

**BRUNSWICK**

**A Super(intendent) Job of Thinking Outside the Box**

by Doug La Rocque

Word is getting around town about a substitute bus driver for the Brittonkill (Brunswick) Schools. Not because she is special (she makes it very clear she isn't) but because of the uniqueness of the situation. District Superintendent Dr. Angelina Maloney is now also known as substitute school bus driver Angelina Maloney.

In a conversation with Dr. Maloney, The Eastwick Press asked her how she came up with the idea to add bus driver to her resume. She told us "We have been facing a shortage of drivers for some time and this year it reached a crisis point. I tried many avenues of recruitment which still did not eliminate the problem so I hoped to be part of the solution to keep our students in school."

Anyone who is part of school transportation knows you cannot just jump into a bus and take off; the testing and training can be rigorous, as Dr. Maloney found out first hand. She said "I love to learn but this was very different for me. I have a much deeper understanding of the complexities of transporting 1,000 students to our school and all over the Capital District for their academic programming. I also could share my experience with our transportation department and apply my background as a teacher to help other potential drivers prepare for the permit and road test.

Did it require a lot of time and commitment? "Our Transportation Department was incredibly helpful. I had to work my training and preparation around my other District responsibilities so it took me



Angelina Maloney behind the wheel of a district school bus. Photo by Amy Modesti

a little longer. A new driver is brought on board with paid training and can get it done quicker."

So this begs the question: has your home phone rung early in the morning, asking you to report to the bus garage yet? "Not yet. I would never take an opportunity away from one of our drivers. I'm just here to help as a *Continued on page 7*

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**BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Mountaineer Merits**

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

At the assembly each month, Principal Kent draws ten merit recipients, which includes both in person and remote students. Five students from kindergarten to second grade and five from third to fifth grade receive a prize.



November's Mountaineer Merit winners Coltyn Sniger, Jackson Hall, Micah Manning, Mason MacNaughton, Derrious McCoy, Rachel Smith, Eli Ehntholt, Riley Blakely, Nicholas Meyers and Adeline Huggins. Submitted by BCS Communications.

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# A Holiday Letter to the Community

from Trey Dobson, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Emergency Physician

We are incredibly excited for this holiday season. Our doctors and nurses want to share with you five things to know, and we hope you will read these aloud with your family and friends as you celebrate.

- 1. *Thank you for all you do.*** The actions you have undertaken over the past many months are why our community continues to stand strong in our region.
- 2. *We love what we do.*** Every physician, associate provider, and nurse has a passion for health care; it is our calling to serve, limit suffering, and heal. We are honored to be a part of your most precious and challenging life moments, and we accept the responsibility and trust you place in us. Although, we are concerned with the number of COVID-positive patients in our community and those individuals who require care but have chosen not to be vaccinated. Please trust us when we say that we are doing everything to support our patients, protect our community, and urge everyone to get vaccinated and if eligible, boosted.
- 3. *We ask you to be patient and express kindness.*** We are currently caring for a tremendous number of patients. Most of these individuals need the regular care we provide, including care for heart problems, medical illnesses, and broken bones. However, we are experiencing an influx of COVID patients. Hospitals all over the state are in the same situation, and it is to the point where we are postponing some non-emergent services and elective procedures.
- 4. *We advise you to attend only small gatherings and wear a mask indoors in public settings.*** Outdoor gatherings are safest. When meeting with others indoors, keep the gatherings small, and note that everyone should be fully vaccinated to limit exposure and virus spread.
- 5. *Give the most important gift this season: get vaccinated and encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated and, as soon as you are both eligible, boosted.*** Our COVID Resource Center is open 6 days a week, administering vaccine and booster shots. Since last January, we have given over 50,000 vaccinations, including over 500 shots to children 5 years and older. There are 92,000 eligible, unvaccinated people in the state, and more than 8,000 reside in Bennington County. Unvaccinated people make up the vast majority of those hospitalized with COVID. Upwards of 85% of COVID patients using Vermont hospital ICUs are unvaccinated. I encourage you to protect yourself by getting vaccinated and if eligible, boosted.

Your support has meant so much to us during the pandemic. The situation in our community would significantly improve if everyone was vaccinated and boosted. Give the greatest gift. Spread the word. And have a safe and happy holiday season!

In good health and spirits,



Trey Dobson, MD

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## Taconic Valley

### STEPHENTOWN

# A Message From Your Fire Chiefs

*Submitted by Chiefs Corlew and Grant*

As we have recently been reminded, the winter season is, sadly, also fire season. We have responded to three fully involved structure fires in the last month. We have also responded to a malfunctioning pellet stove backing smoke up into a home. Please help us help you by practicing fire safety.

Have your furnace and heating stoves cleaned and serviced annually. Get your chimney cleaned. Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Water your Christmas tree. Don't leave wood fires unattended. Install smoke alarms, test them monthly and change the batteries. If you are unable to afford a smoke alarm, please reach out to us at [stephentownfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:stephentownfiredepartment@gmail.com).

In the case of fire, get out and stay out. Never re-enter a burning building. Call 911 immediately. The sooner we know about the fire, the quicker we can respond.

We are an all-volunteer fire department serving a rural area of 58 square miles. We rely on mutual aid for almost all structure fires. For the recent fires, mutual aid included assistance from Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Tsatsawassa Fire Company, Nassau Fire Company, Hoags Corners Fire Company, Averill Park Sand Lake Fire Department, Hancock Fire Company and New Ashford Fire Company. Assembling crews, getting vehicles to the scene and establishing water sources — since there are no fire hydrants in Stephentown — all take time. So please don't delay and don't hesitate to call 911 at the first sign of trouble.

Fully involved structure fires are devastating even in the best circumstance where no one is injured or killed. Please do what you can to prevent fires this winter. We thank all of our mutual aid partners for their invaluable support. And we thank you for your assistance in keeping Stephentown safe.

### BERLIN

# A Successful Drive

*by Chris Teragliafera*

The recent canned food drive at Berlin MS/HS for grades 6 through 12 collected 1,079 non perishable food items. Grade 12 donated the most, while grade 6 came in second. The food will be donated to four area food pantries.

#### Live Streaming

Two recently installed cameras, along with the software package to accompany them, will now allow the MS/HS to livestream sports games. The school actually has the ability to livestream two games simultaneously, on two parallel YouTube channels.

#### Distance Learning

Berlin MS/HS is looking to enhance their distance learning program. The School is meeting with counselors and teachers in order to learn what courses they would be interested in teaching. The hope is to have a wide range of classes that can be available to not only

BCSD, but other districts as well.

#### Online Registration

Berlin Middle/High School is working toward an online registration process. This would allow families to input their health history and general information one time, and have it saved for future registrations. This would cut down on paperwork and repetitive forms that currently need to be filled out before each sports season. The goal is to have this available for the spring sports sign up period.

#### Other Notes

The meeting began with a festive presentation from the Chamber Choir, followed by the Berlin Middle/High School band, playing holiday favorites.

### BERLIN LIBRARY

## Dates Closed

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

- Friday, December 24*
- Saturday, December 25*
- Saturday, January 1*

### BERLIN

## Holiday Closures

Both the Berlin Transfer Station and Town Clerk's office will be closed on the following dates:

- 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.

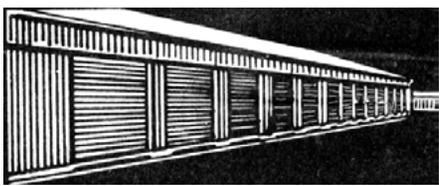
Donations can be left at Taconic Mountain Insurance, with the Berlin Town Clerk or by calling to make arrangements for someone to meet you at the church.

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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## Taconic Valley

### STEPHENTOWN

# Historical Society Cancels Programs

The Stephentown Historical Society has announced it has canceled its Unknown D-Day program with Eric Durr, scheduled for January 9. The cancelation, along with all other programs for the first three months of 2022, has been made out of an abundance of caution to avoid unnecessary exposure and the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus. All attempts will be made to reschedule these programs at a later date.

### PETERSBURGH

# Former Resident Releases Fifth Book



Former Petersburgh resident William C. Webster announces the publication of his fifth book, *The Great Middle*. It's the story of a young man's journey from a life of poverty and despair to one of hope and possibility. Learn more about Webster's books by visiting his website [www.wcwebster.com](http://www.wcwebster.com).

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### PETERSBURGH

# Drainage Work at Landfill Completed

by Alex Brooks

Tom Berry said the drainage improvement work designed by the Town's engineer to keep water runoff out of the landfill as much as possible has been completed by the Berlin and Petersburg highway departments. "All water drainage issues have been resolved," said Berry. He said Mark Millspaugh, the engineer from Sterling Environmental, visited the site and inspected the work when it was completed, and he will communicate with DEC about the completion of this phase of the work.

Berry said now that this work is completed, the engineers can start monitoring the volume of seepage coming out of the landfill, which will determine the scale of the remediation needed to remove or treat it.

Berry also said gates, fencing and barriers have been put up to keep vehicles off the landfill cap. He said one culvert has not been installed yet, but that one doesn't affect the drainage.

### New Highway Workers

Supervisor Dennis Smith said the Highway Department, which has been working for most of the fall with only two workers, hired a third worker who started last week, and has hired another who will start in January.

Smith also said that the Town had reached an agreement with the highway workers union on a contract, but it has not been formally signed yet. He said most recently when he asked the union rep to send over the agreement so the Council could approve it, the language in that draft was different than what had been agreed to, so he will have to follow up to complete the process.

