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Masks Stay On for Schools, Off for Others

by Doug La Rocque

Speaking at the State Capitol on Wednesday, February 9, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul said she would let the mask mandate on businesses expire as planned on Thursday, February 10. These businesses could, if they wish, continue to require masks if that is what they are more comfortable with. She said she would extend the mask mandate for schools, shelters, jails, nursing homes, childcare centers and public transportation for now.

In her announcement, the Governor said she would re-evaluate masks in schools in March, when she has a chance to look at the metrics of COVID-19 (infection rates are now down 93% since the start of the year) and develop "some clear guidance" for schools as to how to deal with COVID-19 situations when the masks do come off. She also stated she "feels compelled" to continue to protect the most vulnerable of our population as an explanation as to why the mask mandate will continue in senior related facilities, child care centers and because of the "closeness" of people in mass transportation.

Reaction

Assemblyman Jake Ashby, who represents most of *The Eastwick Press* coverage area, tells us "While I am in favor of the Governor's removal of the mask mandate as it pertains to appropriate settings, I do not understand why the mandate



The Berlin Elementary School, where students and staff will continue to be required to wear a mask at least until sometime in March. Eastwick archive photo.

addressing schools remains in place. The Governor and Commissioner Bassett have been ambiguous in their rationale offering no metrics that would trigger the end of the mandates, while stating they are data driven. I suspect this type of neglect will not be helpful in uniting and healing our communities."

State Senator Daphne Jordan echoes the Assemblyman's comments. "Reports that Governor Hochul *Continued on page 7*

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HOOSICK FALLS

Parking, Cops and Cats Center Stage at Trustees Meeting

by Doug La Rocque

In October of last year, the Hoosick Falls Village Board passed a local law amending the parking rules in the Village, and in particular at the Church Street parking lot. Twelve spaces close to the Tri-State Federal Credit Union became 2-hour parking, while others were limited to all day but not overnight, with the rest dedicated as 24-hour spots. The Board has been getting feedback since that this may have had unintended consequences, especially when snow emergencies are called. A number of possible solutions were bandied about but the Trustees were not ready to act on any particular solution at the Tuesday, February 8 meeting.

Other concerns expressed about the lot were *Continued on page 6*



The Church Street parking lot in Hoosick Falls. Eastwick archive photo.



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BERLIN

Community Food Closet Events

In honor of Valentine's Day, the Berlin Community Food Closet will be having a free meal on **Saturday, February 12**.

Turkey rice casserole and dessert will be handed out from **9 to 11 am**. Guests will need to pre-register. This meal is a community appreciation meal and is open to all.

Additional volunteers are needed for Food Closet activities. There will be a meeting **Saturday, February 12th from 11 am to noon** to outline tasks needed to be done. All are welcome.

The one and only food closet fundraiser for the year is the corned beef and cabbage dinner which will

be held on **Saturday, March 12**. Tickets for the take out only meal are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. For reservations,

The Food Closet provides emergency food to families in need in the Berlin and Petersburgh communities. There are no income requirements. If you know someone in need, have them come in. Families quarantined due to COVID-19 can receive porch drop-offs by calling the numbers below.

For reservations or to register, call 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509. Regular Food Closet hours are the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9 to 11 am**.

PETERSBURGH

Assistance With PFOA Claim Forms

On **Friday, March 4, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm**, and **Saturday, March 5, from 8:30 am to 4 pm**, Steve Schwarz and his legal team will be at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main St., to help residents fill out their PFOA claim forms and answer questions.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling Emma Duggan at 212-558-5677. People without appointments will still be seen, but those with appointments will get first priority.

There will be at least four people, two attorneys and two paralegals to assist, and the NYSDOH will be there with at least two people.

Those wishing to file property damage claims who are on the Town of Petersburgh municipal water system should bring a copy of a water bill establishing that they are on that system. The date of the bill is not important. You should also bring a copy of a tax bill from the time period when the contamination was discovered (2016) or a deed establishing you owned the property at that time. If you do not have one, it can be looked up to establish you owned the property in 2016.

Those wishing to file a claim for the Medical Monitoring Program should bring a copy of their blood



Petersburgh Town Hall, which will host a two-day event to help residents with PFOA claim forms on March 4 and 5. Photo by Heidi Woofenden.

test showing a PFOA level in their blood above 1.86 ug/L (ppb).

The deadline for opting out of or objecting to the settlement is **February 28**, and doing so must be done in writing.

Claim forms can be filed by mail or through the website. You need a claim form with a unique number to file by mail. You can also file claim forms or find more information online at www.petersburghpfoa-settlement.com.

PETERSBURGH

Fox Hollow Cafe

On **Friday, February 18**, the Fox Hollow Cafe will welcome Vermont's Premier North Country Band, HorseyCow, for the first time. Admission is free for those under 18, and \$5 for all others.

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Open House

This Saturday

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BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Welcoming a New Director

Berlin Free Town Library (BFTL) would like to welcome their new Director, Sara Rogers. Sara is a graduate of Hoosick Falls High School and attended college at SUNY New Paltz. Sara comes to the BFTL from the Sand Lake Town Library where she worked for over three years. Her experience and enthusiasm for working in a rural



Sara Rogers, new Director of the Berlin Free Town Library. Photo courtesy of BFTL.

library setting is what makes this position a perfect fit. She looks forward to helping Berlin to be the best library it can be, by helping to establish it as a center for many programs within the community. Sara lives in West Berlin with her husband, three children and two cats. She enjoys knitting, baking, sewing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking and spending time with her family. Please stop by the circulation desk to meet Sara.

Regular library hours are **Monday and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 pm.**

BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Course Selection Fair

Submitted by BCS Communications

On Friday, January 28, Berlin Middle/High School (BMHS) hosted a successful course selection fair. Thank you to all of the teachers, students, custodial staff and especially our beloved guidance counselors for hosting this event. It was a joy to see students asking questions about the various courses and hearing from their peers as well as the teachers who are offering each elective for next school year. BMHS is excited to offer new electives in the 2022-2023 school year that include an enhanced distance learning program as well. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.



BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January Award Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications

Mountaineer Merits are given out by BES staff and bus drivers to celebrate students who demonstrate being responsible, safe and respectful. January's winners are Ryder LeBlanc, Marissa Childs, Taylor Doty, Kameryn Hathaway, Katharine Garner, Connor Sciacco, Luna Taylor-Barber, Benjamin Maxon, Quinnrose Hastings and Erin Stott.

The Community Classroom members are students nominated by their teachers that show good citizenship, as well as demonstrate responsibility, safety and respectfulness. January's Community Classroom members are Ivy Kennedy, Devynn Mossey, Clyne Capasso, Forrest Kennedy, Riley Blakely, Caellum Etman, Adel Derstine, Aidan Kelly, Khalani Gonzalez-Caban, Gage Burdick, Jase Matthews, Addyson Niegoda, Dannie Young, Sophia Zinna, Olivia Gates, Emma Burdick, Alaina Gardner and Chloe Hart.



January's Community Classroom members.

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BRUNSWICK

Dish Wireless Proposal Ready to Move Forward

by Doug La Rocque

It was a small agenda and a very quick meeting for the Brunswick Planning Board on Thursday, February 3.

