

## HOOSICK FALLS

# New Water Source Announced for Hoosick Falls

## Route 22 Well Sites Are Chosen

by Doug La Rocque

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released their decision on how to provide a new permanent source of clean drinking water for the Village of Hoosick Falls. That decision calls for:

- Developing two new ground-water supply wells. Existing test wells south of Hoosick Falls will be converted to production wells;
- Retaining one existing village well. Redundancy is required in the case of an outage of the primary wells;

- Constructing a water transmission line from the new wells to the village water treatment plant along public rights of way;
- Continued operation of the public water supply treatment plant to remove naturally occurring elements, and ensure disinfection and distribution to meet applicable water supply requirements; and
- Retaining the existing GAC treatment system to ensure removal of ambient organic compounds.

The two new well sites are on land off NYS Route 22 south of the Village, owned by Jeff Wysocki and Jerry LaCroix. That is what many had speculated would be the answer for a year now, ever since DEC put forth a number of options which included piping water in from the Tomhannock Reservoir in Pittstown, connecting to the City of Troy's water line and its Brunswick terminus or to simply do nothing and continue to draw from the contaminated wells and run it through the GAC system. Piping the water in from the Tomhannock or Brunswick



A look at a busy John Street in Hoosick Falls where new shops have opened since the onset of the PFOA contamination and the announcement of the new drinking water source was welcome news. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

would have cost tens of millions of dollars, and doing nothing was never really considered.

In 2016, Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected in the Village of Hoosick Falls' public drinking water supply and Town of Hoosick private drinking water wells above the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). Since that time, there have been numerous studies conducted on the effect of PFOA, a known carcinogen, multiple rounds of blood testing, numerous test wells dug, public hearings, the formation of a Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) to work with the DEC and the NYS Department of Health (DOH), agreements with Saint-Gobain and Honeywell International (two of the four companies found by NYS to have created the contamination) to pay for much of the remediation work and most recently, a \$62 million class action settlement.

News of the Record of Decision (ROC) was welcomed by everyone The Eastwick Press reached out to. Hoosick Falls Mayor Ron Allen released a statement saying, "The Village welcomes the ROD issued by DEC requiring the development of new local groundwater wells as our future water source. This is a significant step forward and the culmination of a great deal of work from many residents, advocates and organizations. We look forward to working with DEC and the responsible parties so that the development and implementation of the new water source takes place as expeditiously as possible.

While we are grateful to get to this important milestone, we remain focused on what more needs to be done, and will make every effort to continue

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The Hoosick Falls Water Treatment Plant. Eastwick Press file photo.

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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN

## Assistive Technology Tools

*Submitted by BCS Communications*

Assistive technology describes any use of a tool that helps someone more easily interact with the world around them. For children and teenagers in school, this might look like using word prediction or speech-to-text from a program like Co:Writer to help them demonstrate their knowledge if writing is difficult for them. It can also come in the form of an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device. These devices use pictures, text and voice output to help children who struggle to communicate verbally to communicate in other ways. Programs like Proloquo2Go or TouchChat are great AAC apps available on iPads and are being used by some of the students at Berlin Elementary School.

Berlin CSD Director of Exceptional Education Samantha Brewer and BES Speech-Language Pathologist Heather Riccardi recently enlisted Jordyn Sims Pierce, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP Speech-Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology Specialists, to help explore these tools and think creatively about how best to meet each student's individual needs.

Mrs. Riccardi has been seeking out these assistive technology tools and has been excited to put them to use this school year. She works alongside BES staff as well to implement and integrate these assistive tools and strategies.



*A student using TouchChat and CoWriter together to complete a sentence using high frequency words from the reading curriculum on SeeSaw. Photo courtesy of BCS communications.*

### WILLIAMSTOWN

## Clark Art Institute Airs the Met

The Metropolitan Opera's production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute* airs at the Clark Art Institute on **Sunday, December 26 at 12:55 pm** in an encore presentation of The Met: Live in HD. The award-winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts features the full performance along with backstage interviews and commentary.

Julie Taymor's kaleidoscopic production provides an ideal holiday season treat for opera lovers of all ages. This encore presentation was the Metropolitan Opera's first Live in HD transmission and features a winning ensemble that includes tenor Matthew Polenzani, baritone Nathan Gunn and bass René Pape in this abridged, English-language version of Mozart's classic fable.

Tickets for each performance are \$25 (\$22 for Clark members, \$18 for students with valid ID, and \$7 for children 10 and under). To purchase tickets, visit [clarkart.edu](http://clarkart.edu) or call the box office at 413 458 0524. All sales are final.

Seating capacity in the Clark's auditorium has been reduced for this season to accommodate greater social distancing. Tickets are limited to 100 guests and are selling quickly. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all visitors age twelve and older is required. All guests age five and older are required to wear face masks at all times while inside the Clark's facilities.

The next Met: Live in HD performance is *Cinderella*, airing **Saturday, January 8 at 12:55 pm**.



*A look at a previous performance of The Magic Flute in the Auditorium of the Clark Art Institute. Photo courtesy of The Clark.*

### BERLIN

## Masterminds off to Strong Start

The Berlin Masterminds traveled to Troy High last Friday, December 3, to compete in their second match of the year. Congratulations to Elsie Corbett, Raymond Ericson, Connor Sniger, Jacob Brazie and Austin Meyette who all played on the Varsity team and won their match against Berne-Knox-Westerlo 165 to 40. The team played a close game with Catholic High but lost in the last two questions 155 to 120.

Congratulations also goes to the JV Masterminds team. Nathaniel Mace, Owen Lowry, Riley Smith and Daniel Rivera won their first match against Catholic High 145 to 40. They played well but couldn't hold on in a close match against Berne-Knox-Westerlo 110 to 50.

— Coach Overocker and Coach Christian



*Photo and text courtesy of BCS communications.*

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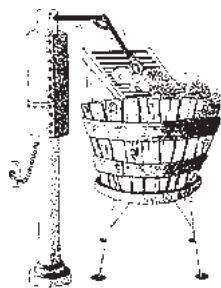
## Looking for Feedback

Remember to stop in Mondays or Thursdays through December 23 to use our gift wrapping workspace to get your presents ready to put under the tree.

The creative writing group will meet on **Tuesday, December 14, at 6:45 pm**, and knitters will be here each Wednesday afternoon.

The library is always looking for ideas on how we can better serve you. Let us know what other programs or services we might offer to help keep Petersburg a vibrant community. We are grateful for our wonderful patrons, neighbors and friends, and welcome your suggestions. Call 518-658-2927, email [library@petersburghpubliclibrary.org](mailto:library@petersburghpubliclibrary.org) or come in **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 2 to 6 pm; Wednesdays from 2 to 7 pm; or Saturdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**.

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### BERLIN

## Helping for the Holidays

Through the generosity of people in the area, the Berlin Community Food Closet provided Thanksgiving dinner boxes to 15 families, cooked a turkey for one family and delivered individual meals to 6 people and couples. The Closet is working on collecting food for Christmas baskets. Hams, yams and cake mixes are needed. Stewart's gas cards are needed as well. If you know of families that are in need of Christmas food and are not receiving help from another pantry, please contact the United Methodist Church by calling 518-658-2942.

Donations can be left at Taconic Mountain Insurance, with the Berlin Town Clerk or by calling to make arrangements for someone to meet you at the church.

On **Saturday, January 15, from 9 to 11 am**, the Food Closet will sponsor a free, take out only soup, bread and dessert buffet. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling the church at the number listed above.

### PETERSBURGH

## 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.



Mrs. Claus presents a generous check from the Berlin Fire Auxiliary to Dianne Mosher, Berlin Community Food Closet coordinator. The Food Closet provides emergency food for needy families in the towns of Berlin and Petersburg. The Berlin Community Food Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 am. The first January offerings will be on December 31. Photo courtesy of Dianne Mosher.

### BERLIN LIBRARY

## Dates Closed

The Berlin Free Town Library will be closed on the following dates:

**Saturday, December 11**

**Friday, December 24**

**Saturday, December 25**

**Saturday, January 1**

### BERLIN

## Helping Hands

Submitted by BCS Communications

Berlin Central School District's Helping Hands committee is looking for gently used winter gear sizes 5 to adult. We are looking for coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and boots that your children have outgrown. We would love to pass them along to other families. Please send the gear in with your child or drop it off at the Berlin Elementary main office. There is a collection bin for all items in the main hallway. Thank you for your support. If you are in need of winter gear for your child please call the BES Main Office and ask for Mrs. Deanna Baker or email [dbaker@berlincentral.org](mailto:dbaker@berlincentral.org).