### IT Update

Heinz Noeding said he is expecting a proposal by the first of the year or early in January to review the Town's IT systems with an eye toward reliability, network security, regular backups and that sort of thing. He is expecting the cost of such a review to come in at about \$2,000 or so. He will present this to the Council when it is received.

### WIA Reimbursement

Heinz Noeding said the Town has received from the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) about \$159,500 reimbursing the Town for expenditures on the Water District under the Water Infrastructure grant. This covers everything that was in the Town's request except for \$55,000 in payments to Cedarwood Engineering. Noeding said he does not know yet why the Cedarwood bills were not paid, but he is guessing there is some missing information or paperwork that held them up and is hopeful that whatever it is can be resolved and the Town can get the rest of the reimbursement paid soon.



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### Dog Shelter

Supervisor Smith said he had met with the Ag and Markets inspector who failed the Town's dog shelter in two recent inspections to see what could be done to fix it so that it would pass inspection. She said the problem is that the building is sitting on concrete blocks which have been washing out because of water running off there. Smith proposes to put in some concrete piers there which will securely hold the building up and put the shelter back in service. He said this would cost about \$200 for materials and he could do the work with assistance from the Highway Department crew. He said he believes he can get that done before the end of the year.

Smith said all of the dog kennels that the Town has contacted require an annual fee of somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,400 whether any dogs are sent there or not, and then have usage fees in addition to that for any services needed. They also are quite some distance from Town, so they require a good deal of driving both by the Dog Officer to take the dogs there, and by the dog owners to get their dogs back. He feels it would be less expensive and more convenient to continue to use the dog shelter behind the Town Hall.

### PVMCC

Mary Lou Walters, Secretary of the PVMCC, came to the Town Council to request that the PVMCC be allowed to modify its agreement with the Town so that it can pay less. She said the PVMCC lost its biggest tenant, the church that was holding services and gatherings there, and so has lost \$8,400 of revenue annually. She said the PVMCC has been paying the Town \$2,000 each year, and they are asking to drop that to \$1,000. Supervisor Smith said the Board will consider the request.

Heinz Noeding asked about the HVAC evaluation of the building that the Council agreed to. Walters said it had been done, but no one on the Town Council had seen it yet. She said the problem continues with the upstairs room being very hot and the main part of the building very cool.

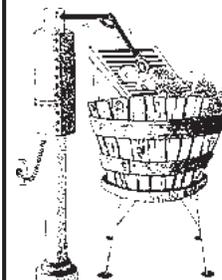
### Library MOU

A Memorandum of Understanding has been worked out between representatives of the Town Council and the Library Board on how the Library's finances will be handled, but it has only just been sent to the full councils for consideration, so it was not ready for approval.

### Meetings Scheduled

The Board scheduled its end of the year meeting for **Wednesday, December 29, at 7:30 pm**, and the organizational meeting for **Monday, January 3, at 7 pm**.

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## Taconic Valley

### STEPHENTOWN

# Rescue Plan Funds for Emergency Power

by Chris Tergliafera

The Stephentown Town Council is looking into using American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase emergency electrical generators for the Town Hall, Fire Hall and Highway Garage. The Fire Hall is listed as the emergency shelter for both the Town and school district, and does not currently have an emergency power source. The Highway Garage is a vital location to install an emergency power source because if power goes out, the Highway Department and emergency vehicles would have no way to pump gas. The generators will all be powered using propane.

#### Tech Upgrades

On the topic of ARPA funds, a motion to begin upgrading technology at the Town Hall was passed. Equipment being looked at for the project includes a camera, dedicated laptop and equipment to improve the overall quality of the sound at meetings, both in person and online. A television

screen and hardwiring are also part of the big picture for the upgrades.

#### Cannabis Opt-Out

With the **December 31** deadline for municipalities to opt out of allowing marijuana sales and on-site consumption looming, the Town Council decided to not opt out. The Council stated that if a business goes through the proper processes and procedures, and meets all necessary requirements, they won't tell them they can't operate simply because the product they are selling is marijuana.

#### Other News

The end of year reconciliation meeting will be held **Thursday, December 30, at 7 pm.**

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

Due to rising COVID-19 numbers, the library will cancel all in person activities for the time being.

The Stephentown Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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### STEPHENTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Toy Drive



The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone that donated to the 2021 Dollar General/SVFD Toy Drive, providing gifts to 24 families and 50 children.

Special thanks to the employees of Dollar General, the Stephentown Memorial Library, Rensselaer County Toys for Tots and to our SVFD members who collected, sorted, packed and distributed the toys. It was great to see our generous community come together again to help make the holiday special for all families.

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### STEPHENTOWN

## Food Pantry Open January 1

The Stephentown Food Pantry will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open on **Saturday, January 1**, to serve Stephentown and Hancock with food assistance. Pantry hours are Saturdays from 9 to 11 am at the Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Road. No appointment is needed. Requests for aid are kept confidential. New clients, please bring ID showing your current address.

The Pantry has curbside service. We bring you an order form and pack your requested supplies. Stay warm in your car. Please wear a mask. You may visit every week if needed.

## SVMC Welcomes New Nurse Practitioner to Orthopedics

Allison Murphy, FNP, has joined Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) Orthopedics and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians. Murphy holds a master of science in Nursing from Saint Joseph's College of Maine, a first assistant certification from the University of Rochester in New York and a bachelor's in nursing from Southern Vermont College. In addition, she is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Murphy has worked at SVMC since October 2010. She started as a unit coordinator on the hospital's inpatient units and went on to become a medical-surgical nurse and an operating room nurse. She was a nominee for both the organization's teamwork award and for the Spirit of Magnet Award in 2019.

SVMC Orthopedics offers preventive and non-surgical treatments, minimally invasive surgery and surgery for sports injuries, painful joints and complicated fractures. They execute complete joint replacements, rotator cuff repair and surgeries on hands, knees, wrists, feet, elbows and ankles. The office is located at 332 Dewey Street in Bennington. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 802-442-6314 or visit [svhealthcare.org/orthopedics](http://svhealthcare.org/orthopedics).



Allison Murphy, FNP

# Central County

## NORTH GREENBUSH

# Climate Resilience Vision Statement

Submitted by Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo

At the December 9 Town Council meeting, Bernie Wiesen of Cornell Cooperative Extension presented the Town of North Greenbush's Climate Resilience vision statement to the Town Council. The vision statement is intended to represent the views of the community on the topic of strengthening the Town's climate resiliency capacity. The document was developed through several public meetings and the results of an online survey. The public input emphasized some of the following goals to enhance climate resilience: mitigating the impact of severe weather, becoming bike and pedestrian friendly, encouraging alternative renewable energy usage and preserving natural resources and adequate green and open spaces. Ms. Wiesen called on the Council to show its support for the principles put forward in the vision statement by passing a resolution. Despite the fact that the vision statement contained worthy, non-controversial goals, the Supervisor refused to allow a vote on the grounds that he did not have sufficient time to review it. I hope that the newly constituted Town Council will swiftly approve the statement at the January meeting, as adoption by the Council will bring the Town one step closer to becoming a Climate Smart certified community. Many of you are aware that the New York State legislature passed the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) in March, which legalized adult use recreational marijuana. MRTA allows New York State municipalities such as the Town of North Greenbush to opt out of permitting the licensing of adult use marijuana dispensaries and/or on-site consumption lounges in their jurisdiction. The Town of North Greenbush will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 22, at 6:30 pm**, at the Town Hall to allow the public to provide comments on a local law prohibiting on-site consumption establishments in town. Immediately following the hearing, the Town Council will hold a special meeting to vote on the law which is available for review on the Town website. Comments may also be sent in writing to the Town Clerk with copies to Town Council members.

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

## SCHODACK

# Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

Even though the Christmas holiday is quickly approaching, the Schodack Planning Board was busy at their December 20 meeting. After the minutes were approved, a Schodack resident voiced questions about the Muslim Community of Troy cemetery project proposed on Phillips Road. The resident asked for clarification about the burial process, the phasing of the project and the impact on groundwater. Members of the Board explained that the burial ceremonies involve simple pine boxes with no embalming process. The project presenter from Environmental Designs updated the Board that a geotechnical consultant had completed an environmental study. According to the report, there will be no impact on groundwater and wells because of the gradient of the land. A change in the phasing of the cemetery project has been made to allow the final stage of the project to be the closest to the residences which should be implemented in approximately 50 to 100 years. There is a plan to augment additional vegetation along the boundary to add more of a buffer on the property. The 5,000 grave cemetery plans to be a three-stage process that will

take approximately 100 years to complete. Stage 1 will involve the creation of a parking area, loop road, pavilion, maintenance building and 1,400 graves with an estimated four burials a month. The proposal was sent to engineering, and the Board thanked the presenter for updating them.

The two public hearings on the American Tower/Dish Wireless towers on Beagle Club Way and US Route 20 had their site plan modifications approved. Beagle Club Way's 123' tower will have three new antennas installed at 91 feet, and the US 20 150' tower will have antennas installed at 115 feet. The site plan modification and a special permit were also approved for the Crown Castle/Dish Wireless tower on Route 150.

The meeting concluded with the approval of a resolution to make Schodack the lead agency on the Schuurman Road Schodack Golf project. A public hearing was set up for January 3, for a ground mount solar project by Hudson River Solar on Simons Road. A Route 9 site plan and a special permit were approved with modifications for an auto sales lot. Auto repairs will not be allowed at the lot.

