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HOOSICK FALLS/HOOSICK

Veterans Day Celebrated at Wood Park

and Bennington Battlefield

The Town of Hoosick celebrated Veterans Day at its parks last Thursday. A late morning service was held at the Wood Park Veterans Memorial, left, where Shari Hand sang the Star Spangled Banner and veteran Ike Powers hosted a short ceremony. Mike Mattat (Army), Pastor Hall and Father Peter Tkocz spoke. Later that same day The Friends of Bennington Battlefield hosted a ceremony on the top of Battlefield Hill. Below, Joyce Brewer and vets Paul Prebble and Sherman Hoffman placed a wreath while Tim Stratton played Taps. Photos by Steve Bradley.

SCHODACK

Van Hoesen Road Bridge Reopened

by Amy Modesti

Town and County officials as well as a number of local residents gathered Tuesday afternoon, November 16, to officially reopen the Rensselaer County Route 4 (Van Hoesen Road) bridge, closed since December of 2019 after an inspection showed material defects that caused a structural issue. The bridge is often referred to as the "Buffalo Bridge" because of its proximity to the historic Mesick Farm, which features a large herd of buffalo.

"This is good news for our residents, our schools, our fire departments and businesses that rely on this bridge. We are definitely glad to see traffic moving again over the bridge and appreciate the attention needed to get this project completed," said Schodack Legislator Charles Peter, who will assume the role of Schodack Town Supervisor on January 1.

Joined by a host of local and county officials, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin speaks at the reopening of the "Buffalo Bridge" in Schodack on Tuesday. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin expressed both pleasure and frustration at the ceremony. He told those gathered that the County is happy to see the span reopened and back in business after a nearly two year closure, particularly for the motorists and residents who relied on the bridge. He also expressed his displeasure with the time it takes the Federal government to approve bridge replacement and repair over railroad tracks. "This project took several weeks of construction but nearly two years for review and approval. There needs to be a more efficient

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BERLIN

Cannabis Opt Out

Still Unclear

At the November 11 regular meeting of the Berlin Town Board, the issue of opting out of allowing marijuana establishments in Berlin was briefly discussed. While the State currently requires a decision to be made by December 30, the Board feels more information about the opt out, and how it will affect other aspects of the law, is necessary before a decision can be made. A workshop or public hearing on the issue could be scheduled before a decision is made.

Budget Approved – The public hearing for the 2022 budget took place before the October workshop meeting, and was then approved at the meeting itself.

Other News and Notes – The new Highway Department plow truck is nearly complete and should be ready for use shortly. For the month of October, Taconic Valley Ambulance was able to respond to 17 of 28 calls received. There will be a ***December 2*** Planning Board hearing for two properties that seek subdivision. The meeting was adjourned in honor of all veterans.

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Library Changes are Coming

Submitted by Berlin Free Town Library

Today libraries are faced with the possibility of becoming obsolete if they remain an institution that is only about the borrowing and lending of books. Libraries across the country and the globe are changing their models to stay relevant; they are diversifying. They view themselves as important community centers, but not just a place to borrow a book, conduct research or use a computer.

If there is one thing we have taken away from living through a pandemic, it's that societies cannot stay healthy when they remain socially isolated. Libraries everywhere are becoming a place where people can gather, in person or remotely, over like interests, participating in activities and programs both educational and recreational.

With this knowledge in mind, in the spring of 2021, the Berlin Free Town Library set forth to create a long-range plan. It began by sending out a survey to 2,000 local residents gauging their use of and interest in the library, not just as it currently stands but how it could stand in the future.

From survey results and feedback from a focus group, the Board of Trustees came up with three main goals to focus on:

1. Broaden the scope of activities and services to appeal to a wider demographic
2. Create an interactive, up-to-date online presence
3. Create a more comfortable, user-friendly space

This year and over the next five years, the Berlin library is setting out to offer:

- Wide-ranging educational, informational and recreational programs on a regular basis
- Regular, ongoing activities such as chess club, knitting circle, game night and possibly table games such as pool or ping pong
- Special events such as bingo, open mic and concerts
- Adjust hours of operation to meet the needs of our user base
- Redesign our web platform with updated calendar of events, links to video and photo archives and access to online programming
- Create an internet café style atmosphere, with comfortable seating
- Create a usable outdoor seating and play area

In the immediate future, the Board is searching for a new director to help guide it in achieving the three main goals. It is replacing the old carpeting with vinyl plank flooring that is more conducive to art programs, dancing and food spillage. It is reconfiguring the floor plan, acquiring new computers and furniture and has started a chess club, hosted by Library trustee Isaac Coffie, every 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

The trustees hope to achieve their goals through generous community financial support, grants and their endowments. The Library's Board meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public, with a public comment period at the end. The Board welcomes any feedback and support to help the Library remain an important part of your community. You can also contact the Board president, Rebekah Lamphere, directly via email at president@bftl.org. If you have any special skills that you would like to share with the community in the form of a program, or any ideas of programs or activities you would like to see the library offer, that would be another great form of support.

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PETERSBURGH

Veterans Dinner a Huge Success

Submitted by Mary Lou Walters

The Veterans Day Dinner at the Petersburgh Veterans Memorial Center was a huge success. The music by Karen Webster, Leslie Green, Martha VonSchilligen and David McNally was amazing. The presentation done by Michael Holms was of a professional quality and very touching. He honored our Vietnam Veterans to a degree that not been seen by many before. Folks think he should go on the road with it.

Despite the cost of food, folks did not skimp on what they brought, either in quality or quantity. There was a huge variety of high quality entrees and desserts. It felt wonderful to come together as a scarred community for the healing and comfort that took place that evening.

Veterans representing the Vietnam War (Neil Geary), Korean War (Roger LeMere) and Gulf War (Gary Doyle) pose behind the artistic cake donated by Market 32. Photo by Barbara Holms.

PETERSBURGH

The Ginger Roots Band

The Ginger Roots Band. Photo provided.

The Fox Hollow Music and Art Cafe presents the Ginger Roots Band on ***Friday, December 17***. You may have seen The Ginger Roots Band jammin' out at the recent Petersburgh Harvest Festival hosted by Starry Ridge Farm. They were such a blast, we decided to invite them back to town to join our cafe series! Believe us, this is a show you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars now! Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Petersburgh Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC).

PETERSBURGH

Annual Toy Drive

The Petersburgh 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.

PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

The current art exhibit at the Library is a beautiful series of graphite drawings by Bennington artist Ann Kremers. More known perhaps for her watercolors and calligraphy, as well as for her popular classes, these drawings are of Adirondack views drawn on Ann's trail hikes. The exhibit will be up until the end of December.

Knitters and stitchers are gathering again in the Library on ***Wednesday afternoons***. The Library opens at 2 pm, and will be closed on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

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STEPHENTOWN

Honoring Supervisor Eckhardt

by Chris Tergliafera

Toward the end of the November 15 regular meeting of the Stephentown Town Council, Councilman P.J. Roder, on behalf of the Council and other Town officials, presented Supervisor Larry Eckhardt with a proclamation to honor his many years of service to the Town of Stephentown. Supervisor Eckhardt has served on the Stephentown Council for over 20 years, the last 12 of which were as Supervisor. He will retire from the Board when his current term ends on December 31.

Stephentown Supervisor Larry Eckhardt, with his wife Heather, holding the proclamation presented to him by Town Council members and Town officials at the November 15 Town Council meeting. Photo by Chris Tergliafera.

Preparing for 2022

In addition to passing next year's Town budget, the Council also dealt with several other matters in preparation for 2022.

First they agreed to request bids for materials to complete road work maintenance for next year. Those interested can submit bids, along with a non-collusion form, to the Town Clerk beginning ***Monday, November 22***. Bids will be due on ***Monday, December 20, at 7 pm***.

The Council then authorized the advertisement of appointed positions that are expiring or will be vacant as of December 31. The deadline for applications to be submitted to the Town Clerk will be ***Friday, December 17, at 7 pm***.

And finally, the Town Clerk was authorized to advertise for the position of Town Hall cleaner; resumes and letter of interest are due by ***Monday, December 7, at 7 pm***.

The 2021 reconciliation meeting, where the Board will pay any end of year bills and address any other necessary matters before the end of the year, will take place on ***Thursday, December 30, at 7 pm***.

The 2022 Stephentown organizational meeting will be held ***Monday, January 3, at 7 pm***.

New Highway Department Truck

The Board approved a resolution to allow ordering a new truck for the Highway Department. The document allows $136,788 to be spent for a new International Model HX620 SBA 6x4 heavy duty tandem axle cab and chassis, as well as $130,695 for a body, sander, plow and hydraulic system. Due to uncertainties with supply and material costs, the amounts listed may increase. It is also unclear how long the truck will take to arrive once ordered.

Light Parade

Stephentown veterans, senior citizens and the Fire Company are partnering for a lighted parade on ***Saturday, November 27***. The parade will begin to line up at the Fire Hall at 5 pm, and process to the Veterans Park for a roughly 6 pm tree lighting.

Other News and Notes

Current Deputy Town Clerk Arlene Longo is the new president of the Stephentown Historical Society.

There will be a ***December 4*** COVID-19 booster shot clinic at the fire hall. If you would like to sign up, you can do so by calling 518-281-4030.

A resolution authorizing the extension of the service agreement with Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management was approved for 2022.

STEPHENTOWN

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.

STEPHENTOWN

Artists Invited for:

November Exhibition

The Stephentown Art Guild invites visual artists of all media to participate in an exhibition on ***November 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.

Berlin School Board Meeting

The Berlin Board met on Tuesday evening, which was too late to place a complete report in this week's paper. We will have a story on the meeting up on the **eastwickpress.com** website soon and in next week's paper.

Congratulations to District Clerk **Mary Grant**, who was honored at the meeting for her 37 years of service to the district.

To All The Stephentown Voters *Thank You!*

Our heartfelt thanks to the Stephentown Voters for giving us this opportunity to work for you. We understand the responsibilities of this position and intend to prove to you that you have made the right decision.

