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## New RensCo Budget Cuts Taxes by 10%

by Doug La Rocque

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin unveiled his 2022 County Budget at a press conference on Thursday, October 14, that, among other things, calls for a 10 percent cut in property taxes. Speaking to the news media, department heads and members of the Legislature at the County Office Building, Executive McLaughlin said "The story of this budget is not just the 10 percent tax reduction proposed for 2022, and the fourth consecutive property tax reduction in four years. This is not about our county seeing revenues accelerate even during a time of uncertainty. The story of this budget is that Rensselaer County repeatedly met challenges and obstacles with common sense, hard work and a commitment to getting results for our residents.

We can be proud of our response and the results we delivered. When things were at their worst, so many in our county were at their best and it will not be forgotten." Mr. McLaughlin also said the budget recognizes the county's work to grow the fund balance, generate a savings and provide new efficiencies and strategies in managing county government. The county has also seen significant increases in sales tax revenue the past three years.



County Executive Steve McLaughlin rams home a point during his budget address. Photo by Amy Modesti.

The County Executive went on to say "Yes, our residents will share in our success and see a reduction in county property taxes. But I regard the 10 percent property

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## PFOA Settlement Meeting is Changed

In last week's edition of *The Eastwick Press*, we reported that the lead attorney in the PFOA class action suit would address the public and the Town Board at their regular meeting at the Town Hall, as that was the information sent to us by Steve Schwarz. That session with Attorney Schwarz has now been moved to the *Petersburgh Memorial Veterans Civic Center (PVMCC)*, on **Monday, October 18** and the time changed to **6 pm**. Mr. Schwarz will speak on the proposed 23 million dollar settlement and take questions from the public.

If you are a property owner in the Petersburg Municipal Water District or have a well found to have PFOA contamination, you may qualify to join the class action proceedings. Possible compensation is available for property devaluation, private well contamination and a 15-year medical monitoring plan. There are specific forms and actions one must take to join the suit, and Mr. Schwarz will speak on these, similar to the PFOA



The PVMCC on Main Street (NYS Route 2) in Petersburg, where Monday's meeting will be held. Photo by Heidi Woofenden.

settlement suit meetings in Hoosick Falls.

The suit is still preliminary, pending State Supreme Court Justice Patrick McGrath's final approval.

This meeting is sponsored by the Petersburg C-8 Committee.

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## Taconic Valley

### PETERSBURGH

## Veterans Day Potluck Dinner

The Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center will hold its annual potluck dinner on **Thursday, November 11**. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Entertainment will be provided by Karen Webster and Friends. An after dinner presentation will be given by Michael Holms on veterans' military service during the Vietnam War.

### PETERSBURGH

## Open Mic Series

The Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center invites you to join them **the third Friday of every other month at 6:30 pm** for their Open Mic Series. Open Mics are a creative space for anyone who wants to give performing a try. You do not have to be a musician to perform. If you have a special talent, we would love to support you and help share your art with the world. The first Open Mic will be **November 19, at 6:30 pm**. For more information email [foxhollowcafe@gmail.com](mailto:foxhollowcafe@gmail.com).

### PETERSBURGH

## Meet the Candidates

All are invited to the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center on **Saturday, October 23, from 5 to 7 pm**, to meet the candidates. Please bring a potluck dish to share. RSVP to Ben Krahforst at [bskact@gmail.com](mailto:bskact@gmail.com).

### PETERSBURGH

## Some Changes at the Public Library

Effective **November 2** the Library Board will meet on the **first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm**. Creative Writing group remains on the **second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm** and the Book Club meets on the **second Wednesday at 7 pm**. We would welcome a reconvening of the Knitting group to meet here on **Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm**.

The current art exhibition is comprised of lovely Adirondack drawings by Ann Kremers. Please come by to enjoy these wonderful scenes!

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### PETERSBURGH

## Kids Halloween Party

Calling all Petersburg ghosts and ghouls. The Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting their annual kid's Halloween party on **Saturday, October 30, from 2 to 5 pm** at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center. Please join us for a costume parade, pumpkin painting, bingo, games, fun and treats.

### PETERSBURGH

## Annual Toy Drive

The Petersburg Town Clerk's office will be accepting toys and donations for our annual toy drive starting **November 1 and running through December 11**. We will also be accepting hats, mittens and donations for our local food pantries. If you would like to donate, boxes will be located at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's office at 518-658-3777, extension 10.

## Vote Robin Catalano & Pam Keuppers for Stephentown Town Council



### Robin Catalano

I'm a 26-year resident of Stephentown, with in-depth experience in research, strategic communications, and communications management.

- Journalist with work in *National Geographic*, *TIME*, *Smithsonian*, and many more
- Communications director for nonprofits and business
- Small business owner
- Stephentown Library board member
- Tourism expert
- Advocate of environmental and farm protections and access for all to essential services

### Pam Keuppers

I'm a longtime Stephentown resident and it has been my pleasure to work for you and our wonderful town these past four years.

- Business owner for 40 years
- Served as bookkeeper, then on the board of, Stephentown Library
- Four years as councilwoman: oversaw renovation of town hall, on time and under budget; created and planned CleanUP Days, 2019 and 2021.
- Working on a town small business and artists group.
- Actively involved in local business development

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## Taconic Valley

### STEPHENTOWN

## Meet the Candidates Event

All are cordially invited to a Meet the Candidates event hosted by the Stephentown Democratic Committee on **Sunday, October 17, from 2 to 4 pm** at the Stephentown Fire Hall. This is an opportunity to meet and listen to the County-wide and local candidates. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Since this is an indoor event, we ask everyone to wear a mask.

### STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

**Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/Teens**  
Wednesdays at 4:30

**Mahjong**  
Thursdays at 4:00

**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.

### STEPHENTOWN

## Veterans Day Celebration

All are invited to Stephentown Veterans Park on **November 6 at 11 am** to celebrate Veterans Day.

This year we will be celebrating the evolution of women in the military, from the rarely recognized but vital role women played in the continental army to the battle commanders of today. We are pleased to have Lieutenant Colonel Diana Clark Ret. as our keynote speaker. Her impressive career has provided her with unique insight on the opportunities as well as the challenges women face in service to our country.

After the ceremony there will be light refreshments available. This will give you the chance to talk to some of our local veterans. Each and every one of these people have a unique story to tell. Please take the time to recognize and thank them for their dedication to preserving our freedoms. The park is located on Route 43.

### 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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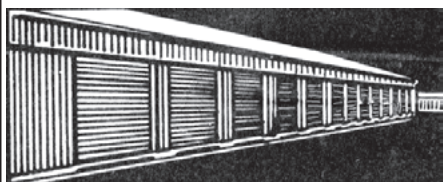
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## Taconic Valley

# Petersburgh Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk Resign

by Alex Brooks

The Petersburgh Town Board held its first budget workshop of the year on Friday, October 8. Councilman Jack Barnhill was not present, but Supervisor Smith and councilpersons Berry, Murray and Noeding were present, as was Bookkeeper Charles Guntner.

At the start of the meeting Supervisor Dennis Smith said that Highway Superintendent Adam Beaudry and one of the Highway Department's employees had submitted their resignations effective November 1, so the Highway Department's manpower will be cut in half after that date, until a new highway worker can be hired. The Town is looking for applicants for the highway worker position that will be vacated at the end of the month, but it hasn't made a decision yet about what to do about the Highway Superintendent position for the last two months of the year. Negotiations are beginning this week with the union representing the Town's Highway workers, so rates of pay there are subject to change.

The budget meeting focused on the pay of town employees, and the Board frequently referred to the budgets of Berlin and Grafton as reference points to determine if Petersburgh is paying more or less than comparable neighboring towns. The area where this comparison caused the most consternation was in the area of the Town Clerk's office, and secretarial help in general. This topic can get confusing, because the Town's secretarial work is done by a number of different people under a number of different lines in the budget, but Heinz Noeding framed it by looking at the Clerk's salary combined with the Deputy Clerk's salary. The Town Clerk's salary is \$17,201, and the budget line for the Deputy Clerk is \$7,426, but is expected to exceed that this year.

Town Clerk Deidra Michaels started a full time job in May of this year in addition to her work for the Town, and because of that Deputy Clerk Beth Dare is covering the Clerk's open hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm, a total of 12 hours per week. Noeding estimated, in consultation with Bookkeeper Charles Guntner, that by the end of the year the Deputy Clerk will have been paid \$10,000. So he concluded that Petersburgh is currently paying \$27,000 for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, while Grafton and Berlin are paying \$17,000 or less for the two positions.

In addition to that, Michaels holds the position of Town Secretary, which pays \$12,000 per year.

The tentative budget handed out at the meeting showed \$33,200 proposed as the Town Clerk's salary, \$15,600 proposed as the budget line for the Deputy Clerk, and the Town Secretary salary remaining at \$12,000. Town Bookkeeper Charles Guntner said these figures were submitted by the Town Clerk, but Town Clerk Deidra Michaels was not present at the meeting to explain why she felt it necessary to nearly double her salary and more than double the Deputy Clerk budget line. She said later that her proposal was

to eliminate the Town Secretary position and that's why she asked to raise the Town Clerk salary.

The Board concluded by leaving the Clerk's salary at \$17,201, making the Deputy Clerk budget and Town Secretary budget zero, and reducing the Supervisor's Secretary budget line from \$7,595 to \$5,000.

The next morning Supervisor Smith received a resignation letter from Town Clerk Deidra Michaels, apparently in reaction to the Board's proceedings at the budget meeting Friday night. But trouble had been brewing since long before that. At the last Town Board meeting Michaels said she had to take a job in addition to her Town Clerk job because she needed to have health insurance, and the Town would not offer it to her. But Supervisor Smith said the problem was "not primarily about money." He said "personalities got involved."

Michaels has served as Town Clerk for seven years, since June of 2014. She said she believes that she has done a lot of good for the Town and is proud of her work as Town Clerk. She said she believes the reason Petersburgh has more Town Clerk and secretarial time than neighboring towns is because the PFOA crisis, the WIIA Grant, sorting out the Water District finances, billing Taconic for PFOA-related expenses and other matters arising from the PFOA crisis have created a lot of extra work. When asked why she quit she had a very short answer: "Heinz Noeding." She felt Councilman Noeding was very critical of her work and did not support her. She said, "every day was a battle, and it was very stressful."

Michaels' resignation is effective October 31. Her name will still be on the ballot in the upcoming election, as it is too late to remove it. But she asked voters not to vote for her, because she would not accept the position even if she were to win the election.

### Facilities Manager

At the Board's Friday night budget meeting it also discussed, at Heinz Noeding's urging, capital projects being contemplated by the Town for the four buildings that comprise the municipal complex. These include: \$32,000 (from the Town) for a major HVAC upgrade to the Library Building that will also be supported by a grant of \$86,000 from the Upper Hudson Library Association; \$75,000 to re-pave the parking lot; improvements to the heating system of the PVMCC, which is not currently heating the building adequately, estimated at \$20,000; some improvements to the Highway Garage, cost and specifics not determined yet; and several improvements to the Town Hall building. These include \$15,000 for new windows, perhaps \$40,000 for a new roof, and an unknown amount for additional insulation.

With perhaps \$200,000 of work being contemplated, Noeding suggested that the Town may want to hire a "Facilities Manager" with significant building expertise to oversee building maintenance and

improvement projects. He was thinking this person might work 15 hours a week and be paid \$30 an hour. The Board did not fully endorse the idea, but took it under advisement, and did agree to put \$22,500 into the budget as a placeholder while they considered whether or not to implement it.

