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## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### Hochul Vaccine Mandate Creates Health Care Staffing Concerns

#### SVMC Offers an Alternative for Some Area Residents

by Doug La Rocque

The mandate issued by then Governor Andrew Cuomo and modified by Governor Kathy Hochul that all workers in hospitals and health care facilities, such as Rensselaer County's Van Rensselaer Manor (the county owned nursing home in North Greenbush), receive at least the first shot of a COVID-19 vaccine by Monday, September 27, is having a major impact in both the county and the state in general. Those who have decided not to do so have, in most cases, been furloughed without pay for a week and face possible termination after that. Additionally, each health care facility in the state has seen employees choose to resign, in varying numbers, rather than submit to the mandate.

Albany Medical Center says the number of unvaccinated employees is slightly over 200, and hospital President and CEO Dr. Dennis McKenna admitted publicly on Tuesday it will impact the level of service, both in timing of the delivery of such services and possible reduction in elective procedures. He also said the brunt of these staffing shortages will probably occur within the next week.

St. Peter's Health Partners, of which Troy's Samaritan Hospital is a part, said they have more than 400 employees not yet vaccinated, but made no comment as to the impact of services or treatment wait times.

There have been many comments on social media sites about

increased wait times, especially in the Emergency Room area at Samaritan.

A federal judge last week issued a temporary injunction on Governor Hochul's decree that no religious exemptions to the mandate would be allowed, pending a full hearing on the matter.

#### McLaughlin Weighs In

As was stated earlier in this report, Van Rensselaer Manor employees are covered under this mandate. As of press time, 18 of the 434 active staff have chosen not to receive the vaccine. Those employees are not scheduled to work until further notice. Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin is advocating for a two week stay of the mandate. He says in a press release, despite Governor Hochul's assurances, there is no firm plan how to fill any vacancies this mandate might create. In the release, he further says "our nurses and health care workers have been heroes throughout the pandemic. We should give them respect and more time to be vaccinated and get into compliance."

#### An Alternative Lies to the East

One local hospital not impacted by the mandate is Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) in Bennington. Vermont Governor Phil Scott has not issued any such mandate as of press time and SVMC's Chief Medical Officer, *Continued on Page 23*

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## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### McLaughlin Plans Lawsuit Against PFOA Manufacturers

#### Large Crowd at Poestenkill Town Meeting on Contaminate

by Doug La Rocque

In a statement released on Monday, September 27, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin says he has directed the County Attorney to prepare legal action against the manufacturers of PFOA as Rensselaer County works to track new contamination sources found in Poestenkill.

McLaughlin said he believes the county would have the ability to join with residents in bringing legal action if more PFOA is discovered in Poestenkill or other municipalities. Two new samples were found this summer after state-mandated testing at Algonquin Middle School was conducted and a positive sample found there as well.

The county already has seen a major PFOA issue in the Village of Hoosick Falls and the Town of Petersburgh, resulting in years of legal action and interruptions to the lives of residents.



The Algonquin Middle School in Poestenkill, where testing mandated by New York State found elevated levels of PFOA in the drinking water. Photo by Amy Modesti.

"We want to send the very clear message that we take the PFOA issue seriously and will take strong and sustained action to protect the interests of our residents. The health, *Continued on Page 9*

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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN

# Capital Project Progressing, Despite Delays

by Chris Tergliafera

Schoolhouse construction was on hand at the September 21 meeting of the Berlin Central School District Board of Education to discuss the capital project. Phase 1 has been very successful throughout the summer. COVID-19 has created issues with material delays, escalation and labor availability. Despite these slow downs, school was able to open on time with only minor items still needing to be completed. Phase 2 could see some delays as well, but right now it's difficult to say how long, if at all. One of the things the Board is extremely happy about is the opportunity these projects have presented to get rid of a lot of asbestos, especially in the elementary school.

#### President's Report

Board of Education President Frank Zwack thanked everyone, from staff to transportation, for their part in a smooth reopening. He also encouraged people that when something unexpected happens, to not react and comment right away, but rather to take a step back, breathe and be patient.

#### Superintendent's Report

BCSD Superintendent Joseph Dhara expressed his excitement to have all students back in person, every day. The district does have COVID-19 cases, but everyone is doing their best to make sure students and staff are safe, so in person learning can remain in place. He also thanked the families who informed the school right away of a positive COVID-19 case, sometimes days before the school got the information from the Department of Health. Parents are asked if at all possible, that they transport their children to and from school. Transportation will continue to be provided, but any help from parents would reduce the scope of potential exposure on the buses. Students in quarantine will get either synchronous zoom or asynchronous instruction, along with time to connect with teachers about the learning materials. He is also look-

ing into expanding the school's computer science capabilities for K-12 in a systematic manner.

#### Elementary School News

Principle Tracy Kent stated that there were a few positive COVID-19 cases right out of the gate, and teachers are preparing for quarantine teaching procedures. Ms. Kent met with advisors to discuss after school activities, to see how they could be provided for students in a safe manner. The school is planning a virtual open house for early October.

#### Middle School/High School News

Berlin Middle School/High School Principal Kimberly Brownell thanked teachers for being so flexible and collaborative with one another to make reopening go smoothly. Mrs. Brownell also announced *The Mountaineer Memo* and *Mountaineer Monthly*. *The Memo* will be weekly and sent to staff and administrators to provide highlights of what's going on around the school. *Mountaineer Monthly* will be posted online for families to keep up with school happenings.

#### Sports

Athletic Director Charles Paravella said the recent soccer tournament had a great turnout, and Berlin will continue to work with New Lebanon to improve every aspect of the sports merger. The cross country meet on October 5 will also be the team's senior night. New volleyball uniforms have arrived and received positive reviews.

Columbia county has mandated vaccinations for its high risk winter sports athletes. Rensselaer County has not yet done the same, however it is something to keep an eye on since New Lebanon students make up about half of the winter sports team rosters.

#### Other Notes

The app for parents to track bus stops could be up and running again within a few weeks. Network issues have caused delays.

### BERLIN

## Rabies Clinic

The Town of Berlin will be having a rabies clinic **Saturday, October 23**, at the Town of Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 State Rte. 22. Cats will be seen from 9 to 10 am, and dogs from 10 to 11 am. Rabies and Distemper shots will be available for the cost of \$10 each. The clinic will be cash only. For questions or information call Dog Control Officer Douglas Goodermote at 518-658-3308.

### BERLIN

## Free Meal Monday

The Berlin Community Food Closet announces a free community meal **Monday, October 4, from 4 to 6 pm**. This food truck event will take place in the parking lot of the United Methodist Church at 17 South Main Street. The food truck will offer pasta, fiesta meal, stir fry, hot dogs, salad, dessert and beverages. Customers may take home or eat at outside tables provided. Reservations can be made by calling or texting 518-795-0509 or emailing [bcommunityfoodcloset@gmail.com](mailto:bcommunityfoodcloset@gmail.com). Reservations are required and must be made by Sunday, October 3, at noon.

### BERLIN

## Pulled Pork Dinner

The Lady Shriners will be hosting their 6th annual pulled pork dinner on **Sunday, October 17, from 2 to 5 pm**, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Main St. The menu is pulled pork, cornbread, kaiser roll, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, brownie and beverage. Tickets are \$13 and the meal is drive through pick up. For reservations call Rose at 518-506-4761, Carol at 518-598-4010 or Vickie at 802-442-6345.

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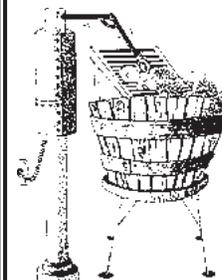
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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

## It's Fall Fest Time

The Class of 2022 will host the annual Fall Fest on **Saturday, October 2 from 10 am to 2 pm** at the bus loop at the Middle/High School. Check out the haunted trail, support our local vendors and find something new to take home.

Enjoy some time with friends and family all while supporting the current clubs and classes.

Vendors are still welcome. Forms are available on the Berlin Central School website at [www.berlincentral.org](http://www.berlincentral.org) or by reaching out to Ms. Hayes at [ahayes@berlincentral.org](mailto:ahayes@berlincentral.org).

### STEPHENTOWN

## POW Speaks at Historical Society

Isabel Krebs will give an illustrated talk, "A Child POW, Three Years In a Japanese Concentration Camp," on **Sunday, October 3, at 2 pm**. This Stephentown Historical Society program meeting will be held at the Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road. Because of COVID-19 precautions, no refreshments will be served and attendees must wear masks. The program is free and the building is accessible. For directions, call 518-733-0010.

### BERLIN LIBRARY

## Chess Club

Originally a chess club, the Berlin Free Town Library is excited to kick off its community focus by reforming the Berlin Chess Club. The first meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 11, from 6 to 7 pm**. Feel free to stop by to play, watch or learn. To ensure COVID-19 guidelines are maintained, please RSVP by emailing [BFTLBoard@gmail.com](mailto:BFTLBoard@gmail.com) or signing up at the library.

### STEPHENTOWN

## Players Premier Production

The Stephentown Players are proud to announce their premier production, Samuel Beckett's masterpiece, *Krapp's Last Tape*, starring Toby Wherry as the brooding Krapp who sits alone in his den listening to a recording of himself at an earlier time while reflecting on his aspirations, purpose and lost love. The production runs on **Saturdays, November 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7 pm** in the gym at Four Fat Fowl, 473 Rt. 43. For reservations call 518-733-0427; admission is free.



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## A Milestone for the Petersburgh Fire Department



Congratulations to the **Petersburgh Volunteer Fire Department**, which recently celebrated 80 years of service with an open house. You can help the Department celebrate by considering making a contribution to the Jaws of Life campaign. Photo courtesy of Lisa Adrion.

## Letter to the Editor

Submitted by Beverly McClave

I would like to thank the trustees of the Stephentown Memorial Library and its Director, Kim Ropollo, for partnering with the Stephentown Historical Society to provide Live at the Library on Friday nights during the summer months. The music provided wonderful entertainment the community seemed to enjoy. Hopefully we can plan a repeat next summer. Thanks also to the townspeople who came out to support this effort to enrich and entertain our small community.

### PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

## Final Week of Art Project

Thank you to all who participated in our 50/50 raffle either by buying or selling tickets. You helped us raise \$319 for the Parks and Recreation Committee. The day of the Harvest Festival was one of the most beautiful, and the event was fun and very successful. The Creative Writing Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 5, at 6:45 pm**. This is the last week of our community-wide art project, so come in to see the great variety of prints before they are taken down. The entries will be set aside and returned to their creators.

### STEPHENTOWN

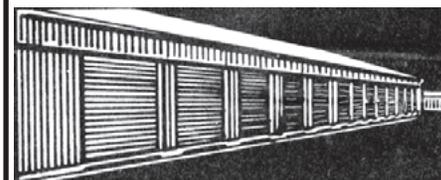
## Roast Beef Dinner

The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 23**, in the Stephentown Fire Hall, 35 Grange Road, from 4 to 7 pm. The cost is \$15, and dinners are eat-in or take-out. Come support your local volunteer fire department. You'll see that our crew of firefighters, fire police, EMTs and other volunteers are pretty good cooks.

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## STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY Upcoming Events

### Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/ Teens

Wednesdays at 4:30

### Mahjong

Thursdays at 4:00

### Voter Registration Day Event

Saturday, October 2, at 10:30 am

We will be celebrating National Voter Registration Day on Saturday, October 2, with the League of Women Voters (LWV). At 10:30 am, we will have a special Story Time with lots of books about voting. At 11 am, join us for a game to test your civics knowledge. The LWV will be on hand to help everyone register to vote and will have information about all upcoming local elections. The LWV is completely nonpartisan and its mission is to help ALL people register to vote.

### Book Club Starting

Tuesday, October 19, at 4:30 pm

All new members are welcome. Join us for a great discussion with great people about a great book. October's read is Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker. Copies are available at the library.

### Stephentown Halloween Party

Saturday, October 30, from 1 to 3 pm

This event will be held outside at the Fire Hall. Rain date is **Sunday, October 31**. More details to come.

### Live at the Library a Great Success

The Stephentown Library and the Stephentown Historical Society collaborated this summer on a wonderful program that brought live music to Stephentown every Friday night in July, August and part of September. SML and SHS would like to thank all of the musicians who came to Stephentown to perform. The music was fantastic. We would also like to thank all of the community members who came out to support these great musicians as well. There were anywhere from 25 to 60 people in the audience not to mention several dogs at each show, who seemed to enjoy the shows as much as the humans did.

This program was so well received that we will hold it again next summer! Check out the library's Youtube channel to see some of the musicians. For details on upcoming events, go to [www.stephentownlibrary.org](http://www.stephentownlibrary.org).

## STEPHENTOWN Flu Shot Clinic

The Stephentown Seniors will sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic on **Saturday, October 2, from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road. For information Call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755 or Heather Govel at 518-281-4030.



*Dimes for Dollars performs at Live at the Library on August 20. Photo courtesy of Stephentown Memorial Library.*

# Taconic Valley

## Kyle Kidney for Stephentown Town Council *Working Knowledge and Experience*



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"The Only Stephentown on Earth".***

*Paid for by Kyle Kidney*

## Diana Clark for Stephentown Town Council *Served Country and Community*



- Veteran who served 24 years in the Reserves. Retired at the rank of Lt Col. Deployed to Iraq and Africa as Medical Crew Director and Flight Nurse.
- Volunteer with the Rensselaer County Health Dept from January to May 2021. Worked with the Vaccine Hotline and administered over 600 vaccines including 2 pop-up clinics here in Stephentown.
- Worked for 24 years at Westchester Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma Center. During that time was a Nursing Supervisor for the Emergency Room and Burn Unit. Experience as an active member of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Also served as Medivac Flight Nurse/Paramedic for 12 years. Developed and implemented EMS Outreach Program for the Hudson Valley Region.

***I can offer over 35 years of Health Care Experience in both Military and Civilian Settings.***

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***I will also bring extensive proven experience in management, leadership and decision making.***

*Paid for by Diana Clark*

## STEPHENTOWN

# Small Town Creamery Doing Big Things

by Chris Tergliafera

What do you get when you cross high quality ingredients, a creative name and a group of self proclaimed maniacal cheese lovers? You get Four Fat Fowl, the award winning artisan creamery located in Stephentown.

