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## BRUNSWICK

### Tamarac Boys Basketball #1 in the State

by Doug La Rocque

A mere three weeks ago, those in the Wasaren League knew the Tamarac Boys Varsity Basketball team was good; now the entire State knows it. In a tournament in Rome, NY, the Bengals defeated what was then the top team in the whole State, Utica Academy of Science. Since then, they have also knocked off one of the perennial basketball powers in the Capital Region, the Class AA Shaker Bison. That and their continued dominance in the league has made people take notice, so much so that in the weekly ratings of all teams in the State (including parochial and New York City schools) the Bengals were labeled the best in Class B.

#### It's Not Going to Their Heads

Usually when a high school or college sports team receives such accolades, the first thing a coach has to remind them is to yes, enjoy the moment, but do not let it distract you from the work ahead. Speaking with *The Eastwick Press*, Head

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The Tamarac Bengals Boys Basketball Team. Note: These pictures were taken independently and made into this group picture to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Photo courtesy of Kaptured by Krishna.

Solar Proposal Meets No Opposition in Brunswick

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HFCS Middle School Award Winners

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## POESTENKILL

### One New PFOA Sample Found in Residential Property

Contributed by Rensselaer County

An eighth round of sampling of properties in Poestenkill for PFOA has been concluded, with one new property found to have above State-permitted levels, County officials announced on Tuesday.

Twelve properties were sampled during the eighth round of testing. Samples were taken from Weatherwax Road and locations that had been previously offered sampling from around the area of the middle school.

Of the twelve samples, six showed non-detections and five showed detections of PFOA/PFOS below the State maximum contaminant level standards for public drinking water, along with the one over the MCL.

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PFOA testing began last year after above State-permitted levels were discovered during State-mandated testing at Algonquin Middle School. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

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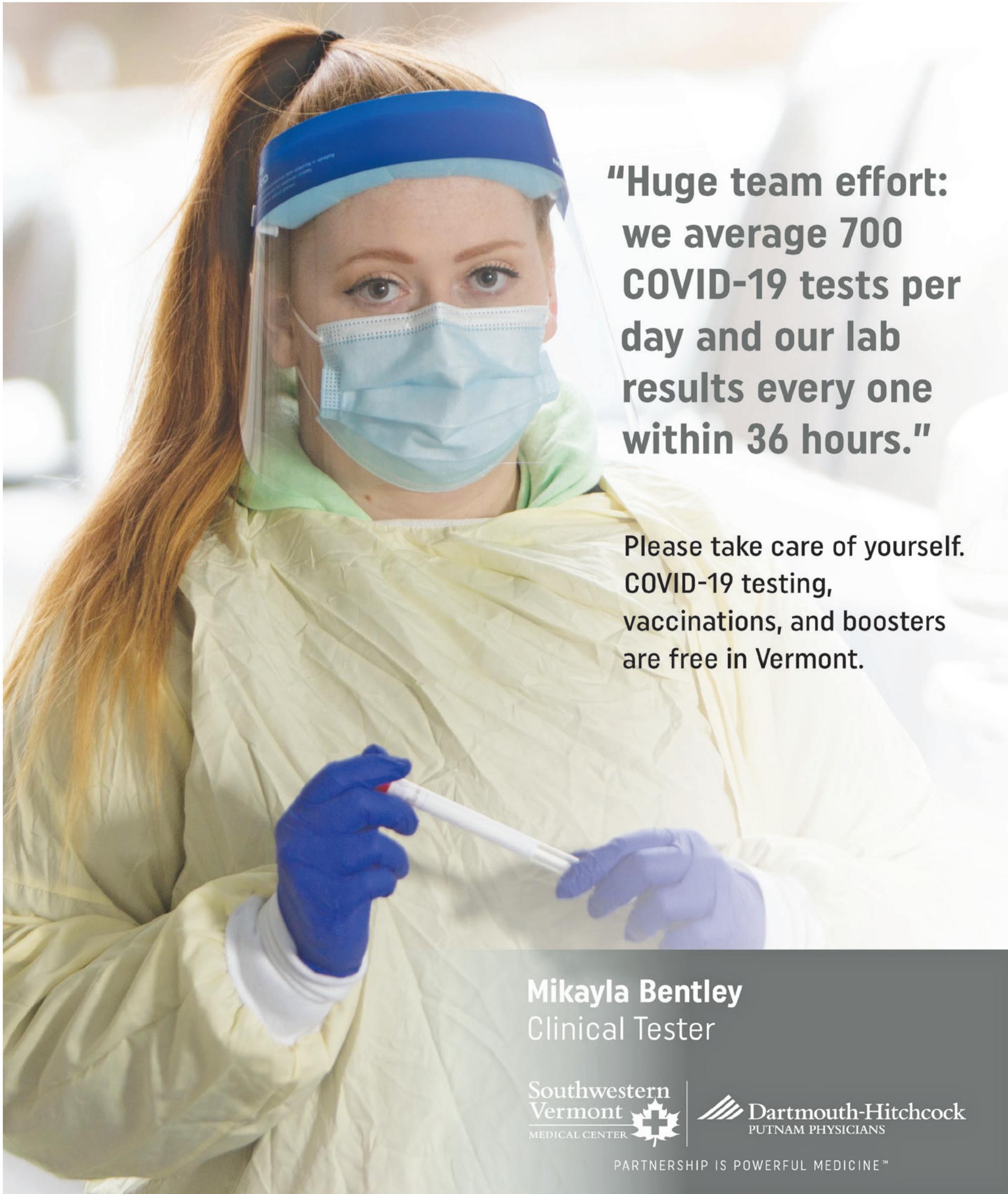
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## Taconic Valley

### PETERSBURGH

# Tom Berry Appointed to Town Board

by Alex Brooks

At its January meeting, the Petersburg Town Board took up the question of appointing someone to the vacant Town Board seat that was created when Katie Murray resigned it in order to take the Supervisor position. The position was advertised in *The Eastwick Press* on December 24, and the Town received two letters of interest from citizens interested in serving on the Town Board. These were Tom Berry and Deidra Michaels. Both have a great deal of experience in Town government, as Berry served two years on the Town Board and Michaels was the Town Clerk for many years.

