

STEPHENTOWN

Honoring Our Military Women, Past and Present

For many years the Stephentown Veterans Organization has held a special ceremony in Veterans Park honoring those who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Those special moments were repeated this Saturday, November 6. Each year, there is a keynote guest speaker. This year, is Stephentown resident Lt. Col. (Ret) Diana Clark, who provides a unique insight into challenges and opportunities women face while in military service.

Lt. Colonel Clark has had a distinguished military career, spending eight years in the Army reserve before transferring to the Air Force Reserve as a Flight Nurse/Medical Crew Director. While serving in the Middle East she completed 16 combat air evacuation missions during the period of intense fighting in Fallujah and Mosul and was awarded the prestigious Air Medal for singular acts of heroism and/or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Here is a summation of Lt. Colonel Clark's address: We are quick to recognize Military Women for their accomplishments, however,

we do not recognize them for their sacrifices. When a soldier is killed or wounded the military does not distinguish between men or women nor should they. It seems to be always assumed that only men are the victims because that is what we generally see on television.

On March 20, 2003 the 3rd Infantry Division were "First In" in Iraq. March 23, 3 days later a convoy with supplies and armed support personnel, men and women, found themselves pinned down and under attack in enemy territory. Nine died, including Lori Piestewa, a Native American, and a single mother of a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl. She was among the heroes that day. Two other women were severely injured and taken as POW's. Shoshana Johnson, born in Panama, was shot in both ankles and was rescued 22 days later. Jessica Lynch, a 19-year-old from West Virginia, was just 5' 3" and 100lbs. Her spine was fractured in 2 places, her right arm was shattered and her left leg broken in several

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Lt. Col. Diana Clark speaking to those gathered at the Stephentown Veterans ceremony. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Saying Goodbye

by Bea Peterson

How do you say goodbye to a church you have attended your entire life? How do you say goodbye to a building that has been a focal point in the community since 1888? You do it with love, respect and dignity. And that's what Rev. Donna Elia and the remaining members of First United Church, Presbyterian on Main St. in Hoosick Falls did on Sunday, November 7. Rev. Elia noted that 10 generations of worshippers have kept the faith in this building and the previous ones. It was a service of thanksgiving for the worship space, for the ministers and lay leaders who led worship, for the worshippers themselves, for the hymns, the choir members, the organists, pianists and other musicians who proclaimed the faith through song.

Briefly sharing that thanks was Fr. Tom Zelker, former pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, just across the street, who thanked Rev. Elia and the members for offering their worship space to ICC when that church could not be used because of flood damage. In a remembrance he said, "You opened the doors of your home when we had no home."

Sunday's service was opened and closed by Scottish piper Josiah Black. John Button, who has been Minister of Music for 45 years, performed the prelude and postlude and accompanied the choir, which was directed by his wife Judy Button. Church elder, treasurer and historian Joyce Brewer related some of the church's 196 year history.

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First United Church, Presbyterian on Main St. in Hoosick Falls, which will close for good after services on Sunday, December 26. Photo by Bea Peterson.

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BERLIN

Students of the Month

Submitted by BCS Communications



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Berlin Elementary Physical Education teachers Mrs. Sausville and Mr. Sauer are excited to announce the Berlin Elementary School PE Students of the Month for September and October. Each month for the remainder of the school year two students from each grade will be chosen.

5th Grade:
Anthony Catricala
Mia MacMillen

4th Grade:
Makayla Schongar
Kyle Sweener

3rd Grade:
Micah Ehntholt
Daniel Hart

2nd grade:
Gavin Church
Madeline Clark

1st Grade:
Ryan Sausville
Henley Sorbello

Kindergarten:
Dylan Manchester
Tylie Webster

Keep up the great work BES Mountaineers and congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts in PE.

STEPHENTOWN

Artists Invited for November Exhibition

The Stephentown Art Guild invites visual artists of all media to participate in an exhibition on *November 13, 20 and 27 at 6 pm*, at the auditorium of Four Fat Fowl, 473 Route 43. Each of the exhibitions will precede a live performance of Samuel Becket's *Krapp's Last Tape*, performed by Toby Wherry. The exhibition and performance are both free to the public, and there is no charge for artists to display their work. To participate in the art show, email SAG at stephentownartguild@gmail.com.

PETERSBURGH

Open Mic Series

On the *third Friday of every other month at 6:30 pm* the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center will hold its Open Mic Series. This is a creative space for anyone who wants to give performing a try. You do not have to be a musician to perform — actors, poets, comedians, dancers, jugglers and live painting. 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*.

BERLIN

Christmas Caroling Fundraiser

The Berlin Chamber Choir is bringing back their Christmas caroling fundraiser on *Friday, December 10, from 5 to 8 pm*. For a caroling reservation form, please email Leslie Eliashuk at leliashuk@berlincentral.org. All reservations must be completed by *Friday, November 19*. All that is asked is a \$5 donation to help support the Berlin Music and Drama Department. The Choir will only be visiting the Towns of Berlin and Petersburg this year.

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.

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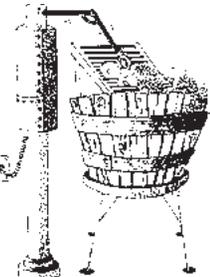
Lighted Parade

Kick off the holiday season with the Stephentown Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting on *Saturday, November 27*.

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus by decorating a tractor, side-by-side, float, fire truck or car with lights and parading through town from the Stephentown Fire Hall to the Veterans Park. Or line the streets to watch the parade. The parade steps off at 5:30 pm, and will culminate with the annual tree lighting at the Veterans Park at 6 pm, followed by carols, cookies and cocoa. If you're interested in participating, register by November 20, at bit.ly/stephentownparade.com.

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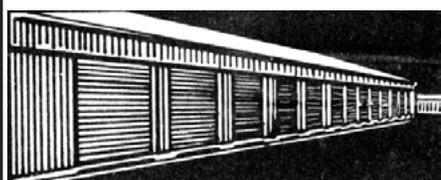
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Taconic Valley

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Members of the Stephentown Veterans Organization are joined by their community at Saturday's Veterans ceremony. Photo by Amy Modesti.

STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY Upcoming Events

Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/Teen
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

Mahjong
Thursdays at 4 pm

Online Holiday Market at SML

The Stephentown Library will be having an online holiday market, and is looking for vendors who would like to sell their goods. Please contact Kim Roppolo at director@stephentownlibrary.org or 518-733-5750 if you would like to take part in the market.

Go to www.stephentownlibrary.org for more details.

Stephentown Voters

Once again, I want to take the time to thank the Stephentown voters for their overwhelming support for me this election and throughout my time here as Highway Superintendent. I find the support truly humbling.

Thank you for your unwavering support!
On a side note, I would like to personally thank Larry Eckhardt (The Corn King) for his service to our town throughout his life.

Who would have thought when we started in Kindergarten together you would be Town Supervisor and me Highway Superintendent?

- Aldie Goodermote

BERLIN

Chess Club

The Berlin Free Town Library Chess Club's second meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 15 from 7 to 8 pm**. Enrollment is still currently open for all skill levels. For more information or details contact [BFTL Board@gmail.com](mailto:BFTLBoard@gmail.com).

places. Jessica was rescued 9 days after being captured. This was the first time since WWII that American military women were held captive. We all need to be aware that bombs and bullets don't recognize gender. Women are both killed and wounded the same as men.

Lt. Colonel Clark related, "As flight nurses we are trained as soldiers and leaders. As fully trained crew members we were required to carry weapons on operational missions in Iraq, as our landing sites were on air strips near field hospitals on forward operating bases."

Most patient care today provided by military nurses is not at the bedside but in field hospitals, Navy ships, cargo and refueler aircraft. In addition to wartime operations, they also participate in humanitarian and disaster missions worldwide to include the COVID-19 pandemic.

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BRUNSWICK

Controversial Bus Parking Lot Proposal is Withdrawn

by Doug La Rocque

When the Brunswick Planning Board held its public hearing on a proposal by Matopato, LLC to construct a school bus parking facility at 291 Oakwood Avenue, it met with strong opposition by neighbors, who were concerned about traffic, noise, diesel fumes and lighting. The site plan also met with several concerns, including not enough parking spaces for the number of proposed buses to be housed there, problems with the circular driveway and traffic congestion on the lot itself while drivers were switching out the buses and parking their own cars in that bus's spot. The problems for Matopato just continued to mount with each subsequent Board meeting, and at the Thursday, November 4 session, the bus proposal was formally withdrawn.

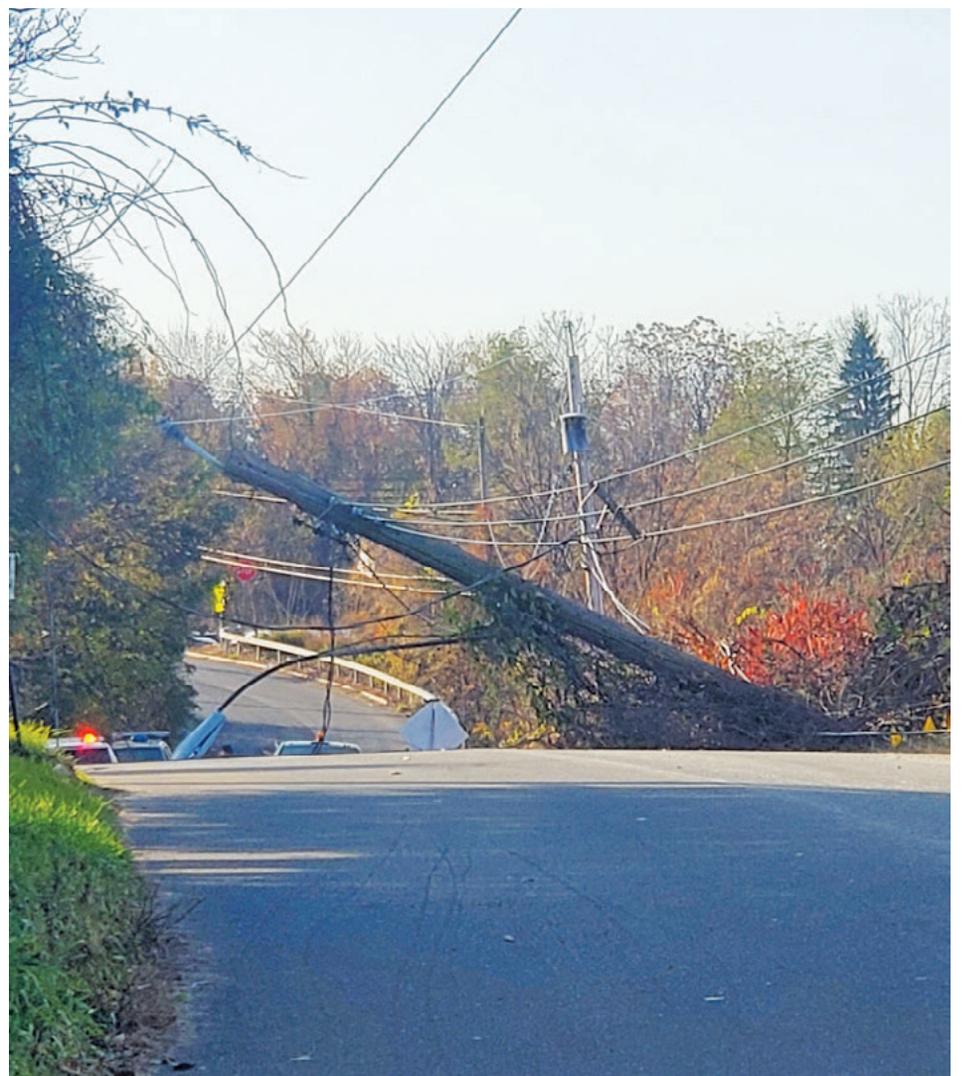
One of the original concerns dealt with the land's use. The initial site plan was approved for retail, but bus parking was not considered retail. Matopato then submitted a proposed subdivision of the land to obtain a new site use. While the bus idea is now history, the firm is continuing with the subdivision application to clean up some other site technicalities.

There Won't Be a Rear Entrance After All

The saga of Aldi Supermarket on Hoosick Road has been ongoing for years, with the focal point being a traffic light at the intersection with Lord Avenue. Aldi was approved years ago by the Planning Board, but never came to fruition, because the food chain

demanded that traffic light be installed to construct the store. At that time, the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) said no. Hoosick Road is actually NYS Route 7, thus all traffic devices are under the auspices of DOT. Fast-forward to 2020 when developer David Leon asked to again build an Aldi, this time with a Kentucky Fried Chicken and Wendy's on the site as well (the original approved application had expired). In this new instance, DOT indicated it would approve the traffic signal, if there was interconnectivity with the neighborhood behind Aldi. This meant an entrance into the parking lot off Hillcrest Avenue and a rear entrance (one way in) behind the store connecting with Ferdinand Avenue. That road drew the ire of the neighbors to the rear, who vehemently opposed it in a lengthy public hearing. The concept was eventually approved by the Planners after many changes (including the one way requirement). Also in 2020, Lord Avenue Properties came forth with a plan to build a Hannaford Supermarket across the street, with its entrance off Lord Avenue. Mr. Leon indicated at that time, DOT had told him it would no longer require the rear entrance to the Aldi complex if Hannaford were to be built. That construction was approved and has begun.

