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## GRAFTON/BERLIN

### Four Area Dams Listed by DEC as Unsound

Rating Does Not Mean Failure Is Imminent

by Doug La Rocque

A recent survey of dams around New York State by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) obtained by *The Eastwick Press* places three dams in the Town of Grafton and one in the Town of Berlin on their unsound list. The DEC however explains a Condition Rating of Unsound refers to "dams with deficiencies of such a nature that the safety of the dam cannot be assured." The unsound ratings do not mean that a dam is in imminent danger of failure, it reflects dams that don't meet New York's rigorous safety standards, or information on whether they meet the standards is inadequate or hasn't been submitted by the dam owner.

#### Of Serious Concern

The Martin Dunham Reservoir Dam in Grafton has been given a Condition Rating of Unsound-Deficiency Recognized. According to DEC Public Information Officer Lori Severino this means "a dam safety deficiency is recognized for loading conditions which may realistically occur. Remedial action is necessary.

The dam was given this rating due to having less than required spillway capacity and less than

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Water flowing over the top of the Martin Dunham Reservoir Dam. Photo by Miranda Sehl.

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## AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### At Home Test Kits Are Distributed

by Doug La Rocque

After some small delays, the school districts in *The Eastwick Press* coverage area have all reported they have received a supply of the at home COVID-19 tests kits promised over the past weekend by Governor Kathy Hochul. These kits are part of the Governor's plan to help keep children in the classroom even if a classmate tests positive for the virus. Until this week, such classmates would have been subject to a 5- to 10-day quarantine. Governor Hochul is suggesting these at home test kits be used by parents if they wish to check their child for COVID-19 and if negative, they would be allowed to return to in-classroom learning under the districts' COVID-19 protocols.

Each test kit contains two tests per student. As Hoosick Falls School Superintendent Pat Dailey stated in a letter to District parents, this is not a requirement that their children be tested, and any parent can opt out of the program if they wish. The plan at HFCS was to allow parents to pick up these tests kits on either Tuesday, January 4 or Wednesday, January 5. They could also request the

test kits be sent home via backpack.

At the Brunswick Central School District, Superintendent Dr. Angelina Maloney told *The Eastwick Press* they had a very similar plan. She sent out a survey to parents, asking if they wanted the kits sent home or to pick them up. She also asked that if not interested, please let the District know so as not to waste the resources.

In Berlin, Superintendent Joseph Dhara said they began distributing the test kits through a parent pick-up program on Tuesday.

In New Lebanon, the School District was also planning on a parental test kit pick up on Tuesday, or later in the week if a parent requested in writing. The District joined all the other area schools in pointing out these kits are optional and not a School District or NYS requirement.



A COVID-19 rapid result at home test kit being distributed to the parents of school age children by their particular districts.



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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN

# Successful Food Drives

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Elementary School Ambassadors would like to send out a big thank you to the community for making their food drive a success. The students collected over 1,600 cans and boxes of food. The collected non-perishables were distributed between the BES Helping Hands and the Berlin Community Food Closet. Congratulations to Mrs. Clark's class who had the most donations and will have a class party hosted by the Ambassadors after the holiday break. Great work Mountaineers!

The Berlin High School Student Council also held a successful food drive during



From left to right, Berlin High School Student Council President Bailey Catlin, Secretary Micayla Price, Treasurer Malorie Zink, Speaker of the Council Acsha Bray and Vice President Sophie Ericson. The BHS Student Council Representatives are advised by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Covell. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

### BERLIN

# 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.

the month of December. BMHS students and families donated over 1,062 non-perishable items, which will be donated to three community food pantries within the school district. The senior class led the drive by collecting the most items. Excellent job giving back to your community.

### PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Welcome to the New Year

Come in to check out all the new books and DVDs in our collection. If you are new to the area, come get a library card of your own, or renew your expired card.

Raffle Tickets for the Deluxe Air Fryer can be purchased at the library, or from one of our Board members. Tickets are only \$5 each. Drawing date will be announced soon.

The creative writing group will meet on **Tuesday, January 11, at 6:45 pm**. The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, January 12, at 7 pm** to discuss *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder. Knitters and stitchers meet here on Wednesday afternoons. It's great company and fun.

We want to share the good news that during the month of January, admission to the Clark Museum is free. For visits at other times, we have a museum pass that can be checked out for one adult's free admission.

Don't miss our current art exhibition of the lovely and fascinating Adirondack drawings by Ann Kremers.

### 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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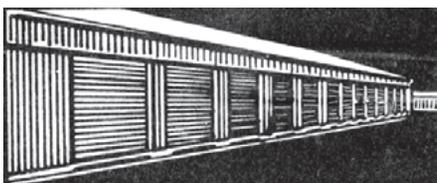
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## Taconic Valley

**PETERSBURGH**

### Town Council

# Holds Organizational Meeting

by Alex Brooks

The Petersburg Town Council held its organizational meeting on Monday, January 3. Nathan Michaels took his seat on the Council for the first time, and it was the first meeting for newly elected Supervisor Katie Murray. The Council has one vacancy because Murray gave up her seat in order to take the Supervisor job. The Council did not discuss filling that position at this meeting.

The Council extended 2021 appointments until its January 17 meeting when it will make 2022 appointments. It did appoint Deidre Fowler as Registrar of Vital Statistics, Carrie Minkler as Town Bookkeeper and David Gruenberg as Town Attorney, effective January 1, 2022.

#### Planning Board

The Board appointed two new members to the Planning Board. John Domian was appointed to a term ending 12/31/23, and Dennis Smith was appointed to a term ending 12/31/24. The Planning Board is now one member short of a full complement of seven members.

Michael Casey's term expired at the end of this year, and he declined to be re-appointed.

#### Water District Rates Increased

The Council set the Water District tax rate at \$425 per year, an increase of about 18% over last year's rate of \$360. A letter was read at a Town Council meeting a few months ago announcing their intention to raise the rate, which has not been raised for many years despite the frequently perilous state of the Water District's finances.

#### Library MOU

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Petersburg Public Library and the Town was approved by the Council. Heinz Noeding said it was developed in a series of conversations between himself and Library Board members, based on similar agreements that other towns have used with their libraries.

The basic idea is that the Town will provide support to the Library in a lump sum at the beginning of each quarter, and the library will pay its own bills and its own payroll from those funds (and other funds, if the Library is able to secure grants or do fundraising). The building still belongs to the Town, and the Town will fund maintenance, repairs and improvements to the building. The Town will maintain property insurance on the building, and the Library agrees to maintain other insurances related to its operations.

