

RENSELAER COUNTY

McLaughlin Re-elected by a Substantial Margin

A Big Night for the GOP Across the County

by Doug La Rocque

A tired but exuberant Steve McLaughlin took to the podium on election night at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy to thank his supporters for his re-election to the position of Rensselaer County Executive. Mr. McLaughlin defeated Democrat Gwen Wright and Working Families Party candidate Sara McDermott garnering 63 percent of the vote. While a boisterous crowd chanted "Steve, Steve," the County Executive extolled the virtues of the Republican Party, pointing to the dominance of the GOP at the polls that evening. He told his supporters "The people are rising up and taking back their country, and Rensselaer County is leading the way."

Mr. McLaughlin touted his 10 percent tax cut in the county's 2022 budget and an 18 percent overall reduction during his first four years in office. He spoke highly of the county's High-

way Department, paving more than 65 miles of county roads this year, and of course about COVID-19. He praised the County Health Department for its handling of the pandemic, and again reiterated Rensselaer County's stance of refusing to take COVID-19 patients at Van Rensselaer Manor (the County nursing home), in full defiance of the order from former Governor Andrew Cuomo, whom he labeled "the worst Governor in the country." That comment sparked a robust response from the crowd, and in turn Mr. McLaughlin yelled out "Not here, not now, not ever."

The Executive also highlighted the county's "economic prosperity," noting the increased sales tax revenues, the strength and durability of county businesses during the pandemic and that the Office of the State Comptroller declared the county finances to be stress free.

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County Executive Steve McLaughlin is all smiles as he thanks his supporters on election night. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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Another Successful Mass Food Giveaway

by Doug La Rocque

Catholic Charities, The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY, the Capital District Area Labor Federation, The Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office, The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and The Eastwick Press teamed up on Wednesday, November 3 to once again bring Eastern and Central Rensselaer County a mass food giveaway, held at the Grafton Lakes State Park (GLSP). This was the third such event that has been held at GLSP and the second this year. Just like the previous two several hundred families received frozen meat, fresh fruit and vegetables along with other various foods.

A light snow started to fall just as the cars lined up in front of one of several stations, where volunteers loaded boxes of food in their vehicles. That, however, just seemed to enhance the enjoyment of the



Volunteers packing boxes, loading vehicles and cleaning up at Wednesday's mass food giveaway at GLSP. Photo by Amy Modesti, Eastwick Press Photojournalist and giveaway volunteer.

morning, and despite being a little cold, the weather was not a factor. The spirits of those helping out as well as that of those

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Tax Levy is Up 0.9% in 2022 Budget

by Alex Brooks

A Public Hearing was held on Monday November 1 on Petersburg's Preliminary Budget for 2022. A tax levy increase of 0.9% is proposed. This small, under the tax cap increase gives the impression that this might be a rollover budget with only incremental changes, but that is not the case. There are significant increases and significant decreases which more or less cancel each other out. Funding for capital spending is up while funding for secretarial help is down. There are significant raises for the Bookkeeper, the Highway Superintendent, and the Highway crew, while pay for some other Town positions remains the same. This increased cost is balanced by a few significant line items from previous years that have disappeared altogether, such as garbage expense and support for the Tri-Town Ambulance.

The biggest increase in capital spending is in the CHIPS budget, which has gone from \$60,000 in 2021 to \$300,000 in 2022, but that does not affect the tax levy — CHIPS expenditures are always adjusted to match expected state funding — so there is a highway line item of \$300,000 in revenue that matches the expense line item for CHIPS.

The capital outlay for buildings which was \$30,000 in 2021 is \$129,400 for 2022. This figure includes \$32,000 for the Library's HVAC project, \$20,000 for improvements to the PVMCC building, \$10,000 for painting the highway garage, \$17,400 to replace the windows on the east wall of the Town Hall, \$40,000 for a new roof on the Town Hall and \$10,000 for other repairs to the Town Hall. Several of these projects have not yet been fully scoped out and accurately estimated, but the Board wanted to make space in the budget for needed renovations as they are committed to making improvements in the buildings.

Because the Town has a lot of work to do on its buildings, Heinz Noeding proposed and the Board accepted that it may be a good idea to hire a "Buildings Manager" to scope out the projects and hire and supervise the contractors. Noeding's idea was that hiring a person who is knowledgeable about construction and renovation, who could make sure that the work is done right and that the Town gets good value

for its dollar, would be money well spent. The budget includes \$22,500 for hiring a Buildings Manager.

The 2022 budget significantly lowers sums available for secretarial work. While formulating this year's budget, the Board compared what the Town spends in many areas with similar neighboring towns (primarily Berlin and Grafton). They found that Petersburg spends much more on secretarial work than neighboring towns, and they eliminated a significant portion of the budgets that fund that. The Supervisor's Secretary line was reduced from \$7,595 to \$5,000. The Assistant Clerk line was reduced from \$7,426 to \$5,600, and the Town Secretary position, which was \$12,000 this year, was eliminated entirely. The Town Clerk salary was level-funded, except that the pay for tax collection (\$1,500), which is now handled by the Town Clerk, was incorporated into the salary of the Town Clerk. So the Town Clerk salary went from \$17,201 to \$18,701 and the Tax Collection line was zeroed out.

The Town's secretarial budget has been rising steadily for about ten years or so, and to the extent that anybody articulated the reason for that, it was that there was a lot of paperwork associated with the PFOA crisis, and that in general town administration requires a lot more paperwork than it used to. When asked if the reduction in secretarial funding may impact the Town's ability to keep up with its paperwork, Heinz Noeding said the world has experienced a great increase in office productivity over the last decade or two as software has become available that automates a lot of routine paperwork and he believes Petersburg can get its paperwork done in less time using computer-based solutions. He said he has observed some labor-intensive, duplicative, paper-based practices being used in the town offices, and he believes there is a good deal of room to improve efficiency.

The biggest impact to the budget from increased salaries is in the Highway Department. The Town is in the process of conducting a wage negotiation with the union that represents the Highway workers. The Board was not able to say exactly what the new wages

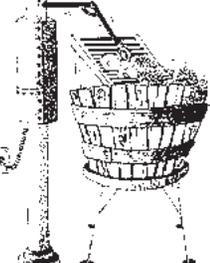
will be because the negotiation is not complete, but it is clear from the budget figures that highway worker wages will soon be significantly higher. Sums budgeted for personal services in the "general repairs" and "snow removal" lines are up about \$37,500 from 2021 to 2022, an increase of over 31%. Employee benefits are of course also up by a corresponding amount. The Highway Superintendent's salary is up \$7,123 from \$46,877 to \$54,000, an increase of a little over 15%.

Board members said there is a shortage of truck drivers right now, so anyone with a CDL license is in demand, and truck driver pay has been increasing fast in the last six months. They said if the Town does not increase its pay for highway workers, it is likely to have highway workers constantly leaving to take better-paying jobs.

The Bookkeeper's salary increased from \$9,270 to \$12,000 (29.5%) because Charles Guntner, who has served as the Town's bookkeeper for many years, is stepping down, so the Town will have to be prepared to pay market rate to hire a new bookkeeper.

Funding for the Town Park has more than doubled, from \$2,250 in 2021 to \$4,600 in 2022, because mowing expenses are significantly higher and because several park improvements are planned. The Cemetery mowing line item is increased by \$1,000, from \$4,000 to \$5,000, because hiring mowers is more expensive than it used to be. The Board also increased funding for the Seniors by \$1,000, from \$4,500 to \$5,500, and added \$3,500 for an audit of the Town's finances, which has not been done for many years.

Assistance for the ambulance squad was increased from \$16,500 to \$17,500, but \$35,000 which was included in the 2021 budget to pay for Petersburg's share of the cost of the Tri-Town ambulance service is zeroed out, as it does not look like Petersburg will be participating in any shared ambulance service. Another line which has disappeared from this year's budget is garbage. Last year's budget had \$80,000 for garbage expense and \$40,000 for garbage revenue, and the 2022 budget has \$720 of garbage expense and zero revenue.



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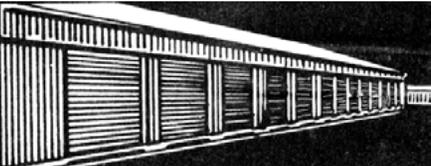
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Republicans Sweep Stephentown Council

by Doug La Rocque

Stephentown Councilwoman Pam Keuppers was defeated in her re-election effort on Tuesday, November 2 by the two Republicans, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Diana Clark, who garnered 429 votes, and newcomer Kyle Kidney who received 414 votes. Ms. Keuppers ran third (the top two vote getters are re-elected) with 352 ballots cast in her favor, and her running mate on the Democratic ticket, Robin Catalano, receiving 326 votes. All the other candidates in the Town were unopposed, those being Supervisor P.J. Roder, Highway Superintendent Aldie Goodermote, Town Justice Cyril Grant, Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar and Tax Collector Mary Grant.

Berry Loses Seat in Petersburg

With Town Clerk Deidra Micheals having resigned her position last month and dropping out of the race, there was only one contested position, that being for Town Council. Two seats were up for grabs, with incumbent Jack Barnhill the leading vote getter with 314 ballots cast, and Republican Nathan Michaels receiving 215 votes. Mr. Berry, who was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy and then won a contest to fill out the term, lost in

his effort to win a four year position outright with 146 votes.

On January 1, there will again be an empty seat on the Town Council, when Katie Murray, who was appointed to fill out Alan Webster's seat, takes over as Town Supervisor. Ms. Murray was unopposed in that contest and replaces Dennis Smith, who did not seek re-election.

In the Town Clerk's race, Deidre Fowler garnered 263 votes, while Ms. Michaels still received 100 ballots cast in her favor. Had she won, she indicated prior to the election she would not serve. Ms. Fowler is currently the interim Town Clerk, and will assume the position for a full term on January 1. David Hewitt Jr. was unopposed for the Highway Superintendents position.

It Was No Contest in Berlin

That is because all the town positions up for election saw the incumbents run unopposed. They were Town Supervisor Rob Jaeger, Councilmembers John Winn and Steve Richard, Town Clerk Anne Maxon, Town Justices Don Sweet and Jan Hunt, Highway Superintendent Jim Winn and Assessors Stan Pettibone and Monica Shupe.