First up was a proposal by Dish Wireless to add an antenna array to an existing cell tower located at 809 Hoosick Road. At a previous meeting, the Board expressed concern over whether the tower could safely support the addition and if the new array would create any excessive emissions. An engineering report presented at this meeting showed the tower could easily handle the added weight and there would not be any excessive emissions. The Planners determined another public hearing was not needed and placed the matter on the agenda for their next meeting.

The Borrego Solar proposal for land owned by the Gilead Lutheran Church on Brick Church Road (NY Route 278) was also on the agenda, but the developer was not ready to proceed with the site plan and special use application, and it was removed.

A subdivision request at 15 Eagle Ridge also garnered the Board's approval.

PETERSBURGH

Cabin Fever Breakout

The Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center will be having a cabin fever breakout gathering on **Sunday, February 13, from 12:30 to 4 pm.** Gospel and bluegrass will be featured. The music is being coordinated by Dave Greene of Mountain Chapel. Soup will be available for purchase by the PVMCC Board or you can bring your own food.

Music and soup donations are appreciated. Contact Dave at 518-605-5382 for musical contributions and Mary Lou Walters at 518-658-0136 for anything else.

At this point masks are required in the building and there is plenty of room to social distance. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Petersburg Veterans Banner Program. All are welcome.

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WWII Vet Celebrates His 100th Birthday

Friends, family and a number of public officials gathered at the Brunswick Community Center on Saturday, February 5, to help **Frank Casey**, a veteran of WWII, celebrate his 100th birthday. Frank served in the Marine Corps from 1942 through 1946. A long time resident of the Town, Frank has been known for his carpentry skills and enjoyed traveling, having visited all 50 states. At the party, Frank was given a proclamation by Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the Rensselaer County Legislature, presented by Dan Casale, who represents Brunswick.



Legislator Dan Casale (left) stands with Frank Casey and Rensselaer County Court Judge Deb Young at Mr. Casey's 100th Birthday Party. Photo courtesy of Dan Casale.

SCHODACK

Planning Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The Schodack Planning Board was busy at their February 7 meeting. The Board approved a positive Zoning Board recommendation for a variance for a garage on a property on Maple Hill Road.

Schodack Golf's 12-lot proposed subdivision on Schuurman Road was discussed, and had their negative declaration was approved under SEQRA. The highlight of the conversation focused on water for the project. The first element was the potential 900' extension of the water district. The second was the drainage on some of the proposed lots. The presenter discussed the possibility of dry wells and footing drains being installed on the lots. Vegetation on the lots and swales being impacted were concerns. Members of the Board are looking forward to getting some analysis from the Rensselaer County Department of Health.

A lot line division on Graw Road was approved contingent on minor map changes. A 49-acre parcel is being divided so neighbors can add some land to their property.

Green Dale Community Solar Farm had its site plan approved, and its special use permit was approved conditionally. Board members requested minutes from the Kinderhook meetings to be reviewed first before fully approving the special permit.

The final discussion was the public scoping session by the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency on **February 15 at 7 pm.** They hope to discuss the Schodack I-90 Corridor. The goal is that this approximately 6,000-acre area studied for archeology, soil and wetland will hopefully promote the corridor for economic development.

Troy Now Website Launches

The Troy Now Initiative encompasses the City of Troy's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects and initiatives. The website, www.TroyNow.org, is available to learn more about projects as they are approved.

The Troy Now initiative will support significant investments in revitalizing the City's parks and recreational infrastructure, business and workforce

development efforts, increasing home ownership, expanding youth programming, fostering tourism and invigorating public art projects.

Additionally, the project submission form is available for all interested parties to apply to be considered for ARPA funding, should the project fit within U.S. Treasury guidance.

TROY

Neighborhood Improvement Program

Submitted by Troy City Council President Carmella R. Mantello

Troy City Council is pleased to offer the 2022 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP).

The NIP projects range from neighborhood beautification efforts, gateway projects, public art and public gardens, veterans memorials, handicapped swings, plantings and other quality of life improvements. A major change for this year is the maximum award per project is now \$1,500 rather than \$1,000.

Grants are available to neighborhood-based organizations and homeowner associations, as well as other neighborhood groups, with partnerships encouraged.

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For information, Small World can be reached at 518-279-0085 or sm.world5466@gmail.com.

POESTENKILL

VFW Breakfast Buffet

Sullivan Jones VFW Post 7466, 25 Veterans Street, is hosting their all you can eat breakfast buffet on **Sunday, February 13, from 8 to 11 am**. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 6 through 12 and children under 5 eat free.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Zumba Gold

Mondays, through April 11, from 6 to 7 pm

Grafton Community Library will offer Zumba Gold with instructor Michelle Mickiewicz. The classes will take place at Roxborough Holdings (the former Grafton Elementary School). The cost is \$50, and is intended for teens and adults age 14 and up.

Blueberry Bush Care

Saturday, March 26, from 2 to 3 pm

The Grafton Community Library will host a class on how to prune and care for your blueberry bushes. The class will be followed by a hands-on demonstration at Hay Berry Farm, 1176 Babcock Lake Rd.

Grafton Community Library is located at 2455 NY Rt. 2. For more information or preregistration, call 518-279-0580, or email director@grafftoncommunitylibrary.org. COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Virtual Book Group at SML

Tuesday, February 15, at 4:30 pm

This month's book is *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan. Copies of the book are available at the Library. Go to www.stephentownlibrary.org for more details and event registration.

SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kittle Family Murders

On **Tuesday, March 8, at 7 pm**, at the Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, the Historical Society will feature The Kittle Family Murders, presented by Jill Whitbeck Knapp. The region was shocked in December of 1870 when blind 20-year-old Asa Kittle shot and killed both of his parents. Learn about some of the lawlessness that entangled members of the family, its impact on the local communities and what became of Asa. For more information visit Sandlakehistory.org or call 518-527-9926.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

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Winter Reading Program

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Family Movie Night

Friday, February 25 at 6:30 pm

Come in your PJ's and bring a pillow and blanket to sit on the floor if you'd like. Popcorn and lemonade provided.

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BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

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enforcement and court fines. Trustee Kevin O'Malley indicated he has seen records where some citations were repeatedly dismissed while others were fined up to \$100. Mr. O'Malley also suggested the Village look into a parking study that could possibly be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act monies. So far, Trustee O'Malley has gotten quotes from two firms, each about \$10,000. The Board indicated their interest, but ask Mr. O'Malley to find a third quote to comply with Village Code.

Police Review

The meeting began with a presentation from Doug Sauer, the Chair of the Committee Review Board. He indicated the Board has been busy reviewing police policies and procedures and taking part in interviews with candidates for any open positions in the department. He also indicated they have been preparing for the creation of a Civilian Review and Reform Board, which was part of the the report on municipal police agencies ordered last year by former Governor Andrew Cuomo. He indicated this review board should consist of three to seven participants, it would require specific qualifications for membership and while it would have review powers, no authority over the department would be transferred to this review board.

Way Too Many Cats

A resident of the Village's Second Ward (River Street and side roads) complained there are too many cats running loose, both domestic and feral, urinating and defecating on decks, porches and ruining gardens. She wondered if there was anything the Village could do, suggesting possibly trapping the felines and requiring they be licensed and leashed like dogs currently are. Trustees indicated they would take her suggestions under advisement.