In previous years the Town has paid the Library's bills and payroll directly from Town accounts. The Library's new, more autonomous arrangement requires more administrative work from the Library leadership, so some of the Library's new responsibilities are being phased in over time. The plan is to have the Library take over payroll starting in February, and start paying all other expenses in April.

#### PVMCC

The Board passed this year's agreement with the PVMCC for use of the Veterans Memorial Hall. There were two changes from last year's agreement. The annual rent paid by PVMCC to the Town was reduced from \$2,000 annually to \$1,000 annually, and the PVMCC agreed to pay for janitorial services from its own funds.

#### Salaries of Town Officers For 2022

Town Supervisor: Katie Murray.....	\$10,000 per year
Supervisor's Secretary.....	\$14/hr up to \$5,000 per year
Town Board (4).....	\$1,800 (each) per year
Jack Barnhill, Nathan Michaels, Heinz Noeding	
Town Clerk: Deidre Fowler.....	\$18,701 per year
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$14/hr up to \$5,600 per year
Bookkeeper: Carrie Minkler.....	\$12,000 per year
Registrar of Vital Statistics: Deidre Fowler.....	\$750 per year
Superintendent of Highways: David Hewitt....	\$54,000 per year
Town Justice (2).....	\$6,500 (each) per year
Richard Snyder and Amy Manchester	
Court Clerk.....	\$8,350 per year
Court Officer.....	\$17/hr up to \$1,224 per year
Assessor: Craig Surprise.....	\$15,500 per year
Assessor's Clerk.....	\$14 per hour up to \$5,000 per year
Board of Assessment Review (3).....	\$100 (each) per year
BAR Secretary.....	\$110 per year
Planning Board Members (7).....	\$300 (each) per year
Planning Board Secretary.....	\$900 per year
Dog Control Officer.....	\$2,625 per year
Code Enforcement Officer.....	\$14,069 per year
Town Attorney: David Gruenberg.....	as req'd up to \$12,000/yr.
Town Hall Custodian.....	\$14/hr
Water District Operator.....	\$12,000 per year
Deputy Water District Operator.....	\$1,500 per year
Water District Tax Collector.....	\$1,200 per year
Highway Dept. Employee 1: Kyle Dunlop.....	\$23 per hour
Highway Dept. Employee 2: Jason Humphrey.....	\$18 per hour
Highway Dept. Employee 3: Ronald Maynard.....	\$22 per hour
Snow Shoveling.....	\$14 per hour

#### Other Appointments:

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## STEPHENTOWN

# Volunteer Fire Dept. 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. There are eat in and take out options, and the cost is \$15 for ages 10 and over and \$5 for ages 9 and under. Snow date is January 29.

#### SVFD Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations Graduates

Last week two of our members graduated from the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations class, also known as BEFO. We are so grateful that Tom Quimby and Jennifer Peabody stepped up to take this class and expand their knowledge and skills to be of assistance at fire scenes, however we need more Stephentown residents to step up and volunteer. Not sure about fire-fighting? 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](http://svfd1.org).

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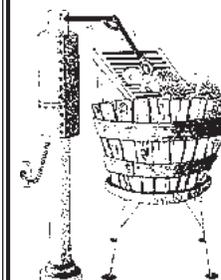
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## Central County

### BRUNSWICK

# Out With the Old and In With the New

*The Eastwick Press is now the Official Newspaper*

The Town Council held its year end meeting on Thursday, December 30 and its reorganizational meeting on Monday, January 3rd. After approving a resolution to make the necessary budget transfers to close the books on 2021, the Council also approved a resolution that broadens to residency requirement for the Highway Superintendent (an appointed position in Brunswick) to include anyone who lives in Rensselaer County, not just the Town. They also approved an animal shelter agreement with the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society for 2022 and to accept payment of taxes, assessments and other fees online by credit card or e-checks.

The reorganizational meeting saw the typical approval of resolutions needed to conduct yearly

business and the re-appointment of Russ Oster to the Planning Board for a seven year term. He will return as Chair of that Board as well. John Schmidt was appointed to a five year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), with Ann Clemente reappointed as the ZBA chair. Town Attorney Tom Cioffi will also return on a two year appointment.

#### We're Official

The Eastwick Press was appointed the Town's official newspaper, so in 2022 most legal notices of special meetings, public hearings and the like will be contained in our legal section as well as in the news portion of the paper, where we report on town meetings and other events. Thank you Town of Brunswick.

### 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

# Cannabis Distribution Approved

by Denise Wright

The Schodack Town Board wrapped up 2021 with an end-of-the-year meeting on December 29. The meeting opened with a public comment about Local Laws 4 and 5, which proposed cannabis on-site consumption establishments and retail dispensaries in town. Local Law #4 was approved which prohibits on-site cannabis consumption, while Local Law #5 which would have prohibited retail dispensaries was rejected, meaning that the sale of cannabis will be legal in the Schodack area. Both sides of the issue had supporters in the audience. One resident discussed the potential dangers of



From left to right, Rensselaer County Legislator and incoming Schodack Town Supervisor Chuck Peter, outgoing Schodack Town Supervisor David Harris and Rensselaer County Legislator Bob Loveridge.

cannabis as a gateway drug and the vague financial benefits under the State's law for the Town. Other residents supported the resolutions citing stimulating local businesses and potential tax revenue for the Town.

Rensselaer County Legislator and incoming Schodack Town Supervisor, Chuck Peter, and Rensselaer County Legislator, Bob Loveridge, presented Supervisor Harris with a proclamation citing his years of service to the Schodack community. Retiring Schodack Highway Superintendent Ken Holmes and Police Officer Stuart McKnight were also recognized for their years of service to the Schodack community. Holmes began his career in 1998 and demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving in the South Schodack Fire Company and as a member of the VFW Post 7337. McKnight began his career in 1982 and has further served his community by serving 20 years in the US Army Reserves and is an active member of the Castleton Fire Company. The Board commended both for their excellent work and they will be greatly missed.

The Board approved a shelter agreement with Mohawk Hudson Humane Society for the 2022 year and a memorandum of agreement between the Town

of Schodack and United Public Service Employees' Union (Schodack Police Department). The Board also set a date for the 2022 organizational meeting on January 6, at 7 pm at the Schodack Town Hall. Schodack Town Hall will have a new Johnson control panel installed by ESCO heating for their water source heat pump system. The Highway Department welcomed a new Operator 2 with Byron Hempstead being appointed pending final approval by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission.