STEPHENTOWN

Veterans Day Celebration

All are invited to Stephentown Veterans Park on **November 6 at 11 am** to celebrate Veterans Day. This year we will be celebrating the evolution of women in the military, from the rarely recognized but vital role women played in the continental army to the battle commanders of today. We are pleased to have Lt. Col. (Ret.) Diana Clark as our keynote speaker. Her impressive career has provided her with unique insight on the opportunities as well as the challenges women face in service to our country. After the ceremony there will be light refreshments available. This will give you the chance to talk to some of our local veterans. Each and every one of these people have a unique story to tell. Please take the time to recognize and thank them for their dedication to preserving our freedoms. The ceremony takes place in the Veterans Park located on Route 43.

PETERSBURGH

Veterans Day Potluck Dinner

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

PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to fall back to standard time on **Sunday, November 7**. Creative Writing Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 9, at 6:45 pm**. Book Club will meet **Wednesday, November 10, at 7 pm**.

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 11, for Veterans Day.

Remember that besides books, we have lots of movies here that can be checked out for a week at a time. If you don't have a library card, it's easy to stop in and get one. Just bring in proof of residency. We also provide copying and fax services and have computers for public use.

STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY

Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat

The annual Stephentown Halloween Party, trunk or treat and jack o'lantern carving contest was a great success. There were games, snacks, costumes, candy, fire trucks and lots of fun on a grey and not so rainy day. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event a success. We would like to especially thank all of the folks who decorated their trunks and handed out candy. As always, thank you to the Town of Stephentown for sponsoring this great event and to the Stephentown Library for making the event happen.

Upcoming Events

Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens/Teen

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

Mahjong

Thursdays at 4 pm

Online Holiday Market at SML

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

Go to www.stephentownlibrary.org for more details.

PETERSBURGH

Annual Toy Drive

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



Pictured, Evalee Crouch won the most creative costume prize for her age group. She won an extra large candy bar. Tillie Gail, not shown, got the most votes for best jack o'lantern. She won a gift certificate to Norte Azul Cantina. Photo courtesy of Stephentown Memorial Library



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Berlin Middle School Student Council



Congratulations to the newly elected Berlin Middle School Student Council Representatives. Pictured left to right, Vice President Alicia Minkler, Treasurer Valentina Popov, President Levi Guimarra, Vice-President Alyah Varela, Secretary Addison Mosher, Council Representative Lydia Morgan, Treasurer Tyler Webster and Advisor Mrs. Gilbert. Great job on your campaigns. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

STEPHENTOWN

Artists Invited for November Exhibition

The Stephentown Art Guild invites visual artists of all media to participate in an exhibition on **November 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6 pm**, at the auditorium of Four Fat Fowl, 473 Route 43. The November 6 show will feature an artists' reception, where participating artists can speak to attendees and network with other creatives. Each of the four 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.

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Pat Flint Illustrated Talk

On **Sunday, November 7, at 2 pm**, Pat Flint will give an illustrated talk on the Vanderbilt Hotel in Downtown Stephentown. This Historical Society program will be held at the Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road. Because of COVID-19 precautions, no refreshments will be served and attendees must wear masks. The program is free and the building is accessible. For directions, call 518-733-0010. The brass holiday ornaments of the Vanderbilt House Hotel that were created for the historical society will be for sale.

PETERSBURGH

Open Mic Series

On the **third Friday of every other month at 6:30 pm** the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center will hold its Open Mic Series. This is a creative space for anyone who wants to give performing a try. You do not have to be a musician to perform—actors, poets, comedians, dancers, jugglers and live painting. If you have a special talent we would love to support you and help share your art with the world. The first Open Mic will be **November 19, at 6:30 pm**.

BERLIN

Christmas Caroling Fundraiser

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

PETERSBURGH

The Ginger Roots Band

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 Petersburg 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 Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC).



The Ginger Roots Band. Photo provided.



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Central County

SCHODACK

Stewart's Opens Electric Vehicle Charging Station

by Doug La Rocque



Stewart's Shops President/CEO Gary Dake cuts the ribbon to open the new EV charging station at the Stewart's store on Columbia Turnpike in Schodack. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

Stewart's Shops President and CEO Gary Dake was joined by the outgoing President of the New York Power Authority, (NYPA) Gil Quiniones, on Friday morning, October 29 to cut the ribbon on the new fast charging Electric Vehicle (EV) station at the Stewart's on Columbia Turnpike near the intersection with I-90 in Schodack. This is the first of five such fast charging stations Stewart's is building around the Capital Region and Adirondacks. Mr. Dake said that by partnering with the NYPA, Stewart's is proudly offering their customers more options to "fill up their tanks." He also said that as an energy provider, "Stewart's looks forward to developing more environmentally sensitive, economical and responsible transportation options."

Mr. Quiniones stated that 30% of all greenhouse gases currently produced are attributable to the transportation industry, and noted EVs produce zero emissions. These charging stations are part of the State's plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 85% by 2050.

The NYPA program is known as Evolve NY and currently operates nearly 200 such charging stations across the State. Speaking with *The Eastwick Press*, several EV owners touted the fact these vehicles can fast charge in 20 to 30 minutes, generally at a cost of no more than \$8 per charge. Most of the vehicles can travel up to 300 miles on a fully charged battery.

Charging a vehicle at home they said averages about \$16 more a month on their electric bill, but saves hundreds in gasoline costs. They also indicated since these are no emission vehicles, such routine maintenance such as oil changes, tune ups and the like, are no longer necessary.

There Are Some Down Sides

According to Kelley Blue Book, maintenance costs for EVs are negligible for the first year of ownership of a new vehicle, primarily because there are less moving parts than a typical internal combustion engine. After that, maintenance cost could start to eat up some of the fuel savings. Diagnosing and servicing problems with gas vehicles is generally quicker and easier than with EVs. Thusly, the labor costs tend to go up, and auto service technicians need special training to repair an EV, something that costs a bit more than for gasoline or diesel service.

The EV owners *The Eastwick Press* talked to all sang the praises of their EV, though not all are problem free.

There have been some reported electrical issues with just about every make and model, but none to the degree experienced by the Chevrolet Volt, which had at least 13 battery related fires. Chevrolet halted production of the Volt, but has now resumed making batteries and hopes to once again produce vehicles before year's end.

GRAFTON

All You Can Eat FD Breakfast

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

No Breakfast in December

Cantering Cowpokes Play Day

by Club Reporter Allie Manchester

The Cantering Cowpokes 4-H Club met for their annual club play day on October 17. The day consisted of many members old and new, outdoor games and refreshments. A great time was had by all. The club is also looking for new members who are interested in horses, or learning about 4-H in general. The email below can be utilized if you or any of your family members may be interested in 4-H. Our club is also doing a bottles for bales drive for a local horse rescue as the club community service project. If anyone in the community would like to donate their recyclable bottles, please email sm574357@gmail.com. In the month of November we are looking forward to the Rensselaer County 4-H End of Year Awards Banquet, and riding/marching in the Stephentown Lighted Parade. We are also looking forward to our holiday party in December, as well as a spring bake sale — details to come.



The Cantering Cowpokes at the recent play day on October 17. Photo courtesy of the Cantering Cowpokes 4-H Club.

SCHODACK

Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The November 1 Schodack Planning Board was brief but filled the next calendar with public hearings. After approving the minutes from their previous meeting, the first item on the agenda was the Schodack Golf 12-lot subdivision. Lot sizes were modified to approximately 60,000 square feet. The presenter will be meeting with the County Health Department to discuss septic on the sites and will also be asking for a water district extension for the lots. A public hearing has been scheduled for **December 6**. Two other projects approved for December 6 public hearings

were the addition of a Dish Wireless array on a tower on Route 150 and a special cemetery permit for the Muslim Community of Troy on Phillips Road.

Albany off the Leash on Boyce Road asked for a site plan modification. They wish to rework two barns on the property for an office and a virtual training studio.

Board members voiced some concerns about lighting and siding on the buildings, but developers will review options and bring them to the public hearing scheduled for **November 15**. Also on the agenda for that meeting is a special use permit for a ground mount and solar roof package on a barn on Route 150.

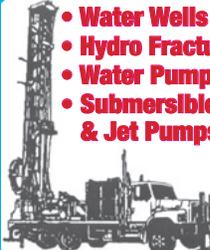
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Central County

A Rough Night for the Democratic Party

by Doug La Rocque

In the towns in the central part of Rensselaer County that are in *The Eastwick Press* coverage area, not a single Democratic candidate for Town Supervisor or Town Council was able to secure a seat. In Brunswick, Councilmembers Gordon (Gordie) Christian and Mark Balistreri handily defeated their Democratic challengers Jennifer Mann and Paul Buehler. Supervisor Phil Herrington's term is not up for another two years. In the only other position in town on the ballot, that of Tax Collector, incumbent Jayne Tarbox was unopposed.

Hoyt and Deschaine Win in Grafton

Pierce Hoyt was appointed earlier this year to fill out the remainder of Jeff Wagar's unexpired term, and drew the most votes in the Election Day balloting to win a four-year term on his own. Incumbent Jodie Deschaine ran second, filling her quest for re-election. They defeated Democrats David Buckley and Ann Calabro by nearly two to one margins. Former Town Supervisor and Town Justice Frank Higgins easily outpolled Democrat Lee Hess for the open Town Justice seat, 497 to 288. Town Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum was not up for re-election this year.

Peter is the New Supervisor in Schodack

Current Town Supervisor David Harris decided not to seek re-election, and current County Legislator Chuck Peter was nominated by his Republican Party to run in his place. His efforts met with success on election night as he defeated Town Councilwoman Tracey Rex 2,367 to 1,893. Ms. Rex's term does not expire until 2023, so she remains a part of the Town Council. On that council, Republican Incumbents Scott Swartz and James Bult were re-elected, outpolling Democrats Michael Hiser and Michael Charsky.

Bott is Re-elected in North Greenbush

Republican Town Supervisor Joe Both won a second term in that seat on Election Day defeating Democrat Kevin Bailey by a 62 to 38 percent margin. Incumbent Democratic Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo lost out to Republican incumbent Jessica Merola and newcomer Jim Gordon in her re-election bid. The two Republicans also defeated Michael Myer. Town Clerk Janice Kerwin was unopposed as was Highway Superintendent Mark Primo, Sr. Republican Kathryn Dell defeated Democrat Alan Michaels in the Town Justice contest.

Gallerie is a Winner in Sand Lake

Republican Scott Gallerie will take the reins as Town Supervisor on January 1, having defeated Garrett DeGraff 1,724 to 1,252. The current Town Supervisor Nancy Perry did not seek another term in office. Republicans Wayne Gendron and Scott Clemens won the two open Town Council seats over Democrats Virginia (Dee) Erickson and Mary Ellen Trumbull. Democrat David Fryer was the top vote getter in the Town Justice race. Also elected as Justice was Republican Scott Paul. Democrat Jonathan Bernstein finished 3rd. In the Town Clerk race, Republican Barbara Hansen defeated Democrat Linda Cooke by a 60 to 40 percent margin.