Since opening in 2013, the creamery has seen an incredible amount of success and growth. They've won numerous awards, including New York Cow's Milk Creamery of the Year and Gold in the Soft Ripened Bloomy Cow's Milk category for their St.

Stephen cheese at the 2021 New York International Cheese Competition.

The company started at a small building down the road from the old Stephentown Elementary School. After outgrowing their ten year business plan in just 3 years, they purchased that very same school and turned it into their current production facility. Incredibly, the creamery is once again on the verge of outgrowing its infrastructure. "We hope to be able to stay in this space, but we are encountering some issues with the limits of the infrastructure here in Stephentown," said Josie Madison, co-owner and operations and finance manager of Four Fat Fowl. She went on to say the



company is hoping to work with Stephentown to create a plan that will work for years to come, so they can remain in the town they love so much.

The name itself comes from the seventeenth century system of landholding called patroonship. The patroon was essentially the landlord. Stephen Van Rensselaer, who Stephentown is named after, would request four fat fowl as part of tenants' land agreement.

When asked if they could ever imagine they would have so much success so quickly, the answer was not really. Josie stated they just started out making cheese that they enjoyed, in the hopes that they could do well enough to make a living out of it.

"We continue to be amazed and humbled by how much people love our cheese, and by the support we have received from cheese lovers locally and all over the country."

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# Central County

## Castleton Fire Department Celebrates 150 Years



Castleton Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their 150th anniversary on September 24, with their mutual aid partners and local officials, with music, food and friendship. The 62 member department has 35 active members and covers 6 square miles. Schodack Town Board member Scott Swartz, Rensselaer County Legislator Chuck Peter and NYS Assemblyman Jake Ashby were on hand to celebrate with Chief Matt Carner and President Don Hancock. Photo by Denise Wright.

## BRUNSWICK

## Hannaford Supermarket Garner's Final Approval

by Doug La Rocque

Last week *The Eastwick Press* reported the Brunswick Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was not satisfied at their September 13 meeting with the parking lot lighting design submitted by Lord Avenue Property, LLC, the developer of the Hannaford Supermarket proposed for the corner of Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7) and Lord Avenue, thusly putting their area variance application on hold. That meant the Brunswick Planning Board was unable to grant final site plan approval at their meeting, three days later. What was determined was the two boards would meet in a joint special session on Thursday, September 23 to attempt to bring the approval process to a close.



A look at what the new Hannaford Supermarket in Brunswick might look like from another Brunswick Hannaford, this one however, in Brunswick, ME. File photo.

Hannaford returned with a new lighting plan that reduced the number of light poles from 27 to 19, with only six now at 21 feet in height, the remaining 13 at 15 feet as per town code. The six large poles will be down the middle of the parking lot, with the new layout dramatically reducing the amount of lighting that might "trespass" into the surrounding neighborhood. With the condition all lights must be of the "dark sky" nature, meaning they have no tilt, the ZBA gave its approval.

That "put the ball" back in the Planning Board's court, where their resolution of approval contained 20 conditions, dealing mostly with traffic, construction, hours of operation and a new signal light. Site preparation will require about 45,000 square yards of fill to be brought in, anticipated to take about eight weeks to complete. The Board is recommending all truck traffic be directed in with a right turn off Hoosick Street and a right turn out. The final plan is subject to discussion between the applicant, the contractor, the Town and the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT). It was also decided to allow a left turn out of the store's parking lot onto Lord Avenue, for passenger vehicles only, and that would be limited to local traffic. Other conditions limited the hours the lights could be on from 5 am to midnight, except for identified security lighting. The Board limited the hours the fill operation could take place to 7 am to 5 pm weekdays, and 7 am to 3 pm Saturday. No Sundays or holidays. Post fill construction would be restricted to 7 am to 7 pm weekdays and 7 am to 5 pm Saturdays. Again no Sundays or holidays. There is no limit on construction times inside the building, once it is "buttoned up."

Lord Avenue Property must also establish a \$10,000 escrow account to fund a post construction study on the impact the store might have on "cut through traffic" in the surrounding area. Another \$5,000 escrow account would cover inspection of the "relocating" or widening of Lord Avenue to add a turning lane at the store's entrance.

After some discussion, it was further decided the applicant would speak to each homeowner along Otsego Avenue that abuts the site, to consider the installation of 6 foot high fencing and planting of vegetation aimed at reducing both noise and light.

The final condition was that the new signal light at Lord Avenue and Hoosick Street must be installed and operational before the Town would grant a certificate of occupancy and allow the store to open. DOT estimates that will be sometime in the spring of 2022.

## VALLEY FALLS

## Monthly Breakfast

The Valley Falls VFW Post 1938, located on Poplar Avenue, will be resuming its monthly breakfast on the **first Sunday of each month, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu includes eggs cooked to order, French toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and coffee. The cost is \$10 for ages 13 and over, \$5 for children 5-12 and children under 5 eat free.



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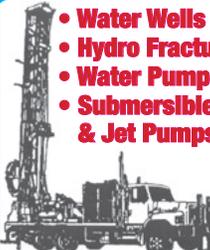
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## Central County

### SCHODACK

# Town Board Honors Heroes



Alison Steele, Mike White, Grace Coons and Paster Dirk Gieser receiving their resolutions and honors from Supervisor David Harris. Photo by Denise Wright.

by Denise Wright

During the September 23 Schodack Town Board meeting, several residents were honored for their quick action in rescuing a distressed motorist on September 9 on Maple Hill Road. Alison Steele, Mike White and Grace Coons, a cook at the Emmanuel Reformed Church, attempted to revive an unresponsive 30-year-old male. Motorist Kenneth Meyer stopped and realized a potential cardiac issue and ran to Maple Hill High School next door to obtain an AED machine. Principal of Maple Hill High School, Jacqueline Hill, rushed the AED to the scene. Realizing that the motorist was a potential overdose victim, Paster Dirk Gieser hurried to his residence and returned to the scene with the first dose of NARCAN. After the dose was administered, CPR was given by Coons and Steele. Schodack Town Highway members Steven Larsen, Rick Hiller, Andy Kock, Joseph Cavanaugh and Steven Rivers provided invaluable traffic control. Schodack Police officers Richard Eckel and Jahmale Dickson assisted with CPR and conducted the investigation while Castleton Volunteer Ambulance crew members Marianina Walsh and Karilyn Bristol continued life-saving measures. Bruen Rescue Squad members Daniel Daley, Sean Murray, Ryan Brady and Jonathan Angley provided further life-saving measures. Schodack Valley Volunteer First Response 32, driven by Patrick O'Keefe, with a crew of Brian Cassidy, Christopher Guilanelli and Joseph, arrived on the scene and provided further support. Supervisor David Harris presented the honorees with a copy of the resolution and said, "We thank you for your heroic contributions to the well-being of an individual and the Town of Schodack" and appreciated them giving back so generously to their community and "exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great Town."

The rest of the Board meeting revolved around the town libraries.

Melissa Tacke from Castleton Public Library, Tracey Claque from Nassau Free Library and Jill Dugas Hughes from East Greenbush Library presented some highlights from 2020-2021, and submitted their budget requests for the 2022 year. One consistent highlight was increasing their technology by having WiFi hotspots to loan and the use of Hoopla, which is a web and mobile library media streaming platform for audiobooks, comics, e-books, movies, music and TV. Patrons of libraries that support Hoopla have unlimited access to its collection of digital media. The libraries are trying to engage readers in various ways, such as craft kits, read-along programs and personalized reading bundles. According to the presentation, 16,072 people attended 594 library events over the past year and 7,493 attended in-library or live virtual events. The librarians expressed appreciation for the Board's continuous support and now are requesting a combined budget of \$514,263 which is a 5.4% increase from the 2021 funding of \$488,099. The Board commended the librarians for the outstanding job that they did over the past year.

The final presentation of the evening was from a Schodack resident who is interested in opening a cannabis dispensary in Schodack. The presenters discussed the strict guidelines that would be implemented at the dispensary. They wanted to address any questions and concerns the Board members might have about the opt-in or out decision the Board will be making about cannabis retail by December 31. The presenters realized the rules and regulations are presently in a state of flux in New York, but invited the members to use them as a sounding board as plans become finalized. They just wanted the Board to realize that they are Schodack residents and desire to invest their business venture in the town and help the town receive badly needed capital.

### VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

# Upcoming Events

## Weekly Events

### Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

Join us for a fun hour of stories, music, movement, art activities and more. For preschoolers.

### The Tale of Two Stitches with Debbie Bevevino

Fridays at 1 pm

Bring your knitting, crocheting or other handwork and join us as we work together and tell a tale or two. Everyone is welcome.

## Monthly Events

### Adult Book Club

3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 am

We read and discuss a different book each month. We will have copies of the book available at the library. For more information contact Jackie Marino at 518-753-0442 or at [jlmarino@icloud.com](mailto:jlmarino@icloud.com).

## October Special Events

### Barn Quilt Workshop

Saturday, October 9, 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. The cost is \$30 and please register by October 2.

### Family Movie Night

Friday, October 15, 6:30 pm

Bring your friends and family to

enjoy watching *Cruella* on our big screen. Come in your comfy PJ's and bring a pillow and blanket to sit on the floor if you like. Popcorn and lemonade provided. Masks Required when moving around in the library. Registration is encouraged.

### Self Care for Stressful Times

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 pm

The idea of Self Care can be confusing, partly because we're all similar, but different. Just like different species of plants need different amounts of water, soil and sunlight, different people need different ratios of movement, food, sleep and contact. This free 60-minute workshop will explore what it means to actually take care of yourself in a meaningful, lasting way and how to design a customized self-care routine.

### Medicare Insurance Information Session

Tuesday, October 26, 6:30 pm

In this educational presentation, the basics of Medicare will be described so you understand what to do if you are turning 65, qualify for Medicare for the first time after disability, are thinking about changing Medicare plans or just need a Medicare refresher.

Masks are required in the library to protect the immunocompromised and the unvaccinated. To register for an event, call the circulation desk at 518-753-4230, email [circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org](mailto:circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org) or message us on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/VAFLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/VAFLibrary/).



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## Central County

### GRAFTON

# All You Can Eat FD Breakfast

The next breakfast sponsored by the Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 8 to 11 am. The menu features Belgian waffles, pancakes, French toast, eggs (made to order), sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, however kids 5 and under eat free.

The breakfast is held at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, located on South Road (County Route 85).

### GRAFTON



The repainted historical marker has been relocated on the property of the Grafton Inn on Route 2 in order to limit its exposure to winter snow plow salt spray. Tom Kiely and his son Tom placed the sign in its current location. Photo by Anne Kiely.

## Brunswick Republicans Fundraiser

Please join Brunswick Republicans and support our 2021 candidates. For Town Council: Mark Balistreri, Gordon Christian and Receiver of Taxes Jayne Tarbox. The event will take place **Wednesday, October 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at Brunswick Brew, 3925 NY 2 in Brunswick (Troy GPS). Tickets are \$50, \$250 and \$500.

### AVERILL PARK

# Raising Funds to Help the Community

Submitted by RensCo Legislative Majority Office

Earlier this summer, Rensselaer County Legislator Scott Bendett and Tom Choquette held their annual Greenbush Open Golf Tournament to raise funds for community based organizations. The event was sponsored by Scott Bendett, Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe and Tom Choquette's Burden Lake Country Club, where the tournament was held. The event was a great success and raised quite a bit of money that was recently distributed to three community organizations. Bendett and Choquette presented a \$1,000 check to the President of the Averill Park Education Foundation, Daryl Bart. The funding will be used to work with Kim Favro of the Averill Park School District to provide backpacks full of food to children who are facing food insecurity at home.

Bendett and Choquette also presented a \$3,100 check to the Doors of Hope Food Pantry in West Sand Lake, and a \$900 check to the Gathering Place in Nassau. Both organizations provide residents in need with food and supplies throughout the year.

"This was the 12th year that Tom Choquette and I have held The Greenbush Open, and over those years we have raised tens of thousands of dollars for local organizations," said Legislator Bendett of Averill Park.

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### GRAFTON

# All Aboard



A locomotive and rail cars that were once part of the Rutland Railroad. Photo courtesy of the Grafton Historical Society.

Prepare for a nostalgic adventure along the Rutland RR fabled Corkscrew subdivision through Bennington, Petersburg, Berlin, Cherry Plain, Stephentown and points south. Explore rails and tales, history and mystery along this route via a video presentation which will be shown at the October 20 meeting of the Grafton Historical Society. Historians, railroaders and local residents' anecdotes are included. The meeting will be held at the Everett Wagar Senior Center at 7 pm. It is co-sponsored by the Grafton Community Library. The public is invited to join us for this free program. Light refreshments will be served.

### SCHAGHTICOKE

# Tailgate Sale

On **Sunday, October 3, from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm**, Brunswick Grange will hold their annual Fall Agricultural Tailgate Sale. The event will take place on the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, Route 67 and 40. More than 50 vendors will have various varieties of chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, veggies, plants and other agricultural animals for sale, however no dogs, cats, puppies or kittens will be allowed. A donation of \$15 per vendor will be charged at the gate, spectators are free. Masks may be required and there will be food vendors on the grounds. This is a rain or shine event. For more information please call 518-279-9113.

### BRUNSWICK

# Upcoming Library Events

## Writing Your Stories

Wednesday, October 13, 20, and 27, from 2 to 4 pm.

A writer's workshop led by author Susannah Risley. To reserve your spot call 518-279-4023.

## Haunted Trail

Friday, October 29 to Sunday, October 31

A socially distanced Halloween event. Follow the spooky trail and grab your goody bag in the shed.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

Letter to the Editor

### An Open Letter to President Biden

Submitted by John Ferrari, Veterans for Peace

We are writing you on the occasion of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, which has been declared by the United Nations General Assembly to be celebrated annually on September 26.