### POESTENKILL

# VFW Breakfast Buffet

Sullivan Jones VFW Post 7466, 25 Veterans Street, is hosting their all you can eat, breakfast buffet on **Sunday, January 9, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu features eggs, breakfast meats, home fries, pancakes, french toast, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 6 through 12 and children under 5 eat free. An omelet can be added for \$3 or a waffle for \$1.

### SCHODACK

# Planning Board

by Denise Wright

The January 3 meeting of the Schodack Planning Board opened with public comment from one resident voicing concern over the sequence of burials and rate of funerals in the Muslim Community of Troy's proposed cemetery on Phillips Road. According to Muslim Community members, the estimated rate of calculated graves incorporated the high pandemic death rates of approximately 35 to 50 per year. The resident hoped that a vinyl fence could be installed behind the residences that would be affected. Planning Board members approved the special permit and site plan with the stipulation that if trees die along the cemetery border, they will be replaced, and the special permit will have a review in five years to see if fencing is required at that time.

Solar was front and center at the meeting with a site plan and special permit being approved for a KW4 Ground Mount Solar project on Simons Road. The Green Dale Community Solar Farm on County Route 32 was approved to be reviewed by the Town Board. Green Dale will have to provide documentation from the Kinderhook Boards for Schodack's review to achieve final approval.

The space initially used for an Urgent Care on Miller Road will now have two licensed acupuncturists. The change in the tenancy for the new medical office will take over approximately 55 percent of the 2,200 square foot space and will consist of four patient rooms and a reception/break room.

The final element brought to the Board's notice was concern over an auto shop on Columbia Turnpike that had a special permit for a maximum of 15 cars on the premises. The permit expired in October of 2020. The property now has exceeded that limit to 25 and includes other equipment, including trailers, boats and a bus. The Board plans to get code enforcement involved and potentially plans to pull the permit.

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## Central County

### GRAFTON

# Memories of the General Store

Submitted by Estella Hovnanian

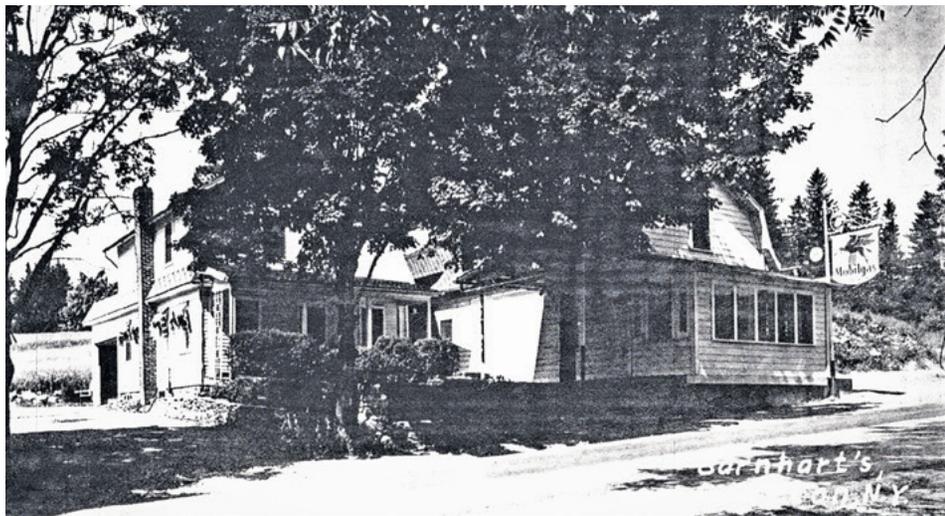


Photo courtesy of Estella Hovnanian.

Between 1948 and 1952, the Grafton General Store was the source of one-cent Tootsie rolls, maple and vanilla chocolates, red and black licorice, sour balls and more. To the exasperation of the clerk, Calvin Agan, we were undecided. Maybe we should get a ten-cent ice cream cone or a cream soda with a two-cent return on the glass bottle from the red Coca Cola filled with water.

For my mother, the store was the source of bread, milk, cheese, frozen hamburger and bananas brought from Troy in Ray Simon's rack truck. The Barnharts owned the store and Ray was Lena's brother-in-law. As little girls, we were a bit wary of big men tilted back in chairs on two legs. Sherm Barnhart was holding court. It was a place of power where ideas were discussed and Grafton's political deals were made. We were unaware of who Granville Hicks was or would become.

Now the Town Store is a deli and the source of gasoline, lottery tickets and *The Eastwick Press*. As in the past, it provides a sense of place and goodness, and an example of a strong work ethic and faithfulness. It still is a recess in one's adult day, when you remember someone you knew, or where you meet someone who cheers you on.

### 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.

### GRAFTON

# New Deputy Supervisor

At the Town Council's reorganizational meeting on Monday, January 3, Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum appointed former Council member Lisa Dooley as Deputy Supervisor. She replaces another former Council member Eric Buckley, who has served in that position for the last two years. Owen (Skip) Grandjean was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a five year term, with Tom Withcuskey named the Board's chair for another one year appointment. Mr. Withcuskey was also renamed the Building and Codes Officer.



Councilwoman Jodie Deschaine, Town Justice Becky Greene, Councilman Pierce Hoyt and Town Justice Frank Higgins joined for this picture right after Justice Greene swore the other town officials into office. Photo provided.

Phil Danaher was retained as the Town's Attorney, Kayla Stetson as Dog Control Officer and Noelle Goyer as Youth Director.

The Council will continue to meet on *the second Monday of each month at 7 pm*, with the exception of October, when the meeting will be on *the second Wednesday, also at 7 pm*.

## Dams Listed by DEC as Unsound... Continued from page 1

required structural stability, according to a 2013 engineering report submitted by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP). This dam was inspected by DEC's Dam Safety program on January 3, 2020.

### Dams of Note

The Second Pond Dam at Grafton Lakes State Park (GLSP) has received a Condition Rating of Unsound-Fair. According to Ms. Severino, this means "no existing dam safety deficiencies are recognized for normal loading conditions. Rare or extreme hydrologic and/or seismic events may result in a dam safety deficiency."

The dam was given this rating due to the dam having slightly less than required spillway capacity, according to an engineering report submitted by OPRHP in 2013. This dam was inspected by DEC's Dam Safety program on January 3, 2020 as well.

Receiving a similar rating is the Black River Pond Dam at Cherry Plain State Park. The last OPRHP report on the dam was submitted in 2014. It was last inspected by DEC on April 2, 2021.

### Missing Information

The report says the Mill Pond Dam at GLSP is rated as Unsound-More Analysis Needed. According to DEC this rating means information regarding the dam's conformance with safety criteria is inadequate or missing.

