

HOOSICK FALLS

Woods Brook Buyout Demolition Begins

by Doug La Rocque

Efforts to prevent another flood like the one on July 1 of 2017 that caused so much damage in the Village have taken another major step forward, with demolition of structures that are part of the Woods Brook Buyout Program beginning earlier this week. In all, seven properties are marked to come down, part of a multi-phase drainage improvement project.

The first building demolished was at 7 Hall Street. Buildings at 3 and 5 Hall Street, 27 Elm Street and 108-110 Church Street will be taken down soon. These structures are all in the Village's possession. Work to take ownership of 107 and 115 Main Street is ongoing and expected to be completed in the coming weeks, so they too can be demolished.

The NYS grant that is paying for all the work runs out on December 31, but Village Attorney Andy Gilchrist told the Trustees at the Tuesday, December 14 meeting, all indications are the grant timeline will be extended.

The Drainage Improvement project further upstream on the Woods Brook is nearly complete along Richmond Avenue, while work at the Johnson Hill site will most likely begin in the early spring.

The Village Board did approve a number of change orders on individual demolition contracts involved with the buyout program,



Heavy equipment is used to clean up the remains of the building at 7 Hall Street, torn down this week as part of the Woods Brook Buyout Program and flood mitigation project. Photo by Steve Bradley.

most concerning the removal and disposal of asbestos with the final change order for controlled demolitions at 115 Main Street and 5 Hall Street. Mayor Rob Allen said the added expenses will be covered by the grant.

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Wreaths Across America Stops By HVCC

Article submitted by HVCC and Wreaths Across America

Known as the longest veterans' parade in the country, Wreaths Across America made a stop at Hudson Valley Community College on Tuesday, December 14, for a special ceremony honoring veterans and service members of the United States Armed Forces and their families.

Wreaths Across America is a national organization with a mission to remember our fallen U.S. service members, honor those who serve and teach children the value of freedom. Through donations, the organization collects sponsored veterans' wreaths to lay at Arlington

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A member of the NY Patriot Guard holds up a red rose at the Missing In Action (MIA) table during the Wreaths Across America Presentation held at HVCC's McDonough Sports Complex on Tuesday. A single red rose is displayed in a vase. The red rose serves as a reminder of the life of each of the missing, and of their loved ones and close friends who keep the faith and await answers. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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PETERSBURGH

Developer Withdraws Glamping Application

by Alex Brooks

At a special meeting of the Petersburg Planning Board held on Monday, December 13, Chairperson Janet Spitz said the application for approval of a high-end camping resort on East Hollow Road has been withdrawn by the developer. The communication from the developer's attorney confirming withdrawal of the application did not state the reason for it, but it appears to be about additional permits that may be required and the possibility that it would be declared a Type 1 action under SEQRA, which would require an extensive (and expensive) environmental review. The Eastwick Press contacted said attorney, John Hartzell, who said he had no comment on the reason it was withdrawn.

Chairperson Spitz said she received multiple angry e-mails from the developer, Becca Benvie, accusing Spitz of mismanaging the project review and sabotaging the project. While Spitz admits to some missteps in the project review because she is learning on the job, she said she initially liked the sound of the project and was by no means opposing it from the start. She also noted that she joined the Planning Board after the review of this project had begun, and she didn't become the Planning Board Chairperson until late October, six months or so after the project review had started.

The review of this project has been a bruising process, and Spitz brought this up to initiate a conversation with her fellow Board members about their process moving forward. She said she has seen a large number of e-mails between members of the Town Board and Planning Board maligning her personally, and that this has created a hostile work environment on the Planning Board, which she said is illegal and has to stop. She said it's fine for members of the Planning Board to disagree on the matters before them, but it should be done in a professional manner, maintaining respect for each other and refraining from personal comments. There was no argument from the rest of the Board on this and they resolved jointly to work together respectfully as Spitz had outlined.

Spitz then said she thinks the Chairperson should handle all communications with outside entities like the attorney, the applicant and other regulatory agen-

cies so that those outside people are not hearing different things from different members of the Planning Board, and Planning Board members are not hearing different things from various outside people. Michael Casey took issue with this, saying he doesn't like getting information second hand. As an example, he said he had spoken to DEC liaison Patrick Connally that morning about the Benvie proposal, and the message was different than Spitz's summary of what Connally had said. He suggested that they do all communications by e-mail and copy all members of the Planning Board.

Spitz said she thinks that is not practical, as business is normally done by phone conversations, and it may be very cumbersome to try to do it all by back and forth e-mails. Casey challenged that idea, saying he thought it could work that way, but given the difference of opinion, he asked that as much as possible of the Planning Board communication be done by e-mail, with all Planning Board members copied on the correspondence. Casey also said he may have his own questions for the attorney, or the DEC liaison, or someone else, but he agreed to e-mail his questions to Spitz, and have her ask the questions, so that all members of the Planning Board can see the questions and the answers.

Notes on Subdivision Plats

All subdivision plats approved by the Planning Board have several notes included on them, and Spitz asked the Board to review them. The Board came to agreement on language for five notes to be included on all plats. The first says that no further subdivision can be made without Planning Board approval. The second says the lots are approved for single family residential use and for no other use without Planning Board approval. The third says no structures, RVs or travel trailers can be put on the land except as permitted by Petersburg law. The fourth says onsite sanitation must be approved by Rensselaer County Health Department and DEC, and the fifth says all driveways must meet specifications established by the Planning Board. Spitz said she will send the revised notes to Planning Board attorney Andrew Gilchrist for review.

Planning Board Files

Spitz said by law, all Planning Board files must be readily accessible to the public, but there are a lot of files that have not been filed, so the filing room is a bit of a mess right now. Planning Board Clerk Beth Dare said starting in January she could start devoting four hours a week to it, but she didn't say how many weeks it might take. Spitz said it is a big job, and the Board was a bit concerned about whether this work would fit in their budget. Brandon deWaal suggested the Planning Board hold a "work party" to work on the files. Dare liked that idea, and Spitz asked deWaal to organize a work party.

STEPHENTOWN

House Heavily Damaged By Fire

by Doug La Rocque



The aftermath of the fire that occurred on Knapps Road on Tuesday, December 14. Photo courtesy of the Stephentown Memorial Library Facebook page.

Stephentown Firefighters were called out in the early morning hours on Tuesday, December 14, to battle a structure fire at 116 Knapps Road, just east of the NYS Routes 43 and 22 intersection. According to Rensselaer County Director of Public Safety Jay Wilson, the Knapps awoke to find a fire in the wall near a wood stove. They managed to escape safely, but a deputy with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office who tried to knock the fire down was sent to an area hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. He was treated and released.

A lack of water once again hampered the fire-fighting efforts. Volunteers from Hancock and New Ashford, MA joined those from Stephentown, New Lebanon, Hoag's Corners and Tsatsawassa as well as the Stephentown and Taconic Valley ambulances at the scene.

Monetary donations for the family are currently being accepted — cash or checks made out to Debbie Knapp. They can be mailed to the Stephentown Memorial Library or simply dropped off.

BERLIN

Cannabis Opt-Out Hearing Set

by Chris Tergliafera

The Berlin Town Council has set a public hearing for **Monday, December 27, at 6:30 pm**, to discuss the Town's cannabis opt-out decision. Municipalities have until **December 31** to decide if they will allow licensing of marijuana dispensaries and on-site consumption within their towns. While the opt-out decision can only be made until the previously mentioned deadline, towns can choose to opt back in at a later date, once more information surrounding the law has been made clear by the state.

Taconic Valley Ambulance

The Council passed a motion to provide a \$1,000 stipend to the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department as a thank you for the help they have provided in answering emergency calls. Taconic Valley Ambulance is still having difficulty getting to calls during the day due to lack of daytime volunteers. At the time of this writing TVA had already responded to eight calls for the month of December.

Other News

The new Highway Department truck has arrived and is ready for use.

Berlin is still in search of a new Water Superintendent.

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BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Students Bring Holiday Cheer to the Community

Ms. Eliashuk and Mrs. Gould would like to thank the BMHS students who went caroling on Friday December 10. You all brought some holiday cheer to the community of Berlin. Thank you to the community as well for supporting the music department's caroling fundraiser.

Student Participants:

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Tyler Webster
Addison Dezess
Levi Giumarra
- Grade 8
Lilly VonSchilgen
Charlie Young
- Grade 10
Ashleigh Smerdon
Cole Jones
Jacob Maxon
- Grade 11
Riley Smith
Hannah Mace
- Grade 12
Brady Hills
Macayla Roberts
Brianna Reger



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

BERLIN

Chess Club Meeting

The Berlin Free Town Library's Chess Club will hold its third meeting on *Monday, December 20, from 7 to 8 pm.*

Enrollment is still currently open for all ages and skill levels. Feel free to stop by to play, watch or learn New York style chess, with banter being highly encouraged. Contact BFTLBoard@gmail.com with any questions.

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 for the Holidays

The Berlin Community Food 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.