Hammond is Returned to Office in Poestenkill

Republican Town Supervisor Keith Hammond was re-elected by an 874 to 574 margin over his Democratic opponent Thomas Russell. Republican incumbent Town Council members David Hass and June Butler were unopposed in their re-election bids. Susan Horton faced no opposition in her re-election bid as Town Clerk, as did Highway Superintendent David Goyer Jr.

Letter to the Editor

Brunswick Residents,

I have been concerned about the safety of my home's well water since Hoosick Falls. All the more so because I have two young children. I'm sure many of you have heard about the new positive PFOA results in private and school wells in Poestenkill. I want to know with certainty that our town's water is safe. In our county and surrounding counties, PFOA tests are coming up positive 20-30% of the time. That is alarmingly high.

I have spoken with the owner of the certified water testing lab that has handled all of the local PFOA testing, from Hoosick Falls to Poestenkill, and have made arrangements for discounted testing for Brunswick residents. If we batch our tests as residents, we will get the same deal as Poestenkill residents, bringing the cost of testing down from \$500 per well to \$350.

If you are interested in testing your water, please reach out to me ASAP and we will get this going. Email JenniferMannBrunswickNY@gmail.com. If we do have positive detections in Brunswick, then we will be well positioned to find county, state and federal grant money for broader testing, repeat testing and remediation.

Submitted by Jennifer Mann of Brunswick

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

C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment Auditions

Auditions for Jane and Jim Jeffries' *C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment* will be held on **Thursday, November 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**, and **Saturday, November 13, from 1 to 3 pm**, at the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church on Hoosick Road. Roles are available for both adults and children. The show will be directed by Christine and Ethel LeVan. Any questions contact Christine at 518-301-0789.

VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Weekly Events:

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

The Tale of Two Stitches with Debbie Bevevino

Fridays at 1 pm

Monthly Events:

Adult Book Club

The Third Monday of the month at 10:30 am

Family Movie Night

Friday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

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

November Special Events:

Power Your Job Hunt with Google

Tuesday, November 9, 6 to 7 pm

Discover new job opportunities using Google Search, and learn how to organize and enhance your job search experience using G Suite tools. This class is a lecture with demonstrations, taught online, via Zoom.

Holiday Table Runner Sewing Class

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 pm

Create a beautiful table runner from holiday fabrics. The fee is \$10 plus \$6 materials per person.

Building Resilience

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 pm

Building resilience unpacks these common factors

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

Second Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 20, 1 to 2 pm

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

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

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Central County

POESTENKILL

Library Hires New Director

The Poestenkill Library has hired Donna Riley as the Library Director, effective November 29. Riley brings extensive local library experience to this position. She has been an active member of the Friends at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie, she served as a children's librarian in East Greenbush, and she has worked at North Greenbush Public Library for several years. Among her many duties at the North Greenbush Public Library, she currently develops programming, creates and monitors social media and supports various customer needs. "Little libraries are what I love," said Riley. "Supporting our rural communities by providing library resources is work that is worth doing, the best prize in life."

PITTSTOWN

Historical Society Lecture

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

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

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

Upcoming Events

Homeschool Club

Friday, November 5, 3 pm

Holiday Music Storytime

Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am

Nature journal activity and idea sharing circle.

Holiday Book Sale

Friday, December 10, 10 am to 6 pm

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

GRAFTON

Toys for the Town

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

GRAFTON

Tree Festival



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

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

A Thank You To All The Grafton Voters

Like all political campaigns, the Grafton Republican candidates worked hard to earn your vote, and pledge to work even harder to serve the people of the town. We are humbled by the degree of support you showed us on Election Day.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Luke and Make-A-Wish Team Up Again

For many years now Hoosick Falls Central School student Luke Hoag has spearheaded a Letter to Santa campaign in conjunction with the Macy's Department Stores. For each letter Luke delivered to Macy's at the Colonie Center Shopping Mall, Macy's made a \$2 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars raised each year.

Luke kicked off his 2021 campaign at the school this past week, with a few COVID-19 wrinkles. In years past, people have delivered mailbags full of letters to the school, which were then delivered to the Colonie store. This year, it will be a virtual event, no letters will be accepted at the school building. A direct link has been set up on the Macy's website. Macy's will donate one



Luke kicking off his campaign in 2018. Eastwick Press file photo.

dollar for each letter that is received, up to \$1 million.

The link is listed below, and we will put it up on our website shortly, in front of the paywall, so anyone that wishes can easily access it. The website is www.eastwickpress.com.

BENNINGTON

SVMC Expansion Project Begins

Contractors have begun to erect construction fencing around the Southwest Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) as part of the \$28 million in upgrades to the Emergency Department and the Hospital's main entrance. The hospital says that chain link fencing will surround the areas where work will begin, but most sidewalks and parking spots near there remain open.



The current SVMC main entrance, which will soon be closed and a temporary entrance constructed. Eastwick Press file photo.

Site work is underway to create a new temporary to SVMC, which is expected to open sometime in January.

The construction of the new Emergency Department concentrates on the planned addition first with a renovation of the existing department to follow.

The original Emergency Department was built to accommodate about 12,000 patients a year, but that number has more than doubled to 25,000 yearly.

SCHUYLERVILLE

Monthly Breakfast

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

Tops to Honor Veterans and Active Military

On **Thursday, November 11**, Tops Markets will honor an 11 percent discount off of a total order to all veterans and immediate family members in the same household who shop at any Tops location. Customers should present proof of service that they, or an immediate family member are a U.S. Veteran, active duty, reserve or retired military personnel to automatically receive an 11 percent discount off of their total purchase that day.

HOOSICK FALLS

Battlefield Will Host Veterans Day Event

Thursday, November 11, at 4 pm, Bennington Battlefield will present a Veterans Day program. Reenactors will share accounts from Generals Washington and Stark as well as a family tradition related to Grandma Moses. The program will also feature a flag retreat ceremony conducted by Scouts.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances are Back

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

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NORTH COUNTY

Surdam Runs Unopposed in Hoosick

by Doug La Rocque

Republican Hoosick Town Supervisor Mark Surdam faced no Democratic opposition in his bid for another term in office. Three people vied for the two Council seats that were open. Republican incumbents Jerry McAuliffe Sr. and Bill Hanselman defeated Democrat John Kaufmann. The race in Hoosick that drew the most attention was for Highway Superintendent, in which Democratic incumbent Bill Shiland was defeated by Republican Paul Hoag 1,025 to 531. Town Clerk Holli Cross and Town Justice Thomas Restino Jr. were unopposed.

Pittstown Republicans Had No Opponents This Year

When it came to elected positions in the Town of Pittstown this year, no Democrats stepped forward to run for office. Town Supervisor Matthew Curley, III, Town Clerk Michelle Hoag, Town Council members Jason Eddy and Erin Maxon, Tax Collector Judy Herrington and Highway Superintendent were all unopposed.

Washington County

District Attorney Tony Jordan faced no opposition in his bid for another term in office. In White Creek Democrat James Griffith defeated Sean Cossey in the Town Supervisor race 460 to 254. In the Town Council race, Republicans Greg Woodcock and Greg Austin outpolled Ralph Provenza and Nancy Moses-Alexander. Lisa Austin-Cuddihy was unopposed.

HOOSICK FALLS

Thanksgiving Boxes



Boy Scout troops 65 and Weebloos 64 are putting boxes together to be packed for Thanksgiving distribution, which will be held on **Saturday, November 20**, at the Reynolds skating rink in Hoosick Falls. Applications are available at the HACA food pantry. Photo courtesy of Dianne Hosterman.

4-H Fashionistas

The Fashionistas are back in action for another year of 4-H. The first meeting back together after a long break due to COVID-19 was held on October 24. This time was spent making a ghost themed macrame piece, which was a surprisingly easy and fun project. Over the summer, The Fashionistas (Amelia Pello, Jessica and Lucy Haynes) participated in events like the Schaghticoke Fair, where they presented projects from earlier in the year. These projects ranged from metal tin punch paint cans that all had unique designs created by the girls to grapevine wreaths, scrapbooks and even sewing projects like dresses. State fair ribbons and blue ribbons were won by all participants. While at the fair, they volunteered at the 4-H Snack Bar serving fair goers and took turns cooking and cleaning up. Overall, the summer was well spent, and we are glad to be back with 4-H meetings in session and plenty of projects to do.



BENNINGTON

Vaccination Clinics for Children

Submitted by SVHC

On **Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6, from 1 to 5 pm**, Southwestern Vermont Health Care will hold COVID-19 vaccination clinics for ages 5 to 11. The clinics will take place at their COVID-19 Resource Center at 982 Mansion Drive. The clinics are only for children, and they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Scheduled appointments are preferred, and a limited supply will be available for walk-ins. Families should go to <https://vermont.force.com/events/selfregistration> to make an appointment.

The supply of vaccine available during this first allocation is limited through the state of Vermont and federal government. A small number of doses are reserved for walk-ins. An additional allocation is expected to be available to patients starting **Wednesday, November 17**.

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SALEM

Women's Club Meetings

The Salem Area Woman's Club recently met in the Mackenzie Chapel of the Salem First United Presbyterian Church on West Broadway. The opening Tea was hosted by Chairman Kathie Roby, with assistance from Evelyn Estey, Adrianna Gruber, Gail Peck, Jane Keys and Mary Ann Short. President Andi Mungas led the business meeting, reporting on several projects. Medicine bottles will no longer be saved for a recycling program. It was noted that the Lunch Learn and Play summer program, which the Woman's Club donates to, continues to be a huge success. Pat Phillips will again Chair our part in the Salem School Santa Project and will have cards available at the November meeting. Members were reminded to send dues to Pat Gilcrest, Treasurer. President Andi Mungas introduced Emily Van Driel who is a friend of the Amish who have recently come to southern Washington County for the better growing season than their previous areas in Saint Lawrence County and south of Buffalo.



Emily VanDriel and President Andi Mungas at a recent Salem Woman's Club meeting. Photo courtesy of Salem Woman's Club.

The Salem Area Woman's Club will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, November 10, at 1 pm** in the Mackenzie Chapel of the Salem First United Presbyterian Church on West Broadway. The opening Tea will be hosted by Chairman Alexis Hinger, with assistance from Irene Baldwin, Rose Marie Battle, Doris Eriksson, Audrey Hall and Nancy Ross. Members

will be choosing families to support for the Santa project this Christmas.