The dam was given this rating because a 10-year engineering review has not been completed. This dam was also inspected by DEC's Dam Safety program on January 3, 2020.

All four of these dams have been classified by DEC as High Hazard. DEC's Severino explains this classification "refers to the potential for nearby damage should a dam fail, not a dam's likelihood of failure. A High Hazard dam is classified where failure may result in widespread or serious damage to homes, main highways, industrial or commercial buildings, railroads, and/or important utilities, etc."

All four of these dams are on property owned by OPRHP. A request to that agency for additional information pertaining to updated engineering reviews or possible remedial action was not answered as of press time.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK

# As Long as the Need Exists They Will Come

by Doug La Rocque

The Hoosick Falls Central School once again played host to a mass food giveaway in their parking lot on Wednesday, December 29, and once again the vehicles filled the lot and were lined up on NYS Route 22 waiting to get in. In all, 435 households representing 1,421 people were fed. The event is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities, the Capital District Area Labor Federation and the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office. In all, 39 volunteers helped hand out 14,729 pounds of food provided by the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

In 2021, Catholic Charities CCMove program held 114 of these food drops, serving nearly 71,000 households.

Plans are underway for several more of these giveaways in 2022, the first in Rensselaer County being on **Tuesday, January 25** at the Italian Community Center at 1450 Fifth Avenue in Troy, starting at 9:30 am.



Jim and young Mallory help load a vehicle with boxes and bags of food at the Hoosick Falls Central School last Wednesday. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Hallelujah the Roof Is Finished

by Bea Peterson

"Well, except for the punch list, it's finished," said Immaculate Conception Volunteer Project Manager Greg Laurin. Plagued with one problem after another, it seemed that this first phase of the church repairs would never be completed. The work was supposed to start the fall of 2020. That plan fell apart when the original contractor backed out. Another contractor, able to take on all phases of the roof repair, including repairing and painting the steeple, making and installing all the soffits, gutters and shingling the steep and flat roofs, had to be found. Fortunately CentiMark, a national company, agreed to do the job. By then it was winter, followed by COVID-19, followed by a shortage of materials. Donated shingles for the roof were delayed as the manufacturing company worked to produce shingles to meet the needs of all its waiting customers.

Finally the shingles were delivered. Wooden soffits had to be built before shingling. Laurin said once it was determined no one could be found to build them, Centimark's Regional Manager Brian Warren, from Brunswick, volunteered to build them himself, with the help of one of their crane operators. That took several days. Then in February a historic damaging winter storm hit Texas and the company there that fabricates the resin needed to paint the gutters was shut down for a time, and like the rest of the country, plagued by a labor shortage. The gutters needed to be sealed before the roof was shingled. Another delay. In July it rained and delayed many jobs, pushing the church repair to a later date. The national worker shortage added to the problem. Finally, in November, between the rain, the old



Work on the Immaculate Conception Church roof finally began November 8. Photo by Bea Peterson.

shingles were removed, plywood replaced where necessary and the shingles were put on, including on Thanksgiving day and right into December. "We never had more than four to six people working on the roof at one time," said Laurin. Usually on this type of job there would be 25 to 30. With its steepness, nooks, crannies and angles the site supervisor noted it was a difficult project. And, blessedly, it was completed with no safety mishaps. The total cost was about a quarter of a million dollars. Once the punch list is completed and the bill submitted, it will be paid in full and, Laurin said, the project is still within the proposed budget.

Renovating the church has many concerned that it may never be finished. But progress is being made. It's slow, but steady. Actually the old building has come far since the flood in 2017. At that time there was talk of tearing the church down and building a new one somewhere else, including in St. Mary's Academy. But the majority of parishioners were determined to keep their old church. Insurance covered restoration of the basement level where services are now held. At last the roof is complete. The next project is the replacement of the large stained glass windows on the north and south sides of the church. That work is budgeted, but not covered yet. The final bill for the roof will determine how much is needed for the windows. After that will come the restoration of the church ceiling.

Some Immaculate Conception parishioners gave outright donations toward the repairs, others made donation pledges from three to five years. The pledges are coming in steadily, but there's not enough coming in to cover all the repairs as they are made. And, as it stands, the parish right now isn't taking in what it needs to cover yearly expenditures so there's no money to spare in that department.

What the parish is looking to do now is set up a Go Fund Me page that will reach out to former parish members who have moved away, or reach folks who have family in, or a connection to, Hoosick Falls. There are pessimists, of course, who think the project will never be completed. But there are optimists too — enthusiastic optimists who look forward to the day when services will once again be held in the church itself.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### 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](http://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.

### SCHUYLERVILLE

# Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club

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

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

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Grown in Groveside 4-H Club



On Thursday, December 9th the Grown in Groveside 4-H Club met at the West Hoosick Firehouse to create holiday centerpieces using natural materials from the area. These centerpieces were given away to residents as part of the group's first community service project. As a group, they delivered each centerpiece to its intended recipient(s) and then sang a few carols before departing to their next destination. The following 4-H members participated in this project (not in order): Isaac McGowan, Keegan Luskin, Evelyn Brownell, Emily Weeden, Maggie Etman, McKenna Luskin, Nora Luskin, Wesley Brownell and Timothy Etman. Photo and caption submitted by Kimberly Brownell.

# Hoosick Falls PFOA Workshop

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

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Town Officials Sworn In

Submitted by Wendy Baker

Newly elected and re-elected officials of the Town of Hoosick kicked off 2022 by gathering at the Hoosick Falls Country Club Saturday, January 1, to be sworn in to their positions for their terms. Joining them to witness the event were families of the officials and members of the Town of Hoosick Republican Committee, who hosted the event after a clean sweep in November.



Newly elected Highway Superintendent Jim Hoag, being sworn in by Judge Tom Restino. Photo courtesy of Wendy Baker.

After opening remarks by committee member Andy Beaty, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Hoag and a moment of silence to remember those who were no longer with us, the Honorable Tom Restino was sworn in to his seventh unopposed term as Town of Hoosick Justice by Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple. Judge Restino in turn administered the oath of office to Mark Surdam, re-elected as Hoosick Town Supervisor after 18 years of service in various Town offices. Following were the swearing in of Bill Hanselman and Jerry McAuliffe, both re-elected to the Hoosick Town Council, and Holli Cross, re-elected following her first term as the Town Clerk.

The newly elected member of the Town's team is Paul Hoag, sworn in to the position of Highway Superintendent.