## Eastwick Holiday Changes

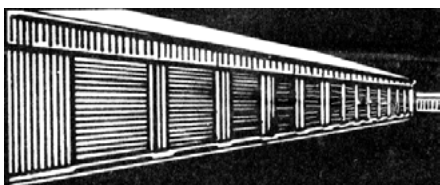
The Eastwick Press will publish a double edition on **Friday, December 24**. Our next edition will be on **January 7**, after we take our annual Christmas break. Our office will close at **4 pm on Thursday, December 23** and reopen on **Monday, January 3 at 8 am**. Any breaking major news stories will be placed on our website at [eastwickpress.com](http://eastwickpress.com).

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## Central County

### POESTENKILL

## Latest PFOA/PFOS Testing Finds Three New Contaminated Wells

*Submitted by the Rensselaer County Department of Health*

A seventh round of sampling of properties in Poestenkill for PFOA has been concluded, with three new properties found to have levels of PFOA above the state-permitted levels, County officials announced on Thursday, December 2.

The results were finalized Wednesday and prepared for public release. The seventh round of testing results follows a sixth round last month in which no new properties were found to be above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

Five properties were sampled during the seventh round of testing. Samples were conducted from sites located to the west of Algonquin Middle School. The five properties surveyed registered samples that show one non-detect and one detection of PFOA/PFOS below the state maximum contaminant level stan-

dards for public drinking water, along with the three over the MCL.

With the conclusion of the seventh round of testing, a source for the contamination has still not been discovered. The County and State have been investigating the possibility of multiple, unrelated sources for the contamination. The State recently started expanded testing in the area around the middle school.

The Town is also beginning work to develop a public water district in Poestenkill to cover areas affected by the PFOA situation.

"Even after seven rounds of testing, no source of the contamination has been determined. We are continuing to work with the State to find the source or sources for the PFOA contamination and to get more answers," said county Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas.

### NORTH GREENBUSH

## Traditions Old and New

The Town of North Greenbush will hold its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, **December 11 starting at 6 pm**. The parade steps off from St. Jude's Church proceeding down Brookside Avenue to Main Avenue and ending at the Town Hall. Organizers say it will be the biggest and brightest parade ever.

The Town is also beginning a new tradition with the lighting of their first Starry Night Memorial Christmas Trees. The lighting takes place immediately following the parade in the field adjacent to the Town Hall.

### GRAFTON LIBRARY

## Letters to Santa

Dear Children of Grafton,

Santa has asked the Grafton Community Library to work extra hard during this Christmas season to make sure all children in Grafton who write to him get a personalized response.

Sometimes, Santa and his elves can't answer because they are so busy building toys and gifts. This year, the jolly old elf himself has agreed to reply to each child in Grafton who writes to him.

Your letter must include the child's name, age, gender and a valid return address. Be sure to drop them off at the Grafton Community Library or mail to PO Box H, Grafton NY 12082, no later than **December 17**.

### GRAFTON

## Yankee Doodle Band and Holiday Cookie Contest

*Submitted by Betsy Colvin*

The Yankee Doodle Band and American Legion bands come to Grafton on **Saturday, December 11, from 2 to 4 pm**, at Roxborough Holdings, Rt. 2 and Babcock Lake Road. The Yankee Doodle Band, with guest singer Courtney Shane Karl, will be playing some of your favorite holiday songs including a mash up of *Stars & Stripes* interwoven with well-known Christmas songs. It's sure to get your feet stomping one moment and you singing along to one of your favorite carols the next.

Bring a dozen of your favorite homemade holiday cookies to Grafton's first holiday cookie contest and you may win a special holiday prize. Come enjoy the music, sample the holiday cookies and feel free to sing along or get up and dance. We hope to see you there.

### GRAFTON

## Landowner Appreciation Dinner

The Grafton Trailblazers Snowmobile Club will hold a landowner appreciation dinner on **Wednesday, December 15, at 6 pm**, at the Lakeview Restaurant in Averill Park. All landowners and their families are invited to attend free of charge. Club members are invited to attend at a cost of \$30. There will be a cocktail hour at 6 pm, with a brief meeting of the club to update everyone. Dinner will be served at 7 pm, and there will be prizes given out. This is the club's way of thanking landowners. Without them, there would be no trails to ride on beyond state parks. Please RSVP via Facebook or call our treasurer, Samantha Robitaille, at 518-258-8311.

### EAST SCHODACK

## Pizza Night With Santa



Santa visited the East Schodack Fire Company's December Pizza Night on December 4. Any kids who accompanied their parents to pick up their pizza received a Christmas treat for the holidays. Photo by Denise Wright.

### BURDEN LAKE

## Christkindle Markt



Primo the Boxer enjoying Stable Gate Winery and Burden Lake Market's Christkindle Markt which is held the first two weekends of December. They have local crafts, mulled wine, a fire pit and authentic German Food. Photo by Denise Wright.

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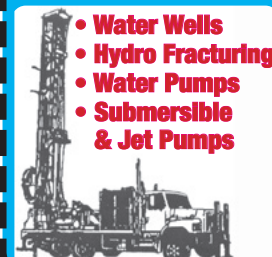
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## Central County

### SCHODACK

## Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

During the December 6 Schodack Planning Board meeting, public hearings were a topic for discussion. The first was about Schuurman Road's Schodack Golf 12 lot subdivision. The 294 acre project is looking to extend the water district approximately 900'. Board members voiced concern about drainage and the culvert on Schuurman Road. The presenter assured the Board they were not pushing water out on Schuurman Road. The Board approved the subdivision to go to engineering.

The second public hearing was about the proposed special permit for a cemetery on Phillips Road for the Muslim Community of Troy. The presenter from Environmental Design discussed the three-phase project for the 105 acres. The comprehensive cemetery plan will

consist of 5,000 graves and take 100 years to complete. The first phase will be developing approximately 18 acres for 1,400 graves. Phase two, which will happen in about 50 years, will consist of roughly 2,700 graves. The third phase will be for 850 graves. Some residents voiced concerns over impacts on groundwater, wells and proximity to neighboring properties. The project will contain a 50' buffer with trees and vegetation to keep the cemetery private. The Board approved the lead agency and the type 1 action under SEQRA.

The final hearing was about Crown Castle/Dish Wireless. It was approved for a new dish wireless user on a tower on Route 150. Two American Tower/Dish Wireless towers on Beagle Club Way and US Route 20 were referred to the LaBerge Group.

After a Schoolhouse Road 2 lot subdivision was approved, a Route 9 special permit and variance were approved for a proposed car lot. The new owner plans to add an office to the property. While there were some concerns about updated flood plain requirements and updating water on the site, it was concluded that adjustments could be made to the application once the water/septic lines were run along Route 9.

### Grafton Food Pantry Holiday Closings

The Grafton Area Food Pantry at our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church will be closed on **Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25** and **New Year's Day, January 1**.

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### WEST SAND LAKE

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### GRAFTON

## Toys for the Town

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

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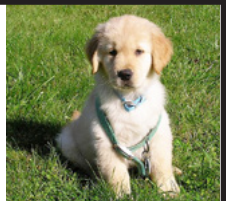
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## Central County

### BRUNSWICK

# Online Sale of Firearms Gains Planners' Approval

by Doug La Rocque

A Special Use Permit for Zachary Froio for the online sale of firearms, selling from brick and mortar distributors directly to customers, was in front of the Brunswick Planning Board on Thursday, December 2.

Mr. Froio's proposed business would not have any customer pick up at his 502 Pinewoods Avenue home, but rather would simply receive the product and quickly turn it around, shipping it to the end user. The Board gave its approval to the concept, with several conditions, primarily of which was the requirement that a secure receptacle for the firearms and ammunition be in place and that deliveries would be limited from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday. Mr. Froio must also obtain all the required state and federal permits.

### Parking Proposal Has Missed the Bus

Matopato, LLC announced at the Board's last November meeting it was withdrawing its controversial proposal to park school buses at its 291 Oakwood Avenue property. The company was initially informed the bus parking did not jive with the original site plan approval. They came back with a minor subdivision request, but met vehement opposition at the public hearing. Matopato was back at this meeting, simply asking that the subdivision move forward, to give the company more options for possible future development. The planners, declaring a negative environmental impact, gave their approval.

The Board will next meet on **Thursday, December 16**, with many more items on the tentative agenda.

### VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

Weekly Events:

#### Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

#### Lego Time

Fridays from 3 to 6 pm

Monthly Events:

#### Adult Book Club

The Third Monday of the month at 10:30 am

#### Family Movie Night

Friday, December 17, at 6:30 pm

This month's movie will be *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

December Special Events:

#### Intro to Google Apps Suite

Tuesday, December 14, from 6 to 7 pm

Learn what tools are available free with a Google or Gmail account. This session will be held online via Zoom. Skill Level is beginner.

#### Holiday Singalong

Tuesday, December 21, at 6:30 pm

Join us to sing Holiday songs around our newly donated piano and enjoy some seasonal refreshments.