## SCHODACK

# Growing Smiles



The happy crowd at the ribbon cutting for the new Where Smiles Grow, located on 81 Miller Rd. in Schodack. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# Underage Drinking Enforcement

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office conducted an underage drinking enforcement detail in Rensselaer County. Five people were arrested for selling to an underage individual working with police. This person cannot lie about their age or date of birth and must show their own ID when asked. Investigators checked seven different businesses around Rensselaer County.

The following businesses were in compliance with the law:

- Averill Park Citgo** - 3305 NY 43, Averill Park
- Beer Universe** - 79 Main Avenue, #1, Wynantskill

Investigators charged five people working at the following locations:

- Mobil Jiff-e Mart I** - 3034 NY 43, Averill Park
- BM Petroleum & Food Mart** - 203 Church Street, Nassau
- Sycaway Mart** - 558 Hoosick Street, Troy
- Cobble Pond Farms** - 4005 NY 2, Cropseyville
- Pittstown Grocery**
- Sunoco** - 3187 NY 7, Johnsonville

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Central County

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# Local Olympian Speaks at Tamarac High School

by Amy Modesti

Do you know what it takes to be an Olympian? Emma White does.

Tuesday, December 21, White spoke to students inside the Tamarac High School District Auditorium about her Olympic career. The 24-year-old, originally from Duaneburg, now residing in Jersey City, NJ, took up cycling at nine years old. Inspired by her older brother and family at their cycling outings, White made it her mission to become a cyclist.

Upon becoming a cyclist, she majored in Computer Science at Union College. It was during her college years that she trained under famed coach Kristen Armstrong, and raised her cycling skills to new heights, even taking part in the 2014 and 2015 Junior World Championships.

Eventually, White made the switch to track cycling and joined the USA Olympic Team Pursuit. In 2018, she trained in track cycling for a year at the Colorado Springs Olympic training facility with other team members. In 2019, she competed in the World Championships in Warsaw, Poland and lost. In February 2020, White won the World Championship in Berlin, Germany. At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, she became a bronze medalist for track cycling, competing against the United Kingdom.

Although she has retired from track cycling, the love of racing remains in her heart. White accepted a computer science job in Troy and will work remotely from NJ. Instead of showing off her bronze medal she left at home, she showed off her podium outfit that was worn at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.



Olympic medalist Emma White, wearing the podium outfit she wore at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, at Tamarac High School on December 21. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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.

# VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

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

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*.

# A Super(intendent) Job of Thinking Outside the Box Continued from page 1

backup so students do not miss opportunities.”

This is not Superintendent Maloney’s first spin around the block in a vehicle with more than four wheels. She has been a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for some time now and has completed the NYS Emergency Vehicle Operator Course which allows her to drive a fire truck.

So when a student steps on the bus to see the District Superintendent behind the wheel do they treat her any differently? She told us “I expect our students to treat everyone with respect and kindness. I am fortunate to be in my 9th year at the District so many of the students have known me for their entire school career. This year I was blessed to coach the two Tamarac modified volleyball teams so I got to spend a lot of time with 20 awesome middle school girls. Volleyball Coach — yet another hat she has donned.

Ok, so the students are great. But what about at the bus garage? Are you accepted as “part of the gang”? “Our drivers were so helpful in preparing for the test. Their words of encouragement and help meant the world to me. They are terrific and I will be forever grateful. Some of the drivers are hoping I sub on their runs.”

So the reception from the students and other drivers has been great. But what about the perception in the school and the district as a whole? “People have been very kind to me. I just believe that it is my responsibility to do whatever it takes to make our school run safely, efficiently and the best for our students. They deserve it!”

School Superintendent, Volleyball Coach or Bus Driver, Angelina Maloney is leading the way at Brittonkill and setting a great example for other school superintendents when it comes to thinking and acting outside the box for the people she serves.

*Editor's Note: There will always be “hard news” to report, but as a community newspaper, these are the kind of stories The Eastwick Press enjoys covering. If you are aware of such community developments feel free to contact us at [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com), and we will endeavor to bring these special moments to everyone as well.*

POESTENKILL

# Protecting Water and Investigating Emerging Contaminants

Submitted by New York State DEC

Earlier this month, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) held public availability sessions at Algonquin Middle School to update the community about the ongoing efforts to protect drinking water supplies and investigate potential sources of groundwater contamination in Poestenkill.

DEC also recently launched a new web page at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/124334.html> and posted all the materials made available at the sessions, as well as the community updates mailed to

homeowners in October and November.

As new information becomes available, DEC will update the web page and continue to keep the community informed.

For questions about topics related to this investigation, please contact the below:

- Source investigation information - DEC project manager Brittany O’Brien-Drake, 518-402-9672
- Private well testing requests - Rensselaer County Department of Health, 518-270-2655
- Health-related topics - DOH region chief Justin Deming, 518-402-7896
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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Chief Ashe is Suspended

by Doug La Rocque

On Friday, December 17, Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen released a statement that said as of that date Village Police Chief Robert (Bob) Ashe had been suspended with pay due to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the New York State Police. Officer Bernard Davock has been appointed as officer in charge.

The Mayor's statement goes on to say "The Board of Trustees remains committed to our police department and the necessary and essential work they do, as well as the safety and security of our community. We will ensure that our police department serves our Village with the highest standards. Because this is a personnel matter, there is nothing more we can say at this time."

The Eastwick Press did reach out to



Chief Robert Ashe.

Chief Ashe to see if he wished to make any comments. He chose not to, something that is typical in such matters. This paper has not yet been able to independently confirm various reports as to

the pertinent points of the investigation.

There have been many social media posts about the suspension, most very supportive of the man that is often simply referred to as "Chief."

It is important to point out that an investigation is not an indictment and does not equivocate guilt. As of press time, *The Eastwick Press* is unaware of any formal charges having been leveled against Chief Ashe. If there are any further developments in this case, we will post them on our website and Facebook page.

## Hoosick Falls PFOA Workshop

Attorneys appointed by the Court to represent the classes in the Hoosick Falls PFOA Class Action will return to the Armory in Hoosick Falls on January 7 and 8 to continue to assist people file their claims for benefits under the Settlement. Due to lessons learned from the number of people that came in early December for such assistance, there will be more staff this time and better organization. The hours will be **8:30 am to 6:30 pm on January 7 and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on January 8**. To prevent long wait times please call Emma Duggan at (212) 558-5677 to make an appointment. Representatives from the NYSDOH will be on site as well to provide copies of blood test results for those that don't have them. If you have questions you can call Emma Duggan or Steve Schwarz at 585-399-6035.

### BENNINGTON

## More Deaths Reported at Crescent Manor Nursing Home

In a copyrighted story WNYT NewsChannel 13 is reporting that two more deaths have occurred at the Crescent Manor Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Facility due to COVID-19. The news story says three people had died at the Nursing Home earlier this month. NewsChannel 13 is reporting that in all, 71 people related to the facility were still testing positive for COVID-19, 45 residents and 26 staff.

It is also reported that the State of Vermont is confirming that administrator Mark Rivers has been replaced by an interim administrator, identified as Bruce Bodemer. No reason for the change was given.

### HOOSICK FALLS SCHOOL BOARD

# COVID-19 Threat Nearly Compels Remote Learning

by Alex Brooks

At the Hoosick Falls School Board meeting on Thursday, December 16, there was discussion of a possible need to go to remote learning on short notice because of a high number of COVID-19 cases in the Hoosick Falls community, some of which had shown up among teachers and students. But in the latter part of that week the number of cases dropped and on Friday the District announced that it will not need to switch to remote learning this week.

The Board approved the District's contract with managerial/confidential employees dated December 13, 2021, which is effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2024. It also approved a contract with the District's support staff dated December 14, 2021, which is effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. Superintendent Pat Dailey said the District now has contracts in place with all four bargaining units of its employees.

The District also approved a contract with School Business Administrator Emily Sanders effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pat Dailey said he was pleased with

the success of the Toy Drive this year, an example of "our students and our families helping our kids." He said 215 students received toys from the program this year, and he thanked Lori Burdo for her leadership on it.

Dailey also said he agreed to be co-chair of the The Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) starting in January. This group serves as a community liaison with government agencies working on PFOA remediation activities. It meets on a monthly basis to review and discuss the progress of remediation activities and water supply options, making sure that information about those activities is shared with the community and any comments or questions arising in the community are brought to the attention of the people directing the government cleanup. Brian Bushner and Loreen Hackett have been leading the group until now. In the new year Dailey will be co-chair with Michael Hickey.

#### Non-Resident Tuition Set

Non-resident tuition rates for this year, calculated by the NY State Education Department, were approved. For grades K-6 it is \$4,419, and for grades 7-12 it is \$8,818. School Business Administrator

Emily Sanders said these are lower than usual because they are based on actual costs last year, which were lower because of COVID-19 and remote learning.

#### Honors for Girls Soccer Program

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has chosen Tom Husser as New York State Coach of the Year for Girls Soccer. He will be invited to submit information about himself and his program to the organization to be considered for Coach of the Year designation for the entire Northeast (New York, New Jersey, and the New England states). If he were to win that honor, he would then be in the running for National Coach of the Year. But whether or not he goes on to higher honors, Husser is already in elite company, as only about 700 Coach of the Year awards were given nationally by NFHS last year.

Senior Panther defender Megan Perry was named to the Times Union's first team for Girls Soccer in the Wasaren League, and was also honored as a Section II Class C all-star. The writeup about her said she "anchored things on defense for the Panthers and aided the offense as she contributed eight goals — all coming on corner kicks."