As veterans who have fought in multiple U.S. wars, we are concerned about the very real danger of a nuclear war that would kill millions of people and could possibly even destroy human civilization. Therefore we are asking to have input into the Nuclear Policy Review that your administration has recently initiated.

Veterans For Peace urges you to do the following:

1. Adopt and announce a policy of no first use of nuclear weapons, and make that policy credible by

publicly decommissioning U.S. ICBMs that can only be used in a first strike.

2. Take U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, or launch on warning, thus reducing the probability of an accidental, unauthorized or unintentional nuclear exchange.

3. Cancel plans to replace the entire US arsenal with enhanced weapons at a cost of more than \$1 trillion over the next 30 years.

4. Redirect the money thus saved into environmentally sound programs, including the cleanup of toxic and radioactive waste left during eight decades of the nuclear cycle.

5. Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and provide global leadership for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## HFCS Received Broadband Grant from Feds

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Delgado

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado has helped secure \$1.6 million to assist five upstate schools connect to broadband. One of those schools receiving grants from the Federal Communications Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund is the Hoosick Falls School District. This funding can be used to purchase devices and help end the digital divide.

“Being awarded \$120,895.70 by the FCC through the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program will have a profound impact on the students in our District. The funds will be used to purchase 540 chromebooks and 10 wireless access points for students that do not have internet access or devices at home. This will essentially complete our 1:1 initiative of all students having access to a computing device,” said Hoosick Falls Superintendent of Schools Patrick Dailey.

“Every student should have reliable internet access,” said Rep. Delgado. “This first round of Emergency Connectivity Fund grants will help upstate schools close the digital divide and end the homework gap that disproportionately affects rural communities. I was proud to support the creation of this essential program and will keep fighting until every resident of New York’s 19th Congressional District has quality and affordable internet access.”



Representative Antonio Delgado

### BENNINGTON

## SVMC Receives Echocardiography Reaccreditation

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center Cardiology has again achieved the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission’s accreditation for adult transthoracic and adult stress echocardiography. SVMC, which includes SVMC Cardiology, is one of only five facilities in Vermont that is accredited in adult stress echocardiography.

Accreditation by the IAC means that SVMC Cardiology has undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical processes by a panel of experts. The accreditation is granted only to those facilities

that are found to be providing quality patient care in compliance with national standards through a comprehensive application process, which includes a detailed case study review.

Physicians and technologists in both SVMC Cardiology and the hospital’s echocardiography department submitted their work for evaluation. The process includes meeting quarterly requirements and reapplying every 3 years. The service was first accredited in 2014. This most recent accreditation will last through 2024.

### McLaughlin Plans Lawsuit Against PFOA Manufacturers

Continued from page 1

safety and quality of life for our residents is not up for negotiation,” said McLaughlin. The County Executive’s action were supported by County Legislator Tom Grant, who represents Poestenkill. He stated “we need to be prepared to bring legal action and help defend the interest of our residents if the situation worsens. This is unfair to our residents and the county to be dealing with at this point in time.”

It was a standing room only crowd at the Sullivan Jones VFW post that evening, as the Poestenkill Town Board along with state and county officials met with town residents to discuss the PFOA situation. Many residents advocated for more testing (a second round of tests on properties near the school are currently underway) and demanded the state or county pay for these tests. As it stands now, only those tests being conducted by the county are paid for. Other property owners would be forced to foot the bill for any sampling they might arrange on their own. As to this second round of testing, county officials indicated last week the results would probably be available in October. Another frustration expressed that evening is that the source of the PFOA contamination is not yet known.

The PFOA levels found at the school and in the other properties were above state limits, but not as high as the levels seen in both Hoosick Falls and Petersburg.

### BENNINGTON

## Voices from the Grave

Bennington Community Theater’s second production of Voices from the Grave will be **Saturday, October 2**. Four groups of ten will depart every 40 minutes, beginning at 10 am, on both days. Tickets are \$10 and you must pre-register for a specific time. Please see [www.BenningtonPerformingArtsCenter.org](http://www.BenningtonPerformingArtsCenter.org) or call 802-447-0564 to reserve your spot.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Night at the Armory

Postponed

The Board of The Armory in Hoosick Falls has announced the Night at the Armory event scheduled for **Saturday, October 2** has been postponed out of an abundance of caution because of COVID-19.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# HFCS Bathroom Vandalism Related to Tik Tok Challenge

by Doug La Rocque

During public comment at the Hoosick Falls School Board meeting on September 16, Superintendent of Schools Patrick Dailey was asked why two restrooms had been shutdown and why

parents were not notified. Mr. Dailey responded it was because of vandalism and that the restrooms involved have been repaired and reopened. Speaking with *The Eastwick Press*, Superintendent Dailey has confirmed the vandalism was connected to the Tik Tok Challenge known as Devious Licks, where students post videos of themselves stealing, vandalizing or showing off items they stole.

The Devious Licks trend has occurred at many other schools around the Capital Region and in Rensselaer County. Superintendent Dailey said what happened at HFCS was "minimal comparatively" to what many other school districts have experienced. A number of these districts are using the videos

the vandals posted to make arrests. Tik Tok itself is attempting to pull down the videos whenever they surface.

As of press time, no arrests have been reported in the HFCS vandalism.

### HOOSICK

# Local Man Arrested on Contempt and Harassment Charges

New York State Press Release

On September 23, the New York State Police in Brunswick arrested 52-year-old Michael A. Bonneau of Hoosick for Criminal Contempt 1st degree (E felony) and Aggravated harassment 2nd degree (A misdemeanor). Bonneau was charged after violating a stay away order of protection. He is accused of continuing to contact the protected party by phone and showing up at their home; both actions are prohibited by the order. Bonneau was located at a residence in the town of Hoosick and taken into custody. He was processed at SP Brunswick and arraigned in Schaghticoke Town Court where he was released on his own recognizance. Bonneau was due back in court on a later date.

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Cheney Library

## Upcoming Events

Have a question about your phone, laptop or tablet? Schedule a free 30 minute appointment with a tech librarian at Cheney Library. Please bring your technology to the appointment. For more information, or to register for a session, please visit [www.cheneylibrary.org/tech-help](http://www.cheneylibrary.org/tech-help).

### Book Sale

Saturday, October 2, 9 am to 1 pm

A book sale in the downstairs multipurpose room. Come and find your next great read.

### Story Hour

Tuesday, October 5

Join your friends each week for stories, rhymes and lots of fun. Due to capacity restrictions, pre-registration is highly recommended. Register at [www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour](http://www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour). The program is geared toward children ages 2-5, but all are welcome and masks are required.

### Lego Club

Friday, October 15, 4 to 6 pm

Grades 4-6

Calling all builders, join us at the library to construct the creations of your dreams. Due to capacity restrictions, pre-registration is required. To register, or to see more information, please visit [www.cheneylibrary.org/lego-club](http://www.cheneylibrary.org/lego-club).

Construction of a new wheelchair access ramp and van accessible parking area continues on the east side of the library. A new flagpole has also been installed. When visiting the library, please use the walkpath on the west side of the building, the Harder Lane side.

Attention all students ages 9 to 13 only, who attend school in the Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS, and Hoosick Falls Central School districts:

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## 2021-2022 North Hoosick Fire Department KIDS DANCES

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Dances Begin Friday, October 1, 2021. Admission: \$3 per student

### Dance Schedule

All dances are from 7 to 9 pm.

A parent or guardian must sign student out after dance.

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| Dance #1. Friday, October 1, 2021   | Dance #10. Friday, February 18, 2022 |
| Dance #2. Friday, October 22, 2021  | Dance #11. Friday, March 4, 2022     |
| Dance #3. Friday, November 5, 2021  | Dance #12. Friday, March 18, 2022    |
| Dance #4. Friday, November 19, 2021 | Dance #13. Friday, April 1, 2022     |
| Dance #5. Friday, December 3, 2021  | Dance #14. Friday, April 15, 2022    |
| Dance #6. Friday, December 17, 2021 | Dance #15. Friday, May 6, 2022       |
| Dance #7. Friday, January 7, 2022   | Dance #16. Friday, May 20, 2022      |
| Dance #8. Friday, January 21, 2022  | Dance #17. Friday, June 3, 2022      |
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### HOOSICK FALLS

# Walter A. Wood Tractor Show is Back

Submitted by Kevin O'Malley

The Walter A. Wood Tractor and Agriculture Show is this **Saturday, October 2**. Come on over to Walter A. Wood Memorial Park in Hoosick Falls and check out all the antique and vintage tractors, horse-drawn farm equipment, implements and contemporary machinery that will be on display from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The highlight of the day is the Burton Luke Tractor Parade at noon. The tractors and farm equipment will wind around village streets led by the whistle from the Walter A. Wood Plant.

For more information or to register, call Kevin at 518-894-5035, or email him at [hoosickkid@gmail.com](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com).

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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NORTH CHATHAM

# Community Day



Looking down Route 203 in the hamlet of North Chatham. Photo courtesy of Paul Herrington.

On **October 16**, the hamlet of North Chatham will be holding its first annual Community Day. All are invited to come and see what makes it a great place to live. The North Chatham Historical Society Museum will be open and showing their video of *The Second Battle of Bunker Hill*, and the North Chatham Free Library will be open with books for sale on the front lawn, weather permitting. Some residents of the hamlet will be having yard sales and the North Chatham Volunteer Fireman's Association will be serving lunch from 11 am to 2 pm. The menu will include meatball subs, chili, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips

and drinks. Both takeout and seating will be available. The North Chatham United Methodist Church clothing barn will be open and the church will have a sweet treats sale, kids' activities, silent auction, tailgate sale and donated items for sale. If you would like to donate items for the sale or sell your own items please see the church website listed below. The Buccaneers 4-H club will be selling pumpkins and Neighbors of Northern Columbia County will have an informational table at the church. Free parking will be available behind the church. For more information please go to [northchathammethodistchurch.org](http://northchathammethodistchurch.org).

### NASSAU

# Flat Tire Leads to Suspects

New York State Press Release

On September 24, the New York State Police in Schodack arrested 35-year old Lloyd E. Thomas Jr. and 29-year old Dylan D. Thomas, both of Poestenkill, for Burglary 2nd degree (C felony), Criminal Mischief 2nd degree (D felony), Grand Larceny 4th degree (E felony) and Conspiracy 4th Degree. Dylan Thomas was additionally charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th degree (A misdemeanor). Shortly after 7 am on Friday morning, Troopers were called to a home on Old Mill Pond Road in the town of Nassau for a report of a burglary in progress. When Troopers arrived, they checked the unoccupied home and observed signs of a forced entry. The suspects had left the area, but Troopers were able to obtain a vehicle description and license

plate number from a witness. A short time later the suspect vehicle was found stuck in a driveway on Lyons Lake Road with a flat tire. On arrival, troopers found Lloyd and Dylan Thomas with both men were taken into custody. Dylan Thomas was also found to be in possession of a small quantity of heroin.

Lloyd and Dylan Thomas were transported to SP Schodack barracks for processing. Both men were arraigned in Nassau Town Court and remanded to Rensselaer County Jail without bail. They are due back in court on a later date.

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### NEW LEBANON

# Community Food Giveaway

The Town of New Lebanon and the New Lebanon CSD will be having a food giveaway on **Friday, October 29, starting at 9 am**. The giveaway is completely free and will take place at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22. Along with food, free masks and hand sanitizer will also be available. Pull in at Shatford Park by entering the baseball fields and follow the signs to Town Hall. Any questions contact Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com).

### NEW LEBANON

# Budget Workshop Schedule

Four special budget workshops of the Town Board will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 on the following dates and times, **Tuesday, October 12 and 19, at 6 pm**, **Thursday, October 21, at 6:30 pm** and **Wednesday, October 27, at 6 pm**. These special budget workshops will be used to work on the 2022 budget, and to discuss any other business that comes in front of the Town Board. Please note that people who do not wish to attend the special meetings and budget workshops at the pavilion in person may join the live stream link, [https://townhall-streams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](https://townhall-streams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)

### NEW LEBANON

# American Legion Open Meeting

On **Saturday, October 9, at 8 am**, the American Legion will be holding an open meeting at the New Lebanon Fire Station. The meeting is open to all veterans in the community that are interested in joining. Please bring your DD214 if you wish to join.

### NASSAU

# Democrats Seek Poll Watchers

The Town of Nassau Democratic Committee is seeking people interest in being poll watchers for the general election on Tuesday, November 2. The pay is \$200 for the day (5:30 am to 9 pm) or \$100 for a half day.

A one hour training course is required, which will be held in October. Reimbursement for this class is \$25.

Poll watchers are assigned to one of the two election sites in the Village of Nassau or at the Tswtsawassa or Hoags Corners Firehouses.

For further information please contact Pat Piniasek at [patpen1018@gmail.com](mailto:patpen1018@gmail.com) or 518-577-0491. You may also contact Judy Ziller at [judyz\\_05262@yahoo.com](mailto:judyz_05262@yahoo.com).



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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### HUDSON

## Columbia County Records 121 New COVID-19 Cases

For the past seven days, the Columbia County Department of Health has recorded 121 new cases of COVID-19 among county residents. That number includes 16 cases as of midday Wednesday, September 29, 21 for Sunday-Monday, 14 Saturday, 26 Friday, 30 on Thursday and 14 last Wednesday.

There are currently three hospitalized individuals.

County DOH Director Jack Mabb noted that the in-county infection positivity rate stands at 6.77%.

Also on Tuesday, Director Mabb indicated that county DOH has revised its approach to COVID-19 testing: "In the face of the recent surge in demand for testing at the county DOH we must refocus the use of our limited testing resources on helping us uncover family, business and school clusters that will help slow the spread of the variant. We just don't have the test kits to keep up with the pace of testing in recent weeks. Individuals who are asymptomatic are being encouraged to go to community test sites."

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

### NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

## October Events

October at New Lebanon Library offers virtual music, Fall activities and a chance to help your neighbors in Columbia County. The library is open for borrowing, computer use, printing and faxing services. Curbside service is available by request. Please help us maintain a safe library for all – masks must be worn inside by visitors aged 3 years and older.