PFOA Settlement Payments

As was reported on our social media outlets, the \$65 million PFOA settlement with Saint Gobain, Honeywell and 3M has been officially signed by NYS Supreme Court Judge Lawrence Kahn. According to Village Mayor Rob Allen, checks for qualifying class action suit members should be sent out in about

two months. The medical monitoring portion of the agreement should begin in about the same timeframe. Legal action against the fourth company named in the suit, Dupont, is still pending. Dupont declined to be part of the settlement.

Light 'em Up

Deputy Mayor Bob Ryan had an update about efforts to convert the Village streetlights to LEDs. He indicated initial costs would be recouped with the energy savings, which could amount to \$1.2 million over the life of the program. A representative from RealTerm Energy was invited to attend the March meeting.

ARPA

Trustee Bob Decker said he has been gathering suggestions on how the Village could best use their first installment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies, amounting to \$173,000. Trustee Deb Alter suggested setting up a dedicated email address, which Board members liked.

Mr. Decker thought the Village and the Town of Hoosick might be able to share some projects, but Town Supervisor Mark Surdam indicated they were "ready to pull the trigger" on their plan at their February 14 meeting. Mayor Allen said he would plan to attend that gathering and see where he thinks the Village and the Town might be able to cooperate.

Mitigating the Impact of a New Water Tower

The Village has been trying to replace the Rogers Avenue water tank (it leaks you know) for two years. Two grant applications for the replacement have been turned down, but the Village hopes the third time is the charm.

The adjoining property to the tank is now up for sale, and the Board expressed their interest in purchasing it.

It is slightly lower in elevation than the current site, and plans for a water tower may be more palatable to area residents since such a tower might not be as visible.

Wilder Avenue Building

Codes Enforcement Officer Mark Surdam and Attorney Andy Gilchrist updated the Board about a

building at 71 Wilder Avenue. Is it legally a one-family or two-family structure? It was two-family for many years and was grandfathered in when codes changed prohibiting two-family buildings in that area. It was later officially changed back to a one-family with the current owners rehabilitating the building, allegedly into a two-family home again. It is the opinion of Mr. Gilchrist it must remain a one-family dwelling.

New Representation

Mayor Allen updated the Board about the switch of Congressional and State Senate districts, and his concern that Congressman Antonio Delgado would most likely no longer represent Hoosick Falls. He has been full of praise for Mr. Delgado for his work with the Village in their PFOA struggles. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik will assume representation for Hoosick Falls (if re-elected in her newly drawn district) with Mayor Allen saying he was encouraged by her recent statement that she would be fully involved with the PFOA situation in both Hoosick Falls and Petersburg. The redistricting, approved by the State Legislature and Governor Hochul, is facing a lawsuit that alleges political gerrymandering.

More to Follow

There were several other points of interest at the meeting. A more detailed report will appear on eastwickpress.com.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Hoosick Falls and The Eastwick Press in our special March 11 edition

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 12, at 1 pm, Hoosick Falls will hold its St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you'd like to nominate someone to be the Grand Marshall of the 2022 parade, email Kevin O'Malley at hoosickkid@gmail.com.

BENNINGTON

SVMC Expands Tuition Forgiveness Benefit for New Graduate Nurses

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), will now pay up to \$60,000 in tuition debt when they hire a newly graduated nurse from an accredited nursing program. The tuition repayment benefit is an extension of a benefit previously available exclusively to graduates of the Castleton University nursing program. It pays up to \$10,000 in tuition debt each year for 6 years.

A second educational partnership with Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH, allows nurses who join SVMC with an associate degree to obtain a bachelor's with no tuition expense.

In addition to the financial incentives, SVMC offers the State's only nationally accredited transition-to-practice residency. The American Nurses Credentialing Center designates residency programs that provide evidence-based training, support and mentorship throughout nurses' first year of employment.

HOOSICK FALLS

Free Tax Filing

The Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA), 26 John St., will once again assist taxpayers with free income tax preparation and e-filing.

Appointments are easy to make simply by calling 2-1-1 from New York or 888-367-3211 from any area.

For more information, including a list of documents needed to complete your filing, call 518-686-5163 or email hacainc12090@gmail.com. Due to COVID-19 there won't be in person preparation inside the building.

Masks Stay On for Schools, Off for Others... Continued from page 1

is finally lifting her indoor mask mandate imposed on businesses is long overdue and welcome news for countless small businesses that have struggled under the weight of the Governor's unconstitutional, costly edict. Now, as COVID-19 cases have thankfully cratered, it's well past time for Governor Hochul to follow the science and rescind her mask mandate on schools. We need to remove this mandate and unmask our kids so they can – after two incredibly long, difficult years – finally have a normal school day. Governor Hochul needs to stop the bureaucratic delays and follow the science, follow the facts and follow the lead of states like New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and so many others that are making masking voluntary. The time has come to unmask our kids and get back to normal!"

New Lebanon

District Superintendent Andrew Kourt indicated he has sent out a district-wide letter concerning the Governor's comments. In it he indicated masks will continue for schools and says the Governor also indicated that "Test kits will be sent to students prior to the winter break (for use prior to returning to school on Monday, February 28). We will send a COVID-19 test kit home with each student, faculty and staff member on Wednesday, February 17. As per the State's request we will be asking families to use this

test at home to test their children before returning back to school after break. Mr. Kourt added "Earlier this week, school superintendents throughout our BOCES region sent a letter to New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett advocating for the DOH to work with our school districts to chart a clear path forward."

Brittonkill/Brunswick

Superintendent Dr. Angelina Maloney says "I haven't gotten a chance to speak with my Board of Education; however, this announcement was not unexpected. Although many members of our community are looking forward to the end of COVID-19 mandates, as a school we must have a plan to address the needs of those within our school community."

Berlin

Superintendent Joseph Dhara tells *The Eastwick Press* his district will continue to follow the law and is awaiting more information and guidance from the Governor. What he says he is looking for "is a pathway to normality" for the students and residents of the Berlin School District.

Hoosick Falls

Superintendent Patrick Dailey was unable to respond to our inquires by press time, but once received we will add them to our story on the website.

SVMC Endoscopy Team Receives DAISY Award

Submitted by SVMC

The Endoscopy team at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), was the recipient of the DAISY Team Award for Extraordinary Nurses in November. The department was nominated by two patients.

"We are so honored that patients feel like they are in good hands while under our care," said Tanya Cowder, MSN, RN, the department's director. "We enjoy hearing from patients that we were able to put them at ease and make their medical experience as enjoyable as possible."

The Endoscopy Department is made up of nearly 20 full- and part-time staff members. Together with medical staff, they offer

screening and repeat colonoscopies, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) and other emergency procedures, like food impactions, to approximately 65 patients each week.

Patients with questions about preventing colon cancer with screening colonoscopy should inquire by e-mail at CRCscreen@svhealthcare.org.



Left to right: Mollie McMahan, RN; David L. Furman, MD; Krystle Kalinowski, RN; Margaret Hauser-Ullman, RN; Michele Bettis, RN; Laurie Reyes, RN; Kayla Duval, LNA; Marcy Martinka; Ella Leonard, LNA; Felisha Wright, RN; Julie Blatchley, RN; Lory Tudor, RN; Pamela Duchene, PhD, APRN, chief nursing officer and vice president for Patient Care Services; Thomas A. Dee, FACHE, president and CEO; and Tanya Cowder, MSN, RN, CNOR, senior director of perioperative and interventional services. Not pictured are Nancy Cook, RN; Jaclyn Hoag, RN; Amy Kinney, RN; and Desirae LaCross, LNA. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

Chicken Blizzard Barbecue

On *Saturday, February 19, from 2 to 4 pm*, the Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade Committee is holding a Chicken Blizzard barbecue at UNIHOG on 2 Center St. Tickets are \$12, and the meal will be eat-in or take-out. The menu will include chicken, mac and cheese, corn bread, salad and dessert.