President Andi Mungas will introduce Jared and Kyle West who will give a presentation about the Fort Salem Theater. Guests are always invited to attend Woman's Club meetings and this presentation of interest to all. Everyone is reminded to wear a favorite mask.

CAMBRIDGE

Historical Society to Hold Baked Goods Sale

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

BENNINGTON

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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

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

Small Business Saturday & Christmas Specials

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

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

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New Lebanon & Nassau

NASSAU

Town Republicans Run Without Opposition

Like in Pittstown, the GOP office holders in the Town of Nassau were without Democratic opposition this year.

Elected were incumbent Town Supervisor Dave Fleming, Jr., Town Justice Robert Schuman, Council members Jonathan Gobble and Robert Rings, Tax Collector Heather Wemer and Highway Superintendent Fred McCagg.

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.

NASSAU

Annual Harvest Fest

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

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

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

Eastwick Press Notice

Due to some changes in our print schedule, we have been able to extend our deadline for submission of legal notices, advertisements and news articles. Our deadline has moved from noon on Tuesday to 2 pm on Tuesday of the week you would like your submission or advertisement to be printed. These deadlines however, are hard and fast, and anything submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Advertising inquires may be directed to ads@eastwickpress.com. All other submissions should be sent to news@eastwickpress.com. You may also call 518-203-7574 during normal business hours.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs

Tech Talks

Fridays by appointment

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

Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Join Miss Ann on the patio behind the library for songs, movement activities and age-appropriate stories for our younger patrons and their caregivers. Storytime will not meet on November 24.

Online Concert With Linda Worster

Friday, November 5, at 6:30 pm

Visit the library website the day of the event for login details.

New Lebanon Book Group

Sunday, November 7, at 11 am

The book to be discussed is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. Copies of the book are available by request at local libraries.

Crafternoon Kids Kit Pickup

Tuesday, November 9

Grab a kit while they last for a fun craft to do at home. This month's project is a family favorite, Gourd Turkeys.

Meet the Presidents - A Look at the American Presidency

Wednesday, November 17, at 6 pm

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

Make It and Take It - Crafts for Grown-ups

Thursday, November 18, at 6 pm

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

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

NEW LEBANON

The Darrow School Presents Metamorphoses



The student performers return to the Dairy Barn Theater on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13 for the production of Mary Zimmerman's *Metamorphoses*. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. These include proof of COVID-19 vaccination for anyone over the age of 12 (the last dose administered 14 days before the event) or proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past 72 hours. Please note: masks are required at all times while inside buildings.

Darrow's Alpine Program

Darrow is adding instructional group lessons to our Alpine Program, a 6-week program open to new skiers and snowboarders at Bousquet Mountain, a 200-acre ski area in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Students will develop the fundamental skills to use their equipment, turn, stop and familiarize themselves with the ski area. AND it's fun!

Any questions? Contact: John VillinSKI.

Rensselaer County News

Election Results... Continued from page 1

Merola is Re-elected

Rensselaer County Clerk Frank Merola garnered 66 percent of the votes cast, easily turning back the challenge from Democratic contender Justan Foster and Working Families Party candidate Jason Cloud. Mr. Merola, who has been County Clerk for as long as many people can remember, joked with some middle-aged supporters that he even signed their drivers' permits. He also was gracious in victory and thanked his family and supporters.

A New Family Court Judge

Republican Jill Kehn easily out-distanced her Democratic opponent, Anne Coonrad, with more than 58 percent of the votes cast going in her direction. Judge Kehn has held the post of Troy City Court Judge since first being elected to that position in 2014. She too thanked those who supported her, particularly her husband and three grown sons, who she said that while not living in the county, all contributed heavily to her social media campaign. Newly re-elected Rensselaer County Clerk Frank Merola.



Newly re-elected Rensselaer County Clerk Frank Merola.



Jill Kehn who will become Rensselaer County Family Court Judge on January 1. Photos by Doug La Rocque.

4-H Banquet Recognition

Submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County 4-H

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County 4-H program held their General Interest Recognition event at the East Greenbush YMCA pavilion. At the event, 4-H volunteers and members were recognized for their leadership, dedication and outstanding achievements. 4-H member Grace Huffam of Troy was awarded a county medal for Public Speaking. 4-H members recognized for their participation at the 2021 Schaghticoke Fair were Luke and Bret Giglio of Petersburg—Shepherdship award for sheep, Cristian Abate (Troy), Daylynn Byas (Averill Park), Brielle Chapko (Valley Falls), Kevin Cooper (Poestenkill), Nessa Corcoran (Cropseyville), Emma Deerfield (Averill Park), Mackenzie Diamond (Wynantskill), Ava Helou (Rensselaer), Glendora Kilmer (Troy), Abigail Meissner and Lila Meissner (East Nassau), as well as Lillian Sliwinski (Waterford)—Goat Herdsmanship award and Aaron Cipperly (Hoosick Falls) for the Swine Herdsmanship award.

Honor Club awards were presented to Stablemates (Schaghticoke), Clover Kids and Critters (Hoosick Falls), Rensselaer County 4-H Trailblazers (Averill Park), and the Green Earthlings (Averill Park) 4-H clubs. Honor clubs are 4-H clubs that go above and beyond to help out during the year when needed planning and assisting at events. Additionally, the Clover Kids and Critters and Stablemates 4-H clubs were recognized for National 4-H Week displays.

The afternoon concluded with the installation of new club officers and a celebration of the year. For more information about the Rensselaer County 4-H program, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County 4-H at 518-272-4210.

RENSSELAER

22nd Annual Veterans Breakfast

All veterans and their immediate family members are invited to the 22nd annual veterans breakfast on **Sunday, November 7, from 8 to 10 am**. The event will take place at the Melvin Road American Legion, 200 Columbia Turnpike. There will be a 10:30 am medal presentation ceremony.

TROY

Farmers Market Returns to the Atrium

The Troy Waterfront Farmers Market returns to the Troy Atrium for the winter this **Saturday, November 6**. The winter market is held **every Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm**, and features most of the vendors from its popular outdoor market.

The Troy Atrium is located in downtown Troy with entrances on Fulton Street, 3rd Street, Broadway and 4th Street. Free parking is available in the City's 5th Street Parking Garage, Riverfront Park, the Green Island Bridge lots and on city streets. Drop off and pick up zones will be available at each entrance. No dogs are allowed in the Atrium, with exceptions made for service animals. Sampling food from vendors is permitted.

There will be no capacity restrictions, but masks will be required regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be available at the entrances.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Republicans Maintain Control of County Legislature

by Doug La Rocque

The Republican party started out on election day with a 13 to 6 majority in the County Legislature and after the votes were counted on Tuesday night, it appears that margin may remain exactly the same. In the City of Troy, all six Democratic candidates were victorious over their Republican opponents, including Minority Leader Peter Grimm and Deputy Minority Leader Cindy Doran. The top Republican vote getter was Rodney Wiltshire, who currently stands 231 votes behind Peter Grimm. It is believed there are about 800 absentee ballots cast in the 1st legislative district, so it possible but not probable he might overtake Mr. Grimm.

District 2

The four Republican incumbents, Vice Chair Kelly Hoffman, Leon Fiacco, Tom Grant and Robin Bailey all retained their seats.

District 3

All three seats in the Legislature went to Republicans, with Dan Casale and Majority Leader Ken Herrington re-elected. The other incumbent, Todd Tesman, chose not to seek another term in office and he will be replaced by Republican William Maloney.

District 4

Incumbent Republicans Bob Loveridge (Finance Chair) and Scott Bendett were re-elected. The district's other representative, Chuck Peter, ran for Schodack Town Supervisor and won. He is being replaced by Republican Tom Choquette.

District 5

Republican incumbents Bruce Patire and Jeff Wysocki were re-elected.

District 6

There is only one legislative representative from the City of Rensselaer. Incumbent Mike Stammel (Legislative Chair) chose not to seek another term and concentrate on his re-election efforts as Mayor of the City. Currently Republican Brian Stall holds a very narrow 26 vote lead over Democrat Lark Rutecki. Absentee and provision ballots will decide this race. The time to count those ballots had not yet been set at press time. If Mr. Rutecki ends up victorious, then the Republican margin in the legislature will drop from 7 to 5.

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Wildcats Dominate Quarterfinal Game



Jeez, you guys aren't very gracious hosts. James Blake (17), Jake Sparks (18) and Jack Cavanaugh manhandle Hudson running back Jeremiah Wilburn at HFCS Friday evening. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Hudson	6	0	6	0	12
Hoosick Falls / Tamarac	13	27	7	0	47

For the third week in a row the Hoosick Fall-Tamarac Wildcats dominated an opponent. By halftime the Panthers were in charge and things were looking good for the JV to in some playing time.

A couple minutes after being helped off the field on the opening kickoff, Dillon Grogan pulled in a pass from quarterback Jake Sparks in their first possession and raced down the sideline for 59 yards and into the endzone to put the Wildcats up 6-0. The extra point was missed.

Hudson countered later in the quarter on a four yard dive that tied the game. It was the last time the game was competitive.

Sparks tossed a 15 yard pass to Dylan Baker for the final first quarter score. Kicker Abby Buckley tacked on the extra point and the score was 13-6.

Sparks lit up the scoreboard throughout the second quarter. He romped 36 yards for the first of four touchdowns he would be a part of in the quarter. A pass to James Blake for 58 yards and a 26 yard toss to Dillon Grogan put the score at 33-6 with Buckley's PAT kicks. The Sparks / Grogan connection capped the quarter's scoring with a 13 yard pass. Buckley booted the extra point to make the halftime score 40-6. Buckley was six of eight on the night.

After halftime the junior varsity got to show their stuff. Quarterback Michael D'Agostino lofted a nice pass to an in stride Richie Stifter for the Panthers final strike on the evening. It was freshman Stifter's second touch-

down in two games. The JV defense held the Blue Hawks to one 15 yard rushing score for the remainder of the game.

Sparks had 92 yards on six rushing attempts and threw for 181 yards, completing nine of eleven attempts with five touchdowns. D'Agostino was two for two, good for 39 yards and one touchdown. The two combined rolled up 220 yards in the air.

Grogan had three catches for 98 yards and James Blake had two for 74 yard. Josh Colegrove ran 11 times for 86 yards.