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Tops Offers Double Give Back Days in January

*Submitted by Tops Friendly Markets*

Tops Friendly Markets announced that during the month of January it is offering schools the chance to earn double the rewards as part of its Tops in Education Program (TIE). Participants enrolled in the program will now be able to earn up to 10% for your school(s) during the ENTIRE month of January.

Beginning **January 1**, your designated school(s) will earn double the rewards when you purchase participating products. It's that easy to earn up to 10% back for your selected school(s).

Visit [www.topsmarkets.com/education](http://www.topsmarkets.com/education) where you can sign your school up and find helpful tips from our most successful school fundraisers. A shopper can designate up to three schools in grades K-12 to receive funds from the program during the 2021-2022 school year. Start shopping and start earning today.

### SCHUYLERVILLE

# Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club Events

Join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, January 9, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu is eggs cooked to order, bacon, sausage, white or wheat toast, pancakes, French toast, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Fish Fry Friday will run **every Friday, January 14 through April 15, from 4 to 7 pm**. The menu includes but is not limited to, fish fry, chicken fry, clam fry, popcorn shrimp, buffalo shrimp, coconut shrimp, scallops and chowder. Dinners are served with your choice of french fries or onion rings, coleslaw and sauce. Ask about our extras and beverages. You are welcome to eat in at our club house, or call ahead for take out. For information on either event, call 518-695-3917.

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Wreaths Across America Ceremony



*Delany Stratton, daughter of Tim and Tiffany Stratton, places wreaths on the markers of servicemen of the Hoosick area who were killed in action. The Wreaths Across America memorial service was held Saturday, December 18, at the Maple Hill Cemetery, on the south end of Main Street. Over 50 people, including a Scout troop, attended. Scout Master Katie Brownell gave a brief talk before attendees placed wreaths on the servicemen's markers. The event, held the Saturday before Christmas, is held to 45 minutes or less. Please consider making it a must attend event in 2022. Photo by Steve Bradley.*

### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

# 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 on **January 7 and January 21**.

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Community Partnership Mass Food Distribution

*Submitted by the Capital District Area Labor Federation*

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

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



*Appreciative residents line up for boxes of food at a CC Moves event at HFCS earlier this year.*

### 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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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

# Article of Remembrance of One Favorite Christmas Memory

Submitted by George Driscoll of Hoosick Falls

I am the Town of Hoosick Veterans Service Officer. I meet and talk with Vets. Sometimes I attend their burials when there is no one left in the family to attend. This Christmas, I write this for all the guys and girls who wore our Country's uniforms in the best and worst times of the holiday season's history. It is yours as it is mine. There are approximately 800,000 left of the several millions who had the pleasure of serving in that "land that God forgot." We survivors have a story to tell America. Your history, your story, here is mine.

Not everyone who goes to war has a good experience. Some have good and some have bad. Christmas time can come with painful memories of horrific experiences or happy memories. We had to deal with both of these as part of our military services. I would still answer the call to my country again without hesitation, as many of you would. For example, a comrade in arms, Leo Mahar, Jr., who just recently passed away on November 12, was a delight for both of us when we got together to reminisce, exchanging old military stories. We shared Leo's great sense of humor that GIs could follow and understand, the lingo used by us Vets. We always debated who had it worse. Leo talked about how he almost froze to death in Korea and how he kept a dry pair of socks under his shirt. I, in turn, debated who had it worse. In Vietnam, Laos and Taiwan, it got so hot you could fry an egg on the hood of the Jeep. Lots of stories and lots of laughs.

The best part was you had someone to talk with who understood. I used to throw in about the months of rain, rain and more rain and mud up to your knees, as the monsoon rains seemed to never let up.

War is the stuff of which memories are made. I stored them all deep inside, but ready to return to the surface when beckoned. I remember there were corpsmen who knew little about medicine when they arrived, to whom I would have entrusted my life after a year working with them.

I remember the Vietnamese people, some good, some not, often difficult to distinguish between the two. The sad faces of the injured children brought tears to your eyes. The green body bags which held someone who wasn't returning as they had come. He, like myself, was sent to this tropical jungle. How could it possibly be this unbearably hot all the time? During my year overseas I had to walk away to com-

pose myself. Some guys were just faces and others were just names.

I was assigned to a FOB (Forward Operating Base) where we were limited on comfort items. To add to our misery, it was the rainy season. Depression, homesickness and family separation at Christmas time was spreading like a virus. The precipitation turned the dirt into thick mud that caked onto everything you possessed. What little glimmer of joy you had was limited when dealing with the mud. We were limited on comfort items due to being a small FOB in a combat zone. American citizens answered the call and care packages started to arrive. One church congregation sent a mega size container of pistachios, which was a big hit. All the fruit, snacks, socks, toiletries, candies, granola bars, trail mix and beef jerky were greatly appreciated, and boosted the morale among the men. Chewing gum was a cherished item due to not being able to brush your teeth when outside the wire. We had accumulated extra treats that we set up in a bowl for troops to stop by after a mission to get a handful of candy. I can't neglect to mention the massive amount of Girl Scout cookies we received and hid for our men at Christmas. Thin mints, peanut butter sandwiches and lemon cookies.

Later we reminisced about the door-to-door sales of the young girls pulling a wagon full of cookies. If we could have built a campfire and not been rocket mortared or hit by RPGs we would have been back home in our minds. A Texas church really stood out for its generosity. I could not fathom what was sent over to us and what was in front of me. It was proof that people at home cared about us. They put forth effort, time and money to get these gifts to us.

But now I had a burden, I needed to keep these secrets hidden until I could sprint it on my team when we were all together as I soaked all of this in. I tried to think tactically. How to deliver a shock and awesome Christmas surprise a week before Christmas? My Lt. Colonel Commander scheduled a mandatory Sunday meeting along with weapons cleaning. I played my part as the hard-nosed stoic Sergeant with the "maintain your situation" awareness "keep your head on a swivel" and "complacency kills" speech. As I was getting the yes nods we knew, then I sprung it on them. I brought a large

pile of goodies to each man. You would have thought I brought out the Hope Diamond for these warriors to view when they saw the mega-sized container of pistachios. Their expressions went from confusion, disbelief, cautiously optimistic to Ho-Ho-Ho, God bless. I felt I was home watching my family opening gifts on Christmas Day. In all actuality, I was — they were family. The gifts boosted the team morale that holiday, and it contributed to our successful mission of sharing and preserving life. It gave us hope in an unfriendly environment. My gratitude for those donations will last a lifetime. All I can tell you is that when I looked into the faces of those guys, I knew I was Santa to them, if only for a moment. Yes, my friends, if even for just a moment, I was most assuredly Santa.

My goal and the Colonel's goal was to bring normalcy to an abnormal and dangerous place so far from home. Missing some loved ones and losing some friends in combat had affected us all. Mission was accomplished by the small group of Warriors. Bravo Zulu.

The Greek believed that you remained immortal when your name was remembered on earth. I did not do anything great in my life, but I vowed I would make up for that by honoring our Veterans by making them immortal, so they would always be remembered.

Thank you, America.

I want to conclude this personal Christmas History with this thought to all past and present Veterans. Military service has been life-changing. Many Veterans choose to not talk about it with those who never wore the uniform. Engaging with fellow Veterans helps bridge the gap of reaching back to trace American combatants' experience of war and the return to civilian life.

## Beautiful Sunrise



While overlooking the Hoosick Falls Central School parking lot, a beautiful sunrise can be seen. Photo by Kevin Weeden.

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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### HUDSON

# Remembering Canine Deputy Apollo

*Submitted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office*

Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett recently announced that after serving the residents and visitors of Columbia County for nearly ten years, Canine Deputy Apollo has passed away.

Apollo was laid to rest after unexpected medical complications presented themselves. He passed with his beloved partner and handler Sergeant Heath Benansky at his side. Deputy Apollo was a male German shepherd born on February 4, 2011 in Holland and was acquired by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in March of 2012. Since joining the Sheriff's Office, Apollo specialized in narcotics detection, patrol and tracking. During the course of their partnership, Deputy Apollo and Sergeant Benansky tracked several missing and wanted persons, did several narcotics sweeps and assisted many other agencies across the States of New York and Massachusetts. Apollo was always excited to display his talents at many community events throughout the county, and had the presence of a true professional police canine and was impressive to watch during demonstrations to the public on the role of K9s in Law Enforcement.

Apollo was still an active member of the Sheriff's Office and remained on patrol up until his passing. There was little that Apollo enjoyed more than suiting up and getting in his patrol car with his partner. He also enjoyed playing in the water and with his partner Sgt. Benansky.



*Canine Deputy Apollo, along with his partner and handler Sgt. Heath Benansky. Photo courtesy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.*

### NEW LEBANON

# Spreading Cheer for Baby Taz

It's certainly not easy to turn a tragic life event into one that can inspire cheer and kindness, but the Snyder family of New Lebanon is doing just that. December 16 marked the one year anniversary of their baby Taz passing away at 31 days old. The family has decided to honor Taz by challenging all to spread cheer and kindness for 31 days, beginning December 16. The Snyders are not just asking others to do this, they are leading by example, and displaying many acts of generosity and thoughtfulness that would make Taz proud. You can find out more, or share your story of how Taz touched your life by visiting the *Spreading Cheer for Baby Taz* Facebook page.

