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HOOSICK FALLS

Suspended Police Chief's Son Calls for Mayor's Resignation

by Doug La Rocque

Justin Ashe, the son of the presently suspended with pay Hoosick Falls Police Chief Robert Ashe, rose to read a letter to the Village Board during the public comment section of their meeting on Tuesday, January 11, in which he accuses Mayor Rob Allen of several improprieties involving both his father, another member of the police force and the officer first placed in charge when Chief Ashe was suspended, as well as misuse of department equipment. He also accused Mayor Allen of not responding to previous correspondence from him dating back to December of 2018.

In the rather lengthy letter, Mr. Ashe is critical of another officer's background, accusing the officer of conducting non-police business on Village time and responding with an officer trainee out of jurisdiction without a 911 Center request or a supervisor's permission. The letter names the officer but *The Eastwick Press* will not at this time, because no official charges against that officer have been lodged.

Mr. Ashe is also critical of the selection of Bernie Davock as Officer in Charge after Chief Ashe's suspension, particularly of his role with the Hoosick Falls Police Benevolent Association (PBA). Mr. Ashe asserts Officer Davock has been in charge of the PBA since 2004. He was also critical of some of Mr. Davock's decisions in that role. He further accused Officer Davock of conducting police business while working as a 911 Center dispatcher.

Editor's Note: As of the start of the Village Board meeting Tuesday evening, Officer Paul Aleksonis has been appointed by Mayor Allen as the new Officer in Charge.

In his conclusion Mr. Ashe praised *Continued on page 9*



Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen. Photo from the Eastwick Archive.

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ALBANY

A Year Later Bail Reform Still a Hot Topic

by Doug La Rocque

Members of the Republican New York State Senate Caucus were joined at the New York State Capitol by representatives of the Law Enforcement Community as well as some NYS Assembly members on Monday, January 10, to express their ongoing displeasure with what was labeled as bail reform, enacted as part of the State's 2019-20 budget process and now law. They criticized this law for taking away critical decision making for judges when it came to setting cash bail for alleged offenders. Specifically the law eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanor and non-violent felonies, including stalking, assault without serious injury, burglary, many drug-related offenses as well as some kinds of arson and robbery. The Senate Republicans point to what they call a high rate of criminal recidivism among those released on their own recognizance, and bemoan that judges cannot take into consideration bail for those with long arrest records or other signs they might commit another crime. A report in the *New York Times* this week says during the first year of bail reform, approxi- *Continued on page 11*



Members of the Senate Republican Conference led by Minority Leader Rob Ort (at the podium) were joined by law enforcement and elected leaders on Monday at the State Capitol where they called for bail reform changes. Photo provided.

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Taconic Valley

BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Character Education Assembly

Submitted by BCS Communications

December's BES Assembly focused on responsible, safe and respectful pet care.

During the weeks leading up to the assembly the BES Character Education Committee invited community members to give us photos of their pets. The photos were compiled into a video and shared during both the kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade assemblies.

You can find the video at <https://youtu.be/DN8DydgqYqw>. Thank you for sharing your photos. The students were thrilled to see all the wonderful pets in their community.

The video was followed by special visitors from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Furry friend, Kerouac, was accompanied by two of Mohawk Hudson Humane Society's educators Michaela Fisher and Nikki Gagnon.

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Gagnon introduced what they refer to as the five freedoms every pet should have, which are, freedom from hunger/thirst, freedom from discomfort, freedom from pain/injury/disease, freedom from fear/distress and freedom to express normal behavior.

The students asked questions of the educators and talked about their pets. Ms. Fisher, Ms. Gagnon and Kerouac expressed their gratitude to the BES Mountaineer Community for continuing their annual pet supply drive.

Donations were collected during the month of



December's Community Classroom Members Amelia Planz, Jacob Stone, Dylan Manchester, Michael Zinna, Mason Amuso, Ryan Sausville, Hadlee Masterson, Jace Dudley, Franchesca Milianta, Daniel Hart, Willamina Woodcock, Isabelle Swartz, Peyton Bink, Brandon Kinnon, Danielle Garner, Keegan Cooper, Mia MacMillen and Anthony Catricala. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

December at BES as part of the character-education program. Donations included blankets, towels, shoe boxes, canned/dry food, toys, treats, cleaning supplies and cash.

Over the holiday break BES second grade teacher and pet supply drive organizer, Tracie Heinrichs, delivered the supplies to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society with help from her daughter Jessica.

Thank you BES community for your donations.

The BES assemblies concluded with the monthly teacher-nominated Classroom Community Member awards.

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

BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mountaineer Merits

Submitted by BCS Communications

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 names of merit recipients who receive a prize.



Decembers merit winners are Brave Morstad, Luke Turetsky, Chloe Hart, Katelyn Tiger, Avery French, Daxton Reed, Noah Gardy, Talon DeMaio and Taylor Doty.

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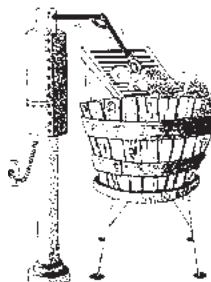
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STEPHENTOWN

Route 43 Accident

On Saturday, January 8, at approximately 6 pm, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department responded to an accident at the intersection of Routes 43 and 22. The accident occurred between a pickup truck and an SUV, and the cause is not yet known. Emergency responders were called to the scene. Eastwickpress.com will have further updates as they become available.

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Community Food Closet Dinner

On *Saturday, January 15, from 9 to 11 am*, the Berlin Community Food Closet will sponsor a free, take out only soup, bread and dessert buffet. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling the United Methodist Church at 518-658-2942.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY


Air Fryer Raffle

We are still selling the \$5 raffle tickets for the Pampered Chef air fryer. The winning ticket will be drawn on *Saturday, February 12*, at our Open House event. Tickets can be purchased at the Library or from any of our Board members.

We also have a few remaining boxed sets of special note cards, selling for \$10 each. These cards depict beautiful watercolors of Petersburg scenes by Ann Kristin Lindsay and were printed for the Petersburg Bicentennial in 1991.

The Library will be *closed on Monday, January 17*, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Volunteer Fire Department Events

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, January 22, from 4 to 7 pm, the SVFD will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the department at the Fire Hall. The menu will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, bread and salad. Take out only. The cost is \$15 for ages 10 and over and \$5 for ages 9 and under. Snow date is January 29.

Volunteers Needed

Stephentown is in need of residents to step up and volunteer. Not sure about firefighting? We also really need ambulance drivers, EMTs and fire police members. Please consider joining us and making a positive impact on the community you love. It can be challenging, but it is also some of the most rewarding work you can do.

For more information about volunteering or the spaghetti fundraiser, visit our website, svfd1.org.

PETERSBURGH

Open Mic Night

The Fox Hollow Cafe's next open mic night will be *Friday, January 21, at 6:30 pm*. Open Mics are creative spaces for anyone who wants to give performing a try. Not a performer? Please come support the event as part of the audience.

The sign-up sheet will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own instruments if you would like to play music, and feel free to plug in to the sound system provided by the PVMCC. Admission is free.

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GRAFTON

Community Forest Announcement a Bit of a Surprise

by Chris Tergliafera and Doug La Rocque

During the public comments section of the January 10 regular meeting of the Grafton Town Council, a resident mentioned concerns over an upcoming project by the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) on Foster Road that they believe could lead to increased traffic and other potential issues. The RPA's project, involving approximately 300 acres on land situated between Foster Road and Stuffle Street, would be known as the Valentino Family Community Forest. The RPA recently sent out letters to neighboring land owners inviting them to a virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 12, to discuss their plans for the land, which include hiking trails and some special educational programs. Besides the building of some trailheads, there could be parking areas constructed as well.

When the speaker asked the Town Council about it, some members indicated they were unaware of the plans and would like to speak to RPA President Jim Bonesteel for more information and clarification. Councilman Pierce Hoyt mentioned inviting him to the January Workshop, but Mr. Bonesteel has indicated he is not available that evening.

The *Eastwick Press* spoke to Mr. Bonesteel the following day, who admitted they had not sent any information to the Town about the project. He indicated they were concerned about what the neighbors might have to say, hence the planned meeting. Asked about increased traffic, he said it would amount to what you would see if two new homes were built along the road, except when they hold special programs. Then, he says there may be some additional traffic of note. The RPA plans just such a program – a Winter Tracking Workshop – on **Saturday, January 29** at the site.

Once word of the Community Forest broke, *The*

Eastwick Press received inquiries about why all Board members were not aware of the plans, since the RPA is purchasing the land from Gundrum Logging and Lumber, of which Town Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum is part of the management team, and will impact Town owned roads. *The Eastwick Press* then posed that question to the Supervisor, who provided us with this answer: "A family member is in the process of selling the subject parcel to the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance. In that a member of my family will realize a pecuniary gain from such sale, it would be inappropriate for me to comment or be involved in any municipal issues involving use of the property by the RPA. I don't believe that I have any disclosure issues under the Ethics Law of the Town."

RPA President Bonesteel was asked if any logging of the site is planned. He indicated that is a possibility within a few years. This raised questions about the impact of heavy logging trucks on these Town roads, not built for such capacity. Mr. Bonesteel indicated the RPA was aware this could be a problem and that it would be addressed at that time.

Planning Board in Play as Well

Mr. Bonesteel was asked if the RPA will present their plans to the Grafton Planning Board for review. He indicated they had not planned to do so, but checking with a number of Town officials, it appears an actual site plan filing might be required, with approval, before work could begin at the site.

Money to the Rescue

The New York State Association of Towns has told Grafton they hope to be releasing some more detailed and perhaps less restrictive instructions from the Federal government as to the use of American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies, received in July of last year. Many municipalities have been waiting on this guidance before solidifying spending plans. This spending does not need prior Federal approval however any audits of the use of the ARPA monies could mean a municipality might be required to pay the money back, if the use was deemed inappropriate.

The brief meeting was then adjourned in memory of Bernard Cognon, Andre Jones, Wesley Vars, Pete Wescott and Elsie J. Risedorf.

BRUNSWICK

Mine Expansion To Be Discussed

by Doug La Rocque

Following their Thursday, January 6 meeting at which only subdivisions were on the agenda, the full Brunswick Planning Board was informed that the Valente Quarry, currently mining in the Town of Grafton but with land that reaches across the border into Brunswick, is considering crossing that border with their mining operation. To do so would require action by two town boards and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The land located in Brunswick is not zoned for heavy industrial and would require Town Board action to make the change, and the site application would need Planning Board approval. The mining application to DEC would also require a full and very detailed Environmental Assessment Form, on which the Board feels DEC will probably assume lead agency. Unlike the Planning Board, DEC does not typically hold public hearings but sets a definitive period of time in which it would receive written comments on the proposal.