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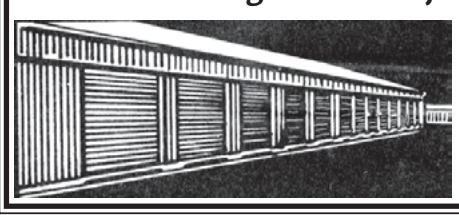

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BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BES' October Character Education Assembly

Submitted by the BCS Communications Department

"Community" is the theme for the Character Education Committee at Berlin Elementary School this year. Each month Principal Kent, along with the Character Ed Committee, introduces BES students to a new theme that will help them understand and embrace the community around them.

October's assemblies also included a presentation from the BES Ambassador program, a group of 15 third to fifth grade students, advised by Mrs. Peter-Hoen and Mrs. Ruebel.

Student Ambassadors **Rachel Smith** and **Luke Turetsky** gave presentations to the students gathered for the third–fifth grade assembly. The ambassadors told about the "Socktober" drive, looking to inspire students to donate a pair of socks to their sock drive for the local homeless shelter.

The assemblies concluded with the Mountaineer Merits (details below) and, new this year, teacher nominated Classroom Community Member awards.

Classroom Community Members are students nominated for showing citizenship and being responsible, safe or respectful.

Congratulations!

Community Classroom Members:

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Athena Peterson
Emma Hunt
Janiyah McBride
Luke Stott
Julia Turetsky
Peyton Carbonneau
Madeline Clark
Shayana Peterson
Jocelyn Webster
Mason MacNaughton
Demi Kormos
Abriella Milianta
Owen Mendoza
Lucas Demers
Brennan Berry

Merits:

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Noah Gardy
Garrett Dwyer
Caraline Webster
Addyson Niegoda
Daymien Bink
Emma Leblanc
Mason MacNaughton
Alaina Chittenden
Shelby Bleau

BES Monthly Recognitions

Being a Mountaineer means being responsible, safe and respectful. Merits are given out throughout the month by BES staff and bus drivers to celebrate students who demonstrate these traits. These students are given merits that are deposited in the Mountaineer Merit container found in the main hallway.

At the assembly each month, Principal Kent draws 10 merit recipients, which include both in person and remote students (five from kindergarten to second grade and five from third to fifth grade) who receive a prize.

PETERSBURGH

2022 Budget Amended

by Alex Brooks

Supervisor Dennis Smith said the budget recently approved by the Town Board contained an error in its arithmetic. $40,000 of spending in the Highway budget did not get added into the total spending figures that appear on the cover sheet, so the tax levy approved by the Board was $40,000 too low to cover the spending contained in the budget. The Board solved this problem by adding $40,000 more to the fund balance being used to offset the tax levy. The fund balance to be applied for this purpose was raised from $152,471 in the budget passed two weeks ago to $192,471 in the revised budget. This was approved by a vote of 4-0 at this meeting (Councilman Jack Barnhart was not present). The tax levy remains the same, at an increase of 0.9% more than this year's budget.

Landfill Update

Councilman Tom Berry said he met with people from the Town of Berlin and one of the engineers at the landfill on November 8 to discuss the remediation project there. Work on modifications planned to improve drainage and divert water away from the landfill have been stalled all summer because the ground has been too wet to do the site work. Berry said the ground is still wet, but he insisted that the work should go forward now so that it gets done before winter. This work is to be done by Berlin Highway Superintendent Jim Wynn, and Petersburgh Highway Superintendent Dave Hewitt reported that the work is to start this week. Berry said the Petersburgh Highway Department took down some trees and chipped them, and they will also be putting up some fencing and gates to keep motor vehicles off the landfill cap.

Health Study Recruitment

Ira Share said a large study on the health effects of exposure to PFAS chemicals is getting underway and the leaders are recruiting participants locally. It is a four-year federally funded study which will have 7,000 adults and 2,100 children participating in areas with high exposure to PFAS chemicals in 7 states. The New York portion of the study will focus on Newburgh, NY and the Hoosick Falls area (which includes Petersburgh).

Co-leaders of the New York study are Erin Bell of the SUNY Albany School of Public Health and Betsy Lewis-Michl from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Lewis-Michl is the Director of the Division of Environmental Health Assessment at the Center for Environmental Health, which is part of the NYSDOH. They are based in offices at the SUNY Albany East Campus in Rensselaer.

The New York study will have 1,000 adult participants and 300 children. Invitations to participate are being sent out now to recruit a random selection of people who meet the study's criteria. They are seeking people who drank the public water in Hoosick Falls between 2006 and 2016, and people with private wells in Petersburgh which tested at 400 parts per trillion or higher. They are specifically trying to exclude those with occupational exposure, as those people should be studied separately in a study aimed at assessing occupational exposure. They also do not want firefighters or those who trained as firefighters using AFFF foam for the same reason.

Participating adults will have one clinical visit, and children may possibly have two. Clinical visits will be at 140 Main St. in Hoosick Falls (the former CHP building) and will involve taking a blood sample and a urine sample, body measurements, asking questions about residential drinking water usage, occupational history and medical history. Kids will also be given cognitive and behavioral screening. Participants will get two $25 gift cards, and kids who have additional testing will get three of those gift cards.

A Community Advisory Panel has been formed to facilitate communication between the study leaders and the communities where they are working. Kathleen and Ira Share are the members of the panel for Petersburgh, and Loreen Hackett and Emily Marpe are the members for Hoosick Falls.

Information about this study can be found at www.albany.edu/sph/pfas. The people doing the study can be reached by e-mail at pfas@albany.edu, by toll-free phone at 833-732-7697 or by cell phone at 518-898-0276.

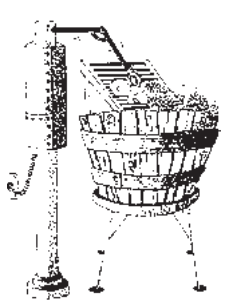
Water District Meters

Water District Superintendent Michelle Todd said the contractor doing meter replacements, George Oram, was in Petersburgh on Saturday, November 6, trying to finish installing the remaining water meters. She reports that he installed five more meters, and there are four more locations left on the change order list where there are problems getting the work finished. Supervisor Smith said one location needs a curbstop replacement before the meter can be changed, another has an uncooperative owner and another has a basement so full of junk the contractors can't get to the meter to change it.

Paving Bill Dispute

Supervisor Smith said the Town's paving contractor for this year's CHIPS work, New Castle Paving, submitted a bid to do *Continued on page 16*

The Scrub Board



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BRUNSWICK

Contention Over PFOA Testing

Supervisor, Former Council Candidate Spar

by Doug La Rocque

The Brunswick Town Council generally opens their meetings with a public comment session, and while on occasion some important points are raised, it tends to be a bit mundane. Not so at the Thursday, November 11 gathering. Former Town Council candidate Jennifer Mann stepped up to the speaker's podium to ask the Town to test wells for PFOA and PFOS contamination. Ms. Mann had offered to help Town residents have their wells tested for the two suspected carcinogens at a cost of $350 per test. She indicated that so far she has personally collected 20 water samples and sent them to a lab. She said one showed trace amounts of both PFOA and PFOS, but below the state maximum allowable levels of 10 parts per trillion.

Supervisor Phil Herrington said he was one of those tested, but was surprised the results were delivered to Ms. Mann and not him. Ms. Mann explained that as the lab's customer, she receives the results. Supervisor Herrington then stated she needed "to be careful," indicating that one of the one of the other 19 wells tested belonged to a relative of his, and he indicated Ms. Mann had shown the "hard copy" of the test results to a neighbor, prior to informing that particular property owner. Ms. Mann countered that she had permission from this individual to speak to the neighbors. Mr. Herrington's answer was perhaps about PFOAs in general, but not to disclose actual test rests. Ms. Mann stated the paper she had shown did not have the property owner's name on it, and she indicated just that the results were gathered from the neighborhood, to which the Supervisor stated she caused concern among these neighbors (one an area business) and he felt she violated the resident's confidentiality.

After a few more minutes of exchanges, including another person who demanded the Supervisor apologize for his treatment of Ms. Mann, Mr. Herrington closed the conversation by repeating "you need to be careful."

The Eastwick Press emailed Ms. Mann for a clarification as to whether she was asking the Town of Brunswick to pay for the water testing or simply to coordinate it. As of press time, we had not received a response.

Town's Water is Fine

It was repeated several times during the exchange that the water supplied by the Town of Brunswick is fine. It is tested regularly for many substances, including PFOA and PFOS, and is non-detect.

Editor's Note: *The Eastwick Press is aware of the resident's name, in fact the first name was disclosed at the meeting, but does not attach a name to anyone's specific testing results without their express permission.*

Budgets and Relevies

When the aforementioned discussion ended, the Board voted to modify the 2022 Preliminary Town Budget and then accepted it as the final budget. The change did not impact the fact the budget has no tax increase. The Councilmembers also approved a resolution to relevy unpaid annual vacant building registration fees in accordance with Town Law, and Water and Sewer Superintendent Bill Bradley indicated the water and sewer tax relevy was slightly higher than in the past, at $125,000. $18,000 of this he said was owed by two commercial entities.

Other News

The Councilmembers also approved a resolution extending Sewer District #3 to service the Hannaford Supermarket now under construction at the intersection of Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7) and Lord Avenue. Following the notification of all government agencies that might have an interest and receiving no response, the Council approved a resolution declaring themselves as lead agency on the required full State Environmental Quality Reviews Act (SEQRA) in connection with the petition of CVE North America, to rezone certain parcels of land located off Belair Lane for a commercial solar collector system. A public hearing was set for the Council's ***January 13 meeting at 6:30 pm***.

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BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

Holiday Music Storytime

Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am

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Hill Country Cloggers

Friday, December 10, 4 pm

Wrap Party

Friday, December 10, noon to 5:30 pm

Holiday Book Sale

Friday, December 10, 10 am to 6 pm

Help raise money for the library and get some great deals. $5 a bag.

VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

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.

Chess and Checkers with Ken Miller

Friday, November 26 at 10:30 am

Make and Take Marbled Christmas Tree Ornaments

Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27

$2 per ornament, reservations will be taken on the hour. This event will be ongoing throughout regular business hours.

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).

Santa will be there.

No Breakfast in December.