Join us for an outdoor bonfire, cornhole, 50/50 raffles and your favorite drinks. Tickets are available at UNIHOG or from Marie O'Neil, Polly O'Brien, Michelle Schmigel, Mary Bradley, Maureen Carknard, Rene Trombley and Kevin O'Malley. Proceeds will benefit this year's St. Patrick's Day parade.

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NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

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.

Kids Dances

All dances are on *Fridays from 7 to 9 pm* at the North Hoosick Fire Department. Admission is \$3 and parents are reminded to sign students out after the dance. Upcoming dances will be held on *February 18* and *March 4*.

HOOSICK FALLS

Junior Historians Celebrate Washington

On *Saturday, February 19, from 3 to 4:30 pm*, at The Louis Miller Museum, 166 Main St., the Friends of Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians will present *Happy Birthday George Washington*. This program is recommended for children 5 through 12. For more information call 518-686-4682.

SVMC Orthopedics and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians Welcome Allison Murphy, FNP



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New Lebanon & Nassau

NEW LEBANON

Community Food Giveaway

The Town of New Lebanon and the New Lebanon CSD will host a food giveaway on **Friday, February 25, 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.

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

After approving the bills and minutes, the East Nassau Board of Trustees got right to business at their February 7 meeting. The Code Enforcement Officer's report detailed progress made on an inspection on Webster Hill Road and resolving an unfounded complaint on Route 20. The Highway Superintendent reported approving approximately 500' of the culverts and catch basin repair on Hayes Road.

The Village Clerk reported that petitions for the Village elections are due by February 8. Mayor Acquario and Trustee Lydia Davis will be up for election this year at the **March 15** election. Trustee Mike Lever has decided not to run again after over eight years of service to the Village. The polls will be held from **noon to 9 pm** at the Hoags Corner Ambulance building. The Clerk also reported that Hoags Corner property has recorded the deed for the property given to the Village near the Bees Knees Bakery and Café on NY-66 and will get it sent to the Village's insurance agent.

Mayor Acquario reported that the 911 Village signs need to have 4-inch letters, and Stephentown has expressed an interest in pursuing Village signs. A budget workshop meeting was set up for **February 24 at 7 pm** at the Hoags Corner Ambulance building. The public is welcome to attend. A contingency tax stabilization fund will be discussed at the workshop.

NEW LEBANON

More COVID-19 Home Test Kits

New York State has provided another supply of free at-home COVID-19 test kits for residents through the Town of New Lebanon. Town test kits will be given out at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's office Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 9 am to 5 pm. You can also get them from the Town Supervisor during her open office hours on Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm. You will need to show proof of residency. Masks are required in the Town Hall.

Please reach out to Town Clerk Marcie Robertson at townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com or call 518-794-8888 with any questions.

NEW LEBANON

Remembering Matt Larabee

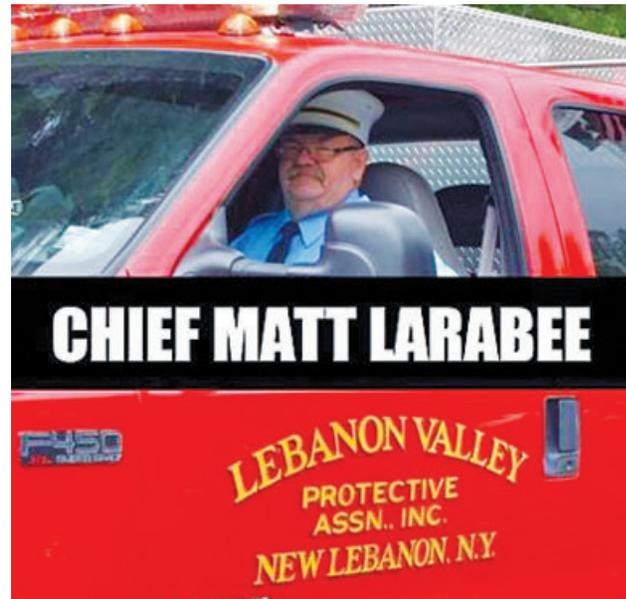
On Monday, February 7, New Lebanon lost a beloved member of the community, with the passing of Matt Larabee. Matt will be remembered as a caring and dedicated man who was always willing to do what he could for his community.

There has been no shortage of people with kind words and fond memories of Matt Larabee, including New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling and LVPA President and Treasurer Ed Godfroy.

"It is a devastating loss for our community. Matt was selfless and gave himself to the entire community through the fire department, sitting on the Town Board, volunteering in so many different capacities, running a local business and going above and beyond for everyone in the community. He will be sorely missed," said Supervisor Houghtling.

"I've known Matthew since we were kids. This came as a shock. He and his family have been present in the LVPA for years; he was a great Chief," said Mr. Godfroy, who added, "Right now it's all about helping his family through this however we can."

See the full obituary, along with information on funeral services, on page 15. There will also be a celebration of life this spring.



The late New Lebanon Fire Chief Matt Larabee. Photo provided.

Letter to the Editor

by Alan Eckhardt, New Lebanon CSD Resident

A response to "A Rebuttal to the New Lebanon School Board" which appeared in the February 4 edition of *The Eastwick Press*.

I believe that the writers of this letter to the Editor are unfairly criticizing the New Lebanon School Board.

Trying to force an increase in taxes on non-veteran taxpayers is, in essence, assuming that all veterans are suffering financially and are needy. This is false. Yes, I am sure that there are veterans who are very needy and could use a break. On the other hand, there are many non-veterans who are being crushed under the costs of food, shelter, and worst of all, health care costs in the United States.

Think about that long and hard.

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

Shaker Museum Receives \$1 Million Gift

Shaker Museum, which stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives, announced today that the Ellsworth Kelly Foundation has generously given a \$1 million gift to support the construction of the museum's new home in Chatham. The new museum home, designed by Selldorf Architects, will serve as an anchor in downtown Chatham and will break ground in 2023. The building will offer more than 27,000 square feet of space over four floors for exhibitions, events, workshops, convenings and public use.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Tech Talks

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Please call the Library at 518-794-8844 to schedule an appointment time.

Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Valentine Cupcake Decorating

Saturday, February 12, from 11 am to 12:30 pm

Drop in to decorate your own Valentine's Day treat while they last. All materials and a take-home box included.

Virtual Presentation: "Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow"

Wednesday, February 16, at 6 pm

Please contact the Library to register and receive login instructions.

Make It & Take It: Crafts Meetup for Adults

Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 pm

Origami workshop. All materials provided.

Kids Create: Poké Ball with 3D Pens

Tuesday, February 22, at 2 pm

Drop in for some break-week fun creating a Poké Ball with our 3D pens. For ages 9 years and up.

Masks are required in the Library and social distancing between groups is encouraged.

New Lebanon Town Council

Due to deadline and space considerations the February New Lebanon Town Council meeting article will be published in next week's *Eastwick Press*.