Heinz Noeding said the last time the Board had to appoint someone to a vacancy, three criteria were used: whether the person had run for Town Board and had some votes cast for them, whether they had been to recent Town Board meetings and were up to speed on issues facing the Town and whether they had professional knowledge that could be useful to the Town. Noeding said he believes those were good criteria for choosing a Board member, and since Tom Berry is strong in all three categories, he favored appointing Berry. Jack Barnhill and Katie Murray agreed, and Nathan Michaels recused himself because one of the candidates is his sister. Berry was appointed by a vote of 3-0. He was sworn in immediately and took his seat.

The Board then completed its list of appointments to Town offices: Jack Barnhill as Deputy Supervisor, Ann Crisp as Supervisor's Secretary, Beth Dare as Deputy Registrar, Fran Rogers as Building Inspector/CEO, Craig Surprise as Deputy Building Inspector, Kayla Stetson as Dog Control Officer, Michelle Todd as Water District Operator, Beth Dare as Water District Tax Collector, Helen Hemendinger as Assessor's Clerk, Allison Oswald as Court Clerk, Joshua Pratt as Court Officer, Beth Dare as Planning Board Secretary and Deputy Town Clerk, Peter Schaaphok as Town Historian and David Crisp as Town Hall Custodian. The positions of Veterans Service Officer, Deputy Water District Operator, and Snow Shoveler remain vacant.

#### WIIA Update

Heinz Noeding reported that the Request for Proposals which covers most of the remaining work to be done under the Water Infrastructure (WIIA) grant is

finished and ready to be sent out for contractor bidding. He said it can probably be advertised within a month or so, and have bids in and choose a contractor by early spring.

Noeding said the engineer has recommended adding some additional controls rather than a second SCADA system (this is a comprehensive electronic control system), which eliminates one of the primary sticking points in discussions with Taconic, so he is hopeful that the remaining issues with Taconic can be resolved in the next month or two so that a signed agreement will be in place specifying Taconic's participation in the WIIA grant work.

#### PVMCC Heating System

A report was received from MH Engineering about the heating system in the Veterans Hall. It recommended keeping the existing heating system with minor modifications, and adding a heat pump in the kitchen. The heat pump provides both heating and cooling and would keep the kitchen at design temperature independent of the main heating system.

The furnace normally has a design life of 25 to 30 years, and this one is about 15 years old. To fix the problem of the 2nd floor office space being too hot, the report recommended reducing airflow from the furnace to that area by 80%, and adding a window fan in the window between the office and the community room, to be manually operated as needed.

#### ARPA Funding

The American Rescue Plan Act, passed by Congress in the spring of 2021, included \$300 billion of assistance to states and localities, and Petersburg is slated to receive about \$160,000 from that allocation. The Town will have to formulate a plan for use of the money and have it approved by the administrators of the program. The program allows for a broad array of uses, from covering COVID-19 expenses and lost revenue, to infrastructure projects like water systems, road and drainage improvements and many other things, but it also forbids certain uses. It can't just be returned to the taxpayers, saved in rainy day funds or used to pay down debt. The details about what it can and can't be used for are specified in a 45 page document which is now on the home page of the Town web site.

Supervisor Katie Murray said she plans to hold public meetings in February or March to seek public input about how the Town should allocate this funding.

The Board also approved seeking bids for a Town audit, lawn mowing and snow shoveling services.

### BERLIN

# TVA Making an Impact

by Chris Teragliafer

In the short time that Taconic Valley Ambulance has been operational, it has made quite an impact. The ambulance been able to answer roughly seventy percent of the 75 calls it received in the final few months of 2021, including 23 in December. As of the time of January's meeting, they have received 7 calls in 2022, and have recently acquired a new stretcher. The Town of Berlin will need to establish a new contract with TVA, as the original only covered until the end of last year.

#### Hold Your Horses

After receiving several complaints about a horse in town, Dog Control Officer Doug Goodermote asked the Council if they could look into an ordinance which would allow the Town to address the matter, and hold the owners responsible for their animal. The horse is routinely escaping its enclosure and disrupting neighbors. The Council mentioned discussing the matter at the next Town workshop meeting, in order to properly word the ordinance and avoid loopholes.

#### Deputy Supervisor Appointed

During the 2022 organizational meeting, which took place immediately before the regular meeting, Councilman Dean Maxon was appointed Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Berlin.

#### Other News

LED streetlights will more than likely not be installed until spring at the earliest.

At the December workshop meeting, the Town of Berlin opted out of allowing marijuana establishments or on-site consumption. Towns have the option to opt back in at a later date if they so choose.



From left to right: Highway Superintendent Jim Winn, Town Supervisor Rob Jaeger, Town Justice Jan Hunt, Town Justice Don Sweet, Councilman Steve Riccardi and Town Clerk Anne Maxon being sworn in to their new terms in office, before the January 13 organizational and regular town meetings. Photo by Chris Teragliafer.

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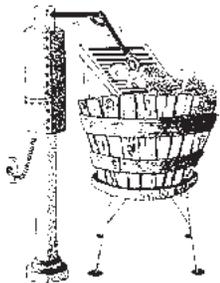
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# Taconic Valley

## PETERSBURGH

Assistance With

### PFOA Claim Forms

On Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Steve Schwarz and his legal team will be at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St., to help residents fill out their PFOA claim forms and answer questions.

## PETERSBURGH

### Open Mic Night

The Fox Hollow Cafe's next open mic night will be Friday, January 21, at 6:30 pm.

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.

## BERLIN ELEMENTARY

Second Graders

### Honoring MLK Jr.



During a recent Social Studies class, second graders in Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Tregger's classroom studied and honored Martin Luther King Jr. The second graders read biographies and completed art projects focused on Mr. King. Submitted by BCS Communications.

## STEPHENTOWN

### Final Rule for ARPA Funds

by Chris Tergliafera

At the January 17 regular meeting of the Stephentown Town Council, Supervisor PJ Roder discussed the January 14 Association of Towns Zoom conference, where final rule for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds was revealed. Stephentown will get roughly \$300,000 in ARPA money, half of which they have already received. The guidelines, once extremely strict, now allow funds to be used for anything that can qualify as government services. Supervisor Roder stated that he still likes Stephentown's current approach to using the funds, which includes installing a backup generator and technology upgrades at Town Hall.

#### Other News

The Library remains without in-person programming after an increase in COVID-19 cases. NYSEG will be continuing to work on power line improvements which they hope to have completed by mid July.

## BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

### Principal Visits Questar III Students



Berlin High School (BHS) Principal Kimberly Brownell recently visited students in their classrooms at the Questar III BOCES Rensselaer Educational Center. BHS has 26 students currently enrolled in the following programs: auto technology, criminal justice, heavy equipment, HVAC, auto services, construction, CNA, cosmetology, culinary and information technology. Submitted by BCS Communications.