The quarry is located on land entered off NYS Route 2 in Grafton, but adjacent to the Town line. There is also a second quarry located across the road but operated by Troy Sand and Gravel, Not R.J. Valente.

Approved At Last

For about a year Sean Gallivan has been trying to subdivide property at 159 Deepkill Road into three building lots. This is not the first subdivision of this property, which caused the Planners to seek legal counsel as to whether it should really be a major subdivision, which would have required a lot more paperwork and environmental review. In the end it was determined the major designation was not needed. Dealing with wetlands on the site was also an issue. At their meeting, the Planning Board determined that all the i's had been dotted and the t's crossed, the stars were in alignment in the heavens and there was no real opposition, so the subdivision was granted.

The Board also spent considerable time debating a waiver of subdivision request from Michael Vickers for property located off Kreiger Lane. The original application was filed five years ago, but apparently never completed. The Board and applicant spent more than half an hour debating what was still valid and what wasn't before deciding to adjourn the debate for another gathering.

The Board's next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, January 20 at 7 pm.**

BRUNSWICK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEEP Volunteers Needed

The Brunswick (Brittonkill) Central School District is looking for volunteers for their Brittonkill Educational Enrichment Program (BEEP) to be instructors or adult assistants. The program is organized by the Brittonkill PTSA and will run on **Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 pm beginning the week of March 15 through April 11** in the Elementary building.

If you are interested please visit <https://forms.gle/Jvb8kJKUqC1Wn6tUA> and complete the form. You can also email nybrittonkill.ptsa@gmail.com, with "BEEP 2022" as the subject line. Please note the photo used in this article is from a past BEEP class prior to COVID-19. Photo and information courtesy of Brunswick (Brittonkill) CSD.



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Central County

VALLEY FALLS

Village Awarded \$125,000 BOA Grant

Submitted by Kristina Younger

The Department of State has awarded a \$125,000 grant through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to prepare a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination to the Village of Valley Falls. The old Thompson Mill site is a known brownfield, where contaminants are present in the soil at levels exceeding environmental standards adopted by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In addition, this abandoned, burned out mill is a safety hazard to the community. The mill's current dilapidated condition impedes investment and redevelopment in the Village and is an economic and environmental drain. Through the New York Department of State BOA program, this brownfield could be transformed from a liability to a community asset. The program will help build community consensus on the future uses for the area, and establish sustainable goals and objectives for area-wide revitalization. These grant funds, which require local match, will be used to hire professional assistance, which will include an extensive public participation process, existing condition analysis, a market study and development of an implementation strategy.

GRAFTON

Wescott Family Benefit Breakfast

The Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a benefit breakfast on *Saturday, January 29* for the family of Pete Wescott, husband and father, who passed away last month. The event runs from 8 to 11 am at the Grafton VFW/Firehall on South Road (County Rt. 85). On the menu this day will be Belgian waffles, pancakes, French toast, eggs made to order, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk. A 50/50 raffle will also be conducted. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, while those 5 and under eat free.

SCHODACK

Town Council Welcomes the New Year

By Denise Wright

Supervisor Chuck Peter and the Schodack Town Council accomplished quite a bit of business during their January 6 organizational meeting, despite some technical issues. Besides several position appointments being approved, including three part-time police officers, the Town Council meeting schedule was finalized and is available on the Town's website.

Fire service contracts with the villages of Castleton-on-Hudson, Nassau and East Schodack were approved. Nassau and Castleton Ambulance contracts and the Schodack Fire Investigation unit were finalized for the 2022 calendar year. South Schodack Fire Company member Roland Ferris was appointed to the Rensselaer County Fire Advisory Board, and fire marshals were approved for the Town Hall, police station and highway garage.

Foreman Brian Brahm will temporarily head the Highway Department, and Foreman Larry Perez will be serving as his assistant until a permanent Superintendent of Highways is hired. The Council also

approved library funding for Castleton, East Greenbush and the Nassau Free Library. Supervisor Peter authorized the contract to establish, maintain and operate programs to help veterans at the Peter J. Andrews VFW Post No. 7337. The Council approved the contracts for the Edward C. Swartz Southern Tier Center and Castleton Senior Citizens to help the welfare of the aged. Two other approved contract programs were for the Anchor and the Town's participation in the Rensselaer County STOP DWI program.

The transfer station holidays were finalized as January 1, May 31, September 6, November 8, 24, 25 and December 27, 28. The transfer station will be closed on Mondays. Monday holidays will be observed on Tuesdays.

Supervisor Peter concluded his first meeting by updating the Board about the COVID-19 protocols used in the Town. He will be revising quarantine guidelines to keep everything running smoothly in the Town and keep everyone safe.

POESTENKILL

Winter Reading Program

The 2022 Winter Reading Program has kicked off at Poestenkill Library and will run *through February 26*. The program is open to all ages with prize opportunities available for all.

It is also time for the Poestenkill Library to update its strategic plan. Before identifying the objectives and specific goals for the next 5 years, the Strategic Planning Committee would like to hear from you. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts not just about the Library, but also about the Town, in order to help us better meet the needs of the community. We welcome your participation and feedback. Surveys must be completed and returned by *January 31*.

Full details on the program or community survey can be found on our newly redesigned website, www.PoestenkillLibrary.org. Hard copies of each can also be found at the circulation desk.

POESTENKILL

Meeting Changes

The Poestenkill Town Council will now meet on *the second Thursday of each month*. Meetings have previously been held on the third Thursday of the month.

FOOD PANTRIES

Help With Food Insecurity

Anyone living in the greater Poestenkill area experiencing food insecurity can turn to the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poestenkill for supplemental food assistance. The program provides basic nutritional foods and related items on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in a discreet and nonjudgmental manner.

The church offers a drive through service where each guest receives a product list from which to formulate an order. Volunteers will then fill the order and return it to your vehicle. A delivery service for Poestenkill seniors unable to visit the Pantry is also available.

The phone number for the Pantry is 518-283-6045. Please leave a message.

The Anchor Food Pantry in Schodack has updated its hours of operation. The Pantry is now open Monday evenings 5 to 7 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm and the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm. Participants are asked to please call ahead at 518-732-4120 so staff can prepare your order for delivery to your vehicle.

GRAFTON LIBRARY

Quilt Workshop

On *Saturday, February 5, from 9 am to 1 pm*, the Grafton Community Library, 2455 NY Rt. 2, will be having a barn quilt workshop. For a material fee of \$15, you can paint a 2' by 2' barn quilt. You can pre-register by calling 518-279-0580, class size is limited. COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Make up date is February 12, from 9 am to 1 pm.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS/PETERSBURGH

Village and Town Will Be Part of Multi-Site PFOA Study

Submitted by the NYS Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health and the University at Albany School of Public Health have announced that residents in the Hoosick Falls area (including Petersburg) are invited to take part in a national Multi-Site PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) Health Study. This by-invitation-only effort seeks to recruit eligible adults and families who will then be invited for a health clinic visit for blood and urine testing along with a health evaluation to measure exposure to PFAS. The study will also collect information about the immune response, lipid metabolism, kidney function, thyroid disease, liver disease, glycemic parameters and diabetes. In return, confidential test results will be provided to participants at no cost to them. Recruitment for participants in the Hoosick Falls/Petersburgh area is expected to begin in February.

“New York State is collaborating with some of the best researchers in the country to collect data from participants with common exposures,” said New York State Department of Health Acting Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett. “What we learn by working with these researchers could provide important clues about the complex relationship between PFAS exposures through drinking water and human health

outcomes.”

A Community Advisory Panel (CAP), made up of unpaid individuals from Hoosick Falls and Petersburg as well as other communities, is a critical partner in this study. Members relay community questions and concerns and encourage community outreach and participation. They also help advise researchers on study design, outreach and progress. Members of the local committee plan to tour a proposed site for the clinical visits late in the week of January 10.

Learn more about the Multi-Site PFAS Health



The structure at 140 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, under consideration as a site for the clinical portion of the program. Photo provided.

Study at www.health.ny.gov/chemicalsandhealth.

As more information about this study is released, *The Eastwick Press* will of course publish as well as place it on our website and Facebook page on a timely basis.

HOOSICK FALLS

Cops, Copiers and All Things Water Related

by Doug La Rocque

Mayor Rob Allen announced up front at the Tuesday, January 11 Village Board meeting that there has been a change in the Officer in Charge position for the Village Police Department. As of that evening, Officer Paul Aleksonis will assume the department’s top spot during the suspension of Chief Robert Ashe. He replaces Officer Bernie Davock, who was appointed to the position on December 16. Officer Davock will assume the position of 2nd in command.

According to the Mayor, Officer Aleksonis has been with the Police Department since 1995 and has been Officer in Charge many times in the past when

the Chief was on vacation. He is also available to work several shifts per week.

Chief Ashe’s son Justin also attended the meeting and during public comment read a letter expressing his displeasure with Mayor Allen and some other members of the Police Department and called for the Mayor’s resignation. The report on that development is on the front page of this week’s paper.

Time to Pull the Plug

According to the Mayor, the copier situation in the Village Office is “dire.” Their main copy machine ceased to operate about a month ago and was determined to be “unfixable.” The backup machine is barely holding on, with several toner issues. The smaller Sharp copier still works, but it too has problems. The solution proposed by Mayor Allen: pull the plug on these relics and buy a new one. The Village obtained a number of quotes and the Trustees decided to purchase a new photocopier from Repeat Business for \$4,497.

No Takers

The landscaping work needed at the Hoosick River Greenway North Trailhead was the subject of a pre-

vious bid which failed to garner any responses. The consulting firm of Barton & Loguidice has now put forth a revised and simpler bid, which the Board voted to issue, with bids due in the Village Office by **February 1.**

Woods Brook

Mayor Allen reported several of the locations involved in the Woods Brook Buyout Program have been demolished, with two more at 5 Hall Street and 27 Elm Street slated to come down (weather permitting) in the near future.

Help With the Water Bill

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance recently announced a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program that deals not only with a person’s water bill but any wastewater charges as well. It is done by contracting with water providers for a lower rate. The Trustees voted to authorize the Mayor to submit the agreement.