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General News

Democrats Call for McLaughlin Resignation

On February 8, the Rensselaer County Minority Office filed a legislative resolution calling for Steve McLaughlin to resign from his position as Rensselaer County Executive.

In December, McLaughlin was indicted by a County grand jury with grand larceny and offering a false instrument for filing, allegedly stealing \$5,000 from his campaign account in 2017 and paying a former female member of his NYS Assembly staff.

While McLaughlin continues to claim his innocence and his defense attorney Ben Hill is preparing a motion to dismiss the indictment for a lack of sufficient evidence, the State Attorney General's Office told Rensselaer County Court Judge Jennifer Sober that the Attorney General's case is ready for trial.

Minority Leader Peter Grimm stated, "Steve McLaughlin has violated the public's trust and confidence in his ability to execute the responsibilities of the office he has been elected to serve. For far too long, Rensselaer County residents have endured elections and County governance rife with complaints and allegations. McLaughlin should do the right thing and resign from his elected position immediately."

County Legislator Nina Nichols stated, "We should have zero tolerance for criminal misconduct in Rensselaer County and demand sure and steady leadership from our officials. I hope my fellow Legislators will come together for the betterment of our County."

Since the resolution was filed the morning of the Legislative meeting, it didn't make it onto the February agenda. Rensselaer County Legislative Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman stated, "It was not considered to be placed on the agenda because it was late and in violation of the Open Meetings Law. Our agendas must be published at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, and the only late files permitted are those deemed urgent or an emergency. This was no emergency. That said, the minority can submit it for the March meeting."

Other News

A resolution to oppose the New York State Climate Action Council's potential ban of wood burning stoves passed 12 to 6. When asked about the 6 members of the Legislative Minority who opposed the resolution, Minority Leader Peter Grimm said, "The resolution was not supporting anything. There is no legislation to oppose. We felt it had no weight, purpose or meaning."

Church News

Souper Bowl in Stephentown

In celebration of the NFL's big game, the Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Rd., will have its own "Super Bowl" on **Sunday, February 13, at our 9:30 am service** with Pastor Chris Garrison. Bring the groceries or money you would like to donate to the Stephentown Emergency Food Pantry. The church is handicapped accessible, mask required. For more information call 518-733-5813.

Canned Soup Drive

Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, 990 Hoosick St., Troy, will be collecting cans of soup to be given to local food pantries **through February 13**. Donations may be brought to church or left in the

NYSED Accepting Applications for Food Service Program

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is accepting applications for the 2022 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Last year, 574 sponsoring organizations served meals at more than 3,000 locations across the State.

This year, the SFSP will operate throughout New York State from June 27 through September 5, 2021.

Potential new sponsors may request a sponsor application and obtain additional information on NYSED's SFSP website or by contacting the New York State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program Administration, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 375 EBA, Albany, NY 12234, 518-486-1086.

Email is also available at cnsfsp@nysed.gov.

NYSED will hold mandatory sponsor training webinars in April for sponsors planning to participate in summer 2022.

Tree and Shrub Sale

After many years, the Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District's tree and shrub sale is back. The order deadline is Friday, March 11, and you can pre-order now at <https://renscoplants.square.site/>. Pickups will be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, between 10 am and 2 pm**, at the Hoosick Falls Ice Skating Rink/Reynolds-Gilchrest Building.

We have a limited inventory of these beautiful bare root plants including rhubarb, strawberries, blueberry bundles, raspberries, blackberries and more.

In addition, beautiful bare root ninebark trees will be available at only \$15 each. Contact Laura Bornt at Laura.Bornt.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com if you are a landowner in the Village of East Nassau to order your ninebark trees. Feel free to contact our office with questions at Plant.Sale.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com.

Oh How Sweet It Is

Sweeten up your Valentine's Day with a 50¢ single scoop ice cream cone at Stewart's Shops. Treat yourself or your sweetheart. The 50¢ cones are for everyone on **Monday, February 14, all day**. With so many delicious flavors to choose from, it's easy to find one you'll love. Try the special limited-edition flavor, Cherry Loves Chocolate. It's a cherry flavored ice cream with dark chocolate flakes and red cherries. With 25 flavors to choose from at the cone counter, there's bound to be a flavor for everyone.

Meetings

February 10, Thursday

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

February 14, 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

February 15, Tuesday

Berlin School Board, 7:15 pm
New Lebanon Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

February 17, Thursday

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

February 21, Monday

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

February 24, Thursday

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

Student Honors

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Fall 2021 Dean's List

Luke Floge of Averill Park
Marissa Nagel of Averill Park
Brecke Gifford of Eagle Bridge
Jacob Pine of Hoosick Falls
Rosabell Plusch of Hoosick Falls
Andrew Stevens of Hoosick Falls
Aaliyah Stalker of New Lebanon
Emma Crawley of Poestenkill
Sam Haita of Stephentown
Ashley Gwin of Valley Falls

Fall 2021 Provost's List

Ariel Loucks of Averill Park
Aubrey Mahar of Hoosick Falls
Jame VanDeWater of Cambridge

Matthew De Noronha of Averill Park has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Paul Smith's College.

Grace Spiak of Hoosick Falls has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire.

Hunter Day of Cambridge has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Russell Sage College.

Michael Beskid of Averill Park has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

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The community has been very generous in the past for our food drives and we hope that you will consider making a contribution. We will also be having a Manhattan Clam Chowder Sale on **Friday, April 15**.

Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

On **Thursday, February 24, from 3 to 6 pm**, Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry will have their monthly dinner. The menu will be baked chicken breast, rice, carrots, salad and dessert. If it's your first time visiting the pantry, please ask for Lisa, so she can get you setup. The church is located at the junction of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick.

Send your church news to news@eastwickpress.com

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Submitted by BCS Communications

The BNL Wrestling team has had an eventful week. Wednesday for Senior Night they had a double header match against both Rensselaer and Watervliet. Seniors Jesse Cameron and Matt Kluck were recognized. Both have been part of the team from their 7th grade modified year, and are now this year's team Captains. Both led the team in wins on the season, and both have been leaders on and off the mat for the team for some time. They and their families will be missed by BNL Wrestling.

The team, although coming up short, did well against Rensselaer winning 4 of the 7 weight classes actually contested. Pins were registered by Conner Sniger at 138, Angelo Capozzi at 160, Nick Mosher at 215 and Jesse Cameron at 285. Senior Matt Kluck was not able to wrestle that evening recovering from a wrist injury. The Watervliet match was more one-sided with only Jesse Cameron able to end up in the win column.

Saturday the team competed in the Section 2 Class D Tournament in Cambridge. Winning on the day were Matt Kluck at 172, Nick Mosher at 215 and Jesse Cameron at 285. Going 2-1 on the day, Matt came in 3rd place and will advance the Section 2 Tournament at Glens Falls next Saturday. Fellow senior Jesse was 2-2 on the day coming in 5th, and missed advancing by one place. Going 3-2, sophomore Nick Mosher placed 5th in his first trip to Class Ds pointing to a successful future.

—Coach Prather



Senior Matt Kluck and family at BNL's recent Senior Night. Matt has advanced to the upcoming Section 2 Tournament in Glens Falls. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Full Moon Snowshoe Walk

Friday, February 18, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

\$5 per person, \$15 for families of 3 or more. Pre-registration required.

Snowmobile Ride

Saturday, February 19, 10 am to 4 pm

Guided snowmobile ride led by the Grafton Trail Blazers. Free of charge, your own sled and equipment required. Pre-registration encouraged.