At last Thursday's meeting, it was disclosed DOT has sent the Town a letter confirming it no longer require the back road, and Mr. Leon has sub-



The pole that crashed down across Lord Avenue on Tuesday, closing the road and forcing trucks loaded with fill for the Hannaford Supermarket construction site to be detoured over Otsego Avenue until the road was cleared. Photo provided.

mitted a site plan amendment eliminating it. The Planning Board has determined another public hearing is not needed, but the amendment has some sewer and easement issues to be ironed out. It was placed on the agenda for the November 18 Board meeting.

Not a Good Omen

The Hannaford project approval process took much longer than the developer would have liked, running into issues such a stormwater management (the field the store is being built in is notorious for springtime flooding), the amount of fill needed, parking lot lighting and not the least of which, the traffic impact on the roads accessible from

Lord Avenue. Work on the site began in earnest last week, clearing the site and trucking in the fill. On Tuesday, November 9, a contractor was removing shrubs and trees, when a branch struck wire attached to a power pole, pulling the pole down across Lord Avenue. The pole itself was apparently quite rotted out.

While crews cleared the site and replaced the pole, truck traffic had to be re-routed over Otsego Avenue, something that did not please the residents of the road. In all, eight trucks waiting to unload were detoured, and the contractors stopped all further deliveries until Lord Avenue was reopened.



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DEFREESTVILLE

Dedication Ceremony

On November 4, the Defreestville Fire Department held their dedication ceremony for their new Sutphen Monarch Heavy Duty Pumper. The chief of the Defreestville Fire Department William Burkart introduce the guests for the evening, the Albert/Stehr family, The Board of Fire commissioners for the North Greenbush Fire District, Chief Mark Mason of the Wynantskill Fire Department, Asst. Chief Dan Wilson and Minister Bethany Popkes.

Chief Burkart told the crowd that the creation of this apparatus was a result of many hours of hard work. This apparatus was not just a one department effort, but a district effort. The members of the Defreestville Fire Department worked with members of the Wynantskill Fire Department on a first ever joint twin apparatus built



Photo courtesy of Sidewinder Photography.

and purchased by the North Greenbush Fire District. The new Sutphen Monarch Heavy Duty Pumper replaced the department's 24 year old engine that had served the residents of the North Greenbush area well.

GRAFTON

All You Can Eat FD Breakfast

The next breakfast sponsored by the Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on **Saturday, November 27, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu features Belgian waffles, pancakes, French roast, eggs (made to order), sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, however kids 5 and under eat free. The breakfast is held at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, located on South Road (County Route 85).

No Breakfast in December.

GRAFTON

Civil War Spies

The Grafton Historical Society and the Grafton Community Library are sponsoring a program that will focus on the role of individuals who assisted their cause in the Civil War by spying and forwarding information about the enemy. Individuals from both the North and the South will be highlighted.

The program will be presented by Jeannette Folger who has been doing Civil War reenacting and Living History events for ten years. Join us on **Sunday, November 21, at 2 pm** at Grafton Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served. The program is free and the public is invited.

GRAFTON

Toys for the Town

The Grafton Fire Auxiliary will be collecting new toys and books to help local families in need. Monetary donations or toys bigger than the box can be donated by calling Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988. The deadline is **December 10**.

GRAFTON

Tree Festival



A look back at last year's Grafton Festival of Trees. Eastwick Press file photo.

Greywacke Meadows event venue will host the Annual Festival of Trees on **Saturday, November 13, from 10 am to 3 pm**. There will be over twenty crafts tables, a food truck and prizes. Vote for your favorite tree, and bring a toy for the toy drive, if you can. Get a head start on the Christmas season. Greywacke Meadows is located on Dunham Road.

C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment Auditions

Auditions for Jane and Jim Jeffries' *C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment* will be held on **Saturday, November 13, from 1 to 3 pm**, at the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church on Hoosick Road. Roles are available for both adults and children. Any questions contact Christine at 518-301-0789.

Thank You Correction

In last week's Grafton Candidates Thank You ad, we inadvertently named a wrong councilman. We listed Steve Beaudry, and it should have been Pierce Hoyt. We apologize (since we covered the election one would think we could have gotten it right).

PITTSTOWN

Historical Society Lecture

"The Real Natty Bumppo" is the topic of a lecture to be held on **November 18** at the Pittstown Town Hall in Tomhannock at 7:30 pm. The story of how a long standing dispute about the identity of the real Natty Bumppo will be presented by Joyce Brewer and Corinne Eldred of the Hoosick Township Historical Society. You will learn about the competitive spirit that existed between Hoosick Falls and Cooperstown, NY in claiming Natty as their own. Natty is the protagonist in James Fenimore Cooper's novels, the *Leatherstocking Tales*. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Pittstown Historical Society.

For further information, email pittstownhs@gmail.com or call Connie Kheel at 518-686-7514.

POESTENKILL

Broadband Survey

Submitted by Poestenkill Town Board Member June Butler

As some of you know all too well, there continue to be portions of our town that lack internet service. The Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act, enacted in May of this year, requires the Public Service Commission to study the availability, reliability and cost of high speed internet and broadband services in New York state and publish a map indicating access to internet service by location. The Department of Public Service has hired ECC technologies to gather the necessary data to develop the map and report the findings. ECC will use data collected from internet service providers, its own field activities and consumers. An online broadband survey will be the main source of the consumer data. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and includes an optional broadband speed test. The link can be found at www.empirestatebroadband.com. I urge all residents to take part in the survey so our need for this essential service is well documented.

I would also like to provide additional information concerning T-Mobile and their Project 10 Million. The program is offering free internet access and mobile hotspots to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Eligibility for the free program is based upon your child's eligibility for the National School Lunch Program. To find out more visit www.T-Mobile.com.

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SCHAGHTICOKE

Knickerbocker Historical Society's Knick at Night

by Amy Modesti

Step back, sit down and take in the tale of the 1711 Kittelhuyn Massacre from the mouths of colonial settlers and an Indian at the Knickerbocker Historical Society.

Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30 was the historical society's annual benefit, Knick at Night. This featured food, Souper Supper consisting of hearty soups served with cornbread/bread, molasses cookie/brownie and beverage. With the food came the educational entertainment, put on by volunteers dressed as local settlers, hunters and a Huron Indian, to tell the harrowing tale of 1711's Kettelhuyn Massacre. The massacre wasn't in K-Mansion, it took place a mile or so away from it.

Guests learned the historical background from Anna Quackenbush Knickerbocker who was born in 1681. In 1701, she and her husband Johannes were the first ancestors to live on the land of the mansion where Knickerbocker Mansion was eventually built. Anna's parents were Dutch and settled in Fort Orange (present day Albany, NY) until 1656. Her family were brickmakers in Albany and made fireplaces. Through a lottery, Anna's family was selected to move to Schaghticoke. It was in Schaghticoke where she met and married Johannes.

In 1676, New York's Provincial Governor Andros called a Witenagemot, or peace meeting, to be held in Schaghticoke between the Dutch, Schaghticoke Indians and the British to trade fairly, work with each other and look out for each other. An oak tree was planted to signify peace, friendship and cooperation. It wasn't until Huron arrived from New France (Canada) that trouble started to brew.

Jaques de Huron, a Huron French Indian, spoke next. Jaques explained in detail the Huron's background, culture and their relationship to the French. Later in the conversation, Jaques further went into details about the Huron's excursions into the New York Province as mercenaries taking scalps in return for money and goods.

Unfortunately, Daniel Kittelhuyn, a resident of Schaghticoke, was one of many killed on October 21, 1711, the day of the Kittelhuyn massacre. Kittelhuyn lived with his wife and five children a few miles west of the current Knickerbocker Mansion (and Historical Society). Traveling on horseback with his brother-in-law Johannes, a Huron Indian came upon the lands pretending to hunt when in fact, he was looking for English men to kill. Johannes was killed on his horse



An actress portraying Anna Knickerbocker. Photo by Amy Modesti.

by the Indian and late that night, Indians set fire to Daniel's house in which his family, three English soldiers and a few Schaghticoke Indians huddled together terrified, prayed and waited for help from Albany that never arrived. Daniel was shot dead by the Indians while his family was faced with the choice of burning to death inside the house or trying to flee for their lives.

The tour concluded with Daniel Kittelhuyn's sister, Mariah, who discussed the aftermath of the massacre. She relayed the story of how babies, unborn babies and mothers were tragically killed by the Huron Indians. Some of the healthier women and older children were taken captive and marched to Montreal where they worked as slaves until their family arrived with ransom monies in January of 1712 to redeem them from the French, upon which they returned to Schaghticoke to resume their lives.

The early frontier Knickerbockers, Kittelhuyns and other Dutch settlers were tough individuals who lived hard lives and it's a wonder they survived a horrific ordeal and kept on. These families have served the test of time and the Knickerbocker name is still relevant in present day.

On opening night, twelve groups and 134 patrons attended the tour, and 111 meals were served. Other guests took more soup post-event. This was the 19th year of Knick at Night.

The Knickerbocker Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that's dedicated to restoring the Knickerbocker Mansion and informing visitors about the historic, cultural and literary impact of the Knickerbocker family. The mansion is open from May through October. Head over to The Knickerbocker Historical Society (knickmansion.com) for more info.

VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Weekly Events:

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

The Tale of Two Stitches with Debbie Bevevino

Fridays at 1 pm

Monthly Events:

Adult Book Club

The Third Monday of the month at 10:30 am

Building Resilience

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 pm

Building resilience unpacks these common factors of resilience so you can build them up in your own life. In this 60 minute interactive workshop we'll look for what you already have in place, behaviors you can quickly turn to when the going gets tough, and learn a research proven skill for what builds more resilience when you're feeling stuck.

Family Movie Night

Friday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

This month's movie will be *Coco*. Bring a pillow and blanket if you'd like. Popcorn and lemonade provided.

November Special Events:

Second Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 20, 1 to 2 pm

Tour the library, meet our outstanding staff, see what we've been doing, take advantage of bargains at the book sale and have some cake.

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

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Holiday Music Storytime

Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am

Nature journal activity and idea sharing circle.

Holiday Book Sale

Friday, December 10, 10 am to 6 pm

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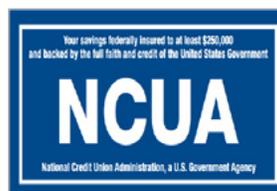
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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

Parking an Issue on Elm Street

by Doug la Rocque

This is not the first time the Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees has dealt with parking problems on Elm Street in the vicinity of First Street and Railroad Avenue. In 2018, they passed a Local Law placing a two hour limit on parking. It has not been particularly enforced, as there are two apartment buildings on the street whose tenants have been used to parking on the street each night. Now however, the Village Pizzeria and Deli has moved into a building on the corner of Elm and Railroad, and a number of cars have been parking on the street while picking up to go orders. The owner of the apartment buildings is upset that this is preventing his tenants from parking in front of his buildings. The problem for him is, a Village Ordinance requires these apartment owners to provide one and a half parking spaces per building for tenants. Deputy Mayor Bob Ryan pointed this out and also said the Village has no authority to reserve parking spaces for any of the tenants. Conversely, the amount of property the landlord owns behind his buildings is small, and probably not large enough to accommodate off street parking.

The Board introduced a Local Law at the Tuesday, November 9 Trustees meeting to address some of these concerns. It makes 60 feet of Elm Street, from Railroad Avenue south, 15 minute parking. These spaces are directly along the Village Pizzeria and Deli building. It also eliminated the two hour parking on the remainder of the road up to First Street.

The Pizzeria and Deli just opened this past week after moving from the Main Street location, and business was brisk. Whether it stays that way and tenants continue to have parking headaches, remains to be seen.

A public hearing on the proposed law will begin 6

pm as part of the Board's meeting on **December 14. Not Ready to Move Yet**

The agenda showed the Trustees planned to consider a resolution declaring themselves lead agency on the State Environmental Quality Review of plans to construct a new water tower on Rogers Avenue replacing the current tank that has been plagued with leaks and other issues. After discussion, and on the advice of Mayor Rob Allen, the resolution was withdrawn for a couple of reasons. The Village lost out on a 2020 NYS grant to fund 75 percent of the replacement cost, and re-applied for 2021. To date, the Village has not heard if they will receive a grant. Also, there have been some line of site issues that might need to be addressed before the Board could declare a negative environmental declaration.

ARPA Monies

The Trustees asked Village Attorney Andy Gilchrist to review the allowable uses for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies received this past July. In particular, they wondered if the funds could pay the Village's 25 percent share of the Roger Water Tank replacement, if a grant does indeed come in. On the surface, it might.

Mayor Allen said he would prepare a list of the various debts the Village has incurred over the past years, to study if the ARPA monies might be able to relieve some of the debt burden.

Keeping the Fines

When the Village Police write a ticket under state traffic laws, if convicted, that person may be fined by a judge.