Speaking of Water Bills

When water bills go unpaid, the Village at the end of their fiscal year in June sends these bill to Rensselaer County to be relieved on the County tax bill. In the meantime, like with property taxes, the County sends the Village the amount due, while they wait to collect. In June of 2021, this was not allowed via an executive order from former Governor Andrew Cuomo. While the prohibition has been lifted for 2022, the Village is still short money in its Water Department budget. The answer is the issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note at an interest rate of eight percent. The note will total \$163,684 and is paid back when the County makes the Village whole.

The last issue discussed that evening concerning water is the scheduled *Continued on page 8*

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Medical Matters Weekly Welcomes: Lynda Monk **BENNINGTON**

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson is pleased to welcome Lynda Monk, RSW, at **noon on January 19**. Monk is a registered social worker, an expert in journaling for health and director of the International Association for Journal Writing.

The show is produced with cooperation from Catamount Access Television (CAT-TV). Viewers can see Medical Matters Weekly on [facebook.com/svmedicalcenter](https://www.facebook.com/svmedicalcenter) and [facebook.com/CATTVBennington](https://www.facebook.com/CATTVBennington). The show is also available to view or download a podcast on www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters. Monk has worked specifically with cancer patients who can use journaling for comfort and self-care, and with health care workers managing the symptoms of burnout.



COVID-19 Resource Center Hours

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) COVID-19 Resource Center hours have changed. The center will no longer take appointments for COVID-19 testing. Tests will be available without an appointment every Monday through Saturday from 8 am to noon. Vaccinations and boosters, both walk-ins and scheduled appointments, will be available every Monday through Wednesday from 1 to 5 pm, and Thursday through Saturday from 8 am to noon. Hours may change based on demand, holidays, weather and other factors.

Consent forms for testing and vaccines are available as downloadable and printable documents at svhealthcare.org/COVID-Resource-Center. Those who are unable to fill out forms in advance are asked to bring a pen to fill out the form in their vehicle.

Patients can schedule their COVID-19 vaccine conveniently online by visiting <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>. While scheduling is preferred for vaccinations, walk-ins are accepted.

BENNINGTON

Red Cross Blood Drive

Submitted by SVHC

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive **Thursday, February 3, from 11:30 am to 5 pm**, at the First Baptist Church, located at 601 Main Street.

Blood drives canceled during the pandemic have increased the need for donors. To make an appointment to donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or text "bloodapp" to 90999 to download the app to your smartphone. As always, walk-ins will be accommodated. For more information contact Susan Gallina at 802-447-5345.

HOOSICK FALLS

Chili Cook Off

On **Saturday, January 15, at 4 pm**, the Sand Bar on Lyman St. is hosting a chili cook-off fundraiser to help raise money for the Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade. There will be plaques given out for the hottest, most original and best overall chili. There is no cost to enter your chili into the contest. Contact Trish at the Sand Bar to enter. Tickets are \$10.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPT

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 21 and February 4**.

SCHUYLerville

Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club

Join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, February 13, 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**. 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.

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change out of the GAC Filter (used to filter out PFOA from the drinking water), which is expected to begin on January 18.

Other Notes

A long list of rules for the proposed dog park was discussed. Some clarity is still needed such as who enforces the rules and who to call if there is a problem. The Trustees decided they did not want to seem too ruff and placed the matter on their February agenda for more discussion.

The Mayor was authorized to sign an agreement with Spectrum for the installation of internet services at 13 Waterworks Road.

The yearly Village elections are scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15**. Petitions for the upcoming election need to be received in the Village Office by **3:30 pm on Thursday, February 3**. Open seats include three 2-year Trustee seats, a single 1-year Trustee seat and a 4-year Village Justice position.

The Board expects to receive more clarity on the use of their American Rescue Plan Act monies very shortly and discussed holding a public session for feedback on its allowable use. Instead, they decided to discuss the matter more at their February meeting, when hopefully the complete instructions on how they can spend the money will be in hand.

BENNINGTON

Traffic Pattern Changes

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), has changed the vehicle route to its main entrance, emergency drop-off and some patient parking. The changes are part of a project to renovate and expand the SVMC Emergency Department. Patients and visitors will be directed to a new road along the back of the Toolan Building. This road will become the hospital's permanent main entrance when the project is complete. Emergency vehicles will continue to use current routes. Prominent signage will direct those unfamiliar with the change. See the map at <https://svhealthcare.org/patients-visitors/parking> for details.

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HOOSICK

Updating Assessment Values

by Doug La Rocque

Assessor Tony Rice told the Hoosick Town Council on Monday evening, January 10, it's time to look at property values again, noting overall property values are up by about 10 percent. He is very quick to emphasize this is not a reassessment, simply an update to keep the Town's equalization rate at 100 percent. This means homes are assessed at their true value, not a percentage of it.

Mr. Rice said during the last year, many homes in the Town are selling at \$100,000 higher than their assessed value. He also indicated these updates should take place about every five to seven years, with Town Supervisor Mark Surdam noting that when it all shakes out, it has little impact on the actual amount of tax dollars paid by a property owner.

Once again in 2022, the State has ordered that real property tax exemptions in place in 2021 be extended through 2022. This means most exemptions will be automatic, and those receiving the exemptions need not make an appointment with the tax assessor. Mr. Rice says the only exceptions to the no visit policy apply to those seeking a significant exemption change or who have had a major assessment revision.

A New Community Forest

Jim Bonesteel of the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) spoke to the Council members by Zoom to announce plans for a new Community Forest encompassing 519 acres of land in the southwestern corner of the Town. The Community Forests lines would also creep over the borders a little into Pittstown and Grafton. Mr. Bonesteel said this would be a working managed forest with limited hunting allowed. The RPA is seeking a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to open the forest in spring or summer of 2023. One of the requirements

of this grant is to garner the support of the Town the forest is located in. The Council members approved such by motion. This support does not exempt the RPA from any required Town permits.

Naturae Is Headed to Court

The operators of the hemp processing facility on NYS Route 67 in North Hoosick have been served with yet another stop work order by Codes Enforcement Officer Lloyd Moses. Unlike the previous orders which the Town claims have been ignored, Town court is once again open, and a hearing on the order has been set for Thursday, January 27. If the Naturae facility is found to still be in violation, they face some stiff fines and other punitive actions.

The primary complaint by neighbors has been the odor the hemp processing produces.

No Luck This Time

The Town's new Highway Superintendent Paul Hoag made his first report that evening. Of primary importance was the Cottrell Road Bridge, which is in need of considerable repairs. Hoosick had applied for funding under the Bridge NY program, which according to Governor Hochul recently handed out more than \$216 million for projects around the State. Almost seems like the Capital Region isn't part of the State, as only one project in the area was funded, and it wasn't the Cottrell Road Bridge. Supervisor Surdam says they will continue to seek State monies. In the meantime the bridge remains open but is down to one lane for the foreseeable future.

Time to Hit the Ice

The Weir/Reynolds Skating Rink officially opened on January 8, the date delayed by uncooperative weather.

According to Supervisor Surdam, attendance has been good with 50 people signed up for the learn to skate program. The Council also approved the hiring

of Toni Hanselman to aid with the skating sessions. Councilman Bill Hanselman abstained from voting for the obvious reason.

We Are Organized

Prior to their regular meeting, the Hoosick Town Council held their annual Organizational Meeting, passing total of 44 resolutions dealing with various appoints, financial issues and meeting schedules. Some of the highlights of the meeting were the reappointment of Councilman Eric Sheffer as Deputy Town Supervisor, Rae Philpott as Bookkeeper and Phil Leonard as Historian. Jonathan Schopf was reappointed Town Attorney and Nancy Quell of Animal Safe Home and Rehabilitation is the Dog Control Officer. Lloyd Moses continues as Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer. Jim Hoag is still Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals with Ken Lorenz as Planning Board Chair. The Council will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Hoosick Armory unless otherwise noticed.

Suspended Police Chief's Son Calls for Mayor's Resignation

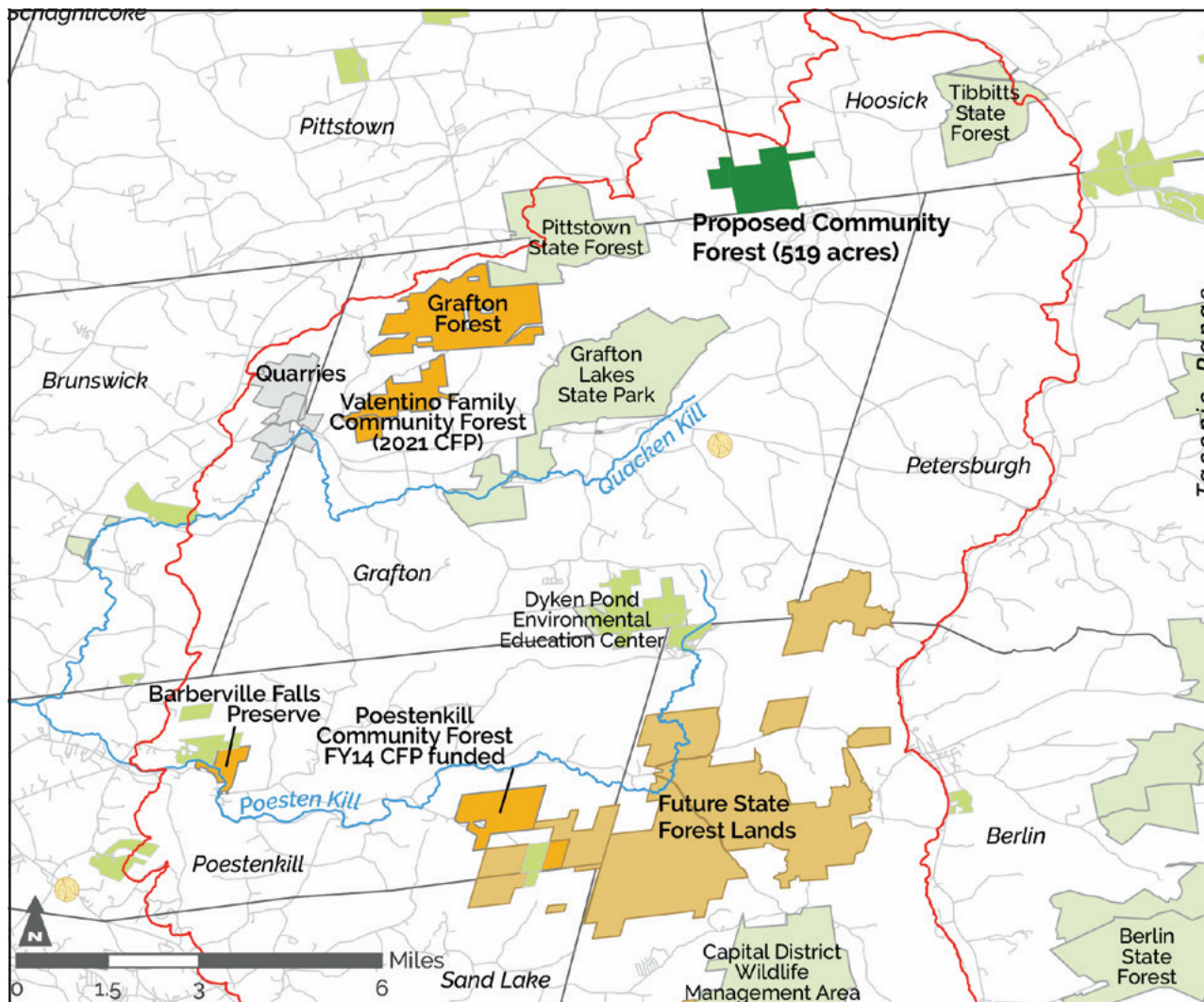
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the officers of the department, stating they conduct themselves properly, with pride and for lower than average pay. He said to the Mayor, "your actions greatly affect the morale and well-being of each of these officers. You failed to lead and failed to do your job which you took an oath to do."

