimes for Dollars**, 7 pm, under the tent, bring lawn chair and/or blanket, co-sponsored by the Stephentown Historical Society

### 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

### August 24, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, The Oldies Show (Oldies from 50s & 60s)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### August 25, Wednesday

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

### August 26 - 29, Thursday - Sunday

**You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, The Theater Barn**, 654 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, \$30-\$35, visit [www.thetheaterbarn.org](http://www.thetheaterbarn.org) or call 518-794-8989

### August 27, Friday

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

**Live at the Stephentown Library, musicians John Zarvis, Pug Demary & Martin Echgardt**, 7 pm, under the tent, bring lawn chair and/or blanket, co-sponsored by the Stephentown Historical Society

### August 28 & 29, Saturday & Sunday

**Auditions for Bennington Community Theater's production of The Haunting (of Hill House)**, 1-4 pm, Second Congregational Church, 115 Hillside St., Bennington, VT, for more information visit [bpacvt.org](http://bpacvt.org)

### August 28, Saturday

**Spencertown Academy Arts Center's 17th Annual Hidden Gardens**, self guided garden tour 10 am - 4 pm, outdoor market 9 am - 2:30 pm, and botanical-themed art exhibition, advance tickets \$35, at [spencertownacademy.org](http://spencertownacademy.org), day of \$40

### August 31, Tuesday

**Brunswick Summer Concert, Whiskey Highway (Country)**, 6:30 pm, Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane

### September 3, Friday

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

### September 11, Saturday

**Rensselaer County's Third Annual Farm Day Out!**, Windy Hill Orchard, 1297 Brookview Station Rd, Castleton, free

**Hoosick Half-Way Hooley St. Patrick's Parade & Irish Festival**, parade 1 pm, followed by Craic Agus Band, food & drinks, Wood Park

## August Meetings

### 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

## Senior News

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open is now open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call to be placed on the list.

Congregate lunch is served at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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.

August 9 lunch will be a Hawaiian Turkey Burger, Sweet Tator Tots and Beans. August 11 we will serve a Chicken Patty with Potatoes and Gravy and Friday we will serve a Sliced Beef Cold Plate.

Following lunch on the August 11 we will celebrate the August birthdays with an exciting game of Trivia to follow, and on the August 13 there will be Mystery Platter Bingo. All residents 60 and over are invited.

The gym is 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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 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.

### Hoosick Area Seniors Celebrate 50 years

The Hoosick Area Seniors will celebrate 50 years plus one on August 16 with a picnic at the St. Stanislaw Polish Hall Pavilion, Mechanic Street, 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 Treffeletti, 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.

**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.

### Grafton Senior Center

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. The center is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 11 am only 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 congregare meal will be served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with games and activities to follow. On Tuesday, August 10 lunch is a Beef Patty with Gravy, Baked Potato and Vegetable. Following lunch we will celebrate the August birthdays and enjoy a fun game of Trivia. Thursday, August 12 lunch will be Macaroni and Cheese with Zucchini and Tomatoes – with Bingo to follow.

The center will be open on Wednesday, August 11 from 9:30 to 11 am for the Quilting group to meet. New members are always welcome, so if you enjoying quilting or sewing this is a great opportunity for you.

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.

### Grafton Senior Center Hosts AARP Driver Safety Course for Seniors

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd., Cropseyville, will host the AARP Driver Safety Course for seniors on Wednesday, September 8. There will be a limited number of spots available so be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

The class will start promptly at 9 am and will end at 3:30 pm. You should plan to arrive no later than 8:45 am. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee will be provided. The cost is \$25 for members (please bring your AARP card with you) and \$30 for non-members, due when you sign up. Checks are preferred and should be made out to AARP. Please call 518-

279-3413 to sign up.

### Grafton Senior Center Hosts Guest Speaker

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd., Cropseyville, will host Kristen Vivian, a representative from The Eddy VNRA. She will present *The Power of Positive Thoughts* on August 17 at 12:45 pm. Learn how positive thinking can impact health and well-being. This topic was chosen to help seniors adjust following the pandemic. All residents 60 and over are encouraged to attend. Participants will be offered an opportunity to win a raffle prize.

Come at noon for a healthy and tasty lunch of Fish, Rice and Broccoli. Please call the center in advance to be placed on the list so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared. If you have questions, or want to be added to the lunch list, please call 518-279-3413.

### Grafton Merrymakers

The August meeting of the Grafton Merrymakers will take place on Wednesday, August 11 at the Everett Wagar Senior Center in Grafton. We will start with a pizza dinner at 5:30 pm. Everyone is asked to bring their own utensils (plates, cups, etc.) and their own drinks. Following dinner our meeting will start at 6:15 pm.