## Peace Prospects Zoom Talk

*Submitted by Bob Elmendorf*

Upper Hudson Peace Action presents Hyun Lee speaking on "Understanding Peace Prospects with Korea: A Korean Peace Treaty Is Key to a Nuclear Free Northeast Asia" on January 12, from 7 to 8 pm, on Zoom. The event is co-sponsored by Women Against War.

Join us for an informative hour about the history of the conflict and the status of peace possibilities with North and South Korea. The hour will include a question and answer session.

If you would like to register for this free talk and question and answer session, please email [moonjn@gmail.com](mailto:moonjn@gmail.com).

## The History of the Christmas Card

While you may love your holiday traditions, you may not have given much thought to the origins of these customs. When it comes to sending Christmas cards, this long-standing tradition has a fascinating history.

Did you know that these seasonal greetings date back to the 1840s? The annual custom was started by trendsetter Queen Victoria herself, whose published engraving featuring the winter wonderland at Windsor inspired her subjects to follow suit. Stateside, Annie Oakley was another Christmas card pioneer, sending the first known personalized Christmas card in 1891.

While the 20th century saw the rise of the folded card sent by mail, today, digital greetings are yet another way to show friends and family you care, thanks to a wide variety of options available. For example, SmashUps personalized video greetings allow users to send customized holiday wishes featuring favorite celebrities, including Santa himself. To learn more, visit [smashups.com](http://smashups.com) or download the SmashUps app, available for iPhone and Android.

As you send and receive seasons' greetings this year, take time to appreciate the long and storied history of this fun and festive tradition. (StatePoint)

### NEW LEBANON

## Scheduled Meetings

The Town of New Lebanon will hold their annual organizational meeting on **Monday, January 3, at 5 pm.**

The Council will hold a special meeting on **Tuesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm** to conduct interviews for two additional Zoning Rewrite Committee positions, as well as for website support services for the Town. Those interested in these positions should have their letter of interest to the office of the Town Clerk by **4 pm on Friday, January 7.**

The above meetings will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22. Those that do not wish to attend in person can view meetings by going to [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com) and selecting New Lebanon.

### NASSAU

## Notice of Annual Organizational Meeting

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for Nassau Fire District 1 will be held **Saturday, January 1, at 9 am.** The location for this meeting is 26 Chatham St.

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## General News

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### Regents Exams Canceled

Submitted by NYSEG Communications

The January 2022 administration of the High School Regents Examination Program is canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This cancellation applies to all Regents Examinations that had been scheduled for the January 2022 period. No decisions have been made regarding the June and August 2022 administrations of Regents Examinations or any other State assessment programs.

To ensure students are not adversely impacted by the cancellation of the exams, the Department will ask the Board of Regents to adopt emergency regulations regarding the assessment requirements students must ordinarily meet to earn a diploma. Under the proposed emergency regulations, students who are planning to take one or more Regents Examination during the January 2022 examination period at the conclusion of a course of study or make-up program shall be exempt from the requirements pertaining to passing

a corresponding Regents Examination to be issued a diploma. To qualify for the exemption, the student must meet one of these requirements by the end of the first semester of the 2021-22 school year:

- Be enrolled in a course that would ordinarily culminate with a January 2022 Regents Examination and earn credit for such course of study.

- Complete a make-up program to earn course credit.

- Be prepared to take a required Regents Examination to graduate at the end of the first semester.

NYSED is developing additional guidance in the form of an FAQ and will issue that guidance in early January 2022 to address topics such as safety net options, mastery, honors and technical endorsements, so that schools may determine which diplomas to grant to their graduates. Please visit the Department's COVID-19 Information site for additional information and guidance as it becomes available.

## Letter to the Editor

### Hass Manufacturing Challenges EPA's "Point of Interest" Labeling

At a public information session on December 8 at the Algonquin Middle School in Poestenkill, a map was presented by the NYS Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation as well as the Rensselaer County Department of Health, listing six sites they (not *The Eastwick Press*) labeled as "points of interest" as possible sources for the discovery of higher than acceptable levels of PFOA in 13 of the 77 private wells tested to date. It was made clear in our report, the three agencies involved based their criteria on the processes that occur on site at each location, and that these processes may have the potential for PFAS (which includes PFOA) to be a byproduct of the production.

One of the companies listed as a "point of interest" was the Hass Manufacturing Company, located on Route 351. The owner of the company has sent a letter to *The Eastwick Press* contending the inclusion of Hass Manufacturing is erroneous. The following is Mr. Hass' letter:

My company is not a "point of interest" as stated in the article.

The EPA put my company on their map which was handed out at the meeting.

Nobody from the EPA or Rensselaer County had contacted me prior to creating the map.

My company does not and never has polluted our property. We have never used any materials or processes that could potentially have anything to do with PFOAs.

I called Susan Edwards of the EPA the day after the meeting and told her this. I asked her to remove my company from their map. She apologized for not contacting me and said she would have an assistant call me.

Her assistant, Eric Houserman, also apologized for not contacting me. I asked him how he researched my company. He said by reviewing my website, [www.hassmfg.com](http://www.hassmfg.com). I reminded him that my phone number is at the bottom of every page on my site.

Eric saw on my website that we use Teflon for seat seals and washers. I told him we purchase Teflon bar stock and cut washers using a lathe. That's it. He asked if we heated it up and did chemical processing on the Teflon. Answer: no.

Teflon is not PFOA so his questions were surprisingly ignorant.

I also asked Eric if he would remove my company from their map. He fudged a non-answer.

Dave Hass

Hass Manufacturing Company

Note: Mr Hass' references to the EPA are actually directed toward the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The two are often referred to inadvertently as the other.

### 2022 Chamber Board of Directors and Executive Committee

The Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce announces its 2022 Chair, Executive Committee and six new Board members. The Chamber's Board of Directors is comprised of diverse business professionals who understand the needs of the Chamber membership and possess the energy and commitment to lead the Chamber. Each new Board member will serve a three-year term.

#### 2022 Executive Committee

**Katharine Doran** - Chair of the Board 2022

*Teal Becker & Chiramonte CPAS, PC*

**Brian Williams** - Chair Elect of the Board 2023

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#### 2022 New Board Members

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## BRUNSWICK

### More Questions Than Answers Concerning Newest Solar Proposal

by Doug La Rocque

Borrego Solar, which constructed a commercial solar array on land just off Brick Church Road (NYS Rt 278) behind the Tamarac Schools a little more than a year ago, was back in front of the Brunswick Planning Board on Thursday, December 16, with plans to construct a 5 Mega Watt solar facility along with a gravel access road at 308 Brick Church Road, land owned by the Gilead Lutheran Church. Visual concerns, which was one of the major issues in their first project, are in the forefront again. Located on the church property, there were questions from several Planners about how visible this site would be for the area residents as well as from Brick Church Road and NYS Route 7. The other topic was the amount of glare that would be generated by the proposed 10,500 solar panels. Borrego presented a glare study in which they contend the impact would be minimal, something the members of the Planning Board did not completely agree with. Member Don Henderson was concerned with the glare study using a five foot high measurement. Chair Russ Oster questioned their comments about glare into west bound traffic along NYS Route 7, stating the way he sees it, the glare would be more impactful on eastbound traffic. With only a project manager present, no one from Borrego itself in attendance, the Board's questions for the most part went unanswered.

As to a public hearing, Board Engineer Wayne Bonesteel said there is "a significant amount of detail that still needs to be provided" before he is comfortable moving the process ahead. Chair Oster warned that given the amount of visual concerns expressed so far, Borrego might expect some degree of public opposition. The matter was placed on the agenda **Continued on page 18**

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Whitehall-Granville Merger

## Finally Finalized

After two years of trying to come to an agreement, the school boards of both the Whitehall Railroaders and Granville Golden Horde have approved the merger of their respective football squads.

The Granville team has had problems with numbers and being competitive in the Adirondack League. Whitehall has only fielded a junior varsity team for the past two seasons due to low numbers of upperclassman.

The logistics, coaching and staff questions still need to be worked out.

The cross country and soccer teams previously merged.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

*Compiled by Steve Bradley*

#### Boys

<b>Shaker</b>	9	5	12	25	<b>51</b>
<b>Tamarac</b>	16	14	20	15	<b>65</b>

Sunday, 12/19. Zachary Rice scored 27 points, Joey Poulin scored 19 and James Blake chipped in 13 to get the win in a game played at Hudson Valley Community College.

<b>Hoosick Falls (4-0)</b>	6	12	17	23	<b>58</b>
<b>Mechanicville (3-2)</b>	5	12	8	21	<b>46</b>

Friday, 12/17

<b>Tamarac</b>	4	24	18	9	<b>55</b>
<b>Albany Academy</b>	19	22	13	24	<b>78</b>

Friday, 12/17. Zachary Rice scored 21 points but a slow first quarter start kept the Bengals from getting the win.

<b>Hoosic Valley</b>	22	16	17	14	<b>69</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	0	0	3	9	<b>12</b>

Friday, 12/17. Hoosic Valley's Isaiah Eckler scored 22 points, Logan Reilly had 13 and Chris Jones had 11.

<b>Mechanicville</b>	16	14	10	9	<b>49</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	5	6	1	6	<b>18</b>

Thursday, 12/16

<b>Berlin-New Lebanon</b>	19	6	9	8	<b>42</b>
<b>Saratoga Catholic</b>	21	18	24	15	<b>78</b>

Tuesday, 12/17. Jesse Francouer scored 15 points for Berlin-New Lebanon.