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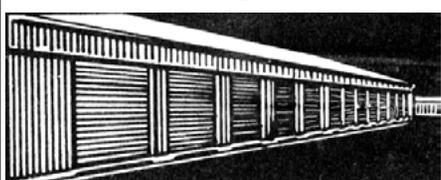
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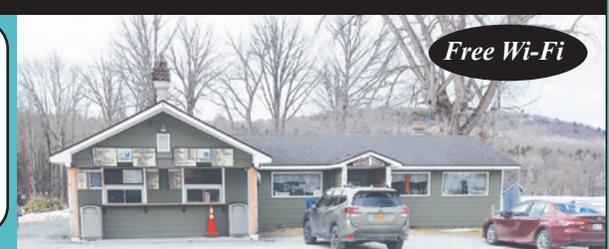
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BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Character Education Assembly

Submitted by BCS Communications

November's BES Assembly was focused on giving back. The BES Character Education Committee invited BES second graders and the school's student ambassadors to present how they have been giving back to the local, regional and even international communities.

During the assembly, second grade teacher Mrs. Healy and second grade students Derrious McCoy, Khalani Gonzalez-Caban and Julia Turetsky shared how kids can change the world. The BES second graders did just that through reading.

The students set out to raise money with Read to Feed, a program through Heifer International. This program encourages the love of reading and helping others. The students found sponsors who contributed according to the second graders' reading goals.

These students raised \$520 through reading. After a grade-wide vote, the students purchased two alpacas, one sheep and two hope baskets through Heifer International. These all will go to a community in need.

November's assemblies also included a presentation from the BES Ambassador program, a group of 15 third to fifth grade students, advised by Mrs. Peter-Hoen and Mrs. Ruebel. The student ambassadors talked about why they chose to be BES Ambassadors and presented many of the great projects they have been working on.

In October the students encouraged the community



The Berlin Elementary School ambassadors at the November character education assembly. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

to donate socks for local homeless shelters and collected 860 pairs. In November the ambassadors sent gobble grams to raise funds to benefit BES' Helping Hands. During December they have been holding a can drive to support local community food pantries.

The BES assemblies concluded with the Mountaineer Merits and, new this year, teachers nominated recipients of Classroom Community Member awards. Classroom Community Members are students nominated for showing citizenship and being responsible, safe or respectful.

November's Classroom Community Members are Colin Hasbrouck, Madelyn Bonesteel, Gavin Church, Eli Ehntholt, Mason Antini, Trent Hastings, Gianna Roberts, Juniper Seifridsberger, Rachel Smith, Tristen MacMillen, Lilly Southard, Kiley Quetti, Owen Buck, Savannah Schrupp, Lilly Bonesteel and Luke Turetsky.

PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

Air Fryer Raffle

Thanks to a very generous patron, we have a brand new Pampered Chef Deluxe Air Fryer to raffle off. Tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased at the Library or from one of our Trustees. The date for the drawing is yet to be determined, so stay tuned.

There are also a few boxes of cards left from the Petersburg Bicentennial Celebration. These \$10 boxed sets depict some of the beautiful watercolor paintings by Ann Lindsay.

Due to the State mandate, masks are again required to be worn in the Library, regardless of your vaccination status. However, we are always happy to provide curbside service to you. Just let us know that you'll be out in the parking lot. Our phone number is 518-658-2927.

Remember that you are welcome to utilize the Library space and materials to wrap presents. How nice it would be to get home and just put gifts under the Christmas tree instead of trying to find a place to hide them until you have time to wrap them. Call us if you are unable to come on Mondays or Thursdays and we will try to schedule another time for you.

The Library will be closed Christmas Eve as well as Christmas Day.

We are also asking for your input on other ways we can serve you and the community. Suggestions are always welcome and we have a lot more planned for the coming year.

STEPHENTOWN

Historical Society Illustrated Talk

Eric Durr will give an illustrated talk, "Unknown D-Day," on **Sunday, January 9, at 2 pm**. This Stephentown Historical Society program meeting will be returning to the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road. Because of COVID-19 precautions, attendees must wear masks. The program is free and the building is accessible. For directions, call 518-733-0010.

Durr will bring to light some little known details of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Unprecedented cooperation among international forces and extraordinary planning was required for this largest-ever amphibious attack in military history to achieve its goal. This event established a viable presence of Allied forces in northern Europe for the first time since the evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940. It was the beginning of the Normandy campaign.

Durr is a retired Army officer who served for 28 years in the Active Army, Army Reserve and New York Army National Guard. He has served as an armor officer during the Cold War in Germany, and commanded at the company and battalion level as well as serving as a division plans officer for three years. He is a veteran of the Iraq War, a graduate of the Armor Officers Advanced Course and the Army's Command and General Staff College. Mr. Durr has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He has worked as a newspaper reporter and spokesman for a trade organization, and since 2007 has served as the Director of Public Affairs for the New York National Guard.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town-Wide Survey Results

This year the Stephentown Memorial Library embarked on a community research and conversation project made possible through an American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities Grant. SML conducted a town-wide survey to learn how residents feel about living in Stephentown, what they feel could be improved and their levels of awareness of and engagement with Stephentown organizations.

The survey was conducted during the summer and

received 224 responses. After the data was tabulated, written reports were prepared for partnering organizations and three virtual conversations were held over Zoom to present the research to town government, organizations and community members. The conversations included a presentation of the data as well as discussion of ideas surfaced and healthy debate on the perspectives represented in the results.

"We were thrilled to learn through this research that satisfaction with the quality of life in Stephentown is very high overall," explains SML Trustee and project lead Sarah Thompson, "however, we also learned that many Town residents experienced feelings of isolation during the pandemic." One recommendation coming out of the conversations with Town residents and organizations was to not only host more events in Town, but to communicate more effectively to make sure residents are aware of them.

A report of the survey results can be found at <https://www.stephentownlibrary.org/programs-and-events-2/stephentown-community-survey/>. If you have any questions about the survey or would like more information, please email stephentownsurvey@gmail.com.

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BRUNSWICK

A Glimmer of Hope for Route 7 Traffic

by Doug La Rocque

If you have ever traveled NYS Route 7 (Hoosick Road) during rush hour or on weekends, you have probably had a few not so pleasant words about the traffic situation. It is often backed up so it takes many turns of a traffic light to proceed, exiting and entering the road can be quite the challenge and is sometimes a nightmare for emergency vehicles. Traffic was a major topic of discussion for the Brunswick Planning Board when they deliberated the new Aldi, Hannaford and Harbor Freight projects and at nearly every Town Board meeting, someone comments during public session about the problem, asking what can the Town do. Until the Thursday, December 9 meeting of the Town Council, Supervisor Phil Herrington's response has been, not much. It is a State owned road. He repeatedly has mentioned when he asks the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) for help, he is brushed off by their answer, "Do you think Route 7 in Brunswick is our only problem?"

At that meeting Supervisor Herrington announced the Town has retained the services of Engineer Wayne Bonesteel (who currently advises the Planning Board) to look into what if anything can be done. His answer was, there is the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), for a traffic study of the road, not done since the year 2000. He also indicated that DOT would send the CDTC a letter of support.

A new study is one thing, but Mr. Bonesteel also talked about a new traffic signal DOT is hoping to begin installing around the State, fondly labeled as a "smart light." He tells The Eastwick Press these new traffic control devices actually have cameras that see the amount of backed up traffic, read turning lanes and actually talk to each other, changing the length of time between the red and green lights to better facilitate the flow of traffic. He hopes such "smart light" installation might be a recommendation to DOT as a result of the study. According to Mr. Bonesteel, the grant application process should be filed soon.

Rensselaer County DOH: No Need for PFOA Testing at This Time

At the November meeting of the Town Board, there was a passionate discussion between Supervisor Her-

ington and former Town Council candidate Jennifer Mann over private testing of wells for PFOA and other PFAS substances. In particular, the discussion centered on how Ms. Mann had allegedly presented the results to a Brunswick Road resident (Supervisor Herrington admitting it was a relative of his) in a manner he felt was inappropriate, and repeatedly told her to "be careful." That was the only test to detect any level of PFOA and was below the state threshold of 10 parts per trillion.

Water Department Superintendent Bill Bradley then sent a letter to the Rensselaer County Department of Health (RCDOH) regarding the testing coordinated by Ms. Mann. RCDOH indicated it had not seen any of these tests results except the Brunswick Road readings, and that given the lack of findings and information, they will not at this time be conducting any further testing.