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**Shaker Museum Awarded Grant**

*Submitted by Vicki Elkins*

Shaker Museum, which stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material, culture and archives, announced today a grant award totaling \$49,500 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) through a program designed to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Shaker Museum was awarded the highest level of funding available through this grant program, and will use the generous State funding for general operating support for the Columbia County cultural institution.

**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).

**NEW LEBANON**

**Scheduled Meetings**

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

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

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

**NASSAU**

**Town Council Opts Out of Cannabis Consumption**

At their December 30 meeting the councilors gave their approval to Local Law #1 of 2021 which will see the Town of Nassau opt out of the New York State Law that would have permitted on-site consumption of cannabis products at a licensed dispensary. Opting out was a provision of the law, provided a municipality acted by December 31. The other portion of this NYS law gave these same municipalities the option of opting out of the sale of cannabis within their boundaries by the same date. If the municipality took no action, such sales are permitted by default. According to Nassau Supervisor Dave Fleming, this is just what the Council decided to do, thus making a dispensary legal in a business district.

The newly adopted law prohibiting on-site consumption is subject to a permissive referendum, which means someone opposed to the law has 45 days to file a petition with the Town Clerk containing the signatures of at least 10 percent of the registered voters in the town.

**NEW LEBANON**

**Town Officials Sworn In**

New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling is sworn in for her second term in office (now a four-year term) by Town Justice Jack Nevers on New Year's Day morning. Also sworn in outside Town Hall were Town Justice Jessica Byrne and new Town Council members Britt Buckenroth and Marianna Anthonisen. Photo contributed.



**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**High Number of Post Holiday COVID-19 Cases Continues**

According to the Office of Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Murell last Wednesday, December 29, the Columbia County Department of Health recorded 76 new cases of COVID-19 infection, with 103 on Thursday, 142 for Friday-Saturday, 127 on Monday, and 103 as of midday on Wednesday, January 5.

As of today, according to the CDC, the Columbia County infection rate stands at 14.96 percent. 89.3 percent of county residents ages 18 and over have received at least one vaccination, and 74.4 percent of residents age five and over had both shots. "I think that's a great number," said county DOH Director Jack Mabb.

Director Mabb added that 60 percent of positive cases have been vaccinated. There are currently 24 County residents hospitalized and two individuals on ventilators in the ICU. Six of those hospitalized are vaccinated. The recent death of a 62-year-old unvaccinated male brings the total residents that have died as a result of the virus to 116, two of which were vaccinated.

"Based on what we're seeing in other parts of the world, this omicron variant will run its course quickly here. I think the large number of cases we're seeing now will drop off significantly by the end of January," said Director Mabb.

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

**NEW LEBANON LIBRARY**

**Board of Trustees Meetings**

The New Lebanon Library Board of Trustees meets **the second Thursday of the month, beginning January 13, at 6 pm**, at the New Lebanon Library, 550 State Route 20. The Board does not meet in February or August.

Meetings are open to the public. At this time, due to public health concerns, the public may attend these meetings via videoconference. Please contact the Library at 518-794-8844 for information. The meeting Agenda and any materials for review are available at the Library 24 hours ahead of the meeting.

**NEW LEBANON**

**2022 Organizational Meeting**

At the 2022 New Lebanon organizational meeting on January 3, the Town Council welcomed new members Britt Buckenroth and Marianna Anthonisen. Doug Banker was appointed Deputy Supervisor, Elizabeth Brutsch was named Planning Board chair and Tony Murad was named chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, Gilchrist Tingley, P.C., Stephanie Ferradino and Hinman Straub will be New Lebanon's attorneys for 2022. A motion to authorize Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling to enter into retainers for all three was approved.



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## General News

### Rensselaer County Sees GDP Growth in 2020

*Submitted by the Office of County Executive Steve McLaughlin*

Rensselaer County was one of only three counties in New York State to see an increase in gross domestic product (GDP) during 2020 and the pandemic, according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, County Executive Steve McLaughlin announced.

McLaughlin said the report is further evidence of Rensselaer County's economic strength, even during the pandemic, and the positive impact of property tax reductions and service improvements in the County.

During the past four years, the County has reduced property taxes by nearly 19 percent, and the 2022 budget includes a 10 percent property tax reduction. By 2020, the period the report is based on, the County had adopted two consecutive property tax reductions.

"The report shows Rensselaer County made it through the worst of the pandemic and still grew. That is very good news for our County and shows the decisions we are making have been paying off," said McLaughlin.

### NY State Hemp Plan Approved

*Submitted by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets' Hemp Program Plan was approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Following the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, all states interested in administering a state hemp program were required to submit one to the USDA. The Plan allows the Department to continue to administer a hemp grower licensing program, starting in 2022. The Department is now accepting applications for the program, which took effect on January 1. All currently licensed growers participating in New York State's program need to reapply under this new program to grow hemp next year.

The new plan includes new guidelines for growers, including sampling and testing requirements. New York State launched the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program in 2015, recognizing its potential impact on manufacturing, job creation and the profitability of farms across New York State.

### Annual Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale

*Submitted by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced the start of the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery annual spring seedling sale, which is open to the public and runs until **May 13**. Each year, the nursery offers low-cost, New York-grown tree and shrub species for sale to encourage conservation plantings and foster the next generation of forests.

There are more than 50 conifer and hardwood species available in bundles of 25 or more. For more information including how to order, visit the DEC's website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9395.html>.

In addition, DEC is now accepting applications for the nursery's School Seedling Program. From now until **March 31**, schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive up to 50 free tree or shrub seedlings to plant with their students.

There are three packets available, and each school or organization may only receive one packet per year. For assistance or questions, contact the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery at [nysnursery@dec.ny.gov](mailto:nysnursery@dec.ny.gov) or 518-581-1439.

## Legislative Minority Seeks Protection From What They Label as Unprecedented Pay Hikes

*Submitted by the Office of the Minority*

On Tuesday, December 28, the Rensselaer County Minority Office filed a formal resolution calling for the establishment of a bipartisan legislative committee to explore taxpayer protection options that will prevent unprecedented salary increases without proper public notification and review. This resolution was prompted by what was described as the last-minute filing from the Republican Majority to give pay raises to select individuals on December 21, after the

2022 County Budget was already adopted.

"As elected Legislators, we play an essential role in providing financial and budgetary oversight and transparency for the people we represent. The 2022 County Budget was just recently unanimously adopted; there was no mention from the Republican Majority that they were considering salary increases for handpicked individuals. It's disingenuous and duplicitous to then turn around and amend this budget

to include pay raises without any public notification or review," stated Democratic Leader Peter Grimm.