GRAFTON

Town Council Approved Budget

by Doug La Rocque

At a very brief special Town Council meeting on Monday, November 15, the Council Members all agreed to the $1.3 million spending plan that carries a 2.13% reduction in taxes. The special meeting was called because the Council failed to approve the budget at their regular meeting a week earlier. The vote at that time was 2 to 2, with Councilwoman Jodie Deschaine absent, and Councilmen Steve Beaudry and Frank Lewendusky voting no. Their objection was not with the budget itself, but with what they felt was a discrepancy in the Highway Department Medical Insurance Fund. At the special meeting, that line was reduced by $28,000, with $3,000 moved to a General Medical Insurance Fund and $25,000 to the department's Machinery Account. Following that transfer, the budget was approved.

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.

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Central County

SCHODACK

Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The November 15 Schodack Planning Board was brief but packed with lots of business. Hart Engineering started the meeting with a public hearing on a site plan modification for the Albany Off The Leash property on Boyce Road. The amendment focused on two red barns torn down and rebuilt in the same footprint in gray and white for a virtual dog training studio and office. The type II SEQRA action was adopted and approved with no questions from the public.

The Kasselman Solar project public hearing did have some concerns about the location of the ground mount and roof solar on the barn. The presenter showed concerned residents some diagrams, which seemed to ease some of the concerns. The type II action was approved. The project is located on NYS Route 150.

A resident of Maple Hill Road was given a favorable recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance to have up to three horses on his 5.54 acres. A Brookview Road residence was also given a positive recommendation to the ZBA to remove his 8x12 deck and install a 3-season room.

The presenter from Environmental Design answered questions from the Board on behalf of the Muslim Community of Troy about their proposal for a possible cemetery on Phillips Road. Members from the community and firm wanted to address any questions before a public hearing on this project is set up in December. The Muslim Community that has been in existence since the early 1960's hopes to develop a cemetery with approximately 1450 burial plots on the 105-acre property with a small maintenance building and parking for 80 vehicles through the 3-phase proposal. The first phase of that proposal will include the development of approximately 20 acres with a small sign, vegetation and buffering. A member of the Board said that he appreciated the buffering being added to the project.

Finally, a ***December 6*** public hearing was approved for a two-lot subdivision on Schoolhouse Road.

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GRAFTON

Tree Festival Winner

The tree titled Red Truck Wedding, which was the winner of the best of festival and business entry awards at the Saturday, November 13 tree festival at Greywacke Meadows. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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***.

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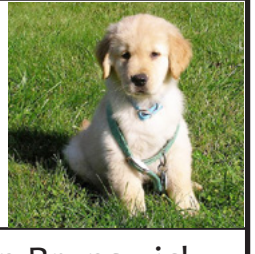
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BENNINGTON

SVHC Embraces Green Demolition

Submitted by SVHC

Loads of insulation, doors, lighting fixtures, pressure treated lumber, wooden beams and an antique cast iron sink are among the items being harvested for reuse from The Lodge, a building on the Bennington campus of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC). The building is slated for demolition next week to make way for a $28 million renovation and expansion to SVMC's Emergency Department.

The salvage work was done by Deconstruction Works, a demolition, salvage and recycling service based in Vermont. The business has offices in Brattleboro and Bristol and is co-owned by Erich Kruger and Tom Shea. The company lists items for sale on its Facebook page and on other online sites.

Pushing much of the construction waste to reuse, rather than the landfill, helps the health system meet the State's requirements for managing solid waste. It also helps mitigate the emotional impact of losing a piece of the health system's history.

The Lodge was built in 1925. It had 22 rooms for its original purpose of housing laundry and housekeeping employees. Most recently, it had been used as offices for SVHC's Finance Department.

The construction project will nearly double the size of the current Emergency Department, which was designed to accommodate 14,000 patient visits per year but currently sees nearly 25,000 annually. The project also includes an expansion to the Emergency Crisis Area for those experiencing mental health distress and increased telehealth connectivity with Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

This antique cast iron sink was listed and sold on Facebook. Photo courtesy of SVHC.

Temporary parking changes are in effect to make way for site preparation work. See the map at https://svhealthcare.org/patients-visitors/parking for details. Regular updates on the project will appear in SVHC's weekly e-newsletter, on social media and on the health system's website, svhealthcare.org.

HOOSICK FALLS

Holiday Market and Craft Show

Saturday, November 27, from 10 am to 3 pm, at the Hoosick Armory, there will be a holiday market and craft show. Thirty-seven crafters, folks with specialty foods and so much more will have a huge supply of items to meet all your holiday needs. And you're bound to find something very special for yourself as well.

Vendors include Fahey Family Farm – honey, Elocin Farms – goat soaps, Pam Powers – wreaths and loofah sponges, Acorn Wooden Crafts, Beechwood Berry Farms – jams and jellies, Shadowbrook Pottery, Eclatant – soaps, facial products and ponchos, Berle Farm, Scotty Jingles, Designs by Sue – wooden toys, ABC Crafters – place mats, cutting boards and pot holders, Alice & Debbie – mittens, hats and beer soap, Whistlewing Prints, Caroline's Scottish Shortbread – Corian cutting boards, Gayle Rifenburgh – sewing craft, Willhy Farm – sourdough bread, Beautiful Lake Woodcraft, Caz Acrez Goat Dairy, 518 Mushroom Skins by Cat – acrylic painted jewelry, Crazy Creations Jewelry, Cornell Farm Stand – cider donuts, pies and baked goods, Running Brook Sugar Shack – maple syrup, Erin Cross Art Pottery, Vermont View Woodworks – cutting boards, and just outside the Moose Kaboose.

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. 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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Bennington Performing Arts Center

Submitted by the Bennington Performing Arts Center

Voices from the Grave, Indoors

Saturday, November 20, 2 and 7:30 pm

Join us for the indoor version of this unique theater production that was performed onsite earlier this fall to a sold out crowd. You'll meet the people beneath the headstones in the Old First Church Cemetery. As you are guided from grave to grave, Bennington luminaries such as Elijah Dewey, Elizabeth McCullough and Robert Frost will be brought to life by members of Bennington Community Theater. $10

Unsaid Prayers by Jana Lillie

Saturday, December 4, 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of poetry from Jana Lillie's new book of poems, *Unsaid Prayers*. Watch in person at BPAC or stream at home. $5

BPAC Youth Theater Presents *Jingle Jangle Jubilee!*

Saturday, December 18, 1 and 4 pm

This is the first performance for this young group. The show is a variety of song and dance, skits, music and good old-fashioned holiday cheer. The production is directed by Enrique Segura, with assistance by Lauren Biasi. Musical direction is provided by Lynn Sweet and the show is choreographed by Kristi Segura. $10; Free for kids under 10.

For questions about upcoming programming, contact BPAC by phone 802-447-0564, email info@bpacvt.org, or visit our website bpacvt.org.

Saying Goodbye Correction

In last week's Saying Goodbye article about the closing of the First United Church, Presbyterian in Hoosick Falls, we incorrectly stated that non-profit RTI International had purchased the Church and owned the building next door. Dr. Kamran Fallahpour actually purchased the Church and owns both buildings. RTI International leases the building next door.

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HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Honoring Their Veterans

Submitted by Kevin Weeden

On Wednesday, November 10, Mr. Chris Farley organized multiple Veterans Day assemblies for the students at HFCS. Grades 5 through 12 were treated to a 30-minute presentation to honor all our veterans. There were short videos and students read the proclamation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower who established Veterans Day on November 11. There was a slideshow displaying over 400 veterans that are related to current students or staff at HFCS. There was a short recognition of the eight veterans who currently work in the Hoosick Falls School District: Chris Farley, Joe Steller, Margaret Merwin, John Jennings, Ken Fleming, Tim Tifft, Kathy Carknard and Pat Kelly. Mrs. Glover's class visited the veterans and presented them with a thank you. Thank you to all veterans for your service and sacrifice.

Hoosick Falls students with veteran Mr. Chris Farley during the November 10 recognition of Veterans Day. Photo submitted by Kevin Weeden.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

October Students of the Month

Pictured from left to right: Reese Richard, Carmen Gates, Riley Scott, Trevor Sheldon, Shanon Graskey, Ryan Senecal, Karalina Hastings, Ava Salvesvold. Kneeling: Alli Andrew.

5th Grade:
Reese Richard
Carmen Gates
Riley Scott
6th Grade:
Trevor Sheldon
Shanon Graskey
7th Grade:
Ryan Senecal
Madison Myers (not pictured)
8th Grade:
Karalina Hastings
Ava Salvesvold
Alli Andrew

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Kids Dance

The North Hoosick Fire Department will hold a kids dance on ***Friday, November 19, from 7 to 9 pm***, at the fire station on Rt. 22. Students in grades 4 through 8 are invited. Drop off time is 6:40 pm. Parents are reminded to sign students out after the dance.

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. Letters can also be dropped off at a Macy's store location through December 24.

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BENNINGTON

SVMC Receives Prestigious Accreditation

Submitted by SVMC

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has granted a 4-year accreditation to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), for its Practice Transition Program. It is the first program in the State, and one of only 208 in the United States to have received the accreditation.

To earn the accreditation, a transition-to-practice program must show how it is meeting the ideal program criteria. There are more than 30 standards that the program must meet. SVMC had to provide an in-depth answer and an example of the process in action. The application document featured 117 pages of descriptions and examples. In addition, a three-person team from ANCC conducted a virtual site visit to validate the document.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Kops and Kids Toy Drive

The Hoosick Falls Police Department wishes to express their thanks to the Dollar General on Rt. 22 in Hoosick for participating in their 1st Annual Hoosick Holiday Toy Drive. Without the community's support, we wouldn't be able to help those in need.

If you would like to be featured on the HFPD page please send a picture of your toy collection box along with the business name/location and they will post it.

Please send pictures to rwessels@hoosickfallspolice.org.

The Toy Drive box at Hoosick's Dollar General. Look for these boxes around the Town and Village and at the Hoosick Falls Municipal Building. Photo provided.

SCHUYLERVILLE

Monthly Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club invites all to join us at our monthly breakfast on ***Sunday, December 12, 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.

CAMBRIDGE

Holiday Bake Sale

The Cambridge Historical Society Museum, located at 12 Broad St., will be having a holiday bake sale on ***Saturday, November 20, fro 10 am to 2 pm***.

There will be pies, cookies, breads, a very special Finnish coffee bread and more.

HOOSICK FALLS

Pie Sale

Wednesday, November 24, from 9 am to noon, at the Hoosick Grange Hall. Pies will be $12 each, and you can choose from apple, peach, pecan, pumpkin and strawberry rhubarb.