Hurry Up and Wait

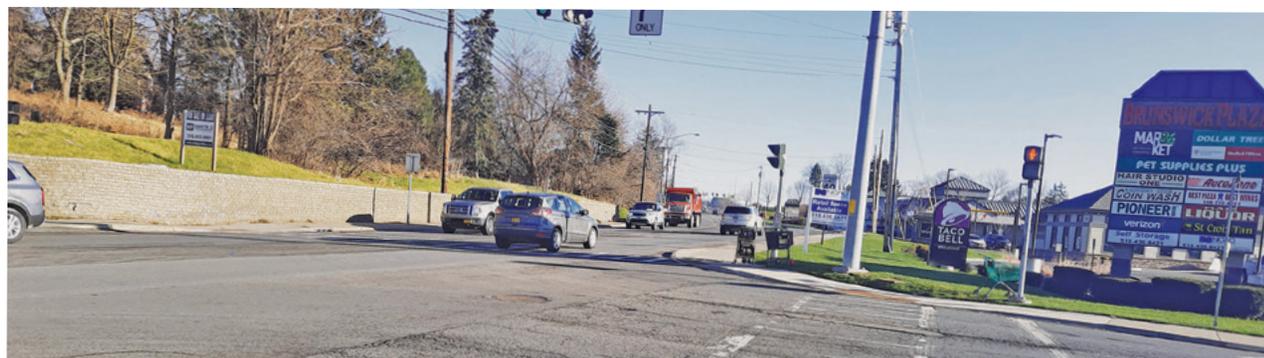
During the Planning Board proceedings to approve the Hannaford Supermarket at the intersection of Lord Avenue and Hoosick Road, the developers many times were urging that the approval process be sped up, indicating they wanted to begin trucking in the very large amount of fill that was required. Now, it appears Mother Nature is their new nemesis as they have found the fill too high in water content because of all the recent rains, thusly the preliminary construction work is on hold, possibly until spring.

Other News and Notes

During public comment, it was asked how much money Brunswick might receive from the recently approved federal Infrastructure Bill and what projects might it be used for. Engineer Bonesteel commented this does not work the same way as the American Rescue Plan, in that the State will disperse the monies for projects under consideration by the designated government agencies.

The Leon Project which includes construction of the Aldi store, will be doing some low level blasting in the coming weeks and area residents will be notified.

There was a complaint about all the signs placed in front of the Metro Mattress Store along Hoosick Road, with Codes Officer Chuck Golden mentioning he had cited them for a codes violation and would see



Traffic begins to back up on Hoosick Road in front of the Brunswick Plaza, a common occurrence on that road. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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Cannabis Action

Following a public hearing at which there were no serious concerns expressed, the Council voted to accept a Local Law opting out of on site consumption of cannabis related products at any future dispensaries. The Council Members took no action concerning such dispensaries, meaning they will be approved by default on December 31.

GRAFTON

Ethics Code Set to Pass

by Chris Teragliafera

The December 13 regular meeting of the Grafton Town Council was a quick one. There was a 6:30 public hearing on Proposed Law #1 of 2021, which is the Town's new ethics code. While the content of the law was agreeable to the Council, voting to approve it was tabled until minor corrections could be made. Proposed Law #1 will likely pass when it's voted on by the Town Council, at the end of year meeting on **Monday, December 27, at 6:30 pm.**

There was no discussion of opting out of allowing cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption. Municipalities have until December 31 to opt out should they choose to.

The meeting was adjourned in loving memory of Cortland Seguin.

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.**

VALLEY FALLS

VFW Breakfast

Sunday, January 2, VFW Post 1938, Poplar Ave., will be having their monthly breakfast from 8 to 11 pm. The menu includes eggs cooked to order, french toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$10 for ages 13 and over, and children under 5 eat free.

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

It's Fun to Clog at the Y.M.C.A., er Library



Members of the Hill Country Cloggers returned to the Brunswick Community Library on Friday, December 10 for another free performance. Here the Cloggers, with a little help, dance to Y.M.C.A. by the Village People. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Central County

POESTENKILL

Public Availability Sessions

by Chris Tergliafera

On December 8, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Department of Health (DOH), the Rensselaer County Department of Health (RCDOH) and representatives from the Town of Poestenkill held two public availability sessions in the Algonquin Middle School cafeteria, the purpose of which was to inform the residents of findings, and plans going forward, in the ongoing PFAS contamination investigation. Stations for public health, water testing, water treatment, source investigation and explaining what PFAS are were set up throughout the cafeteria.

Those concerned about potential contamination at their residence could head to the water testing station and have a one-on-one discussion with a member of the participating organizations. The water treatment station informed residents of the steps that would be taken once testing revealed their water was contaminated.

Of the 77 private wells tested, 53 require no further action, 11 require a re-sample and 13 have shown higher than acceptable levels of contamination. Those 13 residences have been provided with an alternate water supply until there's a permanent solution.

While the source of the contamination isn't yet known, there are six points of interest that will be the subject of further investigation. Those sites are the Poestenkill Landfill, the Cooper Tire disposal area, a lumber yard, a potential former car wash, the Waste Management Transfer Station and Haas Manufacturing. It's important to note that the above points of interest are being considered because the processes that occur on site have potential for PFAS to be a byproduct. More testing will be needed as the participating organizations search for a source and solution. Below is a list of experts who can be contacted if you have concerns.

- DEC - Susan Edwards at 518-402-9779 or susan.Edwards@dec.ny.gov
 - DOH - Justin Deming at 518-402-7882 or justin.Deming@health.ny.gov
 - RCDOH - Rich Elder at 518-270-2632 or RElder@rensko.com
- You can also visit www.dec.ny.gov for more information.

TROY

Powering the Holiday Spirit



National Grid employees with the wrapped gifts they donated and handed out to the Hope 7 Community Center on Thursday, December 9. Photo courtesy of Aja Landolfi.

TROY

Turkey Trot Raises Over \$25K

Submitted by PRSA



Representatives of the Troy Turkey Trot gathered at Troy City Hall to recap this year's event and hand out checks totaling \$25,321.50 to the event's two primary charities, the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and Joseph's House and Shelter, as well as 15 regional civic groups. Funds came from the Pioneer Foundation and donations during online registration. The Troy Turkey Trot is one of the City's signature events. The annual 10K race is held on Thanksgiving morning, along with the one-mile Turkey Walk and Grade School Mile, both followed by the ever popular 5K run. There are also prizes for the best costumes each year. Photo courtesy of PRSA.

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SCHODACK

Town Council Highlights

by Denise Wright

The December 9 Schodack Town Council meeting had a public hearing scheduled for Local Law #4 on the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and cannabis on-site consumption establishments within the jurisdiction of the Town, but decided to withdraw it because of the lack of flexibility in the resolution. The Town lawyer explained that dividing the resolution into two separate components for consumption and dispensaries will allow the Town to have more options. Many residents attending agreed with the division on the resolution, saying they were for it and appreciated the Town moving forward in a positive way. The Council agreed to create a revised Law #4, which will focus on on-site consumption and Law #5 for on-site dispensaries. The two resolutions will have public hearings on *Wednesday, December 29, at 7:05 pm.*

Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, ordered the establishment of Water District 10 and not to exceed the cost of \$1,790,000 in Resolution 283. While a trailer renewal was approved for a Schodack Landing Road trailer, one resident voiced concern about trailer registration regulations, and the Town hopes to revise those regulations in 2022.

The Council approved employee salaries, holiday agreements and official holidays for the Transfer station for 2022. The holiday schedule for the transfer station will be January 1, May 31, September 6, November 8, 24, 25 and December 27, 28. The transfer station will be closed on Mondays, and any Monday holidays will be observed on Tuesdays. Cheryl Simpson was also approved as Deputy Town Clerk and Sub-Registrar of Vital Statistics effective November 22.

The meeting concluded with a trustee from the Castleton Library reviewing December and January events at the library. Walking Storytime at Schodack Island State Park and the take home science and craft kits have been extremely popular. The library is also excited to offer a six-session course in American Sign Language starting in January. Supervisor Harris complimented the library for their great job and deeply appreciated their efforts.

VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

All programs canceled until further notice due to an increase in COVID-19 cases.



Once permitted to open in New York State, signs like this one from Henderson, NV in 2016 may be seen in Schodack, if the Town Board chooses to allow cannabis dispensaries in the Town at their December 29 meeting. The Board has the option to opt out as well. If they do, they could opt back in at a later date. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock.

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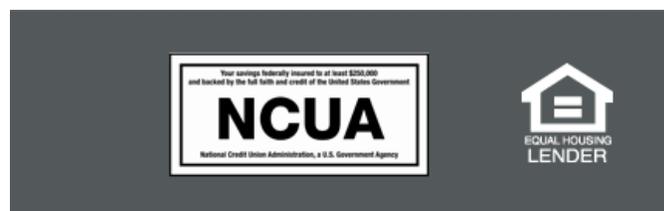
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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

Municipal Parking Lot Changes Have Unintended Consequences

by Doug La Rocque

The Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, December 14 opened with a public hearing on Local Law #3, which restricted parking on Elm Street near the Village Pizzeria to 15 minutes. The change involved a 60-foot section of the road. There were no speakers, and the Board later passed the law unanimously. What did spark debate, however, was an October change that limited the number of all night parking spaces in municipal lots, particularly the one off Church Street. Several people complained that this forces more vehicles onto the street, where they are often parked for an entire day, perhaps in front of homes and businesses. It also apparently has increased the distance people have to walk between a parking spot and their residence.