### Work on PVMCC

Supervisor Smith said Burdick Excavation had installed a drainage line from the basement of the PVMCC to a catch basin located near the observation post building at the back of the PVMCC. But there was not yet a sump pump to pump water out of the basement through that line. The Board voted unanimously to authorize installation of a sump pump in the basement of PVMCC, at a cost of \$1,500. The Board also approved hiring MH Professional Engineering to assess the heating system at the PVMCC and make recommendations for improvements. The proposal from MH suggested up to 12 hours of consulting time at \$150 per hour, for a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

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## Interseeded Cover Crop Field Talk

The talk will be led by Dr. Allen Williams of Understanding Agriculture and is presented by the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA). Dr. Williams will discuss use of cover crops, including interseeding, to improve soil health. The gathering will be held at Otter Creek Farm (189 Otter Creek Road, Johnsonville) on **Thursday, October 28 from 2 to 4 pm**. Attendees will be able to view a demonstration plot where multi-species cover crops have been interseeded into silage corn and discuss the potential for grazing the cover after corn harvest. The program will also include hands-on demonstrations of soil tests, including water infiltration and slake tests, which farmers can use to measure soil health on their own farms.

Otter Creek Farm, Tiashoke Farm and Hickory Hill Dairy are participating in a three-year demonstration grant funded by NE SARE and administered by ASA. The grant seeks to support farmers in experimenting with interseeding of cover crops in silage corn, which may result in a more reliable and robust winter cover than can be established with post-harvest seedings. The grant is also looking at the soil health gains from interseeding cover crops and any additional benefits from fall grazing.

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## Central County

**TROY**

### Arraignment in Pittstown Homicide

*Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office*

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly arraigned Kyle Hutchinson, 21, of Schenectady today on an indictment charging Murder in the 2nd degree and Burglary in the 1st degree. Hutchinson is one of three individuals charged in connection with the death of 19-year-old Nathaniel Miller of Pittstown on June 9.

"Again, my office thanks the New York State Police BCI, the NYSP

Forensic Investigation Unit and the NYSP Forensic Investigation Center who worked tirelessly in bringing this case to prosecution," said District Attorney Donnelly. "The charge of Murder in the 2nd Degree carries a maximum sentence of 25 years to life." Hutchinson was arraigned in front of the Honorable Jennifer Sober, and was remanded to Rensselaer County jail.

**BRUNSWICK**

### Bus Parking Proposal Draws Ire of Neighbors

*by Doug La Rocque*

Matopato, LLC has a proposal before the Brunswick Planning Board to allow the Bernie Bus Company to park up to 44 buses on their land at 291 Oakwood Avenue adjacent to the Diamond Rock Plaza that Matopato also owns. The buses are used by the Lansingburgh School District. At a public hearing conducted before the Thursday, October 7 meetings, speaker after speaker stepped up to the podium to express their dismay and concerns, most involving additional traffic, lighting and noise. The majority of those were from the High Pointe complex across the road. They contended that the buses and drivers coming and going twice a day would create a traffic bottleneck, and that starting the buses early in the morning would create unacceptable noise levels and environmental concerns from the diesel exhaust. The president of the High Pointe Homeowners Association, Steve Sanders, said approval would be "a real blow to their residential community."

School buses require an extensive pre-trip inspection each day, which can include all lights and horns, however, one of Matopato's principles, Tom Murley, stated at the meeting all the driver's had to do was "check the four tires."

Another concern brought into discussion following the hearing was the path the buses would follow entering and exiting the site, which it was determined would require a significant amount of fill in a location where it might well spill onto an adjoining property. There was no grading or fill indicated on the site plan filing and Planning Board Engineer Wayne Bonesteel indicated he would need a revised survey map indicating the contours of the site.

Also mentioned by Board members was that up to 44 buses might make use of the site, while only 37 parking spaces are on the site plan. Mr. Murley indicated

the overflow would be parked behind the plaza, but that use is not permitted under the previous site plan approval.

The application was potentially placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Under Brunswick Codes, Mr. Murley must respond to each of the residents' stated concerns in writing before the application can go forth for further discussion.

#### Eliminating the Aldi Rear Entrance

Developer David Leon has submitted a site plan amendment to the approved construction of an Aldi store along with Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants next to the Planet Fitness on Hoosick Road that would remove the connector road from the neighborhood behind the complex. That road was required by the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) for "interconnectivity" before they would approve a traffic signal at the intersection with Lord Avenue, but vehemently opposed by a multitude of residents in that area. It was mentioned by the developers at previous meetings that DOT might consider eliminating that road requirement if Hannaford was approved on the site across Hoosick Road. That approval took place at the Board's last meeting in September. The matter was also placed on the next meeting's agenda.

#### Harbor Freight Returns as Well

TNKY LLC was also back before the planners to ask for a slight change in their conditionally approved site plan to construct a new store on Hoosick Road. They want to change a section of their parking lot from asphalt to permeable pavement, which would help with storm water management. This, according to the developer, is an adjustment requested by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. That proposal remains under consideration.

**SCHODACK**

### Legislative Candidate Calls for \$900,000 Investment in Youth Substance Use Prevention

*Submitted by Alex Flood*

Rensselaer County Legislative candidate Alex Flood recognized the Second National Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Month on October 11 by thanking New York Attorney General Letitia James for delivering up to \$1.8 million in opioid litigation settlement funds to Rensselaer County. Flood urged that 50 percent, or \$900,000 of the funding be used to stamp out addiction before it begins by funding evidence-based youth prevention services and connecting them to youth before the onset of a substance use disorder.


"October is the 2nd Annual National Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Month," said Flood. "It is also the

month when I and thousands of others will say goodbye to friends and relatives who fought so hard to overcome their addictions, but sadly, could not. That is why I call upon the Rensselaer County Legislature to hold a public hearing about the appropriate investment of opioid litigation settlement funds primarily for youth education, skills development, policy strategies and services that are research-based and promote healthy behaviors and healthy youth."

Flood is seeking to represent the 4th Legislative district consisting of the towns of Schodack, Nassau and Sand Lake.

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## Central County

### TROY

## Budget Proposal Released

Mayor Madden recently released the proposed 2022 City Budget, his administration's 6th balanced budget proposal since 2016. The plan seeks to strengthen municipal operations and services, invest in the city's infrastructure and facilities and support neighborhood revitalization across the Collar City.

The \$77.97M spending plan proposes a 2.28% property tax increase for the upcoming 2022 fiscal year, with an average monthly increase of \$4.24 for homeowners with a home valued at \$150,000.

Troy City Council President Carmella Mantello had this to say on the proposal, "While I'm pleased to see that the proposed budget is under the state-mandated tax cap, the proposal to increase the \$193 per unit solid waste management fee to \$219 per unit is unacceptable. Over the next several weeks, the City Council will hold dozens of public hearings and budget committee meetings scheduled, and per the City Charter is to adopt a budget on or before December 1st."

For the 5th consecutive year, Troy's annual budget proposal is below the New York State Property Tax Cap.

### BRUNSWICK

## RensCo Democrats Host Unity Rally

by Amy Modesti

Hosted by Indivisible Stephentown, the Rensselaer County Democratic Party held a Unity Rally at the Brunswick Elks Lodge on Monday, October 11. The keynote speaker was Congressman Antonio Delgado, but the event also featured County Executive Candidate Gwen Wright, County Clerk hopeful Justan Foster, County Family Court Judge candidate Ann Coonrad and County Legislative candidate Adriano Bongiorno. Also in attendance were Brunswick Town Board candidates Jennifer Mann and Paul Buehler. Ms. Wright spoke on her vision for Rensselaer County and how she would bring those changes about. Her campaign notes list her as the former Executive Director of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Violence and having previously served as the head of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. They further state she has been involved in multiple civil rights organizations throughout New York State.



Democratic Rensselaer County Executive candidate Gwen Wright speaks to the crowd of supporters gathered at the Brunswick Elks Lodge on Monday. Photo by Amy Modesti.

### GRAFTON

## Fall Fun Day

Come out **Saturday, October 30**, to enjoy fall fun at Grafton Lakes State Park. Activities will take place from 3 to 5:45 pm, and will include a build-a-bat, s'mores, crafts, pumpkin painting, costume contest and more.

A family friendly movie will start at 6 pm in the parking lot. If you have a favorite family friendly Halloween movie, you can find the park on Facebook and vote on which movie should be shown. Bring snacks, your favorite chair and warm layers for this unique event. The cost is \$3 per person, ages 3 and under are free. No registration is required.

Grafton Lakes State Park is located off of Route 2. Please use the park's main entrance on Grafton Lakes State Park Way for this event. There is no entrance fee. For more information, please call the park at 518-279-1155.



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## Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

After the minutes from the August 16 and September 20 Schodack Planning Board were approved at the October 4 meeting, the Board went to work on going through their agenda. The first item was the approval of a recommendation to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a new sign for Nassau County True Value on Route 20. The old sign was hit by a delivery truck, and the owners are hoping to replace it with an LED sign that will be the same overall size. This business has been in the Nassau community for over 37 years and hopes that the new sign will not have any flashing lights but will have one rotation once a day. Board members voiced concern about the amount of text on the sign, but the owners reassured them that anything on the sign would be brief and not distract drivers. They hope that this new sign will bring this to the next generation for the community.

A public hearing was scheduled for a two lot/two line public hearing on Morey Park Road, for the next Schodack Planning Board meeting, with one lot being six acres and the other being nine acres. Albany Off the Leash Dog training facility on Boyce Road came to have some site plan modifica-

tions approved. They hope to have some revisions to two barns on the property for a virtual studio and an office space. The Board sent it for an engineering review.

The owner from a property on Route 9 came to the Board for a site plan concept review. The owner hopes to have a trucking business there for his five 53' long tractor-trailers. He plans to ship household materials in his closed box trailers and have a small office in the building on the property. Since the property is presently zoned as RA, members advised him about the site plan and engineer-architect reports to complete this project. He was advised to incorporate a parking plan and turning movements for the trailers.

The final item on the agenda was Green Dale Community Solar Farm on County Route 32's site plan modification to the access corridor. The Board approved a new negative declaration-lead agency for this plan and a recommendation to the ZBA for the project. They hope to bring information from the Kinderhook Planning Board and National Grid to the Zoning Board's meeting to expedite this project.

### EAGLE MILLS

## Larry Kronau Made Honorary Firefighter

by Amy Modesti



Pictured above at the award ceremony are (from left to right): Brian Beaudoin (Fire Captain/Director), Jack Curran (Chairman/Safety Officer), Larry Kronau, Andrew Connor (EMS Lieutenant), Chris Swanson (EMS Commissioner/Chaplain) and wife Kristen Swanson (Secretary/EMT Director). Larry admitted that "It's quite an honor" to be an honorary fireman! Photo by Amy Modesti.

### TROY

## Catalytic Converter Arrests

Submitted by the New York State Police

In September, the New York State Police in Brunswick arrested 40-year-old Daniel J. Lewis and 35-year-old Christina M. Coon, both of Troy, NY.

Lewis was charged with 3rd degree auto stripping, 5th degree possession of burglars tools, criminal possession of stolen property, 7th degree petit larceny, criminal possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic instrument, all of which are class A Misdemeanors, and trespassing, a violation.

Coon was charged with 7th degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, 6th degree conspiracy, a class B misdemeanor and trespassing, a violation.

State Police responded to the area of the power lines off Avenue A in Schaghticoke for a report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival, patrols located a vehicle parked on a trail in the vicinity. Investigation determined that the vehicle belonged to Lewis who was in the area with the intent of stealing catalytic converters off other vehicles. Coon was with Lewis and was located inside his vehicle.

A search of the Lewis' vehicle revealed a catalytic converter and assorted burglar tools. Also located inside the vehicle was a glass smoking device containing cocaine residue and a hypodermic needle. Both Lewis and Coon were taken into custody and transported to SP Brunswick for processing.

Coon was processed and issued an appearance ticket for Schaghticoke Town Court. She was then turned over to Cohoes Police Department on an unrelated warrant. Lewis was processed and issued an appearance ticket for Schaghticoke Town Court in late September.

### VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

### 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.

### Virtual Adult Literacy Classes - Intro to Streaming Video

Tuesday, October 19, 6 to 7 pm

Learn how to play web-based video content on your devices with free and paid services and apps. Get that content up onto your television for a big screen experience. This class is a lecture with demonstrations, via Zoom.

### BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

### Writing Your Stories

Wednesdays, October 20 and 27 from 2 to 4 pm

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

### Haunted Trail

Friday - Sunday, October 29 - 31

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

### Hill Country Cloggers Storytime

Tuesday, November 2, 10:30 am

Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

Officials of the Eagle Mills Fire District recently voted to bestow the honor of an honorary member of their department on a longtime Brunswick Public servant Larry Kronau. Mr. Kronau spent 28 years as a member of the New York State Police, and 30 years as a Justice in Brunswick. The department voted unanimously to bestow the honor on Mr. Kronau for all he has done for his community.

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## Central County

### BRUNSWICK

## Forest Park Cemetery Tour Resumes

The Brunswick Historical Society is back with its Annual Walking Tour of the Forest Park Cemetery on **Saturday, October 23 at 1 pm**. Please call 518-279-4024 for reservations.

There is no admission charge for this tour, however, a donation in any amount to the Society's Forest Park Tombstone restoration project will be appreciated.

Gates open at 12:45 pm. Parking will be inside the gates. There will be no parking along Pinewoods Ave. or on nearby streets.

### BRUNSWICK

## Herrington Farms Claims Forage Title



The World Forage Analysis Super Bowl crowns a Grand Champion Forage Producer each year during the World Dairy Expo held in Wisconsin. This year's winner was Herrington Farms of Brunswick. Jason Herrington is shown here picking up the winner's check for \$2,500 and a plaque. Herrington Farms bested 342 other entrants in the category with their corn silage crop. Photo contributed.

### GRAFTON

## Trunk or Treat is Back

This very popular event returns to the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall on **Halloween Day, Sunday, October 31 from 1 to 3 pm**. The event is considered a safe alternative to trick-or-treating, with the little goblins and ghosts all coming to one location to gather their spooky treats from the backs of vehicles decorated for the holiday.

If you would like to decorate your trunk, back hatch or truck bed to help bring some smiles to the little faces in town, please contact Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988.

This annual event is sponsored by the Grafton Youth Program. The VFW/Fire Hall is located on South Road (County Route 85), just south of the four corners.

### GRAFTON

## Iconic New England in the Center of Town



Many New England communities are known for their historic town greens. Grafton may not technically be part of New England, but close enough (12 miles to the Massachusetts border), and a longing glance at the gazebo and the green can make you think you are in New England. The gazebo was recently re-painted by the Town Highway Department and Councilmember Jodie Deschaine decorated with fall mums. The light inside is also back on, so it is a very pretty site to see in the evening. Photo contributed.

### BRUNSWICK

## Toys for Tots Returns



Members of the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve pose in front of the Toys for Tots van with two riders during the 2018 event. Eastwick Press file photo.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in our area. This year's program officially kicked off on Tuesday, October 12 in Clifton Park, with the Capital Region Dunkin' (Donuts) stores one of the primary sponsors handing over a check for \$25,000. One of the biggest fundraisers is the

annual Toys for Tots Ride in Brunswick, which starts off each year at Brunswick Harley Davidson on NYS Route 7. In past years, upwards of one thousand motorcycle riders have taken part.

This year's ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 24, with registration between 10 am and noon. The ride starts immediately after.

To participate, you are asked to bring an unwrapped toy or two or make a monetary donation.





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Judge Kehn has the proven experience necessary for Family Court Judge. Please give her the opportunity to continue to work for you and your family. She can be found on the Republican and Conservative lines.

## Patire and Wysocki for Rensselaer County Legislature

Legislators **Bruce Patire** and **Jeff Wysocki** are seeking another term as Rensselaer County Legislator for District 5. Bruce and Jeff have worked hard for you, the taxpayer. In the past 4 years your County Legislature team has helped deliver three consecutive years of County Property Tax cuts, improved the roads you drive on, maintained needed services, and stood up for you and your family on personal freedoms, including preserving the 2nd Amendment and opposing criminal justice reforms that free dangerous criminals. They have worked to preserve and protect over 9,000 acres of farmland from development.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### BENNINGTON

## Cardiac Rehabilitation Receives Recertification

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) is proud to announce the recertification of its cardiac rehabilitation program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). SVMC was first recognized in 2018 and continues its commitment to improving the quality of life by enhancing standards of care.

Cardiac rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular problems, including heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, congestive heart failure, valve replacement, peripheral vascular disease and coronary stent placement to recover faster and improve their quality of life. The program includes exercise, education, counseling and support



Robin Frasier and Patty Ryan, two members of the recently recertified cardiac rehabilitation service at SVMC. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

for patients and their families.

AACVPR certified programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiac rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available. Program certification is valid for three years.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Cheney Library Events

### Spooky Short Story Contest

Cheney Library is holding a Spooky Short Story Contest for grades 4-12. Write an original scary short story no longer than five pages and submit via email to [director@cheneylibrary.org](mailto:director@cheneylibrary.org). The deadline for submissions is **Saturday, October 23**. Please include your name and grade level when submitting.

### Book Cover Contest

Grades K-3 can participate in the library's Halloween Book Cover Contest. Submit your book cover art in person to a librarian, or via email to [director@cheneylibrary.org](mailto:director@cheneylibrary.org). Submissions must be received before October 23. Please make sure your name is on your art before submitting.

### Story Hour

To register, or to view the October story hour calendar, please visit: [www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour/](http://www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour/). The program is geared toward children ages 2-5, but all are welcome.

### Teen Advisory Group

Monday, October 18, from 4 to 5 pm

Are you a teen or tween? Contribute your ideas for programming, resources, events and more.

### Lego Club

Friday, November 5, from 4 to 5 pm, grade K-3

Friday, November 19, from 4 to 5 pm, grades 4 and higher

Due to room capacity restrictions, pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/CtH5iS5GypcnedkZA>.

Cheney Library is currently accepting donations of hardcover and paperback books in good condition. Construction of a new wheelchair access ramp and van accessible parking area continues at the library.

### NORTH HOOSICK

## Defensive Driving Course

The National Safety Council will have a six hour point and insurance reduction course **Saturday, October 23, at 9 am**. The course will be held at the North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22. The cost is \$40, and you must pre-register by calling 518-686-4854; space is limited.

### BENNINGTON

## Tri State Credit Union Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors and President of the Tri State Area Federal Credit Union Jim Martinez invite all to join them for their 2020 virtual annual meeting and election of Board members. The meeting will be held **November 17, from 5 to 6 pm, via Zoom**. You will hear about the state of the credit union, detailing what happened in 2020 and what we have in store for the remainder of 2021 and beyond. Positive things are happening. Don't miss this opportunity, and please RSVP at 518-686-4504 by **Wednesday, November 10**.

### CAMBRIDGE

## Balloon Festival and Bash

Submitted by Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce

Join us for a one day event, block party style balloon bash on **Saturday, October 23, from 10 am to 10 pm at the Cambridge Park**. As most of you know, we could not have our 20th festival again this year, so we are throwing a Balloon Bash 19½ to raise funds for our 20th in June of 2022.

There will be a chicken barbecue, music, balloon ride raffle, past merchandise for sale and a few food vendors as well. Some pilots will be flying over the village Friday night, and Saturday morning, weather permitting. Tickets are \$15, call or text 518-677-0887 or 518-222-4372 for advanced tickets.

### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Halloween Kids Dance

The North Hoosick Fire Department will hold their annual Halloween Kids Dance on **Friday, October 22, from 7 to 9 pm, at the fire station on Rt. 22**. Students ages 9 to 13 who attend Hoosick Falls and Cambridge schools are invited to attend. Halloween games, prizes and costume judging will take place. Costumes are optional, and parents are reminded to be on time to pick up students and they must sign their child out after the dance.

### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Kids Dances are Back

Attention all students aged 9 to 13 who attend school in Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS and Hoosick Falls Central School District, you're invited to attend the 2021-2022 North Hoosick Fire Department kids dances. Admission is \$3 per student, and masks are optional. All dances are on **Friday, from 7 to 9 pm**. Scheduled dances for the remainder of 2021 are **October 1 and 22; November 5 and 19; December 3 and 17**.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### CAMBRIDGE

## Food Pantry News

As of September 1, the Cambridge Food Pantry and Christian Outreach Center, Inc., Loaves and Fishes ceased the drive-thru food box pickup for those desiring food assistance. For approximately 16 months, during the height of the COVID-19 crisis, staff and volunteers filled boxes with pre-selected food items and delivered them outside to the recipient's vehicle. We have now gladly opened the doors to the public.

Currently, upon entering the facility each person is required to wear a mask and register at the desk before proceeding to the designated area where they can make their own personal food choices.

**Pantry hours are Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, Fridays 4 to 6 pm and Saturdays 11 am to 1 pm.**

With the reopening of school, the weekly backpack program is underway, which supplies students with a quantity of nutritious food to last throughout the week-end. The mission of the food pantry is to alleviate food insecurity in the greater Cambridge area. Your assistance makes that possible by assuring that the doors of this vital ministry remain open to the residents who rely upon its services.

*We welcome and are blessed by your donations. Please mail them to The Cambridge Food Pantry, PO Box 473, Cambridge, NY 12816.*

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Honoring James H. Miner

James H. Miner, was born on April 6, 1940 in Ticonderoga, New York, and resided with his family in Hoosick Falls, receiving his education through the Hoosick Falls Central School System. After graduating from Hoosick Falls High School in 1957, James attended Hudson Valley Community College for two years majoring in Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating.

On September 23, 1963, James was inducted in the United States Army at Albany, NY. Private Miner served as a Chaplain's Assistant.

On August 26, 1965, Specialist Fourth Class Miner was honorably discharged from the United States Army. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Rifle Marksman Badge.

Upon his honorable discharge, James returned to civilian life in Hoosick Falls, where he supported his three children, Cherie, Brett and Jason, through his various employments.

In his spare time, James enjoyed boating, golfing, fishing and traveling America in his motor home with his long-time partner Gale by his side.

On April 11, 2017, James passed away, leaving behind numerous loved ones. He is buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.



*Nicole Miner, daughter of the late James Miner, with the Color Guard, Military personal and many local County political members at the Honor a Vet event held at the Rensselaer County Building, Legislature Chambers on Tuesday, October 12. Photo by Amy Modesti.*

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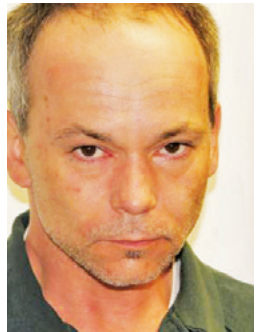
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### HOOSICK

## Two Arrested for the Second Time in a Month



On October 8, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 42 Scott Street in the town of Hoosick.

Sheriff's investigators seized approximately 450 bags of heroin, which also tested positive for fentanyl, over a half ounce of crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and U.S. currency.

For the second time in the past month, Jacen E. Blair, 43, and Rebecca L. Gorman, 30, were arrested and each charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree, a Class B Felony.

Both Blair and Gorman, due to the fact both have pending felony charges, were arraigned in the Village of Hoosick Court by the Honorable Judge Restino and remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail on \$100,000 cash/secured bond.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Woods Brook Flood Mitigation Work Begins

by Doug La Rocque

July 1, 2017 is a day the Village of Hoosick Falls will not soon forget, not only because of the vast property damaged caused by the raging waters of the Woods Brook, but because of all the efforts to begin the flood plain mediation over the last four plus years. At the Village Board meeting on Tuesday evening, October 12, Mayor Rob Allen announced the first phase of that work has begun. It is taking place at what is

called Site 5, north of the Hoosick Falls Country Club near Richmond Avenue. This work includes realigning the stream and installing grade control structures. The removal and replacing of an existing culvert on Johnson Hill Road as well as the reconstruction and repaving of a portion of the road and a driveway is expected to begin soon. Delivery of the culvert materials, however, is on hold, which may push this project back to spring. All the work is being paid for by a NYS grant, which although it is scheduled to expire at year's end, has been extended by the state because of the world wide supply chain shortages.

### Buyout Program Proceeding as Well

Demolition on seven properties in the Village that were severely damaged by the flood waters is expected to begin in November. These properties are along Hall, Elm, Church and Main Streets. Five of these properties are now owned by the Village with 107 and 115 Main Street expected to transfer title within the next couple of weeks. The trustees awarded the bid for the demolition to Dan's Hauling for \$207,000, the low bidder and a firm that Building Inspector Mark Surdam says they have worked very successfully with before. Hoosick Sand and Gravel was the only other bidder at \$282,750. The Board also approved a "change order" spending an additional \$16,511 as part of the asbestos investigation conducted by Ambient Environmental. The additional expense is still covered by grant monies.