#### The Great Giveback

*Through October 16*

New Lebanon Library, along with all Columbia County Libraries, is partnering with Our Community Cares CC to collect items to fill comfort bags for cancer patients. Items from their wishlist include hats, gloves, lip balm, travel size tissues, playing cards and more. Contact the library for a complete list. Please consider donating items to help community members throughout our County.

#### Kids Craft Kit Pickup: Autumn Leaves Luminary

*Tuesday, October 12*

#### Outdoor Storytime

*Wednesday, October 6, 20 and 27, 10:30 am*

Join Miss Ann on the patio behind the library for songs, movement activities and age-appropriate stories for our younger patrons and their caregivers.

#### Adult Craft Meetup

*Thursday, October 21, 6:30 pm*

Enjoy good company while painting and assembling your own Wood Slice Pumpkins Decoration.

#### Explorer Backpack Program

*Saturday, October 23*

*11 am to 1 pm*

Take a Hike at Hand Hollow. Join us for a family friendly hike with educators from Columbia Land Conservancy. Space is limited. Please reserve your spot at <https://clctrust.org/event/explorer-backpack5/>.

### HUDSON

## Landlord/Tenants Rights Forum Set

The Columbia County Fair Housing Advisory Board (HAB) will hold its "Landlord/Tenants Rights Forum" Wednesday, October 6 at 6 pm in the Hudson High School Cafeteria located at 215 Harry Howard Avenue. The forum will focus on resources both landlords and tenants can use to deal with handling mortgage and rental issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. It will feature a panel of invited speakers from Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY; Columbia County Office for Aging; Community Action of Greene County; Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8); and St. Catherine's Center for Children (Hudson Roots).

Columbia County Fair Housing Officer William Fisher and Fair Housing Advisory Board Chair Theresa Mayhew will facilitate the evening's program which will include ample time for questions and answers from the audience. Pre-registration is not required but attendees must adhere to the Hudson City School District's COVID-19 protocols regarding mask wearing and social distancing.

The Columbia County HAB consists of volunteers from local government and the county's religious, business, financial and housing communities. It assists the Fair Housing Officer in assuring that no member of the community is discriminated against in either the rental or purchase of housing based on race, religion (creed), national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, military status, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity as guaranteed under the Federal Fair Housing Act and the New York State Division of Human Rights. For more information on fair housing, contact [wms123123@live.com](mailto:wms123123@live.com) or by calling 518-828-0342.

### NORTH CHATHAM LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

#### Fall Foliage Walk

*Saturday, October 2, 10 am*

Enjoy a companionable fall foliage walk at the Powell Wildlife Sanctuary in Old Chatham with leaders from Enriching Life, Increasing Knowledge (ELIK) the adult learning program for seniors of the North Chatham Free Library.

#### Mo'olelo, Visual Storytelling of People's Connection to the Land

*Sunday, October 3, 3 pm*

This program includes twelve photographers who will present and discuss images and ideas with the audience. Their imagery includes digital techniques, abstraction, realism and current events.

#### How to Knit a Hat on a Loom

*Tuesday, October 12, 10 am at the Malden Bridge Community Center*

Leona Scarpinato, a member of the ELIK committee, will instruct attendees on how to knit a hat using a round hand-held loom. This is

### NEW LEBANON

## Drive Thru-Flu Clinic

The Town of New Lebanon will be holding a drive thru flu clinic on Saturday, October 23, from 10 am to noon. The event will be held at the Town Hall. Those interested in registering can do so at <https://forms.gle/EiSXXFg4EgSnRk1Z9>.

### NEW LEBANON

## Repair Cafe

On *Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 4 pm* Climate Smart Committees from New Lebanon, Chatham, Canaan, Austerlitz and East Nassau will bring a Repair Cafe to the New Lebanon Fire House, 523 US 20. COVID-19 protocols for gatherings will be observed.

A Repair Cafe event is a volunteer-run activity, free for all. Whether you have a broken lamp or a chair leg that needs mending, a Repair Cafe can help divert items from going to the landfill, teach lifelong valuable fixing skills, and bring neighbors together to help one another.

The volunteer fixers for the upcoming Repair Cafe are skilled in sewing, darning, carpentry work, basic electrical repairs, bikes, computer software, shoes, jewelry, ceramics and leather goods. Ben Jose, who is a volunteer said, "I'm a fixer, and happy to help people with their cherished, but broken belongings."

For more information, or to volunteer to repair or help with the project contact Adelia Moore at [adeliamoore@gmail.com](mailto:adeliamoore@gmail.com) for New Lebanon, Wendy Dwyer at [missmisc@icloud.com](mailto:missmisc@icloud.com) for Canaan, or Cara Humphrey at [carasoup07@gmail.com](mailto:carasoup07@gmail.com) for Austerlitz.

a simple, quick and fun way to knit hats. Loom and yarn will be provided. Given the hands-on nature of this program, registration is required by Thursday, October 7. There is a limit of 12 participants.

The memoir writing group of the NCFL is also seeking a few new members. Those with an interest in joining are invited to attend an introductory meeting on October 14, at 3 pm on the library lawn or inside the little library in case of rain. Furthermore, all month NCFL will participate in the Great Give Back and is collecting comfort items for cancer patients. There is a box at the library to put the items in.

All of these programs require advance registration. To register for any of these programs, email [mail@northchathamlibrary.org](mailto:mail@northchathamlibrary.org).



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## Rensselaer County News

### Third Annual Tour of Farms and Agribusinesses

Assemblyman Chris Tague has concluded his third annual tour of New York state farms, agribusinesses and agricultural facilities. The tour was attended by a large, bipartisan group of Senate and Assembly legislators from across the state.

The tour highlighted various facets of the agricultural industry within New York, and the unique challenges they face in their businesses. From the production of food to the growing of Christmas trees and the brewing of craft beer, the tour provided legislators a thorough look into everything New York



Assemblyman Chris Tague joins a bipartisan group of lawmakers and business owners at Veeder's Tree Farm in Earlton, NY on Sept. 22, as part of his third annual farm tour of agribusinesses and agricultural facilities. The tour concluded at the Golden Harvest Farm in Valatie.

State agribusinesses have to offer, how goods are produced from start to finish and the real experiences of New Yorkers who work in agriculture.

### HALFMOON

### Senator Jordan Announces State Aid for Library Construction

New York State Senator Daphne Jordan announced the award of \$433,343 in state aid for library construction funds for several public libraries located throughout her 43rd Senate District.

The funds are from \$14 million in capital monies for public library construction and broadband infrastructure projects provided in the fiscal year 2020-2021 State Budget. The funding awarded to local public libraries is as follows:

Brunswick Community Library - \$11,625 for the addition of a second bathroom to the Brunswick Library to help manage heavy use and traffic.

Cheney Library - \$21,078 to expand the paved parking lot and install a wheelchair access ramp with exterior lighting to create a fully accessible library.

Nassau Free Library - \$19,248 for the replacement of a defective disabled access ramp. Also, the replacement of fluorescent lighting with LED Lighting.

### Rensselaer County Earns High Marks

County Executive Steve McLaughlin announced today that Rensselaer County has earned high marks in the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System by the New York State Comptroller.

The review of county and local governments across the state by the State Comptroller showed Rensselaer County with zero stress. The review is based on the calendar year for 2020, and includes the county's entire fiscal year.

"We are very proud of this report, and earning a zero stress review by the State Comptroller. This comes as we are still dealing with the effects of the

pandemic and I thank my fiscal team for their good work," said McLaughlin.

He stated the county was able to maintain needed services during the pandemic while reducing costs in some areas for personnel and purchasing.

"The Legislature has worked with the County Executive to find creative opportunities to achieve savings and to strengthen our County's financial standing. A zero stress rating is a reflection of what our county taxpayers expect from us, and that is what we delivered," said Vice Chair of the Legislature Kelly Hoffman-North Greenbush.

### SCHAGHTICOKE Vietnam Veterans Ceremony

On September 26, Veterans Hall hosted a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony, in conjunction with the Saratoga National Cemetery. The ceremony included the pinning of Vietnam Veterans that served between 1955 to 1975. Veterans Hall also hosted an open house immediately following the ceremony.



A member of the Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard presents a folded American flag to members of the Charles O'Conner family in memory of the Marine Corp veteran at Sunday's Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans ceremony at the Veteran's Hall at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Brother and sister, Ken and Jane Mielnik, together outside Veterans Hall at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, Sunday, September 26. Ken, a member of the 101st Airborne, served in the Vietnam War and gave the keynote address. Photo by Amy Modesti.



### BUSKIRK

### Llama and Alpaca Parasite Management

On Tuesday, October 26, at 6:30 pm, Emaly Leak of Autumn Hill Llamas and Fiber will briefly discuss ways to prevent parasites through management, how to tell if our llamas or alpacas have parasites and strategies on how to treat them. The main focus of this workshop will be how to collect your own samples and run a fecal analysis with a centrifuge and microscope. All materials will be provided minus fecal samples – that needs to be from a llama or alpaca on your farm. We expect the program to be no more than two hours. There will also be a short tour of the host farm.

Due to space, materials and time we will be capping the program at 10 people, on a first come-first serve basis. We will not be accepting walk-ins. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person and you must register in advance. This can be done by contacting the CCE of Rensselaer County Office at [kls342@cornell.edu](mailto:kls342@cornell.edu) or 518-272-4210. If anything changes due to COVID-19 regulations, those who have registered will be contacted as soon as possible. The event will be held at Sweet & Savory Farmette, 2082 Buskirk-West Hoosick Rd.

## Highlighting Rensselaer County Businesses

### RENSSELAER

## Integra HR Opens New Offices



Rensselaer Police officers Warren and Jim with Jennifer Massey, Sara Delaney Vero of Integra HR and Rensselaer Mayor Mike Stammel together following the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Integra HR in Rensselaer. Photo by Amy Modesti.

State, County and Rensselaer Officials gathered together on Wednesday, September 22 to help Integra HR officially open their new offices at 15 Second Avenue in the city. Integra is a full-service human resource consulting firm uniquely positioned to provide their clients with customized and cost effective services delivered by seasoned and certified professionals. At Integra, they value integrity, exceptional service, creativity and outcome conscious mindset and a socially responsible and commu-

nity focused approach to doing business. Integra offers truly customized services to meet client needs because every organization is different. Here is an overview of the services Integra offers: Building your HR Function, Compliance - Employee Handbooks, HR Health Check-up, OnBoarding, C-Suite Solutions, Employee and Labor Relations, Health/Wellness Program Development, HR & Management Consultation Hotline, Merger and Acquisition Due Diligence.

## Stewart's Treats Earn Top Honors

The judging is complete at the 54th annual World Dairy Expo. Once again Stewart's Shops has some of the best dairy products in North America. The judging is based on flavor, body and texture, melting quality, appearance and color.

Stewart's had a total of six winners at the competition, two first place, a second place and three third place finishes. This year's competition received over 1,400 submissions from dairy producers across North America.

Stewart's Shops officially has the best chocolate ice cream on the continent, and last year's seasonal flavor, Mango Dragon Fruit, was named Best Sherbet in Show for the Open Class Sherbet category. Stewart's milk was awarded second place in the Open Class Pasteurized Milk category. The three third place finishers were Mint Cookie Crumble, Peanut Butter Pandemonium and Milk Chocolate Gelato.

All of Stewart's Shops dairy products are made fresh at their plant in Greenfield, NY with milk picked up from over twenty local family dairy farms.



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

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

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

## Rainbow Cleaners Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Members of the Patanian family are joined by many county and City of Troy officials for the ribbon cutting marking the store's 75th Anniversary. The ceremony was hosted by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Jacob Patanian started Rainbow in 1946 alongside his wife Yeran. They were survivors of the Armenian genocide and had decided to immigrate to America. As time went on, William Patanian took over the business and would eventually meet his wife Marion when she came to apply for a

position as a teenager 38 years ago. Allen Patanian began to run the business and has done so ever since. His wife Sherry works in the store with him. It's a true family run business.

In addition to the Patanian family, there is an amazing team of people working at Rainbow. Ella, who runs the shirt unit, has been with the business 41 years. Lisa, who manages the front end of our store, has worked that position for 17 years, and the list goes on.



Allen and William Patanian looking over past memories of Rainbow Cleaners inside the family owned business on Monday. Allen has been running the business for 38 years after taking it over from William. Photo by Amy Modesti.

At Rainbow Cleaners we pride ourselves on delivering quality and building lasting relationships with our customers that extend generations just like our family. We clean and press everything professionally in-house, right on site at 10 Ford Avenue in Troy. We handle everyday items like shirts, pants, suits, etc., but what sets us apart is our speciality work. From wedding gown and baptism cleaning and restoration, to leather and suede, fur goods and household items, we care for them all and feel honored when our customers trust in us to take care of their treasured pieces.

Rainbow also wants to make the dry cleaning process convenient for their customers, so they offer an online portal where one can manage their preferences and see where their items are in the cleaning process. They also offer curbside pickup and at-home pickup and delivery.

For more information, visit their website, [troyrainbowcleaners.com](http://troyrainbowcleaners.com).

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# HF-T Defeats Glens Falls 39-13



Linebacker Josh Colegrove gets a hold of Glens Falls quarterback Carson Rath. The Wildcat defense has been doing a great job, holding opponents to an average of just over six points a game. Photo by Steve Bradley.

| Line Score            | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Glens Falls           | 0   | 7   | 6   | 0   | 13    |
| Hoosick Falls-Tamarac | 14  | 12  | 13  | 0   | 39    |

Friday, 9/24. Quarterback Jake Sparks passed for 101 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 39-13 win over the Glens Falls Indians on Friday evening.

HF-T took control early when they took a 14-0 first quarter lead. Sparks threw a 45 yard pass to running back Josh Colegrove for the first score (Colegrove PAT kick) to take a lead the Wildcats would never give up. Later in the quarter Sparks threw to James Blake, who made a nice one-handed grab to pull in the ball and run for a score, (Colegrove PAT kick) for a 56 yard score, putting the Wildcats up 14-0.