His final sentence asks Mayor Allen to do the right thing and step down.

On December 17, Mayor Allen announced Chief Ashe was suspended with pay due to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the New York State Police. There have been no further comments and the NYS State Police have not disclosed any developments in their investigation.

The Eastwick Press reached out to Mayor Allen to see if he wished to comment. As of press time we have not heard back from the Mayor. It should be noted, since this is a personnel matter, comment by Mayor Allen may not be allowed under law.

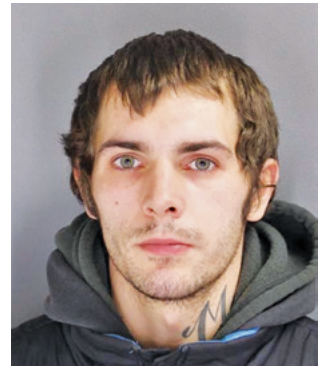


This map shows the placement of the proposed community forest in Hoosick (upper right in dark green) as well as many other community forests, state parks, woodlands and wildlife management areas. Map provided by RPA.

HOOSICK FALLS Local Man Charged

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

Zachary Kelly, 24, is being charged with physically and sexually abusing a minor child whom he provided care for, following an investigation by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department. He was charged with Aggravated Sexual Abuse 2nd (C felony), Sexual Abuse 1st (D felony), Assault 2nd (D felony), Endangering the Welfare of a Child (misdemeanor) and Assault 3rd (misdemeanor).



Zachary Kelly. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.

Kelly was arraigned on January 8, in front of the Honorable Judge Kathryn Dell, where he was remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail without bail, with a full stay away order of protection on behalf of the victim.

New Lebanon & Nassau

NEW LEBANON

Community Food Giveaway

The Town of New Lebanon and the New Lebanon CSD will host a food giveaway on **Friday, January 28, starting at 9 am**. The giveaway is completely free and will take place at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22. Pull in at Shatford Park by entering the baseball fields and follow signs to the Town Hall. Any questions contact Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Wednesday, January 19, at 6 pm

This will be a virtual history presentation. Please email leb@taconic.net to register and receive login instructions.

NEW LEBANON

Zoning Rewrite Committee Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Zoning Rewrite Committee will be **January 24 at 7 pm** in New Lebanon Town Hall. This is an in person meeting only. Masks will be required and the room set up will be decided at the time of the meeting. Also to be decided on is a permanent meeting schedule going forward. The agenda will be sent out as the meeting date gets closer.

The Town Board approved Steve Powers and Donald Lamonaca as CAC representatives and Jesse Newton and Mark Baumli as community representatives.

Below is an updated list of 2022 priorities with a few additions per requests from members and others. Discussion of any additions as well as prioritizing the list will take place at the meeting.

- Subdivisions (Code Publisher concerns) — incentive zoning?
- RVs as temporary housing
- Outdoor sales
- Tiny Homes/Residential Density
- Overlay zones per Comp Plan
- Renewable Energy — strengthen solar; add wind, batteryTelecomm (5g)
- Use Table — Review what requires SP
- Breeding Kennel
- General Commercial — expand uses
- Cannabis sales outlets and on-site consumption

NEW LEBANON

Moving Forward With the Master Plan

by Chris Teragliafera

A motion to authorize Barton & Loguidice to move forward with the creation of a master park plan was approved four to one. Council member Deborah Gordon was the only no vote, citing concerns that the money could be spent more effectively in other areas of need for the Town.

The roughly \$30,000 for the beginning steps of the plan has already been budgeted for. There's a strong possibility that New Lebanon will qualify for grants that will significantly help with the overall cost of projects if they are approved. It is also believed that American Rescue Plan Act funds can now be used for outdoor recreation projects.

Cell Phone Policy

The Town amended its cell phone and data breach notification policy to offer a \$25 reimbursement

either once a month or as a one time at the end of the year. Previously reimbursements were only offered on a month-to-month basis.

Meeting Date Changed

The regular Town Council meeting for November 2022 has been changed due to the fact it was originally scheduled on election day. It will now be held on **November 15, at 7 pm**.

Other News

Certificates of Appreciation were given out to former Council members Norman Rasmussen and Jesse Newton for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for the Town of New Lebanon.

Sharon Powers of Garden Hill Creative won the bid for website services for 2022.



Former Council members Norman Rasmussen (photo 1) and Jesse Newton (photo 2) receiving their Certificate of Appreciation from Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at the January 11 Town Council meeting. Photos courtesy of the Town of New Lebanon.

NEW LEBANON

Celebration of Life

Submitted on Behalf of the LVPA and the family of Bud Godfroy

After much consideration we have decided to postpone the celebration of life in honor of **Louis "Bud" Godfroy III**. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, we all agree it wouldn't be safe. Bud was an amazing man with a huge heart. The last thing he would want is for anyone to get sick in the process of celebrating him.

The celebration of life will be rescheduled in the spring. Until then, be safe, be well and spread acts of kindness in his memory.

A Warm Welcome

Submitted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Department

On Thursday, January 6th, members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division presented Sheriff Donald J. Krapf and Under-sheriff Jaqueline Salvatore with handcrafted flags for their offices. "Jackie and I are extremely grateful to the members of the Corrections division for these thoughtful wall mounts. We are equally grateful for the warm welcome we received from all members of the office and commu-



Photo courtesy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department.

nity during our first week in office. We are hard at work and remain excited in moving forward," said Sheriff Krapf.

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General News

Food Giveaway, Volunteers Needed

Submitted by Sister Betsy Van Deusen

Catholic Charities will be having a mass food giveaway on **Tuesday, January 25, at 9:30 am**. The giveaway will take place at the Italian Community Center, 1450 Fifth Avenue, Troy.

Catholic Charities Housing and Tri-County Services are also looking for volunteer assistance.

Catholic Charities Housing has opened new affordable housing at 70 Delaware Avenue in Cohoes, and help is needed in a warm setting, sitting down, to

make phone calls and copy documentation for residents applying to move in. They are hoping for 10 to 15 hours per week, training provided. Contact Sondra Young at 518-459-0183 x 12 or sondra.young@ccrcda.org for details or to volunteer.

Catholic Charities Tri-County Services operates several food pantries, soup kitchens, summer camp for kids and other programs. Please contact Michelle Abel michellea@ccalbany.org for more information.

Bail Reform... Continued from page 1

mately 100,000 adults were released under the program, with one-third of those sustaining a new arrest while their initial case was pending. That report says about four percent of these new arrests result in violent felony charges, with about one percent arrested again for a violent felony involving a firearm.

State Senator Daphne Jordan has joined her colleagues in a call for change, stating in a press release "Restoring public safety must be job one to ensure that citizens, communities and small businesses are safe from the ongoing wave of violent crime that's threatening the security of all New Yorkers. Reckless, misguided, soft-on-crime policies advanced by radical Democrats have empowered criminals and hamstrung law enforcement. Repeal of the discovery and bail reforms enacted by the Democrats can help restore the balance of justice and result in a State that's safer and more secure for law-abiding New Yorkers."

Assemblyman Jake Ashby who also represents most of Rensselaer County issued a statement on Monday in regard to the call for changes. In his press release Mr. Ashby said "Despite only being in effect for a little over a year, the overhaul of our State's Judicial and Cash Bail systems has proven to not only be a tremendous failure but also a driving force in making our communities less safe. It is imperative that we empower our judges and law enforcement officers with the ability to properly carry out the oath they take to protect and serve our community."

The Eastwick Press reached out to Democratic Assemblyman John McDonald, who represents portions of Rensselaer County as well, for his views on the matter. He says bail reform "is a work in progress that needs to be reviewed and tweaked." He agreed that judges need more discretion in when or when not to set bail, but also brought out what he called an inequity in the previous bail laws that favored those with more financial means. He pointed out that in the case of two people charged with the exact same crime and with bail set at the exact same amount, one person with financial means may be released while the second remains locked up. It is this disparity he feels the new bail reform laws start to address and would not like to see them walked back.

While not at the Monday conference, Rensselaer County Sheriff Pat Russo said he too wants judges to be able to consider a number of factors when deciding whether to set bail and how much. He told *The Eastwick Press* he understands the disparity between who may and may not have the financial means to "bail out," but further pointed out those incarcerated have bail hearings, where a number of circumstances can be considered and the amount of bail reduced or eliminated altogether. More importantly to the Sheriff is the question "what about the victims of these crimes? Is it fair for them to have to be concerned or even scared that the alleged perpetrator may be quickly released back on the street to accost them or their property again, or perhaps target another victim?"

Many are waiting to see what Governor Kathy Hochul might have to say on the matter, as she did not address bail reform during her recent "State of the State" address.

TROY

New Career Next Program

Submitted by HVCC and Living Resources

For over 30 years, Hudson Valley Community College has served students with differing abilities. On **Thursday, January 13, at 10 am**, officials from the college and Living Resources Corporation signed an agreement that will bring Living Resources' CareerNext Program to Hudson Valley's campus.

The Career Next program offers young adults with developmental/learning disabilities the opportunity to take classes, advance their education, engage in student activities, make lifelong friends and then transi-

tion to work and an independent life.

Hudson Valley now serves more than 600 students with learning and physical disabilities. Its Center for Access and Assistive Technology provides dedicated staff and programs to ensure students meet their education and career goals.