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.
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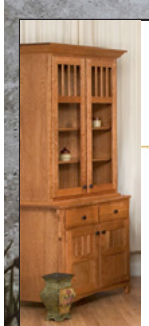
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New Lebanon & Nassau

NASSAU

Delgado Touts Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

by Doug La Rocque

Congressman Antonio Delgado meet with labor organizations, local leaders and construction groups at the Nassau Town Highway Garage on Friday, November 12 to talk about the legislation signed into law on Monday by President Joe Biden. According to the Congressman, the passage of the more than $1 trillion package will mean "creating good-paying jobs and making our roads safer, cleaning up our water and expanding broadband access." Mr. Delgado labeled the legislation as historic and added, "This bipartisan bill will send much-needed resources directly into our communities. I am proud to have worked with my colleagues to get this done and deliver for New York." Nationally, he estimates it will create as many as 650,000 jobs.

The Congressman was joined by President and CEO of AGC NYS Mike Elmendorf, Nassau Highway Superintendent Fred McCagg, Nassau Town Supervisor David Fleming, Eastern New York Laborers District Council Business Manager Anthony Fresina, Assemblyman Jake Ashby (R-Castleton) and other community members. Mr. McCagg spoke about the funding this bill will bring to upstate communities and spoke in particular about the need for bridge repair, claiming many are structurally deficient. He state these spans were designed to last 20 years, but are now 60 years old. Speaking to the Congressman, he said, "This bill is more help than you know."

His words were echoed by Assemblyman Jake Ashby, who said, "Since taking office, some of my highest priorities have been rebuilding our aged roads and bridges, ensuring clean water for everyone in our community and expanding the desperately needed access to broadband internet — this funding makes those priorities a true possibility. I am proud of the federal officials who were able to come together and deliver a bipartisan infrastructure package that will be a true game changer for our community."

According to U.S Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, about $27 billion this funding will be headed to New York.

Beside roads and bridges, it has monies set aside for water safety, including grants for technical assistance for small and rural water systems. It also deals with expanding broadband services to rural areas and limousine safety, in light of the Schoharie tragedy three years ago that took 20 lives.

The Eastwick Press asked the Congressman how long it might take for these funds to trickle down to the local level, and he responded, "I hope very soon." He indicated he and his colleagues are pushing for immediate action on this and don't want to see the monies tied up by "federal bureaucracy."

Congressman Antonio Delgado speaks about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act last Friday at the Town of Nassau Highway Garage. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

NEW LEBANON

Small Business Saturday

Submitted by the Town of New Lebanon

New Lebanon is launching its first annual Small Business Saturday promotion. At the initiative of one of our small business enterprises, Cohn's Candle Bar, and with the participation of the Roaring 20's Brewery & Taphouse, the event will happen on ***Saturday, November 27, from noon to 5 pm***, at the Brewery. Businesses offering products or services are urged to participate.

At the November Town Council meeting, the Council unanimously endorsed and supported the program. On behalf of the Business and Economic Development Committee, the Town urges you to join the program and take advantage of the sales opportunities. We plan on this becoming an annual event in our Town with more programming in the future.

If there are any questions about Small Business Saturday, please contact monte@fairpoint.net or call 518-781-0195.

Cohn's Candle Bar at the Lake George Oktoberfest. Photo courtesy of Cohn's Candle Bar.

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.

CHATHAM

Shaker Museum Announces Inaugural Makers' Circle

Submitted by Vicki Elkins

Shaker Museum, which stewards the world's most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives, announced the members of its inaugural Makers' Circle. Members of the new advisory group include Emily Adams Bode, Ini Archibong, Nacho Carbonell, gt2P (Victor Imperiale, Guillermo Parada, Tamara Pérez and Sebastián Rozas), the Haas Brothers (Nikolai and Simon Haas), hettler.tüllmann (Katja Hettler and Jula Tüllmann), Sheila Hicks, Ladies & Gentlemen Studio (Dylan Davis and Jean Lee), Bibhu Mohapatra, Emmett Moore, Neri&Hu (Lyndon Neri and Rossana Hu), Jolie Ngo, David Nosanchuk, Tom Sachs and Katie Stout.

The Makers' Circle is an advisory group made up of contemporary artists and designers who are innovating and expanding the field of design. It will work closely with museum leadership to advance a dialogue looking at the tensions and symbiotic relationships between past and contemporary material culture, how makers express their values in their work, and what role a museum can play in contextualizing these relationships. The Makers' Circle members will serve one two-year term, and will nominate a new cohort at the end of the first year.

New Lebanon & Nassau

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

The November 10 meeting of the East Nassau Board of Trustees opened with a moment of silence in honor of veterans and a green light shining. The light was part of Operation Green Light, a collaboration between the NYSAC, NYSCEA, the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association and the 62 counties of New York State. Its mission is to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, as well as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level, to assist veterans and their families.

The insurance for the Village will need to be renewed in January 2022, but cyber coverage/personal identity theft will be requiring a separate standalone policy. Mayor Acquario will be contacting the insurance agent to get more information about the policies. The Highway Superintendent reported that rip rap would be added to the ditches on Hayes Road, and the washouts on Gardner Hill Road would be repaired.

Trustee and AMVET commander, Mike Lever, reported that the veterans ceremony at the Chandler Young Association on November 6 went well. He thanked the Fort Crailo chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for participating. They hope to have a retirement flag ceremony near Memorial Day. Lever also recommended to the Board that the Village needs a flag with the Village seal for ceremonies.

Mayor Acquario is investigating quotes for getting 911 Village signs and would like to find out about getting a sign for the Village triangle. He was also happy to report that the vacancy on the Zoning Board has been filled. The Board appointed Kevin Hitchcock as the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Hitchcock comes to the position with a great deal of experience, working for East Greenbush and the Village of Nassau as their inspector/CEO. Mayor Acquario welcomed Hitchcock stating, "Great to have you onboard." He concluded his report with the announcement that Kinderhook Lane is closed because of poor conditions.

East Nassau Mayor Adam Acquario introduces Operation Green Light to the Village in honor of veterans. Photo by Denise Wright.

Ideas are being investigated on how to use ARPA funds for improvements in the Village and exploration of creating a tax stabilization reserve fund. The Village attorney will send the Board members the state guidance document on tax stabilization funds to be discussed at the December Board meeting.

NEW LEBANON

Seeking Veterans Exemptions From NLCS

Information obtained from a Press Release from Dennis Burek

At the Wednesday, November 10 meeting of the New Lebanon School Board, 138 letters were presented to Board President Sharon Putnam. The letters respectfully requested the Board of Education reconsider their stance on granting a veterans school tax exemption under NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a. The law enabling such exemptions was enacted in December 2013.

According to Mr. Burek's release, the breakdown of residents signing the letters is approximately as follows: New Lebanon - 51%, Stephentown and East Nassau - 17% each and Chatham and Canaan - 7% each.

If the Board is inclined to move forward with the requested exemptions, they must first hold a public hearing and act on the request no later than their February 2022 meeting.

According to Mr. Burek's release, the letter campaign was initiated by New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling with the blessing of the Town Board, who approved a resolution requesting the School Board grant these exemptions. Supervisor Houghtling told *The Eastwick Press* that when she ran for office the issue she heard most about was the Board's refusal to approve the veterans exemption.

Mr. Burek's press release further states that local businesses and a core group of local residents in the area were supportive in providing venues to sign letters over the last month.

There are approximately 175 veterans throughout the five towns in the District who would be eligible for the partial exemption. The exemption is not funded or reimbursed by New York State, so non-veteran property owners would have to shoulder what the release describes as a "small tax increase" to allow it to work.

In previous attempts by veterans to gain the exemption status, it has been repeatedly stated that the New Lebanon Central School District is the only District in Columbia County that has not passed the veterans exemption measure.

Seeking the Board's Point of View

The Eastwick Press has emailed Board President Putnam seeking response to the presentation and if the Board might be willing to entertain the request this year. As of press time we had not heard back from Ms. Putnam but will be sure to publish her response, if any, in next week's edition.

The campaign is winding down but if anyone still would like to sign a letter they may do so by contacting dennisburek@yahoo.com.

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.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

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.

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

Van Hoesen Road Bridge Reopened

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method of approving bridge projects over railroads that enable earlier openings."

Schodack is also part of County Legislator Bod Loveridge's district. At the reopening, he said, "This long-awaited bridge opening is great news, but it could have happened a lot sooner if we did not have to wait for approvals from the railroad operators. With all of this new attention from Washington on infrastructure, it would be helpful if the federal government would step in and streamline the approval processes, so that important projects like this don't languish on the desks of bureaucrats."

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Rensselaer County News

Joint Investigation Leads to Arrest

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

During a joint investigation with NYS Parole on November 9, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office arrested Parole Absconder Bryan K. Wright, 31, of Troy. Wright was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree (B Felony). Sheriff's Office investigators seized over 30 grams of crack cocaine, U.S. currency, and drug paraphernalia. Wright was arraigned in Troy City Court by the Honorable Judge Maier and remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail without bail, pending a preliminary hearing.

Merola Calls for Suspension of Online Permit Testing

Submitted by the Office of Rensselaer County Clerk Frank J. Merola

Rensselaer County Clerk Frank J. Merola is calling on NYS DMV to immediately suspend online driver's permit testing statewide in the wake of a widespread online cheating scandal at NYS DMV where applicants have used false documentation and false identities in order to illegally obtain NYS permits. This program is currently the subject of a NYS Inspector General's investigation.

Recent revelations released from the investigation, as listed in recent Times Union articles, have included aliens paying $3,000 or more to have someone take the permit test for them and using fraudulent residency documents and fake mailing addresses to obtain permits. Online testing was introduced during the COVID-19 crisis when most DMVS were closed to the public. Aliens were allegedly using the illicitly obtained permits to establish residency and qualify for benefits under the recently created NYS Excluded Workers Fund.

No Surrender Initiative Makes PTSD a Priority

Submitted by the office of Assembly Republican Leader Will Barclay

Today, Assembly Republican Leader Will Barclay and Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Ranking Republican Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and an Army veteran, announced the No Surrender Veteran Initiative: Making PTSD a Priority, a series of roundtable events to address the pervasive issue of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) facing veterans, as well as law enforcement, health care and emergency services personnel.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed flaws in the State's healthcare system, and individuals coping with anxiety, depression and PTSD have felt the brunt of these shortfalls. As such, the Assembly Republican Conference will host a number of events around the State to address this growing problem and advocate for the allocation of adequate resources for mental health care.