The Village recently replaced some no parking signs that have been missing for more than two years near the intersection with Church, John and Mechanic Streets, very near the Hoosick Provisions store. The owner told the Trustees this hampered parking for his business and asked after such a long time without them, what the purpose of replacing them now is. Retired attorney Trish Bloomer, who owns the Sand Bar restaurant, said the no overnight parking changes eliminated 27 off road spots, and offered to help with a study of the parking situation. Village resident Doug Sauer called for a moratorium on any other parking restrictions. Enforcement is not making people happy either — Police Chief Bob Ashe reporting his department issued 56 parking tickets recently.

Mayor Rob Allen told those gathered “I hear you” and promised that he and the Board will make parking in the Village a top priority.

How Best to Spend ARPA Funding

The Board has a committee to review the best uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funding received this past July. The Board looked to Village Attorney Andy Gilchrist for any updates, after which Trustee Deb Alter suggested an open public forum for ideas. Trustee Craig Pine commented he certainly

wanted to know what the public has to say, but suggested an email forum first to help prioritize such a gathering, particularly with an eye toward what projects might or might not qualify. What is certain is there will be more discussion on the subject. The Village has until the end of 2024 to appropriate the money. Attorney Gilchrist again warned there is no prior use qualifications from the federal government, but if an audit indicated the money was improperly spent, the Village would be on the hook to replace it.

Cannabis Action or Lack Thereof

Under the new Cannabis Law enacted in March, municipalities in New York State have until December 31 to opt out of sales or onsite consumption at dispensaries. If they opt out before the deadline, under the law they can opt back in at any time. Take no action by December 31, and the municipalities opt in by default with no option to get out at a later date. What action Hoosick Falls should take on the matter came up at the Tuesday meeting, with Mayor Allen apologizing for not bringing it before the Board previously. There was no opposition to the potential dispensaries, but the Mayor and Trustee Megan Walraed felt as if the Village should opt out of on-site consumption, at least until they could observe how it was working out in locations that have chosen to allow it. The remaining 5 members of the Board disagreed however, and the Trustees decided to simply let the deadline pass with no action.

Other Items of Note

Mayor Allen announced Village hours and closures for the Holiday season. Besides Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day when the offices will be closed, the other closures and time changes will be posted on the website. A request from the Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church for the use of Wood Park on Wednesday, December 22 at 5:30 pm for the “Forever in Our Hearts” candlelight remembrance service was approved.

Mayor Allen reviewed the recently announced Record of Decision (ROD)

from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), choosing two wells on lands located off NYS Route 22 as the new drinking water sources for the Village, but again urged DEC to consider a third well as a clean backup source. Under the ROD, a current PFOA contaminated well would be the backup. All water, no matter what the source, would still be filtered.

The Mayor reviewed the current COVID-19 levels, Mayor Kathy Hochul’s new mandate, the fact Rensselaer County will not enforce it and CDC guidelines.

When you gotta go, you gotta go, but where you go is not really laid out well, at least when it comes to bathrooms in the Municipal Building. Mayor Allen outlined some design improvements to make where you go more user friendly, private, efficient and family oriented

than current places you go when you have to go.

A resolution extending the current agreement between the Village and the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority for another year was approved. The Trustees said yes to the bid from Repeat Business for a new copier to replace the one the Mayor said recently “blew up.” There was discussion over new rules and regulations for the Dog Park off Waterworks Road. One suggestion was to make the hours from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Village Clerk Marie O’Neil-Ferrannini was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics and Judith Van Der Kar as the Deputy.

The Board ended the meeting by entering Executive Session to receive advice from counsel and discuss a personnel matter.

BENNINGTON

SVMC Restricts Visitors

Submitted by SVMC

In response to a sustained surge in cases of COVID-19 throughout Vermont and to mitigate the spread of the virus, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), will suspend in-person visits for hospital patients starting Monday, December 13. Visitor restrictions also include the health system’s practices and off-campus offices. Visitation at SVMC and other hospital systems has been restricted during times of increased transmission throughout the pandemic.

The policy has some exceptions:

- Adult patients, who require someone for physical or cognitive support associated with the patient’s health care, may have one healthy person accompany them in the emergency department.
- Patients at the end of life may have up to six visitors at a time
- Expectant and delivered mothers are allowed one unique care partner for the duration of the stay.
- Pediatric patients, regardless of area, may have two healthy primary care partners for the duration of their stay, as conditions and space allow.
- A member of the clergy may visit upon request to the care team.

The health system will reassess its visitor policy regularly and base future visitation on the region’s positive case percentage and inpatient volume.

Both inpatients and outpatients who would benefit from additional support during a visit or stay should request the use of technology to bring important family and friends virtually into exam and hospital rooms.

For a detailed list of safety protocols, frequently asked questions, visitor guidelines and COVID-19 information, visit svhealthcare.org.

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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.

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 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.

& Kids Dances

All dances are on *Fridays from 7 to 9 pm*. Admission is \$3 and parents are reminded to sign students out after the dance. Upcoming dances are *December 17, January 7 and 21*.

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

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Second Workshop For PFOA Class Action Members Scheduled

Due to a larger than expected turnout, a second workshop to assist potential class action members in filing claim forms has been scheduled. The workshop will take place *Friday, January 7, from 8:30 am to*

6:30 pm and *Saturday, January 8, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm*. To schedule an appointment or for more information call Emma Duggan from Weitz & Luxenberg at 212-558-5677.

HOOSICK

Naturae(ly) There Is Still an Odor

by Doug La Rocque

The Naturae hemp processing facility on NYS Route 67 in North Hoosick may have been one of the last items on the agenda for the Hoosick Town Council meeting on Monday, December 13, but it certainly was the item that stirred the Council members the most. For nearly a year, the facility's management and Town Codes Officer have been at odds about the processing of hemp and the odors that were emanating from the procedure through open doors, upsetting neighbors. The latest problem seems to come from materials that are used to transport the hemp which were being stored in front of the facility and again creating a smelly situation. Naturae management attended the Council's November meeting, indicating they wished to work with the Town and would resolve the problem. According to Supervisor Mark Surdam, some complaints persisted and he stopped by to inspect. He told the Council, everything was fine out front, until he walked to the rear of the building, "where the odor smacked me in the face," because the transport material had simply been moved to the rear of the structure.

Hoosick Town Attorney Jonathan Schopf noted he had sent Naturae a stop work order on October 14 which prompted several Council members to state they had enough of the company's actions, and asked what could be done to shut them down. Attorney Schopf indicated he would rather have that discussion about pending litigation in executive session, which was held after the business of the evening was complete.

Cannabis Law Action

With a public hearing held just prior to their regular meeting that night, the Hoosick Town Council adopted a local law opting out of any on-site cannabis consumption at a potential dispensary and chose to establish a nine-month moratorium on such dispensaries, until the Town receives more instructions from New York State as to the rules and regulations associated with a dispensary and makes any needed changes to Town code. Council members had previously stated they were not opposed to dispensaries, but simply wished for more time to review the matter.

They're Not Big Enough

The size, particularly in width, of some private roads in the Town is becoming a concern. It was stated some of these roads do not meet Town standards and cannot facilitate larger emergency vehicles such as fire trucks. The matter was brought to the forefront because of some proposed housing developments. Attorney Schopf said the regulations governing such roads are in the Town's subdivision regulations. He stated the Town could set up a road review committee and added there might be grant money on either a state or federal level to assist with this. To that end, a proposal has been submitted to the Capital District Transportation Committee requesting funding assistance in creating an Asset Management Capital Plan for the Town of Hoosick roads as part of the New Visions federal program. Hoosick hopes to create a long term plan to address Town roads over the next 20 to 25 years.

News and Notes

Cathy Aleksonis was appointed to clean the town offices at a rate of \$15 per hour. The Town's new electric vehicle charging station is complete and in operation in the parking lot behind the Trustco Bank. The Council has scheduled a workshop on how to best appropriate their American Rescue Plan funding for *Wednesday, January 26 at 6 pm* at the Armory.

A State report says the Cottrell Road bridge is in need of immediate repair, but such work plans are in a holding pattern while the Town waits to hear back on their Update Bridge NY application. Water damage repairs on Markers Road have been completed, as well as the needed culvert replacement. The Council approved the Ice Rink Employee Handbook and hourly wages. Supervisor Surdam announced the Reynolds Foundation donated \$1,500 for the purchase of 15 new figure skates and material to build new shelving. The Council further approved the expenditure of \$500 to purchase five hockey skates as well.

Council member Jackie Houghton indicated she is looking into the possibility of a grant to improve the lighting at the tennis and basketball courts.

SVMC Collects Unwanted Drugs

Submitted by SVMC

In the four years since its installation in the main lobby of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, the MedSafe collection box has facilitated the retrieval of 2,000 pounds of unwanted medications from homes and the street. The specialized box is available to the public 24 hours each day.