The Merrymakers is open to all seniors 55 and older. If you are interested in joining our group and seeing what we have to offer, please feel free to join us for dinner followed by our meeting.

Membership fees are \$3 a year. If you have any questions please call Betty Jean Kaufmann at 518-272-8624.

### Berlin Seniors Picnic And Trip

On Wednesday, August 18 the Berlin Seniors will hold their Annual Picnic at the home of Past President Carol Saunders at noon. It will be a buffet.

No one need bring food. For reservations please contact Chris French at 518-527-8110 or e-mail [grf12196@yahoo.com](mailto:grf12196@yahoo.com).

On September 17 there will be a bus trip to the Big E. Contact Carol Saunders at 518-928-4077 for reservations and tickets.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors

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 meetings. You may donate whatever you think a child would need for the upcoming school year.

### Stephentown Seniors

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 \$3 (Yes, \$3. Note correction from last week) includes \$25 for free play and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave Stephentown at 7 am.

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

## 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 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, parlied 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 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 w/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

## Church Directory

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login 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 online worship, contact [barbara@carrelan.us](mailto:barbara@carrelan.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 Tuesdays 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: Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays 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 Saturdays 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 Sundays 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

## Church News

### First Baptist Church – 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. Get ready for a boatload of Smiles! Join the Crew! At Anchored VBS, kids will dive deeper into their faith, celebrating God's unfathomable love and faithful friendship! A free will offering will be taken at the opening program Saturday morning for the Hoosick Area Food Pantry (HACA). Registration forms will be located at the First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, and Immaculate Conception Church, Main St in Hoosick Falls. If you have any questions, please call FBC church office at 518-686-5779. Anchored VBS is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Hoosick Falls and the Immaculate Conception Church of Hoosick Falls.

### 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.

**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 website 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.

## Student News

### SNAP Benefits For Eligible College Students

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, has announced her bicameral legislation that would expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit eligibility to college students attending 2 and 4-year universities part-time or more and some graduate students who also meet traditional SNAP income and other eligibility requirements. According to a 2019 SUNY survey, 55% of community college and 41% of 4-year college students in the SUNY system reported experiencing hunger while in school. Student work requirements, known as "work for food," exacerbate food insecurity among college students and impede student learning, health and stability. U.S. Representatives Jimmy Gomez (D-CA), Josh Harder (D-CA) and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) are leading this legislation in the House of Representatives.

### 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.

# Natural Banjo Noise



This Northern Green Frog (*Lithobates clamitans*) was found soaking in a bowl set out especially for frog visitors to a Petersburg yard. The frog's call has been described as a plucked banjo string often repeated. You can hear them at night now if you are near shallow water. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

# The Life Of George Holcomb

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

## A Big Sale Of Wool

Sunday, Dec 1, 1850: Today I and my whole family went to the Baptist Church to the funeral of Wm. Bliss Maxon's wife, a stranger from Berlin preached, he is a Sabetarian. I and my wife and John F. rode in my two wheel carriage and Geo P. and his two sisters rode in one horse wagon, the preacher's name Hally Baker.

Monday: Today Geo P. plowed sward on my Rodgers farm. I drove a spell and then returned home and finished banking up the house, and then I filled up a ditch in the young orchard.

Wednesday: Today Mr. Tanner and Hull came and skinned three hogs for me and paid one dollar and 69 cents for the hides at three cents per pound. This evening we partly cut up the pork.

Monday: Today I took my one horse wagon and my wife with me and we carried our sausage meat to Russel Palmer's and he helped us make our sausages 87 pounds and he charged me one dol and fifty cents and carried the meat for the widow Eliza and the widow Freelove Wylie, they had 17 pounds each.

Wednesday: some snow storm.

Thursday: I and Geo P. got a chestnut log off the hill and Geo P. went to the saw mill with the log and fetched home a load black oak one and a half inch plank.

Friday: I stopped up the celler door to keep from freezing. Today Mr. Murray from Pittsfield came and bargained for my wool at 44 cts per pound and I do agree to deliver to Pittsfield. Daniel Gardner was with Mr. Murray and agreed to fulfil said Murray contract if said Murray failed.

Saturday: Today Geo P. took a letter out of R. A. Brown's post office for John F. from Cincinnati, and a letter for Sarah O. from her cousin Caroline Holcomb.

Monday: Today Geo P. took my horse and wagon and carried my wool and his to Pittsfield, I had contracted the wool on Friday last to James J. Murray. I had 84 fleeces and the weight 267 pounds at 44 cents per and got 117 dol and 66 cents, and Geo P. had 17 fleeces at 44 cts per 23 dol 80 cents and on the way home Geo P. called on Pool Hill and got a top hog of Jabe Babcock for a few weeks.

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