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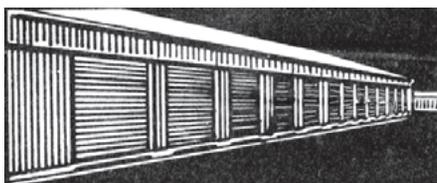
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Central County

BRUNSWICK

# No Takers at Solar Construction Public Hearing

by Doug La Rocque

The Thursday, January 13 Brunswick Town Council meeting opened with a public hearing on a request from CVE North America for a required zoning change to permit the construction of a commercial solar complex at the end of Belair Lane. CVE is asking that two parcels of land involved in the overall plat be changed to include an agricultural overlay, which would then permit a solar installation. No one spoke for or against the idea. The Council must now consider whether to permit the zoning change before the Brunswick Planning Board can move ahead with the site plan consideration.

## They Are Doing It on Purpose

A Killock Avenue resident spoke during the public comment period to complain about construction work in the area of her home, feeling it is the main reason for her water problems. She also pointed out she felt it was retribution by the Town because of her previous complaints.

## THM Measurement Are Creeping Upwards

THM, or Trihalomethanes, are a byproduct of the water treatment process. They are formed when natural organic material, such as the decaying vegetation commonly found in lakes and reservoirs, reacts with chlorine used to treat the water. According to Water District Supervisor Bill Bradley the most recent THM measures are near 70 parts per trillion (PPT) but that is still lower than the maximum allowed 80 PPT. He says his department is continuing to monitor the situation. Mr. Bradley also said some blasting is scheduled for the week of January 24 at the Leon construction site, where the new Aldi, Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken are being built. Call the Town Hall if you would like to be put on a text list for more specific times.

Only one resolution was on the agenda, to allow the hiring for six months of an engineer to serve the Planning Board until a formal competitive bid process is completed.

BRUNSWICK

# Blood Drive

Tamarac Key Club is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on *Thursday, February 3*, in the High School multipurpose gym. Appointments are available as early as 7:30 am, and the last appointment is at 12:30 am. Appointment slots are available every 15 minutes. If you are interested in donating, you can sign up online by using this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=tamarac>.

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

# Upcoming Programs

## Tots Dance

*Thursday, February 10, 10:30 am*

## Celtic Music and Stories with Jeff Snow

*Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm*

For more information on these programs visit [brunswicklibrary.org](http://brunswicklibrary.org).

TROY

# A Statement From Council President Carmella Mantello

Submitted by Troy City Council President Carmella Mantello

"As Chair of the City Council's Finance Committee for the last six years, I am pleased our City's bond rating has been upgraded by Moody's Investors Services and S&P Global Ratings.

Six years ago I pledged to bring stability to a chaotic financial situation. Over the past six years, I, along with various past and present Council Members have worked hard to be the strong checks and balances to the executive branch. The City Council at that time immediately hired an independent auditor to review our City finances, required monthly financial reports and reviews at the City Council Finance Committee meetings, worked to control expenses and capture lost revenue through creative proposals such as the parking ticket amnesty program and other accountability measures.

However, I continue to be concerned that a great deal of the administration's approach regarding city finances has been to put the burden on the backs of Troy taxpayers and residents through higher taxes and a garbage fee which was supposed to be temporary and continues to rise each year.

Moving forward, I will continue being a watchdog regarding City finances and work to ease the burden on our residents."

The views and opinions in this statement do not necessarily reflect those of The Eastwick Press.

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.

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.

# One New PFOA Sample Found in Residential Property

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

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

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

- Testing started after PFOA/PFOS was discovered during State-mandated testing for PFOA/PFOS at Algonquin Middle School early last year.

- The County has to date collected samples for 89 private wells, with 14 wells tested at or above the drinking water standard of 10 ppt for either PFOA/PFOS.

- The 14 wells that have been found to have detections of PFOA and/or PFOS above half of the drinking water standards will likely be resampled at some time in the future.

- No source for the contamination has been determined during the eight rounds of testing.

- The lack of a source has restricted the ability for widespread testing.

"Residents should know the County continues to work cooperatively with the State and the Town to provide an effective response to this issue. Residents can call our office at 518-270-2632 if they have additional questions," added Wachunas.

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# Central County

## SCHODACK

### Town Council Highlights

by Denise Wright



Frank Curtis being sworn in as temporary Assessor by Town Clerk Debra Curtis at the January 13 Town Council meeting. Photo by Denise Wright.

The January 13 Schodack Town Council meeting opened with a moment of silence for resident Martha Sherwood, who passed away recently. Sherwood was a long-time regular attendee of Council meetings before COVID-19, and was described as having the ability to disagree without being disagreeable.

There were some resolutions approved that involved Town employees. Bryon Hempstead was approved as an Operator 2 beginning on January 19 and Christopher Langlois, Esq. of Girvin & Ferlazzo was approved as the Attorney for the Town. Curator of Cemeteries and East Schodack Fire Company President, Frank Curtis, was sworn in as temporary Assessor until the Town can fill the full-time position. The Town of Schodack will need a full-time Assessor since Karen Justus has decided to retire. Justus started her

career with the Town over 15 years ago, and Supervisor Peter thanked her for her service and wished her well.

A public hearing was approved for the Greendale Solar project on January 27 at 7 pm. The proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 will amend the Town of Schodack Zoning Code and create a new Planned Development District, PD-2. The Greendale Solar Project will be partially located in Kinderhook and Schodack, and will provide approximately 7.5 MWp capacity, enough to power about 1,225 average-sized homes.

The meeting concluded with a trustee, Patrick Cartwright, from the Castleton Library, reporting a 7% increase in digital materials and a 50% increase in wifi usage. He highlighted the craft/science kits and the story walk at Schodack Island State Park are extremely popular. The Library's initiative to increase assistance to senior citizens with technology is underway. He was happy to report that the Library has been designated as a Star Library by the Library Journal nationwide. Out of the 9,000 libraries across the nation, only 262 have earned a star rating.

## Tamarac Boys Basketball #1 in the State

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Coach Eric Medved said they walked in to practice the next day telling the coach how focused they are on working even harder. He quoted his boys as telling him "It's nice to start as number one, but we want to finish as number one." He reminded them they "need to build for the moment," something he says this group of young athletes has been doing since third grade.