This week the Wildcats will host Fonda in a sectional semi-final game. The game is scheduled to played Friday, Nov. 5, beginning at 7 pm. The game will be played at Hoosick Falls Central. HF-T defeated Fonda on Oct. 8 by a score of 20-7. Common opponent Schuylerville defeated Fonda 14-7 and HF-T by fourteen at 14-0. This game will not be a pushover. The winner will face the winner of the (third in the state Class C ranking) Schuylerville vs. Voorheesville game, which also will be Friday evening.

The Class C Championship is scheduled to be played **Friday, November 12** at Lansingburgh High School in Troy.

Class C					
Taconic Hills	0	0	13	6	19
Schuylerville	38	16	0	0	54
Cobleskill	0	0	0	0	0
Voorheesville	0	14	0	7	21
Fonda	7	40	7	14	68
Watervliet	0	0	0	0	8



Hoosick Falls-Tamarac quarterback Jake Sparks had a great game against the Hudson Blue Hawks Friday evening. Sparks threw for 181 yards and five touchdowns and rushed for 92 yards and one touchdown. Photo by Steve Bradley

Class D					
Cambridge-Sal (5-4)	0	0	0	0	0
Stillwater (5 -1)	7	7	6	0	20
Granville	0	0	0	0	0
Greenwich	14	21	6	0	41
Warrensburg/No. War	0	14	0	14	28
Chatham	0	6	0	14	20

Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Boner's	27	13	Corey Wysocki	289 289 747
McNally Insurance	24	16	Kathryn Goodermote	259 232 717
Mag-Way	22	18	Mike Weeden	270 234 706
Gallup Inn	22	18	Tyler Colvin	256 246 704
Farmers Tires	22	18	Meghan Backes	243 224 680
Lebowski Rug Co.	21	19	Chris Pelletier	240 225 679
Lou's Plumbing	18	22	John Brown	266 205 675
Wack'em & Stack'em	16	24	Brandon McCart	250 213 671
The Jabronis	14	26	CJ Brown	231 223 668
Chico's Bail Bonds	14	26	Daryl Cipperly	238 237 667

Thursday American League

Team	Won	Lost	High Series	
RGI Insurance	142½	97½	745	Shawn Field
Lo-Ridge Farm	138½	101½	743	Ken Marbot
Team Taconic	137½	102½	720	John Brown
Huntin' Time	123½	116½	717	Ed Legg Jr.
Modern Game Pro Shop	121	119	695	Meghan Backus
Dave Clark Excavating	118	122	682	Ryan Bedford
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	115	125	666	Dave Rice
Lauzon Machine Shop	108	132	662	Chris Karch
Stevens and Sons Tents	105	135	660	Tim McCart
Sharpe For Governor	91	149	659	Wayne Gundrum Jr.

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Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

FIELD HOCKEY

McCart Leads Lady Panthers to Sectional Title



The Hoosick Falls Lady Panthers show off their badges for being the 2021 Section 2 field hockey champions. The team defeated Johnstown 3-0 to get the title after an 18-1 season. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Johnstown (11-4)	0	0	0	0	0
Hoosick Falls (18-1)	1	1	0	1	3

Sunday, Oct. 31. Played at Schuylerville High School.

Spending much of the first quarter defending their end of the field from a Class C number one seeded Johnstown team that has been a regular in the sectional finals in recent years, Hoosick Falls got the ball down the field and had their own chance to attack the opponents' goal.

At the 4:51 mark of the first quarter, they took advantage of the chance. Ava Kasulinous got the ball to Emma McCart and McCart slapped the ball into the goal and gave the Panthers a lead they would keep for the remainder of the contest. The goal pumped them up to a confidence level that they never lost.

Throughout the game, Hoosick Falls, a Class C number two seed, always seemed a step faster than Johnstown at getting to the ball. Johnstown, an 11-4 team, appeared to be just a bit off their game on this day. The Panther defense certainly had much to do with this, as Johnstown had their offensive chances with ten penalty corners (to Hoosick Falls' four), but were never able to capitalize. In the open field, Panther defenders constantly upset the Sir Bill's attempts to get shots, and Panther goalie Marissa Landry, with five saves,

was always there to put an end to any thoughts the Sir Bills had of scoring.

With 10:29 left in the second quarter McCart struck again, getting a shot past the goalie and giving the Panthers some breathing room.

The second half was more of the same, with the Panthers defense keeping Johnstown's offense searching for a way to get a score. McCart put the Ladies up 3-0 at the 7:49 mark of the third quarter when she and the ball broke free and came down the center of the field with no one between her and the goal but the goalie. McCart zigged, the goalie zagged, and it was all over. McCart's shot hit the wood and just like that the Panthers had what would prove to be an insurmountable lead. It was her 41st goal of the season and gave the Ladies a chance to realize they were going to win this game.

It's probably a good time to mention that as an eighth grader McCart scored the lone goal of the 2018 sectional championship game that eliminated Johnstown. She is probably not on Johnstown's favorite player to compete against list.

That third goal took the starch out of the Sir Bills. After that it was all up to the Panther defense and they came through, putting an end to any effort Johnstown

made to score. It would be unfair to single out any Panther player for their defensive play because it was a total team effort. Every player gave it all they had.

It was highly unlikely that Johnstown was going to score three goals in seven minutes but, hey, you never know. As the final minutes slowly dragged by, it became less and less likely that would happen. It didn't.

The girls did their celebrating on the field before, after and during the championship awards. On their way home, fire trucks and cars were assembling at the True Value store on the North Hoosick road. When the team bus arrived home, the fire trucks led them around the village while people waved and cheered as they passed.

Head coach Denise Campbell's Hoosick Falls Central Lady Panthers field hockey teams have won nine consecutive Adirondack League championships in a row. They are familiar with that. With this sectional championship plaque in hand they will now advance into regional and state play and face the best of New York's field hockey teams.

The Ladies will meet the winner of Wednesday's central New York's Section III's championship game between Little Falls and Canastota. The Lady Panthers will play Sunday, Nov. 7 at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School in Verona, NY. Game time is scheduled for 3 pm.

For those who may want to make a day of it, Turning Stone Casino is two miles and seven minutes away.



Emma McCart, left, Johnstown goalie Emilia Haverly and the referee watch the ball as it travels over the Schuylerville turf on its way to the back of the goal last Sunday. Hoosick Falls won the game and the Class C sectional title. Photo by Steve Bradley.

GIRLS SOCCER



Tamarac Bengal senior girls soccer players Shannon Ryan, Antoinette LoPorto, Ashley Kelly, Jenna Hunt, Sophie Champagne, and Abby Buckley. The Class B number eight seeded Bengals lost to number one seed Shalmon and were eliminated from sectional play. Photo by Steve Bradley.

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Outdoors in Rensselaer County

Beaver Meadow Bridge Improvement Project

Submitted by Chris von Schilgen



The newly named Beaver Meadow Bridge at the Dyken Pond Center. Photo courtesy of Chris von Schilgen.

In the early spring of 2020, the Friends of the Dyken Pond Center purchased the Balsam Tract, 37 acres of land with expanses of pristine large tree woodland habitat and wetlands adjoining existing Friends' property at the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center. With the breaking of spring the following year, the Friends volunteers were busy mapping out and clearing a new trail through the property to connect with the established Long Trail, which winds through a large portion of the Center. A deteriorating abandoned beaver dam in the wetlands stood as an obstacle to connecting the two trails. Twenty-five volunteers, assembled of Friends members and the volunteer team from the joint Rensselaer Land Trust/Rensselaer Plateau Alliance Trails Crew, answered the call to help construct what was to be our most ambitious project yet. During the last weekend of June, lumber and rock were hauled to the job site as far as possible by utility vehicle and the remainder

by people power, a distance of slightly over a quarter mile. Over a sweltering five days, the enthusiastic bridge crew maintained a positive focus and good humor while determinedly constructing a 160' boardwalk and bridge to connect the Balsam Trail to the Long Trail. The addition of the newly named Beaver Meadow Bridge has elicited positive feedback from hikers and visitors to the Dyken Pond Center, which continues to see a tremendous increase in the number of people seeking outdoor activities. The numerous trails allow visitors to happen upon wetlands, streams, lakes and forests. Come out to the Center and walk the new trail and take in the woodland scents and scenery. The Board of the non-profit Friends of the Dyken Pond Center extends our gratitude to those who contributed so much time and hard work completing the Beaver Meadow Bridge project. To learn more about the programs and recreational activities at the Center, visit dykenpond.org or phone 518 658-2055.

Orienteering Event

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

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE Upcoming Events

Wreath Making Workshops

Saturday, November 13, 10 am and 1 pm

Sunday, November 14, 11 am

Pineridge Country Club Ski Area, 1463 Plank Rd, Petersburg

November Mindful Walk

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

Albert Family Community Forest, 120 Haynes Rd, East Nassau

Our Northeastern Bats

with Emily Davis and Mike Warner

Thursday, November 18, 7 pm, on Zoom

DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

November Programs

Fall Birding, Homeschool Series

Friday, November 5, 10 am to noon

Preregistration required. \$5 suggested donation per youth

Aquatic Mammal Walk

Saturday, November 13, 10 am

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

Tremendous Trees Day, Homeschool Series

Friday, November 19, 10 am to noon

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

Holiday Wreath Sale

The Friends of the Dyken Pond Center are holding a holiday wreath sale fundraiser. Proceeds from sales are used to support the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center activities. You can preorder your 18 inch full wreath decorated with a hand-made Dyken Pond collectible nature ornament, pine cones, berries and a red bow by sending a check for \$30 to Friends of Dyken Pond, to Kim Wilson, 3 Arminghall Dr, Troy, NY 12180. Preorders must be received by November 14.

Contact the Center at 518-658-2055 or wreaths@dykenpond.org for more information, pick up options and larger wreath sizes.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

November Events

Backyard Sedimentology and Stratigraphy

Sunday, November 14, 1 to 3 pm

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

Full Moon Hike

Friday, November 19, 5 to 7 pm

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

Opt Outside—

Day After Thanksgiving Hike

Friday, November 26, 10 to 11:30 am

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

Hike the Park—Tour of the Lakes

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

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

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

Halloween 2021 Fun

A Halloween Thank You

The Eastwick Press would like to thank everyone who dressed up and let us take pictures for our Halloween collage. We really appreciate you. Also a big thank you to photojournalist Amy Modesti, who took most of these great pictures.

More photos can be found at: eastwickpress.com



Tamarac High School art teachers Jillian Sheffer and Amy Labshere, getting in the Halloween spirit.



Jody and Jason Brenenstuhl as Dolly Parton and Kenny Rodger, the gambler.



The Wagner family from Berlin, dressed as Scooby-Doo and the gang.