A Career Next program at the college will bring dozens of new students to the college and is another step toward providing access to higher education and enhanced resources for students with disabilities.

Justin Mann Sentenced

Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced today that Justin Mann, 28, of Schenectady was sentenced to 25 years to life for his role in the deaths of Brandi Mells, 22, Shanta Myers, 36 and Myers' two children, Jeremiah Myers, 11 and Shanise Myers, 5 in their Lansingburgh home on December 21, 2017.

Mann pled guilty in April 2019 to four counts of Murder in the Second Degree, which will run concurrent to one another.

Mann has a prior felony conviction from 2014. Chief Assistant District Attorney Matthew B. Hauf and ADA Cheryl McDermott handled the prosecution.

A Little Sweetness Goes a Long Way

Submitted by Stewart's Shops

This pandemic has gone on much longer than expected and people seem more frustrated and stressed than ever before. Stewart's Shops would like to relieve some of that frustration with Civility Ice Cream. Bring in a friend, a family member or even a stranger and treat them to a scoop of civility. Now **through Sunday, January 16**, when you buy a single scoop, you'll get a free single scoop to share. Promotion applies to Civility Ice Cream only.

Stewart's Shops hopes everyone will be inspired to share some kindness and some Civility Ice Cream.

LANSINGBURGH

White Sentenced for Quadruple Homicide

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced on Wednesday, January 12, that James White, 42, of Schenectady was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for his role in the deaths of two women and two children in Lansingburgh.

White was convicted by a trial jury on December 8, 2021 of 9 counts of Murder in the First Degree; 4 counts of Murder in the Second Degree; and single counts of Burglary in the First Degree, Robbery in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree.

"The defendant tried to claim he was not the killer, yet the evidence traces him from Schenectady to Troy and back again with the victim's belongings," said District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly. "James White and Justin Mann robbed them and then took their lives with an expectation of not being caught. The cowardice of James White displaying no remorse is



James White

troubling." The landscape of the criminal justice system may be changing around us, but our office is committed to justice for the victims of crime in Rensselaer County," added Donnelly.

The Troy Police Department and the New York State Police investigated after the victims were first discovered on December 26, 2017. Chief Assistant District Attorney Matt Hauf and Executive Assistant District Attorney Cheryl McDermott presented the case in Rensselaer County Court.

Delgado Calls for Lower Medicare Costs for Seniors

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Antonio Delgado

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado wrote a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services urging them to take action to lower Medicare premiums for seniors. Medicare Part B premiums are set to rise by nearly 15 percent in 2022.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating

for older Americans, and rising prices have been especially difficult for seniors on a fixed income," said Representative Delgado. "Now is not the time to raise health care costs for seniors. Families and seniors deserve access to the lowest cost prescription drug prices, lower health care costs and access to quality, dependable care."

Student Honors

Hudson Valley Community College

Fall 2021 Dean's List

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 Brandon Watkins of Buskirk
 Robert Passineau of Buskirk
 Zachary Alessi of East Nassau
 Lydia Munandi of Poestenkill
 Joseph McDonald of Averill Park
 Alexi Brand of Hoosick Falls
 Justin Hall of Berlin
 Orion Rasmus of Eagle Bridge
 Sophia Stern of Averill Park
 Spencer Johnson of East Nassau
 Ryan Morey of Hoosick Falls
 Madisan Hunter of Valley Falls
 Julia Acker of Melrose
 Emily Turriglio of Valley Falls
 Sophie Estes of Hoosick Falls
 Troy Windover of Averill Park
 Evan Face of East Nassau
 Noah Grandjean of Cropseyville
 Matthew Marks of Averill Park
 Matthew Burton of Valley Falls
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 Alyssa Remington of Melrose
 Emily Sweet of Stephentown
 Alexis Hagadorn of Hoosick Falls
 Makenna Jansen of Berlin
 Anastasia Prica-Haner of Poestenkill
 Derek Wurtemberger of Averill Park
 Maria Kelley of Cropseyville
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 Matthew Palladino of Valley Falls
 Kallianna Brady of Averill Park
 Madalyn Stevens of Averill Park
 Joseph Zwack of Stephentown
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 Ryan LaPorte of Hoosick Falls
 Brandy Lee of Hoosick Falls
 Lauren Hogle of Averill Park
 Sunshine Williams of Cambridge
 Branden Haughney of Melrose
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 Ian Hansen of Averill Park
 Bryan Watkins of Eagle Bridge
 Megan Greene of Petersburg
 Nicholas Dottino of Averill Park
 Alexis Fava of East Nassau
 Derek McMahon of Averill Park
 Daniel Reeves of Averill Park
 Harley Kahler of Averill Park
 Alysa Barton of Buskirk
 Breanna Schnakenberg-Brenenstuhl of Hoosick Falls
 Cecilia Vincent of Hoosick Falls
 Andrew Milos of Poestenkill
 Nikita Ritrovato of Poestenkill
 Rosalie Presser of Buskirk
 Kayla Mancino of East Nassau
 Brooke Hastings of Averill Park

Fall 2021 President's List

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 Heather Vooris of East Nassau
 Tina Griffin of Valley Falls
 Robert Okerman of Hoosick Falls
 Michael Sprague of Hoosick Falls
 Madison Sprague of Hoosick Falls
 Dylan Hart of Melrose
 Sarah Whiteside of Hoosick Falls
 Luke Youngmann of Hoosick Falls
 Wade Greene of Berlin

Seth Miller of East Nassau
 Michael Schiller of Valley Falls
 Morgan Preston of New Lebanon
 Gabrielle Deck of Averill Park
 Jorge Leon of Averill Park
 Tiffany Eggleston of West Lebanon
 Lauren Holt of Hoosick Falls
 Justine Metzler of Stephentown
 Jessie Guilbault of East Nassau
 Catherine Blakeman-McClain of East Nassau
 Alyssa Makar of Averill Park
 Kevin Wendell of Averill Park
 Hickory Whelan of Petersburg
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 Kathryn Stackrow of Poestenkill
 Davis Snyder of Averill Park
 Weston Julian of Averill Park
 Amy Griswold of Melrose
 Quinn Dzembo of Averill Park
 Nathaniel White of Poestenkill
 Brianna Nash of Averill Park
 Anastasia Peters of East Nassau
 Meghan Backes of Buskirk
 Jonah Smith of Valley Falls
 Nicholas Youngstein of Averill Park
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 Owynn Arnold of Hoosick Falls, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program.
 Brenden Duncan of Hoosick Falls
 Christian Marsh of Hoosick Falls
 Christopher Evans of Averill Park
 Kristian Powell of Averill Park
 Haley Hicks of Berlin
 Rose Denué of East Nassau
 DeAnna Wardwell of Cambridge
 Ryan Fitzpatrick of Hoosick Falls
 Alexis Smith of Hoosick Falls
 Emily Dorr of Averill Park
 Michael Re of Averill Park
 Amy Hall of Hoosick Falls
 Rebecca Kiablick of Berlin
 Cassandra Crandall of Melrose
 Vanessa Rider of Averill Park
 Victoria Rossi of Buskirk
 Miranda Pleasant of Hoosick Falls
 Tammy Moore of Cropseyville
 Brandon Aldridge of Cropseyville
 Taylor Muckle of Cropseyville
 Meghan Bullock of East Nassau
 Rochelle Daniels of Cambridge
 Keagen Vrsalovic of Poestenkill
 Tanner Tompkins of Melrose
 Anna Stern of Averill Park
 Renee St. Hilaire of Hoosick Falls

Isla Lyons of Petersburg has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

Hoosick Falls High School Marking Period 1

Principal's List

Grade 12
 Emma Cross
 Michael Cornell
 Alexandra Janowski
 Ceana Potter
 Megan Perry
 Jania-Lee Harris
 Kenneth Gregory
 Tucker Webber
 Savanna Sprague
 Rylie Niles
 Rhiannon Lane
 Owen Kelly
 Amber MacNeil
 Hunter Hathaway
 Jordan Hill
 Sameen Shaukat
 Allison Hathaway
 William Shiland
 Lyric Kriner
 Tucker Thayne
 Brendan Grenoble
 Colin King
 Jeremy Gress
 Alexis L'Heureux
 Gabriella St. Hilaire
 Isaac Martin
 Jacob Andrew
 Avarie Taylor
 Ethan Hunt
 Wyatt Gaillard

Grade 11

Kai Jones
 Brooke Taber
 Danielle Stratton
 Hailey Bussey
 Kate Waugh
 Marissa Wrubleski
 Savannah Decker
 Peter Steller
 Emily Yeung
 Brynn Hall
 Kevin Nesbitt
 Benjamin Smith
 Aryanna Mahoney

Grade 10

Ava Eastman
 Jack Cavanaugh
 Aidan Dence
 Keira Chapman
 Erin Yeung
 Maya Shaw
 Jaidyn Wood
 Connor MacNeil
 Andrew Sparks
 Alexander Salvesvold

Grade 9

Aiden Fleming
 Ashley Druckenmiller
 Lucy Haynes
 Maddox Dorman
 Sadie Cornell
 Jessica Haynes
 Samuel Fauler
 Mea Cleary
 Ava Case
 Isabella Caron
 Lila Coon
 Cole Ziehm
 Sophie Kelly
 Kennedy Arnold
 Brady Mann
 Amber Bulson

Honor Roll

Grade 12
 Ramsey Webber
 Brody Mullen
 Dylan Baker
 Emily Fleming
 Baylee Hoag
 Benjamin Atherton
 Kara Cushman
 Stephen Allen Jr.
 Andrew Restino
 Benjamin Haynes
 Alexis Pingelski
 Jameson Haviland
 Calvin Cameron
 Emma Chirasello
 Christopher McCart-Rayner
 Tanner Music
 Kaitlyn Philpott
 Olivia Estes
 Cooper Cavanaugh

Grade 11

Aliza Burdick
 William Sparks
 Bradley Senecal
 Molly Hayes
 Lauren Stagnitti
 Mason Boyd
 Alexandra Bull
 Kacie Taber
 Makenzee Ritter
 Savannah Redcross
 McKenna Benedict
 Abigail Aponte
 Grace Lajeunesse
 Benjamin Birinyi
 Alexander Spurr
 Charles Baker

Grade 10

Hadley Colegrove
 Alicea Coon
 Finleigh Lewis
 Berta Margenats Duran
 Jordis Harrington
 MacKenna Roberson
 Alexander Jelley
 Grace Houghton
 Emmalena Murphy
 Mathew Kempf
 Sophia Gorman
 Gwyn Vincent
 Tyler Peabody