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

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### BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

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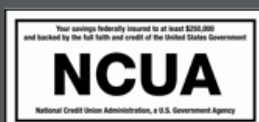
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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### New Water Source Announced for Hoosick Falls... Continued from page 1

to advocate for our residents and assure that protections are in place so that our supply will be forever protected against PFOA and any other type of contamination. Investigation and remediation will continue, and we will continue to take the view that an additional well drawing on the new uncontaminated source should be developed to serve as a backup to the new wells.

That being said, we applaud the choice of water source as we continue our comeback and economic recovery from the stigma of water contamination."

Village Trustee Kevin O'Malley says, "I am happy that the Village has turned another page of the PFOA Story. As a Village trustee I was hoping for a third well but I'm looking forward to getting our water source away from the contaminated site."

Village resident Micheal Hickey was the individual credited with discovering the contamination, and has been an advocate for procuring clean water, remediation and addressing the health concerns of those impacted. He tells The Eastwick Press it is a major step toward closure, for both himself and the residents of the Village and the Town as a whole. With so much involvement over the past years, he says he was starting to feel a sense of burnout. He also described it as another level of safety and thinks the decision to use the local wells was the most practical — economically and expediently — and keeps Village control over their water.

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin released a statement that said, "This has been a long-time coming and the people of Hoosick Falls need and deserve a reliable and safe source of water to rely on. I was proud to advocate for residents of Hoosick Falls as Assemblyman and continue to advocate today as County Executive. I still believe the best and most permanent solution to the situation is to establish a public water source between Hoosick Falls and the Tomhannock Reservoir or any other large sources of drinking water. In the meantime, strong guarantees need to be provided to the residents about the quality and safety of the water, and residents should be protected from costs associated with the project."

Hoosick Falls' two state representatives also weighed in on the decision. Senator Daphne Jordan commented, "Today's issuance of the Saint-Gobain — McCaffrey Street Record of Decision by the State Department of Environmental Conservation is an important step toward the provision of a permanent water source in response to PFOA contamination in the Village of Hoosick Falls' water supply. The support of local community stakeholders for the decision is especially noteworthy. I appreciate the dedicated efforts of DEC Commissioner Seggos and his staff in advancing this practical solution that will help provide a water supply that's safe, clean and reliable for area families. We need to ensure this project moves forward and is fully implemented. We also need to focus on the identified PFOA contamination in Poestenkill, expand and accelerate the scope of private well testing and make certain that the state, not local families, assumes all of the testing costs as I've continually called for in my correspondence to Governor Hochul."

Assemblyman Jake Ashby said simply, "I am encouraged that we are finally moving closer to a sustainable water source for the Hoosick community. It is imperative that we continue to work to ensure that everyone has clean, healthy and safe water."

Finally, CPWG Co-Chair Brian Bushner said, "This has been a long time coming but the group is comfortable that the process was as complete as pos-

sible and the decision reflects community priorities. The CPWG appreciates all of the time that our community has invested in providing feedback and guidance to the DEC, as well as the incredible amount of work that the DEC has contributed to making this come to fruition. The water crisis has been one of the largest challenges our community has ever faced, and to see a resolution and rectification on the horizon brings great relief to all."

The ROC also states DEC and DOH will continue to provide Hoosick area residents with information and updates regarding ongoing remediation efforts. In addition, state agencies continue to engage the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) to discuss the progress of the PFOA cleanup. No actual timeline for the work on the wells is given in the DEC release.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Questionable Section of Track Under Repair

Throughout the summer, State, County and local officials have been urging Pan Am Railway to do something about an undersized culvert (disputed by Pan Am) that they contend is undermining the rail bed on a section of track near Railroad Avenue. County Legislator Bruce Patire and Hoosick Councilman Jerry McAuliffe have been leading the charge for the repairs, citing a NYS Department of Transportation safety inspection that said there is movement of the tracks when heavy freights trains pass over them, but also said it was within tolerance as long as trains do not exceed 10 miles per hour. Mr. Patire, Mr. McAuliffe and neighbors disagreed. Legislator Patire told The Eastwick Press on one visit to the site they found rail spikes that have worked their way loose because of the severe movement of the tracks. Others, he says, were sticking up 1 to 4 inches from the rail bed. He called that an obvious safety issue that could cause a derailment, impacting several nearby homes. Such an occurrence, he contends, could become catastrophic because several of the rail cars passing over the site contain propane or oil.

Now, it seems their concerns have finally made it past some deaf ears, as Monday, December 6, repair crews from Pan Am were boring along the side of the tracks, pouring concrete into the holes to help stabilize the rail bed. They were also planning some other containment measures. Mr. Patire says they told him they do not plan to replace the 75-year-old track, at least not at this time, but he was pleased that some action was

### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Kids Christmas Party

The North Hoosick Fire Department will be sponsoring their annual kids Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 18, at 1:00 pm**, at the fire station on Rt. 22. This event is open to the general public. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus is expected by 1:30 pm. Parents who bring children are asked to bring a gift for their children to open once Santa arrives. A Christmas (cartoon) movie will be shown on the big screen for all to enjoy. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission fee for this event.



Heavy rail repair equipment moves along the questionable section of Pan Am Railway track near Railroad Avenue Monday night. Photo by Steve Bradley.

being taken to help prevent a potentially serious accident at the site.

The slow speed trains were restricted to has created other problems in the Village. Lengthy backups have taken place at many intersections, delaying school buses and bringing about concerns that emergency vehicles would have to divert around such backups, delaying precious response time.

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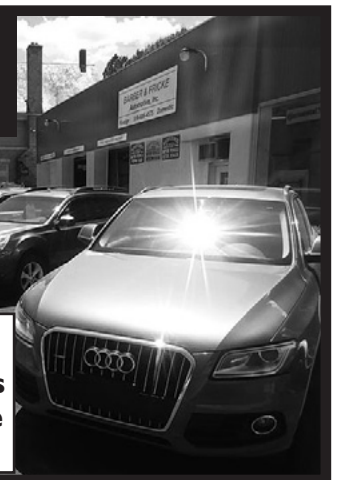
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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### PITTSTOWN/HOOSICK

# Driver Dozes Off Truck Goes Off Route 7

by Steve Bradley



This tractor trailer accident was the second along this stretch of NYS Route 7 in less than a week. Previously, a truck loaded with floor tiles overturned on the south side of the road in the area of Tibbits Forest. Photo by Steve Bradley.

A tanker truck from New Hampshire was headed to the port at Albany to pick up gasoline when it went off the north side of NYS Route 7 early Saturday morning, December 4, when the driver fell asleep. The accident occurred at 4:30 am at the Town of Hoosick/Pittstown line just east of Giuseppe's Restaurant. Since the vehicle was far off the road, traffic disruptions were minimal, with the Hoosick and Pittstown fire departments arriving at the scene and leaving shortly thereafter.

The driver, from New Hampshire, was uninjured but did say, "I thought I was going to die when I saw the roof of the shed coming through the windshield." The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, NYS Department of Transportation and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation also were on the scene.

### HOOSICK FALLS

#### Community Partnership

## Mass Food Distribution

Submitted by the Capital District Area Labor Federation

Come to Hoosick Falls Central School, 21187 NY Rt. 22, on **December 29, at 10 am**, to receive food, fresh fruits, vegetables and other items. If you are walking please practice social distancing. If you are driving, please remain in your vehicle. Please don't arrive before the 10 am start time, as early arrivals will cause traffic and crowding.

Volunteers are needed to help pack and distribute food items. Gloves will be provided and volunteers can take a box of food items as needed. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:45 am. If you are interested, RSVP at [volunteer@ccrcda.org](mailto:volunteer@ccrcda.org).

### BENNINGTON

# SVMC Earns Honors for Patient-Centered Care

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) and Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) are proud to announce that each of its five primary care practices in Vermont have achieved recognition for providing personalized, effective and efficient primary care. The medical practices have been re-designated as Patient Centered Medical Homes by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

The primary care medical home program identifies practices that promote partnerships between individual patients and their personal clinicians. A team of doctors, nurses and other allied health providers oversees each patient's care. The team ensures that care for each patient's health needs is coordinated across the health care system.

To receive recognition, a practice must demonstrate its ability to meet six key standards of the Patient Centered Medical Home model, which was developed by the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association. The areas include access to care, using tools to identify patients and their information, planning and managing patient care, providing self-care tools, tracking and coordinating care and a system for measuring and improving performance. Each standard has several subsections. Practices must resubmit for consideration every year.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### SCHUYLERVILLE

## Monthly Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club invites all to join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, December 12, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu is eggs cooked to order, bacon, sausage, white or wheat toast, pancakes, French toast, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For more information call 518-695-3917.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Hall-A-Palooza on Tap

The Polish Hall in Hoosick Falls will host its 12th Annual Hall-A-Palooza Membership Drive Weekend, **Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12**. A Chinese Auction is one of the many things that will be taking place. Some of the items being auctioned are: Liquor & Wine Basket, Through the Years Basket, Golf Basket, Kid's Basket, Gift Certificates to Restaurants, Bowling, True Value, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Lottery Tickets, Harley Davidson prizes, Hall Memberships and much much more. On **Friday, December 10** the Polish Hall will offer our popular Fish Fry Sandwich with chips and a pickle for \$8 which will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. **Saturday, December 11**, a preview of items is available as well as tickets to purchase. On **Sunday, December 12**, the doors open at noon and the Chinese Auction drawing will take place at 4 pm. You do not need to be present to win.