Additionally, Conference members have proposed several other pieces of legislation seeking to address mental health and further support veterans, first responders and health care professionals.

The No Surrender Veteran Initiative events will be hosted around the State, with dates and locations to be announced shortly.

TROY

November Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Rensselaer County Legislature Office of the Minority

Employment and Training

An agreement to provide employment and training services to eligible low-income youth through the ARC of Rensselaer County, the Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area was renewed and approved by the Legislature. This 100% federally funded program offers academic and occupational skill training, leadership development and community service learning, as well as summer employment for disadvantaged, disconnected youth and those with intellectual disabilities.

Coats for Kids Campaign

Once again the annual Golf Fundraiser at the Troy Country Club was a great success and raised a record $20,000. The Legislature passed a resolution to purchase 1,000 coats, which will be distributed to needy children through several agencies.

Legislator Gary Pavlic

The Legislature honored the passing of friend and former colleague Gary Pavlic. Family and friends gathered in the legislative chambers to honor Gary's life of dedication and service. Gary served on the Legislature for five years and will be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, and his commitment to the residents of Troy.

Snowfall Contest Winners

The First Snowfall Contest had a tie so each will receive a subscription to *The Eastwick Press* for one year. November 14 was the date of the first ground covering snow this winter in Rensselaer County. Both **Kristi Culbertson** of Petersburgh and **Sam Catalano** of Hoosick guessed November 15 (no one picked November 14) so as the closest, they win. Congratulations and we thank all who entered the contest. There were many, many entries.

Free Drinking Water Test Kits

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District is wrapping up its drinking water program for 2021. The District has a limited amount of free drinking water analysis test kits left for Rensselaer County residents who have private wells used for drinking water. These kits test for bacteria, lead, pesticides, iron, total chlorine, hardness, copper, nitrates, nitrites, pH and alkalinity. Email Megan.Myers.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com or call 518-380-0384 for your kit.

Letter to the Editor

Submitted by the Rensselaer Country Office of the Minority

An annual reminder as we kick-off the holiday season, most of us will be doing more retail shopping than usual. Holiday gifts and big items, such as appliances and home furnishings are traditional purchases at this time of year. This annual spending translates into a notable amount of tax revenue for communities.

We would like to encourage all residents of Rensselaer County to buy at local Rensselaer County businesses. One of the most important sources of revenue for Rensselaer County is its sales tax. In purchasing items in the County, we are contributing to the County's main source of revenue and in turn will aid in keeping taxes down. By shopping in Rensselaer County, residents are essentially paying themselves and contributing to building the economic structure and supporting job growth.

Saturday, November 27 is Small Business Saturday in downtown Troy. There is so much to explore, so come celebrate the holidays among friendly faces and check out the over 60 unique boutiques, and enjoy a full day at Troy's cafes, bars and restaurants.

The views and opinions in this article do not necessarily reflect those of the Eastwick Press.

Stewart's Shops Shares $2.8 Million Bonus with Employees

Submitted by Stewart's Shops

Stewart's Shops recently announced that Partners will be receiving a week's worth of pay as a thank you for their commitment during the pandemic.

The bonus checks were distributed to approximately 4,900 part-time and full-time Partners. The majority of Partners received a check equivalent to one week's worth of pay while Partners that began employment after September 2021 received a $100 check.

"Our committed Partners and vertical integration allowed us to keep our shops open and provide essential food and fuel. We can't thank our Partners and customers enough for their patience, cooperation and following of strict COVID-19 protocols throughout the pandemic. This bonus is our way of sharing our success and saying thank you to all of our Partners," expressed President of Stewart's Shops, Gary Dake.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

FIELD HOCKEY

Panthers Win Semi, Lose Final

Line Score	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*4th*	*Final*
Hoosick Falls (20-2)	0	1	0	0	1
Whitney Point (17-4)	1	1	3	1	**6**

Sunday, November 14. Played at Centereach, NY (Long Island). After defeating North Salem Saturday in the semi-final game, the Panthers learned their Sunday opponent for the Finals would be Whitney Point, a Section 4 team located about 15 miles north of Binghamton.

Hoosick Falls entered the game on a 17 game winning streak, losing only a 3-1 match against Scotia, a much larger school. Prior to Sunday, Hoosick Falls had outscored opponents 96-11 and had shut out six teams in their last eight games. They gave up no goals in Saturday's semi-final win. It would be Head Coach Denise Campbell's first championship game after many times of advancing into state play.

But Whitney Point was a formidable foe. The team was a winner of five straight state championships from 2014 to 2018. In the regional and semi-final games leading up to this game they had outscored their opponents 11-0 and 11-0, with 30 shots and 20 corners the prior day against a state semi-final team. The previous five games before Sunday they scored 44 goals to opponents' zero.

The first half went great for Hoosick Falls. The score at the half was 2-1 in Whitney Point's favor but the Panthers were right there with them. The Panther defense was disrupting the Eagles and keeping them away from the goal.

After Whitney Point scored a goal earlier in the first quarter, Panther Emma McCart got open on a break with 8:20 on the clock and fired a shot past the Eagles goalie to tie the score at 1-1.

Whitney Point added a second goal at the 3:30 mark in the second quarter but the Panthers were in great shape even with a halftime 2-1 deficit.

Then the third quarter began.

Whatever the Whitney Point coach said to her players to rally her team at the half worked. The Eagles came out and dominated the Panthers over the last two quarters, scoring four goals to the Panthers' none.

The Lady Panthers team has nothing to be disappointed about. They had a great year and they played in a New York State championship game. They are the second best team in Class C in New York, better than possibly hundreds of others. In addition, the future looks very bright with only three players graduating.

Panther seniors (L to R) Jania Harris, Marissa Landry and Lyric Kriner are the only Panther players graduating this year. The three had great careers on the field hockey team. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Semi Final

North Salem (17-4)	0	0	0	0	0
Hoosick Falls (20-1)	0	1	1	0	**2**

Hoosick Falls' defense dominated the North Salem Eagles, especially in the second half when the Eagles only got the ball into Panther territory three times. Emma McCart scored two goals, the second one with an assist from MacKenna Roberson, to lead Hoosick Falls over North Salem in this NYS semi-final game. Hoosick Falls had nine corners to North Salem's one. Panther Marissa Landry had no saves in goal.

BERLIN

BNL Cross Country Has Strong Showing at State Championship

Submitted by BCS Communications

Congratulations to the varsity Girls BNL XC team for a long lasting, hard-fought and successful season. This past Saturday, our small-town schools made their way to Binghamton to compete in the XC State Championship meet against 42 other schools, individuals and teams in Class D. Despite the cold rain and muddy course, the girls were so excited and determined to take on this race. Chenango Valley's course offered a variety of gravel, rolling hills, a path through the woods and a ton of cheering fans. The duct tape was wrapped tightly around these girl's spikes and the gun sounded. Allura Meizinger was focused on that front line spot. She pushed her way through the finish line earning 26th place out of 108 participants with a 21:19. What an accomplishment. With the rain coming down hard, up next was Elsie Corbett taking 37th place overall with a 21:53. The next two runners, Sadie Giumarra (48th place) and Brady Hills (52nd place) came in as strong as always, forming that famous Berlin wall. For her first time ever as a varsity runner at the State Championship meet, Ava Noel opened her stride up and pushed her way into 59th place and Elaine Savaria came in to earn her spot in 82nd place. Right after came Samantha Rokjer in 89th place. We are happy to announce that the BNL team ranked 6th place in Class D in the entire state with 98 points. Not to mention, it was so competitive and so close that the girls were only a few points away from 5th (93 points) and 4th place (91 points). We have our eyes on the prize in the next 2022 XC season. We are so proud of you all.

Last but not least was our incredible BNL Boys Varsity runner, Gabe Kalisz, who individually qualified for the State Championship meet by earning 6th place in the Section 2 XC Sectionals Meet. Gabe endured the course at its all time worst. Ripped up by previous races, muddy and with even more rain. Despite the conditions, Gabe went out there with his all and had fun along the way. He earned 63rd place overall against 116 other runners with an 18:47. Way to go Gabe.

Berlin students showing support for the Cross Country team before they head to the New York State Championships. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Thank you all for a long and incredible season. We appreciate all of the endless encouragement, cheering and support we received from the staff and students.

-Coach Kelly, Coach Viner and Coach Noel

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BNL Cross Country ... *Continued from page 15*

(L-R front) Elsie Corbett, Samantha Rokjer, Elaine Savaria, Brady Hills, Sadie Giumarra, Coach Addie Kelly, (back row L-R) Coach Erik Viner and Berlin Athletic Director Charles Paravella. Missing from this picture were boys qualifier Gabe Kalisz and girls runners Allura Meizinger and Ava Noel. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	*Won*	*Lost*	*High Scores*	
Gallup Inn	30	20	Mitch Andrew	259 248 745
Boner's	30	20	Mike Weeden	249 247 722
Mag-Way	29	21	Trevor Patch	259 256 716
McNally Insurance	29	21	Matt Gaghich	247 246 703
Lebowski Rug Co.	26	24	Colin Cipperly	278 212 694
Farmers Tires	26	24	Matt Brownell	258 226 685
Lou's Plumbing	24	26	Tyler Colvin	263 215 680
Wack'em & Stack'em	21	29	Mitch Whalen	240 240 674
Chico's Bail Bonds	18	32	Josh Magisano	247 244 670
The Jabronis	17	33	Todd Stradinger	257 212 667

Thursday American League

Team	*Won*	*Lost*	*High Game*	
RGI Insurance	187½	112½	279	Ryan Bedford
Team Taconic	170½	129½	270	Scott Reinhart
Lo-Ridge Farm	168½	131½	268	Mark Leary
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	154	146	265	Dave Rice
Modern Game Pro Shop	148	152	259	John Brown
Huntin' Time	143½	156½	253	Dave Clark
Sharpe For Governor	141	159	247	Max Taylor Jr
Steven and Sons Tents	138	162	247	Josh McCart
Dave Clark Excavating	128	172	245	Tim McCart
Lauzon Machine Shop	121	179	245	Chris Karch

DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

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

Mindful Nature Walk
Saturday, November 20, 10 am to noon

How Animals Prepare for Winter
Saturday, November 20, 1 to 2:30 pm
Preregistration required. $2 per person
For more information on these and other programs, visit www.dykenpond.org

Hike to Grandfather Rock
Saturday, November 27, 1 to 3 pm
Preregistration required. $2 per person

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

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.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Our Northeastern Bats with Emily Davis and Mike Warner
Thursday, November 18, 7 pm, on Zoom

Nature Book Club with Rama Hamarneh, PhD
Tuesday, November 30, at 7 pm, on Zoom

Integration: A Space to Reflect, Learn and Apply with Celia Kutz
Thursday, December 2, at 7 pm, on Zoom

Petersburgh Amended Budget for 2022... *Continued from page 5*

the work for $88,000, but after the work was completed they sent a bill for $104,000, saying they used more material than planned. The Town sent them a check for $88,000 as payment in full, but the company did not agree and the Town is now in a legal dispute with the company.