The box looks like a mailbox, featuring a one-way medicine drop. It can be used to dispose of unused or expired controlled substances, non-controlled substances and even over-the-counter medications.

Several features ensure security, including a double-locked front panel. Medications can be removed for disposal only when both a member of the Bennington Police Department and a member of the hospital staff are present. In addition, the box is continuously monitored by video surveillance.

Disposing of unused and expired medications at a drug take-back location prevents the drugs from being abused or sold. In the past, people often flushed medications down a toilet or drain, which can cause pharmaceutical contamination of the water supply.

Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

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.

HOOSICK FALLS

Students of the Month



Here are the student of the month winners at HFCS for the month of November. Pictured from L to R: Nicole Grenoble, Ryan Sparks, Lilly Parent, Henry Callhoun, Michael Wang, Kaydence Keelan, Alyssa Edgehill and Garrett Emerson. Missing from the picture are Alexandra Gardner and Trinity Callicott. Photo courtesy of Kevin Weeden.

BOWLING

Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Lebowski Rug Co.	8	2	Mike Weeden	265 259 770
Wack'em & Stack'em	6	4	Tyler Colvin	258 258 760
Mag-Way	5	5	Meghan Backes	269 232 717
Gallup Inn	5	5	Sam Colliano	268 226 714
Farmers Tires	5	5	Daryl Cipperly	279 213 695
The Jabronis	5	5	Colin Cipperly	256 226 672
Chico's Bail Bonds	5	5	Brad Colvin	243 225 670
Lou's Plumbing	4	6	Josh Magisano	258 204 666
McNally Insurance	4	6	Mitch Andrew	232 221 664
Boner's	3	7	Jim Hurlburt	221 216 652

Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Modern Game Pro Shop	62½	27½	269	Chris Karch
RGI Insurance	57½	32½	266	Tim McCart
Team Taconic	56	34	265	Ken Marbot
Dave Clark Excavating	50½	39½	257	Preston Oakes
Lauzon Machine Shop	49	41	247	John Brown
Huntin' Time	45	45	246	Max Taylor Jr.
Stevens and Sons Tents	35	55	246	Nathan Langer
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	35	55	240	Ryan Bedford
Lo-Ridge Farm	34½	55½	238	Dave Clark
Sharpe For Governor	25	65	238	Ed Legg Jr.

Hoosick Falls Continues to Roll

On Thursday, December 9, the Hoosick Falls High School bowling team continued their season with a 5-0 win at home over Saratoga Catholic. Bowling an in-person opponent in Barbecue Recreation for the first time in two years, the Panthers finished with a total of 3470 pins to Saratoga Catholic's 2205. Senior Colin King led all bowlers with a 269 game and 672 series. Hayden Warren 155-440 and Jason Pescetti 136-373 led Saratoga Catholic. Other scores for Hoosick Falls included Riley Hayes 234-659, Elliott Brenenstuhel 217-616, Ryan Maxon 202-599, Brody Mullen 204-538, Memphis Hathaway 182-538, Jenna Backes 189-534, Ethan Yonconish 198-526, Payton Merrills 186, Troy McCart 180, Sam Boyer 170, Bradley Thompson 169, and Jamie Haviland 125. The win brings Hoosick Falls' record to 15-0 so far this season.

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NEW LEBANON

Two New ZRC Positions

by Chris Tergliafera

At the December 14 regular meeting of the New Lebanon Town Council, two new positions on the Zoning Re-Write Committee were approved. However, these new positions are different since they won't be filled by current members of the Town government, but rather members of the public. Letters of interest for the new positions need to be submitted by **Friday, January 7, at 4 pm**. A special meeting will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11**, for interviews.

Tech Support

Letters of interest for anyone interested in providing New Lebanon with website support services should be submitted by **Friday, January 7, at 4 pm**. Interviews for those interested will then take place **Tuesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm**.

One Very Long Meeting

The November 9 special meeting was officially adjourned at the December 14 regular meeting of the New Lebanon Town Council. The adjournment never officially took place on November 9 to close out the special meeting, as there were many items on that night's agenda. The Council retroactively approved a motion to adjourn what might have been the longest meeting in quite some time.

Other News

Introductory laws 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Updates to the Town's comprehensive plan were approved.

The organizational meeting will take place **Monday, January 3, at 5 pm**.

The 2021 audit of the books is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 18, at 5 pm**.

The public hearing for the 2022 LVPA contract is set for **Wednesday, December 29, at 6:20 pm**.

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

Even though the weather was snowy and icy, the East Nassau Board of Trustees were hard at work at their December 8 meeting. The Village treasurer had received the sand and salt bill for the upcoming winter, and there is a price increase of approximately four dollars per ton. In 2022, there is a goal to update the financial computer program for the Village's business.

Presently the Village attorney is preparing the deed for a property on the corner donated to the Village near the Bees Knees Bakery and Café on NY 66. The Highway Superintendent hopes to get Darcy Construction to repair Gardener Hill Road before the end of winter, and he is in the process of addressing a trash complaint on Webster Hill Road. The Historian's report targeted the Village-wide cookie contest for the end of May. A date is still being discussed because they are wondering about the impact of Memorial Day on the event. The Clerk reported that she is finalizing election inspectors for the March election.

Mayor Adam Acquario reported on his investigation on attaining quotes for 911 signs for Village residents. There was some discussion on the placement of signs because snow can cover them if they are not placed correctly. At this point, he has received three quotes but is still investigating a few others before deciding. The Board approved the \$170 annual fee to get email archiving for Village officials. This fee will enable Village officials to have their emails protected and record Village documents.

The final presentation of the evening was about the Climate Smart Communities Initiative. Sustainability planner Haley Balcanoff from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and Rensselaer County Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Bernadine Wiesen were on hand with Climate Smart Task Force Chairwoman Lydia Davis to provide a summary of the CSC assessment checklist. This task force aims to complete 120 points to attain a bronze level of Climate Smart Communities Certification. The Village has achieved 36 points and is finishing another 33 points. The goal for the upcoming year will be to partner with CCE to create a 2022 flood preparedness guide and update the annual progress report. There is also a plan to coordinate a native plant sale of ninebark shrubs through the Rensselaer County Soil and Water. The ninebark shrub is known for exceptional toughness, easy maintenance and four-season interest. Few ornamentals can rival the appeal of ninebark. This deciduous shrub is a favorite of cold climate gardeners for its extreme hardiness and reliability (gardendesign.com). It works well in Rensselaer County. Wiesen complimented the task force on their extreme dedication to putting the community first.

The Village responded to the presentation by adopting the ninebark shrub as the official shrub of East Nassau and commending the task force for helping the Village be a leader in the county for their climate-smart initiatives.

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.

NEW LEBANON

School Board Denies Veterans Tax Exemption Request

by Chris Tergliafera

At the December 8 regular meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education, the Board read a prepared statement answering the over 140 district residents who wrote letters asking them to reconsider their stance and adopt the veterans tax exemption. The Board stated that while they have respect for those who have served, they won't schedule any further public hearings, or add action items to discuss the matter further. The Board went on to say that funds for such an exemption would come out of the pockets of others in the community, and they feel a status-based tax exemption isn't in everyone's best interest.

Chromebook Rollout

The recent Chromebook rollout was very successful. Roughly 90% of New Lebanon High School students are using a school issued Chromebook. The remainder of the students are using their own devices, which may not be an option in the future. While some Chromebooks have seen wear and tear, none have yet been damaged beyond repair.

Winter Sports

The Berlin-New Lebanon winter sports season began on November 15. Sports running this season are modified, JV and varsity girls and boys basketball, varsity boys volleyball, varsity swim, wrestling, cheer and bowling. The only team that can't run this season is boys modified volleyball, which only saw one signup. New Lebanon is working with Berlin in an effort to make live streaming indoor games such as basketball and volleyball possible.

Superintendent's Report

There was a surge in COVID-19 cases in the community following the Thanksgiving holiday, however there is no evidence to suggest it is being spread in New Lebanon schools. In an effort to prevent another surge in cases, there will be no clubs or after school activities for two weeks following the Christmas break. Point of care testing is available at the Junior/Senior High School should a student begin to show symptoms.

NASSAU

Sunshine Fund Seeking Board of Directors

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.

To learn more about the Nassau Sunshine Fund, visit www.nassausunshinefund.org or request more information by mail to Nassau Sunshine Fund, P.O. Box 10, Nassau, NY 12123.



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Rensselaer County News

Salary Increases and Incentives at Van Rensselaer Manor

Submitted by the Office of County Executive Steve McLaughlin

Rensselaer County has approved pay increases to help attract new employees and retain current employees at the county's Van Rensselaer Manor (VRM) nursing home, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and members of the County Legislature announced. The increases will help position the County to better deal with ongoing staffing shortages that are now typical in the medical and care professions, said County officials. The increases are also accompanied by incentives for employees at the VRM into mid-January.

"We are taking steps to retain current employees and attract employees during a difficult climate and maintain the outstanding service provided at the Van Rensselaer Manor," said McLaughlin. "Like all care institutions, the Van Rensselaer Manor is facing staffing challenges. We hope this move helps retain current staffers and bring new employees to the VRM."