How Ice Equals Life

Sunday, February 20, 1 to 3 pm

Ages 7 and up. No pre-registration required and free to join.

To pre-register for programs, call 518-279-1155.

Basketball Round Up

A recap of recent Wasaren League games from the Wasaren Sports Net

Girls

Greenwich 74 Berlin/New Lebanon 15

Greenwich put four players in doubles, and continues to roll, stacking their 19th win without a loss.

Tamarac 67 Spa Catholic 38

A 23-5 first period paved the way for the Bengals home win.

Hoosic Valley 43 Waterford 17

Hoosic Valley won every quarter, and drilled seven triples in notching the comfortable, road victory.

Boys

Tamarac 63 Mechanicville 55

In a close game throughout, the Bengals held a 45-43 lead entering the fourth quarter and the final eight minutes remained tight. Richardson fouled out with 3:04 remaining, but the Raiders refused to go away. Tamarac led 58-54 with :40 left, when Mike Dagostino drilled a triple from the left wing to seal the Bengal victory.

Hoosick Falls 42 Mt. Anthony 40

Sparks scored the game-winner on a put-back with :03 remaining to notch the win, the 399th career win for Mike Lilac Jr.

Barbecue Recreation Bowling

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Gallup Inn	38	17	Matt Brownell	274 241 752
Wack'em & Stack'em	35	20	Todd Stradinger	299 247 748
Lou's Plumbing	32	23	Chris Pelletier	278 237 730
Farmers Tires	32	23	Josh Magisano	257 240 723
Lebowski Rug Co.	31½	23½	Brad Colvin	236 234 693
Mag-Way	27	28	William Nash	244 227 688
The Jabronis	26	29	Colin Cipperly	249 226 685
McNally Insurance	24	31	John Brown	268 225 668
Chico's Bail Bonds	23	32	Mike Smith	227 226 665
Boner's	6½	48½	Devin Prendergast	269 222 662

Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Huntin' Time	25	5	279	Al Brock
Team Taconic	21½	8½	269	Mike Smith
Lauzon Machine Shop	20	10	258	Lance Walizer
Lo-Ridge Farm	17	13	257	Preston Oakes
Wack'em & Stack'em	15	15	256	Max Taylor Jr
Sharpe For Governor	15	15	256	Nathan Langer
Dave Clark Excavating	13	17	248	Tim McCart
Modern Game Pro Shop	10	20	246	Dave Clark
RGI Insurance	8½	21½	246	Shawn Field
Stevens and Sons Tents	5	25	238	Bruce Weeden

DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, February 19, 10 am to noon

This program is free, but donations are welcomed.

Winter Break Walkabout

Wednesday, February 23, 1 to 3 pm

Depending on conditions, this will be a snowshoe or hiking event.

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.

For more information, or to register for a program, call 518-658-2055 or email dykenpond@gmail.com. Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center.

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Eastwick Entertainment

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Sage City Symphony presents Winter Concert, 4 pm, free, Greenwall Auditorium, VAPA Building, Bennington College, One College Drive, Bennington, masks, proof of vaccination and booster with ID required at door

February 18, Friday

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

Horseycow, Vermont's Premier North Country Band, 6:30 pm, adults \$5, under 18 free (courtesy of Stewart's Shops), Fox Hollow Music & Art Café, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St., masks required

February 19, Saturday

Friends of the Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians present Happy Birthday George Washington, 3–4:30 pm, free, ages 5–12, Louis Miller Museum, 166 Main St., Hoosick Falls, pre-register by 2/18, call 518-686-4682

That Golden Girls Show!, a puppet parody, 8 pm, \$20–\$45, MainStage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, proctors.org or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.–Fri., 10 am–2 pm

February 20, Sunday

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

Community Calendar Submissions

Please let us know if we should add any community events to this calendar. Email to news@eastwickpress.com.

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Theme: Kings and Queens

ACROSS

- Outback birds
- Pilgrimage to Mecca
- Well, to Sofia Loren
- Impose a tax
- No way!
- Malicious burning
- ___ over
- Radiant light
- Ran easily
- *"The King of Staten Island" star Pete
- Goyim, alt. sp.
- Mork from Ork, e.g.
- Common furniture wood
- "Der Ring des Nibelungen" composer
- Petroleum product (2 words)
- Shakespearean fuss
- Loan shark
- Village People hit
- City in France
- Street, in Paris
- Show in progress (2 words)
- Tiny purse
- Was almost out of gas, e.g. (2 words)
- *First H in HRH
- Type of bag
- Unguarded
- Brick and mortar carrier
- Resize a dress, e.g.
- "For ___ the Bell Tolls"
- *Netflix royal drama (2 words)
- Bridal veil fabric
- One who hoes
- Not far
- Orderly arrangement
- Drunkard, slangily
- Stare
- Country club pegs
- Drivers' licenses, e.g.
- *2019 movie "Queen & ___"

Last Week's Crossword Solution:

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Last Week's Sudoku Solution:

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DOWN

- Not Moose or Shriner
- Fitting reward
- Iris holder
- Forest spirit
- Gingerbread sculpture
- Kitchen garb
- *Billie ___ King
- *Queens neighbor
- ESPN trophy
- Denials
- December 31st, e.g.
- Lowest points
- Plural of alga
- Intestinal obstruction
- Opposite of their
- *Prince Charles' domain
- Temples' innermost sanctuaries
- Not stay in (2 words)
- Perceive by touch
- *The NBA's Kansas City-___ Kings (1972-75)
- More unfriendly
- *Late "Live" King of CNN
- Russia's mountain range
- Seek a seat
- *The last "king" of Russia
- Proprietor
- *The ___ Queen, regal chess character in "Through the Looking Glass"
- Public disapproval
- Cozy and comfortable
- Two of these do not make a right
- Near the wind
- Potato soup partner, pl.
- "She ___ a Yellow Ribbon"
- Add to payroll
- Native of Thailand
- Lash mark
- Member of National Socialist German Workers' Party
- Giant pot
- "Shiny Happy People" band

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice to Bidders Town of Petersburg County of Rensselaer State of New York

Please take notice that sealed bids 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 March 14, 2022 at 11 am for (1) Lawn Care Contract for 3 designated, municipal owned areas located in the Town of Petersburg. All bids should be plainly marked "Lawn Care Contract RFP" on the outside of the envelope. Copies of the Bid Form and Specifications can be found online at the Town of Petersburg webpage: petersburgh.org.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at noon on March 14, 2022 in the Town Clerk's office, and a summary of each bid shall be prepared by the Office of the Town Clerk for review at the following Town Board meeting currently scheduled for March 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

The Town of Petersburg reserves the right to reject any and all bids for no stated reason and to waive any formalities or technicalities. Bidders are fully responsible for delivery of bids. Reliance upon mail or public carriers is at the bidders' risk. Late bids will not be considered.

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

Legal Notice

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

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

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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.

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.