#### Girls

<b>Hoosick Falls</b>	6	12	3	6	<b>27</b>
<b>Tamarac</b>	20	12	7	9	<b>48</b>



Hoosick Falls' Lyric Kriner (23) gets up high to block Reagan Dzembo's (21) shot in second half action Tuesday evening. Photo by Steve Bradley.



Bengals' Myanna Faraj (24), Sidney Phillips (20) and Kayla Beaudoin (right) try to stop Panthers' Marley McLellan from scoring. Photo by Steve Bradley.

Tuesday, 12/21. Tamarac jumped out to a big first quarter lead and cruised to the win. M. Faraj had 19 points and K. Beaudoin added 10.

<b>Hoosic Valley</b>	4	7	4	7	<b>22</b>
<b>Greenwich</b>	30	13	17	17	<b>77</b>

Tuesday, 12/21. Brooke Kuzmich scored 25 and Rorah Niesz added 23 for Greenwich.

<b>Mechanicville</b>	21	21	23	5	<b>67</b>
<b>Hoosick Falls</b>	12	10	10	3	<b>35</b>

Friday, 12/17. Mechanicville jumped out to an early lead and kept it for the remainder of the game. Hoosick Falls' Amber MacNeil scored 12 points.

<b>Cambridge</b>	11	11	16	11	<b>49</b>
<b>Hoosic Valley</b>	3	11	10	8	<b>32</b>

Friday, 12/17. Schuylar Nolan scored 18 points and Stasia Epler scored 16 for Cambridge.

### NLB SWIMMING

In years past if you went to a New Lebanon/Berlin swim meet, you would see full participation in both the boys and girls teams. But times have changed because of the pandemic, and not only NLB but most teams in the Berkshire Swim League are challenged to fill out just one team let alone two. NLB Coach Tim Christiansen has sent The Eastwick Press reports on three recent meets where the lack of swimmers has played a major role in the results.

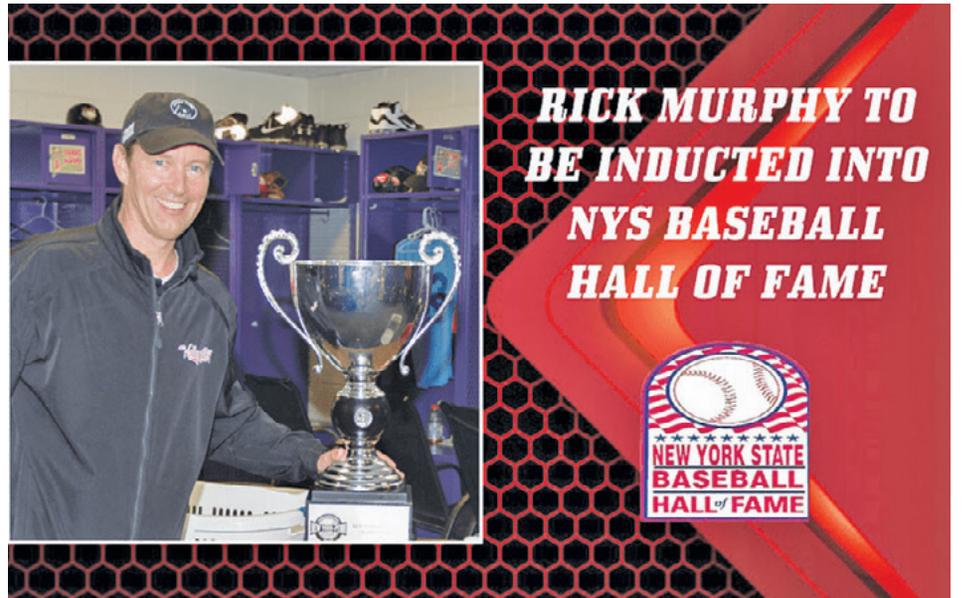
The first meet earlier in December was against the Hudson Blue Hawks, Where NLB only fielded a boys team (made up of boys and girls) and Hudson only fielded a girls team, so each school won a match by default.

It was the exact same story on December 16, in a matchup with Wahonah High School (Massachusetts).

On Tuesday, December 21, the Taconic Hills (Craryville) Titans defeat NLB in the girl's side of the matchup as NLB again did not place a team in the water. The NLB boys were victorious over the Titans' squad, who had but one swimmer.

Despite the lack of competition, several NLB swimmers set personal, school and sectional best times. Lance Schroder dropped 3 seconds in the 100 Freestyle, Liam Buckenroth dropped times in both the 200 and 500 Freestyle, Riley Schwartz had a great meet swimming in the 50 and 100 relays. Carol Kirsimagi dropped 4 seconds in the 500.

Allison Slater hit a sectional time in the 100 Breaststroke and Alex Sotek set a new school record in the 100 Backstroke with a 1:02.77.



Tri-City ValleyCats President Rick Murphy, who will be inducted into the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame class of 2022. Submitted by the Tri-City ValleyCats.

On Thursday, December 9, the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame announced that ValleyCats President Rick Murphy will be honored this summer as part of the star-studded induction class of 2022. Rick joins a class headlined by New York superstars Babe Ruth, Goose Gossage, Ron Blomberg and David Cone.

Rick Murphy is the definition of a baseball lifer. After playing baseball at Boston College, Rick transitioned to life in the front office as an ambassador of the game. The year 2022 will mark Rick's 34th season in professional baseball. From 1989 to 2001, Murphy was General Manager of the Pittsfield Mets/Astros and was instrumental in the move that brought the franchise to Joseph L. Bruno Stadium in Troy. After running the 'Cats from 2002-2004, Rick spent 2005 as the Chief Operating Officer for DDD Baseball, Inc., a company owned by Dan Duquette, the former General Manager of the Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Orioles.

Rick was named the NYPL Executive of the Year in 2008, and is a 2011 New York-Penn League Robert F. Julian Community & Baseball Service Award winner. He currently sits as a member of the Board of Directors for the Albany Police Athletic League.

Rick has been an integral part of the growth of the game of baseball in New York's Capital Region. After bringing the ValleyCats to the area, Rick instituted programs such as our annual 4 in 24: Field Renovation and Show on the Road, and is heavily involved in 'Cats Academy, teaching young ballplayers the fundamentals of the game every summer.

Rick embodies the ValleyCats' mission of creating fans for life. On any given ValleyCats game day, you can find him on the concourse at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium, watching the game, talking to fans and doing whatever he can do to create the best possible experience for everyone at the ballpark, even if that means donning an apron and making pizzas.

The ValleyCats family would like to congratulate Rick on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for being such a great leader and ambassador of the organization and the game of baseball.

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

**Hoosick Falls (30-0) 5**  
**Berlin-New Lebanon 0**

Tuesday, 12/21. Berlin home team at Barbecue Recreation. Hoosick Falls finished with a total of 3667 pins to Berlin's 2209 pins.

Senior Colin King led all bowlers with a 259 game and a 711 series. Daniel Hunt led Berlin with a 184-507.

Other Panther scores were Riley Hayes 224-641, Brody Mullen 254-622, Ethan Yonconish 216-574, Ryan Maxon 203-572, Troy McCart 199-570, Elliott Brenenstuhl 221-561, Payton Merrills 191, Charlie Baker 171, Bradley Senecal 160, Bradley Thompson 158, Jamie Haviland 149 and Memphis Hathaway 145.

**Waterford 0**  
**Hoosick Falls (20-0) 5**

Tuesday, 12/16. At Barbecue Recreation. The Panthers finished with a total of 3362 pins to Waterford's 2343.

Sophomore Payton Merrills again led all bowlers, this time with a 257 game and a 673 series. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Ryan Maxon 221-574, Riley Hayes 223-563, Brody Mullen 184-555, Colin King 199-523, Memphis Hathaway 213-515, Elliott Brenenstuhl 214-510, Jenna Backes 190, Troy McCart 182, Sam Boyer 159 and Charlie Baker 156.

Aaron Wilcox 196-584, Evan Couture 144 and Jacob Need 141 led Waterford.

## SEND US YOUR SCORES!

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### DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

#### Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

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

#### First Day Hike

Saturday, January 1, 1 to 2:30 pm

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

#### Snowshoe Rentals

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

#### Giving the Roaming Gnome a New Home

One of the many stewards of our Center is a Roaming Gnome. It likes to keep watch over our land and trails. Stewards both care for and protect the land that they oversee. You can help our Gnome to be a better steward by helping it change locations. The Roaming Gnome likes to spend the winter months watching over the Cherry Trace Trail (orange trail). Once you have a trail map you can look for the wooden sign that marks the start of the trail. Please sign in at the trailhead. Your task is to find the Roaming Gnome along the trail and move it to a new location. The rules for giving the Roaming Gnome a new home are:



The rules for giving the Roaming Gnome a new home are:

- Sign in with your first name, age and date.
- The Roaming Gnome can only be moved on the Cherry Trace Trail (orange).
- The Roaming Gnome must be visible from the trail and should be no more than 5 steps away from the trail's edge.
- Please be gentle with the Roaming Gnome.
- This activity is for both kids and grownups. Please keep it safe and appropriate for all.
- Take a picture of yourself when you find the Gnome and share it on our Roaming Gnome Facebook/Instagram post. This is optional.
- Please enjoy your woodland adventure.