### Take It One Step at a Time

Continuing on in the post season through the sectional and state playoffs is the hope of all on the team, but there is something they have their sites on first: a Wasaren League Championship. Tamarac has gone 46 years without holding that trophy, a trend they hope to reverse this year. Despite being number one in the State, Coach Medved identifies two other league teams that stand in their way, those being the Mechanicville Red Raiders, who are only one game behind the Bengals in the league's Southern Division and the Stillwater Warriors, who lead the Northern Division with just

one loss, that coming at the hands of Tamarac.

One change from years past is that the Wasaren League is actually going to have a Championship game, one the Bengals have set their sites on. The Bengals over record at the moment is 10 wins and two losses, but those losses came at the hands of Class A schools with student populations much larger than Tamarac's. Coach Medved says their very strong non-league schedule has helped to sharpen his players skills and build confidence.

### Lots of School Pride

Of course not just the basketball team is elated. According to District Superintendent Dr. Angelina Maloney, the school buildings are bursting with Bengal Pride. Just in time too, as Friday is Wear Red Spirit Day and kicks off a weekend of Big Red Day Basketball, Wrestling Duals and the Indoor Track Invitational and Championship.

Congratulations to the Tamarac Bengals (Brittonkill/Brunswick School District). Job well done.

## 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](http://www.PoestenkillLibrary.org). Hard copies of each can also be found at the circulation desk.

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### HOOSICK FALLS

## Blood Drive

The First Baptist Church, 80 Main St., will host a blood drive on **Friday, February 4, from noon to 6 pm**. Donors should enter through the rear door. Masks required.

Current and new donors should pre-register by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-733-2767. Use the Red Cross Rapid Pass system to shorten donation time. All blood types are needed.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Junior Historians Presentation

On Saturday, **January 29, from 3 to 4 pm**, Friends of Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians present *Thirteen Moons on the Turtle's Back*. The presentation will take place at the Louis Miller Museum, 1460 Main St.

Join us as we celebrate the new year by exploring Native American heritage through story, artwork and games. This free program is recommended for children ages 5 through 12. Please **pre-register by January 28**. Call 518-686-4682 for more information.

### 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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### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The North Hoosick Fire Department, Rt. 22, will be sponsoring a benefit spaghetti and meatball dinner on **Saturday, February 12, at 4:30 pm**, at the fire station. The benefit is being held for North Hoosick Fire Police member Bob Speanburgh who is battling stage 4 bone cancer. Tickets to this takeout-only dinner are \$12 and may be purchased from any North Hoosick firefighter, or by contacting Chief Alan Bornt at 518-378-4538. Donations may also be made through the fire department.

### 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**.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Students of the Month



Hoosick Falls Central School District students of the month for December are (from left to right): Luke Giglio, Emma Waugh, Sophie Hayes, Philip Dorman, Emma Wilwol, Caleb Larson, James Miles, Sophia Parker and Dylan Loomis. Photo courtesy of Kevin Weeden.

### BENNINGTON

# Mom's Day Off Cancer Fundraiser

Submitted by SVHC

On **Friday, February 4**, Bromley Mountain Ski Resort, 3984 Vermont Rt. 11, Peru, will hold their annual mom's day off fundraiser. Moms ski or ride for just \$25 when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their children.

This year's event will benefit women's breast cancer care at the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington, part of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC). The Cancer Center will receive the entire \$25 lift ticket cost as a donation. There will also be a \$12 burger-and-beer special at the Wild Boar Tavern.

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### BENNINGTON

# DAISY Award Winners

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) recently honored four nurses with DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nurses. They are Ashley Andrews, AD, RN and Hannah Hill, BSN, RN, both of the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) Emergency Department; Katie Klebbe, BSN, RN, of the Intensive Care Unit at SVMC; and Misty Roy, BSN, RN, of the SVMC Medical/Surgery Unit.

Andrews was nominated by two families with toddlers who had broken a bone, Hill was nominated by a patient who appreciated her ability to see beyond her physical symptoms, Klebbe was nominated by a colleague for her extraordinary leadership when working with a critically ill patient and Roy was nominated by the wife of a patient.

The DAISY Award is part of a national merit-based recognition program established by the DAISY Foundation. It celebrates nurses' education, training and skill. Nominations can be submitted by patients, families, physicians and colleagues. All nominations are blinded, so they are anonymous before being reviewed by a selection committee.



From left to right; Ashley Andrews, AD, RN and Hannah Hill, BSN, RN, of the emergency department; Katie Klebbe, BSN, RN, of the intensive care unit; Misty Roy, BSN, RN, of the SVMC medical/surgery unit (all part of SVMC). Photo courtesy of SVHC.

### BENNINGTON

# Sending Meals to Frontline Staff

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge the community, Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) has heard many requests from members of the public regarding how they can help. In response to this outpouring of concern, the SVHC Foundation has redeployed the meal train as a way citizens can show their support. Interested supporters can visit <https://mealtrain.com/v1w8yz> to purchase a meal for as few as two staff members or as many as thirty.

The program is being marketed in part through a partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce. All restaurants will make no-contact deliveries to the hospital, the COVID-19 Resource Center in Bennington and regional campuses throughout the SVHC service area. Instructions on the Meal Train site offer a list of participating restaurants, but donors can choose restaurants that are not listed.

### HOOSICK FALLS CSD

# Keeping Your Children Safe

On **Thursday, February 10, at 6:30 pm** in the high school auditorium, there will be an hour-long presentation about keeping your children safe in the age of technology. The purpose of this presentation is to educate and empower parents on topics such as:

- A review of current issues, sites and apps
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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### EAST NASSAU

# Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

The Board of Trustees meeting on January 12 was brief due to the COVID-19 uptick. The Village Treasurer reported that she is looking forward to beginning the new fiscal year with an updated computer program. During the Code Enforcement Officer's report, Board members learned that property on Webster Hill Road is in the process of being cleaned up, and the Enforcement Officer hopes to create a filing system for the building permits to assist with the Village's administration.

The Highway Department report stated that the Department had repaired the ditch on Gardener Hill Road, and Hayes Road ditch repair prices are being analyzed. Since there is a community forest at the end of that road, the Board realizes this is necessary. It will be looking into possibly using ARPA funding for this project.