Glens Falls scored first in the second quarter scoring but HF-T came back with a Greg Mays score on a 14 yard romp (Colegrove PAT kick) and Sparks grabbed an Indians pass out of the air on a dead run while headed for the Indians' endzone, where he ended up.

Mays scored again in the third quarter on a three yard dive before the Indians found the end zone again. At this point Glens Falls made a 33 yard scoring pass to bring the score to 32-13. Wildcat Dillon Grogan dove in from two yards out (Colegrove PAT kick) to cap the scoring for the night.

Bryan Mackey rushed for 77 yards on six carries.

This week the Wildcats will be making the trip to Johnstown on October 1 for a Friday evening game starting at 7 pm. Johnstown won their first game 34-0 over Gloversville and lost their second game to Norwich 46-0. They played Mechanicville last week but there is no score available for that.

#### In other area action:

| Class C          |   |    |    |   |    |
|------------------|---|----|----|---|----|
| Watervliet       | 0 | 30 | 14 | 0 | 44 |
| Cairo-Durh-Catsk | 8 | 6  | 6  | 0 | 20 |
| Fonda            | 0 | 0  | 0  | 7 | 7  |
| Schuylerville    | 0 | 6  | 8  | 0 | 14 |

| Class D            |    |    |   |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Greenwich          | 14 | 14 | 7 | 14 | 49 |
| Cambridge-Salem    | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Warrensb-No Warren | 30 | 8  | 8 | 8  | 54 |
| Granville          | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Lake George        | 6  | 6  | 7 | 0  | 19 |
| Canjo-Fort Plain   | 6  | 0  | 0 | 6  | 12 |
| Stillwater         | 13 | 26 | 7 | 7  | 53 |
| Cohoes             | 0  | 0  | 0 | 8  | 8  |



Wildcat James Blake makes a nice one-handed grab of a Jake Sparks pass that Blake turned into a 56 yard touchdown. The offense has started clicking, scoring over 30 points in each of the last two games. Photo by Steve Bradley.

## BNL Cross Country Athletes Rank in NYS Class D Top 50

Congratulations to BNL Cross Country Athletes Elsie Corbett (Berlin) and Allura Meitzinger (New Lebanon) for their outstanding running performances ranking them in NY State's Class D top 50 runners! Berlin CSD and New Lebanon CSD are very proud of your dedication and achievement.

BNL Girls Cross Country Coach Ms. Adeline Kelly: "As soon as I began coaching the BNL Cross Country team I knew that there was something special about Elsie and Allura. They both have been incredible athletes, inspirations and leaders to our team. Congratulations girls! Let's have a great season!"



BNL Cross Country Athletes (l-r) Elsie Corbett (Berlin) and Allura Meitzinger (New Lebanon). Photo by Doug Hills.

### GRAFTON

## Orienteering Club Event

Empire Orienteering Club is hosting an event on **Monday, Oct. 11, from 10 am to 2 pm**, at Grafton Lakes State Park. Different courses will be offered for all skill levels. Instruction will be provided for novices. Masks are requested for unvaccinated participants, and social distancing is preferred in the Registration area, but not while running or walking. No-contact methods are available, as well as participation the week prior and the week after the day's event. Directions, fees and more information will be posted soon at [empclub.org](http://empclub.org).

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### DUTCHAVEN GOLF

# Dale Dearstyne and Jeff Hull are Champions

After 21 weeks and 4 rounds of playoffs, Champions Dale Dearstyne (2-time winner) and Jeff Hull, Runner-Up Jeff Stevens and Keith Shannon, Division Runner-Ups Dave Jones/Nick Diotte and Tom Vogt Sr/Dave Vogt, Other playoff teams John Newkirk/Joe Gerwin, Darryl Lee/Jeff Maynard, Kevin Weeden/Peter Martin III, Henry Rose/Garth Duclos, Ron Caron/Kyle Gardner, Skip Russell/Bob Hunt. Team Low Gross Flight A, Kevin Weeden/Peter Martin III (shot even par 70 in week 11). Team Low Gross Flight B, Chris Harrington/Gerry Harrington (shot 82 in week 11). Team Low Net Flight A, Peter Martin III/Kevin Weeden (shot 60 in week 11). Team Low Net Flight B, George Failing/Eric Spean-

burg (week 19) and Chris Harrington/Gerry Harrington (week 11) both shot net scores of 59. Individual Low Gross, Nick Diotte (multiple times) and Kevin Weeden (week 11) shot 2-under, 33. Individual Low Net, Eric Speanburg (shot 10 under his handicap, net 25, in week 19). Most Improved Golfer, Kevin Weeden (40% decrease from a 5 to a 3). Closest of Closest to the Pin Hole 1, Peter Martin III (4 ft 11.5 inches in week 13). Closest of Closest to the Pin Hole 3, Danny O'Rourke (9 feet in week 1). Closest of Closest to the Pin Hole 9, Nick Diotte (0 inches, hole-in-one in week 11). Most Closest to the Pins, Danny O'Rourke (6 times).

*Full report is available online*

### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

# Panther Golfers Rolling Along

**Stillwater 1**  
**Hoosick Falls 4**

Wednesday, 9/22. The Hoosick Falls Golf Team continued their season on Wednesday as they hosted Stillwater at the Hoosick Falls Country Club (par 34).

Freshman Aiden Fleming 39 led all scorers. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Allison Hathaway 40, Miles Smith 40, Dylan Callahan 41 and Ethan Yonconish 51.

Stillwater was led by Carter Wilcheln 46, Konner Buchal 50 and Matt Berkery 51.

**Tamarac 0**  
**Hoosick Falls (10-1) 5**

Thursday, 9/23. The Panthers won by a score of 5-0 as senior Miles Smith 39 led all scorers.

Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Aiden Fleming 40, Dylan Callahan 41, Allison Hathaway 43, Brady Hathaway 55 and Riley Hayes 57.

Scores from Tamarac included Zach Rice 52, Adam Rice 53, Morgan Hayden 54, Joe Carista 54 and Chris Hernick 58.

**Cambridge 1**  
**Hoosick Falls (11-1) 4**

Friday, 9/24. Freshman Aiden Fleming's 35 led all scorers. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Allison Hathaway 39, Miles Smith 40, Dylan Callahan 44, Riley Hayes 47 and Brady Hathaway 49.

Scores from Cambridge included

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The Tamarac Bengals Golf team (from Left): Morgan Hayden, Adam Rice, Chris Hernick, Zackery Rice, Joseph Carista and Coach Chad Miner. Photo by Steve Bradley.

### BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER



No eyes on the ball as the Salem goalkeeper and Hoosick Falls' Amber MacNeil run into each other after a shot. Hoosick Falls went on to win the game 6-0. Marley McLellan and Jaid Kaminski had two goals, Amber MacNeil and Lizzy Darosa each had one. Jaidyn Wood, Gabby Criscione and Jordan Hill each had one assist. Photo by Steve Bradley.

#### Girls Soccer

**Hoosick Falls 3**  
**Hoosic Valley 1**

Saturday, 9/25. Grace Houghton, Jaid Kaminski and Emma Waugh each scored one goal while Houghton, Waugh and Marley McLellan each had one assist in the Panthers win. Hoosick Fall goalie Olivia Estes had four saves, Hoosic Valley goalie Caizza had nine saves.

**Tamarac 4**  
**Berlin-NewLebanon 0**

Friday, 9/25. Tamarac's Abby Buckley scored twice and had one assist

while Abbie Yetto and Kathryn Gross each scored once. Sophie Champagne added one assist. Tamarac's goalkeeper Ragan Retell had four saves and B-NL's Rebecca Madsen recorded 19.

#### Boys Soccer

**Hoosic Valley 2**  
**Berlin-New Lebanon 1**

Thursday, 9/23. Logan Lielly scored both Hoosic Valley goals while Matt Hart scored the lone B-NL goal.

**Hoosick Falls 1**  
**Stillwater 7**

Saturday, 9/25.



The Hoosick Falls Panthers Golf team: (from left): Allison Hathaway, Brody Hathaway, Aiden Fleming, Miles Smith, Dylan Callahan, Brody Mullen, Riley Hayes, Coach James Lynch and Ethan Yonconish. With a 10-0 record as of September 23, this team is carrying on the winning traditions of previous Panther golf teams. Photo by Steve Bradley.

# Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

## AUTO RACING

### Mahaney the Big Winner at Albany-Saratoga

Compiled by Steve Bradley

#### Albany-Saratoga Speedway

Saturday, 9/24. Modifieds: Fall Foliage Classic, Super DIRTcar Series event, 100 laps, \$13,000 to win with sponsor money added to original \$10,000. Mike Mahaney, Stewart Friesen (+19 spots), Matt Sheppard, Ronnie Johnson, 5) Peter Britten, Mat Williamson, Demetrios Drellos, Larry Wight, Billy Decker, 10) Chris Hile, Jack Lehner, Tom Sears Jr., Jimmy Phelps, Max McLaughlin, 15) Adam Pierson, Dave Marcucilli, Erick Rudolph, Pat Ward, Jordan McCreadie, 20) Jessey Mueller, Don Ronca, Anthony Perrego, Kevin Root, Bobby Hackel IV, 25) Tyler Trump, James Meehan.

DIRTcar Pro Stock Series: Jason Meltz, Rob Yetman, Nick Stone, Rich Crane, Scott Tow-slee, Chuck Dumblewski, Zach Seyerlein, Chad Jeseo, Justin White, Jay Fitzgerald, Ivan Joslin, Brian Carter, Dave Stickles, Ken Griffen, Shane Henderson, Jeff Meltz Sr., Ian Bressett, Doug Sheely, Luke Horning, Jay Casey, Jason Casey, Burton Ward, Jordan Modiano, Chris Crane, Mike Baker, Jimmy Eaton, Josh Coonradt.

Limited Sportsman: Mike Parodi, Justin Lilly, Dylan Madsen, Taylor Wason, Bryce Breault, Mike Arnold, Dan Seguin, Mark Burch, Scott Bennett, Jimmy VanZandt, Mike Hill, Shane Powell, Jess Reis, Jon Coon, Bill Dupree, Wade Acker, Steve Burch, Dave Fachini, Kyle Dingman, Brady Cordova, Dakota Green, James Hinman Jr., Chris Crane Jr., Pete Lorenzo, Nick Auspemyer, Mike Canastra, Nick Arnold, Wesley Sutliff, Hunter Ordway, Phil Arnold.

Friday, 9/23. 358 Modifieds: Fall Classic 40 laps, \$5,000 to win with added sponsor money: Mat Williamson, Mike Mahaney, Marc Johnson, Pat Ward,

Anthony Perrego, Jessey Mueller, Demetrios Drellos, Rocky Warner, Erick Rudolph, Adam Pierson, Max McLaughlin, Jason Herrington Ronnie Davis III, Chris Stevens, Ronnie Johnson, Ryan McCartney, Olden Dwyer, CG Morey, Ryan Larkin, Brien Peterson, Davis Boisclair, Ryan Darcy, Todd Morey, Alissa Cody, Brandon Daley, Matt Depew.

Sportsman Classic: (75 laps): Chad Edwards, Pat Jones, Andrew Buff, Brian Calabrese, Jim Nagle, Robert Bublak, Zach Sobotka, Daryl Nutting, Jeff Washburn, Mike Ballesterio, Marty Kelly III, Travis Witbeck.

Winner's Classic: (20 laps): Ronnie Johnson, Adam Pierson, Mike Mahaney, Rich Ronca, Jeremy Pitts, Ken Tremont Jr., Jack Lehner, Anthony Perrego, Jessey Mueller, Marc Johnson, Demetrios Drellos, Keith Flach, James Meehan.

Street Stocks: Jeff Meltz, Sr., Adam Tranka, Dylan Fachini, Josh Bussino, PJ Cram Jr., Jason McClatchie, Ken Allen, Clifford Booth, Slater Baker, Brian Walsh, Pat Cram Sr., Dana Van Veghten, Fred Shippee, Harold Chadder-ton, Jeremy Hayes, Ray Pierre Jr., Dan Madigan, Mike Arnold, Cordell Younger.

#### Penn Can Speedway

Saturday, 9/25. Lebanon Valley Speedway's modified champion Andy Bachetti invaded this speedway and left as the King of the Can modified winner.

#### Devil's Bowl Speedway

Saturday, 9/25. Modifieds: Slate Valley 100. \$10,000 to win. Tim Fuller, Matt Sheppard, Mat Williamson, Adam Pierson, 5) Erick Rudolph, Marc Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Kenny Tremont Jr., Mike Mahaney, 10) Rocky Warner, Derrick McGrew Jr., Neil Stratton, Michael Maresca, C.G. Morey, 15) Scott Huber, Derek Bornt, Lance Willix II, Todd Stone, Jack Speshock, 20) Anthony Perrego, Matt Depew, Todd Morey, Olden Dwyer.

### Coming Up

#### Devil's Bowl Speedway

Saturday, 10/2. Championship finales for the Sportsman Modified, Limited Sportsman, and Mini Stock classes. Super Stock and 500cc Mini Sprint, 100-lap Enduro.

#### Fulton Speedway

Saturday, 10/2. Modifieds. Outlaw 200. \$20,000 to win. \$40 adult admission, \$15 student.

#### Oswego Speedway Super Dirt Week

Only feature events listed. All are Super DIRTcar events.

Tuesday, 10/5: Brewerton Speedway. Demon 100. Modifieds (100 laps) and Pro Stocks.

Wednesday, 10/6: Weedsport Speedway. 358 Modifieds and Sportsman.

Thursday, 10/7: Brewerton Speedway. 358 Modifieds Hurricane Harvey 75 and Sportsman.

Saturday, 10/9: 5 pm. 358 Modified Salute to the Troops 150.

Sunday, 10/10. 11 am, Sportsman 75; 12:30 pm, Pro Stocks 50; 3 pm Big Block Modifieds Billy Whittaker Cars 200.

### High School Golf

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James Toleman 35, Mason MacDougall 43, Luke MacDougall 47 and Lydia Fronhofer 53.