Grade 9

Scarlett Bussey
 Madison Haviland
 Kelsey Irish
 Rylan Forrest
 Jessie-Mae Casey
 Olivia Holbrook
 Aidan Bull
 Rick Stifter Jr.
 Alexander Shea
 Taylor Myers
 Amelia Pello
 Gabriel Kurland
 Autumn Edghill
 MaKenna Mullen
 Alivia Richard
Merit List
Grade 12
 Joshua Colegrove
 Marley McLellan

Ethan Yonconish
 Sydney Kasulinous
 Layne Dabila-Morley
 Harley Conety
 Isabella Patalino
 Justin Symonds
 Miles Smith
 Michael Fratello
 Joshua Baccaro
 James Larson
 Jay Betit
 Allysson Bornt

Grade 11

Jevaun Angell
 Keegan Keough
 Gabriel Thompson
 Emma MaCart
 Isaiah Zwinge
 Jordyn Wilwol
 Katherine Friel
 Ryan Maxon
 Garrett Taylor
 Isaac McCauliffe
 Ryan Cross
 Haley Gauthier
 Krista Brundige
 Karli Granger
 Jake Mason
 Jenna Brock
 Mary Pilot

Grade 10

Daniel Lane
 Hunter LeBarron
 Aleksandra Hakala
 Jordan Tremblay
 Jennifer Bryant
 Peyton Bartow
 Eli King
 Sade Fitz
 Sean Davis

Grade 9

Brayden Gorman
 Emma Jelley
 Taegyn Hart
 David Allen
 Lucias Gaillard
 Kaylee Colby
 Alabama Scales
 Jose Puerari
 Jaedyn Roberson
 Karson Holbrook
 Matthew Angell
 Dominic Nuccio
 Nicholas Gregory
 James Marchegiani
 Chloe O'Dell
 Mary Walker

The College of Saint Rose

Fall 2021 Dean's List

Breannah Bebon of Hoosick Falls
 Lydia Flynn of Averill Park
 Hosanna Davis of Cambridge
 Kaia Haskell of Cambridge
 Jesse LeVan of Melrose
 Alyssa Rowland of Cambridge
 Sydney Benson of Eagle Bridge
 Angel Decker of Buskirk
 Jenna Muckle of Cropseyville
 Skyla Suarez of East Nassau

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BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mountain Madness

Submitted by BCS Communications



A collage of photos from the January 8 Mountain Madness basketball event. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

On January 8, the BNL Booster Club sponsored the return of Mountain Madness, an all-day basketball event, with raffles, food and fun halftime contests.

Of the seven basketball games scheduled, five were played. The two BNL Modified Boys teams and the Girls Modified team played Hoosick Falls, the BNL JV Boys took on Mount Everett and the JV Girls played against Chatham. Both scheduled Varsity games were canceled on short notice, so a fun pickup game for varsity players took place in the evening with Berlin alumni Malachi Ritter and Kianna Flavin as referees.

Thank you to all who helped sponsor the event and to the many who donated raffle prizes to the BNL Booster Club. The event's proceeds will benefit the BNL Cheer and Basketball programs.

It was a fun day with great food and prizes thanks to the many BNL Booster Club Volunteers. This event was also the launch of a new livestream channel for Berlin called Streaming BCSD. Going forward catch BNL home games on our live streaming channels. For more information, and links to watch future livestreams, visit <https://berlincentral.org/athletics/>.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Panthers Move to 40-0

On Thursday, January 6, the Hoosick Falls bowling team returned to action after the holiday break with a 5-0 win over Mechanicville at Barbecue Recreation. The Panthers finished with a total of 3447 pins to Mechanicville's 3118. Hoosick Falls senior Colin King 237-645 led all bowlers while Ryan Williams 247-615 led Mechanicville. Other top scores from Mechanicville included Chris O'Connor 215-579, Dylan Masterson 210-550, Jason Walker 200-518, Billy Wickham 191, Nathan Starks 164, Connor Starks 160 and John Hines 156. Other scores from

Hoosick Falls included Brody Mullen 228-608, Jenna Backes 219-598, Riley Hayes 205-580, Troy McCart 195-568, Elliott Brenenstuhel 215-564, Ryan Maxon 203-553, Ethan Yonconish 218-541, Bradley Senecal 199-531, Payton Merrills 180-520, Bradley Thompson 185, Memphis Hathaway 184 and Jamie Haviland 138. The win brings the Panther's record to 40-0 for the season. They will return to action next week with a home match against Saratoga Catholic on Monday and an away match at Stillwater on Thursday.

More Sports on page 16

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

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. In the event of soft ice, this event will be postponed until Saturday, February 12. Contact the park at the number below for more information.

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 is now open. 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. Volunteers are still needed to assist with this event. Volunteers will get two free snowshoe rentals and meal tickets for their time.

Oral History Movie

*Thursday, January 27, 12:30 to 2 pm
Everett Wager Senior Center*

This past year was the park's 50th anniversary. Former employees, long-time visitors and those who used to own land where the park is today were all interviewed and their contributions compiled into a 75-minute one-of-a-kind film. Join us to learn about how the park has evolved over time. No registration needed.

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

DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, January 15, 10 am to noon

Join Sandy Wilson from Spirit of Dragonflies, LLC to celebrate the wonders of the outdoors. Donations accepted if you are able.

Full Wolf Moon Trek

Sunday, January 16, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Travel the Dyken Pond trails by snowshoe or ski. Snowshoe rentals available. Preregistration required.

Hike to Grandfather Rock the Glacial

Erratic

Saturday, January 29, 10 am to 2 pm

All ages welcome. Must be able to walk two and a half miles. Preregistration required. \$2 per person.

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.

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



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Legal Notice

The Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls School District, in Hoosick Falls, New York, requests sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) year of Broadband Internet Access Service, one (1) year of Fiber Internet Access Service and one (1) year of Caching Server, Firewall and Internet Filtering Services manufacturer Barracuda and Network Switches for the 2022-2023 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from the District's website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org. Bids will be received until 2 pm, March 8, 2022 in the District Office at which time they will be publicly opened via livestream. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

NOTICE OF FORMATION PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC).

Name: **HOME SWEET SPEECH PLLC**. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 6, 2022. Purpose: to practice the profession of Speech-Language Pathology. Office: in Rensselaer County. Secretary of State is agent for process against PLLC and shall mail copy to 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Grant, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Stephentown for the year 2022, and that I will attend at 26 Grange Hall Road, in the said Town of Stephentown at the days and times listed below for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.

Office Hours:

January 2022

Mondays 10-12 pm

Wednesdays 5-7 pm

Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm

Office Closed Monday, January 17

February 2022

Wednesday, February 9: 5-7 pm

Wednesday, February 23: 5-7 pm

Saturday, February 12: 9 am - 12 pm

Saturday, February 26: 9 am - 12 pm

March 2022

Wednesday, March 16: 5-7 pm

Wednesday, March 30: 5-7 pm

Saturday, March 12: 9 am - 12 pm

Saturday, March 26: 9 am - 12 pm

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid at zero interest between January 1 - January 31. Taxes may be paid between February 1 - February 28 at 1% interest. Taxes may be paid between March 1 - March 31 at 2% interest. There will be a \$25.00 fee for returned checks. No partial payments will be accepted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law the tax roll of the Town of Stephentown will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April, 2022.

1/3/2022

Mary M. Grant

Tax Collector

Town of Stephentown

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, I Amanda I. Mason, the undersigned; Collector of Taxes for the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant collection of the taxes within the Town of Grafton for the year of 2022. I will be at the Grafton Town Hall, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9am-1pm, during the month of January, the 26th of February 9am-1pm and the 26th of March 9am-1pm, for the purpose of receiving the said taxes. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2022, without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of 1% for the month of February and 2% for the month of March. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, a \$1.00 fee should be included for all of March payments for the late notice. Payment methods include check, money order, or cash in exact change ONLY. Please return the FULL BILL if a receipt is needed for payment, you will then get the receipt back and stamped in the mail.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Grafton will be returned to the Rensselaer County Treasurer on the 1st day of April 2022.

Dated December 29, 2021

Amanda I. Mason

Tax Collector

Town of Grafton

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.

S&R 2632, LLC. Filed 12/13/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
STATE OF NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the meeting dates, times and locations for the Town Board Meetings, Other Board Meetings and Committee Meetings. As of now, only the Town Board and the Planning Board will be both in person and live streamed on Town Hall Streams. Please take notice that the Town Supervisor or Board/Committee Chair may at any time change a scheduled in-person meeting to an online meeting based on the need to do so, such as rising COVID cases, health and safety of members and attendees, inclement weather, etc. If a change is made it will be posted on the Town website and emailed out via the Town Clerk's email distribution.

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 and live streamed:

To watch the meeting live streamed go to: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary, at 7 pm (this is a change from a 7:30 pm time in 2021).

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125: Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month, **as necessary**, at 6:30 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Tuesday of each month, **as necessary**, at 7 pm.

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month, **as necessary**, at 7 pm.

****The Board of Ethics does not have a standing meeting date and time, only meets when needed.****

The Following will be meeting online for now: (Meeting details will be available on the Town website and via the Town Clerk's email blast) If meetings change to in-person, it will be posted on the Town website and emailed out via the Town Clerk's email distribution.

Business & Economic Development Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Check here for all BEDC meeting updates (in person vs online) and links for online meetings when online: <http://www.townofnewlebanon.com/business-economic-development-committee/>

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee meets the first Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Conservation Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The Following will be meeting at the Lebanon Valley Fire Department(LVPA), 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125:

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens meet the first and third Fridays each month at 1 pm.

**By order of the New Lebanon Town Board,
Marcie Robertson,**

Town Clerk

1/10/2022

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 PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC).

Name: **HOGUN CHI, DDS, PLLC**. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 8, 2021. Purpose: to practice the profession of dentistry. Office: in Rensselaer County. Secretary of State is agent for process against PLLC and shall mail copy to 741 Hoosick Rd., Troy, NY 12180.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Deidre Fowler, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Petersburg, County of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Petersburg for the year 2022, and that I will be at Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main Street in the said Town of Petersburg as the schedule below indicates for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. January - Monday and Friday, 10 am to 1 pm, Wednesday 6 pm to 8 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 12 pm. February and March - Monday and Friday, 10 am to 1 pm, Wednesday 6 pm to 8 pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 9 am to 12 pm. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2022 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest, of 1% for the month of February and 2% for the month of March. Payment Methods include check, money order, credit card or cash in exact change ONLY. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Petersburg will be returned to the Rensselaer County Treasurer on the 1st day of April 2022.