Mayor Adam Acquario presented a potential 911 sign for residences in the Village. These signs will assist emergency services in finding homes in a timely fashion. Mayor Acquario stated that the signs would be reflective and vertical or horizontal in layout. There was an increased cost for making the signs double-sided. Preferences for residences would depend on where signs will be placed at each home. Some money has been set aside in the proposed 2022 budget for this project but will be reviewed more in-depth as the budget becomes finalized. Mayor Acquario reported that the budget is being prepped and needs some information off of the assessment roles to finish it up. He hopes to have a budget discussion at the February meeting with a workshop later in the month. The Trustees hope to develop a tax stabilization and contingency fund for the Village at that time.

Resolutions for the Village elections were approved. They will take place on **March 15** from noon to 9 pm at the Hoags Corner Ambulance Building in Hoags Corner instead of the Tsatsawassa Fire Department. The Board also eliminated the Village registration day for Village elections. It felt that using the standard voter registration process enabled the Village to have more consistency with election standards around the State.



Mayor Adam Acquario displaying the proposed 911 signs for the Village. Photo by Denise Wright.

The Climate Smart Community Committee wanted to remind residents to order their ninebark shrubs from the Rensselaer County Department of Soil and Water Conservation before January 31 to save \$5 on each shrub. Order forms were enclosed in a Village-wide mailing. The Committee is also looking into creating some demonstration gardens around the Village containing this deer-resistant vegetation.

The Mayor reported that the County provided some KN95 masks to the Village, and if anyone is interested in getting some of them, they can contact him at [adam.acquario@villageofeastnassau.org](mailto:adam.acquario@villageofeastnassau.org).

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Monday, February 7, at 7 pm**, at the Hoags Corner Ambulance Building.

### 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](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com).

### NASSAU

# Brook Naming Contest

Submitted by Nassau Town Supervisor David Fleming

At the Nassau Town Council's first regular meeting of 2022, Nassau Supervisor David Fleming outlined plans for the Town's newest park. Under the preliminary proposal, the Town's multiple purpose 22-acre parcel, located on US Route 20 between the Village of Nassau and Lyons Lake Road, would be opened to walking trails and recreation. A significant feature of the parcel is a small brook and wetlands. The Town Board authorized a naming contest for the brook which may lead to the naming designation for the new town park.

With this new park under development, Nassau will now have over 650 public acres of varying terrain to explore. All the parcels have been developed with volunteer assistance, grants and donations.

Submissions should be sent to [supervisor@townofnassau.org](mailto:supervisor@townofnassau.org). The Town is expecting to make a selection for the name of the brook at their March 10 meeting.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

# COVID-19 Moving Through Nursing Facilities

On Friday, January 14, the Columbia County Department of Health recorded 108 new cases of COVID-19 infection among County residents, with an additional 386 as of Tuesday, January 18.

There are currently 32 County residents hospitalized with COVID-19. One is in the ICU on a ventilator.

The virus has begun to move through County nursing facilities, noted County DOH Director Jack Mabb, who said, "This was to be expected."

During the past few days, the Firemen's Home in Hudson had nine staff and five residents who are infected, the Ghent Rehabilitation and Nursing Center had 17 residents and nine staff and Livingston Hills had 12 residents and 21 staff. County DOH is seeking an updated list of those infected at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing/Barnwell, said Director Mabb.

All vaccination opportunities are posted on the county DOH website at [columbiacountyhealth.com](http://columbiacountyhealth.com).

### NEW LEBANON

# Heat Pump for Highway Garage

Submitted by New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling

The New Lebanon Town Council recently approved the installation of a heat pump in the town highway garage in a move to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Unlike traditional furnaces, heat pumps are powered by electricity and pull in heat from outside air, even in freezing temperatures. The technology has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as the electric grid is increasingly powered by renewable energy. The installation will be funded by a grant from the State's Clean Energy Communities program.

The Town's initiatives come as the State introduces its first annual inventory of greenhouse gases as well as a proposal for reducing emissions across key sectors, including buildings and transportation.

Other initiatives include installing LED street lights, which greatly reduced power consumption, as well as installing an electric vehicle charger near the town library and rail trail.



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## General News

# Gillibrand Checks in on Climate Investments

Submitted by the Office of  
U.S. Senator

Kirsten Gillibrand

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand traveled across Albany with U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm to highlight how the historic climate investments of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Build Back Better agenda will help lower energy costs, generate good-paying, union jobs and drive down air pollution across the Empire State. This visit follows Gillibrand's invitation to Secretary Granholm to join her in New York State, a leader in alternative energy technology and hydrogen fuel production.

Senator Gillibrand was instrumental in securing \$29.5 million in federal funding for the Port of Albany's Offshore Wind Tower Manufacturing Port Project, which was successfully awarded through



From left to right, HVCC Dean of STEM Jonathan Ashdown, Ph.D., Congressman Paul Tonko, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand at HVCC's Center for Advanced Manufacturing Skills on Friday, January 14. Photo by Amy Modesti.

the Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant. This project will be critical in establishing an offshore wind supply chain in the United States and moving toward renewable energy.

# Tague Calls for Increase in Park Police Officers

A Statement from Assemblyman Chris Tague

"Our New York State Park Police force is critical to maintaining the safety, accessibility and enjoyability of our state parks and the many events and gatherings they host. I am troubled by reports stating that the number of State Park Police officers has been slashed by as much as half in recent years and will be fighting throughout the budget process to get more officers back in our parks.

If we have learned anything during this COVID-19 crisis, it's that our law enforcement in New York state never lets us down. As the usage of state parks increased during the pandemic, our state's leaders let down our parks' officers. It's time to right that wrong now."

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

# Hoosick Man Honored by Legislature

by Amy Modesti

Prior to the opening of the Rensselaer County Legislative meeting on Tuesday, January 1, District 5 representatives Jeff Wysocki and Bruce Patire paid homage to the late Robert Breese of Breese Hollow in the Town. He was a World War II veteran serving aboard the USS Tarawa, the last aircraft carrier built during the war. Mr. Breese was also named Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1963. Mr. Breese was a member of the Hoosick Fire Department, receiving a 65-year service award. He also served the faithful at the All Saints Church in Hoosick and St. Luke's Church in Cambridge.



Members of the Rensselaer County Legislature and the Breese family look on while Legislators Jeff Wysocki and Bruce Patire read from the resolution honoring the late Robert Breese. Photo by Amy Modesti.

## Other Business

The lawmakers also re-appointed Jay Wilson as the Director of the Bureau of Public Safety, approved a resolution supporting the City of Rensselaer's oppo-

sition to the renewal of the operating permit for the S.A. Dunn landfill and retained the services of Duchess County for autopsies, as the search for a new Medical Examiner continues.