BCSD had a spirited day with many students and staff dressing up. The Berlin High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Gould surprised the Berlin Elementary students upon arrival with a spooktacular ghosts in the graveyard performance. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Halloween 2021 Fun



Six-year-old Jackson Sheffer as the Lego man.



Cows and Ghostface enjoying their day at the Grafton Trunk or Treat on Halloween.



Alia Hodson (age 5) of Brattleboro, VT won GLSP's Fall Fun day costume contest for cutest costume as Maleficent on Saturday, October 30. Her mom, Jessa, is originally from Petersburg but now lives in Vermont. Photo by Amy Modesti.



Leah Patterson of Cropsyville as Velma from Scooby-Doo.



Ashton Garhartt and Grayson Garhartt of Averill Park, attending Fall Fun Day at GLSP on Saturday, October 30. These boys were playing the bean bag toss game in the ghost. One brother was dressed as a spooky scarecrow and the other brother was Pennywise. Photo by Amy Modesti.



The Anderson (Brock) family attending Trunk or Treat at Grafton VFW on Halloween. From left, Rebecca Brock with her children Serenity and Aiden, her cousins with children, Mom Laura Anderson, and Laura's sister Sue. Photo by Amy Modesti.



Maria Levin of Grafton with her daughter, Summer, taking part in Trunk or Treat at the Grafton VFW on Halloween. Maria's VW was dressed up as Baby Shark.

Entertainment

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Friday 11/5 – Monday 11/8

Eternals (PG13) Daily 3:00 4:45 6:00 8:00 9:00 Sat & Sun 12:00 1:30 3:00 4:45 6:00 8:00 9:00

Red Notice (PG13) Daily 4:05 7:00 9:20 Sat & Sun 1:30 4:05 7:00 9:20

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Halloween Kills (R) Daily 4:15 7:15 9:25 Sat & Sun 1:45 4:15 7:15 9:25

Ron's Gone Wrong (PG) Daily 4:15 6:30 Sat & Sun 1:30 4:15 6:30

Tuesday 11/9 – Thursday 11/11

Eternals (PG13) Tues & Weds 3:00 4:45 6:00 8:00 9:00 Thursday 12:00 1:30 3:00 4:45 6:00 8:00 9:00

Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) Tues & Weds 2:55 5:00 7:00 9:00 Thursday 12:45 2:55 5:00 7:00 9:00

Red Notice (PG13) Tues & Weds 4:05 7:00 9:20 Thursday 1:30 4:05 7:00 9:20

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Halloween Kills (R) Tues & Weds 4:15 7:15 9:25 Thursday 1:45 4:15 7:15 9:25

Images Cinema

The French Dispatch: 11/5-11/18 daily at 4:45 and 7:30 pm 11/6 & 11/7. Saturday & Sunday, an additional showing will take place at 2 pm.

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Last week's puzzle solutions:

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Theme: Basketball

ACROSS

- Repeating word on South Pacific map
- Bro's sibling
- Dashboard abbr.
- Fusses
- *Basketball slam
- Go "Boo!"
- Boisterous play
- Upper hand
- Part of mortise joint
- *Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
- "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
- *Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
- "Mares eat _____" or "does eat _____" sing.
- One who covers in silver, e.g.
- Figure
- Be ill
- Part of "panther"
- Capital of Latvia
- Like helium
- Quilting party
- Analyze
- Dehydrated
- Litter of piglets
- Down Under bird
- a.k.a. aardvark
- Provincial governor in ancient Persia
- Argo propeller
- Subway in Paris
- Conclusion starter
- *Made basket (2 words)
- Not a soul
- Like animal near extinction
- Greek sandwich
- Bandages
- Arabian bigwig
- Answer to "Shall we?"
- Bar offering
- *It sends a basketball game to overtime
- Highland tongue

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- Circus trainer's poker
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- Remove antlers
- Titanic propeller
- *Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
- Halloween option
- Not their
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- *Reward after missed shot
- *Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
- Away's partner
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- Relieves
- On/off type of switch
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- Creepy
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- *Professional basketball league

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Community Calendar

Wednesdays

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

November 4-6, Thursday - Saturday

FRIENDS! The Musical Parody, GE Theatre at Proctors, Schenectady, \$43.50, call 518-346-6204 or visit Proctors.org

November 5-7, Friday - Sunday

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

November 5-14, Fridays & Saturdays, 7 pm, Sundays, 2 pm

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

November 5, Friday

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

November 6, Saturday

Tag Sale, First United Church, 10 am - 2 pm, 130 Main St., Hoosick Falls

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

November 7, Sunday

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

Illustrated Talk on the Vanderbilt Hotel in Stephentown by Pat Flint, 2 pm, Stephentown Historical Society, Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Rd., masks required

Shumann Quartett with Jon Nakamatsu, Piano, 3 pm, Troy Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy, call 518-273-0038

November 10, Wednesday

Salem Area Woman's Club meeting, 1 pm, Mackenzie Chapel of Salem First United Presbyterian Church, West Broadway, guests welcome, Jared & Kyle West will give a presentation on the Fort Salem Theater

November 11, Thursday

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

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

Veterans Day Celebration, 11 am, keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Diana Clark Ret., Stephentown Veterans Park, Route 43, light refreshments

Petersburgh Veteran Memorial Community Center Annual Potluck Veterans Day Dinner, 6 pm, bring dish to share, entertainment by Karen Webster & Friends, presentation by Michael Holms on veterans military service during the Vietnam War
Highlight Acting Troupe Auditions for C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment written by Jane & Jim Jefferies, auditions, 6:30-8:30 pm, Center Brunswick United

Methodist Church, Hoosick St., Troy. Roles for Adults & Children (large cast), directed by Christine & Ethel LeVan, contact Christine at 518-301-0789

November 12 & 13, Friday & Saturday

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

November 13, Saturday

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

Highlight Acting Troupe Auditions for C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment written by Jane & Jim Jefferies, auditions, 1-3 pm, Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, Hoosick St., Troy. Roles for Adults & Children (large cast), contact Christine at 518-301-0789

November 14, Sunday

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

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

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

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

November 18, Thursday

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

November 19, Friday

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

Meetings

November 4, Thursday

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

November 8, Monday

Pittstown Town Board, 6:30, Town Hall
Grafton Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Town Board, 7 pm, Hoosick Armory
Schodack Zoning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

November 9, Tuesday

Rensselaer County Legislature, presentation 5:30 pm, mtg. 6-8 pm, 1600 Seventh Ave., Troy
Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Municipal Building
Nassau Planning Board, 6:30 pm, Town Hall
New Lebanon Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Schodack Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

November 10, Wednesday

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

November 11, Thursday

Brunswick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Nassau Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Pittstown Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall (as needed)
Berlin Planning Board, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex
Berlin Town Board, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex

November 15, Monday

Brunswick Zoning Board, 6 pm, Town Hall
Grafton Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Stephentown Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Planning Board, 7:30 pm, Hoosick Armory
New Lebanon Planning Board, 7:30 pm, LVPA Fire House

November 16, Tuesday

Berlin School Board, 7:15 pm

November 18, Thursday

Brunswick (Brittonkill) School Board, 7 pm
Brunswick Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Falls School Board, 7 pm, HFCS

November 23, Tuesday

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

November 29, Monday

Grafton Workshop/Special Mtg., 6:30 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

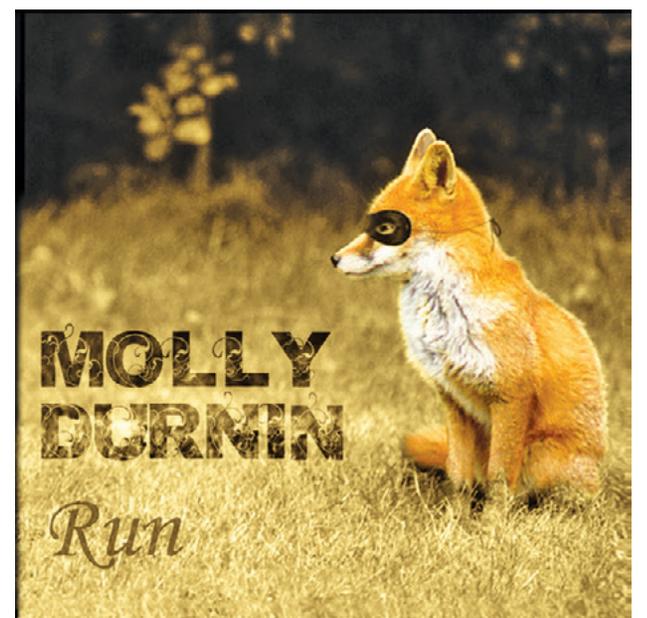
Local Artist Plans Album Release

Singer-songwriter Molly Durnin, a Petersburgh resident and native of Grafton, will release her first studio recording on June 21 at an Album Release Party at The Olde Forge in Lanesborough, MA, at 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

The album includes ten original songs recorded at Black Dog Studios in Stillwater, with some of the region's top musicians providing backup, including The City Never Sleeps, a well-known indie band based in Albany, and veteran bass player Tony Markellis.

The recording project was launched with a video that appeared on the website Kickstarter.com, which raised an initial \$3,401 in donations from 29 friends and fans of her music. Jack Durnin produced the video, and also did the graphic design for the cover of the album.

In her songs, Durnin ponders the freedom of foxes, speculates on the existence of extraterrestrials, sings of temptation, cheap wine and mermaid revenge. Played in her characteristic acoustic groove, the arrangements include bass, drums, conga, lead guitar, keyboard and harmonica, while her husky-sweet vocals remain front and center. It is hoped that her fresh sound will find airplay at indie radio stations nationwide.



Classified Ads

Vehicles For Sale

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County is accepting bids for the sale of the following Properties: 2009 Ford Focus (4 door - @67,000 miles) and 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan (@78,000 miles).

Only sealed bids will be considered. Bids will be opened and the decision to accept or reject will be made by the extension association treasurer. Only definite and specific amounts in terms of dollars will be accepted as an offer. A certified check must be delivered to the extension association before the property is removed. Any or all bids may be rejected by the extension association. No guarantee on the property is implied. The property must be removed within 10 days of the acceptance of the bid offer. All bids must include the dollar amount of the bid, name, address and signature of the bidder and date.

All bids must be submitted to Marcie Vohnoutka, Association Treasurer, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County at 61 State Street, Troy, NY 12180 on or before 3:30 pm on Monday, November 22, 2021. If you have questions please reach out to Marcie at 518-272-4210.

Help Wanted – Electrician

JA Bradley & Sons is looking for an electrician with at least 5 years of experience.