### Other Water Issues

It was announced by the Mayor that the Scott Street Water Line Replacement Project has been delayed primarily because of requirements placed on the project by the county and state that have caused a substantial increase in both the price and the scope of the replacement. One such requirement is the need to replace the existing 4 inch piping with six inch for fire hydrant requirements.

The Mayor also said the Well 7 cleaning and maintenance at the Water Pumping Station has been completed.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal Law

While it's certainly going to snow this winter, the future of the proposed law requiring the cleaning of snow from sidewalks after storms is not so certain. It was on the agenda to be introduced at the meeting, but was pulled because of concerns about the ability of a resident or property owner to clean the



Looking back in time to July 1, 2017, when water was rushing through the homes on Hall Street. Eastwick Press file photo.

sidewalk after a snow plow has dumped several feet on it, and the legitimacy of the Village cleaning the walks downtown and in commercial districts, but not residential neighborhoods. Following a flurry of comments, it was decided to withdraw the law at this time for further study.

### Busy Times for the Police

Chief Bob Ashe noted there were 132 calls in the month of September with six arrests. The chief also spoke again about plans that are moving forward in conjunction with Unity House to implement a mobile crisis team to serve northern Rensselaer County. He indicated the number of mental health related calls continues to increase as do calls involving substance abuse. He mentioned Village patrols are sometimes called outside of Hoosick Falls to assist in such cases, where time can be of the essence and State Police or Sheriff's patrols are not available. These requests come directly from the County's Emergency Dispatch Center.

Chief Ashe also said the department will hold a drug take back day at Police Headquarters on **Saturday, October 23 from 10 am until 2 pm**. The Annual Toys for Tots campaign is being changed this year to a Toys for Joy effort. The chief says all the collections will go to needy families in the Village and the Town, instead of to the Capital Region in general.

### Other News and Notes

A resolution to establish Lead Agency and subsequently declare a negative environmental impact involving the Rogers Avenue Water Tank replace, was tabled until it is known if the Village will receive a state grant that would cover 75 percent of the cost.

Besides the Woods Brook Buyout, the Village is looking into the demolition of two other buildings, at 20 and 82 Elm Street because of long time structural deficiencies.

Spectrum has run the required lines for new phone/internet service at the old DPW garage

and Water Plant, as well as poles near the ballfields and Greenway for future use. Putting in five locations brought the installation charge (because of Spectrum credits) down from \$26,500 to \$1,500. As Mayor Allen called it, "a no brainer." The complete installation is expected within the next couple of weeks.

The trustees also agreed to an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Hoosick for legal services related to the enforcement of state and local dog laws. Leaf pickup will begin October 25 and run through November 24. Pickup begins in the 4th ward, followed by wards 3, 2 and 1 in that order. No brush or branches are allowed.

### HOOSICK

## Hoosick Town Board Meeting

The Hoosick Town Board's regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 11, was moved to Wednesday evening, October 13 because of the Columbus Day holiday. This occurred just as *The Eastwick Press* was going to print, thus the report cannot appear in this week's paper. It will be part of our October 22 edition.

The Town Board report will be available sooner on our website ([www.eastwickpress.com](http://www.eastwickpress.com)). As major news stories develop during the week, *The Eastwick Press* is now posting them first on the website and our Facebook page, so you learn about it sooner. A more detailed report of these stories will appear in the next edition of the paper. It is our latest step in helping keep Rensselaer County informed as to what is going on in your hometown.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Community Participation Work Group

The next public meeting of the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group will be held **Tuesday, October 26 from 6 to 8 pm**. The meeting will be conducted using an online platform and login information will be shared via the CPWG Listserv prior to the meeting.

All Hoosick area residents who would like to access this meeting as well as receive ongoing communications about the CPWG should join the CPWG Listserv by sending an email to [hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com](mailto:hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com). Please include your full name and email address.



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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON

# Historic Past, Bright Future

by Chris Tergliafera

After a six week voting period that allowed New Lebanon residents to make their voices heard when selecting a new slogan, the results are in. 191 total votes were collected using many different platforms, including email, Google forms and town events. Of the six slogans to make it to the final round, "Historic Past, Bright Future" was the overwhelming favorite with 84 votes. The Board approved this as the new slogan and also approved a prize of up to \$100 in value to the person who submitted the idea. The outreach and marketing committee will decide final amount.

### Master Park Plan

Representatives from Barton & Loguidice were on hand to discuss the possibility of creating a master park plan for Shatford park. A master park plan would use community and committee input to develop a strategy to create and improve things such as playgrounds, parking areas and better flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The cost of creating the plan would be around \$30,000 and the Board was split

on whether to agree to move forward at the moment, or to include others before making a decision. Some on the Board felt that the money to move forward with the plan, along with the estimated \$75,000 or more that would need to be budgeted to the park for the next several years in order to complete projects, would be hard to justify when New Lebanon could use those funds for other projects in need. After a discussion it was decided to have the Barton & Loguidice representatives meet with the Recreation Commission for further discussion, before the proposal comes back to the Board for a final decision.

### Sick and Personal Time

The Board approved the addition of a clause to the personnel policy that would allow someone to donate unused sick and personal time to a colleague who needs it. There are of course guidelines that go along with this new addition, such as the person receiving the time must first have exhausted all of their time, and the donated time will be paid out at the lower hourly rate among the two involved parties.

### New Director Needed

Letters of interest to find a new summer camp director will be accepted and are due **Friday, November 5, at 4 pm**. The interviews will be held at a special meeting **November 9, at 6 pm**. With the outgoing director suggesting the job possibly be split between two people, letters of interest will be accepted for either of the positions, or both if the applicant feels they are qualified to do so.

### Other News and Notes

The Board approved a resident request to acknowledge what is currently known as Columbus Day, as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Trunk or Treat will take place **Friday,**

**October 29.** Setup will begin at 4 pm, with a 5 pm event start time.

The HVAC company hired to install the new highway furnace is waiting for the correct model to arrive so it can be delivered and installed.

Abby Shubes was approved to fill the Deputy Court Clerk vacancy for the remainder of the term.

The Board approved a letter of support for Shaker Swamp to apply for a grant to conduct a feasibility study.

A bid to sell the old 1988 highway grader for \$9,600 was accepted.

The three remaining budget workshops are scheduled for **October 19, 21 and 27.**

### 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).

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Family Fun Day

New York State Senator Daphne Jordan and Columbia County Sheriff David Bartlett are inviting residents the Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day on **Saturday, October 16, from 10 am to 2 pm, at Greenport Town Park, 413 Joslen Blvd., Hudson.**

There will be lots of fantastic free events, services and fun, including car seat safety checks, child ID cards, face painting, free food, UTV rides and much more. The entire Columbia County community is invited and welcome to attend. To help alleviate COVID-19 concerns and ensure attendee safety, the event is being held outdoors.

### 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/EiSXXFg4Eg-SnRk1Z9>.

### 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.

### Outdoor Storytime

Wednesdays, October 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/>.

**VOTE FOR**  
**BENDETT, CHOQUETTE, & LOVERIDGE**  
*for County Legislature*  
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**Tuesday November 2, 2021**  
*Early voting October 23 to October 31*

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- County Gov't more open, responsive & efficient
- Record number of County roads paved
- 3 consecutive budgets have reduced taxes
- Brought back the DMV office in Schodack and raised bond ratings
- Town Hall



## Rensselaer County News

### New RensCo Budget Cuts Taxes by 10% ... Continued from page 1

tax reduction as an investment in our future and a foundation to help our county clear the obstacles presented by COVID-19. To residents, we demonstrate that when times are good and success achieved by the county through effective management of the assets entrusted to us, that our people share in that good fortune."

According to the County Executive's Office, the 2022 tax cut means the county will have reduced taxes by 18% in the four years Mr. McLaughlin has been in office. They also indicate the newest reduction in the county property tax rate makes it comparable to what it was in 2002.

#### "It's Just Amazing"

That is a direct quote from District 5 Legislator Bruce Patire, who represents the eastern county towns. He told *The Eastwick Press* "When you consider what this country, state and county have been through in the last year and a half, and for the administration and the legislature to have worked together to cut taxes, attract new business and increase revenue, there is no other word for it than amazing."

#### "We Should Be Proud"

Like Legislator Patire, Schodack based County Legislator Chuck Peter says "The new budget is a testament to the hard work by County Executive McLaughlin in an exceedingly difficult year, with so many unexpected expenses." He also stated it is proof that upstate, "Rensselaer County is the place to be and the place for business to invest in."

#### "Reducing the Tax Burden is a Good Thing"

Legislative Minority Leader Peter Grimm is another lawmaker who is happy with a significant tax cut. He tells *The Eastwick Press* he is "happy to see the county's increased revenue, particularly the sales tax growth, is being returned to the county's tax payers, as it should be."

#### Troy Senior Center on the Move

In his budget address, Mr. McLaughlin also announced the county would be relocating the Troy Senior Center to a location in City Station in downtown Troy. He further said the county will continue to invest in new highway equipment after setting records for paving the past four years. During that time the county has paved over 165 miles of roads, a record.

## Remembering Those That Served in Times of Emergency

by Doug La Rocque

Members of the Rensselaer County Emergency Services community gathered at Hudson Valley Community College's Bulmer Center on Sunday, October 3, to honor and remember the 93 individuals that have passed away in the past year. These include fire and emergency medical services as well as those in law enforcement.

The services contained many special presentations including messages of faith and spiritual songs, as well as patriotic, many touching on the recent 20th Anniversary of the terror attacks on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. County Executive Steve McLaughlin spoke on those attacks as well as those they were there to honor that day. He said "The memory of those lost will not dim as long as we remember those answering the call today." These ceremonies are now an annual event.

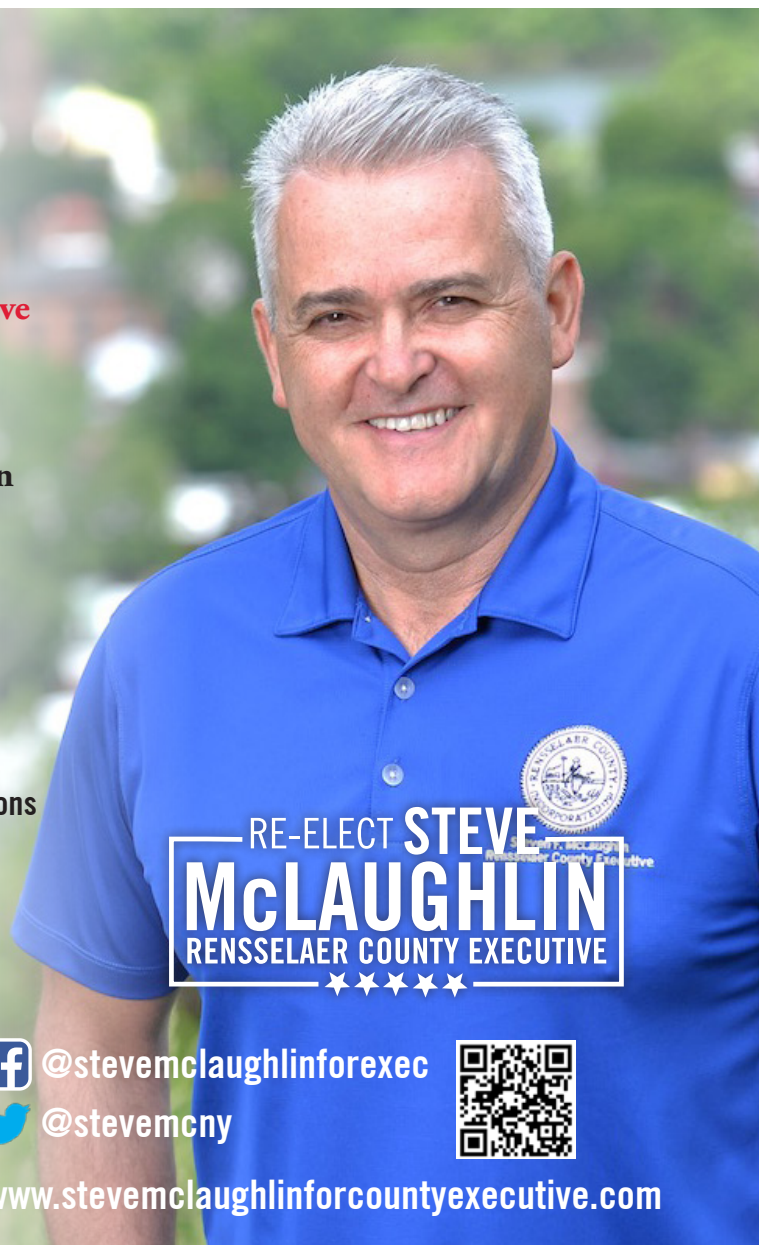


Eagle Mills Fire Department Chief Tim Hoodack rings the fire bell once as the name of each of the 93 honorees is read off, while Berlin Fire Department Chief William Osterhoudt snuffs out their candle. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

## Steve McLaughlin - Leadership When It Counts

During a time of new and unexpected challenges, **County Executive Steve McLaughlin has led Rensselaer County to historic achievements that benefit all of us.** Steve has focused on saving you money, creating new investment and opportunity for families, and strengthening important services while effectively responding to the pandemic. Steve McLaughlin has made a difference for us when it counts!