"It is incumbent upon elected Legislators to protect the taxpayer, stated Legislator Carole Weaver. "The Democratic Minority is calling for the establishment of a bipartisan committee to set forth proper procedures that call for salary increases to be part of the comprehensive budget process moving forward," added Weaver.

## 2022 Legislature Organizational Meeting

*Submitted by the Rensselaer County Legislature*

The Rensselaer County Legislature held their 2022 Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 4.

History was made as Kelly Hoffman was nominated and unanimously approved as the first female Republican Chairperson. She was first appointed to the Legislature in February of 2013, and has served continuously since as a representative of North Greenbush, East Greenbush and Poestenkill.

"It is a tremendous honor to be chosen by my peers to lead the Legislature for the next 4 years. Rensselaer County has made incredible progress in the last four years, and I want to continue the momentum moving forward," said Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman.

The Legislature nominated Robert Loveridge to serve as Vice-Chair of the Legislature. He brings with him a deep knowledge of county government and years of community service, along with a 37-year career in law enforcement.

Rob Bayly of Poestenkill was chosen to replace Loveridge as the Chair of Finance. Bayly was first elected to the Legislature in 2013 and has served on



*On Thursday, December 30, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and County Clerk Frank Merola were sworn back into office, as were a number of county legislators and town officials at the County Courthouse. County Executive McLaughlin is sworn in by Rensselaer County Surrogate Court Judge Paul Morgan. Photo by Amy Modesti.*



*Also sworn in during a separate ceremony at the Courthouse were the members of the Legislative Minority. They are, from left to right, newly elected Ken Zalewski and Nina Nichols, along with incumbents Mark Fleming, Cindy Doran and Minority Leader Peter Grimm. Absent this day was Legislator Carole Weaver. Photo provided.*

the Aging, Planning and Tourism and Public Works Committees of the Legislature.

Ken Herrington was chosen to continue on as Majority Leader, while Peter Grimm was chosen to continue as Minority Leader. Also re-appointed were Clerk of the Legislature Jessica Charette and County Auditor Lori Ruffinen.

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

## Hoosick Falls Continues to Roll

*Submitted by James Lynch*

On Thursday, December 23, the Hoosick Falls bowling team continued their season with a 5-0 home win over Hoosic Valley at Barbecue Recreation. The Panthers finished with a total of 3505 pins to Hoosic Valley's 2219 pins. Senior Colin King led all bowlers with a 243 game and a 660 series. Leigha Henkel 211-572 and Zackary Miclette 149-424 led Hoosic Valley. Other scores from Hoosick Falls included Ryan Maxon 215-614, Brody Mullen 207-613, Payton Merrills 211-606, Troy McCart 234-568, Elliot Brenenstuhel 199-528, Jenna Backes 191-515, Ethan Yonconish 205-507, Riley Hayes 190-505, Memphis Hathaway 172, Charlie Baker 155, Sam Boyer 154, Bradley Thompson 145 and Jamie Haviland 143. The win brought the Panthers' record to 35-0 for the season as they headed into the holiday break.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores
Farmers Tires	19	6	Todd Stradinger 287 218 708
Gallup Inn	18	7	Daryl Cipperly 276 266 701
Lebowski Rug Co.	15½	9½	Mitch Andrew 278 237 696
Wack'em & Stack'em	15	10	Bob Taber 267 239 685
Lou's Plumbing	14	11	Matt Gaghich 245 236 685
Mag-Way	11	14	Cory Weeden 238 234 680
Chico's Bail Bonds	11	14	Devin Prendergast 279 204 678
The Jabronis	9	16	Chris Pelletier 235 220 657
McNally Insurance	8½	16½	Bob Melesky 234 221 657
Boner's	4	21	Tyler Colvin 226 224 650

### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game
Dave Clark Excavating	112.5	67.5	289
RGI Insurance	111.5	68.5	288
Modern Game Pro Shop	111	69	278
Huntin' Time	111	69	265
Team Taconic	87.5	92.5	258
Lauzon Machine Shop	85.5	94.5	257
Stevens and Sons Tents	78	102	257
Sharpe For Governor	71	109	257
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	70	110	256
Lo-Ridge Farm	62	118	254

## DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

### Snowshoe Hike

*Saturday, January 8, 1 to 3 pm*

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### Mindful Nature Walk

*Saturday, January 15, 10 am to noon*

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*Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center.*

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

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### 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.

## Wasaren League Basketball

*Provided by the WasarenSportsNet*

### Boys

*Thursday, December 30*

#### Glens Falls 45 Hoosick Falls 38

Leading Scorers: Panthers – Jake Sparks 15. Key Stat: Glens Falls held the Panthers to 13 second half points.

Take Away: Hoosick Falls held a 25-22 lead at the break, before a tough second half offensively.

#### Tamarac 64

#### Utica Academy of Science 57

Leading Scorers: Bengals – Zachary Rice 30 Joey Poulin 14 James Blake 11

Key Stat: Tamarac converted on 18 of 26 from the line, while Academy made 10 of 21.

Take Away: Trailing 20-17 after the first eight minutes, Tamarac outscored Academy 39-21 over the next two quarters, to take control, on their way to the "W" over the number one ranked Class B school in the state.

### Girls

*Thursday, December 23*

#### Tamarac 48 Hoosick Falls 27

Leading Scorers: Bengals – M. Faraj 19 K. Beaudoin 10 H. Falls – M. Roberson 9

Key Stat: Tamarac took control with a 20-6 first period.

Take Away: The Bengals built a 32-18 advantage by halftime and closed things out in a low-scoring second half where neither squad had a double figure quarter.

#### Albany Academy 47

#### Cambridge 32

Leading Scorers: Cambridge – Stasia Epler 15

Key Stat: Academy used a 15-7 fourth period to close things out.

Take Away: It was a two-possession game with under four minutes to play, before Albany Academy scored the final nine points of the contest to secure the win in the Shen/Impact Holiday Tournament.

#### Tamarac 51 Lansingburgh 36

Leading Scorers: Bengals – M. Faraj 21 S. Phillips 16

Key Stat: Tamarac outscored the Burgh 18-7 in the final frame.

Take Away: Faraj and Phillips combined to outscore Lansingburgh thanks to a solid defensive effort by the Bengals.

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## 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.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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.

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Notice of Formation of an LLC

#### KRJ Holdings LLC

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

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

## 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

### LEGAL NOTICE:

The Grafton Town Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:50 pm at the Grafton Town Hall located at 2379 NY Rt. 2 in the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer and State of New York to consider the following: 6:50 pm - Soul Fire Farms - Two lot sub-division.