Must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Must have personal tools.

Ability to work independently or with others. Be able to work some overtime. Must have experience in residential and commercial electrical wiring.

Candidates are reviewed on an individual bases with compensation commensurate to experience and production abilities.

Apartment for Rent

\$850-New Lebanon: 1 Bedroom has deck with w/d hook up. Heat included. No pets, lease and good credit required, security. Call 518-477-6222.

Seeking Standing Timber

Looking for Extra Money?

I'm looking for standing timber. Competitive prices paid. Contact Scott Burdick, 518-522-1020.

Firewood for Sale

Firewood - Place your order now for the next heating season. Kiln Dried. Timber harvesting and lumber also available. Call Lenny, 518-470-7399.

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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.

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.

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

Notice of the Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **LP Property Solutions LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/30/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Oak Way, Stephentown, NY 12168. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Circle of Hype, LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 14 Gordon Ct., Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **TiFe Executive Consulting LLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 21, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 13 Kestner Lane Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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

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

NOTICE OF 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

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

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

Notice of Formation of 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.

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

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 23, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 52 Haywood Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144. For any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **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.

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Notice to Bidders:

Snow plowing, Sanding, Snow Bank Removal

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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District invites sealed bids for the removal of snow from driveways and parking areas for the 2021 - 2022 School Year at:

Berlin Middle/High School in Cherry Plain
Berlin Bus Maintenance Facility in Berlin

Bids must be received by the Business Manager or her designee by 1 pm on Wednesday, November 10, 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.

All bidders are encouraged to visit the sites in the preparation of their bid. Questions regarding the work 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 sites. Envelopes containing bids should be marked "Snow Removal," and 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. Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

Respectfully Yours,
Karen Capozzi
Business Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

Annual Election of the
Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District

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

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

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

Christine Coon
Secretary

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.

Military Honors

New York Army
National Guard

Samual Kromer from East Nassau received a promotion to the rank of Private

Skyler Rafferty from Stephentown received a promotion to the rank of Specialist

Jeffrey Vincent from Hoosick Falls received a promotion to the rank of Private

Student Honor

James VanDeWater of Cambridge attained the silver level leadership milestone at SUNY Oneonta

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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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please have your submissions for the news and advertisements to us by 2 pm on Tuesdays.
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Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

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

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

November 8 there will be craft time with Julie at the center. Please call in advance to be added to the list to make sure we have enough materials. **November 10, at 11 am**, there is a Hoosick Area Seniors membership meeting scheduled. Come and share your thoughts and ideas. Plans for a Christmas party will be discussed. Anyone 60 and over can join the Hoosick Area Senior group. Following lunch we will celebrate the November birthdays with ice cream and a fun game of Trivia. **November 12**, we will have morning Wii bowling and afternoon bingo with root beer floats.

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

Elvis to Visit the Hoosick Falls Senior Center

On **Friday, November 19**, Donny 'Elvis' will come to the Senior Center and share some of his favorite songs with us. All county residents 60 and over are invited to come take this walk down memory lane. We ask that all attend lunch at a suggested donation of \$3. The meal will be butter crumb haddock, red potato and spinach. If you do not wish to attend the lunch, admission will be \$5.

State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times for the safety of our seniors. Please call the Center to sign up at 518-686-7561.

Hoosick Area Senior Group Trip

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

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

Grafton Senior Center News

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

On **Tuesday, November 9**, Rachel will be at the

center for haircuts, manicures and pedicures by appointment only. Lunch that day will be lemon garlic cod, rice and vegetable, followed with a fun game of Senior Feud and ice cream sundaes. The Senior Center will be closed Thursday, November 11, for Veterans Day.

The center is open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am for Chair Yoga. All are welcome to attend the classes. This is a low impact exercise that all can do.

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

Grafton Merrymakers

The November meeting for the Grafton Merrymakers will take place on **Wednesday, November 10**, at the Everett Wager Senior Center. We will start with dinner at 5:30 pm. We will be having homemade ziti and meatballs with tossed salad and dessert. Everyone is asked to bring their own utensils and drinks. Following dinner our meeting will start at 6:15 pm. This is our last meeting of the year.

The Merrymakers Christmas Party will be held at Guiseppe's Restaurant, 3680 NY RT 7, Hoosick Falls on Saturday, December 4, at noon. Meal choices are chicken parmigiana \$21.25, turkey dinner \$16.50, roast beef dinner \$17.75 or seafood stuffed haddock (shrimp & scallops) \$23.50. Above meals include homemade eclair pie, coffee or soft drink. A cash bar for adult beverages is available. Anyone wishing to participate in the grab bag please bring a \$10 gift. Entertainment included. Reservations must be in by November 15, by calling 518-272-8624 or 518-279-3231. For more information about the Grafton Merrymakers call 518-279-3231. Follow *The Eastwick Press* for updates.

Berlin Seniors News

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

Lebanon Valley Seniors News

Lebanon Valley Seniors meet every first and third Friday at 1 pm, at New Lebanon firehouse. If you have friends or family that may be interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to come to a meeting. This year was a little different due to a late start. Next year we are hoping things will be back to normal and we can return with a full schedule of activities. We will start to have business meetings during the first meeting of the month, and the second meeting will be used for more social things and bingo. For information call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

Senior Menu

To reserve or cancel call: Troy: 518-270-2740; Schodack: 518-477-6591; Rensselaer: 518-463-2166; Hoosick Falls: 518-686-7561; Grafton: 518-279-3413

Nov. 5: Eggplant roll, Italian blend veggies, ziti w/ sauce, white bread, fruit cup

Nov. 8: Chicken tenders w/ranch, tater tots, cut green beans, rye bread, and pudding

Nov. 9: Crusted lemon garlic cod, parslid rice, California blend veggies, whole wheat biscuit, and fresh fruit

Nov. 10: Cubed steak w/old fashioned gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, Brussel's sprouts, dinner roll, and yogurt

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

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

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

An Evening with Chevy Chase

Light up your holidays with Chevy Chase live on stage plus an audience Q&A following a screening of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. After the showing of the holiday classic on the big screen, the celebration will continue with actor Chevy Chase (Clark Griswold) sharing stories from his career and the making of his classic movies and legendary television programs. It all happens **December 15 at 7:30 pm** at the Palace Theatre in Albany. Tickets (starting at \$39.50 plus service fees) are on sale now at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [palacealbany.org](https://www.palacealbany.org). A limited number of VIP tickets that include a post-show photo with Chevy and the best seats in the house are available.

An original member of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, Chevy Chase was the trailblazer who turned *SNL* success into Hollywood mega-stardom. The movies *Caddyshack*, *National Lampoon's Vacation*, *Fletch* and *Three Amigos* all contributed to making Chevy Chase a worldwide household name.

Christmas with the Griswolds has never been more beloved. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* was ranked #2 on Esquire's list of "The 40 Best Christmas Movies" of all time. Chestnuts and eggnog recommended!

Fans can expect the unexpected as Chevy Chase shares a no holds barred trip down memory lane in this exclusive evening with a comedy legend.

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receiving the food packages helped keep all warm.

Whenever *The Eastwick Press* hosts one of these giveaways, its success is completely dependent upon those that show up to help, set up the food stations, unload the truck, pack the food boxes, distribute and clean up. It really is a team effort. Thanks as well to the Grafton Rescue Squad, which was ready to respond if needed, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office, who stationed a patrol car outside the entrance to the State Park to help with traffic control and of course Melissa Ann Miller, GLSP Manager, and her staff who not only gladly opened up their facility but volunteered their time as well.

Church News

Tag Sale

Saturday, November 6, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the First United Church, 130 Main St. Hoosick Falls. There will be a variety of dishes, glassware, office items, linens, choir music and furniture.

All Saints Day

The United Methodist Church of Berlin will celebrate All Saints Day on **Sunday, November 7, at 11 am**. This is a remembrance of loved ones who have passed away this year. Lay Leader Dianne Mosher will conduct the service. Masks are required and can be picked up at the door. The service can also be found livestream or recorded on YouTube on the United Methodist Church at Berlin channel.

Gilead's Body & Soul Pantry

The October menu is pork loin roast with mashed potatoes, gravy, butternut squash, apple sauce and apple crisp for dessert. The pantry is back to normal hours of 4 to 6 pm, and the meal is take out only. Gilead Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 & 278 in Center Brunswick.

Friendsgiving and Men's Breakfast

On **Saturday, November 13**, the Hoosick Falls

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Obituaries

Everette E. Cooke

Stephentown - Everette E. "Ted" Cooke, 82, died Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Fairview Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Great Barrington, MA.

He was born in St. Albans, VT on July 16, 1939, the son of the late Everette Leland Cook and Kathryn Cooke. He was raised and educated in West Swanton, VT. He was a US Air Force veteran serving his country from 1956-1960.

Everette was a certified orthotist and was the owner of Cooke & Burnell Orthopedics in Pittsfield, MA for over 35 years, before retiring 5 years ago.

He was an avid hunter and archer, reaching state championship level in archery at one time. He enjoyed dancing, country music and bowling. He also loved his Kabota tractors and working outdoors frequently helping others. He participated in softball and golf leagues for many years.

He is the beloved father of Terry (John) McAdams of Grandbury, TX, Todd A. Cooke of Pittsfield, MA and the late Pamela Langenvin, loving companion of Kathy Ebbert of Stephentown, father-in-law of Marc Langenvin of the Cayman Islands, grandfather of April Cooke, Heather White, Tyler Speelberg, Lilly Langenvin, Jake McAdams and Anna Mae McAdams, great grandfather of Lita McAdams, brother of Gale (late Robert) Lucier of Swanton, VT and the late Charlotte LaBerge, Shirley Wright and Elizabeth Lavalette. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Gathering will be held Saturday, November 13, at 11 am at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 732 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY. Arrangements are by the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home in Stephentown. Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Gerald E. Looney

Pittsstown - Captain Gerald E. Looney died peacefully Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at his home with his loving wife and devoted daughters by his side.

Born in Grafton March 5, 1936, Jerry was the son of the late Jeremiah F. and Alpharetta (Wood) Looney, and for over 64 years, the husband of Lorraine A. (Rapplelea) Looney of Raymertown, who survives. He recently earned his Irish citizenship in honor of his Irish descendants.

Jerry was a graduate of Troy High School and attended Russell Sage College in Troy.

As a young man, Jerry served in the National Guard. He was also employed by the former Behr-Manning Mfg. Co. in Watervliet.