Nothing says Happy Hall-days like a gift membership, gift certificates or drink tokens. Gift Certificates make great stocking stuffers.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Sinterklaas

**Saturday, December 18, from 3 to 4:30 pm**, the Barnett House on Caretaker's Rd. presents Sinterklaas. Children and their families are invited to come and learn about this Dutch tradition. The program will include a Sinterklaas story, cookie decorating, Dutch games and more. The program is free and recommended for children ages 5 to 10. Please pre-register by **December 17**, by calling 518-686-4682.

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### CAMBRIDGE

## Good Citizen Award Winners

*Submitted by DAR*

The Ondawa-Cambridge Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting on Friday, December 3, at the Town Hall in Center Cambridge. At this meeting Good Citizen awards were given to four high school seniors who have received the distinguished honor of being chosen as a DAR Good Citizen. These four students have incorporated the four qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, into their lives. Each school faculty voted for three seniors who demonstrated the qualities of a good citizen in their homes, schools and communities. From these three students, the senior class selected the one senior student to be the school's DAR Good Citizen.

Following the awarding of these honors, Al and Kathy Bain, professional musicians, entertained with the singing of holiday songs. Refreshments followed, hosted by Mary Smith and Faith Keubler. The next DAR meeting will be in March 2022.



*Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens award winners, from left to right: Ethan Parker from Hartford Central School, Carter Wilkins from Cambridge Central School, Emma Cross from Hoosick Falls Central and Bailey Catlin from Berlin High School. Photo courtesy of DAR.*

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Community Participation Work Group Meeting

The next public meeting of the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) will be held **Tuesday, December 14 from 6 to 8 pm**. The meeting will be conducted using an online platform and login information will be shared via the CPWG List-serv prior to the meeting.

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

The CPWG's monthly meetings provide an opportunity for the greater Hoosick Falls community to hear progress reports on PFOA remedial activity and options being explored for municipal water supply.

For more information, visit [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org), <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html> or <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/hoosick/>.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Letters to Santa

The 2021 letter writing campaign has begun and Macy's will once again donate \$1 per letter, up to \$1 million. Due to COVID-19 letters won't be collected in person, but those who would like to submit a letter can do so on Macy's website by visiting [Macys.com/believe](https://www.macys.com/believe). Letters can also be dropped off at a Macy's store location through **December 24**.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## 2022 Calendar

*Submitted by the Hoosick Township Historical Society*

The 2022 Town of Hoosick calendar will take you back in time. You may recognize more than a few people and places within the pages. The cover is a photograph of the Cheney Library by Erwin Ham-bright. The Library will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2022.

The calendars are on sale at The Louis Miller Museum, The Cheney Library and Thorpe's Pharmacy. You can also order them through the society website at [www.hoosickhistory.com](http://www.hoosickhistory.com).

### CHENEY LIBRARY

## December Events

### Story Hour

*Tuesdays at 10 am*

December is the final month for story hour. To register, or to view our calendar, please visit [www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour](http://www.cheneylibrary.org/story-hour).

### Lego Club

*Friday, December 17, 4 to 5 pm - Grades 4 and higher*

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Special Hours for Transfer Station

*This is a public notice regarding special hours for the Hoosick Falls transfer station.*

**Friday, December 24: 8 am to 2 pm**

**Saturday, December 25: Closed**

**Friday, December 31: 8 am to 2 pm**

**Saturday, January 1: Closed**



## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON

## Community Food Giveaway

The Town of New Lebanon and the New Lebanon CSD will host a food giveaway on **Wednesday, December 22, starting at 9 am**. The giveaway is completely free and will take place at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22. Pull in at Shatford Park by entering the baseball fields and follow signs to the Town Hall. Any questions contact Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com).

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A Do-or-Die Moment for Our Small Farms

*A Column by Assemblyman Chris Tague*

For many farmers in New York state, the winter months are a time to unwind from the stresses of a challenging and demanding growing season. This year, however, our farmers remain with a great deal of apprehension as we await a decision that could threaten their future viability.

In the coming days, the Farm Laborers Wage Board will reconvene to consider reducing the overtime threshold for farmworkers in New York state to below 60 hours. Such a change would have drastic impacts on farm labor costs. A recent report estimates, when combined with scheduled minimum wage increases, a 42% increase in workforce expenses for these small businesses.

While there are attempts to portray the issue of overtime pay for farmworkers as a simple matter of wage equality, a lower overtime threshold, without considering the realities of farming, will translate into smaller paychecks for laborers, or even jobs lost. In the end, hurting the very workers the policy is intended to help.

The operation of a farm is unpredictable and relies upon crop, animal and weather dependent work schedules that are oftentimes incompatible with an 8 hour workday. Farmworkers are used to laboring long hours, well over 40 per week, and have grown accustomed to the resulting pay. However, in the two

years since the implementation of a 60 hour workweek, many of these workers have had their hours drastically reduced by their employers who cannot afford to pay overtime rates. This has resulted in farmworkers earning less, with some ultimately deciding to leave the industry.

While the consequences of further reductions to the overtime threshold will be disastrous for farmers, the impacts will ultimately be felt in the wallets of all New Yorkers. We continue to endure a prolonged food supply chain crisis that has left store shelves empty and led to dramatic increases in grocery bills. As farmers are forced to produce less labor-intensive crops or, worse yet, cease their operations, we not only lose out on fresh, locally grown foods, but we become heavily reliant on imported goods, making us more vulnerable to market volatility.

I am calling on Governor Hochul, Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon and members of the Farm Laborers Wage Board to do the right thing and oppose any measures to further reduce the overtime threshold below its current 60 hours per week. I would also encourage others to reach out to them and make their voices heard. If we have no farms, we have no food. So let's stop biting the hand that feeds us.

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

### NASSAU

## Sunshine Fund Seeking Board of Directors Members

The Nassau Sunshine Funds, a charitable organization that offers no interest emergency loans to those living within the Town of Nassau, is seeking interested individuals to join its Board of Directors. Since 2008, all of the funds to make these loans come from loan repayments and donations. Loan application and repayment information is kept strictly confidential.

The Board meets every other month, typically by Zoom, to decide how loans are processed, how funds are raised, how the community is informed of this program and how the organization collaborates with other local charitable groups.

To learn more about the Nassau Sunshine Fund, visit [www.nassausunshinefund.org](http://www.nassausunshinefund.org) or request more information by mail to Nassau Sunshine Fund, P.O. Box 10, Nassau, NY 12123.

### NASSAU

## Town Wide Toy Collection

The Nassau Town and Village Youth Committees are again collecting new, unwrapped toys for distribution to the Nassau Resource Center. Donation boxes are located at the Nassau Free Library, the Village Hall, Town Hall, Transfer Station, Daisey's Cafe and Eleanor Square. The collection drive will end on **December 15**. Toys and gifts are needed for infants through teenagers. Help make Christmas brighter for our children.

For more information please email [judyz\\_05262@yahoo.com](mailto:judyz_05262@yahoo.com).

### NEW LEBANON

## A Night of Carols

The New Lebanon Junior/Senior High School Choir and Band will present their annual Holiday Concert, A Night of Carols, on **Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm** at Shatford Memorial Park. The snow date is Wednesday, December 15 at the same time and location. Refreshments will be provided and singing along is encouraged.

### NASSAU

## Grand Hall Craft Fair

*by Denise Wright*



*Crafters Kristen Bianco and Melissa Sleurs at the Grand Hall Craft Fair on December 5. Photo by Denise Wright.*

The new private social club, The Grand Hall, on Chatham Street in Nassau, held a craft fair on December 5 with several crafters participating. The club's owner, Nassau resident David Scaccia, opened the facility on October 31 and has been bringing several activities to the Nassau community like Zumba, corn hole tournaments and country line dancing. In 2022 the club hopes to develop a lounge for adults with pool tables and darts, as well as a technology center for all ages. If you are interested in learning more about Grand Hall check out their facebook page or call 518-858-2858.

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## Rensselaer County News

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

# \$425 Million Headed to NYS for Water Infrastructure

*Submitted by the Office of Congressman Antonio Delgado*

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado has announced \$428,072,000 in funding for New York water infrastructure. The funding, allocated through the Delgado-backed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will create jobs while upgrading New York's aging water systems and addressing key challenges like lead and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in drinking water. This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcement marks the first official round of funding for New York from the bipartisan infrastructure law.