Tom Withcuskey

Planning Board Chairman

**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 Grafton

Town Board Meeting Schedule for 2022:

January 3 – Organizational Meeting – 6:30 pm

January 10

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 12, Wednesday

November 14

December 12

December 26 – Year End Meeting – 6:30 pm

All Meetings are held at the Grafton Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2 Grafton, NY at 7 pm unless otherwise noticed.

Victoria Burdick

Town Clerk

### Public Notice Town of Grafton

Town Board Workshop/Special Meeting Schedule for 2022:

January 24

February 21

March 21

April 25

May 23

June 20

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

December – No Workshop

All Meetings are held at the Grafton Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2 Grafton, NY at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noticed.

Victoria Burdick

Town Clerk

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy L. Sweener, 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. Sweener

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Berlin

### 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**

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

Notice of the formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: **Diel Dressage LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 584\_Johnson Hill Rd. Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

**Notice of Formation  
of**

**F HOUSE BOYZ STABLE, LLC**

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

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

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

Name: **HOGUEN 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.

**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 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.

**Community Calendar**

*January 7, Friday*

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

*January 9, Sunday*

**Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Breakfast**, 8-11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 kids, 123 NY-32, Schuylerville  
**Sullivan Jones VFW Post 7466 Breakfast Buffet**, 8-11 am, \$8, children 6-12 \$4, under 5 free

*January 11, Tuesday*

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

*January 14, Friday*

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

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**Student Honors**

**Keith Davendonis** of Hoosick Falls has been named to the University of Maryland Global Campus Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

**SUNY Potsdam**

*President's List for Fall 2021*

**Tori Bubie** of Poestenkill  
**Gabe Morris** of Averill Park  
**Anita Reitano** of Averill Park  
**Sasha Truax** of New Lebanon

*Dean's List for Fall 2021*

**Keana Heim** of Hoosick Falls  
**Quinn Kinney** of Hoosick Falls

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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.

# Eastwick Entertainment

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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January 15, Saturday

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

**Friends of Chamber Music of Troy present The Merz Trio**, 7:30 pm, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, \$35, call 518-227-2197 for information about Performance in Context discussion on Zoom January 13, 7 pm and pre-concert Q&A at Page Hall at 6:30 pm on Saturday

January 22, Saturday

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

January 29, Saturday

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

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

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**Spider-Man: No Way Home** (PG13) Daily 4:20 6:00 7:30 Fri & Sat Late Show 9:00 Sat & Sun Early Matinees 12:00 1:20 3:00

**Belfast** (PG13) Daily 4:05 7:00 Fri & Sat Late Show 9:05 Sat & Sun Early Matinee 1:25

**Sing 2** (PG) Daily 4:45 7:05 Fri & Sat Late Show 9:15 Sat & Sun Early Matinees 12:15 2:30

**The King's Man** (R) Daily 4:00 6:45 Fri & Sat Late Show 9:15 Sat & Sun Early Matinee 1:00

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## Theme: American Authors

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- “When We Were Kings” subject
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- Barbecued
- The Jackson 5 1970 hit
- Repressed
- “Alice Doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ Here Anymore”
- State of dishonor
- Three, to Caesar
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- Performer's time to shine
- “No.1 Ladies Detective \_\_\_\_\_” book series
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- \* “The Night Watchman” author
- \* “Little Women” author
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- Canter or gallop
- \* “A Farewell to Arms” author
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### Last week's sudoku solution:

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- Jargon
- It happens at a certain time and place
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- Near in space or time
- Not a win nor a loss
- \* “Song of Solomon” author
- \* “Chronicles” author and songwriter
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## Obituaries

### Wesley Vars

Cropseyville - Wesley Vars passed from this life in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. He was 65 years old.

Born in Troy, he was son of the late Wesley Vars, Sr. and Marion (Burdick) Vars. Wesley lived in Cropseyville for most of his life and attended Berlin Central Schools. He was initially employed by W.J. Cowee of Berlin and later by Saint Gobain in Hoosick Falls from where he retired.

Wesley enjoyed hunting, fishing and ice fishing, cutting wood and the times spent at home with his family.

He was the beloved husband of Pamela (Laperle) Vars; father of Mark (Amy) Vars, Joseph (Erin) Vars, Stephanie (Jason) White and the late Dawn Cummins; grandfather of Dawn, Brent, Blake, Candace, Zachary, Zoey, Trinity, Brianna, Logan, Joey, Jakob, Madison and Stephen; great-grandfather of Cade, Benjamin and Bellamy; brother of Edward (Louise) Vars, Brian (Barbara) Vars, Alan (Gloria) Bentley, the late Brenda Vars and Clayton Bentley; as well and many nieces and nephews.

Wesley's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nurses and staff of the Community Hospice for the wonderful care given to Wesley and for the support offered to his family during a difficult time.

There will be no formal services held and for those wishing to remember him in a special way, donations in Wesley's memory may be made to the Community Hospice Foundation, 310 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home of Petersburg, NY.

Visit [www.parkerbrosmemorial.com](http://www.parkerbrosmemorial.com) to leave a pleasant memory or to express your sympathy to Wesley's family.

## Church News

### Brooks Chicken Barbecue

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

Please find our church directory on [eastwickpress.com/news/church-directory/](http://eastwickpress.com/news/church-directory/)

## Senior News

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

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 7:** Beef stew w/garden veggies, chef potato, whole baby carrots, whole wheat biscuit, fruit cup

**Jan 10:** Chicken patty w/BBQ sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, cut green beans, white bread, fruit cup

**Jan 11:** Macaroni & cheese, zucchini & tomatoes, Malibu blend veggies, peanut butter crackers

**Jan 12:** Lemon garlic crusted, cod w/tartar, white rice, steamed broccoli, whole wheat biscuit, fresh fruit

**Jan 13:** Cubed steak w/old fashioned gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, yogurt

## Meetings

January 6, Thursday

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

January 10, Monday

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

January 11, Tuesday

**Rensselaer County Legislature**, presentation 5:30 pm, mtg. 6-8 pm, 1600 Seventh Ave., Troy

**Hoosick Falls Village Board**, 6 pm, Municipal Building

**New Lebanon Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Nassau Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
**Poestenkill Zoning Board**, 7 pm (as needed) Town Hall or Fire Dept. Hall

January 12, Wednesday

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

January 13, Thursday

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

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

### Andre Jones

Grafton - Andre Jones, age 66, followed Jesus to Heaven, full of peace and faith, surrounded by his loving wife and children, on December 20, 2021. He was born September 13, 1955, in La Chapelle-Saint-Mesmin, France, while his father was stationed there in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Jones, brother, Howard (Bub) Jones and sister, Paula Dixon.