#### WASAREN League Tournament

Tuesday, 9/28. Played on Tuesday, 9/28 at the Saratoga Spa Golf Course (Par 72). This tournament features 4 players from each team playing a full 18 holes. The winner is determined by comparing the totals from the top 3 finishers on each team.

Hoosick Falls finished in second place this year, with a total of 271 to first place Saratoga Catholic's total of 249. Cambridge and Greenwich rounded out the top three, each finishing with a total of 278.

Freshman Aiden Fleming 86 was the low score for Hoosick Falls, finishing 3rd individually behind Saratoga's Charlie Greiner 79 and Robbie Bolen 82.

Greenwich's Patrick McFee 87 and Stillwater's Carter Wichelns 87 rounded out the top 5. Other scores for Hoosick Falls included Brady Hathaway 89 (8th), Miles Smith 96 (14th) and Allison Hathaway 97 (16th).

While the tournament normally marks the end of the Wasaren golf season, Hoosick Falls still has two matches to play after a rainy summer and fall. They will host Hoosic Valley on Wednesday and Mechanicville on Thursday to finish the year.

Next week they will play Wednesday and Thursday, both at home.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Wednesday Night League

| Team Standings     | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| Lebowski Rug Co.   | 11  | 4    |
| McNally Insurance  | 10  | 5    |
| Farmers Tires      | 10  | 5    |
| Lou's Plumbing     | 9   | 6    |
| Gallup Inn         | 9   | 6    |
| Here 4 The Beer    | 8   | 7    |
| Boner's            | 8   | 7    |
| Mag-Way            | 6   | 9    |
| Chico's Bail Bonds | 3   | 12   |
| Wack'em & Stack'em | 1   | 14   |

### High Scores

|                   |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Bob Brenenstuh J. | 279 | 238 | 739 |
| Matt Brownell     | 269 | 243 | 733 |
| Corey Wysocki     | 247 | 245 | 728 |
| Ryan Bedford      | 268 | 227 | 711 |
| Cory Weeden       | 245 | 237 | 692 |
| Colin Cipperly    | 245 | 230 | 678 |
| John Brown        | 257 | 213 | 672 |
| Mike Weeden       | 255 | 220 | 667 |
| Trevor Patch      | 243 | 238 | 666 |
| Josh Magisano     | 234 | 212 | 650 |

### Thursday American League

| Team                   | Won | Lost |
|------------------------|-----|------|
| Lo-Ridge Farm          | 63½ | 26.5 |
| Lauzon Machine Shop    | 53  | 37   |
| RGI Insurance          | 51  | 39   |
| Modern Game Pro Shop   | 48½ | 41.5 |
| Team Taconic           | 47½ | 42.5 |
| Wack'em & Stack'em     | 44½ | 45.5 |
| Hunting' Time          | 44  | 46   |
| Cuomo's Gotta Go       | 35  | 55   |
| Dave Clark Excavating  | 34  | 56   |
| Stevens and Sons Tents | 29  | 61   |

### High Game

|                   |     |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| John Brown        | 279 | Tim McCart        | 708 |
| Tim McCart        | 278 | Kenneth Marbot II | 691 |
| Kenneth Marbot II | 257 | Dave Rice         | 672 |
| Meghan Backus     | 251 | Meghan Backus     | 661 |
| Ken Marbot        | 247 | Stan Pettibone II | 661 |
| Stan Pettibone II | 246 | John Brown        | 658 |
| Sam Cross         | 245 | Dave Clark        | 637 |
| Tom Mongeon       | 242 | Jason Sykes       | 623 |
| Max Taylor Jr.    | 235 | Al Brock          | 622 |
| Dave Rice         | 235 | Mike Weeden       | 618 |

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Uncle Dom's American Pizza LLC**. Arts. of organization filed with the SSNY on 7/14/2021. 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, 121 4th St. Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of **CHERRY & CHISEL WOODWORKING LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/16/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to John Degen, 1714 Hampton Pl. Blvd., Troy NY, 12180. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **447 Third Troy, LLC**. Filed 8/25/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Winston Ships, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 08/19/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Holly Circle, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **540 Pawling Avenue LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/2021. Off. loc: Rensselaer Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 540 Pawling Avenue LLC, 540 Pawling Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Pro Lawn Landscaping LLC** Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/2020 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 11 BROADWAY SUITE 615 NEW YORK, NY 10004 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Northside Food Service LLC** Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/2021 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, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 11 BROADWAY SUITE 615 NEW YORK, NY 10004 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **BYRD'S TRANSPORTATION LLC**. Filed 8/13/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: Clifton P Byrd, 2910 Ny-43, Apt 202, Averill Park, NY 12018. Purpose: General.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Renovation Lending Training Academy LLC** Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/15/2020 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, Eric Kepner 1154 River Road Troy, NY 12182 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **RBRV FOODS, LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/26/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. Princ. office of LLC: 495 First Ave., Basement, Troy, NY 12180. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Food truck.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Brunswick Cream, LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/05/20. 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, 41 Woodrow Ct, Troy NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: **ReadyGo Enterprises LLC**, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 05/26/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 1725 S. Old Post Road. Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **NorthEast MotorWorkz LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/17/2021. 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, 2112 Route 7, Troy NY. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on April 30, 2021 Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to **TOP LEVEL ATHLETICS LLC**, 531 North Greenbush Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **341 1ST ST LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with the NY Secretary of State (SS) on 4/15/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SS designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail copy of process to Shayer Hussain, 341 1st St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**. Name: **Cooper Consulting Group LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 8, 2021. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Rensselaer County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 21 New Jersey Ave., Rensselaer, NY 12144.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: **Breezy Hill Blooms LLC**. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 3/22/2021. 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, 85 Emmons Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE HOOSICK FALLS JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District, in the Town of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York at a meeting thereof held on the 20th day of September 2021, duly adopted the following Resolution subject to permissive referendum:

RESOLVED, that an expenditure be made in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 from the Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for financing of the cost of the acquisition of a new utility vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of the utility vehicle is expected to be reimbursed to the Fire District in whole or in part by the award of a grant.

Pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the foregoing resolution is subject to Permissive Referendum.

Christine Coon  
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **566 Third Troy, LLC**. Filed 8/25/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

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Village of East Nassau  
Public Hearing on Subdivision Application

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Nassau will hold a public hearing at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building, located at 19 Town Garage Road, in Hoags Corners, Village of East Nassau, on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 6:45 pm for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested individuals to comment on a proposed minor subdivision and boundary line adjustment application for property located at 7134 State Route 66 (tax map # 193.1-1-17) owned by Hoags Corners Properties, LLC. The property is approximately 2.29 acres in size. The applicant proposes to annex a 0.611-acre portion of the property that is north of Tsatsawassa Creek to neighboring lands of Levinn and to subdivide a 0.416 portion of the property south of the Creek for dedication to the Village of East Nassau. The remaining lands of 1.266 acres in size will remain as the property on which the Bees Knees Bakery and Cafe (historically the Old Hoags Corners Hotel and Tavern) is located. A copy of the application documents and map are available for review on the Village website ([villageofeastnassau.digitaltowpath.org](http://villageofeastnassau.digitaltowpath.org)) or by contacting the Village Clerk. Note that due to Covid-19 protocols, all non-vaccinated persons attending must wear masks. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing, or prior to the hearing if mailed to Village Clerk, Village of East Nassau, PO Box 268, East Nassau, NY 12062, or e-mailed to [public-comment@villageofeastnassau.org](mailto:public-comment@villageofeastnassau.org). For written comments to be considered by the Board, your name and home address must be included.

By Direction of the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Nassau  
Diane Maguire, Village Clerk

**Notice of Public Hearing  
2022 West Hoosick Fire Department Budget**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, at the West Hoosick Fire House, located at 1270 Pine Valley Road, West Hoosick, on the **21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021 at 6 pm**, for the purpose of contracting with the WEST HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT for the fire protection to be furnished by said Fire Department to the fire protection district established in said Town of Hoosick and known as the West Hoosick Fire Department upon the following general terms, to wit:  
1.) The Fire Department shall answer and attend upon all calls in the said West Hoosick Fire Department District;  
2.) The said West Hoosick Fire Department shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the fire apparatus to the said West Hoosick Fire Department sustained in answering any such call;  
3.) The said West Hoosick Fire Department shall be responsible for payment of all claims for injuries to or death of firefighters in connection with such calls;  
4.) For such service, the said West Hoosick Fire Department has requested the sum of **\$81,204** to be paid on or before March 1, 2022  
5.) The contract shall continue for (1) **one year**.  
6.) Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting.  
All interested persons in the matter shall be heard at such time and place.

**By Order of the Hoosick Town Board**

Holli Cross  
Hoosick Town Clerk

**Public Notice  
Town Of Grafton**

The Grafton Town Board will be holding Workshop Meetings on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 8 am and Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:15 pm. The purpose of the meetings is to review the Tentative Budget for 2022 and will be held at the Grafton Town Hall – 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton, NY 10282.

Victoria Burdick  
Town Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Meeting Notice**

Annual Fall Meeting of the Grafton Cemetery Association. October 18, 2021 at 7 pm.  
Grafton Community Library Basement, 2455 NYS Route 2, Grafton, NY 12082. Public is welcome.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW  
LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of New Lebanon's Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold a public hearing on New Lebanon's Draft Comprehensive Plan on October 13th, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to solicit comments from Town of New Lebanon residents and property owners regarding the Town's Draft updated Comprehensive Plan. The Draft Comprehensive Plan is available to the public for review at the New Lebanon Town Hall at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, during regular business hours, the New Lebanon Library at 550 State Route 20, New Lebanon, during regular business hours and on the Town's website: [www.townofnewlebanon.com](http://www.townofnewlebanon.com).

Written comments will be accepted through October 15, 2021, until 5:00 P.M. By order of the Town Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, Town of New Lebanon.

Marcie Robertson  
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk  
9/24/2021

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Notice of Four Special Meetings/Budget  
Workshops of the Town Board  
Town of New Lebanon  
County of Columbia**

**Please Take Notice** that four special meetings/budget workshops of the Town Board will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon on the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, October 12 at 6 pm** - Budget Workshop  
**Tuesday, October 19 at 6 pm** - Budget Workshop  
**Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 pm** - Budget Workshop  
**Wednesday, October 27 at 6 pm** - Budget Workshop

These special meetings/budget workshops will be used to work on the 2022 budget and to discuss any other business that comes in front of the Town Board.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the special meetings and budget workshops at the pavilion in person may join the live stream link: [https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)

Marcie Robertson Town Clerk  
08/11/2021

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Hoosick Nutrition, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/15/2021. 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, 204 Main St. Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District at Berlin, NY, Towns of Berlin, Grafton, Petersburg, Poestenkill, and Stephentown in Rensselaer County, is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of surplus buses as follows:

| Description             | VIN #             | Mileage |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2010 IC 66 passenger    | 4DRBUAAN6AB164366 | 168,000 |
| 2010 IC 66 passenger    | 4DRBUAAN9AB164362 | 165,000 |
| 2010 IC 30 passenger    | 4DRBUAAL2AB142007 | 230,000 |
| 2008 IC 30 passenger    | 4DRBUAAL08B649093 | 185,000 |
| 2008 IC 30 passenger    | 4DRBUAAL98B649092 | 184,000 |
| 2009 Chevrolet Suburban | 1GNFK16379R137500 | 192,000 |
| 2009 Chevrolet Suburban | 1GNFK16309R137533 | 190,000 |

The sale of the surplus buses shall be awarded, at the discretion of the district, to the bidder submitting a bid in accordance with the terms outlined below, and providing the best value to the district.

It is the intention of the district to sell the surplus buses based on the best value bid that is submitted. If in the judgment of the district the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of the surplus buses, the district reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Should any bid be accepted, payment shall be made by cashier's check or money order payable to the Berlin Central School District within three days of the award of the notice. The surplus buses will be sold "as is" with no warranties or representations as to suitability for any particular use.

Bids shall be delivered in writing, signed by the bidder and enclosed in a sealed envelope to the District Clerk, Berlin Central School District, P. O. Box 259, Berlin, NY 12022 or at the Business Office, 17400 NY 22, Cherry Plain, NY 12040. All bids shall be plainly marked "**SEALED BID TO PURCHASE SURPLUS BUSES.**" Bids must be received before **1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.**

Mary Grant  
Executive Secretary and District Clerk

**Invitation to Bid**

The Town of Berlin, State of New York, County of Rensselaer, is looking for sealed bids for a used gradall, 2004 or newer. Questions should be directed to Highway Superintendent James Winn at 518-944-9152. Bids should be received by the Berlin Town Clerk no later than October 13, 2021. Bids may be left at the Town Clerk's office at 17563 State Route 22 or mailed to Berlin Town Clerk, P.O. Box 307, Berlin, NY 12022. Bids will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on October 14, 2021. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

By order of the Town Board  
Anne Maxon  
Berlin Town Clerk

**Student Honors**

**Seton Hall**

**Rebecca Re** from Averill Park has been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List

**Kyle Reasor** from Averill Park has been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List

If you know of students or military who have earned honors, please send them to [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com)

## Community Calendar

### Wednesdays

**Eagle Bridge UM Church Thrift Store**, Route 67, 9 am-noon

**Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop**, 9 am-noon, 22 Bridge St., look for sign at corner of Route 67 & Route 111

### Saturdays through October

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

### Sundays

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

### October 1, Friday

**Distillations Reception**, 5 to 8 pm, Lichenstein Center for the Arts, 28 Renne Avenue, Pittsfield, MA. Art show running from October 1 to November 28. Contact [info@berkshireartassociation.org](mailto:info@berkshireartassociation.org)  
**North Hoosick FD Kids Dance**, 7-9 pm, \$3, students ages 9-13 only who attend school in the Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS and HFCS districts, Fire House, masks optional, a parent/guardian must sign student out after dance

*October 1, Friday, 7 pm; October 3, Sunday, 2 pm*  
**Auditions for Highlight Acting Troupe's Christmas Quarrels**, Center Brunswick Methodist Church 990 Hoosick Rd., adults & children, lots of songs, show dates December 3 & 4, 7:30 pm, December 5, 2 pm, Brunswick Grange, for more information call Paula Hoffay, 518-368-6341

### October 2, Saturday

**Walter A. Wood Tractor & Agriculture Show**, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, Tractor Parade, noon

**Night Out at the Armory**, postponed

**White Creek Annual Fall Barbecue**, 4-6 pm, \$12, drive through/take out only, Jermain Community Hall, 19 Niles Rd., Eagle Bridge, call 518-686-9307 or e-mail [mrobi47966@aol.com](mailto:mrobi47966@aol.com)

**Pittstown Fire Department Chicken Barbecue**, 3 - 5 pm, 134 Parker School Road, Johnsonville. Price is \$14, take out only. Pre-order at 518-424-1995. Questions call David Smith at 518-663-5727

**Schuylerville Rod & Gun Club 3D Bow Shooting**, 10 am-2 pm, novice to expert welcome, bring own bow & equipment; no crossbows allowed, \$5 per course, 123 NY Route 32

**Fall Festival Vendor Registration**, 10 am to 2 pm, Berlin Middle School/High School Fall Festival, vendor form at [www.berlincentral.org](http://www.berlincentral.org) or contact Ms. Hayes at [ahayes2@berlincentral.org](mailto:ahayes2@berlincentral.org)

**Julie Branch, Betwixt and Between**, Opening reception 3 to 5 pm, Valley Artisans Market Small Gallery, 25 East Main St., Cambridge. Gallery runs October 1 to 26. Refreshments will be served, for information call 518-677-2765.