"The bipartisan infrastructure law is delivering clean water and jobs to upstate communities," said Rep. Delgado. "This historic investment will identify and replace lead pipes as well as tackle PFAS contamination. I will keep fighting to improve water infrastructure and ensure every resident in our district has access to clean drinking water."

The Congressman says this bipartisan legislation will create jobs, repair our roads and bridges, improve water systems, deliver broadband and increase infrastructure resiliency in the face of climate change. The bill includes Congressman Delgado's Clean Water for Rural America Act, bipartisan legislation that empowers small and rural municipalities to apply for low-interest wastewater infrastructure loans.

## Holiday Mitten Tree

*Submitted by Eileen DePaula*

The weather is getting colder, and we want to support members of our community by providing cold weather gear to those in need. We are taking donations of items such as new gloves, hats, scarves, coats, etc. at our office to distribute. The building is currently closed to visitors; please call the CCE office at 518-272-4210 to have a staff member meet you at the door to take your donation, or to assist you with picking up some winter clothing items.

If you or someone you know are in need of items, please feel free call for an appointment to pick up items at 61 State St. Troy.

## It Was a Great Day for a Stroll

*by Amy Modesti*

The 39th Annual Victorian Stroll started its 2021 run in Downtown Troy on Sunday, December 5 with lively pop up street performances, all sorts of holiday shopping and great dining. The event also featured the Hart Cluett Museum's 65th Annual Greens Show, Gingerbread House making at the River Street Market and of course gift wrapping at the CDTA Trolley. The events also feature Troy's holiday window displays. The Stroll continues **Saturdays, December 11 and 18.**



*Troy Samba performs for dancers and spectators along Broadway in Troy on Sunday, December 5. It's an annual tradition to watch Troy Samba play their Brazilian percussion as part of the Victorian Stroll. Photo by Amy Modesti.*

### EAST GREENBUSH

# Ashby Unveils "No Surrender" Veterans Initiative

*Submitted by the Office of Assemblyman Jake Ashby*

Assemblyman Jake Ashby (R,C,I-Castleton), the Ranking Republican Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and an Army veteran, hosted the first "No Surrender" Veterans Initiative: Making PTSD a Priority roundtable event in the Capital Region on Wednesday, December 1.

The event, the first of six regional roundtables, was aimed at addressing the pervasive issue of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) facing veterans, as well as law enforcement, health care and emergency service personnel.

"Military personnel and frontline first responders are routinely exposed to emergencies and other circumstances that dramatically impact their mental health. Too often, these incidents create lasting mental health challenges that go largely unaddressed," said Assemblyman Ashby. "For that reason, I have introduced and co-sponsored several pieces of legislation to help address this issue, including a bill to make the Division of Veterans' Services into its own independent state agency. This event in East



*Assemblyman Jake Ashby addresses his "No Surrender" Initiative at the East Greenbush Roundtable. Photo by Amy Modesti.*

Greenbush was a great first step toward reshaping our State's treatment plan, and I am hopeful that with the feedback we have gathered we can better formulate short- and long-term strategies to adequately address mental health concerns."

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed a number of flaws in the State's health care system, especially as they related to individuals coping with anxiety, depression and PTSD.

## No Shave November Donation

*Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department*

Representatives from the Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff's PBA, Rensselaer County Correctional Officer Union, UPSEU, Sheriff Russo, Undersheriff Higgitt and Santa Claus all gathered together this afternoon to present a check to Pierce Hoyt and the Rensselaer County toy drive. Through No Shave November, \$3,500 was raised by Deputies, Correctional Officers, civilians, as well as individual and corporate sponsorships to assist in obtaining toys for Rensselaer County families this holiday season.

"At first, I had reservations about allowing the staff to grow beards in uniform, but after thinking about the potential impact it could have on the children for Christmas, I said 'why not, we will give it a try.' \$3,500 later, the men and women of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office are proudly turning over the donations collected to the Rensselaer County Department of Youth. It is our hope that the funds collected will brighten the smiles



*Members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, along with Santa Claus, present a check for \$3,500 to the Rensselaer County toy drive. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.*

of many children throughout Rensselaer County on Christmas morning," said Sheriff Patrick Russo.

We would like to thank all the hard-working folks at Rensselaer County, as well as everyone involved, for making No Shave November a big success. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

### TROY

## Reading Mentors Needed

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County needs a few more reading mentors for the Everybody Wins, Power Lunch program at School 14 on Wednesdays.

Everybody Wins is an innovative reading and mentoring program that increases children's prospects for success in school and in life. Power Lunch pairs elementary school children one-to-one with volunteers from nearby

businesses, colleges and the community. Once a week, reading partners enjoy conversation together at the school, and the adult reads a book aloud to the child while they eat lunch.

A one hour required training will be held on **Tuesday, December 28, from 10 to 11 am** at the LVORC Office, 71 First Street, 3rd floor (Hart Hall). To register or for more information, call 518-244-4650 or email [litvoldirector@aol.com](mailto:litvoldirector@aol.com).



Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

High School Basketball

Compiled by Steve Bradley

Boys

Hoosick Falls (3-0)	17	16	15	14	62
Ticonderoga (0-2)	10	2	4	5	21

Saturday, 12/4. The Panthers' defense held Ticonderoga to 11 points while scoring 48 of their own in the last three quarters. Jake Sparks had 24 points and seven rebounds and Conner Jones scored 10 in night two of the Lake George Invitational. Dylan Baker notched five assists. The JV team beat Lake George 63-29.

St. Lawrence	8	9	15	8	40
Hoosick Falls	19	15	18	19	71

Friday, 12/3. Jake Sparks had 26 points and nine rebounds and Miles Smith had 10 taking Hoosick Falls to the win in the Lake George Invitational. Tucker Thayne had eight rebounds and Dylan Baker dished out five assists.

Cambridge	11	13	6	7	37
Hoosick Falls	17	16	15	14	62

Wednesday, 12/1. Connor Jones had 17 points and Jake Sparks chipped in 16 as the Panthers defeated the Indians.

Girls

Tamarac	28	16	18	20	82
Waterford	7	6	4	8	25

Tuesday, 12/7. M. Faraj scored 27 points, S. Phillips had 18, A. Yetto had 15 and R. Dzembo added 10 as the Bengals routed Waterford.

Hoosick Falls	11	7	13	7	38
Emma Willard	21	14	17	8	60

Tuesday, 12/7. Marley McLellan and Amber MacNeil each scored 11 points but it wasn't enough as Emma Willard got out to a 35-18 halftime lead and cruised from there. E. Shields scored 18 for Emma Willard.

Mechanicville	16	20	16	9	61
Berlin-NL	9	8	4	8	29

Tuesday, 12/7.

Berlin-NL	4	4	1	5	14
Hoosic Valley	12	13	13	11	49

Friday, 12/3. Hoosic Valley's Sophia Squires scored 16 points to lead the Indians to the win.

Tamarac	27	19	12	18	76
Stillwater	8	7	3	5	23

Friday, 12/3. Phillips scored 29 points on 13 two-pointers and three free throws and Faraj scored 16 to lead the Bengals to the road game win.

Emma Willard	14	10	11	15	50
Greenwich	18	28	9	13	68

Friday, 12/3. Brooke Kuzmich scored 20 points, Norah Niesz scored 18 and Grace Autiello had 10 as Greenwich topped Emma Willard.



Hoosick Falls' Connor Jones goes to the hoop during a game against Cambridge. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Hartford	7	15	8	13	43
Saratoga Catholic	8	15	20	9	52

Friday, 12/3. Allison Motler had 17 points and Ashley Upson and Katie Cronin each had 14 to take Saratoga to the win.

Hoosick Falls	8	9	15	8	85
Granville	12	6	13	11	42

Wednesday, 12/1. The Hoosick Falls Panthers romped in this game, jumping out to a 26-12 end of first quarter lead and never looking back. Amber MacNeil scored 15 first half points, ending the game with 18 to take high scorer honors. Ava Case had 17, Marley McLellan added 14, Olivia Estes had 12 and Jordan Hill had 10.

Panthers Field Hockey Players Gather State Awards



Front row (L to R): Gwyn Vincent, Emma McCart, Lyric Kriner and MacKenna Roberson. Second row: Tatum Hickey, Kamryn Friel and Ava Kasulinous. Section 2 All-Stars were Vincent, McCart, Kriner and Roberson. Making the New York State Tournament team were McCart and Kriner. The New York State Tournament Sportsmanship Award was earned by Hickey and making the All New York State team were McCart and Kriner. Congratulations to all the girls for a great season. Photo by provided by Denise Campbell.