Park Update
Councilman Heinz Noeding said a slab has been poured on top of the old pump house foundation at the Town Park, and a slide has been ordered for the play structure. He said he thinks the slide is made in China, so it will take quite some time crossing the Pacific Ocean and we will probably see it "sometime next summer."

Santa Claus Is Coming
The Petersburgh Christmas Party, organized by the Parks and Rec. Committee, will be held on ***Saturday, December 11 from 6 to 8:30 pm*** at the PVMCC. There will be food, a holiday movie and Santa will be there with toys for the children. A Toy Drive is currently in progress to provide toys for the event. Cash and donations of NEW toys are being accepted by the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall.

Dog Update
Supervisor Smith said since the Town's dog kennel failed inspection the Town's Dog Officer has been researching kennels where dogs can be housed if they are picked up by the Dog Officer, and has so far found that a facility in Greenwich is the least expensive she can find. That facility charges $1,000 per year plus daily fees for keeping the dogs or other services that may be needed. No decision has been made yet about what new arrangements the Town will make for housing dogs.

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Entertainment

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Friday thru Monday 11/19 - 11/22

Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG13) Daily 4:00 5:15 7:00 8:00 9:25 Sat & Sun 1:00 2:30 4:00 5:15 7:00 8:00 9:25

King Richard (PG13) Daily 3:55 6:45 9:20 Sat & Sun 1:00 3:55 6:45 9:20

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

Eternals (PG13) 4:15 7:30 Sat & Sun 1:00 4:15 7:30

Dune (PG13) Daily 6:00 9:00

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

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

Tuesday 11/23

Encanto (PG) 6:00 8:00

House of Gucci (R) 7:30

Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City (R) 7:05 9:20

Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG13) 4:00 7:00 9:25

King Richard (PG13) 3:55 6:45 9:20

Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) 5:00 7:00 9:00

Eternals (PG13) 4:15 7:30

Ron's Gone Wrong (PG) 3:45

Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG13) 4:00

Wednesday thru Sunday 11/24 - 11/28

Encanto (PG) 12:45 2:55 5:05 7:15 9:15

House of Gucci (R) 2:45 6:00 9:00

Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City (R) 1:30 4:20 7:05 9:20

Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG13) 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:25

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Eternals (PG13) 1:00 4:15 7:30

Images Cinema

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

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

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Theme: Languages

ACROSS

1. Lacking imagination
6. Afflict
9. Bob of boxing world
13. From then on
14. Ornamental pond dweller
15. Not asleep
16. Cuzco valley people
17. Overnight lodging
18. 5th of 7 canonical hours
19. *Brothers Grimm language
21. *Language considered to have most words
23. Man's tasseled hat
24. Cross to bear
25. Retriever's word, for short
28. Person, place or thing
30. Like a bow or a racket
35. Pale ____ beverage, pl.
37. It has multiple limbs
39. Mister in Madrid
40. Spare in a trunk
41. Manuscript changes
43. Romantic occurrence
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Russian mountain range
47. Curved molding
48. HNO3 acid
50. Egyptian goddess of fertility
52. Rub the wrong way
53. CISC alternative
55. Cry of horror, in comics
57. *First language spoken in outer space
61. *Once considered the language of diplomacy
64. Like old cracker
65. What acrimony and acrobat have in common
67. Get ready to drive, on a golf course
69. It's often rewarded with a medal in military
70. Sturgeon yield
71. Backyards separator?
72. "That was close!"
73. "C'____ la vie!"
74. "Silas Marner" novelist

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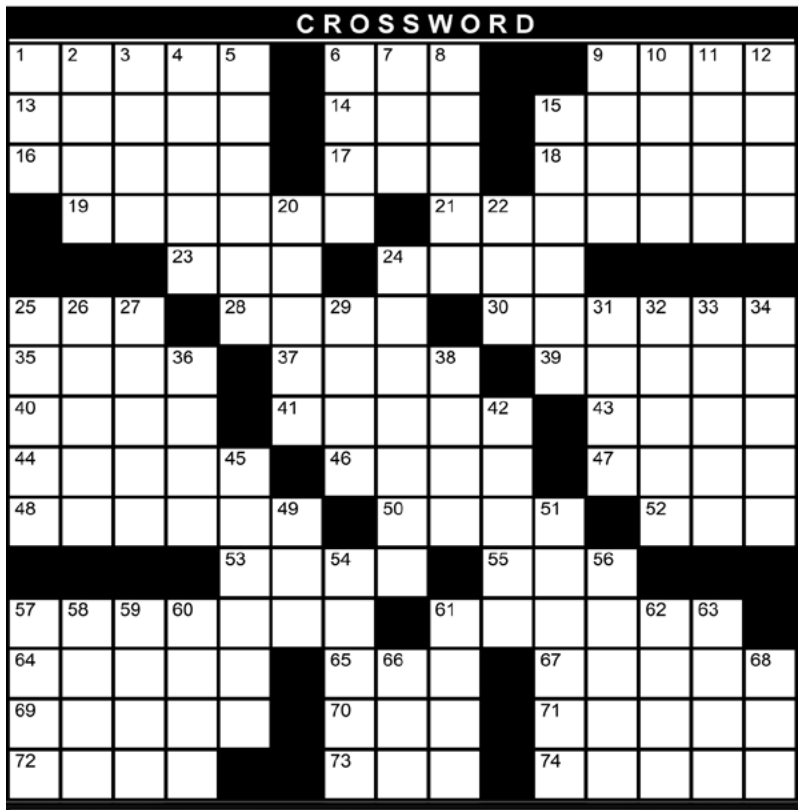

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DOWN

1. Pressure unit
2. A year in a trunk
3. It's sometimes enough
4. Cozy accessory
5. Unquestioning ones
6. Similar
7. H+, e.g.
8. Flax-derived fabric
9. Deserter's acronym
10. Indian princess
11. Luau instrument, pl.
12. Mosquito net, e.g.
15. Teenagers' emotions
20. Nitrogen, in the olden days
22. *Greek N, pl.
24. Relating to dreams
25. *"Veni, vidi, vici" language
26. "My wife can vouch for me", e.g.
27. Prince's "Raspberry ____"
29. *Pakistani language
31. Make over
32. Eel in a sushi restaurant
33. Annotator
34. *Hellenic language
36. Popular way to cook tuna
38. *Greek H, pl.
42. More like a fox
45. Quaggier
49. Langley, VA org.
51. Be full of anger
54. Rabbit trap
56. Land on patellas
57. Invitation acronym
58. One of Four Corners states
59. Price reduction
60. Snail-like
61. Guitar part
62. Ghana monetary unit
63. Designer Boss
66. Trigonometry abbr.
68. Favorite one

Last week's crossword solution:

E	L	S	E			T	O	M			O	N	O	
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Last week's sudoku solution:

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

Community Calendar

November 19, Friday
Fox Hollow Music & Art Cafe Open Mic Night, 6:30 pm, monthly event, musicians/special talent, all welcome, Petersburgh VMCC, 71 Main St., email foxhollowcafe@gmail.com for more information

North Hoosick Fire Department Dance, 7–9 pm, ages 9–13, $3, parent/guardian must sign student out after dance

November 20, Saturday
Cambridge Historical Society & Museum Thanksgiving Baked Goods Sale, 10 am–2 pm, 10 Broad St., Cambridge

November 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 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)

Holiday Market & Craft Show, Hoosick Armory, 10 am–3 pm, 37 crafters

Stephentown Lighted Parade, 5:30 pm, from Stephentown Fire Hall to Veterans Park, tree lighting in Park, 6 pm, carols, cookies, cocoa

December 11, Saturday
Petersburgh UM Church Flea Market & Bake Sale, 9 am–3 pm, silent auction, lunch served all day, 12 Head of Lane

Yankee Doodle Band Christmas Concert, 2–4 pm, Roxborough Holdings Building (the former Grafton Elementary School), cookie contest

December 17, Friday
The Ginger Roots Band, doors open 6:30, $5, Petersburgh Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St.

Meetings

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

Student Honor

John Sweet of Petersburgh has been recognized for student organization involvement by the New York Institute of Technology.

Classified Ads

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Meeting Notice

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold a Reconciliation Meeting for the year of 2021 on **Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 7 pm** located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Hoosick Falls
Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2021
A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2018
Pertaining to Parking Restrictions
on Certain Sections of Elm Street
in the Village of Hoosick Falls

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, a proposed local law amending Local Law No. 1 of 2018 pertaining to parking restrictions on certain sections of Elm Street in the Village of Hoosick Falls. A complete copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection at the Village of Hoosick Falls Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, to commence at 6 pm, during the Board of Trustees' regular meeting, to be held at the Hoosick Falls Highway Garage, 7 Water Works Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

Dated: November 19, 2021
Hoosick Falls, New York

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

Legal Notice
Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York
Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2022 for MATERIALS TO COMPLETE ROAD WORK AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS. BID specs and non-collusion form can be picked up from the Town Clerk's Office on or after November 22nd, 2021. Sealed bids are due to the Town Clerk's Office no later than **December 20, 2021 at 7 pm**. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District invites sealed bids for the following Bid Category:

Fixed Price Bids for the Supply and Delivery of specific quantities of:

#2 Heating Oil
Kerosene (Heating)
Liquefied Propane Gas

Bids must be received by the Business Manager or her designee by **1 pm on Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud, with the Board of Education reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the District Business Office located at the Berlin Middle/High School, 17400 NY RT 22, Cherry Plain, NY, between the hours of 8 am and 2 pm or by calling 518-658-1500 ext. 1021.