### October 2-31, Saturdays & Sundays

**Spencertown Academy Presents "Whimsy" Art Exhibition**, featuring paintings & sculptures by Gabe Brown, Keith Davidson, Ron Harrington, Dorothy Sabeau, Audrie Sturman & Elizabeth Wallin, 1-5 pm. Admission is free and all art is for sale, 790 State Route 203, Spencertown, New York

### October 3, Sunday

**Brunswick Grange Annual Fall Agricultural Tailgate Sale**, 7:30 am-12:30 pm, Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, Routes 67 & 40, vendors \$15, spectators free, masks may be required

**VFW Post 1938 Monthly Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$10 ages 13 & over, \$5 children 5-12 and free

under 5, Poplar Ave., Valley Falls

**A Child POW - Three Years in a Japanese Concentration Camp**, an illustrated talk by Isabel Krebs, 2 pm, presented by the Stephentown Historical Society, Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Rd., masks required

### October 10, Sunday

**Music from Salem**, Evan Hirsch & Sally Pinkas, piano duo and Lila Brown, viola, 4 pm, \$25, Hubbard Hall, 25 E. Main St., Cambridge, advance registration required, call 518-677-2495

### October 14, Thursday

**AARP Defensive Driver Safety Course for Seniors**, 9 am - 3:30 pm, \$25 members/\$30 non-members, Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church St., limited number of spots, call 518-686-7561 to sign up

### October 15, Friday

**Patty Griffin & Gregory Alan Isakov**, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 pm, \$59.50 & \$49.50, call 518-273-0038, 32 Second Street

### October 16 & 17, Saturday & Sunday

**Amazing Graves 3 Presented by the Sand Lake Center for the Arts**, rain dates are October 23 & 24, \$10 admission, for tickets and reservations visit [www.slca-ctp.org](http://www.slca-ctp.org)

### October 22, Friday

**North Hoosick FD Kids Dance**, 7-9 pm, \$3, students ages 9-13 only who attend school in the Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS and HFCS districts, Fire House, masks optional, a parent/guardian must sign student out after dance

### October 23, Saturday

**Berlin Middle/High School Fall Fest**, 10 am - 2 pm, bus loop, Middle/High School, vendors, haunted trail

**Stephentown Vol. Fire Dept. Roast Beef Dinner**, 4-7 pm, \$15, eat-in or take-out, Stephentown Fire Hall, 35 Grange Hall Road

### October 25, Monday

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show**, 7 pm, this kinky & outrageous musical spoof of classic horror films spawned the ultimate audience-participation cult following amid a million midnight screenings, \$15 (Advance), \$20 (Day of Show), on sale now at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, Monday-Friday, Noon to 4 pm

### November 7, Sunday

**VFW Post 1938 Monthly Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$10 ages 13 & over, \$5 children 5-12 and free under 5, Poplar Ave., Valley Falls

## Meetings

### October 4, Monday

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

### October 5, Tuesday

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

### October 7, Thursday

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

**Nassau Zoning Board**

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

### October 12, Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

### October 13, Wednesday

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

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

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

### October 14, 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

### October 18, 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

### October 19, Tuesday

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

### October 21, Thursday

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

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

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

### October 25, Monday

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

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

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

### October 26, Tuesday

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

### October 28, Thursday

**Berlin Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex - 2nd Thurs/Nov, no mtg. Dec.

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

## NORTH ADAMS

# MASS MoCA Welcomes New Director

MASS MoCA's Board of Trustees has announced that Kristy Edmunds has been appointed as its new Director, after a ten month international search and a unanimous decision by the Board. Edmunds comes to MASS MoCA from UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance, where she has served as the Executive and Artistic Director since 2011. Previously, she was the Artistic Director for the Melbourne International Arts Festival, served several years as the Head of the School of Performing Arts and Deputy Dean at the Victorian College of the Arts at the University of Melbourne, and was the founding Executive and Artistic Director of the Portland Institute for Con-

temporary Art and the Time Based Art Festival in Portland, Oregon. She also served as the inaugural Consulting Artistic Director for the Park Avenue Armory in New York. Edmunds will begin her new position at MASS MoCA in October.



Kristy Edmunds

# Entertainment

## Now Showing

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 10/1 – Wednesday 10/6

**The Addams Family 2** (PG) Daily 5:00 7:00 9:00  
Sat & Sun 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00

**Venom: Let There Be Carnage** (PG13) Daily 5:15  
7:20 9:20 Sat & Sun 1:00 3:05 5:15 7:20 9:20

**The Many Saints of Newark** (R) Daily 4:15 6:45  
9:15 Sat & Sun 1:25 4:15 6:45 9:15

**Dear Evan Hansen** (PG13) Daily 4:00 6:45 9:20  
Sat & Sun 1:15 4:00 6:45 9:20

**Free Guy** (PG13) Daily 4:15 7:00 9:20 Sat & Sun  
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**Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings**  
(PG13) Daily 4:00 6:45 9:20 Sat & Sun 1:15 4:00  
6:45 9:20

**Jungle Cruise** (PG13) Daily 4:05 6:40 9:15 Sat &  
Sun 1:30 4:05 6:40 9:15

### Hathaway's Twin Drive-in Theatre

Friday 10/1 & Saturday 10/2

Screen 1:

**The Addams Family 2** (PG) 7 pm

**Respect** (PG13) 8:35 pm

Screen 2:

**Venom: Let There Be Carnage** (PG13) 7:10 pm

**Don't Breathe 2** (R) 8:45 pm

### Images Cinema

**The Eyes of Tammy Faye:** 9/24 - 10/7 at 4 pm  
and 7:30 pm

**Salt of the Earth:** 10/5 at 7:30 pm

**The Card Counter:** 10/8 - 10/14 at 4:30 pm and  
7:30 pm

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### Theme: Scary Movies

#### ACROSS

- Shenanigan
- "Losing My Religion" band
- Kind of learning
- Capital of Egypt
- Nest egg acronym
- Cupid's target
- Bar, legally
- Indian restaurant staple
- Kind of committee, two words
- \*Hedge maze, dull boy, redrum, with The
- \*Pretend girlfriend, surgery, body parts
- Monkey \_\_\_\_\_, monkey do
- Post-it message
- It makes a guitar louder
- Royal Indian
- Perfumes
- Glorify
- Freeway exit
- Like today's cell phones?
- Keen on
- Like a confection
- At any time
- One of the large keys on the right
- Greek portico
- Common workday start
- Former President of Egypt
- Ancient eternal life symbol
- \*Bathtub, hacksaws, Jigsaw
- Euphemism for "darn"
- \*Blind violinist, transplant surgery, sees ghosts, with The
- \*Hotel, mother, shower
- \*Count, bite, cross
- Hot winter drink
- Aye's opposite
- Financial benefactor
- Seize a throne
- Headquartered in Langley
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- Ragtime turkey dance
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- Closes in on
- Pilot's announcement, acr.
- ID badge, two words
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- Old Testament miracle food
- Hits while on the green
- \*Beachgoers, police chief, need for bigger boat
- \*Boy, shadows in photographs, three sixes, with The
- "Transylvania" daughter
- Entertainment complex
- Scatter
- "Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ It Better"
- Low-ranking worker
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- Porter's head gear
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- Seven daughters of Atlas
- Present
- Food-borne bacteria
- One in a pocketful, according to Mother Goose
- Fish a.k.a. porgy
- Bygone era
- Two of a kind
- Type of operating system
- Prospector's mother?
- God of war, son of Zeus
- Director's cry
- Be ill

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## Senior News

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, 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 will be served at noon on days the center is open. All residents 60 and over 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. In addition to congregate meals, the center also offers Grab-N-Go lunches Monday through Friday.

There will be a Hoosick Area Senior meeting on **Wednesday, October 6, at 11 am.** All residents 60 and over are encouraged to attend. Upcoming events at the center will be discussed.

There are several exercise opportunities at the center. 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 2:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with no appointment needed. In addition to the gym, the center will now offer just off the couch exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Beginning October 13 on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm there will be senior exercise. Both programs are low impact, and all seniors will be able to participate.

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.

### Craft Time at Hoosick Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center will host a sip-n-swirl for residents 60 and over on Wednesday, October 13, at 10 am. The cost is \$3 each to help cover the cost of materials. Plan to stay for a nutritious lunch at noon, followed by our October birthday celebration, a fun game of trivia and Senior Exercise.

There is a limit to the number of people for the sip-n-paint, so be sure to sign up soon. Call the Center to sign up for craft time and, or lunch at 518-686-7561.

### Grafton Senior Center News

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, will be open with limited hours. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. The center is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Van transportation to and from the center will be available on limited days. Please call to be placed on the list.

The center will also be open Monday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 am for Chair Yoga. There is also Yoga class on Tuesday.

A nutritious congregate meal will be served at noon every Tuesday and Thursday. There is a suggested \$3 donation per meal.

Haircuts, manicures and pedicures will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 5, by appointment only. Call to schedule a time.

The Eastern Tier, or Grafton, Senior membership meeting has been canceled for October 5. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 14, at 11 am. All area residents 60 and over should plan to attend to discuss upcoming events, election of officers and more.

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 Merrymakers

The October meeting for the Grafton merrymakers will take place on Wednesday, October 13 at the Everett Wager Senior Center in Grafton. We will start with dinner at 5:30 pm. We will be having pizza for dinner. Everyone is asked to bring their own utensils, plates, cups, etc., as well as 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 would like to see 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.

### Stephentown Seniors News

The Stephentown Seniors meet the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 1 pm, at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road. Anyone 50 or over is invited to join. Guests are welcome. For information and trip reservations call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755.

There will be a flu shot clinic open to the public at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 2, from 10 am to 2 pm. Call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755 or Heather Govel at 518-281-4030.

Thursday, October 14, our second trip of the year will be to see a tribute to Dick Clark's American Bandstand at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. Package includes family style luncheon of Chicken Piccata & Yankee Pot Roast. Bus leaves Stephentown at 8 am. The cost is \$71, and is due October 7.

### Berlin Seniors News

The Berlin Seniors have resumed their monthly meetings at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Hall. Meetings start at 5 pm. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

Lebanon valley seniors meet every first and third Friday at 1 pm at new Lebanon firehouse. Upcoming events include a bake sale at the LVPA craft fair on October 16.

We have a meeting October 15, the day before the craft fair, so if you would like to bring your bake sale goodies to the meeting you can do so. We'll be having a members only bus trip on October 25, to the Vermont County Store.

If you have friends or family that may be interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to come to a meeting. This year was a little different due to a late start. Next year we are hoping things will be back to normal and we can return with a full schedule of activities. We will start to have business meetings during the first meeting of the month, and the second meeting will be used for more social things and bingo. For information call Mary Defrest at 518-733-0009.

### Senior Menu

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

**Oct 1:** BBQ chicken salad, tossed salad, three bean salad, wheat bread and a fruit cup (+sandwich bag)

**Oct 4:** Cubed steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, rye bread and pudding

**Oct 5:** Italian style low sodium sausage w/peppers & onions, pasta w/sauce, Italian blend, Italian bread and fresh fruit

**Oct 6:** Sliced turkey w/gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, biscuit and yogurt

**Oct 7:** Sloppy Joes, cut corn, peas, round roll, juice and a fruit cup

**Oct 8:** Swedish meatballs, garlic mushroom pasta, spinach, whole wheat bread and fresh fruit (+sandwich bag)

## Church News

### Gilead Lutheran Church

We are returning to worship services inside the sanctuary. COVID-19 guidelines will not be as strict as the past year, but we ask that parishioners wear masks and remain social distanced. We will conduct services to keep us as safe as possible. We will also be continuing our food pantry and our free monthly dinners. The dinners remain take-out only. Gilead is located at Route 7 East and Route 278 in Center Brunswick. Our web site is [gileadlutheran.org](http://gileadlutheran.org) and our phone number is 518-279-9270.

### World Communion Celebration

World Communion Sunday is being celebrated October 3, at Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Road. Pastor Chris Garrison will be leading the service with communion at 9:30 am. We will have a display of challis and cloths on the alter. We are a Methodist-Presbyterian congregation and our services are open to everyone. We currently ask you to wear a mask.

### Basket Bingo

Immaculate Conception Church Hall will be having basket bingo Thursday, October 7 beginning at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$10 for regular games and door prizes, \$13 at the door, and \$5 for special games. There will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar for food and drinks. Additional bingo card packets can be purchased. There's a limit of 200 tickets available, so advanced purchase is recommended. Advanced tickets can be purchased as Thorpe's Pharmacy or the church rectory. The church is located at 67 Main St. Hoosick Falls. For more information call Ellen at 518-686-5075 or Karen at 518-686-4737.