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

Hoosick Falls Central School Kindergarten Registration

Hoosick Falls Elementary School has finalized the process for Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year. Parents of children residing in the Hoosick Falls Central School District who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2022, should visit our website at hoosickfallscsd.org or contact the elementary office as soon as possible at 518-686-9492 to provide the district with the required information for our mailing list. Registration packets will be mailed to you. Upon completion of the necessary documents, please contact our Registrar, Nicole Martin, at extension 1300, to schedule an appointment to return and review your completed registration packet the week of March 14th between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

An informational meeting for parents of next year's kindergarten students will be held later in the spring. During this meeting, parents will receive important information regarding medical requirements and concerns, transportation, and the school breakfast and lunch program. They will also have the opportunity to speak with our kindergarten teachers who can answer questions pertaining to educational programming. Further details regarding this meeting will be made available in April. We look forward to hearing from you.

Notice of formation of **MATTHEW JACKSON REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/2022. 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, 2222 6th Ave, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Jennifer Hamilton LCSW, PLLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/4/22. 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, 9 Sharpe Ave, Wynantskill NY 12198. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: **Doug Sauer Consulting, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on 01/03/22. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail to: 95 Classic Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

On 1/24/2022, Art. of Org. of **JL Caccamo Design LLC** 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 LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is, JL Caccamo Design LLC, 153 Locust St., Holliston, MA 01746. The purpose of the LLC is 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.

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.

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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Action Jackson's Liquidation, LLC; Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State is January 27, 2022; Office of the LLC: Rensselaer County; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 5 Pineview Place, Melrose, New York 12121. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

Cove Cottages LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/22. Off. loc: Rensselaer Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Cove Cottages LLC c/o Meier Law Firm PLLC, 10 Utica Ave, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: **Steppa Apparel LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 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 process to the LLC, 141 7th Ave., Troy, NY, 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

PARCHMENT BAKING COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/20/2022. 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, 9 WASHINGTON PLACE, TROY, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Ahn Enterprise LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/19/22. 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, 95 Ferry Street Troy, NY 12180. 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: **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.

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.

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.

WORRY FREE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC. Filed 9/27/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 81 Robin Ln, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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.

On **February 11** Bob Treffeletti will be back to share some special Valentine's music. Plan to come dance, sing along and listen to the music. **February 16** is this month's birthday celebration, with a fun game of trivia to follow.

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

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

Grafton Senior Center

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.

February 15 there will be an Eat Smart demonstration with Jillian from Cornell Cooperative Extension at 11:15 am, followed by our Valentine Special Luncheon of chicken breast with barbecue sauce at noon, with country singer Ray Gifford. **Thursday, February 17**, come for a butter crumb haddock lunch and stay for our February Birthday celebration with a fun game of trivia.

The center will be open **Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 am** for the 10 am yoga class. Tuesdays there is senior yoga plus class at 10 am. All residents 60 and above are invited to attend these low-impact yoga classes. The knitting/crochet group meets **February 16, at 10 am**.

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.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Our next meeting will be at the LVPA firehouse on **February 18, at 1 pm**. We will be swearing in officers and enjoying soup and sandwiches for lunch. Starting in March we will begin meeting twice a month, so come on out and bring any friends who might be interested in joining. If NL school is closed we cancel any activities for that day. If for some reason we cancel a meeting you will receive an email or phone call letting you know. The January 21 meeting was canceled due to the cold. For more information please contact Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors

On **September 26 through 28**, the Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors will be having a three day, two

night trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The trip will include bus transportation, lodging, two dinners and breakfasts, excellent seats at Sight & Sound Theatre for the presentation of *David* and much more. The cost is \$418 per person, for double occupancy.

Sign up by calling Mary Lou Walters at 518-658-0136. There will be pick ups in Petersburg, Grafton and Brunswick. Travel insurance is available and highly recommended.

Pittstown Seniors

The Pittstown seniors will be taking a trip **June 8 through 10** to the Pennsylvania Amishlands. The three day, two night trip will include lodging, a performance at Sight & Sound Theatre, a performance at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, luggage handling, motor coach transportation and more. The cost is \$436 per person for double occupancy and \$555 per person for single occupancy. For more information call 518- 478-3338.

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

Feb 11: Sausage w/ gravy, garlic mushroom pasta, spinach, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit, +sandwich bag

Feb 14: Cubed steak w/ old fashioned gravy, baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, yogurt

Feb 15: Chicken breast w/ BBQ sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, peas & onions, wheat bread, fresh fruit

Feb 16: Sliced turkey w/ gravy, parmesan mashed potatoes, cut green beans, white bread, fruit cup

Feb 17: Butter crumb haddock w/ tartar sauce, quartered baked potatoes, whole baby carrots, fresh fruit

Feb 18: Chili w/ kidney beans & sour cream, rice, Malibu blend veggies, whole wheat biscuit, cookie, +sandwich bag

Feb 22: Cheeseburger, tater tots, Brussels sprouts, round roll, granola bar

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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 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 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Ottojohn Farms LLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/2021. 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, 9387 NY Highway 66 Wynantskill, NY. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

GS Coaching LLC Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 12/15/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated agent of LLC to which legal process against may be mailed to 747 River St Unit 2 Troy NY 12180 for any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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.

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.

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.

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 **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.

Obituaries

Michael D. Zinna

Grafton - Michael D. Zinna, 59, passed away on Sunday, February 6, at his residence on North Shore Road, Babcock Lake. He resided there with his wife Patricia (Wideawake) Zinna.

Michael was born on July 12, 1962, in Copiague, NY, son of the late Michael L. and Amalia (Lopez) Zinna. He was employed at Norlite in Cohoes, NY, as a Master Mechanic. Michael enjoyed hunting, riding motorcycles, cars, hanging out at the lake and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors other than his wife Patricia include their children Leeanne (Rafael) Diaz, Victoria Zinna, Chad Wideawake and Michael (Molly) Zinna, brother John (Joan) Socha, niece Katherine Socha and his eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 11, at 4 pm, from the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 2 pm until the start of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Babcock Lake Property Owners Association through the funeral home. A Celebration of Michael's life will follow the services at 11 Lakeview, Petersburg.

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Obituaries

William C. Snyder

Petersburgh - William C. "Bill" Snyder, Jr., 90, passed away on Saturday, February 5. Born in Petersburgh, he is the son of the late William and Jessie (Jones) Snyder, Sr.

Bill worked for The New York State Dept. of Transportation for 38 years until his retirement in 1986. He loved to work outside and no matter the season you would find him outside with the appropriate tool in hand. Bill was the last living charter member of the Petersburgh Rod and Gun Club. He was a past member of The Petersburgh Fire Dept., The Berlin Rod and Gun Club and helped to build the Petersburgh Veterans Memorial Hall.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Janet (Hennessey) Snyder; his children, Susan (Charles) Bedford, Richard Snyder, Deborah Betit, John (Shirley Jo Carman) Snyder, Scott (Cindy Roper) Snyder, Barbara (Leonard) Nicpon and Billie Jo (Ronald) Brock; his sister, Mary Lou Hartnett; and his sister-in-law, Doris Snyder. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was predeceased by his son, James Snyder and his siblings, Edna Barnhart and Lyman "Jack" Snyder.