Tamarac Wrestlers Compete at Columbia Round Robin



Tamarac senior Torin Bishop pins his Shalmont Sabres opponent this past weekend at the Columbia Blue Devils Round Robin Tournament at Columbia High School. A round robin places wrestlers into groups of four, each wrestler wrestles the others once, with three matches for each wrestler and no elimination. Photo by Jen Myrdal.



## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### Berlin Bowlers on a Roll

**Mechanicville (5-5)** 0  
**Hoosick Falls (10-0)** 5

Tuesday, 12/6. At Hometown Lanes. The Panthers finished with a total of 3511 pins to Mechanicville's 3133.

Sophomore Payton Merrills 236-645 led Hoosick Falls. Other scores for Hoosick Falls included Bradley Senecal 255-626, Troy McCart 231-618, Riley Hayes 222-592, Ethan Yonconish 209-573, Ryan Maxon 226-560, Colin King 204-548, Elliott Brenenstuhl 206-541, Brody Mullen 186-540, Jenna Backes 199, Bradley Thompson 189, Sam Boyer 164, Memphis Hathaway 147 and Jamie Haviland 137.

Mechanicville's Ryan Williams 223-651 led all bowlers. Other top scores for Mechanicville included Chris O'Connor 214-595, Jason Walker 190-541, David Burs 209, Sean Doty 191 and Dylan Masterson 180.

The win brings Hoosick Falls' record to 10-0 this season

**Berlin (5-0)** 5  
**Saratoga Catholic (0-5)** 0

Saturday, 12/4. At Saratoga Strike Zone. Berlin took all five games led by Daniel Hunt's 505. Jacob Brazie rolled a 383, Alex Reinhart a 380 and Nate Hendricks a 346. Saratoga Catholic was led by Davy Mattes with a 419.

Berlin had 2,305 pins to SC's 2,144.

## SEND US YOUR SCORES!

The Eastwick Press is looking for game reports from all the area sports teams. Send your news and results to: [eastwicksports@roadrunner.com](mailto:eastwicksports@roadrunner.com)

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Wack'em & Stack'em	5	0	Matt Brownell	279 248 773
Gallup Inn	5	0	Mitch Andrew	265 247 743
Lebowski Rug Co.	4	1	Tyler Colvin	278 242 731
The Jabronis	4	1	Todd Stradinger	256 247 728
Chico's Bail Bonds	4	1	Gary Bingham	263 242 720
Lou's Plumbing	1	4	Mike Weeden	258 231 700
Farmers Tires	1	4	Corey Wysocki	264 225 698
Boner's	1	4	Trevor Patch	269 218 686
Mag-Way	0	5	John Brown	232 221 670
McNally Insurance	0	5	Sam Colliano	255 206 651

### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Modern Game Pro Shop	41	19	278	Tim McCart
Huntin' Time	38	22	267	Tracy Hunt
RGI Insurance	33.5	26.5	265	Meghan Backus
Team Taconic	33	27	259	John Brown
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	29	31	258	Max Taylor Jr.
Stevens and Sons Tents	28	32	255	Chris Karch
Dave Clark Excavating	27.5	32.5	255	Bob Kapron Jr.
Lo-Ridge Farm	26	34	252	Stan Pettibone II
Lauzon Machine Shop	26	34	248	Mike Smith
Sharpe For Governor	18	42	237	Ryan Bedford

### GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

#### Luminary Full Moon Walk

Friday, December 17, 5 to 8:30 pm

Grafton Lakes State Park, located off of Rt. 2, will host its first ever luminary full moon walk. The weather might be frightful, but up at Grafton, we will be enjoying s'mores, hot chocolate and a trail lit by luminary lanterns.

Come as a couple or bring out the whole family. The self-led trail is perfect for a romantic stroll, mesmerizing the kids or anything in-between.

The cost is \$5 per person for ages 5 and over. No registration required. Please use the park's main entrance on Grafton Lakes State Park Way. For more information, call 518-279-1155.

#### Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 18, 10 to 11:30 am

See what birds frequent our feeders and brave the cold winters up on the plateau. Binoculars provided. Ages 7 and up are \$2 per person.

#### Snowshoe Hike

Sunday, December 19, 1 to 3 pm

Snowshoe rentals provided for both kids and adults. If there is no snow, we will still have a great time going for a hike. All ages are \$3 per person.

#### First Day Hike

Saturday, January 1, 11 am to 1 pm

Hike is moderate, although it is open to any age group. About 2 miles. No charge.

#### Cabin Fever Event

Saturday, January 22

There will be hikes and scavenger hunts outside throughout the day. The event will include a Polar Plunge, food vendors and family-friendly recreational activities. The event is free of charge and runs from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Cabin Fever will include activities such as its popular snow bowling hill, snowshoe races and a snowball toss, as well as guided snowshoe outings. Other outdoor offerings this year include free snowmobile rides, sensory walks and an ice dive demonstration. Registration for the hikes will open in January. The Polar Plunge kicks off the main events at 11:30 am (registration from 11-11:30 am). As always, the Plunge includes a playful prize for the silliest costume, so start planning your January beach attire! To pre-register for the Plunge, please call Ray Dozois for more information at 518-663-5648, or call the park office at 518-279-1155.

### DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

#### Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, December 18, 10 am to noon

Donations accepted if you are able. Suggested donation is \$10, but any amount is welcome.

#### Wildlife Walk and Talk

Saturday, December 18, 1 to 2:30 pm

For youth of all ages who can easily walk 1.5 miles.

#### Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Hikes will be canceled in bad weather. This program is for adults and older teens.

#### First Day Hike

Saturday, January 1, 1 to 2:30 pm

An easy paced 2 mile hike to start the New Year off in the outdoors. For all ages who can walk 2 miles.

#### Snowshoe Rentals

Rentals are available when there is at least 6 inches of snow on the ground. Please call ahead to reserve your shoes as rentals may not always be available. The cost is \$5 for a half day rental. Guided snowshoe hikes also available with advance notice.

Preregistration is required for all programs at 518-658-2055 or [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com). Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center.



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## Classified Ads

### Help Wanted

#### Snow Removal Needed

Berlin Free Town Library, at 47 S. Main Street, is looking for someone to shovel/plow our driveway and sidewalk. If you are interested or want more details, contact Pat at 518-658-2677 or [hayp@peoplepc.com](mailto:hayp@peoplepc.com).

### Help Wanted

#### Restaurant Now Hiring

Papa Brillo's Restaurant will be opening soon in Sterup Square (2113 NYS Rt. 7, Troy 12180 GPS address) in Pittstown. Hiring for all positions, front and back of the house. Bartenders, Servers, Busboys, Hostess, Cooks, Pizza, Breakfast Prep, General Kitchen Help and Dishwashers. Please apply in person.



### Apartment For Rent

12 3rd Street in Hoosick Falls  
3 bedroom apartment with heat included  
\$800 a month  
518-469-2726. Text first with interest.

### Help Wanted

#### Planning and Zoning Clerk (Part Time) for Town of Poestenkill

The planning and zoning clerk will be responsible for but not limited to maintaining records of the planning and zoning office, assisting residents with town code, preparing and attending planning and zoning meetings. This position is for 10-12 hours a week, with some hours being evening hours. Completed resumes and three references may be sent to Tiffany Buker at [tbuker@poestenkillny.com](mailto:tbuker@poestenkillny.com) or mailed to PO Box 210 Poestenkill NY 12140.

Tiffany Buker  
Town of Poestenkill

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### 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, will be held by the designated hearing officer, of the West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc., on the 27th day of December, 2021 at 6:30 pm, local time, at the West Hoosick Fire Department Firehouse, located at 1270 Pine Valley Road Hoosick Falls, New York, in connection with the following matter:

The West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation, has proposed to issue a note to finance a loan from The Bank of Greene County in a maximum principal amount estimated not to exceed \$250,000.00. Such Note is sought to finance the cost of a project consisting of the acquisition of a Fire Truck for the West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc.

The West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc. has requested that the Note be issued as an obligation the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 150€ of the Code. THE NOTE SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF HOOSICK OR PITTSBOWN, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF HOOSICK OR PITTSBOWN SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

The designated hearing officer of the West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc. will at said time and place hear and accept written comments from all persons with views on the proposed Note. The hearing officer of the West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc. will provide a transcript or summary report of the hearing to the Town Board of the Town of Hoosick and Pittstown. Approval by the Town of Hoosick and Pittstown of the issuance of the Note by the West Hoosick Fire Department, Inc. is necessary in order for the interest on the Note to qualify for exclusion from gross federal income for federal income tax purposes. Dated: December 7, 2021

WEST HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
Eric Brownell, Public Hearing Officer

Notice of the formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **Plateau Electrical Services LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/11/2021. 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, 839 Farm to Market Rd Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

NOTICE OF 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 Form. of **MKR CONTRACTING LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/11/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 292 4th St Troy, NY 12180. Any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

Notice of Form. of **INDIAN FLAME LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/8/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 51 Main Ave, Ste 6, Wynantskill, NY 12198. Any lawful purpose.