In this case, most of the fine money goes to New York State, with very little going in to the Village's coffers. Chief Bob Ashe would like to see the Village

update some of their ordinances concerning parking and some other more minor offices, so his officers can write a similar ticket under the ordinance as the Village is then entitled to keep the entire fine.

The Chief also spoke about problems being created by New York's new marijuana law, particularly dealing with appropriate enforcement where use may not be legal. He indicated he has been in ongoing discussions with Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly about this.

News and Notes

Leaf pickup in the Village will end on Friday, November 19. Leaves will still be accepted free of charge at the transfer station. The Village is still having some issues obtaining titles to two of the properties set to be demolished as part of the Woods Brook Buyout program. The Mayor is confident the issues will be resolved. It might however, result in some of the buildings being demolished before the two Main Street structures come down.

The Trustees also approved three agreements with the engineering firm of Barton and Loguidice, in particular as they relate to work on the Greenway. They also approved several property tax adjustments and authorized the Village Clerk to post the Trustee seats up for election in March of 2022. It will involve three trustees for a full two year term, and one more seat for a one year term.

Glad to Help

Mayor Allen also commended Village personnel who assisted the Hoosick Falls School District with their recent sewage problem that closed the school for one day and sent students back to remote learning for another. He noted Kenny Holbrook, Niel Stowell and Jim Hurlburt were especially helpful.

Thanksgiving Preparations



The Junior National Honor Society moved over 5,000 pounds of food from the HACA Pantry to the Reynolds Skating Rink, where the folks from Hoosick Baptist Church set it in place, in preparation for the distribution on **Saturday, November 20**. Photo submitted by Dianne Hosterman.

HOOSICK FALLS

Letters to Santa

Since 2015, Make-A-Wish Northeast New York wish alum Luke Hoag has collected hundreds of thousands of letters to Santa as part of #MacysBelieve campaign, raising \$1 million for Make-A-Wish America. This year, you too can be like Luke. The 2021 letter writing campaign has begun and Macy's will once again donate \$1 per letter, up to \$1 million. Due to COVID-19 letters won't be collected in person, but those who would like to submit a letter can do so on Macy's website by visiting [Macys.com/believe](https://www.macys.com/believe). Letters can also be dropped off at a Macy's store location through December 24.

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 Districts, 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 will be held on **November 19, December 3 and December 17**.

Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

Saying Goodbye ... Continued from page 1

Clergy from the Hoosick Area Church Association and members of the community from all denominations who attended the service received copies of a memorial book, complete with the church's history, member's remembrances, photographs and a list of all the ministers who have served since 1825. It's a wonderful keepsake.

In the lovely book parishioners recall Sunday School days, picnics, bazaars, junior choir, social events, participating in services, projects supporting the community and so much more that made the Church their second family. Families saw baptisms, weddings and funerals of loved ones, all in this building.

That building has been sold to the non-profit RTI International that also owns the adjoining building, which will soon be used for local PFOA testing.

Joyce Brewer stated the trustees wanted to see the building sold, or torn down. "We did not want to see it simply fall apart," she said. Its future use is indeterminate at this time. Funds from the sale of the structure go to the Albany Presbytery. One hundred percent of the funds from the sale of the church's contents will be equally distributed to Maple Grove Cemetery, the Community Band, the Rescue Squad, HACA and the Louis Miller Museum.

Paraphrasing the history as written in the memorial book, it states that in 1825, the Presbyterians, who had been meeting previously with the Methodist Episcopal Church, petitioned church authorities to organize a separate church in Hoosick Falls. The new structure was supported and built by the entire community and was dedicated in February 1830. Twenty-two years later that building was deemed too small and the old building was moved across the street. The new



The Rev. Donna Elia speaks to her congregation at the Thanksgiving Celebration at First United Church, Presbyterian on Sunday. Photo by Bea Peterson.

church was built on the old site and still stands today. In the 1950s it was sold and became the Hoosick Falls Community Center on Church Street. Interestingly, the cemetery was adjacent to the church, but when Center Street was built in the 1860s, the caskets were taken up and moved to Maple Grove Cemetery.

The 1850s were the beginning of gigantic growth for Hoosick Falls. In 1860 the Methodists decided to build their own church on Main Street. It was dedicated on Christmas Day 1860 and could accommodate 300 people. That church would also prove to be too small, and a new Romanesque style church was dedicated in 1888. Records show the following description: "the building is of brick with terra cotta and brown stone trimmings. It is 103 feet in length and 70 feet in width with a slate covered roof. At the northwest corner is a tower 100 feet in height. The whole exterior is beautiful and imposing and is one of the handsomest church buildings in this vicinity."

Times changed, the population of Hoosick Falls was declining and in December 1943 the Methodist and Presbyterian churches formed a union, keeping their own legal organization, but worshipping and working together. The services alternated between the two churches, the "white church" on Church St. and the "brick church" on Main St., among other things, allowing them to conserve fuel during wartime. In 1950 both congregations voted to consolidate the two churches as The First United Church, Presbyterian, meeting in the Methodist Church and selling the Presbyterian Church. The final service at First United Church, Presbyterian will be held at **10:30 am on Sunday, December 26.**



Scottish piper Josiah Black who opened and closed the thanksgiving celebration. Photo by Bea Peterson.

CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Baked Goods Sale

On **Saturday, November 20, from 10 am to 2 pm**, the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum located at 10 Broad Street in Cambridge will hold a pre-Thanksgiving baked goods sale. Available will be varieties of home-baked pies, breads and cookies. Prices vary from \$14 to \$16, depending on the type of pie and baked goods. Please come to the Museum to support this fundraiser. If you would like to pre-order, please call Lois at 518-677-5562.

CAMBRIDGE

Farm and Garden Meeting

The Cambridge area branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden will meet on **Thursday, November 18, at 11:30 am**, at the Town Hall in Center Cambridge. Dessert and beverage will be provided, but members should bring their own lunch. The future of the branch will be discussed.

SCHUYLERVILLE

Monthly Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club invites all to join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, November 14, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu is eggs cooked to order, bacon, sausage, white or wheat toast, pancakes, French toast, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For more information call 518-695-3917.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK

Mitigating the Issues with the Naturae Facility

by Doug La Rocque

For more than a year now, the Town of Hoosick and Naturae LLC have been at odds over odors emanating from the hemp processing plant. First it came from inside the facility because the doors were left open, something that was prohibited in their site plan approval. New equipment and closing the doors seemed to help, but then storage of bags used to transport the raw hemp created a smell that had neighbors complaining once again. Codes Enforcement Officer Lloyd Moses and Town Supervisor Mark Surdam have made several trips to Naturae to discuss the situation, at one point earlier this year deciding to seek a cease and desist against the owners. That only failed because at the time, the courts were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the Monday, November 8 meeting of the Town Council, a person who identified himself as Connor said he had just taken over as operations manager, and one of the first things he did was to relocate the bag storage area so that the smell from the bags is no longer an issue.

According to Supervisor Surdam, the Council's issues with the company have been mitigated and he sees no further reason to seek legal recourse. Councilman Jerry McAuliffe expressed his frustration with the entire situation with Naturae and warned they must maintain compliance with Town Code.

More Frustration With the Railroad

Pan American Railway trains continue to move slowly through the Village of Hoosick Falls and parts

of the Town because of a 75-year-old culvert under the tracks near Railroad and Carey Avenues the Town and the Village feel is undersized and being undermined. The officials have complained to the Railroad, New York State and Federal officials, with little or no satisfaction. These officials say as long as the trains are not moving more than 10 miles per hour over that section of track, there is no problem.

But there is, according to Councilman McAuliffe and Supervisor Surdam. These long and slow moving trains effectively cut the village in half, creating long delays for traffic, school buses and most importantly, emergency services. There is an underpass at first street, but recent road construction has blocked that. Supervisor Surdam pointed out that if there were to be a fire or medical emergency on the "other side of the tracks," these trains could force first responders to "take the long way around" and perhaps create needless delays in response times.

The Supervisor says it is not clear if the sale of Pan Am Railways to CSX will see the new owner of the track repair the culvert in question. As to Pan Am, Mr. Surdam told those gathered Monday evening, "They know it's an issue but they don't want to spent the money to fix it right."

One of the biggest fears about the culvert is that it could collapse or see a section of the track give way, resulting in a derailment Town officials fear could be catastrophic.

No Marijuana, At Least Not This Year

The Council discussed New York's new marijuana

laws extensively at the October meeting, particularly in regards to the mandate that municipalities either opt out of sales and on site consumption, or let it default.

The Council members to a person where not opposed to the sale of cannabis products but were concerned about the lack of guidance from the state on the matter to date. At that time, they discussed a possible moratorium on sales until they receive the feedback they need from the State. At their November meeting, a nine month moratorium was approved.

What the Council did opt out of was onsite consumption at a proposed dispensary. They all felt that brought with it a cadre of problems and liabilities.

Other News and Notes

There were no updates on two town highway projects, those being the Cottrell Road bridge and Markers Road water damage repair, as Highway Superintendent Bill Shilled was not present. The Council offered its congratulations to Hoosick Falls' own Eberle Brothers on their recent induction into the Capital Region Thomas Edison Hall of Fame. The Council members also made several appointments to the staff at the Ice Rink, announced they are seeking a Housing Authority Board member, as well a someone to sit on the Planning Board. They approved a new copy machine contract subject to attorney review and noted that the Woods Brook Flood Mitigation Project off Richmond Avenue is 99 percent complete. Work on the Johnson Hill Road portion may be delayed until spring because of supply problems.

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BENNINGTON

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on *Thursday, December 2, from 11:30 am to 5 pm*, at the First Baptist Church at 601 Main Street in Bennington.

Blood drives canceled during the pandemic have increased the need for donors. Red Cross staff, volunteers and donors will be masked and observe social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

To make an appointment to donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text "bloodapp" to 90999 to download the app to your smartphone. As always, walk-ins will be accommodated as well. Those who have questions about the drive may contact Susan Gallina at 802-447-5345.

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General News

GRAFTON

The Devil Is in the Details

by Chris Tergliafera

A motion to adopt the 2022 preliminary budget as the final budget was split. Councilmen Steve Beaudry and Frank Lewandusky voted no, while Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum and Councilman Pierce Hoyt voted yes. Councilwoman Jodie Deschaine was absent. Technically, since three votes are needed to approve the budget, its passage failed. The reason for the no votes was a disagreement on the dollar amount in the Highway Department's Hospital and Medical Insurance line. Supervisor Gundrum and Councilman Hoyt contended \$64,000 was the correct figure and that it did not contain the employee contributions toward their health insurance. Ms. Gundrum told The Eastwick Press those contributions are a separate payroll function. Councilman Lewandusky stated he believed that budget line did include the contributions, and that it should be reduced by \$13,000 to a total expenditure of \$51,000. He told The Eastwick Press that is the reason he voted no on the budget, but added emphatically over all he supports the spending plan and its two percent tax cut.

Let's Talk It Out

A special Town Council meeting has been called for 6:30 pm on Monday, November 15 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Gundrum says she hopes they can work out the differences at that time and approve the budget. If they don't, this preliminary budget would automatically become the town's 2022 budget under state law.

Santa Arrives Early for Grafton Merrymakers

Tom Withcuskey has generously offered to pay for all Grafton Merrymakers who wish to attend the Christmas Party at Guiseppe's Restaurant on **Saturday, December 4**. Some members of the Merrymakers hadn't signed up for the party due to the cost. Mr. Withcuskey wanted to make sure that all who wished to attend, were able to, regardless of finances.

Ethics Law Hearing

The public hearing for the proposed Ethics Law will be Monday, December 13, at 6:30 pm. The hearing will take place immediately before the regular monthly Town Board meeting. The proposed Ethics Law is available for viewing on the Town's website, and hard copies can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

Rescue Squad Repairs

The Board approved getting an estimate on Rescue Squad bathroom repairs. It's possible that American Rescue Plan Act funds can be used for this purpose, since the repairs pertain to ambulance, police and highway department services.

Holiday Fun

The Yankee Doodle Band will be holding a Christmas Concert on **December 11, from 2 to 4 pm**, at Roxborough Holdings Building (the former Grafton elementary school). There will also be a cookie contest. Those who have Christmas trees from the Tree Festival at Greywacke Meadows on November 13, are encouraged to bring their trees to this free event.

Paint Shortage

The Highway Department can't paint lines on newly paved roads because there isn't any paint. Line paint is backordered across the country. The lines will be painted as soon as the Town receives its order, but that likely won't be until next year.

Town Hall Cleaning

The Town received one bid for Town Hall cleaning services, and that bid was accepted. The position will be on a month to month basis, as an independent contractor. Either side can get out of the contract with 30 days notice. The cleaning service will begin on December 1.

Ajournment

The meeting was adjourned in loving memory of Rae Beth Peckham-Powers, Jesse P. Crandall III, New York State Police Captain Gerald Looney, Carol Mahoney and Peter Ficalora.