Calling hours for Bill will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 10 am to noon at The Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home, 66 Armsby Rd. Petersburgh. Funeral services will be at noon at the funeral home and burial will follow at Meadowlawn Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence for the family online please visit ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Paul O. Stewart

Grafton - Paul O. Stewart, 54, of Kautz Hollow Road, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family after a fierce battle with cancer. Born in Dover, NJ, Paul was the son of the late Clegg and RoseAnn Lepre Stewart and the beloved husband of Beverly Blevins Stewart. Paul graduated from Lenape Valley Regional High School in New Jersey and the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute. He had worked for the Peterson & Sons Tree Service in Stanhope, NJ and in the late 1990's he and his family moved to Grafton. Paul worked for Edelman Sales, the Pittstown Highway Dept. and at the time of his illness had been a delivery driver for Legenbauer Gas & Oil in Averill Park. Paul enjoyed waking up with the birds to watch the sunrise. He loved the outdoors, tapping trees and making maple syrup, fishing, riding motorcycles in every possible environment, growing flowers and vegetables in his garden and spending time with his beloved dogs Dickson, BB and Piggins.



Paul loved his wife and children and the life they were sharing on the Grafton Mountain. He could be found tinkering in the barn while listening to a wide variety of music, tilling the garden, shooting rifles in the backyard or visiting the spots in the woods and mountains that made him happy. Paul enjoyed long rides with his friend Lundy and many fishing adventures with his brother-in-law Ed Blevins. He was a member of the State Line Riders Motorcycle Club in Grafton.

Survivors in addition to his wife include his son LCPL Benjamin Stewart, USMC, his daughter Cora Stewart of Grafton, his sister Deborah Arace and niece Deanna Arace of Sweetwater, TN as well as many aunts, uncles cousins and other relatives throughout the country.

Paul's family wishes to thank Jim and Jeanie Legenbauer for all the support given to Paul and his family throughout his illness. They are also grateful to all of the friends from the community, in particular those from Samaritan Hospital and Samaritan School of Nursing, who were there with help and love throughout this time.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call from 3 to 6 pm on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Perry-Komdat Funeral Chapel 2691 NY 43 at Glass Lake, Averill Park.

If desired the family suggest donations in memory of Paul Stewart be made to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

Visit www.perrykomdat.com for directions and a private guestbook.

To memorialize a friend or family member, please email news@eastwickpress.com.

Matthew J. Larabee

New Lebanon - Matthew J. Larabee, 55, passed away at Berkshire Medical Center on Monday, February 7, 2022 surrounded by loved ones after suffering a cardiac event. Matthew was born on August 21, 1966 in Pittsfield, MA to Malcolm and Susan (Miller) Larabee. He was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Pittsfield, and a lifelong employee in the family business, Larabee Fuel, Co. Inc. of New Lebanon.

Matthew had a passion for helping others, which started in childhood, collecting funds for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. This developed into an annual carnival-style fundraising event, which was enjoyed by all. Matthew presented his donation yearly on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Matthew joined the local volunteer fire department as a young teen, and was serving as Chief of the Lebanon Valley Protective Association at the time of his death, a role which he cherished. He was a fire instructor at Montour Falls Fire Academy, served on the Columbia Greene Regional Haz-Mat Team, developed and taught a propane fire response training to other firemen, provided fire safety instruction to children at the local elementary school, and was a friend, recruiter, and mentor to many throughout the years. He was always first on the scene, and was a comfort to so many in the midst of crisis.

Matthew served on the Town Board, as Emergency Services Management Coordinator, and volunteered his time, services, and talents to several organizations in the community and beyond. He was Past-Master of the Masonic Lodge, following proudly in his grandfather's footsteps. During the pandemic, he organized a graduation parade through town to celebrate the senior class of N.L.C.S. for the community to safely share in their success.

Matthew is survived by his parents, his loving wife Michelle, step-children Aaron, Rebecca, Megan and Erin, his brother Scott and wife April, sister Sena, nephew Markos, niece Stacey, beloved dog Diamond and his cats, Mags, Ziva, Abby and Trouble. He also leaves behind many extended relatives, friends, family, and fellow firefighters, all of whom surrounded him with love during his final days. He will be greatly missed.

Relatives, friends, and fellow firefighters are invited to call at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43, Stephentown on Saturday, February 12 from 11 am to 1:45 pm. The LVPA will conduct their Fire Dept. Memorial Service at 1:45 pm. The funeral service will follow at 2 pm with Rev. Trygve Tomlinson officiating. The LVPA final call ceremony will follow at the end of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would rather you make a donation to the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, PO Box 162, New Lebanon, NY 12125 for the building of the new firehouse that was a dream of Matt's.

Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Helen J. O'Donnell

Grafton - Helen J. O'Donnell, 77, passed away on January 30, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

She was the daughter of David and Sarah "Sally" Porter, and devoted wife of David J. O'Donnell.

Helen grew up in Catskill, NY. After graduating high school, she entered the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing and began a 45-year nursing career with Albany Medical Center. She was a truly devoted and hard working registered nurse. Her compassion and dedication was evident in the way she cared for her patients.

She was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was very interested in her family's history.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren. She was fond of crafts, travel and camping. She was a dedicated member of All Saints Church in Hoosick, NY.

In addition to her devoted husband, Helen is survived by her children Theresa Cooke, Michael Woods, David O'Donnell, Kelly Menia and Colleen (Bob) Bashaw, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, her brother Don (Lois) Porter and her beloved dog Dixie.

In addition to her parents Helen is predeceased by her great-granddaughter Hannah.

A celebration of life will take place on May 15, with more information to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Helen's name to the Grafton Rescue Squad, PO Box 2, Grafton, NY 12082 or All Saints Church, PO Box 211, Hoosick, NY 12089.



Winter Robin



Most of us think of the American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) as the harbinger of spring, but a few robins choose to stay here for the winter. This one was feasting on sumac in upper Petersburg last week. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

Petersburgh in the Past



From time to time we like to look back in pictures. Here we have selected a picture of Taconic Plastics in Petersburg as it looked in May of 1979. This picture came from an album donated to The Eastwick Press by Ed Bly.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

George Builds a Room for Lodgers

Monday, December 1, 1851: I went to Pittsfield with cutter and carried my two daughters. We took tea to brother F. J. Wylie's. On the way going I left 4½ bushels turnips to the rope maker Bailey's and got ten pounds rope for the turnips. I paid two dollars and 87 cents for 70 feet of half inch lead pipe weighing 59 pounds of W. G. Backus.

Wednesday: I and Geo P. began to board up or make or partition off a lodging room in the kitchen chamber. Today Mr. Aaron Merrils began to fodder one hundred and forty sheep and six head horn cattle for me on said Rodgers farm but no bargain what he is to have a week but he said that he should charge one dollar per week.

Friday: I worked part of the day boarding up the lodging room in the kitchen chamber and Geo P. worked at the bedroom boarding up. Tonight I kept a peddler and his horse, his name is Carpenter. I paid him 31 cts for two gingham neck handkerchiefs.

Saturday: I finished boarding up said bedroom and this afternoon my women papered said bedroom.

Monday: Today the wife of old Caleb Jolls died.

Tuesday: I went to the funeral of the wife of Caleb Jolls. I went with my one horse sleigh and carried my wife and two daughters

Thursday: I called to my Rodgers farm to Aaron Merrils and reckoned with him for foddering for me last winter 20 sheep and four calves from the first Jan. to the first April. I credited him eight dollars and one dol 88 cts for skinning and 31 cts for washing, and I charged him 20 dollars for house rent and three dollars for three cord wood, which leaves thirteen dollars and sixty two cents due me. I called to Russel Palmer's and bargained with him to make our sausage at two cts per pound and take his pay in turnips, and Geo P. carried the meat to him this evening. While I was to Hancock I paid Daniel Gardner one dollar on my subscription for Elder Haven.

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