Questions regarding the bid specifications, locations, etc. may be directed to Cyril Grant, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at 518-658-1500 ext. 3011.

Bidders may bid on any or all of the individual fuels.

Envelopes containing bids should be marked **"Heating Oil / Kerosene (Heating) / Liquefied Propane Gas,"** with the bidder's name and address indicated on the front of the envelope.

Attention is called to the requirement that a non-collusive bidding certificate accompany each bid.

Any person submitting bids by mail or public/private carrier (such as UPS, Federal Express, etc.) must assume the risk of any delay in handling of the mail by private or school district employees. Fax and/or electronically transmitted bid submittals will not be accepted.

Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

Respectfully Yours,
Karen Capozzi
Business Manager

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: **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: **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: **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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking persons interested in serving in the possible vacancies on January 1st, 2022 for the following positions:

Board of Assessment Review (5 year term – expires 9/30/2026):
A member of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), is vested with the duty and responsibility of hearing assessment complaints and exercising judgement and discretion to render an impartial, objective determination on complaints of assessments brought before the Board, including a statement of the reasons for the determination. A Bar member is a volunteer position that must be a Town resident. They meet once or twice a year to hear assessment complaints.

Planning Board (7 year term – expires 12/31/2028): The Planning Board is a seven year term and the Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The primary responsibilities of the Planning Board are to review and approve subdivision plats, site plans and certain special use permits. Questions should be directed to Cissy Hernandez at 518-794-8884.

Zoning Board of Appeals (5 year term – expires 12/31/2026): The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets on the first Tuesday of each month when needed. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears appeals from any order, requirement, decision, interpretation, or determination made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and reviews applications for use variances, area variances, and certain special use permits.

Conservation Advisory Council (4 positions available - 2 year term each – expires 12/31/2023): The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) advises in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

Ethics Board Member (5 year term – expires 12/31/2026): Applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Upon the written request of any Town Officer or employee, the Board of Ethics may render a written advisory opinion with respect to the interpretation or application of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics or of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The Board of Ethics has the power and duty to conduct any investigation necessary to carry out the provisions of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics.

NL Representative to Columbia County Traffic Safety (1 year term – expires 12/31/2022): The Traffic Safety Council meets once a month in Hudson NY. The NL representative to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Council is responsible for bringing any concerns from the New Lebanon Town Board regarding our State and/or County roads to the traffic safety council as well as communicating with our Town Board regarding any pertinent topics discussed at the Traffic Safety Council meetings.

NL Representative to CC Environmental Management Council (2 year term – expires 2/14/2023):
The NL representative to the Columbia County Environment Council attends 1 meeting a month to discuss County environmental issues. The rep joins in discussion and can join subcommittees to work on specific issues. In addition the rep should report back to the New Lebanon Town Board to pass on any information that would be of use in making Town policy decisions on environmental issues.

Summer Youth Program Health Director (1 year term – expires 12/31/2022):
Minimum qualifications include: a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, emergency medical technician or other person acceptable to the permit-issuing official. The SYP Health Director oversees the development, evaluation and implementation of the medical plan for the Summer Youth Program.

Recreation Commission Member (7 year term – expires 12/31/2028):
Recreation Commission members must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. The Recreation Commission is vested with the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain playground and community programs and facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that unless otherwise specified, all applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Persons interested in serving in any of these positions are to submit a letter of interest to the New Lebanon Town Clerk. Letters may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com. Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021. If multiple letters of interest are received for any of the open positions, interviews will be held at the town hall on **Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm**.

Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk
11/12/2021

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 COMAPNY: 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

Legal Notice
Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York
Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2022 for cleaning of the Town Hall located on Grange Hall Road, this position requires 4.5 hours of cleaning and garbage removal each week. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7 pm**. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Town of Grafton

Notice is hereby given that the Grafton Town Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Law #1 of 2021 – Code of Ethics. The Public Hearing will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082 on **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm**. Drafts of the proposed law are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at townofgraftonny.org.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

Legal Notice
Village of Hoosick Falls

The Ann Bornt Municipal Building will be the polling place for the March 15, 2022 Village Election.
The seats that are up for election are as follows: 3 seats Trustee for 2 year terms, one seat Trustee for 1 year term and one seat Justice for 4 year term.

Marie O'Neil Ferrannini, Village Clerk

NOTICE OF YEAR END MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a year-end meeting of the Town Board will be held at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 North in New Lebanon, NY 12125 on **Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6 pm** to review any leftover bills for 2021 and to discuss any other business that comes in front of the Town Board.
Please note that people who do not wish to attend the Public Hearing at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/12/2021

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Town Board will be held on **December 29, 2021, at 6:30 pm** to hold interviews for multiple boards and commissions and their possible vacancies.
The meeting will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/12/2021

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Town Board will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125 on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6 pm** to hear from the Judges and the Tax Collector with regard to their .1 salaries and the town by town comparison.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the special meeting at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/12/2021

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ENGINEERING SERVICES
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon, NY is seeking bids for a Town Engineer for the year 2022 with services to begin on January 1, 2022 as the Town Engineer on January 1, 2022.

Possible/Potential Scope of Services:

- Assisting the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) as requested. This can be specific code review of submitted construction drawings and/or questions on various aspects of submitted construction documents to the CEO.

- Attending Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings for general consultation and specific review and comments of subdivision, site plan, zoning, and commercial application projects. Review of SEQRA documents, SWPPP and all other NYS DEC, DOT, DOH or other agencies comments and requirements associated with such projects.

- Conducting inspections, preparing scope of work descriptions, technical specifications, reviewing and commenting on detailed construction drawings, contract documents, for ongoing or contemplated public works projects, including bridges, roads and parks.

- Assist the Town Board with the development of construction projects including the solicitation, analysis, and procurement of contractors to perform construction and/ or other services related to various ongoing or contemplated public works projects.

- Providing on-site and/or off-site supervision and evaluation of quality control for various public works projects, coordination and scheduling of contractors and required inspections, conducting periodic inspections, and preparation and submission of reports regarding the progress of various projects to or on behalf of the Town.

- Preparing concept reports, feasibility studies, cost estimates, proposed funding plans and other written materials regarding various ongoing or contemplated public works projects.

All services shall be performed exclusively in the best interest of the Town in accordance with all applicable professional, statutory and regulatory standards and codes and in the most efficient and cost-effective manner practicable. The selection of a Town Engineer will not guarantee any minimum amount of services and all services are on an as needed basis at the contracted hourly rate.

Bids should be in the form of an hourly rate with all hours on an as needed basis and must be in a PLAIN ENVELOPE and labeled only with "Engineering Bid" and must include a Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate which can be obtained by emailing townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

Bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, NY, Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125, until **4 pm on or before Friday, December 17, 2021**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud, with interviews to be scheduled on **December 29, 2021 at 6 pm**. The Town Board reserves the right to reject or accept all bids.

By order of the Town Board, Town of New Lebanon, New York. By: Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk
Town of New Lebanon, NY
11/12/2021

Public Notice
Town of New Lebanon
County of Columbia
State of New York

Please take notice that there is a starting time change of the Regular Town Board meeting on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021**. The usual start time of 7 pm has been changed to 7:45 pm.

By order of the New Lebanon Town Board,
Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk
11/12/2021

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on **December 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm** at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 3 (to be officially LL#4 of 2021) of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021. Introductory Local Law No. 3 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021 would amend Chapter 205 of the Code of the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the Public Hearing at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
11/12/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on **December 14, 2021 at 7:35 pm** at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 4 (to be officially LL#5 of 2021) of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021. Introductory Local Law No. 4 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021 would amend Chapter 179 of the Code of the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the Public Hearing at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
11/12/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on **December 14, 2021 at 7:40 pm** at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 5 (to be officially LL#6 of 2021) of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021. Introductory Local Law No. 5 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2021 would amend Chapter 101 of the Code of the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the Public Hearing at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
11/12/2021

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting resumes and letters of interest for 2022 for the following appointments which are to expire on December 31st, 2018. The following available appointed positions for 2022 are:

- CLERK TO ASSESSOR $9,384.00
- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER $18,657.00
- CONSTABLE $5,735.00
- COURT CLERK $10,824.00
- DEPUTY CODE ENFOR. OFFICER $1,837.00
- DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR $1,124.00
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK (up to $3,312.00) $15.81/hr
- DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER $1,837.00
- DOG CONTROL OFFICER $5,735.00
- PLANNING BOARD CLERK (up to $1,500) $14.50/hr
- REGISTRAR $1,149.00
- SUPERVISOR BOOKKEEPER $16,000.00
- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CLERK (up to $1,500) $14.50/hr
- ZONING OFFICER $7,352.00
- TRANSFER STATION SENIOR ATTENDANT $15.70/hr
- TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT $15.23/hr
- 2 TRANSFER STATION SUBSTITUTE(s) minimum wage
- HWY EMPLOYEE_FT-VACANT Pay set by the Union Contract
- HWY EMPLOYEE_ PT-VACANT Pay set by the Union Contract
- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Member Position: 5 Year term to expire on December 31st, 2026
- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position: 2 Year term to expire on December 31st, 2023
- 1 Planning Board Member Position: 5 Year Term to expire on December 31st, 2026
- 1 Planning Board Alternate Position: 2 Year Term to expire on December 31st, 2023
- Youth Commission Program Director & Assistant Director – Duties have been contracted out to the Library.