Letter to the Editor

If It's an Opinion Piece, Say So

I write regarding your Rensselaer County "News" article titled "Pros and Cons on Proposition 2" which appeared in the October 29, 2021 issue. *Eastwick Press* articles often walk a very fine line between news and opinion. But this article was so clearly biased in favor of the 'con' position that I had to write this letter. The article had a long section that gave the reader a great deal of information about four people's reasons to vote against the measure. The section in the article labeled 'An Opposing View' contained one very brief paragraph in support of the proposition, from one person, with no detail. And the second paragraph in the same 'Opposing View' section was in fact yet another voice for voting against the measure!

I did not write this letter to convince anyone to support this proposition or not. I write to ask *The Eastwick Press* to make more of an effort to be clear about which of its articles are news articles and which are opinion pieces. A newspaper has an opinion section for a reason. It is to make sure that it is very clear to readers when they are reading a news story, which in a clear and balanced way presents both sides of an issue, and an opinion piece, such as your article on Proposition 2.

Thank you in advance for adhering to ethical journalism standards.

Claudia Kavenagh
Petersburgh

Editor's Note: This was not an opinion piece, it was a press release from the Office of the Rensselaer County Legislative Majority. The *Eastwick Press* also called the Legislative Minority Leader for a comment. We did not authorize this. We also carry press releases contributed by the Legislative Minority, which contain quotes from their members as well, and we reach out to a member of the Majority for balance. If we were opinionated we would only carry one side of the aisle. As a newspaper, we never expressed any opinion on Proposition 2.

BENNINGTON

New Addition to SVMC Team

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) is pleased to welcome Allison Niemi, MD, family medicine physician, to the SVMC Pownal Campus and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians.

For the past 17 years, Dr. Niemi has worked as a family medicine physician at Shaftsbury Medical Associates in Shaftsbury, VT. She is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.



Allison Niemi, MD. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

ALBANY

Get The Led Out

Submitted by Palace Theatre

On **Saturday, February 5, 2022**, the Palace Theatre located at 19 Clinton Ave. presents *Get The Led Out*. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, *Get The Led Out* have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live like you've never heard before. Dubbed by the media as the American Led Zeppelin, *Get The Led Out* offers a strong focus on the early years. They also touch on the deeper cuts that were seldom, if ever heard in concert. Tickets are \$39 in advance, \$41 the day of the show and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Palace Theatre box office. Visit [palacealbany.com](https://www.palacealbany.com) for more information.

New Lebanon & Nassau

NEW LEBANON

2022 Budget Adjusted and Approved

by Chris Tergliafera

At the November 9 regular meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, the Town's 2022 budget was approved. While there were no proposed changes by the Board, a \$20,000 adjustment was necessary to include the library budget increase that was passed on the November 2 election. The Board strived for, and achieved a zero tax increase budget in the original proposal, but the additional \$20,000 will result in a slight increase.

New Appointment Process

A motion to change the way committee appointments are made was passed by the Board. Under the old process, a committee or board member would just be reappointed. The Board expressed their belief that this may lead to qualified people never getting the chance to interview for these positions. The new process calls anyone, including the incumbent, to submit a letter of interest expressing their desire to fill the position. The Board will get to try out the new process when it conducts interviews for committee vacancies, with incoming Board members present, on **December 29, at 6:30 pm**. Letters of interest for potential vacancies must be received by December 17, at 4 pm.

Skatepark Update

New Lebanon's skatepark will more than likely not be installed until Spring of next year. It will be moved for the winter and wrapped in protective material. An engineer recently inspected the structure and said that while there is some damage, it's worth storing for the winter and can be repaired before installation.

New Summer Camp Director

The Town received one application for the Summer Youth Program Director position after requesting let-

ters of interest. The applicant is interested in both Program and Camp Director positions.

Other News

The old highway furnace has been removed, and installation on the new furnace has begun.

A public hearing to introduce local laws 3, 4 and 5 has been set for **Tuesday, December 14, beginning at 7:30 pm**. The hearing will be held before that month's regular Town Board meeting, which will begin at 7:45 pm due to a Christmas concert in Shatford Park.

The end of year meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 29, at 6 pm**.

NEW LEBANON

Student Vaccination Clinic

On **Tuesday, November 16, from 4 to 6:45 pm**, the New Lebanon Central School District is partnering with Columbia County Health to offer a vaccination clinic for students age 5 to 11. This clinic will be held at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. Any child, even if they don't attend the New Lebanon CSD, is welcome to make an appointment. A second clinic will take place three weeks later to schedule the second vaccination.

To make an appointment for your child, visit <https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=CFBF1A9EC3F801E0E0530A6C7C15FA1D>

NEW LEBANON

Jr/Sr High School Events

Fall Festival

Friday, November 19, from 4 to 7 pm.

There will be kickball, corn hole, Kan Jam, face painting, turkey toss, concessions, a bonfire and donut eating contest. The price is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family. All proceeds benefit the Jr/Sr High School Students. Rain date is Saturday, November 20, from 1 to 4 pm.

Thanksgiving Gathering

Saturday, November 20, from 4 to 6 pm.

The New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Food Club invites you to pick up a full turkey dinner and dessert for you and your family.

Both events will take place at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School.

NASSAU

BSA Food Drive

Boy Scout Troop 166 of Nassau will conduct a Scouting for Food Drive on **Saturday, November 13 from 9 am to 2 pm** at the Nassau Commons Pavilion on John Street (next to the Post Office). This will be a COVID-19 safe drive through location. Scouts will be available to remove donations from your vehicle. Please have your donations in bags or boxes in the trunk.

The goal is to collect as many non-perishable food items as possible to help feed hungry neighbors. The need is greater now than ever.

Small Business Saturday & Christmas Specials

Both are just around the corner, and *The Eastwick Press* plans a special advertising section for each. These are traditional endeavors by our newspaper and we look forward to very colorful and informative sections. As always, our advertisers are invited to join us as we celebrate the Holiday Season.

The Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce will be our lead sponsor for the Small Business Saturday special, but the role of lead sponsor for our Christmas Special is still available. We hope you will consider joining us this year. Advertisements for each

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New Lebanon & Nassau

EAST NASSAU

Veterans Day Ceremony

by Denise Wright

Members of the Chandler-Young Veterans Association, auxiliary and the Fort Crailo chapter of the NSDAR participated in a Veterans day ceremony on November 6. The ceremony highlighted an East Nassau retirement ceremony and a Scout Troop #166 ceremony to officially join the AMVETS taking over the charter for the Nassau Scouts. The organization is looking forward to hosting the Scouts' meetings and activities.



East Nassau Mayor Adam Acquario, Fort Crailo NSDAR Regent Elizabeth Goodermote and AMVET commander Mike Lever during the Veterans Day ceremony. Photo by Denise Wright.

HUDSON

Columbia County Vaccination Rates

As of Sunday, November 7, the Columbia County Department of Health had administered 11,227 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Second doses now number 9,507. The vaccines administered were Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. Note: J&J – a one dose vaccine – was added as a first shot.

Third shots (Moderna/Pfizer) administered now number 1,327.

The total number of Columbia County residents by all vaccine providers, as shown on the NYS COVID-19 vaccine tracker website: 38,033 have completed the vaccine series. 41,768 have received at least one dose, or 69.7 percent of the county's 59,916 population. 79.6 percent of the county's over 18 population has received at least one shot.

HUDSON

Columbia County Looking at Tax Cut

In a press release from the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, Board Chairman Matt Murell says the County's 2022 budget will see a 2% tax levy cut and a 6.2% tax rate reduction. This is pending a full vote by the Board of Supervisors.

Murell says in the press release the average home value in Columbia County is currently \$270,839 which would result in a \$95.66 reduction in the average tax bill. Contributing factors to the tax cut are an additional \$390 million in assessed valuation, increased sales tax revenue and a decrease in state retirement costs.

In October, New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling, who also serves as Minority Leader, called upon Chairman Murell to cut the taxes, citing many of the same components listed in the Chairman's release.

A public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget will precede the *Wednesday, December 8* monthly meeting of the Board.



Columbia County Board Chairman Matt Murell

NASSAU

Annual Harvest Fest

The Friends of the Nassau Free Library will hold their Harvest Fest on *Saturday, November 13*. Eight to ten vendors will be offering goods for sale, including candles, knitting supplies, ornaments, wreaths, paintings, baby items, table runners, crocheted items, jewelry and quilts among others. The Library is also offering pre-ordered frozen pies which can be picked up at Harvest Fest.

Harvest Fest is held at the Chandler-Young VFW Hall on U.S. Route 20 in Nassau. Doors open at 9 am and close at 3 pm.

To pre-order pies, pick up an order blank at the Library, online at www.nassaufreelibrary.org or from a Friends member. Orders must be placed by November 7 and be paid for at that time.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs

Tech Talks

Fridays by appointment

Please call the library at 518-794-8844 to schedule an appointment time.

Storytime

Wednesdays at 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. Storytime will not meet on November 24.

Online Concert with Linda Worster

Saturday, November 13, at 6 pm

This event was rescheduled from Friday, November 5. Visit www.newlebanonlibrary.org Saturday afternoon for login details.

Meet the Presidents - A Look at the American Presidency

Wednesday, November 17, at 6 pm

This is the first in a series of virtual presentations by the New York Historical Society. A short Q&A period will follow each presentation. Please contact the library to register and receive login instructions.

Make It and Take It - Crafts for Grown-ups

Thursday, November 18, at 6 pm

All materials provided to make a felted polar bear. Please note the earlier start time of 6 pm for this month's meetup. The project will take slightly longer than usual.

Masks are required indoors, and social distancing is encouraged between groups.

NEW LEBANON

Wreath Making Fundraiser

Join the Friends of the New Lebanon Library for this festive wreath making event, which takes place at the New Lebanon Library on *December 3, at 6:30 pm*. Enjoy cider and sweets while making your own 18-inch wreath. The cost is \$30 per person, and all proceeds benefit the New Lebanon Library. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-wreath-with-the-friends-of-the-new-lebanonlibrary-tickets-201754040767> or go to the New Lebanon Library web page and click on the link provided. Payment may also be made in person at the library.



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Rensselaer County News

Too Close to Call

The counting of absentee ballots cast in the City of Rensselaer is expected to resume on Friday at the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. The race for the Rensselaer County District 6 legislative seat remains too close to call, with Republican Brian Stall holding a slight margin over Democrat Lark Rutecki. While the Republican Party is guaranteed to retain their majority in the legislature, the outcome of this contest will have a bearing on whether the GOP retains a two thirds majority. If Mr. Rutecki makes up the ground and wins the post, the Republican majority will drop 12 to 7 instead of the current make up of 13 to 6. This one vote comes into play whenever the County wishes to issue a financial bond; to do so requires that two thirds majority, or 13 yes votes.

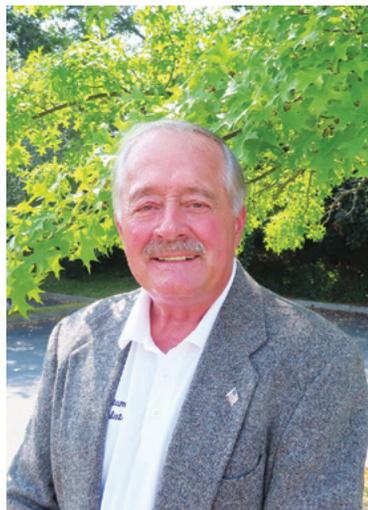
In fairness, most bonds are not an issue, and usually receive close to if not unanimous approval.

Mayoral Race Is Even Tighter

Incumbent Republican Mayor Mike Stammel, who also serves as Legislative Chairman but did not seek re-election, is locked in an even tighter race with Democrat Richard Mooney. On election night, his lead was only six votes. He increased the margin ever so slightly when the first round of absentee ballot counting was completed.

An Investigation

There have been allegations of potential voter fraud leveled in Rensselaer, and the NYS Police are currently investigating the complaint.



Rensselaer Mayor and current Legislative Chair Mike Stammel. Eastwick Press file photo.

Ballot Fraud Allegations

New York State Police have launched an investigation looking into allegations of widespread absentee-ballot fraud in the wake of the November 2 elections, including several tight races in Rensselaer that remain undecided.

Tague Fights to Protect Farms

Submitted by the Office of Assemblyman Chris Tague

Assemblyman Chris Tague is leading an initiative asking the state's Farm Labor Wage Board, in consultation with the state Department of Labor and Department of Agriculture and Markets, to delay implementation of a planned farm worker overtime threshold. The threshold would reduce workers to less than 60 hours per work week, and is scheduled to come during peak harvest season. It would severely limit farm production and hurt farm workers already struggling to afford rising consumer costs, as the Consumer Price Index has risen more than 5.4 percent in the last year.

With shortages on shelves all across the nation and too many people struggling with hunger, unemployment and the inability to afford the rising costs of inflation, Tague said further limiting people who want to work and are able to work does not make sense.

Delgado Named Most Bipartisan Democrat

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Antonio Delgado

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado has been recognized as the fourth most bipartisan Member of Congress and the most bipartisan Democratic Member of Congress in the Common Ground Scorecard, which is compiled by the Common Ground Committee. It is the first ever model to assess the degree to which elected officials and candidates for

office seek points of agreement on social and political issues through listening and productive conversation.