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

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

#### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Wack'em & Stack'em	10	5	Jim Hurlburt	245 225 692
Mag-Way	10	5	John Brown	279 225 687
Gallup Inn	10	5	CJ Brown	246 223 676
Farmers Tires	10	5	Matt Gaghich	258 210 674
Lebowski Rug Co.	9	6	Meghan Backes	243 216 671
Lou's Plumbing	8	7	Bob Kapron	246 224 661
McNally Insurance	5	10	Josh Wysocki	279 202 654
The Jabronis	5	10	Corey Wysocki	234 214 653
Chico's Bail Bonds	5	10	Ryan Shumway	225 214 652
Boner's	3	12	Sam Colliano	234 203 628

#### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Modern Game Pro Shop	88.5	31.5	300	John Brown
RGI Insurance	82.5	37.5	300	Ed Legg Jr.
Dave Clark Excavating	68.5	51.5	268	Max Taylor Jr.
Team Taconic	68	52	267	Al Brock
Huntin' Time	66	54	257	Preston Oakes
Lauzon Machine Shop	58	62	256	Lance Walizer
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	56	64	253	Daryl Cipperly
Lo-Ridge Farm	43.5	76.5	247	Ron Caron Jr.
Stevens and Sons Tents	40	80	247	Colin Cipperly
Sharpe For Governor	29	91	241	Greg Stratton

### GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

#### First Day Hike

Saturday, January 1, 11 am to 1 pm

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

#### Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday, January 15, 5:30 am to 2 pm, Maintenance Garage

Open to all age groups, cash prizes for winners. NYS Fishing License required for 16 and over. \$10 to enter, 15 and under free. Prizes and awards at 2:20 pm.

#### Cabin Fever

Saturday, January 22, 11:30 am to 3 pm, Welcome Center and beach

The annual winter festival is moving outdoors. Join us for a day of fun winter activities including sled dogs, polar plunge, winter hiking chat, snowshoeing and more. Registration for hikes will open January 2. A follow up email will be sent out with more descriptions. To pre-register for the Polar Plunge, please call Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648.

For more information on any of the above events, call the park office at 518-279-1155.



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## Have a Very Merry Christmas

### Christmas Church Services

Friday, December 24

- Berlin United Methodist Church** – 5:30 pm, 17 South Main St.
- Our Lady of the Snow Mission** – 3:30 pm caroling, 4 pm mass, 31 Owens Rd., Grafton
- 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

Happy holidays and a big thank you to the local businesses that advertise and support The Eastwick Press

#### Memorial

### Merry Christmas to My Dad in Heaven



My dad, Vern Weeden, passed away 5 years ago on December 20. Life will never be the same without you pops. It's just a different normal. Thanks for being so unselfish. I love you and miss our laughs together. Grandma and Grandpa Weeden with their 5 grandchildren.

### Church News

#### 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.**

#### 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.

#### 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.

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](http://www.gileadlutheran.org). Any questions, please call and leave a message at 518-279-9270.

Happy Holidays from

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### Next Paper on January 7

This week's Eastwick Press is a double edition, covering publication for December 24 and 31. The next edition of the Eastwick Press will be distributed on November 6 and 7.

Our offices will close at 4 pm on Thursday, December 23 and reopen at 9 am on Monday, January 3.

We wish everyone a happy holiday time.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Town Board will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm to hold interviews for two additional ZRC positions and for Website Support Services for the Town of New Lebanon.

The meeting will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link:

[https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)  
Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
12/20/2021

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Notice ANNUAL AUDIT Town of New Lebanon County of Columbia State of New York

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon has scheduled the 2021 Annual Audit of the books for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5 pm to be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. The New Lebanon Town Board will meet to conduct the annual audit of the books of the Justice Court, the Chief Fiscal Officer, the Tax Collector, the Town Clerk, and the Building Department.

By order of the New Lebanon Town Board,  
Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
12/20/2021

### PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE SUPPORT SERVICES TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking persons interested in providing website support services for the Town of New Lebanon. Website support services may include but not be limited to content management, technical supervision, web promotion, advertising and trouble shooting if a website needs to be repaired.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested in providing website support services are to submit a letter of interest to the New Lebanon Town Clerk. Letters may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com). Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4 pm on Friday, January 7, 2022. Interviews to be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
12/20/2021

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

The Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners will hold their Organizational Meeting on January 12, 2022, at the Berlin Fire Hall, 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY at 7 pm.

By Order of the Berlin Board of  
Fire Commissioners  
Bruce Hake Jr., Chairman

### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board will hold their Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5 pm. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY, 12125.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the special meeting at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: [https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)  
Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
12/20/2021

### 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING RE-WRITE COMMITTEE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking two members of the public interested in serving on the Zoning Re-Write Committee for the Town of New Lebanon. The Zoning Rewrite Committee consists of members of various boards and two non-board community members. The ZRC reviews the need for and recommends changes to the zoning code and other related codes based on changing circumstances or problems identified with existing code. It meets once monthly, tentatively the 4th Wednesday of the month. Members may be asked to research codes from other towns and other resources to help formulate recommendations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested in serving on the ZRC are to submit a letter of interest to the New Lebanon Town Clerk. Letters may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to [townclerk@townof-newlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townof-newlebanon.com). Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4 pm on Friday, January 7, 2022. Interviews to be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
12/20/2021

### Public Notice Town of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will be having its Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to make annual appointments and to vote on annual resolutions setting policy and procedures for 2022. The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY.

Victoria Burdick  
Town Clerk

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

Please take notice that Settlement Night will be held on December 29, 2021 at 7 pm, at the Berlin Fire Hall, 11 Community Avenue, Berlin NY, by the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners to settle all claims.

By Order of the Berlin Board of  
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Bruce Hake Jr., Chairman

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### 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 formation of Limited Liability Company. **Hartman Builders LLC** filed with SSNY on 12/07/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. Gable Hartman is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Gable Hartman shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Crandall Rd, Petersburgh, NY 12138. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Petersburgh Appointed Positions

The Town of Petersburgh is accepting applications for the annual appointment for the following positions. All letters of interest or applications must be received by the Town Clerk's office by January 5, 2022. Additional information can be found at [www.petersburgh.org](http://www.petersburgh.org).

**Building Facilities Manager**  
**Supervisor's Secretary**  
**Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector**  
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**Town Hall Custodian**  
**Town Council Member**  
**Snow Shoveling**

Thank You

Deidre Fowler  
 Town of Petersburgh  
 Town Clerk  
 518-658-3777

**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 formation of **Copeke Snow House LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2021. Office location, County of Rensselaer. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC 2 Northern Dr, Troy, NY 12182. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

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

Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company  
 Name: **BERLE FARM HOLDINGS, L.L.C.** Date of Formation: 12/15/2021  
 County: RENSSELAER Secretary of State of New York designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may be served with copies then mailed to: Berle Farm Holdings, L.L.C. PO Box 1, Hoosick, NY 12089  
 Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of **Copeke-SM Land LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2021. Office location, County of Rensselaer. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC 2 Northern Dr, Troy, NY 12182. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

### 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 **Daley-Snow LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2021. Office location, County of Rensselaer. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC 2 Northern Dr, Troy, NY 12182. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

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

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

### 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.

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## Community Calendar

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@proctors.org)

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 2, Sunday

**VFW Post 1938 Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$10 (age 13 and over), \$5 (children 5-12), free (children under 5), Poplar Avenue, Valley Falls

January 7, Friday

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

January 11, Tuesday

**Sand Lake Show & Tell II**, 7 pm, Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, items from Sand Lake history

January 15, Saturday

**Grafton Lakes State Park Ice Fishing Contest**, 5:30 am - 2 pm, no pre-registration required  
**Friends of Chamber Music of Troy present The Merz Trio**, 7:30 pm, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, \$35, call 518-227-2197 for information about Performance in Context discussion on Zoom January 13, 7 pm and pre-concert Q&A at Page Hall at 6:30 pm on Saturday

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

January 29, Saturday

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### 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.

## Meetings

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)

January 3, Monday

**Schodack Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

January 4, Tuesday

**New Lebanon Zoning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Poestenkill Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall or Fire Dept. Hall

January 6, Thursday

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

January 10, Monday

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

January 11, Tuesday

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

**Poestenkill Zoning Board**, 7 pm (as needed) Town Hall or Fire Dept. Hall

January 12, Wednesday

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

January 13, Thursday

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

## More Questions Than Answers Concerning Newest Solar Proposal Continued from page 12

for the January 20 meeting.

### A Second Project Concerning Gilead

Tilson Technology was present for a public hearing on their proposal to add one carrier to an existing cell tower located on the Gilead Lutheran church structure. The newest array is part of Dish Network's efforts to construct their own 5G network. After some routine questions from the Planners, the Special Use permit and Site Plan were approved.

This is not the end of Tilson's business before the Planning Board. Chair Oster revealed at the end of the meeting they are also filing plans to add an array to an existing tower at 809 Hoosick Road, behind the CAP Com Federal Credit Union building.

### Gallivan's Quest Nearing an End

Sean Gallivan's lengthy effort for approval of a minor three lot subdivision at 159 Deepkill Road appears to be drawing to its conclusion. At public hearing was held at the meeting, with only minor questions raised. Mr. Gallivan's representative, surveyor Brian Holbriiter, promised to have the answers to the questions presented to the Board in writing (as is required by Brunswick Town Code) so a final decision on the request may be reached at the Board's January 6 meeting.

## 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. The Senior Center is closed on **December 24 and 31**.

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

The library is open days the center is open with a large variety of books. Walkers and other devices are available at the center for any senior in need. We welcome donations of walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, tub seats, etc. that are in good condition.