Deidre Fowler
Town Clerk & Tax Collector
Town of Petersburg

Town of New Lebanon Columbia County Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Tamara Darcy, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of New Lebanon, County of Columbia, and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2022 and that I will attend at the Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 North, in the said Town of New Lebanon on Tuesdays & Fridays from 3-5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am - 12pm, for the month of January 2022 for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2022 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest at a rate of one percent per month or portion thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of the unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of New Lebanon will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Columbia on the 1st day of June, 2022.

Dated December 29, 2021
Tamara M. Darcy
Tax Collector
Town of New Lebanon

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, Petersburg, NY 12138. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **MBR HOLDINGS HOOSICK LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on June 7, 2021. Office location: RENSSELAER COUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 515 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy L. Sweeney, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Berlin, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Berlin for the year 2022. I will attend at Berlin Town Municipal Building, 17563 Rt. 22, in the said Town of Berlin on Monday, January 10, 24 and 31, 2022 from 6 to 8 pm, Wednesday, January 5, 19 and 26, Saturday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 9 am to noon, Saturday, February 12 and 26, 2022 from 9 am to noon and Saturday, March 12 and 26, 2022, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2022 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of 1 percent if paid on or before February 28, 2022, and 2 percent if paid on or before March 31, 2022, until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Berlin will be returned to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April, 2022.

Dated January 1, 2022
Nancy L. Sweeney
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Berlin

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Name: **101 MAIN LLC**

Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 15, 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 101 MAIN LLC, 101 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. No reported agent.

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

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Name: **143-145 CHURCH STREET LLC**

Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on December 13, 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 143-145 CHURCH STREET LLC, 115 Railroad Avenue, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. No reported agent.

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

NOTICE OF Formation of **Willbrant Holdings LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/9/15. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 107 Mountain View Ave, Troy NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Name: **2112-2124 NY 7, LLC**

Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on December 22, 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 2112-2124 NY 7, LLC, 172 Edelmans Lane, Troy, NY 12180. No reported agent.

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

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.

EKJL DISTRIBUTORS, LLC. Filed 9/28/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Joseph Mccoy, Esq, 220 Columbia Tpke, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

Naz General Contracting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/21. 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, 381 Ford RD Melrose NY 12121. Purpose: 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.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **Savage Lands, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/27/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 18 West Rd, Brunswick Hills, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Legacy Ag Supply LLC. Filed 12/21/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1282 Route 40, Schaghticoke, NY 12154. Purpose: General.

Notice of the Formation of a Limited Liability Company **OV Holdings LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/2020. 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, 320 Gold Ave. SW, Ste. 620 PMB 1608, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

STARR ESTATE INVESTORS LLC. Filed 11/15/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Nidhi Agrawal, 3101 Stonegate Dr, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

Hume Construction Group, LLC. Filed 11/17/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 106 Menemsha Ln, Wynantskill, NY 12198. Purpose: General.

S&R 3159, LLC. Filed 12/13/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

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.

Barbecue Recreation Bowling

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Gallup Inn	21	9	Mike Smith	265 256 764
Farmers Tires	21	9	Mike Weeden	277 238 724
Lebowski Rug Co.	19½	10½	Brad Colvin	276 237 724
Lou's Plumbing	19	11	Tyler Colvin	279 235 714
Chico's Bail Bonds	16	14	Corey Wysocki	260 226 698
Wack'em & Stack'em	15	15	Matt Brownell	257 246 697
McNally Insurance	13	17	Mitch Andrew	240 233 695
Mag-Way	12	18	Colin Cipperly	239 236 695
The Jabronis	9	21	Don Goodermote	257 225 688
Boner's	4½	25½	CJ Brown	267 225 680

Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Huntin' Time	137	73	268	Chris Karch
Dave Clark Excavating	135½	74½	258	Tim McCart
RGI Insurance	130½	79½	248	Ed Legg Jr.
Modern Game Pro Shop	118	92	247	Ken Marbot
Stevens and Sons Tents	102	108	245	Dave Felion
Lauzon Machine Shop	96½	113½	235	Preston Oakes
Team Taconic	91½	118½	225	Colin Cipperly
Lo-Ridge Farm	86	124	225	Wes Weeden
Sharpe For Governor	77	133	224	Max Taylor Jr.
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	76	134	224	Al Brock



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6 pm on Monday, January 24, 2022, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Tamarac Solar, LLC for extensions of two previously-approved area variances for a large-scale solar project on property located at 126 Brick Church Road. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: January 11, 2022
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

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.

Legal Notice

The Town of Petersburg has set the third Monday of each month in 2022 as the date for the monthly meeting of the Town Council. The meetings will begin at 7 pm and will be held at the Town Hall located at 65 Main Street, Petersburg, NY 12138.

By order of the Petersburg Town Council
Deidre Fowler
Town Clerk
1/11/22

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I Holli Cross, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Hoosick, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Hoosick for the year 2022. I will be available at the Hoosick Armory, 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8-4 (office closed from 12-1) and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8-12.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid at zero interest January 1st – February 28th. Taxes received March 1st – March 31st, there shall be added interest of 2%. There will be a \$20 fee for returned checks. No partial payments will be accepted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law the tax roll of the Town of Hoosick will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April, 2022.

Dated: January 12, 2022
Holli Cross
Tax Collector
Town of Hoosick

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regularly scheduled meeting to be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick on Monday, January 17, 2022, commencing at 6 pm at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York, is hereby canceled in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and the Zoning Board of Appeals will instead convene its regular January 2022 meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6 pm at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York.

DATED: January 11, 2022
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Gray & Bloom, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 14, 2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to Gray & Bloom, LLC, 78 China Hill Road, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NLB Swimmers Come Up a Little Short

The New Lebanon/Berlin swim team dove into the pool on Monday against Taconic High School, a vocational institution in Pittsfield, MA and a member of the Berkshire Swim League. The NLB team did not enter the girls competition thusly forfeiting to Taconic. All the NLB swimmers participated in the Boys meet but ended on the short side of the score, 47 to 45.

Individually, Liam Buckenroth of NLB claimed the 200 Freestyle in a time of 2:25.27. Allison Slater won the 100 Butterfly in a time of 1:07.88. Alex Sotek placed first in the 500 Freestyle in a time of 5:49.98, with Liam Buckenroth in second. Mr. Sotek also claimed the 200 Individual Medley and NLB won the 400 Freestyle Relay race.

MEETINGS

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)*
- Poestenkill Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Berlin Town Board**, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex

January 17, Monday - Martin Luther King Day

- Grafton Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Petersburgh Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Stephentown Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

January 18, Tuesday

- Berlin School Board**, 7:15 pm

January 19, Wednesday

- New Lebanon Planning Board**, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

January 20, Thursday

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

January 24, Monday

- Brunswick Zoning Board**, 6 pm, Town Hall
- Pittstown Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall *(as needed)*
- Hoosick Planning Board**, 7:30 pm, Hoosick Armory

January 27, Thursday

- Berlin Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Municipal Complex
- Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

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Community Calendar

January 14, Friday

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Fish Fry Friday, 4–7 pm, eat in/take out, call 518-695-3917

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 21, Friday

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Fish Fry Friday, 4–7 pm, eat in/take out, call 518-695-3917

Fox Hollow Cafe Open Mic Night, 6:30 pm, free, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St.

January 22, Saturday

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

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Theme: The Grammy Awards

ACROSS

1. Chunk of land
6. Sail alternative
9. Female sheep, pl.
13. Oak, in Spanish
14. Nucleic acid acronym
15. “___ under fire”
16. Permeate
17. Internet meme move
18. *Number of 2022 Grammy nominations for Doja Cat or H.E.R.
19. *Justin Bieber’s stuff from Georgia
21. *Gaga’s partner
23. Mauna ____, Hawaii
24. Cartoon Coyote’s first name
25. Lawyers’ grp.
28. Marine eagle
30. Like Roger Rabbit
35. Boisterous play
37. Ore deposit
39. Davy Crockett’s last stand
40. U.S. city and lake
41. Tossed starter
43. F.B.I. operative
44. Group of nine singers, e.g.
46. Gardner’s gear
47. In the middle of
48. Arctic-wear
50. Porcini mushrooms
52. In the manner of, in French
53. *Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak, a.k.a. ___ Sonic
55. Decimal system base
57. *2022 Grammy nominations leader
61. **Bad Habits” performer
65. Lacking sense
66. Unit of electrical resistance
68. Low landform
69. Grassy mound
70. Recent or new, prefix
71. Los ____, CA
72. Peasy precursor
73. .000001 joule
74. Earp of the Wild West

Last week’s crossword solution:

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Last week’s sudoku solution:

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2. City on the Tiber
3. *Swedish band with one 2022 Grammy nomination
4. Exclamation from a coop
5. Tittering laugh sound
6. Bookie’s quote
7. Registered nurses’ org.
8. Torah expert
9. Female name or a name for Ireland
10. Worker’s reward
11. Not counterfeit
12. Cobblestone
15. Genus, pl.
20. British peers
22. Will Ferrell holiday movie
24. Matrimony
25. *2022 Grammy event venue, Crypto.com ___
26. B on Mendeleev’s table
27. Type of acid
29. *Grammy host’s last name
31. Aquarium dweller
32. #3 Down’s 1975 hit “___ Mia”
33. Means of communication
34. *Kanye’s album
36. Source of pressure?
38. Facilitate
42. Profoundness
45. Tip of lion’s tail
49. First aid one
51. Up and down playground attraction
54. Sergio of westerns
56. Very recently
57. Triathlon ride
58. Tolstoy’s Karenina
59. New Mexico art colony
60. Inwardly
61. Dirty air
62. Common “pro” follower
63. Loads
64. Egg storage
67. **Fight for You” performer

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Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

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 January 17**, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Join us for daily activities when the center is open. Come and visit, play cards, bingo and other games, put together a puzzle, bowl a fun game of Wii bowling, exercise, do crafts and much more. **January 24** is Craft Time with Julie. You must call and pre-register. Wednesdays there is a scheduled exercise class at 1:30 pm. Fridays offer a scheduled Wii bowling tournament and bingo. 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

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.

January 17 the center will be closed for the holiday. **January 18** there is yoga at 10 am and Senior Feud following a lunch of Hawaiian turkey burger, potato and vegetable. Ice cream will follow Senior Feud. On **January 20**, following a lunch of chicken Alfredo with broccoli, there will be special music by 1927 Music Machine. All residents 60 and over should plan to attend this fun event. The center is also open on **Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am** for our 10 am yoga class. **January 19** the crochet and knitting group will meet. Come and join this group if you have interest in crocheting or knitting.