Representative Delgado has passed twelve pieces of legislation into law under both Republican and Democratic Administrations. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has twice awarded him the Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship.

Troy Turkey Trot COVID-19 Protocols Announced

Organizers of the 105th anniversary Troy Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning have released a series of guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable Troy Turkey Trot for all participants, spectators and volunteers.

"Since the pandemic is still with us, it's important we take additional steps to keep everyone safe," said Troy Turkey Trot Event Director George Regan. "At this year's event, we will be implementing several measures to create a healthy environment for runners, spectators and event volunteers."

Packet Pick Up

- A drive through packet pick up will be held Saturday, **Nov. 20, Sunday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the Italian Community Center, 1450 5th Ave, Troy, NY, 12180.

- In-person packet pickup will take place at the Troy Atrium on Thanksgiving morning (6 a.m. to 15 minutes before each event) in a "one way" format. Participants will enter the Troy Atrium on Third Street and exit onto 4th Street to their start corral.

- All runners will receive a bottle of hand sanitizer in their packets.

Race Day

- Masks will be made available to participants and spectators in the Troy Atrium. They must be worn at the starting line, but can be removed out on the course. Face coverings must be worn again in the finish area.

- Spectators are required to wear a mask at all times.
- Limited baggage check will be offered in the Troy Atrium.

- Running in groups is discouraged unless you are

from the same household.

- 8 oz water bottles are available to runners at the Trot's water stop. The water stop tables will extended to ease congestion.

- Limited refreshments will be offered in the finish chute area. Upon exiting the finish chute, all participants are urged to leave the event site.

- There will be no finish line gathering, awards ceremony or warm ups.

- All age group and team awards will be mailed.

"We are expecting thousands of runners, walkers and spectators at the event and we must remain vigilant to keep ourselves and our families safe," Regan continued. "By social distancing, wearing a mask and getting vaccinated we can all do our part to stop the spread of the virus."

For more information and to register for the 5K, 10K, Grade School Mile, Turkey Walk and costume contest, visit TroyTurkeyTrot.com.

TROY

Mark Scott Sentenced

Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced that Mark Scott, 57, of Troy was sentenced in Rensselaer County Court. On September 10, 2020 Scott approached a

Lansingburgh business owner and insisted he be paid \$150 per week to protect the owner's business, which the owner refused. Scott returned on September 11 demanding payment, and when the store owner again refused Scott robbed the store and beat the owner and his wife.

Scott was convicted later that month of Robbery in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony, and two counts of Assault in the 3rd Degree, both Class A Misdemeanors.

Judge Jennifer Sober sentenced Scott to seven years in jail and four years post release supervision on the Robbery conviction, and 364 days for the two counts of Assault.

Open Application Period for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants

Submitted by the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has announced that the application period for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is open until **December 17, at 5 pm.**

The AFG Program provides local fire departments with funding to purchase protective gear, vehicles and other equipment, as well as to conduct trainings for emergency personnel. In fiscal year 2020, the AFG Program awarded over \$16 million in federal funding to fire departments across New York State.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

FIELD HOCKEY

Panthers Move on to State Finals

Hoosick Falls (19-1)	0	2	1	0	3
Canastota (17-4)	0	1	0	1	2

Sunday, November 8. Played at Vernon-Verora-Sherrill High School, Vernon, NY. A beautiful turf field with the nicest scoreboard ever seen at a high school.

The Hoosick Falls Central Lady Panthers field hockey team played their way into the New York State Field Hockey Final Four when they defeated the Canastota Raiders, 3-2 on a beautiful November afternoon.

The game began with the Panthers taking possession and keeping it, a trend that would continue throughout the contest. That's not to say that Canastota Raiders didn't get the ball to the Panther goal, but for much of the afternoon the game as played in the Raiders end of the field.

The first score came five minutes into the second quarter when Emma McCart got out in front of the Raiders defense and was headed for the goal. A defender who came up alongside her got tangled up with McCart and tripped her, sending her to the ground. A penalty stroke was awarded for the incident. Gwen Vincent made good on the shot, sending the ball in the goal net four feet off the ground to the goalie's right, giving the Panthers the first advantage.

Five minutes later McCart struck again.

Six feet out to the right of the goalie, McCart let fly with a shot. The ball traveled at ground level to the goalie, hit and lifted off the goalie's foot and hit the goal net about four feet up.

Now up 2-0, the Panthers didn't let up. Defense became more important than offense and they were up for the task. The Panthers defense was always disrupting the Raiders' attempts to move forward. The Panthers were getting corners — they ended the game with an 11-4 corners advantage, keeping the Raiders on their heels.

With less than ten seconds left in the second quarter a corner was called for the Raiders. A corner play must be completed until a score or the ball goes out of the circle in front of the goal. It took a while but about eight seconds after time expired Canastota's Mia DiVeronica sent the ball into the goal. This goal pumped them up and sent them into halftime with renewed energy.

It pumped them up so much they came right out and less than two minutes into the third quarter Canastota's Breeah Shaw, with an assist from Chance Jaquin, stored and knotted the game up at two apiece.

For the next 24 minutes of play both teams did everything they could to get to the opponents' goal and keep the other team from getting near their goal.

Hoosick Falls offense proved better at penetrating the Raiders defense with a 12-7 advantage in shots.

With 3:36 left in the game, the Panthers struck paydirt. Ava Kasulinous got the ball to an open, near-the-goal McCart. McCart, perfectly positioned to take the assist, turned and slapped a shot that went between the desperate goalie's legs and cracked against the side board of the goal giving the Panthers a 3-2 advantage.

For the next three and a half minutes anyone there associated with the Panthers chewed at least a half inch of fingernail off as Canastota desperately tried to score and the time on the scoreboard slowed to a crawl. When time finally ran out, which seemed to be at least twenty minutes after the last score, the Ladies were able to celebrate their achievement of going to the New York State Final Four.

Hoosick Falls' Marissa Landry had three saves, Canastota's Rebecca McClure had three.

The Final Four semi-final and championship games will be held at Centereach, NY, about halfway out Long Island, or a four and a half hour drive. Hoosick Falls will play North Salem (Section 9) in the semi on Saturday at noon. North Salem



Lyric Kriner, left, and Megan Marcoux work to keep the Canastota player from advancing the ball toward the goal. Photo by Steve Bradley.



Panther sharpshooter Emma McCart shoots the ball between the goaltender's legs to score the winning third goal in Sunday's New York state regional game held at Section III's Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School, near Rome, NY. Photo by Steve Bradley.

defeated Taconic Hills High (apparently there's two) to advance. The winner of that game will face the winner of Whitney Point (Section 4) vs. Pierson (Section 11) on Sunday. Sunday's Class C Championship game will be played at 12:30.

IMPORTANT: If you are going please note: according to the NYSPHSAA website there will be no cash ticket sales at the gate. Tickets must be purchased digitally.

BERLIN

Cross Country Sectionals

Submitted by BCS Communications

Congratulations to the BNL Cross Country Team on their impressive performance at Sectionals last Friday, November 5. The BNL Girls Cross Country team won the Sectionals race at SPAC with 41 points. Allura Meizinger led the way with an overall second place finish. Elsie Corbett, Sadie Giumarra and Brady Hills had a strong wall finish placing 9, 10 and 11. Ava Noel secured the BNL girls victory by finishing in 16th place. Excellent races were also run by Sam Rojker, Elaine Savaria and Addison Powell. The BNL Girls team will be heading to State Championships in Binghamton this weekend.

The BNL Boys Cross Country team had a strong showing at Sectionals as well. Gabe Kalisz had an outstanding sectional finish placing 6th out of 116 runners and will be heading to States this weekend as well. Matthew Kluck had an excellent race finishing in 13th place. Strong races were run at Sectionals and all season by Carlton Truax, Aidan Vandyk, Layne Chaykowski-Jewitt, Nicholas Mosher, Eben Donohue and Lance Schroder.

Congratulations on an excellent season of racing to the BNL modified runners Noah Bonesteel, Finn Buckenroth, Avyn Caposso, Jacob Olin and Richard Bachner.



A collection of photos taken at the Cross Country Sectionals. Photos by Doug Hills.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Wildcats Season Comes to a Close

Line Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fonda/Fultonville	0	6	6	8	20
Hoosick Falls/Tamarac	0	0	0	14	14



Wildcat wide receiver James Blake tries to find the handle on the football before hitting the ground. Blake found it in time to end up with a touchdown catch. The touchdown in the fourth quarter gave the Wildcats their first points of the game. Photo by Steve Bradley.

The Hoosick Falls-Tamarac Wildcats season came to an end Friday evening when they fell to Fonda Braves at Hoosick Falls Central School.

Both teams struggled to move the ball early in the game. Each would get a first down here and there but neither could put a sustained drive together to get any points.

In the second quarter Fonda put

a drive together that ended with a two yard dive that put the Braves up 6-0. The extra point kick was no good. That would prove to be helpful for the Wildcats' hopes later in the game.

Fonda struck again in the third quarter when they scored again on a two yard dive. Once again the point after kick was missed, giving them a 12-0 lead.

Hoosick Falls-Tamarac finally got some points on the board when Wildcats quarterback Jake Sparks hit wide receiver James Blake in the endzone with a 21 yard pass reception. Abby Buckley's kick for the extra point was successful. With the score now 7-0 the Panthers were in reach of taking the lead with one score.

It didn't take long to happen.

The Wildcats kicked off to Fonda and Fonda ended up deep in their own territory. After a couple plays they tried to pass their way and disaster struck for them. Sparks was in the right place at the right time and picked off the pass and headed for the corner of the endzone. He crossed the line into the endzone and right out of nowhere the Wildcats were leading the ballgame. Kicker Abby Buckley tacked on the extra point and suddenly the Wildcats were up, 14-12.

With less than five minutes left in the game, the Panthers had a chance to ice the game with a possession. If they could have put together a couple first downs they may have been able to run out the clock. But those ten yards weren't to be and the ball was returned to the Braves with enough time on the clock to score.

So they did.

Down the field they went until they were 10 yards out. A final ten yard run put the Braves in the lead. The run play conversion was good, giving the Braves a 20-14 advantage with less than two minutes to go.

The Panthers ran a couple plays then a pass play to the goal line, where the ball was intercepted and the season came to a close.

The Wildcats offense gained 154 total yards on the evening, 73 passing and 81 rushing. Fonda almost doubled HF-T's gains with 301 total yards.



Tanner Music tries to get ahold of Fonda quarterback Jackson Cusack. The Wildcats had trouble holding the Braves to small gains most of the evening. Photo by Steve Bradley.

In Other Area Action

Class C

Schuylerville	0	0	13	6	19
Voorheesville	7	40	7	14	68

Final: **Saturday, November 12.** Schuylerville vs. Fonda at Lansingburgh High School. 7 pm scheduled start.

Class D Semi-Finals

Warrensburgh	6	6	0	0	12
Stillwater	6	6	6	13	31

Chatham	0	6	8	6	20
Greenwich	14	14	13	7	48

Final: **Saturday, November 13.** Greenwich vs. Stillwater at Schuylerville High School. 1 pm scheduled start.

Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
McNally Insurance	28	17	Tyler Colvin	277 248 766
Mag-Way	27	18	Todd Stradinger	279 246 726
Boner's	27	18	Ryan Shumway	245 243 696
Gallup Inn	26	19	Corey Wysocki	278 205 681
Lebowski Rug Co.	25	20	Mike Weeden	257 213 673
Farmers Tires	23	22	Bob Taber	233 226 671
Lou's Plumbing	22	23	Trevor Patch	256 209 659
Wack'em & Stack'em	17	28	Mike Smith	226 226 658
The Jabronis	15	30	Matt Brownell	246 221 657
Chico's Bail Bonds	15	30	CJ Brown	216 215 641

Thursday American League

Team	Won	Lost	High Series	
Lo-Ridge Farm	163½	106½	761	Colin Cipperly
RGI Insurance	162½	107½	737	John Brown
Team Taconic	146½	123½	736	Shawn Field
Modern Game Pro Shop	142	128	718	Mike Weeden
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	134	136	708	Scott Reinhart
Huntin' Time	133½	136½	699	Dave Rice
Dave Clark Excavating	122	148	679	Stan Pettibone II
Sharpe For Governor	117	153	679	Tom Mongeon
Stevens and Sons Tents	116	154	665	Chris Karch
Lauzon Machine Shop	113	157	658	Josh McCart

GIRLS SOCCER

Wasaren League Girls All-Stars Selected

First Team

Addyson Galuski, Waterford; Nevaeh D'Aloia, Mechanicville; Sophia Belonga, Waterford; Olivia Strobe, Greenwich; Maddy Hopeck, Mechanicville; Amber McNeil, Hoosick Falls; Isabella Estill, Stillwater; Sophie Champagne, Tamarac; Faith Ingber, Greenwich; Cassidy McClement, Waterford; Isabella Vecchio, Waterford; Marissa Krosky, Mechanicville; Elliot Patenaude, Stillwater; Meg Perry, Hoosick Falls; Olivia Horan, Mechanicville.