Andre was a reliable husband, father, friend and a lifelong general contractor known for his expertise and integrity. Most recently, he partnered with his youngest son, Russell, to form A and R Jones Contracting Inc. Andre's love of life was inspiring. He was always digging deep into his interests. He had many hobbies and a long list of mastered skills. Once he decided to learn about something, he put all he had into it. His most recent endeavor was sustainable farming and traditional food preparation as a way of providing his family with healthy, chemical-free food. He spent years converting woods on his property to pasture and began gardening, raising pigs, steers, chickens and bees. Rendered tallow and lard, fermented vegetables, homemade sourdough starter and raw milk kefir were all staples in his kitchen. He made his own maple syrup and milled his own lumber. His lifestyle was truly an inspiration to those who knew him. Andre's personality was magnetic. He was generous and a wellspring of knowledge, often the first call when one encountered a difficult problem. Hosting large family dinners was something he most enjoyed. He was always laughing loudly and was full of strength and energy that uplifted all who were around him. He is greatly cherished and tremendously missed by his friends and family.

Above all else in his life, Andre sought truth and guidance from God in everything he did, and taught his children to do the same. Right to the end, he was talking about Jesus and the peace he had because of him. He credited his successes and blessings in life directly to God.

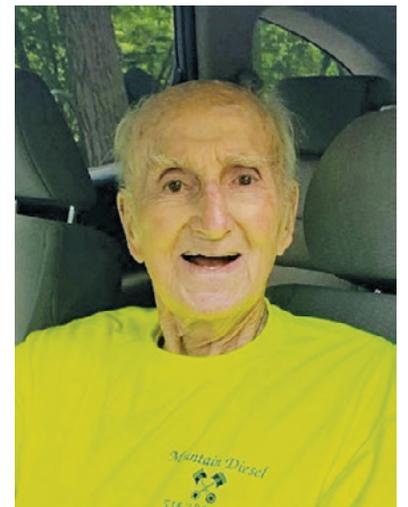
Andre is survived by his devoted wife, Betty, his four children, Nathan (Kelly) Jones, Holly (Douglas) Rosenberg, Hannah (Mark) Bessette and Russell (Joelene) Jones, and ten grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Minnie Jones, and two sisters, Catherine (Steven) Phillips and Robin (Ronald) Jacobs; as well as many beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends are invited and may call at the Frank P. McDonald & Son Funeral Home located at 870 Second Avenue, Troy, on Saturday, January 8, from noon to 4 pm. A celebration of Andre's life will be scheduled for a later date.



### John T. Bossoni

Petersburgh - John Thomas Bossoni, 87, a resident of Rabbit College Road, passed away December 30, 2021 at his home. John was born in Brooklyn, on February 10, 1934. He was the son of the late Frank and Lillian (Webb) Bossoni and attended local schools. John worked as a Sergeant for the NYPD for 20 years, retiring in 1977. Upon retirement he moved to Petersburg, where he owned and operated a real estate business for over 40 years. He served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed playing chess, playing his guitar and loved salt water fishing. He enjoyed watching cowboy movies, especially John Wayne,



listening to country and classical music and spending time with his family. John is survived by his wife Anne Philibosian Bossoni of Petersburg, NY, his children, Jonathan Bossoni of Petersburg, NY, Susan Barry (Paul) of Saratoga, NY and Holly Rosenberg (Paul) of Florida, as well as six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Ruth "Penny" Quiles in November 2016. A Mass of Christian Death and Burial will be celebrated Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11 am at Sacred Heart St. Francis deSales Catholic Church in Bennington. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Hoosick Falls. If friends desire, memorial gifts in John's memory may be made to Missions of the Month, Oblate Missions, c/o Hanson Walbridge & Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 957 Bennington, VT 05201. To send the family personal condolences please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com).

# Walking Down the Tree



White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) is a bird that sticks around in the woods with us during winter. The name "nuthatch" is because the birds hack into the cracks of trees to get at seeds and insects. They will walk up and down trees, primarily deciduous, pecking into the tree bark with their strong bills. This one was found in the Petersburg forest. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

# Sunset Over Grafton



The sunset in Grafton on Monday evening was particularly pretty. This picture was taken from The Eastwick Press office looking westward over the village. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## George Comes Up Lime

Friday, October 3, 1851: (*George is returning from a trip to Western NY to visit his relatives*) Tonight we stayed in Troy to Wm. Chapman's in Congress Street, and this evening we went to the shows at the Morris Place view of the ancient cities, I paid 25 cents.

Saturday: I paid fifty cents to Chapman for our keeping. We then came in Judivine's stage by the way of Berlin to Stephentown. We took dinner to Streeters in Berlin and paid fifty cents there. I paid John O. Bly one dollar for Cobbs Compound of Divinity and I paid our stage fare two dollars. We left the stage at John Wylie's and stayed there tonight. Today Deacon Gillet Goodrich died.

Sunday: This morning Geo Wylie fetched us home with one horse wagon. Tuesday: Today one Mr. King from Canaan came to look at Geo P. fat oxen and try to sell a nursery. He took dinner with us.

Wednesday: Today one Mr. Tillerson came to look at Geo P. fat oxen. I carried a boosum bag to John Russell's to send to Troy.

Saturday: I pulled and cut turnips and this afternoon I went with my one horse wagon to Hancock village and carried turnips and sold. I returned to my Rodgers farm where my two sons and hired boy John Coslo and Old Mr. Perkins

were digging potatoes. I left my horse and wagon there and walked home. My boys fetched a load of pumpkins with my wagon. I am lame and it hurt me to ride. When I got home I found that I was quite unwell caused by doing too much and a very lame side and my breach quite painful (*Hernia*) and tonight I continue to be more unwell and took rhubarb phisic.

Sunday: This morning at three o'clock I called Geo P. and he went for Doctor Bates and he came a little before daylight. He gave me phisic and left a blister plaster for my side where it is painful. In the course of the day I got better. Towards night Geo P. rode to Lebanon to let the Doctor know that I was better and he need not call, and this evening Geo P. called on Pool Hill and borrowed Doctor Campbell water force pump to start the water in our water works.

Monday: Today I am quite unwell and lame but am better than yesterday. Today rainy.

Thursday: I continue lame and unwell but I am better. Today Geo P. went to Canaan to the before-mentioned King that called on us last week but Geo P. could not quite make a bargain to buy his nursery, but said King agreed to write to Geo P. in a short time and let him know what he would do.

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