- ✓ Three consecutive county property tax reductions
- ✓ Saved lives by opposing Cuomo's order to force COVID-19 positive residents into nursing homes
- ✓ Record number of county roads improved, with 150 miles paved so far
- ✓ Support for historic private sector job creation at Amazon, Regeneron and others
- ✓ Effective and common-sense response to pandemic, including expanded protections for seniors through record home-delivered meals services
- ✓ Established vaccination and testing sites to help tens of thousands when state refused to assist
- ✓ County bond rating at highest level ever
- ✓ Construction started on emergency services training tower
- ✓ Effective management helped create record surplus, now being used to help youth, veterans and emergency services
- ✓ Innovation including ER Anywhere program to provide medical service through smart phones



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**EARLY VOTING: OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 31 : ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 2**  
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## Rensselaer County News

### Rensselaer County Employees to Receive Bonus

To recognize outstanding and valuable service to the people of Rensselaer County during the COVID-19 pandemic, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and members of the County Legislature announced county employees will be receiving a one-time bonus this fall.

"Our county employees went above and beyond in maintaining services for our residents during a time of real challenge and difficulty. This is our way of expressing thanks for their work and commitment to our county," said McLaughlin.

The funds for the employee bonus will primarily come from the American Rescue Plan, with some county funds used. The ARP allows for funds to be provided to workers who responded to the pandemic. The bonus will be provided to approximately 1,500 active employees.

### Federal Funding for Agriculture Programs

On October 8, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced federal funding for programs that support urban agriculture across New York State. The funding was allocated through the USDA Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and will be used to accelerate the development of school-based hydroponic farm programs, reduce food insecurity and food waste and support emerging urban farmers. As part of the program, the City of Troy will receive funding in order to actively engage residents through education and outreach efforts, to achieve successful food waste reduction and recovery.

#### Supporting Agriculture Education Opportunities

U.S. Representatives Antonio Delgado and Glenn Thompson, Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee, announced the introduction of the Growing Opportunities in Agriculture Act. This bipartisan bill would provide resources to help local schools start agricultural education programs. Under the Act, grants are available to secondary schools to cover startup costs, curriculum development, teacher salaries, equipment, lab costs and more.

"Farming is a time-honored upstate tradition that should be passed from generation to generation," said Representative Delgado. "I'm proud to introduce the GO Ag Act with my Republican colleague to give schools the necessary resources for agriculture education. These programs can spark an interest in an agricultural career and help students become informed about our food systems."

### Letter to the Editor

*Submitted by Nurse Practitioner Daniel Cogan*

Regarding your lead story of October 1, I respectfully suggest as a more accurate headline, Vaccine Refusal Creates Health Care Staffing Concerns. Remember that all health care workers in New York State have complied with vaccine mandates for measles, mumps and other preventable infectious diseases for years. This is for their own protection, as well as the protection of patients, and the COVID-19 vaccine is no different. At this point, over 400 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been given, and the results are unequivocal, the vaccine is safe to receive and effective in saving lives and slowing the spread of this relentless virus. Fairness requires those reporting the news to place responsibility where it belongs. In this case, the responsibility for staffing shortages belongs squarely on the shoulders of health care workers who are making the indefensible decision to refuse to take an entirely safe life-saving vaccine.

*The views and opinions in this article are not necessarily those of the Eastwick Press.*






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FOR RENSSELAER COUNTY FAMILY COURT  
FAIRNESS FOR ALL FAMILIES

**JILL KEHN – ONE OF OUR MOST EXPERIENCED JUDGES, FOR ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT COURTS.**

The decisions made in Family Court greatly impact the families and children of our community. **That is why we need Jill Kehn serving us as our next Family Court Judge.** Since 2015, Judge Kehn has been a trusted member of the judiciary serving as Troy City Court Judge and Acting Family Court Judge in Rensselaer and Columbia counties.

**"My experience as a judge and parent enables me to make decisions that are fair, compassionate, and thoughtful. I am committed to protecting the legal rights, safety, and well-being of all those who come before me, often the most vulnerable of our county." Jill Kehn**

**AS TROY CITY COURT JUDGE,** Judge Kehn was tasked with creating a speciality court exclusively for domestic/intimate partner violence, and has effectively handled hundreds of cases.

**AS ACTING FAMILY COURT JUDGE,** Judge Kehn has effectively presided over thousands of cases involving custody, abuse and neglect of children, juvenile delinquencies, family offenses, and adoptions.

**ELECT JUDGE JILL KEHN TO RENSSELAER COUNTY FAMILY COURT**



Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Fonda-Fultonville No Match for Wildcats, 20-7



The Hoosick Falls-Tamarac defense has been giving the opponents' offenses fits all season. Here Wildcats Carson Glover (left in black), Dylan Grogan (34), Bryan Mackey and Jake Sparks (18) drive a Fonda-Fultonville runner to the ground. Photo by Steve Bradley.



Wildcats quarterback Jake Sparks flies for a couple of extra yards at the end of a run in the first half of the game against Fonda. Sparks gained 136 yards on the night. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Line Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fonda-Fultonville	0	0	7	0	7
Hoosick Falls-Tamarac	7	7	0	6	20

Sometime a ranking can be deceiving. Fonda came into this game ranked number 11 in the Class C state ranking (Oct. 3, NYSSA), Hoosick Falls-Tamarac was ranked number 13. The ranking did nothing to help Fonda Friday evening as the HF-T Wildcats dominated the Fonda-Fultonville Braves from beginning to end.

The Wildcats scored on their first possession when quarterback Jake Sparks hit wide receiver James Black with a 22 yard pass to grab a quick 6-0 lead. Abby Buckley tacked on the PAT and HF-T had a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcat defense crushed the Fonda runners, holding the Braves to 58 yards rushing on 21 attempts. The Braves did no better trying to go forward in the air, gaining 99 yards on seven completions in 23 attempts. Many of those passing yards came on late fourth quarter throws trying to move quickly down field.

Later in the first quarter, Sparks connected with Bryan Mackey on a 34 yard score that Mackey caught on one side of the field then made some nice moves to cut across the grain and go into the end zone on the other side of the field. With the PAT, HF-T went into halftime with a 14-0 lead.

Fonda tightened the score in the third quarter when they scored on a one yard dive and added the PAT to get within seven.

Hoosick Falls-Tamarac put the game out of reach in the fourth with the final score of the game when Sparks ran in from two yards out to take the score to 20-7.

Sparks ran 23 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns. He passed for 106 yards, going eight of twelve. Bryan Mackey caught three passes for 68 yards and the one touchdown.

Friday, October 15, the Wildcats travel to Mechanicville to face the Red Raiders. Scheduled game time is 7:30 pm.

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Night

Submitted by BCS Communications



Seniors top left to right: Matthew Kluck (B), Brady Hills (B), and Carl Truax (NL). Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

The Berlin Middle-High School hosted the BNL Cross Country team's Senior Night Tuesday, October 5. After help from many hands this summer, the team ran on a beautiful new course. It was challenging from the eyes of their opponents, but it was a fun and adventurous experience for all. Family, friends, students and school staff gathered for Senior Night to congratulate Carl Truax (NL), Brady Hills (B) and Matthew Kluck (B) on their many years of dedication and outstanding achievements.

The boys and girls varsity teams ran the course at the same time against Hoosic Valley and Tamarac-Hoosick Falls. We saw amazing effort from everyone. The BNL girls put up a great fight against Hoosic Valley, and only lost by one point overall. The score was 28-27. Although, they did beat Tamarac-Hoosick Falls with a 17-38.

The boys team also put up a great fight against Hoosic Valley. Unfortunately, the boys lost 22-33 but they gave it their all despite injuries, rain and a tough course. We are very excited to announce that Gabe Kalisz placed 1st overall in the race with a 19:24. He set the record for our home course.

In Other Area Action

Class C					
Mechanicville	0	0	7	7	14
Schuylerville	14	16	8	8	46
Johnstown					
Corinth/Hadley-Luz	x	x	x	x	44
	x	x	x	x	0
Fonda					
Vernon-Vero-Sherrill	0	7	7	7	21
	0	6	0	8	14
Class D					
Lake George	0	6	0	6	12
Cambridge-Salem	21	7	2	6	36
Warrensb-No. Warr					
Greenwich	x	x	x	x	20
	x	x	x	x	36
Cohoes					
Granville	0	0	0	0	0
	14	20	16	0	50
Stillwater					
Helderberg Valley	20	7	6	20	53
	0	0	0	0	0
Canjo-Fort Plain					
Chatham	x	x	x	x	36
	x	x	x	x	55



## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### SOCCER



*Hoosick Falls' Amber MacNeil, left, and Tamarac's Abby Buckley each tried to get a head on the ball during first half action at Tamarac. Hoosick Falls went on to win the game, 2-1, on a first half goal by Riley Niles and a second half, game-winning goal by Ava Salvesvold. Sophie Champagne scored Tamarac's goal. Photo by Steve Bradley.*

*Tamarac's Rocco DeCarlo gets out in front of the Berlin-New Lebanon defense Monday evening. Tamarac won the game 4-1. DeCarlo scored three goals for the Bengals and teammate Colby Minbiole scored once. Wyatt Powers scored the lone goal for B-NL. Photo by Steve Bradley.*



## Lilac to be Inducted Into Stillwater High School Athletic Hall of Fame

On Friday, October 22, current Hoosick Falls Central coach Mike Lilac Jr., Stillwater High School Class of 1985, will be inducted into the Stillwater Athletic Hall of Fame. Lilac is to be inducted along with three other individuals and two teams. The ceremony will take place in the Stillwater Middle School cafeteria at 5:30 pm prior to the Stillwater vs Canajoharie football game that evening. Inductees will also be honored at halftime of that game.

Lilac's accomplishments through his high school and professional career are impressive. Here is what Coach Lilac has accomplished:

Varsity Football 1982-1984, Varsity Basketball 1982-1985, Varsity Baseball 1982-1985, Chieftain's Cup Winner 1984, earned 10 Varsity Letters – never missing a game.

Captain: Football Senior Year; Basketball Junior & Senior Year; Baseball Senior Year, First Team All League Football 1984, First Team All League Baseball 1984 & 1985, Member of 1985 League Championship Basketball Team, Member of 1985 Sectional Championship Baseball Team, three year Member of Varsity Baseball Team at SUNY Cortland.

Varsity Basketball Coach at Hoosick Falls (11 League Titles), had a streak of 56 League Basketball wins in a row, Varsity Baseball Coach at Hoosick Falls (5 League Titles).

Second Coach in Section 2 History With Over 350 Wins in each sport.

Lilac is currently the head coach of the Hoosick Falls Central School's varsity baseball and basketball teams. He is also involved in football as a coach and game statistics keeping.