Second Team

Brooke Hendersen, Stillwater; Addison Gates, Cambridge;



Abby Buckley has been selected as the 2021 Offensive Player of the Year in girls soccer for the Wasaren League. Buckley is a senior at Brittonkill (Tamarac) High School. She was also the placekicker for the Hoosick Falls-Tamarac Wildcats football team. Photo by Steve Bradley.

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Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

Girls Soccer Continued

Isabella Mack, Stillwater; Mia Corarro, Stillwater; Maize Steele, Cambridge; Grace Houghton, Hoosick Falls; Katie Everett, Emma Willard; Grace Pierson, Emma Willard; Emma Waugh, Hoosick Falls; Jaidyn Wood, Hoosick Falls; Evie Dowd, Mechanicville; Cate Abate, Greenwich; Leigha Henkel, Hoosic Valley; Elizabeth Marcy, Greenwich; Madison Daley, Mechanicville; Imani Bloomfield, Waterford; Maddy Atwood, Waterford.

Honorable Mention

Kylie Peacock, Stillwater; Ava Russell, Stillwater, Sophie Ericson, Berlin/New Lebanon; Kate Waugh, Hoosick Falls; Rylie Niles, Hoosick Falls; Isabella Raucchi, Mechanicville; Allison Kenyon, Mechanicville; Meghan Rice, Hoosic Valley; Brianna Rohloff, Hoosic Valley; Jaquelyn Carlo, Hoosic Valley; Schuyler Nolan, Cambridge; Norah Neisz, Greenwich; Ryan Skiff, Greenwich; Carly Cordts, Waterford; Sage Grennon, Waterford.

AUTO RACING

Hearn Wins at Charlotte

The Dirt Track at Charlotte

Friday, 11/05. World Finals. 40 Laps, \$10,000 to win. Alex Yankowski (17 years old), Larry Wight, Mat Williamson, Demetrios Drellos, 5) Max McLaughlin, Tim Fuller, Jack Lehner, Brett Hearn, Billy Pauch, 10) Billy Decker, Duane Howard, Jimmy Phelps, Erick Rudolph, Tim Sears Jr, 15) Matt Sheppard, Adam Pierson, Michael Trautschold, Ronnie Davis III, Mike Gula, 20) Justin Haers, Peter Britten, Jordan McCreadie, Chris Hile, Olden Dwyer [29]; 25) Rocky Warner, Dave Rauscher, Jeff Taylor, Marcus Dinkins, Kevin Root, 30) Mike Mahaney. Hard Charger – Tim Fuller (+13).

Saturday, 11/6. 30 Laps, Time: 18:57. Brett Hearn (led green to checkered, his first Super DIRTcar win since 2018, his 450th DIRTcar win and 920th dirt modified win), Matt Sheppard, Peter Britten, Demetrios Drellos, 5) Mat Williamson, Justin Haers, Max McLaughlin, Alex Yankowski, Jimmy Phelps, 10) Billy Decker, Tim Fuller, Jack Lehner, Ronnie Davis III, Mike Mahaney, 15) Rich Scagliotta, Pat Ward, Jordan McCreadie, Adam Pierson, Mike Gular, 20) Jeremiah Shingledecker, Erick Rudolph, Alex Payne, Michael Trautschold, Olden Dwyer, 25) Bob McGannon Rocky Warner, Jeff Taylor, Marcus Dinkins, Dave Rauscher, 30) CG Morey, Christopher Curtis, Larry Wight, Tim Sears Jr, Duane Howard, 35) Tim McCreadie, Chris Hile. Hard Charger – Max McLaughlin (+23).

The next Super DIRTcar races are scheduled for February 14-17 at Valusia Speedway Park.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Fall Fun Day

by Amy Modesti

What do you get when you combine nature, Halloween and educational learning? You get Fall Fun Day at Grafton Lake State Park's Welcome Center.

Families ate Halloween snacks made by volunteers and friends of GLSP, learned about the life of spiders and bats, ate s'mores at the campfire and picked out pumpkins to paint at the pumpkin patch. They also created handmade felt bats, paper bats, spider webs, colored paper owls and bat masks. In addition to crafting, guests took part in a candy corn counting game, guessed the weight of a pumpkin, played a series of animal print matching games, got their faces painted and even participated in a kids' costume parade and costume contest. Kids won prizes for cutest, scariest, most original and best costume. Each winner received a GLSP water bottle, a complimentary pass to the park and a park t-shirt.

Although the evening movie screening was canceled due to rain, families watched a screening of *Hocus Pocus* while painting pumpkins and crafting. A spooky good time was had by all at GLSP.



An area family spends time together a GLSP's Fun Day creating paper bats. Photo by Amy Modesti.

RENSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Wreath Making Workshops

Saturday, November 13, 10 am and 1 pm

Sunday, November 14, 11 am

Pineridge Country Club Ski Area, 1463 Plank Rd., Petersburg

November Mindful Walk

Saturday, November 13, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Albert Family Community Forest, 120 Haynes Rd., East Nassau

Our Northeastern Bats

with Emily Davis and Mike Warner

Thursday, November 18, 7 pm, on Zoom

DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

Aquatic Mammal Walk

Saturday, November 13, 10 am

\$2 per person. Preregistration required. Must be able to walk roughly three miles at a moderate pace.

Tremendous Trees Day, Homeschool Series

Friday, November 19, 10 am to noon

Preregistration required. \$5 suggested donation per youth. For more information on these and other programs, visit www.dykenpond.org

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Backyard Sedimentology and Stratigraphy

Sunday, November 14, 1 to 3 pm

A geology talk by Dr. Krysia Kornecki from the Museum of Innovation and Science in Schenectady.

Full Moon Hike

Friday, November 19, 5 to 7 pm

Step outside at night in the park. Learn about nocturnal animals, the beginnings of our moon and more. Join us out on the trail after dark.

Opt Outside – Day After Thanksgiving Hike

Friday, November 26, 10 to 11:30 am

Enjoy a hike in the park, walk off some pumpkin pie, and skip the Black Friday hubbub. Guided by an environmental educator, we will enjoy the open beauty of November on this two mile hike around one of our most special ponds.

Hike the Park – Tour of the Lakes

Sunday, November 28, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Take a hike to see four out of six of our lakes on this 4-5 mile afternoon trek. This hike is rated as moderately strenuous and best for those ages 10 and up.

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

Orienteering Event

The Empire Orienteering Club will be hosting an event on **November 13**, at Mohawk River State Park. Registration and starts are planned for 10 am to noon. All are welcome. Different courses will be offered for different skill levels. A nominal fee will be charged. For more information contact director Grant Staats at gstaats099@gmail.com.

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Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) Daily 2:55 3:55 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 Sat & Sun 12:45 1:45 2:55 3:55 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00

Red Notice (PG13) Daily 8:15

Dune (PG13) Daily 3:40 6:35 9:25 Sat & Sun 12:45 3:40 6:35 9:25

Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG13) Daily 4:00 7:00 9:05 Sat & Sun 1:45 4:00 7:00 9:05

Ron's Gone Wrong (PG) Daily 3:45 6:00 Sat & Sun 1:30 3:45 6:00

Images Cinema

The French Dispatch: 11/5-11/18 daily at 4:45 and 7:30 pm. Saturdays & Sundays, an additional showing will take place at 2 pm.

The Velvet Underground: 11/19-11/21 at 4:30 and 7:30 pm, 11/22 at 4:30 pm and 11/23 at 4:30 and 7:30 pm

Weathering With You: 11/22 at 7:30 pm – anime and art film series

Belfast: 11/24-12/9 at 5 and 7:30 pm.

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A Celtic Christmas

One of the most engaging and successful ensembles in the history of Celtic music, Cherish The Ladies, will present their Celtic Christmas program featuring their signature mark on such classic carols as "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." The performance is **Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm** at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Tickets are available by phone at 518-273-0038, in person or online at www.troymusic hall.org.

Last week's sudoku solution:

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

Theme: Thanksgiving

ACROSS

- "If all ___ fails..."
- *Male Thanksgiving bird
- Yoko's last name
- Indian restaurant bread
- Carhop's carrier
- *"Kiss the Cook" garment
- Homer's "The Odyssey", e.g.
- *Grandpa or Grandma, often
- Moolah or dough
- *Pilgrim's colony
- Allah's cleric
- Arranges into categories
- Chance's genre
- *"Plains, Trains and Automobiles" star
- Woven containers
- Kimono sash
- Aristotle's school
- Part of ideal
- Hurricane feature, pl.
- Comedian Schumer
- Teen worry
- Side of a ruler
- Left over
- *When will the guests be here?, acr.
- Rejuvenate
- Expression of agreement (2 words)
- *What Turkey Trot participants did
- Outdoor entertainment area
- Messy substances
- *It makes Thanksgiving wishes come true?
- Half of diameter, pl.
- Flu symptom
- Accompanies relief
- Leaves out
- More than a talker?
- Isaac's firstborn
- Skin cyst
- "___ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
- Confederate or Union, e.g.

Last week's crossword solution:

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- Compass dir.
- Arctic native
- Go yachting
- Become enclosed in a cyst
- Freshwater fish
- Hop-drying kilns
- *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
- Sea World's performer
- "Cheers" regular
- Top seed
- Like a rosebush
- Spy name
- *Kind of squash
- Toils
- Truck brand motto: "Guts. Glory. ___"
- Lawn trimmer
- Toe the line
- Designs on lemur's tail
- Purchases
- #39 Across, pl.
- T in Ferrari TR
- Thai restaurant chicken staple
- Elder's support
- Flightless bird
- *Thanksgiving football game host city since 1934
- Impromptu
- Big coffee holder
- Choice word
- Desert mirage
- Makes less tight
- Lace loop
- "Angela's ___," memoir
- *Raiders vs. Cowboys, e.g.
- Scandinavian war god
- Dry riverbed
- Not final or absolute
- Exclamation of surprise, archaic
- Propel your boat!
- Color wheel feature

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Community Calendar

November 12-14, Friday-Sunday

My Witch - The Margaret Hamilton Stories (the actor who played the Wicked Witch of the West in the classic *Wizard of Oz* movie). Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. \$25 adults, \$10 students 18 & under, masks required, Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main St., Cambridge, call 518-677-2495, ext. 314 for tickets

November 11, Thursday

Bennington Battlefield Final Public Tour of the Season, 10 am, under the flagpole.

Bennington Battlefield Veterans Day Ceremony, 4 pm, Presenters will share accounts from Generals Washington & Stark as well as a family tradition related by Grandma Moses. The event will also include a musket salute and flag retreat ceremony performed by local scouts

Veterans Day Celebration, 11 am, keynote speaker Lt. Col. (Ret.) Diana Clark, Stephentown Veterans Park, Route 43, light refreshments

Petersburgh Veteran Memorial Community Center Annual Potluck Veterans Day Dinner, 6 pm, bring dish to share, entertainment by Karen Webster & Friends, presentation by Michael Holms on veterans military service during the Vietnam War

Highlight Acting Troupe Auditions for *C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment* written by Jane & Jim Jefferies, auditions, 6:30-8:30 pm, Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, Hoosick St., Troy. Roles for Adults & Children (large cast), directed by Christine & Ethel LeVan, contact Christine at 518-301-0789

November 12 & 13, Friday & Saturday

All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre, 7:30 pm Russell Sage College's Troy Campus, Schacht Fine Arts Center, performed by students & graduates of Russell Sage's Theatre & Musical Theatre program, \$20, visit <https://theatre.sage.edu/> for tickets

November 13, Saturday

Grafton Annual Tree Festival, 10 am-3 pm, Greywacke Meadows, Dunham Rd., Grafton

Highlight Acting Troupe Auditions for *C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment* written by Jane & Jim Jefferies, auditions, 1-3 pm, Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, Hoosick St., Troy. Roles for Adults & Children

Meetings

November 11, Thursday

Brunswick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Nassau Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

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

Berlin Planning Board, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex

Berlin Town Board, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex

November 15, 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

November 16, Tuesday

Berlin School Board, 7:15 pm

November 18, Thursday

Brunswick (Brittonkill) School Board, 7 pm

Brunswick Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Hoosick Falls School Board, 7 pm, HFCS

November 23, Tuesday

Pittstown Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Schodack Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

November 29, Monday

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

Petersburgh Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

dren (large cast), contact Christine at 518-301-0789
Zion's United Church of Christ Annual Holiday Bazaar, decor, gift, baked goods, including whole pies, from 10 am to 3 pm, 741 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake

November 13, 20 & 27, Saturdays

Stephentown Players premier production Samuel Beckett's masterpiece *Krapp's Last Tape*, starring Toby Wherry as the brooding Krapp who sits alone in his den listening to a recording of himself at an earlier time while reflecting on his aspirations, purpose and lost love, 7 pm, the gym at Four Fat Fowl (formerly Stephentown Elementary School), 473 Route 43, free, call 518-733-0427 for reservations

November 14, Sunday

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

How to Identify Minerals, Grafton Lakes State Park is home to rock dating back over half a million years. Dr. Krysia Kornecki, paleontologist and paleolimnologist at miSci – Museum of Innovation and Science in Schenectady, will be teaching participants about how to identify minerals and what makes the native rock of the park, greywacke, unique, 1-3 pm, pre-registration by phone required, 518-279-1155 ages 13 and up. \$10.