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

### Grafton Senior Center News

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

On **December 28**, there will be scratch off bingo with a root beer float social time following lunch of beef patty with gravy, mashed potato and vegetable. There will be yoga at 10 am. **December 30**, we will have games and toast in the New Year following lunch of Swedish meatballs with noodles. 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.

### 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. 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

## Student Honors

**Anna Brewer** of Hoosick Falls has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Elmira College.

### Colgate University

*Spring 2021 Dean's Award with Distinction*

**Adam Limoges** of Averill Park

**Kayla Gutheil** of Averill Park

# Eastwick Entertainment

## NOW SHOWING

### Bennington Cinemas

Friday 12/24

- The Matrix Resurrections** (R) 12:35 3:35
- Sing 2** (PG) 12:15 2:30 4:45
- The King's Man** (R) 1:00 3:45
- Spider-Man: No Way Home** (PG13) 12:00 1:20 3:00 4:20
- West Side Story** (PG13) 1:15 4:20
- Encanto** (PG) 12:45 2:55 5:05

Saturday 12/25

- American Underdog** (PG) 4:00 7:00 9:20
- The Matrix Resurrections** (R) 3:35 6:30 9:20
- Sing 2** (PG) 4:45 7:05 9:15
- The King's Man** (R) 3:45 6:40 9:20
- Spider-Man: No Way Home** (PG13) 3:00 4:20 6:00 7:30 9:00
- West Side Story** (PG13) 5:00 8:00
- Encanto** (PG) 2:55

Sunday thru Thursday 12/26 - 12/30

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### Images Cinema

**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:

9	4	2	5	1	6	3	8	7
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### Theme: Movie Quotes

#### ACROSS

- THESE
- General Services Administration
- Ex-Miami Heat player Dwyane
- Pomegranate seed
- Actor Chris O' \_\_\_\_\_
- Pacific Crest Trail walker
- Country dance formation
- Wished undone
- Popeye's sweetie
- \*\*"Sudden Impact": "Go ahead, \_\_\_\_\_"
- Arm part
- Gold unit
- Parabola, e.g.
- San Joaquin Valley city
- Hangs out with
- Unit of electrical resistance
- \*\*"Star Wars": "Stay in \_\_\_\_\_ formation"
- Mr. Jinx's (of "Meet the Parents") cry
- Clay and silt deposit
- Camel debris
- Japanese sword fighting
- Was aware of
- Come into sight
- \*\*"Independence Day": "I belong in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- \*\*"The Dark Knight": "Why so \_\_\_?"
- Common allergen
- Cup alternative
- Bird-made fertilizer
- Sketch
- \*\*"On the Waterfront": "I coulda been a \_\_\_\_\_"
- El Dorado-related
- Tabernacle Choir's home state
- Contributed
- Star Wars attacker
- Unidentified aircraft
- Prep for publication
- Ladder step
- Tropical American cuckoo
- Part to play

#### Last week's crossword solution:

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#### DOWN

- Precedes storm?
- Soprano's song, e.g.
- \*\*"Mean Girls": "On Wednesdays, we wear \_\_\_\_\_"
- Makes smooth, as in hair
- Dutch cheese
- \*\*"Darkest Hour": "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Walker, American Girl doll
- \*\*"Field of Dreams": "If you build it, he \_\_\_\_\_"
- Related
- Deity, in Sanskrit
- "... \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- Fungus damage (2 words)
- Meryl Streep's "The \_\_\_\_\_"
- Supernatural life force, pl.
- Query
- \*\*"Who Framed Roger Rabbit": "That's all, \_\_\_\_\_!"
- Cûtes du \_\_\_\_\_, wine region
- Mideast V.I.P.
- Soreness
- Kidney-related
- \*\*"Princess Bride": "You killed my father. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_"
- Bound by oath
- "Lights out" tune
- Nile reptile
- \*\*"Finding Nemo": "Just keep \_\_\_\_\_"
- Danish money
- Two before Oct
- Lack of enthusiasm
- 1/16th of a pound
- Not two years but three, e.g.
- Coped (2 words)
- Freshwater eel, in Japan
- Comics character Little \_\_\_\_\_
- Fe
- Caribbean island country
- Carpenter's joint
- Like a fairytale stepmother?
- Network of nerves
- Acronym, abbr.

## Military Honor

Tyler Linendoll from Eagle Bridge has received a promotion to the rank of Private 1st Class.

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# Christmas in the Woods



Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) is a common fern native to moist forests in eastern North America. It is a bright evergreen this time of year, flat to the ground, and often seen in a circle like a wreath. In the summer months, the fronds are more erect. The fern can be up to a yard across, and conserves soil and lessens erosion on steep slopes. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

## As Times Change So Must We

First, what won't change is our Annual Christmas Break. Producing a newspaper each week is stressful and we all look forward to taking the week between Christmas and New Year's off to spend a little more time at home or take a vacation. To that end, this week's paper is a double edition covering both December 24 and 31.

With our first paper of the new year, our retail price will increase to \$1.25 and yearly subscriptions will increase by \$2. As we said last week, we hate to do it, but our printing costs have gone up 33% over the last few years (not our printer's doing, it is the increase in the cost of the raw materials). Mailing costs since we took over the paper in July of 2017 have more than doubled, in fact nearly tripled. Labor costs too have increased, which we completely understand.

### We're Online

*The Eastwick Press* for years has had a website, but it has been recently updated, so not just a few elected stories but the entire paper is there for you to peruse. As news develops between each week's edition, these reports are placed online as they occur, so readers do not have to wait for the the next week's paper. We also now have a very active Facebook site where all sorts of community information is placed. The price for the online version of the paper remains the same, at \$25 yearly. However, if you are a mail subscriber, the digital version is free for the asking.

### We Continue to Strive to Serve Our Community

Besides putting out a weekly newspaper, we here at *The Eastwick Press* are proud of our community involvement, from Celebrate Stephentown, using our building for area events, being a Charter Representative for Scout Troop 222 and of course being a co-sponsor of three mass community food giveaways in conjunction with Catholic Charities and the Grafton Lakes State Park. Another such event is being planned for this coming Spring at GLSP and perhaps some other locations as well.

### Holiday Greetings and Wishes

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to wish all our friends, readers and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. We join everyone in wishing for a better New Year than 2020 and 2021 have been. At *The Eastwick Press* we simply ask everyone to use their best common sense in how they deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, in both protecting themselves and those around you. And should you desire, join us in praying for all those who have been impacted by or lost loved ones to this pandemic and that it will soon be over.

From all of us to all of you, may this season of peace bring you happiness, comfort and contentment and may 2022 be filled with love and prosperity.

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## The Life of George Holcomb

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

### A Trip to the West

Thursday September 18, 1851: This morning Geo P. took my two horse lumber wagon and carried myself and wife, Sidney Grosvenor and wife and sister Harriet Grosvenor to Troy to go west on the cars. We stopped in Sand Lake to Upums and bated. We had tea with our cake and S. Grosvenor paid 44 cts and six cts for our gate and I paid 25 cts gate. We all put up to Hull's at the Congress Hall on the way into Troy.

Friday: This morning I paid my bill to Congress Hall which was for self and wife, son and daughter, all two meals but my son one meal and horse keeping and I paid two dollars and 75 cents and we took the cars at seven o'clock and got to Utica at half past ten o'clock and paid for my self and wife fare four dollars and twelve cents. I called on cousin Orra Holcomb in Utica and he invited us and our cousin Grosvenors all went with him into the museum there we parted with our cousin Grosvenors, they took one stage for home and we stopped and took dinner with cousin O. Holcomb in Cooper Street, and then I paid 50 cts for our fare in the two o'clock stage to Sequoit, then walked nearly half a mile to Geo Greenlief and took tea, and then G. Greenlief took his one horse wagon and carried us to brother John Campbell's. I took up a note that sister Miriam Campbell held against me of 46 dollars and paid up the two years interest at six per cent, which was five dol 54 cents and gave a new note to her son Henry Campbell at six per cent.

Sunday: Towards night I rode up to John Campbell's Jnr with Geo Greenlief to see if he would let us have his horse and wagon to go to Lebanon.

Monday: Today Geo Greenlief took the before-mentioned horse and wagon and brother Campbell's horse and carried myself and wife and sister Miriam Campbell to Lebanon on the Plank Road from New Hartford village to Eaton Village, and I paid 25 cents for gates and 59 cents for tea and horse feed and gin and 20 cts to set two shoes and five cts for peaches. We stayed tonight to cousin Beriah Wylie's half a mile south of Eaton Village.

Wednesday: Today we went to Sidney Grosvenors and stayed tonight. Today I rode to Toad Hollow with B. Wylie. He and his wife visited with us to Grosvenors.

Thursday: Today I and my wife continued to S. Grosvenors and we had roast turkey and tonight we went to Edwin Lewises and stayed.

Monday: Today B. Wylie took his one horse wagon and carried I and my wife to Rome on the Plank Road. I paid 18 cts for gate and 12 cts for brandy, and went to brother Reuben Morton's.

Thursday: Today I and my wife rode to Rome with brother Reuben Morton and wife, we all took dinner to Oscar Morton's and then returned home with Reuben Morton and wife. Tonight said Morton and wife had their Gayratific (*photograph*) taken while we were in Rome village.

Friday: This morning cousin Elisha Morton carried us to Rome village and at ten o'clock we took the cars and got to Troy at half past three this afternoon, and I paid our fare four dollars and seventy two cents. I paid 12 cts for peaches and 12 cts for cakes coming on the cars.

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