# 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.

Please contact Michelle Abel [michellea@cocalbany.org](mailto:michellea@cocalbany.org) for more information.

## TROY

# Pair Arraigned on Kidnapping and Robbery Charges

Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office

On January 12, Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced Charles Williams, 33, of Rensselaer, and an underage male were arraigned Wednesday on Kidnapping 2nd (B violent felony); Robbery 1st (B violent felony); Assault 2nd (D violent felony) and Unlawful Imprisonment 1st (E felony).

Williams and a juvenile male are charged with abducting a female and holding her against her will in October.

Williams had been released from a parole hold prior to his re-arrest in Albany County in December.

## Student Honors

**Emma Limoges** of Averill Park has been named to the Lehigh University Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

**Luana Chehab Canto Pereira** of Hoosick has been named to the Nichols College President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

**Ill Cushman** of Poestenkill has been named to the Bismarck State College President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2021 semester.

## Southern New Hampshire University

Fall 2021 President's List

**Katie Shannon** of Eagle Bridge  
**Renee Martinoli** of Valley Falls  
**Holli Cross** of Hoosick Falls

## SUNY Canton

Fall 2021 President's List

**Brittany Fiske** of Cambridge  
**Amanda Garrigan** of East Nassau  
**Debora Hall** of Hoosick Falls

Fall 2021 Dean's List

**Jillian Vallo** of Buskirk

## Nazareth College

Fall 2021 Dean's List

**Cassandra Bovie** of Cambridge  
**Evan VanDeusen** of West Lebanon

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

# Panthers Remain Undefeated

*Submitted by James Lynch*

On Thursday, January 13, the Hoosick Falls bowling team continued their season with a 5-0 win over Stillwater at Hometown Lanes. The Panthers finished with a total of 3566 pins to Stillwater's 3288. Hoosick Falls Senior Colin King led all bowlers with a 257 game and a 727 series, while Aden Wickham 224-622 led Stillwater. Other scores from Stillwater included Evan Cole 210-595, Steven Berry 196-553, Connor Julian 187-541, Adam Conklin 226-539, Alex Mell 191 and Anthony Miller 130. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Riley Hayes 236-638, Brody Mullen 234-616, Elliott Brenenstuhl 210-584, Payton Merrills 192-557, Ethan Yonconish 197-529, Ryan Maxon 201, Memphis Hathaway 189, Jenna Backes 186, Bradley Senecal 175, Bradley Thompson 175, Sam Boyer 169 and Jamie Haviland 144. The win brings Hoosick Falls' record to 45-0 for the season. They will now break for the weekend as they prepare for two matches next week.

### GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

#### 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.*

# Ice Fishing Tournament Results

#### Adult Winners

**Pickerel** (due to an error, there are four winners for this category)

- 1st - **Zach Henry** from Waterford, 21.5 inches
- 2nd - **Jason Phillips** from Hudson, 20 inches (11:20 am)
- 3rd - **Scott Elliott** from Waterford, 20 inches (12:15 pm)
- 4th - **Marvin Brand** from Troy, 19 inches

#### Perch

- 1st - Jason Phillips from Hudson, 13 inches
- 2nd - Jared Dudley from Cropseyville, 12.25 inches
- 3rd - Justin Hartnett from Stephentown, 12 inches

#### Trout

- 1st - Robert Votra, 18.75 inches
- 2nd - Justin Bailen, 18.5 inches (7:39 am)
- 3rd - Louis Manico, 18.5 inches (10:49 am)

#### Youth Winners

#### Pickerel

- 1st - **Joey Festa** from Melrose, 24.75 inches
- 2nd - **John Jerome** from Albany, 24 inches
- 3rd - **Sarah Flim** from Poestenkill, 19.75 inches

#### Perch

- 1st - **Jace Dudley** from Cropseyville, 10.5 inches

#### Trout

No entries

*Wasaren League Basketball results can be found at [eastwickpress.com](http://eastwickpress.com)*

# Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Farmers Tires	25	10	Mike Weeden	279 242 752
Gallup Inn	23	12	Tyler Colvin	278 248 748
Lebowski Rug Co.	22½	12½	Todd Stradinger	257 244 725
Lou's Plumbing	22	13	Bill Shumway	249 238 713
Wack'em & Stack'em	19	16	Ron Caron	268 223 686
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Chico's Bail Bonds	17	18	CJ Brown	247 241 680
Mag-Way	13	22	Lou Schmigel	254 216 673
The Jabronis	11	24	Mike Smith	278 213 670
Boner's	5½	29½	Mitch Whalen	238 203 643

### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
RGI Insurance	149½	90½	279	Shawn Field
Huntin' Time	149½	90½	268	Tom Mongeon
Dave Clark Excavating	145.5	94½	267	Chris Karch
Modern Game Pro Shop	129	111	267	Mike Smith
Stevens and Sons Tents	122	118	258	Ron Caron Jr
Lauzon Machine Shop	114½	125½	257	Tim McCart
Team Taconic	113	127	256	Rich Snyder
Lo-Ridge Farm	110	130	256	Preston Oakes
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	84	156	253	Cory Weeden
Sharpe For Governor	83	157	250	Colin Cipperly

### DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

#### Hike to Grandfather Rock: the Glacial Erratic

*Saturday, January 29, 10 am to 2 pm*

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# NLB Swimmers Fall to Spartans

In a recent swim meet held at the Shatford Pool in New Lebanon, the Monument Mountain Regional High School (Great Barrington, MA) swimmers edged out NLB in a coed event. Allison Slater won the 200 Freestyle with Lance Schroder placing second. Alex Sotek won the 100 Butterfly with Mr. Schroder victorious for NLB in the 100 Freestyle. Ms. Slater captured

the 500 Freestyle. Alex Sotek also captured the 100 Backstroke and the NLB swimmers grabbed the 400 Freestyle Relay race.

According to Coach Tim Christiansen both Alex Sotek and Allison Slater had "awesome races" and Lance Schroder dropped times in all of his events and is on the verge of hitting sectional qualifying times in just his first year on the team.

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Notice of Formation of **Allegedly Business LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/2021. Office Location: County of Rensselaer. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Allegedly Business LLC, PO Box 205, Troy, NY 12181. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Inside & Out Property Maintenance LLC**. Filed 1/7/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 19 Ravenwood Way, Johnsonville, NY 12094. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

#### 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.

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC).