Bennington in WWII: Women & Men Who Served, 2 pm, Bennington Performing Arts Center, 331 Main St., free but donations accepted

Sage City Symphony Fall Concert, 4 pm, Greenwall Auditorium VAPA Building, Bennington College, One College Drive, masks, social distancing & proof of vaccination required

November 18, Thursday

"The Real Natty Bumppo," presented by Joyce Brewer & Corine Eldred of the Hoosick Township Historical Society, 7:30 pm, Pittstown Town Hall, 97 Tomhannock Rd., Valley Falls, Pittstown Historical Society, free

November 19, Friday

Fox Hollow Music & Art Cafe Open Mic Night, 6:30 pm, monthly event, musicians/special talent, all welcome, Petersburg VMCC, 71 Main St., email foxhollowcafe@gmail.com for more information

November 20, Saturday

Cambridge Historical Society & Museum Thanksgiving Baked Goods Sale, 10 am-2 pm, 10 Broad St., Cambridge

November 21, Sunday

Civil War Spies, presented by Jeannette Folger, 2 pm, Grafton Town Hall, free, presented by Grafton Historical Society & Grafton Community Library

November 27, Saturday

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

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Notice of formation of **1453 1ST ST LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with the NY Secretary of State (SS) on 4/28/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SS designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail copy of process to Shahyer Hussain, 7 St Josephs St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **483 2ND ST LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with the NY Secretary of State (SS) on 4/01/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SS designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 St Josephs St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Wesley Jenkins Properties, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/22/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 279 Troy Rd, STE 9, Box 129, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Curbside Transportation Services LLC**. Article of Organization filed with the SSNY on 03/17/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 279 Troy Road, Ste # 9 Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **2647 5th Avenue LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/21/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to David Anderson, 2647 5th Avenue #1, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Provide residential real estate rentals.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Spotchex LLC**. Article of Organization filed with the SSNY on 08/20/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 2162-2164 13th Street Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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 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: **Knickerbacker Training Center, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/20/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 420 Lexington Ave, Ste 300, New York, NY 10170. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Circle of Hype, LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/21. 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 at 14 Gordon Ct., Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, **WEVER ENERGY SERVICES, LLC** whose principal business location is in Rensselaer County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on October 14, 2021. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o The LLC, 100 South Hudson Street, Mechanicville, New York 12118. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Anderson Housing LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/07/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to David Anderson, 2647 5th Avenue #1, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Provide residential real estate rentals.

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 THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **XO Healing Codes LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 10/12/2021 Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of XO HEALING CODES LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: XO Healing Codes LLC C/O Michelle Demarest 100 Fox Hollow Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful activity

PUBLIC NOTICES

Snowplowing Bid

The Town of Hoosick Housing Authority will accept bids for snowplowing. All bids should be submitted to the Housing Authority Office at P.O. Box 149 Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 on or before November 18, 2021. The successful bidder will plow the Hoosac Meadows, Wood Park and Woodbridge complexes after each snow fall of 3", or as needed, clearing the parking lots for the safety of our tenants. The lots also need to be sanded &/or salted. Hoosac Meadows is to be plowed by 6:30 am, Wood Park and Woodbridge complexes by 7:30 am, and as needed. The bidder should also submit an hourly rate for snow removal as needed by the Housing Authority.

All bidders must submit price per plow per lot per plow and per sand and copy of current certificate of insurance. Liability and Workmen's Comp must be submitted with bid.

All sealed bids will be opened at the Housing Authority's meeting at 4 pm November 18, 2021. All details are available by calling Patrice Zedalis, Executive Director 518-686-5408.

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**Legal Notice
Hoosick Fire District
Hoosick, NY 12089**

Please take notice that the Annual Election of the Hoosick Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021 between 6 pm and 9 pm at the Hoosick Fire Station located at 664 South Street in Hoosick, NY for the purpose of an election of one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026 and one Commissioner for a two (2) year term to fill a vacancy on the Board commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2023. All duly registered residents of The Hoosick Fire District shall be eligible to vote. Anyone wishing to become a candidate should file their name with the District Secretary located at PO Box 100, Hoosick, NY 12089. A petition with twenty five signatures of registered voters within the Hoosick Fire District is required. This petition must be postmarked by November 24, 2021. Only those persons who are residents of The Hoosick Fire District and are registered voters with Rensselaer County for a period of at least 30 days prior to November 15, 2021 are eligible to vote in this election.

Leo Surdam
Recording Secretary
Hoosick Fire District

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **FSR 796, LLC**. Filed 10/14/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **467 9TH TROY LLC**. Filed 9/23/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: Philip Park, 3149 Lone Pine Rd, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: General.

Notice to Bidders:

Snow Plowing, Sanding, Snow Bank Removal

Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc. (LVPA) is accepting bids for Snow Plowing, Sanding and Snow Bank Removal at its Fire Stations located at 523 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY and 1250 Route 20 West Lebanon, NY. The bidder agrees to perform the services listed below and be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7) to keep the stations, driveways, parking areas and entry ways clear of snow to enable members to respond to the stations and to respond with apparatus in a safe manner per CHIEF and PRESIDENT. Snow plowing shall be 3 inches of snow, sanding when needed and snow bank removal on request. Bids Will be opened on November 22, 2021. The contract shall be in effect from December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The qualified bidder shall, 1). Install markers at the beginning of the season, remove markers and repair any damage at the end of the season. 2). Clear all surfaces including but not limited to driveways, parking areas, all sidewalks, and entry ways located around the building. 3). Snow shall be removed as needed but not allowing more than three (3) inches to accumulate between removal. 4). Within 24 hours of the end of storm the contractor agrees to clear all areas of snow. 5). If personnel are on a call, personnel will remove their vehicles upon returning to stations and contractor can remove snow. 6). If personnel are at station when contractor is removing snow, they will move their vehicles. 7). All bids must contain a copy of the contractor's liability with a limit of at least \$300,000 of insurance naming LVPA as additional insured. All bids must be received by November 19, 2021. The LVPA has the right to accept or refuse any and all bids. All bids to be sent to:

LVPA, SNOW PLOWING
Attention: President
PO Box 162
New Lebanon, NY 12125

**Bids Wanted
Bid Proposals for Insurance**

The Town of Hoosick Housing Authority will receive bids for: Comprehensive general liability coverage to include premises and operations products and complete operations, personal injury, fire damage, legal and medical payments.

Blanket replacement cost for building and contents coverage to include all locations: Hoosac Meadows, Wood Park Apartments and Woodbridge Heights.

Comprehensive Auto Liability all owned and non-owned vehicles.
Full coverage comprehensive, deductible collision, 2000 Ford Truck

Blanket Fidelity Bond officers and employees
Umbrella Policy – all operations including auto
Workers' Compensation – all exposures
NYS Disability benefits

This coverage will be subject to pro rata cancellation until the policy is approved by HUD and USDA. \$1000 deductible.

All bids should be at our office prior to the December 16, 2021 meeting to be held at 4 pm. All details are available by calling Patrice Zedalis, Executive Director at 518-686-5408.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Annual Election of the
Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Annual Election of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021 between the hours of 6 pm and 9 pm at the Hoosick Falls Fire House located at 2 Griffin Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. All duly registered residents of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District, at the fire house at 2 Griffin Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, by November 18, 2021.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District.

Christine Coon
Secretary

**Public Notice
Village of East Nassau
2022 ELECTIONS**

A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following offices for the Village of East Nassau will need to be filled: Village Mayor for a term of office of two (2) years and Board of Trustees, two (2) positions to be filled each with a term of office of two (2) years. Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Interested parties for Nominating Petitions should contact the Village Clerk at PO Box 268, East Nassau, NY 12062; phone (518) 794-0289 (leave message) or email clerk@villageofeastnassau.org.

Beginning Monday, November 15, 2021 the Village Clerk will be accepting Absentee Ballot applications. By Order of the Village Board
Diane Maguire, Village Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Legal Notice to Residents
of the Berlin Fire District #1
Town of Berlin
County of Rensselaer NY**

Please take notice that the annual election of the Berlin Fire District #1 will take place on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, between the hours of 6 pm and 9 pm at the Berlin Fire Hall, located at 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY, for the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner. One (1) commissioner will serve a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Also electing one Treasurer for a 3-year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2024.

All duly registered residents of the Berlin Fire District #1 shall be eligible to vote. Such residents shall be registered at the Rensselaer County Board of Elections on or before twenty-three (23) days prior to the election as provided by Town Law 175-a (2a) and shall have resided within the Berlin Fire District #1 for a minimum of thirty days prior to the election date. All individuals, with the exception of the incumbents, shall make their candidacy known to the Secretary of the Commissioners, in writing, at least twenty (20) days prior to the election. Letters can be mailed to the Berlin Fire District #1, Box 409 Berlin NY or hand delivered to the Secretary at 292 Potter Hill RD Petersburg, NY 12138.

By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners
Bruce Hake, Jr. Chair

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

If you drank water supplied by the Town of Petersburg Public Water System or from a private well in the Town of Petersburg, or owned or rented property in the Town of Petersburg, you could get benefits from a class action settlement.

A settlement has been reached with Tonoga, Inc. (d/b/a Taconic) ("Defendant") in a class action lawsuit about the effects of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination in the Town of Petersburg.

Who's included? The Settlement includes all individuals who: (1) ingested water at a property that was supplied by the Town Public Water System or from a private well in the Town of Petersburg in which PFOA has been detected and underwent blood serum tests that detected a PFOA level in their blood above 1.86 µg/L; or any natural child who was born to a female who meets and/or met the above criteria at the time of the child's birth and whose blood serum was tested after birth and detected a PFOA level above 1.86 µg/L ("Medical Monitoring Settlement Class Members"); (2) are or were owners of real property who obtain or obtained their drinking water from the Town Public Water System and who purchased that property on or before February 20, 2016 ("Town Water Property Damage Class Members"); (3) are or were owners of real property located in the Town of Petersburg within a seven-mile radius of Defendant's Facility and who obtained their drinking water from a privately-owned well contaminated with PFOA and occupied that property at or around February 20, 2016 ("Private Well Property Damage Class Members"); and (4) are or were owners or renters of real property located in the Town of Petersburg within a seven-mile radius of the Defendant's Facility and who obtain or obtained their drinking water from a privately-owned well contaminated with PFOA and occupied that property at or around February 20, 2016 ("Private Well Nuisance Class Members").

What does the Settlement provide? Defendant has agreed to create a \$23,464,362 Settlement Fund. After deducting attorneys' fees and costs, the class representative Plaintiffs' service awards, and the costs of notice and administration, the balance of the fund will be allocated among the Property Damage Settlement Class (\$4,410,000) and Private Well Nuisance Class (\$4,031,250), and the Medical Monitoring Program (\$8,550,000). Property Settlement Class payments will be based on the full market value of the Settlement Class Member's Eligible Property divided by the sum of the full market value of all Eligible Properties. Private Well Nuisance Class payments will be calculated by dividing the total number of valid Nuisance claims received by the Nuisance Payment Allocation. The Medical Monitoring Program will pay all expenses related to medical monitoring, including payments to Participating and Non-Participating Physicians, laboratories, and administration costs. Medical Monitoring Settlement Class Members who complete both the Initial Diagnostic Survey and the Initial Screening Consultation will receive a \$100 (maximum) incentive payment.

How do you get the Settlement benefits? You must submit a Claim Form by April 4, 2022. Claim Forms may be submitted online or printed from www.petersburghpfoasettlement.com. Claim Forms are also available by calling 1-888-876-0855 or by writing to the Settlement Administrator.

Your other options. If you are included in the Settlement and do nothing, your rights will be affected and you won't get any Settlement benefits. If you don't want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself from it by February 28, 2022. Unless you exclude yourself, you won't be able to sue or continue to sue the Defendant or related parties for any claim made in this lawsuit or released by the Class Settlement Agreement. If you stay in the Settlement (i.e., don't exclude yourself), you may object to it or ask for permission for you or your own lawyer to appear and speak at the hearing—at your own cost—but you don't have to. Objections and requests to appear are due by February 28, 2022. More information about your options is available at www.petersburghpfoasettlement.com.

The Court's Fairness Hearing. The Supreme Court of Rensselaer County New York will hold a hearing in this case on March 21, 2022, to consider whether to approve the Settlement; a request of up to \$5,673,112 in attorneys' fees, plus up to \$400,000 in costs; and \$25,000 in service award payments for each class representative Plaintiff (totaling \$200,000).