"Thank you to the County Executive and Legislature for supporting these initiatives. All of our staff at VRM do an amazing job of caring for our residents. These initiatives will go a long way to retain and recruit nursing staff," said Department of Social Services Commissioner Theresa Beaudoin.

To deal with staffing shortfalls, the County has reduced the number of residents admitted at the VRM. The VRM has a capacity of 362 beds, but has reduced the number of residents by several dozen during the staffing shortage.

A resolution for the salary increases at the Manor was approved unanimously by the County Legislature during the regular monthly meeting on December 14.

CNAs and LPNs will see a \$2 an hour increase, while RNs will see a \$10 an hour increase.

The increases are in addition to the previously negotiated two percent increase per the contract.

The increases are accompanied by an incentive for nursing staff. The incentive program runs from December 7, to January 13, and includes bonus amounts of \$100 for less than full-time nursing staff and \$200 for full-time nursing staff.

"We have skilled professionals at the Van Rensselaer Manor that care for our most vulnerable residents. We are happy to provide this additional compensation so that we are able to retain and attract those great employees that we trust to take care of our loved ones every day," said Vice Chair Kelly Hoffman.

"During the pandemic, healthcare workers have been expected to do more. The increase is important in order to stay competitive to recruit new employees and retain current staff," said Rensselaer County Legislative Minority Leader Peter Grimm.

"As a sponsor of this resolution, I am pleased to support this measure as a necessary first step in bringing those salaries to a reasonable level," said Legislator Tom Grant, Chair of Social Services Committee — East Greenbush.

"With the current staffing shortages throughout the region, I am impressed with our response to raise the pay of these essential workers who are entrusted to serve others and help the people of our community," said Legislator Scott Bendett, Chair of the Health Committee — Averill Park.

"The staffing shortages have impacted the operations at the Manor. This increase in pay should help us hire more staff and help retain the dedicated staff that worked tirelessly through the pandemic," said Legislator Dan Casale — Brunswick.

Stewart's Holiday Match Update

The Stewart's Holiday Match Program is showing the true spirit of the holidays by giving. Customer donations have reached over \$585,000 through Thursday, December 9. That's over \$1.1 million with the Stewart's match so far, and there's still time to collect.

These donations support local nonprofits such as a Girl Scout Troop, an arts program or a food pantry. Each week, a different Holiday Match recipient is highlighted; this week, Unity Hall is being featured.

The Stewart's Holiday Match program has no administrative fees and gives 100% of donations received to charities in their market areas. Holiday Match funds are collected from Thanksgiving to Christmas Day in each of the 354 shops.

Merry Christmas

All of us at *The Eastwick Press* would like to thank all our readers and advertisers for your support in 2021. It was another challenging year. We would also like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe Holiday Season.

Online Permit Results No Longer Accepted

Rensselaer County will no longer accept any online permit test results at the Troy DMV. Anyone bringing in online test results will be directed to manually retake the permit test. This policy is in response to the ongoing investigation into permits obtained illegally through use of false identities presented for the online tests.

The online permit tests, introduced during the COVID-19 crisis, have been rife with fraud as allegations of applicants using fraudulent residency documents and paying others to take the online test are pouring in. Despite warnings from county clerks, the State restarted online permit testing in February without any security enhancements due to the fact that the State was losing money as residents were going to County DMVs, which remained open during the pandemic, for the permit tests. Any security measures were not introduced until October, after an outcry from clerks and other elected officials.

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Wreaths Across America Stops By HVCC ... Continued from page 1

National Cemetery and more than 3,100 additional participating locations across the country each December. A caravan of more than a dozen tractor trailers is transporting a portion of these wreaths from Maine during the annual Escort to Arlington.

The caravan will spend the rest of this week traveling down the East Coast, stopping at schools, memorials and other locations along the way to spread the mission to remember, honor and teach. Stops with public events have been or will be held in Maine, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington D.C., before the caravan arrives at Arlington National Cemetery on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 18 – National Wreaths Across America Day. The Hudson Valley Community College stop was the first of only two made in New York State this year, and was the largest, with hundreds in attendance.

"We are honored to host Wreaths Across America at Hudson Valley as part of their annual Escort to Arlington," said Hudson Valley Community College President Dr. Roger Ramsammy. "As a college originally founded as a veterans' school nearly 70 years ago, serving our veterans and members of our military community has always been an important priority for us. We thank our veterans and service members, and their families, for their service, and we are proud to be a part of this special event and to share in furthering Wreaths Across America's mission to remember, honor and teach."

Gold Star Families, Blue Star Families, veterans, volunteers and members of the Patriot Guard Riders and Patriot Riders, elected officials and local leaders, students, faculty and staff of Hudson Valley and community members were in attendance.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Wildcats Selected as Class C North Division All-Stars

North Division Offensive Player of the Year - **Jake Sparks**

First Team

- Josh Colegrove** - Running Back
- James Blake** - WR/TE
- Dylan Baker** - WR/TE
- Jacob Ryan** - Offensive Line
- Hunter Hathaway** - Offensive Line
- Joe Mays** - Offensive Line
- Tanner Music** - Defensive Line
- Dylan Grogan** - Linebacker
- Abby Buckley** - Kicker

Second Team

- Bryan Mackey** - Running Back
- Carmelo LoPorto** - Offensive Line
- Anthony Bartlett** - Defensive Line
- Bryan Mackey** - Linebacker
- Ty Roadcap** - Defensive Back
- Alex Bushee** - Defensive Back



Jake Sparks, selected as Offensive Player of the Year, heads for the end zone in a game at HFCS. Photo by Steve Bradley.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Barbecue Recreation Results on page 10

Stillwater (10-5) 0
Hoosick Falls (20-0) 5

Tuesday, 12/14. At Barbeque Recreation. The Panthers finished with a total of 3592 pins to Stillwater's 2866. Sophomore Payton Merrills led all bowlers with a 279 game and a 707 series. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Ethan Yonconish 225-616, Brody Mullen 216-600, Riley Hayes 235-566, Colin King 200-562, Elliott Brenenstuhl 195-551, Jenna Backes 202-548, Ryan Maxon 191-541, Troy McCart 176, Memphis Hathaway 150, Sam Boyer 147, Jamie Haviland 145 and Bradley Thompson 122. Connor Julian 245-650, Steven Berry 254-646 and Alex Mell 227-514 led Stillwater. *More Hoosick Falls Bowling on page 10.*

Berlin 5
Waterford 0

Friday, 12/10. At Hilltop Bowl. Berlin finished with 2,444 pins to Waterford's 2,329. Daniel Hunt led the way with a 183 game and a 513 series. Other Berlin scores were Jacob Brazie 148-432, Logan Bunlop 149-415 and Nate Hendricks with a 148-389.

Saratoga Catholic 0
Hoosick Falls 5

Thursday, 12/9. Bowled at the Barbeque Recreation lanes with real live in person opponents for the first time in two years. The Panthers finished with a total of 3470 pins to Saratoga Catholic's 2205. Senior Colin King led all bowlers with a 269 game and 672 series. Other scores for Hoosick Falls included Riley Hayes 234-659, Elliott Brenenstuhl 217-616, Ryan Maxon 202-599, Brody Mullen 204-538, Memphis Hathaway 182-538, Jenna Backes 189-534, Ethan Yonconish 198-526, Payton Merrills 186, Troy McCart 180, Sam Boyer 170, Bradley Thompson 169, and Jamie Haviland 125. Hayden Warren 155-440 and Jason Pescetti 136-373 led Saratoga Catholic.

Stillwater (5-0) 5
Berlin (5-5) 0

Wednesday, 12/8. At Barbeque Recreation. Stillwater had a 3,127 pins to Berlin's 2,198. Berlin's Daniel Hunt had a 472 series with a 173 high game. Logan Dunlap bowled a 411, Micayla Price a 365 and Jacob Brazie a 357. Connor Julian bowled a 652 with a high game of 245.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Compiled by Steve Bradley

Boys

Hoosick Falls (4-0) 6 12 17 23 58
Waterford (3-2) 5 12 8 21 46

Friday, 12/10. Jake Sparks scored 17 points, Dylan Baker had 12 and Conner Jones added 11 as the Panthers outscored Waterford. Hoosick Falls broke the game open by outscoring Waterford 48-29 from the middle of the second quarter to the end. Jake Sparks hauled down 11 rebounds and Tucker Thayne grabbed eight.

Cambridge 5 14 10 5 34
Greenwich 24 22 16 19 81

Friday, 12/10.

Waterford 10 5 9 17 41
Tamarac 19 22 21 12 74

Wednesday, 12/8. Mike D'agostino led the Bengals with 21 points, 15 of those coming on five 3's. Zachary Rice scored 13 and James Blake added 10.

Hoosick Valley (2-0) 17 12 11 22 62
Saratoga Cath. (1-3) 13 14 11 11 49

Wednesday, 12/8.