*File photo by Steve Bradley.*

### FIELD HOCKEY

<b>Hoosick Falls (6-0/9-1)</b>	0	0	0	0	3	3
Greenwich	0	0	0	0	2	2

Wednesday, 10/6. In a crazy game that saw Greenwich goalie Madalynn Curley have 17 saves and Marissa Landry twiddling her thumbs with no saves, neither team could score in four regular quarters of game time, sending the game into a shoot out. Greenwich went first and missed, Panther Gwen Vincent countered with a goal (0-1). Greenwich's Mary Estramonte scored next on her attempt, the Panthers missed on theirs (1-1). The Greenwich shooter missed her third round attempt while Emma McCart scored (1-2). Jocelyn Spezio put the ball in goal for Greenwich's second score and Panther Tatum Hickey scored on her attempt (2-3). When Greenwich missed on their fifth and final attempt the Panthers had the win.

Glens Falls	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hoosick Falls (6-0/10-1)</b>	1	3	3	2	9

Thursday, 10/7. Emma McCart and Megan Marcoux each scored three goals, Ava Case added two and Ava Kasulinous had one as the Panthers routed Glens Falls. MacKenna Roberson and Kasulinous each had an assist. Glens Falls goalie Avery Lanfear had 10 saves and Hoosick Falls' Marissa Landry had zippo.

<b>Hoosick Falls (7-0/11-1)</b>	3	1	3	0	7
Corinth (3-6/3/7)	0	0	0	0	0

Friday, 10/8. Emma McCart scored three first quarter goals that took the starch out of the Corinth Lady Mountaineers and the Panthers cruised the rest of the way. McCart ended the game with four goals, Gwyn Vincent, Tatum Hickey and Megan Marcoux each added one. Hickey had one assist and Lyric Kriner added two of her own. Corinth's Sydney Crombach had seven saves and Marissa Landry had one.

<b>Hoosick Falls (8-0/12-1)</b>	0	0	2	1	1	4
Granville (7-2/10-3)	0	1	1	1	0	3

Monday, 10/11. Once considered an easy win a couple years ago, Granville has become an opponent that is to be taken seriously, giving the Panthers all they can handle the past couple years. This game was more of the recent Granville teams, holding the Panthers scoreless in the first half, which is a very rare occurrence, the Lady Golden Horde took a one goal lead on a Katie McEachron shot into halftime. After the half, Lyric Kriner, with an assist from Gwyn Vincent, scored with just over 11 minutes left in the third quarter to tie the game. Granville countered a minute later with a goal of their own to retake the lead. Panther Gwyn Vincent scored with just under three minutes left in the quarter to tie the game. The fourth quarter saw both teams score, Tatum Hickey for Hoosick Falls and Raegann Swain for Granville, to send the game into overtime. Emma McCart, on a rare day when she didn't score during the regular game time, got a shot into goal at the 3:30 mark of OT to win the game.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tamarac Beats Stillwater

*Contributed by Coach Jessica Marsh*

On October 6, Tamarac Girls Volleyball defeated Stillwater.

Tamarac record: league 8-4, overall 9-5  
Sidney Phillips: 8 aces, 1 block, 2 kills  
Julianna Maxfield: 4 kills, 5 sp  
Stillwater:

Jayden Hill: 4 aces, 13 serving points  
Eden Resch: 5 aces, 5 kills, 6 sp  
Peyton Morris: 3 kills, 4 aces, 7 sp

### GOLF

Hoosick Valley 0

**Hoosick Falls (12-1) 5**

Wednesday, 9/29. Hoosick Falls Country Club (par 34). Freshman Aiden Fleming 35 led all scorers while Matt Wager 50 led Hoosick Valley.

Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Miles Smith 39, Dylan Callahan 44, Brady Hathaway 47, Riley Hayes 53 and Ethan Yonconish 55.

Mechanicville 0

**Hoosick Falls (13-1) 5**

Thursday, 9/30. Hoosick Falls Country Club. Aiden Fleming 40 led all scorers.

### Senior Honors for a Wildcat Harrier



Senior Cross Country runner Kara Cushman of the Tamarac-Hoosick Falls Wildcats celebrated her Senior Night with her third best time in her four year career. Cushman and the Wildcats finished second to Greenwich while defeating Stillwater as Cushman led the Cats on the day with a time of 23:32. Fellow Cats Aniya Jade Bailey and Sarah Raymond finishing respectively with times of 25:09 and 25:47. The Wildcats are next competing at the Grout Run in Schenectady. Here Kara is shown on Senior Night with her parents Don and Marcia. Photo provided.



## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### AUTO RACING

# Williamson Pockets Over \$58,000 With Super Dirt Week Wins

Compiled by Steve Bradley

#### Weedsport Speedway

Wednesday, 10/7. 358 Modifieds, \$4,000 to win: Mat Williamson, Tim Sears Jr, Larry Wight, Ronnie Davis III; 5) Jordan McCreadie, Todd Root, Danny Johnson, Rocky Warner, Jimmy Phelps; 10) Taylor Caprara.

#### Brewerton Speedway

Thursday, 10/7: 358 Modifieds, \$4,000 to win: Mat Williamson, Ronnie Davis, Jimmy Phelps, Tim Sears, 5) Michael Maresca, Rocky Warner, Adam Pierson, Billy Dunn, Ryan Bartlett, 10) Pat Ward.

#### Oswego Speedway

Big Block Modifieds - Thursday, 10/7 - Time trials, 70 cars, top six qualified: Peter Britan (20.471), Jimmy Phelps, Max McLaughlin, Larry Wight, Stewart Friesen, Pat Ward.

Friday, 10/8 - Triple 25's (3). Top nine cars qualify. Heat 1: Larry Wight, Mat Williamson, Tyler Dippel, Anthony Perrego, Ryan Godown, Carey Terrance, Mike Gular, Brett Hearn, Billy Decker. Heat 2: Stewart Friesen, Jimmy Phelps, Tim Sears Jr, Tim Fuller, Marc Johnson, Josh Hohenforst, Jordan McCreadie, Tom Sears Jr, Jack Lehner. Heat 3: Max McLaughlin, Matt Sheppard, Chris Hile, Demetrios Drellos, Rocky Warner, Michael Maresca, Billy VanInwegen Jr, Kevin Root, Kyle Coffey.

Saturday, 10/9 - Last Chance Qualifiers, Top 3 Qualify. Heat 1: Keith Flach, Erick Rudolph, Adam Pierson; Heat 2: Jimmy Horton, Gary Lindburg, Kenny Tremont, Jr.

Sunday, 10/10. Billy Whittaker Cars 200 - Mat Williamson, Billy Decker, Matt Sheppard, Stewart Friesen, 5) Larry Wight, Carey Terrance, Rocky Warner, Tyler Dippel, Mike Gular, 10) Jimmy Phelps, Max McLaughlin, Tim Fuller, Mike Mahaney, 15) Tim Sears Jr, Peter Britten, Josh Hohenforst, Pat Ward, Kenny Tremont Jr, 20) Michael Maresca, Jordan McCreadie, Demetrios Drellos, Brett Hearn, Chris Hile, 25) Gary Lindberg, Keith Flach, Anthony Perrego, Tom Sears Jr, Adam Pierson, 30) Brandon Walters, Justin Haers, Jack Lehner, Marcus Dinkins, Jimmy Horton, 35) Erick Rudolph, Billy VanIn-

wegen Jr., Billy Dunn, Dave Rauscher, Ryan Godown, 40) Marc Johnson, Kyle Coffey.

#### 358 Modifieds

Thursday, 10/7 - Time trials, top six qualified: Billy Dunn (20.688, new track record), Tim Sears, Jr., Stewart Friesen, Billy Decker, Rob Bellinger.

Friday, 10/8 - Triple 20's (3). Top eight cars qualify. Heat 1: Billy Dunn, Larry Wight, Stewart Friesen, Tim Fuller, Pat Ward, Danny Johnson, Demetrios Drellos, Carey Terrance. Heat 2: Billy Decker, Mat Williamson, Ronnie Davis, Michael Maresca, Rocky Warner, Jackson Gill, Lance Willix, Billy VanInwegen Jr. Heat 3: Tim Sears Jr, David Marcuccilli, Peter Britten, Justin Haers, Rob Bellinger, Marc Johnson, Rusty Smith, Jason Parkhurst.

Saturday, 10/9 - Last Chance Qualifiers, Top 3. Heat 1: Todd Root, Erick Rudolph, Jimmy Phelps; Heat 2: Darren Smith, Tommy Collins, Kyle Inman.

#### Salute the Troops 150

Stewart Friesen, Mat Williamson, Jimmy Phelps (started 35th), Danny Johnson, 5) Billy Decker, Demetrios Drellos, Pat Ward, Lance Willix, Darren Smith (Top Rookie Award, started 32nd), 10) David Marcuccilli, Billy Dunn, Jordan McCreadie, Adam Pierson, Marshall Hurd, 15) Tommy Collins, Jason Parkhurst, Ryan Bartlett, Mike Gular, Marc Johnson, 20) Erick Rudolph, Anthony Perrego, Larry Wight, Tim Sears Jr, Justin Haers, 25) Billy VanInwegen Jr, Rocky Warner, Jackson Gill, Carey Terrance, Rusty Smith 30) Steve Lewis Jr, Ronnie Davis, Kyle Inman, Todd Root, Tim Fuller, 35) Ben Bushaw, Nick Webb, Matt Woodruff, Rob Bellinger, Peter Britten, 40) (DQ) Michael Maresca.

More Oswego - Sunday, 10/10 Results - DIRTcar Sportsman - 75 laps: Zach Sobotka, Matt Janczuk, Brian Calabrese, Justin Stone, Alex Payne, Tanner Siemons, Ryan Godown, Mike Fowler, Michael Sabia, 10) Remington Hamm, Justin Buff, Connor Cleveland, Cameron Tuttle, Courcy, 15) Brendan Gibbons, Andrew Buff, Tyler Murray, Alan Fink, Tyler Corcoran, 20) Dalton

Rombough, Willy Decker Jr, Jay Potrzebowski, David Rogers, Ricky Thompson, 25) Chad Edwards, Jamy Begor, Matt Guererr, Mike Bruno, Zachary Payne, 30) Ryan Dolbear, Chris Cayea, Ryan Murtaugh, Nick Heywood, Cody Ochs, 35) Chris Mackey, David Boisclair.

#### Pro Stocks

50 laps: Chad Jeseo, Jason Casey, Rob Yetman, Mike White, 5) Scott Towslee, Jason Meltz, Tommy Dean, Pete Stefanski, Burton Ward, 10) Johnny Rivers, Nick Hilt, Chucky Dumblewski, Ian Bressette, Gary Silkey, 15) Brian Carter, Steve LaRochelle, Shawn Perez, Jay Fitzgerald, Chris Crane, 20) Shane Playford, Rich Crane, Nick Stone, Josh Coonradt, Jay Casey, 25) Zachary Sorrentino, Eli Gilbert, Dean Charbonneau, Luke Horning, 30) Tyler Bushey, Kevin Fetterly Jr.

#### Afton Motorsports Park

Saturday, 10/9. Short Track Super Series Modifieds, 50 laps. Max McLaughlin, Billy Pauch Jr., Danny Bouc, Matt Sheppard, 5) Alan Barker, Andy Bachetti, Mike Mahaney, David Schilling, Bobby Varin, 10) Danny Creedon, Shaun Walker, Brett Haas, Justin Holland, Bobby Hackel, 15) Frank Yankowski.

Crate 602 Sportsman, (25 laps): Tim Hartman, Jr., A.J. Digsby, Payton Talbot, Dave Rosa, 5) Michael Ballesterio, Hunter Lapp, Jeffrey Gallup, Blaine Klinger, Allan Hammond, Tyler Ward.

### Coming Up Port Royal Speedway

Friday, 10/15. Pro Stocks: 30-laps, \$1,250 to win, \$125 to start (only feature event of the night with rule package utilized at Fonda and Utica-Rome speedways).