Want more information? Call 1-888-876-0855; visit www.petersburghpfoasettlement.com; or write to *Burdick, et al. v. Tonoga, Inc.* Settlement Administrator, P.O. Box 43502, Providence, RI 02940-3502.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice Town of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will be holding a Special Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the Grafton Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to review the 2022 Preliminary Budget.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

Notice of Surplus Equipment

The Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District has deemed our 1987 ladder truck as surplus equipment. We are asking anyone that may be interested to please contact Rick Hunt @ 518-366-3255 or Shaun Blair @ 518-894-6144 for any further information.

Notice of the Election of Fire Commissioners For the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department

The election will be held at the Grafton Fire Hall, 581 Forest Lake Rd (CR 85), Grafton, NY from 6 to 9 pm on Tuesday December 14, 2021. One seat is up for election for a five year term. Candidates for the above office must file their names in writing, with the Secretary of the Grafton Fire Commissioners, PO Box 342, Grafton, NY 12082 on or before November 24, 2021. Petitions are not required.

To be eligible to vote, person must be a qualified voter and registered with the County Board of Elections. Last day to register with the County Board of Elections is November 20, 2021.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Pearson Property Management LLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 9, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 152 Madden Road Stephentown, NY 12168. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Superior Commerce, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/15/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Holly Circle, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF 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.

Church News

Flea Market and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Petersburg United Methodist Church, located at 12 Head of Lane, will have a flea market, bake sale and silent auction. Lunch will be served all day and will feature homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee and soda. Table rentals are \$15, and a 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at 3 pm. For more information call Annie at 518-862-6576.

Gilead's Body & Soul Pantry

The pantry is back to normal hours of 4 to 6 pm, and the meal is take out only. Gilead Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 & 278 in Center Brunswick.

Friendsgiving and Men's Breakfast

On **Saturday, November 13**, the Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church will host their first Friendsgiving, a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings.

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Obituary

Dr. Peter J. Ficalora

Petersburgh - Dr. Peter Joseph Ficalora, 83, passed away peacefully on Friday November 5, 2021 with his loving family by his side. He was the son of the late Anthony and Margaret Ficalora. He was the devoted husband to Marilyn M. Ficalora, celebrating 60 years of marriage this summer. Peter was joyfully reunited with his eldest child Dr. Anthony Ficalora who passed away in 1989. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Kathy Pontes, Jacqueline Ferraro, Christopher Ficalora and Peter Ficalora; grandchildren Emma, Anthony, Marc, Peter, Julia, Luke, Olivia, Amelia and Anthony and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Peter was a tenured professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also taught at Syracuse University and did research at the nuclear labs in Tennessee. Peter earned his PhD, obtaining his education at Manhattan College, Penn State and Rice University.

Peter was an avid fisherman and woodworker. He was an active member of his church and spent time volunteering at the Peace Pagoda and other charitable organizations.

A celebration of his life will be planned for the spring of 2022.

Church Directory

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. www.allsaintshoosick.org

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180 invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Masks are required as explained above in the Church News section. If you would rather receive a link to our online worship, contact barbara@carrclan.us to be added to the distribution list for weekly worship and mid week reflections. Follow us at centerbrunswickumc.com. Pastor Joel Holcomb.

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH - 732 U.S.



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Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Now open for indoor masses Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW - 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 9:30 am. Food Pantry is open all year on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor as of July 1 is Fr. Tom Morette.

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

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

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

STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH - 1513 Garfield Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. 518-733-5813. Presbyterian/Methodist, Pastor Chris Garrison. Services Sundays 9:30 am. Current requirements: masks in building.

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

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

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

Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with activities and lunch each day. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. 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.

November 17, there will be an eat smart food demonstration at 11 am, with Jillian from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Come and learn tips on how to add healthy ingredients into your daily diet and then sample the food that will be prepared. **November 19** will be our special dinner with a special performance by Donny 'Elvis.' More information on that below.

Mondays the card club meets from 10 am to noon, with congregate lunch to follow. Wednesdays the exercise group meets at 1:30 pm. This is a low impact exercise geared for all seniors. Fridays the center has Wii bowling at 10 am, and bingo following lunch. The gym is available 9 am to noon, by appointment only for those unvaccinated or those that wish to exercise alone, and will be open to all vaccinated seniors from noon to 2:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with no appointment needed. The Library is open on the days the Senior Center is open. We have a large selection of books; come check it out.

Church News

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All who live in the Hoosick Falls Central School District are welcome to attend. The menu includes roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie and beverage. There is no charge. Meals will be served on a first come, first served basis only, beginning at 5 pm. You can dine inside with other members of the community or take your meal home and enjoy it.

On **Saturday, November 13, from 8 to 9:30 am** will be the men's breakfast. This delicious hot meal prepared by the men of the church will include eggs, home fries, breakfast meat, pastries, coffee and juice. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

HF Community Alliance Church is located at 484 Hill Road. If you have questions, you can contact Jim Calender at 518-480-1849 or Jim Stacy at 518-281-3228.

Holiday Bazaar

On **November 13**, Zion's United Church of Christ will holding their annual holiday bazaar from 10 am to 3 pm. Find holiday needs, baked goods, a children's craft table and more. Raffle items include a holiday quilt by Linda Bondi and gift certificates to local businesses. The bazaar will be held at 741 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake.

Surviving the Holidays

On **Wednesday, November 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**, the Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church will host GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays. In this seminar, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one will learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for your future.

This seminar will give you hope and encouragement as you work through the grieving process, especially as it pertains to the holiday season. For more information or to register, call Gail Smith at 518-686-9888 or visit the GriefShare website at: <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/37748>. Please register as soon as possible to ensure ample workbooks are available.

Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance at 518-686-7561 to be placed on the list for congregate meals or Grab-N-Go meals so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

Elvis to Visit the Hoosick Falls Senior Center

On **Friday, November 19**, Donny 'Elvis' will come to the Senior Center and share some of his favorite songs with us. All county residents 60 and over are invited to come take this walk down memory lane. We ask that all attend lunch at a suggested donation of \$3. The meal will be a turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, broccoli and pumpkin pie. You must call to sign up for this event. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times for the safety of our seniors. Please call the Center to sign up at 518-686-7561.

Hoosick Area Senior Group Trip

The Hoosick Area Seniors have planned a senior trip to the Turning Stone Casino on **Monday, November 29**. Cost for the trip is \$10 per person. The casino is offering \$25 in free play plus a \$5 food voucher to be used at the Emerald Restaurant or the food court. On the way home plans are to stop at a rest area for a quick bite to eat, and then the bus will circle Washington Park for the Holiday light exhibit.

The bus will leave the Tops parking lot in Hoosick Falls at 7:30 am and is expected to return around 6:30 pm. Hoosick area seniors need to have reservations in by November 15. Final reservations, and all money, need to be in by November 22. Please call 518-686-7561 to be added to the trip.

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, with congregate lunch and activities. Van transportation to and from the center will be available on limited days. Please call to be placed on the list.

On **November 16**, there will be a Birthday celebration with a fun game of trivia to follow. Lunch will be chicken patty with barbecue sauce, sweet potatoes and green beans. **November 18**, a turkey dinner with mashed potato, broccoli and pumpkin pie will be served at the center. We will have snack time bingo following lunch. All county residents should plan to attend. On **November 23**, there will be an eat smart presentation at 11:15 am, and following lunch there will be live musical entertainment with country singer John Hill.

The center is open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am for Chair Yoga starting at 10 am. All are welcome to attend this low impact exercise class. On Tuesdays there is a slightly more advanced Yoga class at 10 am. On **November 17**, the knitting and crochet group will meet at 9:30 am and the Quilting Group will meet at 10 am. If you would like information on joining any of the groups at the center, or want to be added to the lunch list, please call the center at 518-279-3413.

Flea Market and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Petersburg United Methodist Church, located at 12 Head of Lane, will have a flea market, bake sale and silent auction. Lunch will be served all day and will feature homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee and soda. Table rentals are \$15, and a 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at 3 pm. For more information call Annie at 518-862-6576.

Grafton Merrymakers

The Merrymakers Christmas Party will be held at Guiseppe's Restaurant, 3680 NY RT 7, Hoosick Falls on **Saturday, December 4**, at noon. Meal choices are chicken parmigiana \$21.25, turkey dinner \$16.50,

roast beef dinner \$17.75 or seafood stuffed haddock (shrimp & scallops) \$23.50. Above meals include homemade eclair pie, coffee or soft drink. A cash bar for adult beverages is available. Anyone wishing to participate in the grab bag please bring a \$10 gift. Entertainment included. Reservations must be in by November 15, by calling 518-272-8624 or 518-279-3231. For more information about the Grafton Merrymakers call 518-279-3231. Follow *The Eastwick Press* for updates. There will be no dinners or meetings during the winter months. Meetings will resume in March 2022.

Berlin Seniors News

On **November 17**, the Berlin Seniors will hold their last meeting of the year at Guiseppe's Restaurant in Hoosick Falls. The meeting will be held at 1 pm, with lunch to follow. We will be ordering off the lunch menu. All area senior citizens over the age of 55 are eligible to join. RSVP required. Call Gerry French at 518-527-8102 or Chris French at 518-527-8110.

Lebanon Valley Seniors News

The seniors will be busy to finish out 2021. The next meeting on **November 19**, we will share and enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch, and count our blessings for Thanksgiving. We are also collecting monetary donations for the community Christmas angel project for local children. We have a committee working on officer elections. If you want to nominate someone or run for a position talk to Sheryl Roden or Elna Rhodda. Vice President is open this year. The Christmas party will be at the White Stone cafe in Ghent on **Friday, December 17, at 1 pm**. Dinner will be family style ham and turkey with all the fixings. You must reserve and pay by the December 3 meeting to attend. Members pay \$5 and guests pay \$18. Reserve and pay with Linda Moshimer at 518-794-8169. For more 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

Nov. 12: Fresh pork loin w/pork gravy, garlic mushroom pasta, spinach, whole wheat bread and fresh fruit (+sandwich bag)

Nov. 15: Macaroni & cheese, zucchini & tomatoes, sliced carrots and a cookie

Nov. 16: Chicken patty w/BBQ sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, cut green beans and diced peaches

Nov. 17: Sloppy Joe, corn, peas & onions, fire roasted corn, rice w/black beans, low sodium wrap and fresh fruit

Nov. 18: Fresh baked turkey breast w/gravy & cranberry, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll and pumpkin pie

Happy Halloween



Grafton seniors recently celebrated Halloween with a party at the Grafton Senior Center.

The Woolies Are Here



The Isabella Tiger moth (*Pyrrharctia isabella*) in its larval form is often called "wooly bear" or "wooly worm." These native caterpillars are noticed in the fall because they overwinter by freezing solid. In the spring, the caterpillars thaw. Folklore says wooly worms predict the severity of the coming winter, but there is no scientific evidence that supports these tales. This wooly worm was crawling on a spearmint plant in Petersburg. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

Building a New Water System

Tuesday, May 27, 1851: Today Geo P. went to Windsor to collect money where he had sold apple trees, and he carried his two sisters to Pittsfield. They went to their uncle F. Jay Wylie's and took dinner and then said Wylie carried them to their cousin Rufus Kendall's and left them on a visit. Today John Bassett ditched to put lead pipe for water.

Wednesday: This forenoon I mended fence on the line joining J. B. Maxon near the river, and this afternoon I dug in the ditch to lay lead pipe and J. Basset and Celinbaum ditched, and John F. worked in the ditch part of the forenoon. Tonight Geo P. and his two sisters returned home from Pittsfield. I sent by him to Pittsfield and paid 66 cts for ten feet lead pipe, one inch pipe to begin the waterworks.

Friday: This forenoon Edwin Leonard worked on the highway with ox team and had it credited to Geo P. for the Wm B. Maxon farm. This afternoon I and my two sons worked at the ditch for the water works.

Saturday: I carried two chestnut sticks and Walker began to bore one of them for my lead pipe to come up out of the

ground but gave it up and could not bore them. I got N. Nichols long auger I fetched John Mantle home with me and he laid down my lead pipe and soldered it together and made a copper strainer and found the copper, and I paid him 75 cents for the whole, and I took my one horse wagon and carried John Mantle home again, he was here nearly three hours. Today my two sons worked digging and covering up lead pipe and stoning the spring.

Monday: Some showery. I am some unwell. I worked a spell at the spring at the head of our water works banking and making a cover. Geo P. and hired man John Basset stoned up a spell and then we all hoed potatoes. John F. hoed a spell after he returned from Nathan Beers, he went after the remainder of his school money.

Wednesday: I this morning rode over to Simeon Wylie's and fetched his daughter Deborah to make dresses for my people and then I took my one horse wagon and carried my wife to Doctor Bates, she was lame. Today one Mr. Butler that lives on the Hancock Shaker farm came and paid me seven dollars for five pigs.

What Would You Like to See?

As we approach 2022, we here at *The Eastwick Press* are wondering what you might like to see included in the weekly paper, both in print and on the website. Any special features or columns you might be interested in? Any special sections you might suggest?

Please let us know by emailing news@eastwickpress.com or by regular mail at Eastwick Press LLC, 34 Richmond Road, Cropseyville, NY 12052. We will take all suggestions and comments under consideration as we formulate the 2022 version of the paper.

We look forward to reading your input! Thank you.

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