Girls

Greenwich 20 19 21 9 69
Hoosick Falls (4-1) 8 9 10 9 27

Tuesday, 12/14. Olivia Estes scored 19 points but the team could only come up with 27 total as Greenwich handed the Panthers their first loss of the season.



Hoosick Falls Panther Olivia Estes (30, center) goes up to get her shot over Waterford's Isabella Vecchio at the HFCS gym. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Waterford 2 10 6 15 33
Hoosick Falls (4-0) 17 20 17 12 66

Friday, 12/10. Amber MacNeil scored 10 points, Lyric Kriner had 12 and MacKenzie Roberson added 10 as the Panthers crushed Waterford, holding them to 12 first half points.

Greenwich (4-0) 20 11 12 13 56
Cambridge (0-3) 11 11 13 5 40

Friday, 12/10. Cambridge's Stasia Epler scored 25 points.

Girl Scout Camps Receive Accreditation

Submitted by the Girls Scouts of Northeastern New York

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY) announce both Hidden Lake Camp in Lake Luzerne and Camp Is-Sho-da in East Greenbush have earned an American Camp Association (ACA) Accreditation.

To become accredited, both Hidden Lake Camp and Camp Is-Sho-Da submitted a thorough review of their operations by the ACA. These operations included things like staff qualification and training, as well as emergency management.

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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 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 Form. of INDIAN FLAME LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/8/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desig. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF BERLIN

The Town Board of the Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, State of New York will be holding a public hearing on the Cannabis Opt Out Law on December 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 State Route 22, Berlin, New York. All are welcome.
By order of the Town Board
Anne Maxon
Berlin Town Clerk

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 PITTSTOWN, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF HOOSICK OR PITTSTOWN 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

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: **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 upon 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.

S&R HUTTON, LLC. Filed 11/29/21. Office: RENNELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Zoning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Frederick Beattie for the purpose of a 40 ft. area variance. The property is located at 10 Thompson Lane in the Town of Brainard. The Public Hearing will take place on January 4, 2022 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22 Road, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard. More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours at 518-794-8884.

By: Michelle Bienes
Planning/Zoning Clerk
Town of New Lebanon, NY
12/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Zoning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Matthew Carr for the purpose of an area variance for the installation of a pool. Hearing will take place on January 4, 2022 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22 Road, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard. More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours at 518-794-8884.

By: Michelle Bienes
Planning/Zoning Clerk
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Legal Notice NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NEW LEBANON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
The New Lebanon Central School District is seeking sealed bids on one (1) 6 month lease of a Type C 64 passenger conventional school bus with a gasoline engine. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the New Lebanon Central School District Office, 14665 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, or by calling 518-794-9016, extension 2001 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bid Form and Non-Collusive statement must be received in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the bidder's name and RFP-NLCSD-02-2021, at the District Office by 1:00 p.m. on December 21, 2021 at which time they will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Kelly McGivern
District Clerk

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 Form. of MKR CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/11/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desig. 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.

FIRST STREET TROY LLC. Filed 11/24/21. Office: RENNELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 167 1st St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice of formation of a limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: "5 State Street LLC." Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 19, 2021. LLC's principal office: 6 Easy Street, Troy, New York 12180. The SSNY has been designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to the LLC at 6 Easy Street, Troy, New York 12180. LLC's filing status is as a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

Notice of 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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON AND THE LEBANON VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed an entry into a Fire Protection Agreement with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc., (the "LVPA") for the provision by the LVPA of fire protection services within the Town of New Lebanon for the 2022 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$152,302.00 of which \$122,302.00 is for operating and \$30,000.00 is for capital reserve. The \$152,302.00 will be payable in equal quarterly installments of \$38,075.50 each. A copy of said Fire Protection Agreement is available for public review in the office of the New Lebanon Town Clerk during regular office hours and is available on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon said Fire Protection Agreement between the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc and the Town of New Lebanon for the 2022 calendar year will be held on the 29th day of December 2021, at 6:20 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the proposed contract.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

You may also still submit comments regarding the contract between the Town of New Lebanon and the Fire Protection Agreement with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc., (the "LVPA") to: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and they will be included in the record.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon
Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
12/15/2021

On 11/19/21, Art. of Org. of **Driven Dental, PLLC** were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY PLLC is located in Rensselaer County. The SSNY 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.

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 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.

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

Community Calendar

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: bpaevt.org/tickets

Sinterklass, 3-4:30 pm, Barnett House, Caretaker's Rd., North Hoosick, learn about Dutch tradition, includes story, cookie decorating, Dutch games and more, free, recommended for children ages 5 to 10, pre-register by December 17 by calling 518-686-4682

December 20, Monday

Berlin Library Town Chess Club, 7-8 pm, all ages and skill levels welcome. Berlin Library, 47 South Main St.

December 26, Sunday

The Magic Flute, 12:55 pm, Clark Art Institute airs The Metropolitan Opera's production of The Met Live in HD., \$25, \$18 students, \$7 children, limited to 100, call 413-458-0524 for 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

December 31, Friday

A New Year's Evening Celebration with Zachary James with pianist Laurie Rogers, 7 pm, free, Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, seating limited, go to info@proctors.org

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Student Honor

Abigail Decker of Buskirk has been inducted into Kappa Pi, the International Art Honor Society

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice Town of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will be holding a Year-End Meeting on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to pay any outstanding bills and clean up any final business for 2021. The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY.

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.

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Eastwick Entertainment

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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January 1, Saturday

Bach at New Year's Live! Berkshire Bach Ensemble Director & Soloist Eugene Drucker & orchestra perform the six Brandenburg Concertos by J.S. Bach, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy, call 518-273-0038

January 15, Saturday

Grafton Lakes State Park Ice Fishing Contest, 5:30 am – 2 pm, no pre-registration required

January 22, Saturday

Grafton Lakes State Park Cabin Fever, 11:30 am – 3 pm, Polar Plunge 11:30 am, food vendors, snow bowling, ice dive demonstration, snowmobile rides and more

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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 2:55 5:05 7:15 9:15 Sat & Sun 12:45 2:55 5:05 7:15 9:15

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Nightmare

Alley
12/17 - 12/30
Daily 4:15 7:30

The Tragedy of Macbeth

1/7 - 1/13 (1/10 only at 4:45 pm)
Daily 4:15 7:30

Miss Hokusai
1/10 at 7:30 pm

Last week's sudoku solution:

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Theme: Winter Fun

ACROSS

- Rope fiber
- Mai _____
- Russia's Terrible one, e.g.
- "What _____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
- Tattled
- Actress Reed
- Internet share-able
- Inwardly
- Black tropical hardwood
- *Winged impression in winter
- Home of the Hawkeyes
- Investigative report
- Chicken or this?
- Not dense
- Early-day supercontinent
- Afternoon shut-eye
- Even though
- Picture on a coat
- Anti-seniors sentiment
- Jean of Dadaism
- Crewneck alternative
- Half-man, half-goat
- Arm cover
- Victoria Beckham _____ Adams
- Lacking sense of moral standards
- Flying high
- Often part of disguise
- Queen-like
- Wood file
- * _____ Plunge
- Secret stash
- Damien's prediction
- Not at work
- Opposite of cation
- Abbreviated seconds
- Precedes stated rank
- Moon pull
- *Like toddy or cocoa
- Trans-Siberian Railroad city

Last week's crossword solution:

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- Shortens pants
- Like fair share
- Short for memorandum
- Antebellum
- Polynesian kingdom
- Ten-pin establishment
- Bucolic poem
- *Ride on runners
- *Winter building material
- Tolstoy's Karenina
- R&B Charles
- *Glittery decor
- Condescend
- Indian black tea
- Nibble
- Big mess
- Like a Druid, e.g.
- Celery, technically
- *Snowman's corn cob accessory
- Are not
- Wedding singer, e.g.
- Questioned
- *Snow _____, ammunition
- *"But I heard him exclaim, _____ he drove out of sight..."
- *Winter walking aid
- Type of consonant
- Actors' grp.
- a.k.a. strict vegetarians
- Mature, as in fruit
- Like Silas of "The Da Vinci Code"
- Young Montague
- Decide at the polls _____
- Jasmine of "Aladdin"
- Turns blue litmus red
- #42 Across, once
- Cheese from Netherlands
- Contributions to the poor
- Stink to high heaven
- *Arctic _____, snowmobile brand

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Church Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOOSICK FALLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH – 484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls, NY. Rev.

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

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 566 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY, 12180. In person service every Sunday at 10:30 am. The service is also on Facebook, search Hope United Methodist Church, Troy, NY. Every Sunday at 4 pm, at the church, there is a prayer gathering led by Pastor David Martin. For information call 518-279-1403 or email hopeumc-troy@gmail.com.

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 (northchathammethodist

church.org). For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website. Thanks and we hope to see you soon, in person or on Zoom!

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

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

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

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

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/

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.

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 20**, 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.

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 senior center is closed on **December 24**.