Saturday, 10/16. Modifieds: Speed Showcase 200. \$50,000-plus to win. Crate 602 Sportsman: 12-lap B-Mains for 50-lap, \$4,000-to-win feature event.

#### Orange County Speedway

Feature races listed, heats, hot laps, time trials, last chance races held daily.

Thursday, 10/21. Street Stocks: \$1,000 to win, \$100 to start.

Friday, 10/22. Short Track Super Series event. Modifieds: 50 laps, \$5,000 to win, \$500 to start. Race of Champions, 24 laps, \$5,000 to win.

Saturday, 10/23. 358 Modifieds: 100 laps, \$20,000 to win, \$500 to start. USAC Sprint Cars, \$2,000 to win.

Sunday, 10/24. Modifieds: Eastern States, 200 laps, \$40,000 to win, \$1,500 to start. Pro Stocks, 25 laps, \$2,000 to win, \$150 to start.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
McNally Insurance	19	6	Mike Weeden	277 222 695
Boner's	16	9	John Brown	238 214 663
Farmers Tires	15	10	Mitch Andrew	227 221 661
Gallup Inn	12	13	Tyler Colvin	246 216 649
The Jabronis	12	13	Colin Cipperly	237 212 643
Lebowski Rug Co.	12	13	Devin Prendergast	237 203 639
Lou's Plumbing	11	14	Matt Brownell	240 214 631
Wack'em & Stack'em	10	15	Mike Smith	256 192 629
Mag-Way	10	15	Ryan Shumway	214 210 629
Chico's Bail Bonds	8	17	Tim Marbot	234 223 626

### Thursday American League

Team	Won	Lost	High Series	High Game
Lo-Ridge Farm	97½	52½	763 Max Taylor Jr	279 Matt Beck
RGI Insurance	82	68	692 John Brown	278 Max Taylor Jr
Modern Game Pro Shop	81½	68½	691 Dave Clark	267 Tim McCart
Huntin' Time	79½	70½	675 Tim McCart	267 Dave Clark
Dave Clark Excavating	79	71	670 Ed Legg Jr	256 Preston Oakes
Lauzon Machine Shop	77	73	670 Preston Oakes	255 Jason Sykes
Team Taconic	73½	76½	665 Matt Beck	246 Ed Legg Jr
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	72	78	645 Al Brock	245 John Brown
Stevens and Sons Tents	55	95	644 Josh McCart	238 Al Brock
Cuomo's Gotta Go	53	97	639 Kenneth Marbot II	233 Tom Mongeon

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### Tool/Tag Sale

October 16 & 17, 10 am to 3 pm at 997 Garfield Road in Stephentown.

### Barbie Doll Sale

Holiday Barbie Dolls, never opened. Years 2000 through 2014. Asking \$350 for the entire collection. Please call 518-663-0047.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Public Hearing - Hoosick Fire District

Please take notice that a public hearing for the purpose of comment on the 2022 budget of the Hoosick Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hoosick Fire District will be held on **Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7 pm**. Location will be Hoosick Fire Station, 664 South Street Hoosick, NY.  
Leo Surdam  
Recording Secretary  
Hoosick Fire District

Notice of qualification of **Cadence Partners, LLC**. Authority filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/15/21. Office in Rensselaer County. Formed in Nevada on 08/16/21. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 117 California Avenue, Rensselaer, NY, 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **Adpop, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/2021. Office location, County of Rensselaer. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 109 Western Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **TML Electric LLC**. Filed 8/9/21. Office: County of Rensselaer. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: c/o Tyler Michael Lindsey, 10 Danforth St, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: General.

### Craft Fair/Bake Sale

To be held **October 16 & 17 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Rai-Mel Farm. 287 Hunt Rd. Buskirk, NY 12028. 518-753-6936.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Hoosick Falls Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, have been examined by an independent public accountant and the report and management letter prepared in conjunction with the external audit by the independent public accountant has been filed in the District Office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the Governing Board of the Hoosick Falls Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of external audit or management letter by the independent public accountant and file any such response in the District Office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons no later than October 31, 2021. Information can also be found on the Hoosick Falls Central School website.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk  
Hoosick Falls Central School District

Notice of the Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **LP Property Solutions LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/30/2021. 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, 11 Oak Way, Stephentown, NY 12168. 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 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 6:00 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 PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER SHALL BE HEARD AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE  
**BY ORDER OF THE HOOSICK TOWN BOARD**

Holli Cross  
Hoosick Town Clerk

### Invitation to Bid for #2 Heating Oil

Sealed bid proposal, marked "Annual Fuel Bid" on the outside of the mailing envelope with bid inside, addressed to President Tammy Osterhout, Berlin Volunteer Fire Company Inc, PO Box 269, Berlin, NY 12022, **received no later than 7 pm on October 25, 2021.**

Tank Location:

Berlin Firehouse, 11 Community Ave, Berlin, NY.

Tank Capacity: 1,000 gallons.

Estimated Annual Consumption: 5,000 gallons.

It is the intent of this proposal to establish a primary source of supply for #2 Heating Oil for a **12-month period beginning October 1, 2021** at bidder's option.

**Date of Award: TBA**

The annual consumption is an estimate only and the Fire Company reserves the right to purchase only the quantity necessary, whether more or less than the estimated amount needed. Automatic deliveries are the responsibility of the successful bidder.

Each invoice shall be mailed to PO Box 269, Berlin, NY 12022 within 5-days of date of delivery, and shall indicate the cost per gallon & quantity delivered in gallons.

The Fire Company reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Fire Company.

The undersigned agrees to provide price as indicated & to deliver #2 Heating Oil to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company Inc at 11 Community Ave, Berlin, NY.

Guaranteed Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (per gallon)

Flex Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

\_\_\_\_\_ (sign)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Can this pricing be extended to our members?

YES NO

If NO, please indicate alternate pricing for membership:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (per gallon)



## PUBLIC NOTICES

## Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget of the Berlin Fire District #1 of the Town of Berlin, State of New York, will be presented to the Berlin Fire District #1 for its consideration. A public hearing will be held at 7 pm at the Berlin Fire House 11 Community Ave, Berlin N.Y. on Tuesday, the 19th day of October. Pursuant to Town Law Section 181, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, and allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Town Clerk's Office and from the Fire District Secretary, where it may be inspected during regular Town Clerk's hours or by arrangement with the District Secretary.

Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners  
Bruce Hake Jr., Chair

NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
NAME: **490 NG ROAD, LLC**

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 23, 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, 52 Haywood Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144. For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
NAME: **CAPEHOUSE PROPERTIES LLC**

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 29, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 249 Werking Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061. For 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.

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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.

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. 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.

## Meetings

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 Leb. 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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice To Bidders  
Snow Plowing And Sanding 2021-2022

Berlin Volunteer Fire Company Inc., is accepting bids for snow removal and sanding at its fire station located at 11 Community Ave in Berlin. The Bidder agrees to perform the services listed below, and be available as needed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to keep the station's aprons and parking areas clear of snow and to sand all areas to enable the members to respond to the station and to respond with apparatus in a safe manner. Bids will be opened on October 25, 2021 with a contract date of November 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. The qualified bidder shall:

1. Repair any damage at the end of the season.
2. Clear all surfaces including but not limited to the apron, parking area, and sidewalk.
3. Sand all surfaces including but not limited to parking area and front sidewalk.
4. Snow shall be removed as needed but not allowing more than three (3) inches to accumulate between removals.
5. Within 24 hours of the conclusion of a storm the contractor agrees to clear all areas of snow.
6. Should BFD personnel be out on a call when the contractor arrives to clear the area, BFD personnel agree to move their vehicles to a cleared area upon their return and the contractor will clear the remaining areas at no further cost.
7. All bids must contain a copy of the contractor's liability insurance naming Berlin Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. as additional insured.
8. All bids must include price for plowing and sanding, just plowing, and just sanding.

The Berlin Volunteer Fire Company Inc., has the right to accept or refuse any and all bids.

All bids are to be sent to:

Berlin Volunteer Fire Co, Inc. Snow Plowing and Sanding Bids  
Attn: President Corporate Board  
PO Box 269  
Berlin NY 12022

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 a Limited Liability Company. Name **FRAN GPS LLC**. Filed 8/10/21. Office: County of Rensselaer. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 279 Troy Rd Ste. 9-145, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Registered Agent: Donald M Cepiel Sr, 282 Springer Rd, West Sand Lake, NY 12196. Purpose: General.

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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

## Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Proposed Budget of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District of the Town of Hoosick, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District for its consideration.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6 pm at the Hoosick Falls Fire Station, 2 Griffin Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 in the Town of Hoosick, State of New York on the 19th day of October 2021.

Pursuant to Town Law §105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, and allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hoosick at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 and Fire District Secretary at 2 Griffin Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours 9 am – 4 pm.

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## 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 2-31, Saturdays &amp; 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 with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Academy, 790 State Route 203, Spencertown, New York

## 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, Saturday

**Relay for Life of Bennington County Basket Raffle & Auction**, 9 am-2 pm, Elks Carriage House, 125 Washington Ave., Bennington, VT, Food & Relay Store will be there, masks suggested

## October 16 &amp; 17, Saturday &amp; 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 17, Sunday

**Lady Shriners 6th Annual Pulled Pork Dinner**, 2-5 pm, \$13, drive through pick up, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Main St., Berlin, call 518-506-4761, 518-598-4010 for tickets

## October 20, Wednesday

**Enjoy a nostalgic adventure along the Rutland RR fabled Corkscrew subdivision** through Bennington, Petersburg, Berlin, Cherry Plain, Stephentown and points south, video presentation, 7 pm, Everett Wagar Senior Center, free

## 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

**Defensive Driving Course**, 9 am, North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22, \$40, must pre-register, call 518-686-4854

**Town of Berlin Rabies Clinic**, 9-10 am cats, 10-11 am dogs, Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 State Route 22, Rabies and Distemper, \$10 each, cash only

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

**Balloon Festival & Bash**, 10 am-10 pm, Cambridge Park, music, balloon ride raffle, food vendors (some pilots will fly over the village Fri. night & Sat. morning, weather

permitting) chicken barbecue \$15, call 518-677-0887 or 518-222-4372 for tickets

**Focus Tour, Battlefield Burials**, BB State Historic Site, Caretakers House, 30 Caretakers Rd, Hoosick, 3:30 pm

**Jack-O'-Lantern Carving**, Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site - on the hill-top, under the program tent, 5 pm, pumpkins will be provided, bring your own carving tools, rsvp [david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov](mailto:david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov)

**Outdoor (Scary) Movie Screening**, 6 pm, Caretakers House, suggested age 13 & up, bring snacks, lawn chairs & blankets

**Pittstown UM Church Roast Beef Supper**, 4-6 pm, take out only, adults \$15, children 5-12 \$6, under 5 free, reservations suggested, call 518-663-8320, located just off NY Route 7, Pittstown

**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

## October 29-31, Friday - Sunday

**Play The Haunting of Hill House**, \$10 general admission, \$15 reserved, Bennington Community Theater, 331 Main St., Bennington, VT

## October 30, Saturday

**Grafton FD & Auxiliary All You Can Eat Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$12 adults, \$6 children 12 & under, 5 & under free, Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, South Road, County Route 85

## November 5, 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

## November 5-7, Friday-Sunday

**Play The Haunting of Hill House**, \$10 general admission, \$15 reserved, Bennington Community Theater, 331 Main St., Bennington, VT

## November 6, Saturday

**American Legion Post 13 & Bennington Museum Honor Veterans and Rededicate Civil War Memorial**, 1-2 pm, Bennington Museum, 2-3:30 pm reception & family activity, Ada Paresky Education Center, museum upper level, free (10 am-4 pm museum fees half price, veterans, active military & their families, youth aged 17 & younger always admitted free)

## 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

## November 14, Sunday

**Fish Creed Rod & Gun Club Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$10 adult, \$5 child, 121 NY Route 32, Schuylerville, 518-695-3917