### 314 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD LLC

**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company** Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on November 2, 2021. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to 314 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD LLC, 270 North Pole Road, Melrose, New York 12121. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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

### Notice of Formation of an LLC KRJ Holdings LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 14, 2018. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served.

The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Robert Hill, 23 Eastview Road, Averill Park, NY 12018. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

Notice of the formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **Diel Dressage LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/2021. 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, 584 Johnson Hill Rd. Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. 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.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### JZ SIGNATURE PROPERTIES LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on July 23, 2021. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to JZ SIGNATURE PROPERTIES LLC, 382 Tate Road, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. No reported agent.

Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

### CLIFF HOLLOW ROAD LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on September 15, 2021. Office location Rensselaer County. Secretary of the State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to CLIFF HOLLOW ROAD LLC, 444 Route 40, Troy, New York 12180. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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

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

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

### Publication Notice Of Organization Of Limited Liability Company

**First:** The name of the limited liability company is **EXPRESS LAUNDRY CENTERS, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

**Second:** The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on NOVEMBER 15, 2021.

**Third:** The office of the Company is located in RENSSELAER COUNTY.

**Fourth:** The Secretary of State has been designated as Agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is c/o the Company, P.O. Box 733, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

**Fifth:** The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution beyond the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

**Sixth:** The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any business permitted by law.

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

## Eastwick Entertainment

### RAYMERTOWN

## Campfire

The first single by local musician James Krakat, *Campfire*, has been released. Krakat is a country, pop, rock artist who resides in Raymertown. The single is a feel good, upbeat, country pop tune that is available on Youtube, Amazon music and other platforms. James will have more singles in the coming months as well as his debut album early next year.



Local musician James Krakat. Photo provided.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

On 11/19/21, Art. of Org. of **Driven Dental, PLLC** were filed with the SSSNY. The office of the NY PLLC is located in Rensselaer County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is, Driven Dental, PLLC, 595 5th Ave, Troy, NY 12182. The purpose of the PLLC is for dentistry.

**NERDSTYLE, LLC.** Filed 7/25/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Bryanna Holdridge, 139 New Rd, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: General.

### Notice of Formation of

#### F HOUSE BOYZ STABLE, LLC

The name of the limited liability company is "F HOUSE BOYZ STABLE, LLC" (the LLC). The Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Department of State on September 22, 2021. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the company may be served. The principal office of the LLC is in Rensselaer County and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 84 Wildwood Heights, West Sand Lake, NY 12196. The purpose of the LLC shall be to conduct any lawful business as permitted by applicable law and as determined from time to time by its members.

Notice of the formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name : **Vaughn Tools, LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 37 Haywood Ln, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

### SALEM

## 2022 Fundraising Campaign

Submitted by Music from Salem

Board Member Nancy Clark-Krauss

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If you are new to Music from Salem please know we welcome you to our concerts and look forward

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Sat & Sun 1:15 2:30 4:20 6:00 7:30 9:00

**Being the Ricardos** (R) Daily 4:00 6:45 9:15 Sat &

Sun 1:20 4:00 6:45 9:15

**Don't Look Up** (R) Daily 3:35 6:30 9:15 Sat &

Sun 12:45 3:35 6:30 9:15

**Ghostbusters: Afterlife** (PG13) Daily 4:00 7:00

9:25 Sat & Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:25

**Encanto** (PG) Daily 5:05 7:15 9:15 Sat & Sun

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**Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City** (R)

Daily 7:05 9:20

**Clifford the Big Red Dog** (PG) Daily 4:15 Sat &

Sun 1:45 4:15

Thursday 12/16

**Spider-Man: No Way Home** (PG13) 3:00 4:15 6:00 7:30 9:00

**West Side Story** (PG13) 4:20 7:30

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## Theme: Year in Review

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- King trump-er, sometimes
- Cuckoo bird
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- Smelting waste
- Kitchen-wear
- Coke or Pepsi
- Check-in via text, email, etc.
- Settler transport
- \*2021 Super Bowl winner, two words
- Before long, to Shakespeare
- Jeopardy
- Auction action
- Puts down
- Coroner's performance
- Band booking
- Snicket of "A Series of Unfortunate Events"
- Stravinsky's "The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spring"
- Mine passages
- \*Build Back Better \_\_\_\_\_
- Eucharist plate
- Table hill
- Good review
- "Tit for \_\_\_\_\_"
- Buck feature, pl.
- \*First female VP
- Evergreen creeper
- It goes with gin, according to Snoop Dogg
- Mongolian desert
- \*COVID-19, e.g.
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- International Civil Aviation Org.
- Distinctive smell
- House coat
- Asian cuisine food thickener
- Pelvic parts
- Gallery display
- Self-proclaimed greatest boxer
- Count on

### Last week's crossword solution:

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- "Monty Python" broadcaster
- Rioter's take
- Cantina pot
- Fasteners or holders
- Cover story
- \*Suez \_\_, too tight for Ever Given
- Like custard
- Mythological ship
- "High" time
- Wayside stop
- Thinly spread
- Look forward to
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ Papers, leaked offshore account information
- Banana refuse, pl.
- Exchange for money
- Old World lizard
- \*January 20th honoree
- Anti-elderly one
- Those not in favor
- Pita, alt. sp.
- Take without asking
- Gossiper, Yiddish
- \*Perseverance landing spot
- Edible tuber
- \*Kabul's organization in power
- \*The Nobel \_\_\_\_\_ Prize was awarded to Ressa and Muraov
- Snoop around
- Snowmobile brand
- Give the boot
- \*"Stronger" by Cindy McCain, e.g.
- Southwestern hut
- Sushi restaurant staple
- \_\_\_\_\_ gum, food additive
- Leave out
- Home to the Leaning Tower
- Not in use
- One in mattress
- Spot for a facial
- \*Actor Liotta, star in "The Many Saints of Newark"

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

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

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

Church Website ([Berlinfb.com](http://Berlinfb.com)).

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

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

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Now open for indoor masses Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW – 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 9:45 am. Food Pantry is open all year on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor as of July 1 is Fr. Tom Morette.

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

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

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## Senior News

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with activities and lunch each day. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call to be placed on the list.

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

On **December 13**, the Card Club meets from 10 am to noon, with congregate lunch to follow. Members are trying to get a cribbage group together. Please contact the center if you would like to be part of the group. **December 15, at 11 am**, Jillian of Cornell Cooperative Extension will do an eat smart demonstration on healthy eating for seniors. Following lunch there will be a Christmas carol sing-a-long and karaoke time. Senior exercise group meets at 1:30 pm. **December 17**, there will be a cookie contest and exchange following lunch. Bake a batch of your favorite cookies to share, or purchase small candies or cookies to be added to platters. Prizes will be given for the best tasting cookie and most seasonal cookie.

Looking ahead, Bob Treffeletti will entertain for our Christmas party on **December 22**. Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater and bring a \$5 Yankee swap gift (optional). A turkey lunch will be served at noon. All residents 60 and over are encouraged to come and join the fun.

The gym is available 9 am to noon, by appointment only for those unvaccinated or those that wish to exercise alone, and will be open to all vaccinated seniors from noon to 2:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with no appointment needed.

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

### Grafton Senior Center News

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

On **December 14**, there will be yoga at 10 am, followed by an eat smart healthy food demonstration with Jillian of Cornell Cooperative Extension at 11:15 am. Then there will be a turkey a la king with rice lunch at noon, followed by our December birthday celebration with cupcakes and a fun game of trivia. **December 15** the Quilt Group meets at 9:30 am and the Crochet/Knitting Group meets at 10 am. **December 16**, there will be a cookie decorating contest following a cold ham plate lunch and holiday tea party at 1 pm. The center is also open on **Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am** for our 10 am yoga class. Looking ahead, musical entertainment will be provided by Bob Treffeletti on **December 21** for a Christmas party. Come and dance and sing along.

There is a \$3 suggested donation for all lunches at the center. Please call 518-279-3413 if you have any questions, or wish to be added to the lunch list.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

**December 16**, our Christmas party will be at the White Stone Cafe. Membership signups for 2022 have begun. Come join us; dues are \$10 per year. Attend one of our next meetings at the LVPA firehouse on **January 21**, or **February 18, at 1 pm**. We will be enjoying soup and sandwiches for lunch. In the winter months we only meet **the 3rd Friday of the month**. If New Lebanon schools are closed we cancel any activities for that day. For more information please contact Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

### Online Courses for Seniors

The Albany Guardian Society was established in 1852. Initially, it operated a retirement home for seniors on Clinton Avenue in Albany. AGS now offers over 125 educational programs per year on

aging-related topics such as aging in community, caregiving, healthy aging, housing, professional development and technology. Classes are currently taught through Zoom by professionals in their areas of expertise. Although there is no cost to attend, registration is required. Call 518-434-2140 for information on current offerings.