February 1, Rachel will be at the center for haircuts, manicures and pedicures by appointment only. Please call the center for available appointment times.

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.

History of Grafton Lakes Presentation

Last year Grafton Lakes State Park celebrated its 50th anniversary. To honor this milestone and all those associated with the park, members of the public were interviewed to gain an insight into their memories, preserving their oral histories for generations to come. Former employees, long-time visitors and those who used to own land where the park is today were all interviewed, and their contributions compiled into a 75-minute one-of-a-kind film. *Oral Histories of Grafton Lakes State Park* will be showing at the Everett Wagar Senior Center on **Thursday, January 27, at 12:30 pm**.

All are invited to attend this event. A spaghetti and meatballs lunch will be served at noon with a suggested \$3 donation. Please call the center at 518-279-3413 to be added to the lunch list.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Our next meeting will be at the LVPA firehouse on **January 21, at 1 pm**. We will be enjoying soup and sandwiches for lunch. In the winter months we only meet the 3rd Friday of the month. If NL school is closed we cancel any activities for that day. For more information please contact Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

Senior Menu

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

Jan 14: Pork loin w/pork gravy, garlic mushroom pasta, spinach, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit

Jan 18: Hawaiian turkey burger, creamed diced potatoes, sliced carrots, round roll, diced peaches

Jan 19: Hot dogs, seasoned sauerkraut, baked beans, long roll, fresh fruit

Jan 20: Chicken Alfredo, penne pasta, broccoli, Italian bread, fresh fruit

Jan 21: Chili w/kidney beans & sour cream, rice, Malibu blend veggies, whole wheat biscuit, cookie

Jan 24: Veal patty w/marsala, gravy, baked potato, Brussel sprouts, round roll, granola bar

Jan 25: Butter crumb haddock w/ tartar, quartered baked potatoes, whole baby carrots, fresh fruit

Jan 26: Chicken tenders w/ranch, tater tots, cut green beans, rye bread, pudding

Jan 27: Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ sauce and parmesan cheese, Italian blend veggies, Italian bread, fresh fruit

Community Calendar

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January 22, Saturday

Stephentown Volunteer FD Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4-7 pm, \$15 ages 10 and over, \$5 ages 9 and under, Fire Hall

January 28, Friday

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Fish Fry Friday, 4-7 pm, eat in/take out, call 518-695-3917

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)

February 3, Friday

Red Cross Blood Drive, 11:30 am-5 pm, First Baptist Church, 601 Main St., Bennington, VT

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

February 8, Tuesday

"Abel Brown: Pastor, Abolitionist, Radical — A Conversation" by Sand Lake Historical Society Trustee Peter Finn, 7 pm, Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, items from Sand Lake history

February 20, Sunday

Black History Step Show & HYP3st Dance Competition, 5 pm, The Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, \$25 adults, 20 students, ticketmaster.com or theater box office Mon.-Fri., noon-4 pm

February 25, Friday

Jim Gaffigan, The Fun Tour, 7 & 9:30 pm, \$49.75-\$89.75, The Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, \$25 adults, 20 students, ticketmaster.com or theater box office Mon.-Fri., noon-4 pm

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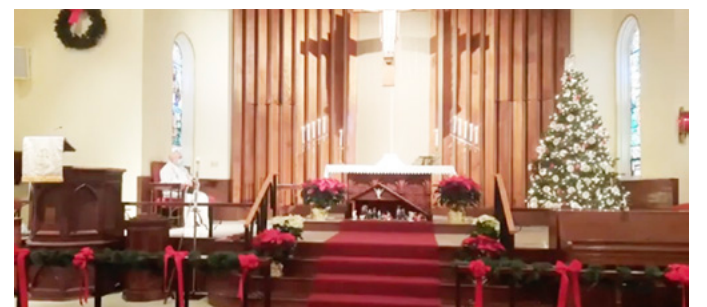
The Eastwick Press hopes you all have been staying warm and cozy in this cold weather.

Church News

Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

This month's pantry dinner will be held on **Thursday, January 27**, at Gilead Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Brunswick.

Dinner will be lasagna, tossed salad, bread and dessert. Unfortunately the meal will be takeout only. Pantry hours remain the same, from 3 to 6 pm. For more information, please call Lisa at 518-279-3576.



A still frame from Gilead Lutheran Church's livestream on YouTube.

Church Directory

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

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

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt. 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8 am in our Fellowship Hall. COVID-19 protocols observed, celebrant is Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 82194417424/414642.

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

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

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

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Masses: Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 10 am. Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter Tkocz. Masses are being held in

the church hall. Please call 518-686-5064 between Wed-Fri to register for Mass.

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Elsie Risedorf

Grafton - Elsie Risedorf, formerly of Grafton, and Morris Plains, NJ, passed peacefully on January 6. She turned 95 on February 5. During the past five years she had been enjoying life in the Dallas area. Her two younger children, family and friends kept her busy. Always upbeat, the COVID-19 shutdown was just a temporary annoyance. Elsie patiently waited for her adventures to continue; during the past months she attended many events and family gatherings.

Elsie and husband Ken bought the former Mountain Top in 1987 and renamed it The Grafton Inn, where they catered or hosted hundreds of parties, celebrations, weddings, conferences, coffee hours, wine tastings and picnics during their twenty years of retirement. Ken passed away in 2010, but Elsie carried on. Soon after her 90th birthday at the Wager Sr. Center in Grafton, Elsie packed up some boxes and flew off to Dallas. She missed her life and friends in Grafton but happily settled into her new home.

Elsie was proud of her 100 percent Swedish heritage and was a lifelong member of the Vasa Order of America, a Swedish fraternal organization. Many of her cousins from Sweden have been to the Grafton Inn, and she had been to Sweden to keep the connections with her family there of over 100 cousins.

For the past few years Elsie lived in a beautiful care facility just a few miles from family. The staff there, along with her friends and family members, all made her life sweeter and richer in every way.

Elsie is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous cousins in the United States and Sweden.

Rest in peace, Elsie.



Alfred Eberle

Hoosick Falls - Alfred John Emmanuel Smith Eberle, 93, a lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls, passed away peacefully at his home on December 26, 2021, following a short illness.

Born June 27th, 1928, in Albany, New York, Alfred was the son of the late John and Margaret (O'Brien) Eberle. He received his early education and graduated in 1947 from St. Mary's Academy in Hoosick Falls. On May 10th, 1952, he married the late Anne Croteau at Sacred Heart Church in Bennington, Vermont.

Alfred served as a corporal in the Army National Guard for a few years following World War II. His service to his country was something he was quite proud of. Following his military service and the start of his family, Alfred was employed as a production worker at the Wood Flong Corporation in Hoosick Falls. He held many jobs during his life, as hard work and supporting his family was very important to him, so important that he didn't retire until he was 89 and a half.

Alfred attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and was a 4th degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council #457. He was elected to be a town trustee for Hoosick Falls. He also loved apple pie and saying his catchphrase "EGBAR" which stands for "everything's gonna be alright."

He is described as a true gentleman, who was selfless, giving, and kind. He also had a terrific sense of humor and a spectacular smile that was always present. Alfred was the sweetest father, and our everything according to his children. He will be so deeply missed by all those that knew and loved him.

At the time of his death, Alfred was the oldest living Eberle. Even during his last hours, he had no complaints, as complaining was never his style. He also was a few hours shy of celebrating being 93 and a half.

Survivors of Alfred include his children: JoAnne Brown (William) of Hoosick Falls, Mary Douget (Bobby) of Basile, Louisiana, Carol Eberle of Latham, New York, Alfred Eberle (Carlos) of Sacramento, California, and Yvonne Mendelson (Mike) of Unicoi, Tennessee. Alfred is also survived by eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren, soon to be eighteen, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Another important survivor of Alfred is his calico cat, Baby, who was a loyal companion for the last few years of his life.

He is predeceased by his wife of over 65 years Anne Eberle and their son John Eberle, as well as his thirteen siblings.

Contributions in memory of Alfred may be made to the Karen and Molly Mcgovern Fund, through the office of the E.P. Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main street, Bennington, Vermont 05201.

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Ice Storm



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The Life of George Holcomb

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

George Buys a Fancy Stove

Saturday October 18, 1851: I went to Pittsfield with one horse wagon and carried ten bushels fall greenings and sold them to Barker's Grocery at 75 cents per, and I paid 16 dollars to the Troy Stove Store for a Washington airtight improved No. 5 stove with the furniture holloware dinner pot dish kettle spider griddle to roast on, a pan to bake cake on and four pans to bake bread in and a pan to fry meat in and a dipper and one joint pipe fitted onto the stove, and I paid six cents for two ounces of cod liver oil.

Sunday: I this evening walked down to see if Fitzgerald and his boys could work for us tomorrow but could not. Today quite rainy.

Monday: Today I and Geo P. gathered apples and John F. went to Pittsfield with one horse wagon and carried 13 bushels apples and sold them from 50 cts to 95 cts per bushel. He paid 35 cts for ten pound of nails and paid 84 cts for two elbow stove pipe and called to the stove store where I bought my stove on Saturday and got the two pot lids and one hook that was forgotten.

Tuesday: Today I and Geo P. gathered apples and drew in two sled loads of the widow Wylie's corn. Today John Coslo called with an order from his brother for his pay for four months at four dollars and fifty cents per month,

I had paid him one dollar and 56 cents, and today I paid him in cash sixteen dollars and 44 cts which pays him up in full.

Thursday: I and my two sons husked corn and stacked the stalks and Anson Knapp worked with us this afternoon and I pay after the rate of seven dollars per month.

Friday: This afternoon I went to Hancock with one horse wagon and carried turnips. I sold 13 bushels in all today to Hancock. Tonight a stranger stayed with us and agreed to work a month for us for seven dollars.

Saturday: This morning the before-mentioned stranger quit early, did not go to work. Today I went to Pittsfield with 13 bushels apples and sold them.

While I was in Pittsfield I paid to the Troy Stove Store one dollar for 2 1/4 yards zink to put under our new stove. The evening very dark on the way back, I borrowed a lanthorn of a man that lives in the widow Clark's house near the river, I did not learn his name.

Sunday: Towards night I walked to Lebanon and returned the lanthorn I borrowed last evening. This afternoon Geo P. went and fetched Mr. Guy Moffitt to look at his ox that had hard turns to breath, but he could not tell what ailed the ox and did not doctor said ox. Light snow.

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