# Entertainment

## Now Showing

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 10/15 – Thursday 10/21

**Halloween Kills** (R) Daily 3:45 4:45 6:00 7:00 8:15 9:15 Sat & Sun 1:30 2:30 3:45 4:45 6:00 7:00 8:15 9:15

**No Time To Die** (PG13) Daily 3:45 4:45 7:00 8:00 Sat & Sun 12:30 1:30 3:45 4:45 7:00 8:00

**The Last Duel** (R) Daily 3:40 6:35 9:25 Sat & Sun 12:45 3:40 6:35 9:25

**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

### Hathaway's Twin Drive-in Theatre

Friday 10/15 & Saturday 10/16

Screen 1:

**Halloween Kills** (R) 6:45 pm

**Venom: Let There Be Carnage** (PG13) 8:40 pm

Screen 2:

**No Time to Die** (PG13) 6:50 pm

## Images Cinema

**Titane:** 10/15 - 10/18 at 4:45 pm and 7:30 pm, 10/19 at 4:45, 10/20 - 10/21 at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm

**The Hoy Boys:** 10/19 at 7:30 pm

**Dune:** 10/22-11/2 at 4 pm and 7:30 pm

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Last week's sudoku solution:

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## Theme: Halloween

### ACROSS

1. \*Hitchcock's 1963 movie, with The
6. Bad-mouth
9. H or O in H<sub>2</sub>O, e.g.
13. France's longest river
14. Bauxite, e.g.
15. Opposite of adore
16. Proprietor
17. Quaker Man's cereal
18. Oozes
19. \*Corpse
21. \*Bobbing for what?, pl.
23. One time around
24. BÈBÈ's mother
25. General Post Office
28. Actuary's concern
30. Named, in bygone era
35. Not easy
37. Accepted behavior
39. Kitchen floor layer?
40. Northern European capital
41. \*Overly consumed on Halloween?
43. Actress Spelling
44. Nature's rage
46. Bangladeshi currency
47. Colossal
48. Bowling prop
50. Famous Himalayan
52. Bugling ungulate
53. Valedictorian's spot
55. Possessive of "it"
57. \*Pennywise and Joker, e.g.
60. \*Traditional Halloween garb
64. Honolulu greeting
65. Costa del \_\_\_\_
67. Plant fungus
68. Mild and pleasant, weather-wise
69. E.T. transporter
70. Popular spring flower
71. Hole-making tools
72. Young newt
73. Country singer \_\_\_\_ Hill

### Last week's crossword solution:

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### DOWN

1. Coalition
2. Corn Belt state
3. Drink garnish
4. Cheerlessness
5. Offered on a platter
6. \*Door-to-\_\_\_\_
7. George Gershwin's brother
8. Plural of seta
9. Cain's biblical brother
10. You, in bygone era
11. Uh-oh
12. Wife's title
15. Facet
20. Actress Linda of "Dynasty" fame
22. Be nosy
24. South American wild cats
25. \*Bedsheet with holes?
26. Command that follows "cut"
27. Acrylic fiber
29. Show off
31. Low-cal
32. Skip the wedding hoopla
33. State of danger
34. \*As opposed to treat
36. Small town or hamlet
38. Manufacture
42. 2:3, e.g.
45. Carnie's domain
49. Grandmother, for short
51. Reflexive of "it"
54. Question in dispute
56. Parallel grooves
57. \*Raven's grabber
58. Take it easy
59. Electrical resistance units
60. Blood-related problem
61. Tangerine grapefruit hybrid
62. Castle protector
63. Carve, as in stone
64. Lawyers' league
66. "\_\_\_\_ with their head!"

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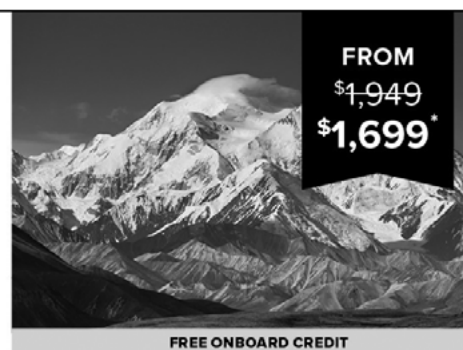
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## Student Honor

### Clarkson University

Laura Wing of Averill Park has been selected to attend the National Women in Construction Leadership Seminar



## 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.

A congregate lunch will be served at noon on days the center is open. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal. In addition to congregate meals, the center offers Grab-N-Go lunches Monday through Friday.

**October 20** there will be an eat smart food demonstration at 11 am. **October 22** there is Wii Bowling in the morning and bingo starting at 12:45 pm.

The center offers just off the couch exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. On Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm there will be senior exercise. Both exercise programs are low impact, and all seniors will be able to participate. 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.

There will be a Halloween Costume Party on **October 29** with special music by Sal Graziano. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Plan to come for games, dancing, singing and treats. Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance at 518-686-7561 to be placed on the list for congregate or Grab-N-Go meals so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

### 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.

A nutritious congregate meal will be served at noon every Tuesday and Thursday. There is a suggested \$3 donation per meal. On **October 19** there will be an eat smart demonstration at 11:15 am. Plan to stay for lunch after the presentation where stuffed shells and a vegetable will be served. On **October 21** lunch will be chicken patty with gravy, potatoes and vegetables. Following lunch there will be senior feud and an ice cream social. All residents 60 and over are encouraged to attend both events.

The center will be open **Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am** for Chair Yoga. There is also Yoga class on Tuesdays. All are welcome to attend the classes. **October 20** the knitting and crochet group will meet at 10 am. Call for more information about our groups.

There will a Halloween Costume Party on **Thursday, October 28** with special music by Sal Graziano. Start planning your costume—prizes will be given out. And plan to come for games, treats, dancing, singing and more.

If you have questions, or want to be added to the lunch list, please call 518-279-3413.

### 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.

**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.

### 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 Defreest 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: 518-279-3413

**Oct 15:** Pork loin w/gravy, baked potato, broccoli florets, dinner roll and yogurt (+sandwich bag)

**Oct 18:** Cheeseburger, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, round roll and a granola bar

**Oct 19:** Stuffed shells w/Alfredo sauce, italian blend, italian bread, juice and a fruit cup

**Oct 20:** Turkey chili w/kidney beans & sour cream, rice, sliced carrots, whole wheat biscuit and fresh fruit

**Oct 21:** Chicken patty w/rosemary gravy, baked diced potatoes, malibu blend, rye bread, juice and apple sauce

**Oct 22:** Crabmeat w/lettuce, Italian pasta salad, creamy tomato & cucumber salad, white bread and fresh fruit

## Obituaries

### Wayne R. Rathbun

Troy - Wayne Robert Rathbun, 66, passed away Sunday, October 3, 2021 at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Wayne was born the son of Wesley L. Rathbun and Bertha E. Gundrum Rathbun in Troy, NY.

Wayne was a quadriplegic for forty-two years. He enjoyed painting, gardening, horse racing, and spending time with family and friends.

Wayne is survived by his son, Perry Rathbun and wife Valerie, daughter Anna Rathbun, grandson Ethan Rathbun, granddaughter Jade Rathbun, lifelong friend Patricia Gage Rathbun, brothers Donald Rathbun and Thomas Rathbun and sisters Wendy Bressette and Debbie Giumarra.



### Geraldine Foster

Hoosick Falls - Geraldine Foster, 84, passed away on Friday October 8, 2021 at the Brookdale Fillmore Pond in Bennington. She formerly resided on Spicer Road and was the wife of the late Richard Tink Foster, Sr.

Geraldine was born on April 15, 1937, in Troy, New York, daughter of the late Clarence and Catherine (Carroll) Eldred. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Hoosick Falls and was employed at the Albany Felt Company until retiring. Geraldine was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, where she was also a member of the Alter & Rosary Society and the Parish Council. Her biggest enjoyment in life was being with family, especially taking her grandchildren wherever they needed to go.

Survivors include her children Kimberly Hathaway of Bennington, VT, son Richard (Michelle) Foster Jr. of Brunswick, NY, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, four sisters, Patricia Bell of South Glens Falls, NY, Rita Hansen of Troy, NY, Judy Legg of Tannersville, NY, and Barbara Eddy of Elkapark, NY. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter Gail Galusha and four sisters Joan Kulas, Kay Bierwirth, Bonnie Powers, and Betty Yager.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday October 12, followed by a burial mass at Hoosick Rural Cemetery, Hoosick, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Church through Mahar Funeral Home, <https://maharfuneralhome.com>.

## Church News

### Fall Family Fun

Join the fun at the Grafton Baptist Church grounds on **Saturday October 16**, for fall family fun. Beginning at 2 pm, there will be hay rides, family games, stories, songs and food. Free hotdogs and hamburgers along with many other foods will be available starting at 4 pm. There will be opportunities to meet new friends, share prayer requests and just build community. There will be a bonfire to keep us warm on an autumn afternoon. If you have questions call 518-279-1467 or 518-256-1572.

### Stephentown Federated Church

Pastor Chris Garrison welcomes you to this Methodist-Presbyterian church located at 1513 Garfield Road. Sunday service is at 9:30 am, and the church is accessible. The church is asking parishioners to wear masks and remain socially distanced to keep everyone as safe as possible. Services will also be on the website, [stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://stephentownfederatedchurch.org). Call 518-733-5813 for more information.

### 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.

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



# Wood Frog in Wet Woods



Most of the photos of Wood Frogs (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) published in *The Eastwick Press* have been during the early spring mating season when the males are mostly gray-brown in color and the females are usually closer to a peach color. Here is a wood frog in the forest outside of the mating season when its color has changed to tan with a brown eye mask. Wood frogs overwinter in forest upland near their breeding pools to ensure a short hop to the thawed pools. Photo by Trix Niernberger in Petersburg.

# Moose on the Loose



As most know, the moose population in Eastern New York and Western New England seems to be growing, at least by the number of reported sightings. This cow was spotted cooling off in a watery area on Tuesday in New Ashford, MA, just across the state line from Petersburg. Thanks Matt Kelly for this great photo.

# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## George Pays Off Debts

Wednesday, April 9, 1851: Today when I was in Pittsfield I paid up and took a note of one hundred and thirty three dollars that F. Jay Wylie held against me, given May 29, 1849 and an endorsement and paid 40 dollars Nov 22 1849, and paid April 8th 1850 95 dollars and paid 25 dollars March 1st 1851 and today I paid compound interest and paid 7 percent and paid 54 dol and 97 cents. Today I sold nearly one bushel grafted apples to a grocery for 87 cents and took two pounds coffee at 14 cts per and the remainder in sugar at eight cents per and then I returned home by sunset.

Thursday: Today I sent by Geo P. and took up Eliza Furner's interest and principal 450 dollars paid.


Friday: Today I took up Eliza and Jane Wylie's notes of 126 dollars, in paying Eliza and Jane Wylie's notes I paid principal and interest which was one hundred and thirty two dollars all reckoned at six percent agreed on today.

Saturday: This forenoon furrowed Geo P. potatoes ground on W.B. Maxon's land and Edwin rode horse. This afternoon John F. and Edwin planted potatoes a spell and finished planting John F. potatoes on the widow Wylie's. This afternoon John F. went to Samuel Beers and stayed tonight, he went to see about getting his school money. He

walked and went by the way of Jesse Egleston's and I sent the money and took up a fifty dollar note given April 18th 1850, paid interest and principal 53 dol 45 cts.

Sunday: Geo P. and his two sisters went to Elder Sweet's meeting at the Baptist Church, John F. returned home tonight.

Monday: Today I took my one horse wagon and rode to Lebanon. I called to B. Nichols post office and left a letter directed to Arch Bishop, Granville, the agent of Washington Co. Mutual Insurance Company, I handed N. Nichols two dollars and he sealed it in said letter and mailed said letter. I then rode to the Shakers and called to Jonathan Woods office and paid one dollar for one pound carrot seed and one paper watermelon, sixpence and one paper muskmelon, six cents, and I called to the North family of Shakers and paid one dollar and fifty cents for one pound and a half of carrot seed and I paid 18 cents for two quarts of marafat peas and Geo P. sent by me and I bought him twenty one pounds clover seed and paid ten cents per and the Shaker sent John F. two apricot peach trees to make him good for the trees he bought of them last spring and they died. On the way home I called to Gays and son and got a pot lead color paint. This afternoon I set out seed turnips.

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