### Happy 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday Elizabeth Reynolds

Please join in celebrating the 104th birthday of Elizabeth Reynolds on Saturday, December 11, by sending her birthday cards to 21 Echo Park, Berlin, NY 12022. Elizabeth would also be grateful for your phone call. She will even FaceTime or Zoom. Thanks for helping to bring her joy throughout her birthday week. For more information, call Lilly at 518-570-8536.



### 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

**Dec. 10:** Pork loin w/pork gravy, garlic mushroom pasta, spinach, whole wheat bread and fresh fruit

**Dec. 13:** Chicken tenders w/ranch, tater tots, cut green beans, rye bread and pudding

**Dec. 14:** Turkey a la king, white rice, peas & onions, wheat biscuit and diced peaches

**Dec. 15:** Beef patty w/mushroom cream sauce, buttered garlic noodles, spinach, dinner roll and a cookie

**Dec. 16:** Sliced ham w/mustard, potato salad, pickled beet salad, rye bread and fresh fruit

**Dec. 17:** Macaroni & cheese, zucchini & tomatoes, Malibu blend veggies and fresh fruit

**Dec. 20:** Veal patty w/marsala gravy, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, round roll and a granola bar



## Community Calendar

*December 11, Saturday*

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

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

**North Greenbush Annual Christmas Parade and first Starry Night Memorial Christmas Trees lighting**, parade 6 pm, from St. Judes, Church, down Brookside Ave. to Main Ave., ending at Town Hall and tree lighting in field adjacent to Town Hall

*December 12, Sunday*

**Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Breakfast**, 8–11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 kids, 123 NY-32, Schuylerville

*December 16, Thursday*

**Storm Large: Holiday Ordeal**, 8 pm, UPH: Great Hall, 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, [info@proctors.org](mailto:info@proctors.org)

*December 17, Friday*

**The Ginger Roots Band**, doors open 6:30, \$5, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St.

*December 18, Saturday*

**Jingle Jangle Jubilee!**, 1 pm & 4 pm, presented by Bennington Performing Arts Center Youth Theater, \$10, free for kids under 10, 331 Main St., Bennington, VT, tickets: [bpacvt.org/tickets](http://bpacvt.org/tickets)

*December 29, Wednesday*

**Mass Food Distribution**, 10 am, Hoosick Falls Central School, 21187 NY Rt. 22, volunteers needed (arrive 8:45 am), RSVP [volunteer@accrcda.org](mailto:volunteer@accrcda.org)

## Meetings

*December 9, Thursday*

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

*December 13, 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

*December 14, Tuesday*

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

*December 16, Thursday*

**Hoosick Falls School Board**, 6:30 pm, HFCS  
**Brunswick (Brittonkill) School Board**, 7 pm  
**Brunswick Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

*December 20, 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

*December 21, Tuesday*

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

*December 23, Thursday*

**Berlin Planning Board** – no meeting this month  
**Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

## Church News

# Christmas Church Services

*Thursday, December 23*

**Grafton Baptist Church** - 7 pm, Owen Rd., Cropseyville

*Friday, December 24*

**Stephentown Federated Church** - 7:30 pm, 1513 Garfield Rd.

**Zion's United Church of Christ** - 6:30 pm, 741 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake

**Center Brunswick United Methodist Church** - 7:30 pm, 990 Hoosick Rd., Troy

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church** - 4 pm, 72 Main St., Hoosick Falls

**Immaculate Conception Church** - 2 and 4 pm, 67 Main St., Hoosick Falls

**Holy Cross Catholic Church** - 2 pm, 247 S Main St., Salem

**St. Patrick's Church** - 4 pm, 17 S Park St., Cambridge

*Saturday, December 25*

**Immaculate Conception Church** - 9 am, 67 Main St., Hoosick Falls

**St. Patrick's Church** - 11 am, 17 S Park St., Cambridge

*If you would like to have your Christmas church service listed in the Eastwick Press, please submit the information to [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com) by December 15.*

### Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

**Children's Christmas Program** – Sunday, December 19 at 9 am, during worship service.

**Blue Christmas** – Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 pm. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, yet for many people it also brings up memories of pain and loss. This service offers a time to let go of the sorrow.

### Stephentown Federated Church

**Navigating Family Landmines: A Holiday Gathering Survival Guide** - December 12, at 4 pm. Join our workshop open to the community on how to steer clear of the conversations that feel potentially explosive, if not relationally unsafe.

**Blue Christmas Service: Honoring Life and Loss in the Holidays** - December 19, at 4 pm. No matter your circumstance, this is an open welcoming service of candlelight, songs, prayers and hope. The community is welcome.

### Brooks Chicken Barbecue

Jubilation Station, the Sunday School of Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, will hold a drive thru, take out only Brooks chicken barbecue on **Saturday, January 8, from 2 to 6 pm**. Dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, vegetable, roll, drink and dessert. The full dinner will be \$13, and half a chicken by itself will be \$6. The church is located at 990 Hoosick Road, Troy. To reserve call Jill at 518-258-2164, or for general questions call Sheryl Burke at 518-469-7692.

### Flea Market and Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm**, the Petersburg United Methodist Church, located at 12 Head of Lane, will have a flea market, bake sale and silent auction. Lunch will be served all day and will feature homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee and soda. Table rentals are \$15, and a 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at 3 pm. For more information call Annie at 518-852-6576.

### Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

We still cannot open up the fellowship hall for in house dinning, but we are still providing take out dinners for you. Our pantry hours are 3 to 6 pm. We had a couple of ideas for dinner but settled on beef stew, tossed salad, roll and dessert. The date again is **Thursday, December 30**, and the location is Gilead Lutheran at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick.

### Parents' Afternoon Out

Need to shop, take a nap, run errands or just have some quality time with your honey?

On **Saturday, December 11**, Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church is opening its doors to care for children 5 years old and up from 1 to 4 pm. Children will enjoy a movie, work on crafts and participate in other activities, while making some new friends.

We look forward to blessing some of you with a few hours of free time this holiday season. RSVP to 518-686-3269 is required by **December 7** to ensure ample workers and supplies are on hand. The church is located at 484 Hill Road.

## Church Directory

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

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Weekly worship services on Sundays at 11 am in person (following the guidelines of our Safety Plan). We also gladly extend an invitation to all those at home to enjoy the

Live Stream or the video of the service. Please contact [goodermotess@yahoo.com](mailto:goodermotess@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive the link. Community Food Closet offered 9 to 11 am third Saturdays and 3 to 5 pm third Tuesdays or in emergency by calling the church at 518-658-2942.

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

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



# Finding Green



Boulder Broom Moss (*Dicranum fulvum*) was found on a big rock in the Petersburg woods. If you walk in the woods these days, the bright green mosses stand out in our brown and white forest. Bring a magnifying glass to see their full beauty. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

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# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## George and Son Sell All Their Sheep

Saturday, July 19, 1851: Quite rainy today. I called to Mr. Clark's, that takes care of the town paupers, to get my pay for three bushels potatoes, 3 dol, he gave an order on the town. I took tea with him. Today Walker the blacksmith came and got two bushel new potatoes on account at one dollar per.

Monday: This morning my two sons and hired men dug a one horse load of 14 bushels of Geo P. potatoes on Wm B. Maxon's land and then at nine o'clock I started for market with them to Williamstown. I called to Herman Hands and took dinner with him and he paid me eight dollars for fruit trees for Geo P. I then went on to Williamstown College and sold part of my load. I stayed to a farmer near North Adams and paid 19 cents for my supper and lodging.

Tuesday: This morning I went into North Adams village and sold the remainder of the load of potatoes, all at one dollar per bushel.

*The next three weeks is a steady round of farm work, harvesting & selling potatoes, planting turnips, and haying.*

Friday, August 15: Today two men from Chatham, one by the name of Hicks, and the other name I did not learn, came and bought all my sheep, 20 of them and all of Geo P., he had 32, and paid us one dol 62½ cts per head.

Tuesday: Today an Irishman worked for Geo P. by the name of Thomas Macnautine and Geo P. paid him 88 cts cash and today old Mr. Perkins finished binding up Geo P. oats and bound wheat a spell, towards paying for a pig.

Wednesday: Mr. Perkins bound wheat part of the forenoon and quit unwell.

Today Geo P. and his two sisters went to Commencement to Williamstown.

# Another Look at the Victorian Stroll



The Lustre Kings performing at The Takk House on Sunday, December 5. This ensemble features Mike Kelley (piano/vocals), Mark Gamsjager (guitar/vocals), Chris Sprague (drums/vocals) and Evan Conway (bass). The Takk House has been an annual venue for the band since O'Bryan's closed its doors. The Lustre Kings will return to the stroll on Saturday, December 11 from noon to 2 pm to perform outside through the streets of Troy. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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