Name: **HOGEUN 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.

#### 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.

**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

#### 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 Petersburgh, 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 Petersburgh for the year 2022, and that I will be at Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street in the said Town of Petersburgh 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 Petersburgh will be returned to the Rensselaer County Treasurer on the 1st day of April 2022.

Deidre Fowler

Town Clerk & Tax Collector  
Town of Petersburgh

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 Edelman 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 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 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.

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.

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.

**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.

### 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.

## Community Calendar

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 21, Friday – February 17, Thursday

**Valley Artisans Market's Small Gallery presents C.J. Lyttle: Birds**, Wed.–Sun., 10 am–5 pm, 25 East Main St., Cambridge

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

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

**Valley Artisans Market's Small Gallery presents C.J. Lyttle: Birds**, opening reception, 2–4 pm

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 to Benefit Pete Westcott Family**, 8–11 am, \$12 adults, \$6 children 12 & under, under 5 free, Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, South Road (County Route 85)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Town of Petersburg  
Notice to Interested Parties

County of Rensselaer, State of New York  
Please take notice that expressions of interest will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Petersburg located at the Town Hall, PO Box 130, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York 12138 up to January 31, 2022 at 11 am for (1) Snow Shoveling Contract for 4 designated, municipal owned areas located in the Town of Petersburg. All expressions should be plainly marked "Snow Shoveling Expressions of Interest" on the outside of the envelope. Copies of the Contract Specifications can be found online at the Town of Petersburg webpage: [townpetersburgh.org](http://townpetersburgh.org).

All expressions will be publicly opened and read aloud at noon on January 31, 2022 in the Town Clerk's office, and a summary of each expression shall be prepared by the Office of the Town Clerk for review by the Town Board at its next meeting.

The Town of Petersburg reserves the right to reject any and all expressions of interest for no stated reason and to waive any formalities or technicalities. Reliance upon mail or public carriers is at the Interested Party's risk. Late communications will not be considered.

Persons with general questions may contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 518-658-3777, ext. 10.

**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 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.

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.

February 3, Thursday

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

February 4, Friday

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

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

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 11, Friday

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

February 12, Saturday

**North Hoosick FD Benefit Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner for Bob Speanburgh**, \$12, take out only, 4:30 pm, Fire Station

February 13, Sunday

**Cabin Fever Breakout**, 12:30–4 pm, free, Gospel & Bluegrass Music, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St., donations appreciated to benefit the Petersburg Veterans Banner Program, soup available for purchase

February 18, Friday

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

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](http://ticketmaster.com) or theater box office Mon.–Fri., noon–4 pm

## PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE BERLIN FIRE DISTRICT No.1 TOWN OF BERLIN COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners for Berlin Fire District No. 1 will hold their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings will be held at the Berlin Firehouse on Community Avenue, Berlin, New York at 7:30 pm. The public is invited to these monthly meetings. By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners Bruce Hake, Chairman.

Submitted by Amy Schaaphok,  
Secretary for the Commissioners

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.

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.

**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.

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## McMann Releases New Album *True*

by Amy Modesti



Mike McMann in concert. Photo courtesy of Mike McMann.

Fourteen years has passed since Stephentown resident Mike McMann released new music. 2007's *Streamside* was McMann's final album heard in listener's ears until *True* came along.

McMann has remained *True* to his roots, humble and optimistic about his life since *Streamside*. His tales about living in *Stephentown* and paddling his *Kayak* (song titles from his album) in a pond are told in this release. McMann celebrated five years of sobriety, retired from his job at HVCC and is living out a great life fishing and enjoying the great outdoors. This inspired him to write new tunes and record some old favorites.

*True* is a 10-song solid album mastered and produced by Sten Isachsen, with nine of the ten songs written by McMann (excluding *Fast Train to Georgia*). It features McMann's musician friends Ted Hennessy, Jason Maloney, Jeff Prescott, Kevin Maul, Sten Isachsen, Luke McNamee, Drew Costa, Kyle Esposito and Brian Patneau. *True* was produced in memory of McMann's brother, Joseph George McMann.

"I think I wrote some good songs, and I got the best

### Theme: Winter Olympics

- ACROSS**
- Sleeps in a tent
  - Horror movie franchise
  - Varieties
  - Mozart's "Die Zauberflote"
  - Road crew supply
  - Moron
  - Workman's cotton, once
  - Exclamation of surprise
  - Monte Cristo's title, in French
  - \*Olympic Athletes from \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 hockey winners
  - \*Figure skating jump (2 words)
  - Capone's ilk, e.g.
  - Attention-getting sound
  - Eminem's genre
  - Cashier's call
  - Hit-or-miss
  - It will
  - \*Triple one in figure skating
  - Hustle and bustle
  - German Mrs.
  - A mile racer
  - a.k.a. horse mackerel
  - Jargon
  - Workbench holding device
  - Health club offering
  - Diner, e.g.
  - Latin for "and others"
  - \_\_\_\_ Aviv
  - Ill-mannered one
  - Curiosity's victim?
  - \*2022 Winter Olympics location
  - \*Torch Relay starting point
  - "\_\_\_\_ the Family" TV series
  - Refrigerator sound
  - Poppy seed derivative
  - Bitterly regretting
  - Egyptian cobra
  - Part of a stair
  - Seedy source of Omega-3s
  - More, in Madrid
  - Changes to a manuscript

### Last week's crossword solution:

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  - Spectrum maker
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  - Japanese zither
  - Pas in ballet
  - "Freezing" Marvel character
  - Letter-shaped girder
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ the land of the free..."
  - Designer's studio
  - \*Biathlon gear
  - Skylit lobbies
  - Manufacturing site
  - \*2022 Winter Olympics number
  - Like Curious George
  - Monocot's alternative
  - "Killers of the Flower Moon" Oklahoma location
  - \*Olympic award
  - \*Olympic sled
  - For fear that
  - Respond
  - Circling
  - Far, old-fashioned
  - Capital of Punjab
  - Early Irish alphabet
  - Sort of warm
  - Vomit
  - Twelfth month of Jewish year
  - Pelvic bones
  - Put a hex on
  - Concert units
  - Not yet final
  - Edible fat
  - \*Miracle on Ice winner
  - Not Miss or Ms.

guys I could. I think we put out the best record that was physically possible," said McMann. "I think I'm pretty proud of what everybody did, and what Sten and I put together, and hopefully we'll see if and what everybody else thinks."