### Free Movie Night

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church will be hosting a free movie night on Sunday, October 10, at 6 pm. The movie will be *Wonder*, and is rated PG. Free popcorn and cider will be offered, as will transportation. All are welcome. The church is located at 484 Hill Road. For more information, or to reserve a ride, call the church at 518-686-3269. RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.

### North Chatham Community Day

On October 16, the hamlet of North Chatham will be holding its first annual Community Day. All are invited to come and see what makes it a great place to live. The North Chatham Historical Society museum will be open and showing their video of *The Second Battle of Bunker Hill*, and the North Chatham Free Library will be open with books for sale on the front lawn, weather permitting. Some residents of the hamlet will be having yard sales and the North Chatham Volunteer Fireman's Association will be serving lunch from 11 am to 2 pm. Their menu will include meatball subs, chili, hot dogs, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Both takeout and seating will be available. The North Chatham United Methodist Church clothing barn will be open and the church will have a sweet treats sale, kid's activities, silent auction, tailgate sale and donated items for sale. If you would like to donate items for the sale or sell your own items please see the church website listed below. The Buccaneers 4-H club will be selling pumpkins and Neighbors of Northern Columbia County will have an informational table at the church. Free parking will be available behind the church. For more information please go to [northchathammethodistchurch.org](http://northchathammethodistchurch.org).

### Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

The United Church of Christ Zion will be having a chicken and biscuit dinner **Saturday, October 16 from 4:30 to 6 pm.** The cost is \$12 and the meal will be take out only. The menu will be chicken, biscuit,

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mixed vegetables, and dessert. To order a dinner call Diane Hoffman at 518-674-2746 or text 518-649-5141. You can also call or text Jane Weber at 518-258-4307. Pickup is located at 744 Taborton Rd, Sand Lake.

### Pulled Pork Dinner

The Lady Shriners will be hosting our 6th annual pulled pork dinner on Sunday, October 17 from 2 to 5 pm.

The dinner will be drive thru pick up only, from Seventh Day Baptist Church, Main Street in Berlin. The menu will be pulled pork, cornbread, kaiser roll, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, brownie and beverage. Tickets are \$13, and reservations can be made by calling Rose at 518-506-4761, Carol at 518-598-4010, or Vickie at 802-442-6345

### Church of Our Saviour

There will be a blessing of animals both large and small on Sunday, October 3 from 3 to 5 pm. The event will be held at the Church of Our Saviour, 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, across from the Junior Senior High School in the field and parking lot. Refreshments for all.

### Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church will be having its Thrift Shop on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon, and the first Saturday of each month. We have a huge selection of adult and children's fall 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 our sign at the corner of Route 67 and Route 111. The church is located at 22 Bridge St. Johnsonville.

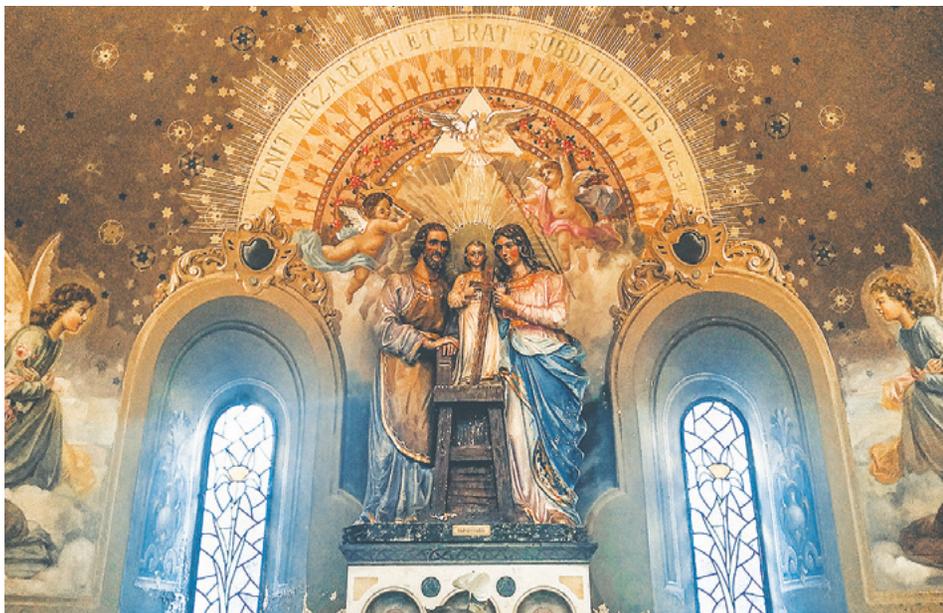


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The Church Directory is online only this week at [eastwickpress.com/news/church-directory/](http://eastwickpress.com/news/church-directory/) due to limited space. Thank you for understanding.

## Vaccine Mandate Health Care ... Continued from page 1

Dr. Trey Dobson says while they have experienced many of the same staff shortages that are being felt at health care facilities around the nation, these shortages are not to the extent that is anticipated in New York and they are still able to quickly triage any emergency cases as well as continue to offer the same amount of medical services as before. As to any possible influx of New York State patients, he tells *The Eastwick Press*, they are ready. The hospital presently serves many thousands from Rensselaer and Washington counties each year and is considered to be "in network" for most New York based insurance plans.

SVMC will begin its own vaccine mandate on October 31, but according to Dr. Dobson, it will allow religious and medical exemptions with the proper credentialing. SVMC has also been rated one of the top rural hospitals in the country.



Trey Dobson, M.D. Chief Medical Officer at SVMC. Photo contributed.

## Obituaries

### Robert R. Breese

Hoosick – Robert Rudd Breese, 94, died peacefully, Saturday, September 25, 2021, at his home in Breese Hollow. He was born March 20, 1927 in Bennington, VT to the late Harry and Belle (Rudd) Breese. He is survived by his wife Roberta (Shaw) Breese, son Robin (Beverly) Breese and daughter Bonnie Schipisch, two grandsons David and Garrett Breese and four great-grandchildren, Aidan, Orion, Alaina and Evelyn. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife M. Barbara (Dunham) in 1985, son Paul Breese, son-in-law John Schipisch, two sisters Jane Rydberg and Isabelle Marshall and a brother Alex Breese. A WWII veteran, he was granted an early high school graduation from Bennington High in order to enlist in the US Navy in 1944. He served on the USS Tarawa, the last aircraft carrier built for WWII, until the end of the war. Upon discharge from the military he attended Cobleskill College and graduated with a degree in agriculture. A life-long dairy farmer in Breese Hollow, he received the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award in 1963. He was a member of the Hoosick Volunteer Fire Department, receiving the 65 year service award and a fire commissioner from 1995-2017. A man of faith, he was a longtime member and vestryman at All Saints Church in Hoosick and most recently a member of St. Luke's Church in Cambridge. He was also an avid reader, stamp collector and model train hobbyist. Special thanks to Mariea Rousseau for her many acts of kindness. Family and friends are invited to gather for a graveside service at the Hoosick Rural Cemetery on Saturday, October 2, at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice, through the Mahar Funeral Home at 43 Main Street Hoosick Falls.

### John E. DeFreest, Sr.

Stephentown – John Edwin DeFreest, Sr., 84, died Monday, September 27, 2021 at his home in Stephentown. He was born in Lansingburgh on September 14, 1938, the son of the late John and Teresa Chamberlain DeFreest.

He was raised and educated in Lansingburgh and later graduated from LaSalle Institute in Troy. He was a US Navy veteran serving aboard the *USS Hissem* in the North Atlantic during the Cold War.

John was employed by Behr-Manning Co. in Watervliet. He later was employed by Albany Medical Center for 23 years as an electrician before retiring. In retirement, he was employed as a security guard for Summit Security.

He was a member of the Stephentown Veterans and the Knights of Columbus at Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon. His hobby was rescuing dogs.

John was the beloved husband of 61 years of Mary M. Thomas DeFreest, Sr., devoted father of Pamela (late Robert) Ishkanian of Eighty Four, PA, Mary Theresa (Robert) Groves of Stephentown, Janice Marie (LeRoy) Stevens of Berne, NY and John E. (Phyllis) DeFreest, Jr. of Stephentown; proud grandfather of Shelby Dawn, Jessica Whitney, Riley Forrest, John E. DeFreest, III and William E. DeFreest. He is also survived by three great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends were invited to a Memorial Service on Thursday, September 30 at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home. The Rev. John Close officiated.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 or [mohawkhumane.org](http://mohawkhumane.org).

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

### Beverly A. Gates

Beverly A. "Bev" Gates, 75, passed away on Saturday September 25 at the Samaritan Hospital in Troy, NY. She resided with her husband Walter L. Gates Sr., on NY 22 in the Town of Hoosick.

Bev was born on April 23, 1946, in Hoosick Falls, daughter of the late Francis and Virginia (Stowell) Granger. She graduated from High School in Hoosick Falls and was formerly employed at Oak/Allied Signal in Hoosick Falls. Bev was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eagles, both in Hoosick Falls. She enjoyed camping, bingo and spending time with her family.

Survivors other than her husband Walter Sr. include their children Scott (Merry) Gates of Pittstown, NY, Walter L. (Beverly) Gates of Cambridge, NY, Michelle (JoAnn) Gates of Carmel, NY, Lynn (Cliff) Gates of Bennington, VT and Heather (Rob) Gates of Clearwater, FL, ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and brothers Donald and Edward Granger, both of Hoosick Falls, NY. Bev was predeceased by a son Keith Gates and her brother Charles Stowell.

Funeral services will be Friday October 1, at 6 pm from the First Baptist Church on Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Relatives and friends may call at the church on Friday from 4 pm until the start of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karen & Molly McGovern Memorial Fund through the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls who are handling the arrangements.

# Not the Usual Wasp



The American Pelecinid Wasp (*Pelecinus polyturator*) lives in the eastern U.S., as well as Central and South America. It can be over two inches like this one. Females can reproduce without interaction with males. They usually live in forests. This wasp was visiting a garden near the woods in Petersburg. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

# The Life of George Holcomb

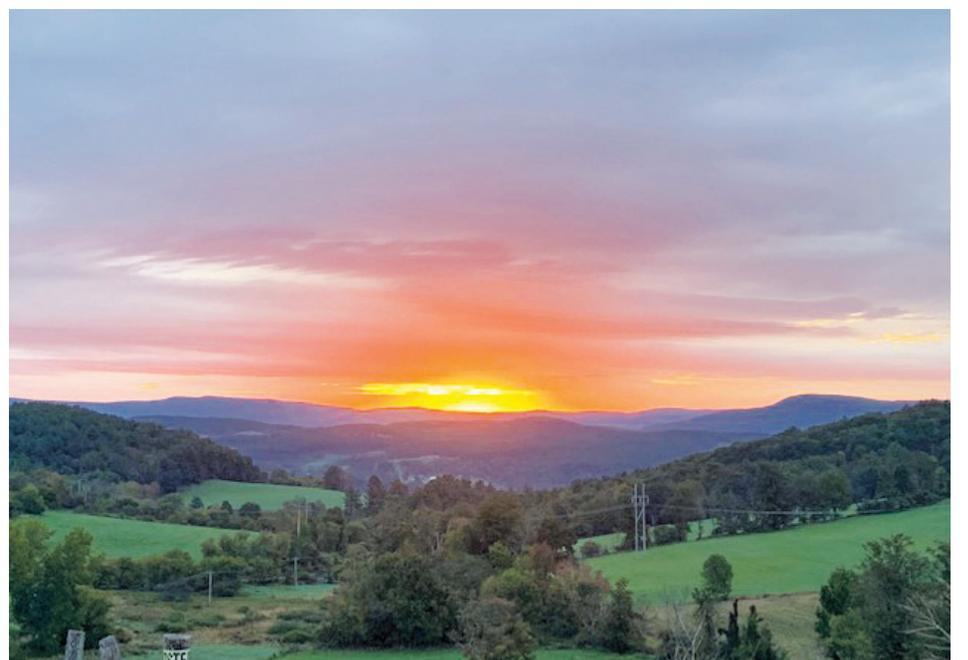
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## Sudden Death

Friday March 16, 1851: This evening John F. rode up to Hiram Newton's and got our syringe for Frederick Russel, for his son Franklin is dangerous sick and tonight my two daughters and son John F. stayed to said Russel's. Saturday: This morning Franklin Russell died about four o'clock. I got there a few minutes after he died. Today Geo P. and Jane Wylie rode to Lebanon store to get grave clothes and tonight Geo P. watched to Mr. Russel's. This afternoon I and John F. got a load of wood from off the hill. Sunday: I and all my family went to the funeral of John F. Russell to the house of Mr. John Russell, Elder Nathaniel Sweet preached. Monday: Today Westalo Rodgers worked for me to put down the kitchen floor and I worked with him. John drew manure and this afternoon he got manure on the Widow Wylie's farm. Tuesday: I worked with Westalo Rodgers putting down kitchen floor. Today John F. went to Hancock and carried corn in the ear for Geo P. from the widow Freelove Wylie's and left to be

ground. Today Allen Spencer was shot by accident by his son shooting rats. He died instantly. Wednesday: I worked with Westalo Rodgers at the kitchen and stoop and repairing the doors, and tonight I paid said Rodgers for his three days works three dollars and 37½ cents and this forenoon John F. went to Lebanon to mill for Alexander Celinbaum in the way of changing works and he ditched for us this afternoon. This forenoon A. Celinbaum drew five wagonloads of my manure on his garden with our team. Thursday: I drew stone to fill into a blind ditch in the young orchard on the hill and John ditched and Alexander Celinbaum ditched this forenoon in the way of changing works. Friday: Tonight Geo P. returned home from Windsor engaging apple trees and one Mr. Ford was coming to buy corn and fetched Geo P. and stayed with us tonight with a two horse team. Today Colonel Allen Spencer was buried and the funeral ceremonies were performed by the Free Masons or in the Masonic order.

# Sunrise Over Vermont



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