For information regarding salaries and job duties please contact the Town Clerk. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7 pm**. Letters can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
STEPHENTOWN FIRE DISTRICT #1
STEPHENTOWN, NY 12168

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all qualified voters in the Stephentown Fire District #1 of the Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer, State of New York, that an election will be held at the Stephentown Fire Station, 396 NY 43, in said town on the 14th day of December 2021 to elect one Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years.
The polls will be open from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for voting.
Notice is also hereby given that all candidates to these offices must file their names with the Secretary of the Fire Commissioners
(Patricia Goodermote) on or before the 24th day of November 2021

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Stephentown Fire District #1
Stephentown, NY 12168-0208

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

Notice of Formation of 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 Public Hearing

The Town of Hoosick Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 6 starting at 7 pm on an application by Creative Custom Woodcraft. The applicant wishes to expand a gravel area at their location at 5045 State Route 7, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 to increase their outdoor retail sales lot to accommodate the sale of portable buildings (mini barns). The hearing will be held in the Town Offices, located in the Hoosick Armory at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.
The applicant will make a presentation at the meeting and respond to any comments or questions as may arise. To request a map detailing the scope of the project send a request to Creative Custom Woodcraft, 5045 State Route 7, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Sort Your Move, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 Circle Dr, Wynantskill, NY 12198. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Team Morgan Homes, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 Bloomingrove Dr, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Finnert Holdings, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 Bloomingrove Dr, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **The Chedrawee Group, LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 26, 2021. NY Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail service of process (SOP) to Tony Chedrawee at 100 Nyroy Drive, Unit 9, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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.

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 Petersburgh, NY 12138.
By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners
Bruce Hake, Jr. Chair

Legal Notice
Meeting Notice

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold an Organizational Meeting for the year of 2019 on **Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7 pm** located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 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 designed 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.

Publication Notice Of Organization Of
Limited Liability Company

First: The name of the limited liability company is EXPRESS LAUNDRY CENTERS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
Second: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on NOVEMBER 15, 2021.
Third: The office of the Company is located in RENSSELAER COUNTY.
Fourth: The Secretary of State has been designated as Agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is c/o the Company, P.O. Box 733, Rensselaer, NY 12144.
Fifth: The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution beyond the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law.
Sixth: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any business permitted by law.

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.

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.company. 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.

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Coloring for All Ages

Senior News

Home Delivery for Residents Over 60

Rensselaer County Unified Services, Department of Aging, provides Home Delivery Meals to county residents. If you know of a resident over 60 that lives alone and does not drive, and may benefit from home delivery meals, please call the Troy office to complete a phone referral at 518-270-2740. There is a $3 suggested donation for each meal. The nutritious meals are delivered Monday thru Friday to the resident's home.

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. The center will be closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

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.

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.

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 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.

Come sing along and dance to the music. Lunch will be turkey, potatoes, broccoli and pumpkin pie for dessert. The center will be closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the lunch list.

Grafton Merrymakers

The Grafton Merrymakers would like to remind everyone that our dinners and meetings for 2021 have come to an end. We had some new faces at the November meeting and look forward to seeing them in 2022. Our next meeting will be ***Wednesday, March 9, 2022***. Be sure to find all up dates in *The Eastwick Press*.

We look forward to seeing you at the December 4 Merrymaker Christmas party. For Christmas party questions please call 518-279-3231 or 518-272-8624.

Lebanon Valley Seniors News

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. 19: Butter crumb haddock, red potato, spinach and yogurt (+sandwich bag)
Nov. 22: Veal patty w/marsala gravy, baked potato, Brussel's sprouts, round roll and a granola bar
Nov. 23: Crabmeat salad cold plate, macaroni salad, pickled beet salad and a fruit cup
Nov. 24: Chicken Fajitas w/peppers & onions, fire roasted corn, rice w/black beans, low sodium wrap and fresh fruit
Nov. 29: Turkey chili w/kidney beans & sour cream, rice, steamed broccoli, whole wheat biscuit and fresh fruit

Church Directory

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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. 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, Petersburgh, 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.

Obituary

Leo J. Mahar

Hoosick Falls - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Leo J. Mahar Jr., who passed away peacefully on November 12, 2021 surrounded by his loving family.

Leo was born on February 28, 1928 and was a lifetime resident of Hoosick Falls. He was predeceased by his parents Margaret and Leo Mahar Sr. and his wife of sixty years Jean Mahar. Leo had a deep appreciation and love of nature and the vast wilderness. Starting early in life he enjoyed trapping, fishing and hunting. His family was often entertained by the stories of his rambunctious, adventurous youth.

He was a graduate of Hoosick Falls High School, where he enjoyed playing football. As a young man he was drafted by the United States Army in 1949. During his two tours of duty, he survived the freezing cold foxholes of Korea and the loss of many comrades. He was wounded in battle and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Upon returning home, he met the love of his life, Jeanne Bossalini, who was his nurse at the V.A. Hospital. It was love at first sight and the beginning of a long and prosperous marriage, blessed with six children.

He started Leo J. Mahar Excavating and was active in the business for forty-five years. Some of his greatest pleasures, besides being a father and grandfather, were climbing Mount Fuji, hunting in British Columbia, spending time at the family camp on Hedges Lake and building his log cabin on the mountain for his friends and family to enjoy.

He is survived by his six children, Susan (Harry) Hermann, Michael (Leslie) Mahar, Mema (Brian) Peat, Elizabeth Cohoon, Jeanne (Richard) Clark and Patricia (Michael) Ryan, twelve grandchildren, Noelle, Kimberly, Matthew, Marissa, Lauryn, Leslie, Kathryn, Alison, Ryan, Shannon, Madeline and Elizabeth, two great-grandchildren, Jameson and Cameron, sister-in-law Barbara Bossalini, several nieces and nephews and his canine friend Rusty, who brought him so much joy.

Leo will be forever remembered for his great sense of humor, but most importantly for the love of his family and country.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on ***Friday December 3rd, at 10 am***, from the Immaculate Conception Church on Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Relatives and friends may call at the Mahar Funeral Home in Hoosick Falls on ***Thursday December 2, from 4 to 7 pm***. Burial will be private in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hoosick Falls. Memorial contributions may be made to the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad or the Town of Hoosick Historical Society through the funeral home.

Church News

Flea Market and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Petersburgh 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 518-852-6576

Thanksgiving Service and Food Drive

Stephentown Federated Church welcomes all to our Thanksgiving Service on ***Sunday, November 21, at 9:30 am***, led by Pastor Chris Garrison. As part of our Thanksgiving, we will be having our semi-annual food drive of goods and monies to help replenish the Stephentown Emergency Food Pantry which is situated in our church and offers food for the local Stephentown and Hancock area on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 am. Please join us in sharing our thanks. The church is located at 1513 Garfield Road, and is accessible. To help keep everyone safe we are asking you to wear a mask in the building. Masks are available at the door. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Chris at 518-733-5813.

Keys Scholarship

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church will award $500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2022. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for this award.

Interested students must apply for this award no later than ***March 1, 2022***. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website www.CenterBrunswickUMC.company.

This award is given in memory of Harold and Mabel Keyes, Harold and Mabel were prominent members of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church for many years. The Center Brunswick United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142. For more information about the Keyes Education Award or other Church activities, contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

The Christmas style tree at Gilead Lutheran Church kept up all year to honor veterans. Photo courtesy of Gilead Lutheran Church.

Gilead Lutheran Church

On the second Sunday of each month, Gilead Lutheran Church will providing Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:15 am in the fellowship hall. The focus for this month is gratefulness, and practicing songs for Christmas. Masks are recommended.

Gilead Lutheran Church gives thanks for all our military veterans serving and who have served by displaying a year-round, Christmas style tree. Sunday services are held at 10:30 am, and we will conduct services to keep us as safe as possible. We continue our food pantry and our free monthly dinners that remain take-out only at this time. Gilead is located at Route 7 East and Route 278 in Center Brunswick. Our website is gileadlutheran.org and our phone number is 518-279-9270.

Purple Hearts

The Heartleaf Foamflower (Tiarella cordifolia) is a native plant that has tiny feathery white blooms in summer. It can be found along natural springs in our mixed woods. "Cordifolia" means heart-shaped leaves, which are pictured here. As the temperatures dip, its leaves have turned partially purple. Photo taken in the Petersburgh forest by Trix Niernberger.

Pure Country

This 1930s vintage Farmall tractor sits in a field in Wynantskill with wildflowers growing up around it and what looks like a hornets' nest attached to the wheel. The Farmall design was noted for its ability to travel through crop rows and its low center of gravity helped for climbing steep terrain. Photo courtesy of Dennis Knauer.

Where to Buy the Eastwick Press

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

George Turns 60

Thursday, June 5, 1851: I hunted a young cow in my swamp that had a calf.

Friday: I this forenoon went with my one horse wagon down to the south west part of New Lebanon and got nine hundred of plaster at 37½ cents per hundred to Mr. Barnabus Smith's plaster mill. One hundred of said plaster the widow Eliza Wylie sent for and the rest was for myself.

Saturday: This afternoon Geo P. took his horse and wagon and fetched 17½ bushels ashes from Geo W. Glasses.

Monday: Today Geo P. went to Canaan to try to buy W. King's nursery but did not make a bargain.

Friday: I took my wagon and carried my wife and daughter Sarah over to S. Wylie's and left them to have dresses fitted, and at night I went after them. Today Silas Gardner called and I signed one dollar for a bell to the Baptist Church in Hancock Village. I am 60 years of age.

Saturday: Today Geo P. and John F. sheared the sheep that Geo P. bought of Wm B. Maxon, and this evening said Maxon came and got the fleeces as it was in the bargain he was to have the wool, 34 sheep or 33 and one killed washing.

Tuesday: Today an Irish boy by the name of John Coslo came and wanted to work and I told him he might stay and I would see his people and make a bargain. He lives near the Shaker Mill in New Lebanon.

Wednesday: John F. and John Bassett sheared my 20 sheep and Geo P. did up the fleeces.

Friday: I and Alexander Celinbaum and Irish boy John half hilled corn on my Rodgers farm, and then John F. took my one horse wagon to Hancock Village to Gustus Landon to paint, that we paid him for painting last fall.

Saturday: I this forenoon took my horse and wagon and fetched 17½ bushels of ashes from Geo W. Glasses for Geo P. that is paid for in wood. I am unwell part of the afternoon.

Monday: Today I went with my one horse wagon to Lebanon Springs to young Adams Mill with a grist of three bushels wheat.

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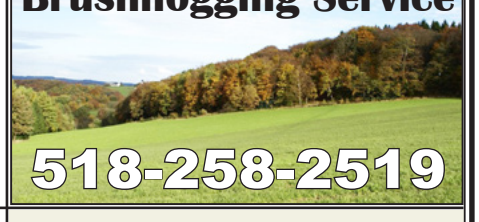
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