In 1961, after graduating from the New York State Police Academy (67th class), he was stationed at Troop K, and later the Troop G Barracks in Brunswick, where he helped solve many major crimes. Jerry served on many special task forces in NYC and Albany, including the Narcotics Unit, The Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force, NYS Lottery Commission and Wagering Board and Casino Gambling Study Panel. After more than 28 years of service as a NYS Trooper and Senior Investigator with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations Division, he retired in 1988 at the rank of Captain, and received many governmental commendations. After retirement, Jerry was the Officer in Charge of the Green Island Police Department.

Jerry was active in his community as a member of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, where he served as a Trustee, and Safe Sanctuary Chairman. He also was active in Pittsstown town politics as a Republican Party Committeeman, member of the Planning Board and for many years as Chairman on the Town of Pittsstown Board of Assessment Review.

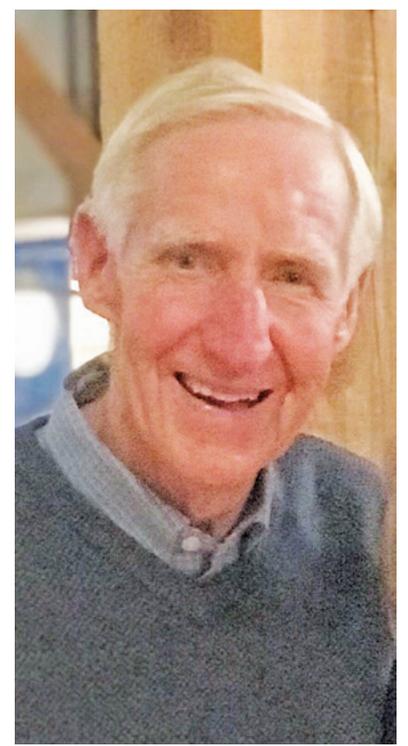
Jerry loved to spend time on his farm, where he was a seed dealer for DeKalb and Seedway Seed Companies. He enjoyed his visits with many local farmers. He was successful as an entrepreneur, helping his daughters open Country Creme, a well-known ice cream shop on his property that drew customers from all over the Capital District. He raised animals, baled hay and grew vegetables in his garden to share with friends and family. He loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing and working the land. He and Lorraine enjoyed wine time every day at 4 pm, when friends and family could stop by for a visit. His favorite pastime was spending family fun days with his wife, children, and grandchildren up on his mountain, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows over a roaring fire, while enjoying a bit of port wine.

In addition to his wife, Jerry is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Jim Burden of Raymertown, April and Mark Miller of Troy, and Jeanne and Jim Daley of Gansevoort, a sister-in-law, Betty Looney of Troy, ten grandchildren, Jason Hill (Michele Cassaro), Stacey and Salvatore Fallova, Colton and Samantha Hill, Samuel Burden, Matthew Miller, Michael Miller, Madison Miller, Jordan Daley, Jamie Daley and Joshua Daley, three great-grandchildren, Vincent Fallova, Mason Fallova, and Anthony Burden, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, John Looney, and three sisters, Sheila Stephens, Kaye Grogan, and Eileen Mosher.

A memorial service for Mr. Looney will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 4 pm, at the Pittsstown Volunteer Emergency Corps., 60 Parker School Road, with Dan McIntyre officiating. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Emergency Corps. from 1 to 4 pm prior to the service. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to either the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180, or to Signal 30 Fund of the NYS Troopers PBA, 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207, in memory of Capt. Gerald E. "Jerry" Looney.

Funeral Service details are under the direction of the Howard B. Tate & Son Funeral Home Inc., 2237 New York Route 7, located in Raymertown.



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Community Alliance Church will host their first Friendsgiving, a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. All who live in the Hoosick Falls Central School District are welcome to attend. The menu includes roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, squash, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie and beverage. There is no charge. Meals will be served on a first come, first served basis only, beginning at 5 pm. You can dine inside with other members of the community or take your meal home and enjoy it. During these very trying times, we are looking forward to being able to serve and encourage our community.

On **Saturday, November 13, from 8 to 9:30 am** will be the men's breakfast. This delicious hot meal prepared by the men of the church will include eggs, home fries, breakfast meat, pastries, coffee and juice.

Men's breakfasts are intergenerational, so men bring their fathers, sons, grandfathers and neighbors. The purpose is to connect in an informal gathering to share some great food and a few laughs, to encourage one another through a brief time in Scripture, to chat with old friends and make new ones.

Breakfasts are open to all men. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

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

Holiday Bazaar

On **November 13**, Zion's United Church of Christ will holding their annual holiday bazaar. Find holiday needs such as decor, gifts, wrapping paper, cards and supplies. There will also be baked goods, a children's craft table, homemade soups, sandwiches, hotdogs and apple pie. Whole pies will also be available to take home. Raffle items include a holiday quilt by Linda Bondi and gift certificates to local businesses. The bazaar will be held at 741 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake.

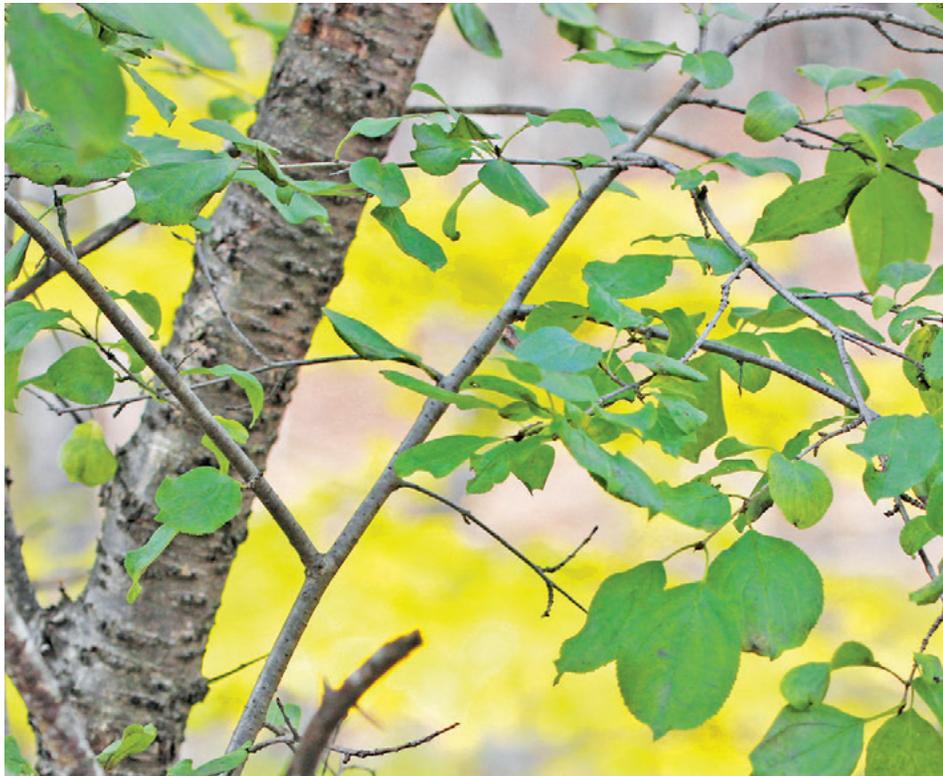
Thanksgiving Celebration

On **Sunday, November 7, at 2 pm** the First United Church Presbyterian in Hoosick Falls will have a Thanksgiving Celebration service giving thanks for the 196 years of this church. We will remember the history of this congregation and the importance it had in the growth and continuing life of Hoosick Falls. We will celebrate the joining of the Hoosick Falls Presbyterian and Methodist churches. We hope you can join us as we remember, honor and celebrate the life of the church. Reservations are required due to COVID-19 protocols. Please respond no later than October 31 to Joyce Brewer at 518-258-5772 or tjbrewer4942@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

The friends of **Tom Clement** of East Nassau mourn his passing on October 23, 2021. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace.

Cut It and Cut It Again



If you walk into the woods now and see a deciduous tree still with green serrated leaves, it is probably the Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) – a small invasive tree with thorns at the end of its branches. You'll probably see several together, as they easily spread into groups or rows. Remaining on the trees may be dark blue berries containing several seeds that can be viable for five years. According to NY's DEC, repeated mowing and cutting has shown to reduce the success of these trees that crowd out native plants and are associated with invasive earthworms. This Buckthorn was found with a group of its own in the Petersburg woods. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

It Will Be Here Soon



Light flurries in Grafton on Wednesday morning is just a precursor of what is to come. Ice and heavy winter winds brought this tree down on power lines in North Hoosick in January of 2020. Let's hope Old Man Winter spares us such moments when he comes to visit this year. Eastwick Press file photo.

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

Spring Planting

Sunday, May 11, 1851: Today the funeral of Joseph Brown, Elder Nathan Sweet preached at the Baptist Church. Monday: I and John F. went to raising a barn to Mr. Horton's. John F. rode to the Shakers this forenoon paid 12½ cts for pumpkin seed and bought other seeds. Tuesday: We planted a small piece potatoes and began to plant corn, manured in the hill and I mended fence, a shower towards night. Today Luther Rich of New Lebanon hung himself (56 yrs old). Thursday: I and Geo P. went to Rastus Rowley's raising a barn. Tuesday: I this afternoon took my one horse wagon and fetched my grist from Adams Mill, I carried two pigs to an Irishman shoemaker as I agreed yesterday but he would not have them and I sold them to the blacksmith Walker and he credits me three dollars on account, and he charges me 4 cents for fixing the gate hinges and a bolt. Thursday: I this forenoon set gate post and picked stone and turfs off carrot ground in my young orchard and this afternoon I rode to Sylvenas Carpen-

ter's and borrowed his carrot machine and got said machine to J. B. Maxon's and worked a spell helping Geo P. fix his carrot ground on said Maxon farm. Today Geo P. began to sow his carrots. Friday: I worked on my carrot ground and John F. and Celinbalm worked with me this forenoon. Edwin returned from his father's today noon, he went home last night to drive their cow that has strolled from home. Geo P. planted over corn where John Bassett's horse had scratched the corn up. Mr. Alexander Ostrander altered ten pigs for me. Saturday: I this forenoon finished fixing my carrot ground and Geo P. sowed them and sowed John F. carrot ground. Monday: I worked on the highway with ox team and wagon and A. Celinbalm and had four days credited. A. Ostrander and Geo P. worked on the highway to pay the tax of Wm. B. Maxon farm. He worked with ox team and wagon and Edwin Leonard and had four days credited, and John F. worked one day towards paying the tax on the Widow Eliza Wylie's farm and is to work the tax on said farm and they pay him 62½ cts per day.

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