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

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. 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

Dec. 21: Chicken patty w/BBQ sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, cut green beans, white bread and a fruit cup

Dec. 22: Sliced turkey w/gravy, baked quartered potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll and applesauce

Dec. 23: Butter crumb haddock, buttery mashed potatoes, spinach and yogurt

Dec. 27: Chicken Alfredo, penne pasta, broccoli, Italian bread and fresh fruit

Dec. 28: Beef patty w/French onion gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots and a fruit cup

Dec. 29: Turkey chili w/kidney beans & sour cream, rice, steamed beans, whole wheat biscuit and fresh fruit

Dec. 30: Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, Brussels sprouts, white bread, and yogurt

limited days. Please call to be placed on the list.

On **December 21**, the center will hold its Christmas party with special music entertainment by Bob Treffeletti. Come dance and sing along. Music starts right after lunch. There will be yoga at 10 am. **December 23**, there will be senior games following lunch, with an ice cream social at 1 pm. The center is also open on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am for our 10 am yoga class.

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.

Merrymakers Christmas Party

Over 50 people attended the Grafton Merrymakers Christmas party at Giuseppe's Restaurant. A big thank you goes out to Tom Withcuskey for sponsoring the event. Mark your calendar for next year's first meeting on **March 9**. Seniors 55 and over are welcome. Bring your ideas for bus trips.



Church News

Christmas Church Services

Sunday, December 18

Hope United Methodist Church – 5 pm, 566 Brunswick Rd., Eagle Mills

Thursday, December 23

Grafton Baptist Church – 7 pm, Owen Rd., Cropseyville

Friday, December 24

Poestenkill Christian Church – 5 pm, 721 Snyders Corners Rd.

Gilead Lutheran Church – 6:30 pm, Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick

Petersburg Methodist Church – 7 pm, 12 Head of Lane Rd.

First United Church, Presbyterian – 6:30 pm, 130 Main St., Hoosick Falls

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

Final Service

The First United Church, Presbyterian, 130 Main St., Hoosick Falls, will hold its last ever service on **Sunday, December 26, at 10:30 pm.**

HFCAC Griefshare

Forever in our hearts, a candlelight service of remembrance, will be sponsored by Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Griefshare on **Wednesday, December 22, at 5:30 pm**, in Wood Memorial Park. It will be a brief, meaningful time of reflection that will include Christmas carols, prayer and the lighting of candles in memory of loved ones.

All are welcome to attend. We encourage you to bring photos of your loved one(s) to hang on the strand of white Christmas lights that will encircle the bandstand. The service will conclude with the lighting of candles as Silent Night is sung. This event will be held regardless of weather. For more information, contact the church at 518-686-3269.

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

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.

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.

Sunday School

Gilead Lutheran Church, routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick, is holding their Sunday school classes on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The children will be singing at the service on **December 19.**

Our monthly food pantry and take-out dinner will be held on **December 30, from 3 to 6 pm.** The dinner will be beef stew, tossed salad and dessert, and is always a free-will offering. We also have collected Christmas gifts from our wish list of families who could use a helping hand at Christmas time.

Gilead's web site is www.gileadlutheran.org. Any questions, please call and leave a message at 518-279-9270.

Meetings

December 16, Thursday

Hoosick Falls School Board, 6:30 pm, HFC
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,
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

December 27, Monday

Grafton Town Board Year End, 6:30 pm
Nassau Zoning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

December 28, Tuesday

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

Obituaries

Reta M. Danforth

Hoosick Falls - Reta Mae Danforth, 94, passed away on Thursday December 2, 2021, at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vermont. She resided at the Wood Park Apartments in Hoosick Falls.

Reta was born on May 3, 1927, in Hoosick Falls, daughter of the late Medause and Lola (Bailey) LaMagdeline. She attended school in Hoosick Falls and worked at several area companies including Nancy Shoe, Albany Felt, The Health Center and Danforth Adult Home, both in Hoosick Falls. Her last employment was with Kiddie Kar Child Care, where she was a foster grandparent. Reta was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, where she also was a member of the Catholic Daughters. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Hoosick Falls.

Survivors include her son Paul (Nancy) Danforth of Hoosick Falls, NY, daughters Rose (Doug) Johnson of Williamstown, MA, Debbie (Alan, predeceased) Rawling of Shingle Hollow and Nancy (Charles) Thurber of Hoosick Falls, as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Reta is predeceased by a son Mark Danforth and five sisters Velma Blazejewski, Anna Lockrow, Yvonne Kilburn, Joyce and Joan LaMagdeline.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Hoosick Falls. Memorial contributions may be made to either the local food pantry or second chance animal shelter through the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main St., Hoosick Falls.

Frederick E. Kain

Hoosick Falls - Frederick E. Kain, 89, passed away at the Danforth Adult Care Center on November 27, 2021, two weeks shy of his 90th birthday. Fred came from humble beginnings, the firstborn to German immigrant parents in the midst of the Great Depression. From a young age, he worked alongside his father, who was a carpenter and mason. Fred was an intelligent and industrious young man. After graduating from his father's early hands-on education, he furthered his education earning a degree in civil engineering from Duke University. He returned home to Lakeview, NY, where he married his high school sweetheart, the former Ann Brandis, who predeceased him in 2009. Ann and Fred's four children were all born in Pittsburgh, PA, where he worked for ten years at US Steel. The basis was laid there for the family to become lifelong enthusiastic Pirates and Steelers fans.



The family moved to Elmira, NY, which was home for the next 50 plus years. During that time, Fred worked and ultimately retired from Corning Glassworks. Fred loved everyone. He was a man of God who instilled that faith in his children. He was a devoted member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elmira, NY for over 50 years, serving as a Sunday school teacher, lector, council and choir member. He was kind, caring, empathetic, generous, optimistic and egalitarian. He only ever asked that he be remembered as a good guy. He was all that and so much more. He encouraged all of his children to follow their passions and pursue their individual God-given talents. He and Ann had an abundant love for their grandchildren and tried to give each of them their own special time with Grandpa and Grandma. They especially loved the holidays and the many special get-togethers to celebrate Oktoberfest or the annual planting party, emphasis on party, always with a cookout and plenty of beer and bocce on the side. He also loved the family's annual tradition of tailgating at a Cornell Big Red football game. We all loved him and he will be sorely missed. Fred is survived by his children and their families: Peter (Nathena) Kain of Norwich, NY, David (Wendy) of Seneca Falls, NY, Tim (Doris) of Kennebunk, ME and Sue (John) Hyde of Hoosick Falls, NY. Grandchildren include Patrick, Emily, Lydia, Christopher (Sarah) and Elizabeth Kain, Molly (Nick) and Heather Hyde, and three great-grandchildren, Daniel, Grayson and Emmitt.

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December Mushroom



Trembling Crust (Merulius tremellosus) is a fungus that grows on stumps and fallen trees between July and January. In Dutch, the fungus is known as bacon-pork rind mushroom, but it is not edible. These mushrooms are growing on a fallen Paper Birch tree in the woods of Petersburg. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

A. Celinbaum Quits Mysteriously

Thursday, August 21, 1851: Today I and hired boy drove a cow that is young heifer to bull to J. B. Maxon's and said Maxon agreed that I might put his bull in my pasture a spell, that is a few weeks, and John F. turned the bull into my pasture.

Friday: Quite rainy. This forenoon Geo P. rode to Lebanon and carried cheese at six cts per pound to N. Nichols store, and this afternoon I and two sons mowed on the Wm. B. Maxon farm and the hired boy weeded in the garden and piled wood in the wood house, and today I paid A. Celinbaum three dollars and 75 cents, which is in full for all the work by the day he has done for me, which is four days works in haying.

Tuesday: I and my two sons and two hired men and hired boy hayed on Wm B. Maxon's and hayed to home. This evening John F. rode to Lebanon to Lias Dike's and got the pay for Geo P. fat steers. Edward Gould stayed with us to start with Geo P. tomorrow for Vermont after sheep.

Wednesday: I and John F. and two hired men and hired boy we hayed to home and finished mowing in my big

meadow. Today Geo P. starts for Vermont to buy sheep. I sent one hundred dollars to buy sheep.

Thursday: I mowed rowing in my south meadow and my hired man A. Celinbaum with me. He worked till nearly eleven o'clock and quit without saying one word but told to the neighbors that he had quit work for me for good.

Tuesday: Showery today. I piled some wood and the hired boy piled some wood in the wood house and I paid said boy John Coslo 25 cts and this afternoon he went to the Circus to Lebanon Springs and John F. and Sarah O went to the Circus and I paid 50 cents for them to be admitted in. Today Caroline Holcomb came on a visit, she came home with John F. from the Circus.

Wednesday: This afternoon Mr. Calvin Sackett Jnr and wife from Berlin visited us.

Tuesday: I went to Pittsfield with one horse wagon and Charlotte with me, she went and did some trading to the stores, and I paid eight dollars cash to a clothing store for an overcoat up North Street near the Berkshire to an Irish shop.

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