McMann composed catchy tunes that will have listeners singing their hooks, in particular, *True*, *Kayak* and *Stephentown*. *True* is funky, jazzy and upbeat and this fun love song is dedicated to McMann's wife, Kim. *Kayak*, according to McMann, is "kind of goofy but it's still a good, catchy song." It perfectly captures Mike fishing in his trusty kayak on a warm summer day at the pond. *Stephentown* may be

the only Stephentown on Earth, but the country hook nicely pays homage to the Town's destinations of the Routes 22 and 43 intersection, the Kinderhook Creek and the only known place that the McManns have called home for 18 years. With the addition of Maul playing pedal steel, *Stephentown* is radio-worthy and can be tuned up to hear on any country station.

*True* can be purchased directly from McMann himself, at the River Street Beat Shop in Troy and downloaded on iTunes. McMann can be reached directly on Facebook Messenger and email for album inquiries. More information about *True* can be found online at [www.mikemcmannband.com](http://www.mikemcmannband.com).

## 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.

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.

**Tuesday, January 25**, there is yoga at 10 am, followed by a lunch of butter crumb haddock, potato and vegetable at

noon. **Thursday, January 27**, following a lunch of spaghetti and meatballs, there will be a special presentation on the History of Grafton Lakes State Park. The center is also open on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am for our 10 am yoga class.

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

**February 3**, there will be craft time at the center. Pre-signup is required.

**February 8**, there will be a quest speaker from Brunswick PT with some therapy tricks for our aches and pains. All residents 60 and over should try to attend this event. **February 15** will be our Valentine Special Luncheon with country singer Ray Gifford.

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

**Jan 24:** Veal patty w/marsala, gravy, baked potato, Brussels 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

**Jan 28:** Ham steak w/pineapple glaze, yams, Malibu blend veggies, rye bread, fruit cup

**Jan 31:** Sloppy Joe, corn, peas & onions, round roll, fruit cup

## Obituary

### Lori A. Hoffman



Stephentown - Lori A. Wood Hoffman, 58, lost her hard-fought battle with Multiple Myeloma on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

She was a courageous warrior until the end, never losing her willingness to live or her sassy humor. Lori was an avid animal lover, crafter, and shopper, who always had fabulous nails.

She was a 1981 graduate of Berlin High School, and a long-term employee of Time Warner/Spectrum. All who met her were truly blessed to have been in her presence.

Lori leaves behind her beloved husband of 33 years, Chris, her adored sons Brendan and Tyler, her sister Debbie (Michael) Clark, her adopted grandchildren Mason and Jaxson, her dear cousins Carolyn Edwards Hourihan and Greg and Dwight Edwards, her bestie Lori Killeen, her nieces and nephews Russell and Cheryl Hoffman, Matthew, Josh and Nick Howard, Frankie and Andrew Frost, along with many other beloved family members and friends.

Calling hours will be held at Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43, Stepentown on Friday, January 21, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The funeral service will follow at 1:30 pm at the funeral home with a reception to follow at the Stepentown Town Hall on Grange Road.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center, Medical Oncology, 317 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

Condolence book at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](http://ParkerBrosMemorial.com).

To memorialize a friend or family member, please email [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com)

## 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.

## Board Meetings

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

January 31, Monday

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

Last week's sudoku solution:

8	7	6	2	3	4	9	1	5
3	5	4	8	9	1	2	7	6
9	1	2	7	5	6	3	4	8
4	8	7	5	6	2	1	9	3
2	9	5	4	1	3	6	8	7
6	3	1	9	8	7	5	2	4
1	2	3	6	4	8	7	5	9
7	4	9	3	2	5	8	6	1
5	6	8	1	7	9	4	3	2

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# Nature's Beauty Under Ice



Red Maple trees (*Acer rubrum*) are our favorites in the autumn as their leaves are brilliant red. But even in winter, they are showstoppers under ice and worth the trip outside. Photo taken by Trix Niernberger in Petersburg.

# A Fisher Cat



This fisher (*Pekania pennanti*) is part of the collection at the Capital District Sportsman Center's offices in Grafton. Despite the sometimes common name "fisher cat," fishers are not cats, nor do they eat much fish, even though they are great swimmers. They are not really mean or evil but they are uncompromisingly aggressive, which is why they are such efficient and successful hunters. If they remind you of a smaller version of a wolverine, it's because both are members of the mustelid family, which includes weasels. If you see one in the woods, just leave it alone...and never give in to the urge to walk up to it saying "here, pretty kitty!"

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# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## Merrils' Short Bushels

Thursday, October 30, 1851: Today I and John F. put up our railway stove. Today one of Geo P. oxen died with a wen in the pipe and Russel Palmer skinned the ox for Geo P. Today a pump peddler took dinner with us and paid 12½ cts. Levi Phillips hung himself. Monday, Nov. 3: I went onto my Rodgers farm with one yoke oxen on the wagon and fetched what Aaron Merrils says is 49½ bushels carrots that he raises to the halves, and Geo P. fetched 30½ bushels the other day, which makes 80 of his baskets, and this evening I took my one horse wagon and got ten of his basket measure which he calls bushels more of said carrots, and I sold said carrots to Russel Palmer for 20 cts per bushel, but they only measured nine bushel according to said Palmer's measure. Said Palmer sold me one dollar and sixteen cents worth fresh beef, balance due me. Tuesday: I went to Election to Lathum's Village to Chase's. Thursday: I went with one horse load turnips uptown. I trusted the wife of Ralph Chapman for two bushels, he

lives in the Charles Mosby house. I paid a clam peddler 18 cts for 50 clams. Friday: I went to Hancock with one horse wagon load turnips of ten bushels and sold them. One I traded for codfish. On the way home I called to Aaron Merrils and got 30 baskets of carrots that he raised to the halves. Saturday: I and my sons and James Cramp and old Mr. Perkins and Nancy Sackett dug carrots for Geo P. on the Wm. B. Maxon farm. Today my wife and two daughters went to the lecture room to the Seventh Day meeting, Elder Cochran preached. Sunday: Today I took my one horse wagon and carried my wife to the Chapel to Elder Havens meeting, and Geo P. carried his two sisters after I and my wife went to Mr. John Wylie's and took tea, and this evening I and all my family went to meeting at the lecture room, Elder Cochran preached. Monday: Today I went with ox wagon load and John F. with one horse wagon load apples up to Jerry Vary's cider mill and made cider and got out three barrels.

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