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BRUNSWICK

Verizon Cellphone Tower Announcement Turns Heads

by Doug La Rocque

It wasn't until the very end of the Brunswick Planning Board meeting on Thursday, February 17, that the item drawing the most interest from Board members came forth. Building Inspector Chuck Golden announced he had received an application from Verizon Wireless to extend the cell tower under construction on land at the corner of Creek Road and Menemsha Lane. It was the original tower application that was before the Planning Board for nearly a year, with the visual impact being the largest sticking point. Verizon originally requested a 105-foot high tower that met with vehement objection from neighbors at a public hearing, with some even contending the balloon test conducted to simulate the tower's visibility was faulty.

The Planners and Verizon Wireless eventually settled on an 85-foot tower, located in a grove of pine trees with the portion rising above the evergreens made to look like a natural tree. Planning Board Attorney Andy Gilchrist indicated the application would most likely require at least

another look at the visual impacts, how it would affect setback and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) variance that was issued along with the changes in the environmental impact. The Board determined such an application would also require an additional public hearing. The Planners took no further action, waiting to see if Verizon Wireless does indeed follow through on their request.

Another Wireless Application Is Approved

An application by Dish Wireless to add three antennae to an existing cell tower located at 809 Hoosick Road was approved. An engineering report stating the tower could handle the additional weight was presented at a previous meeting.

Solar Proposals

A special Town Board meeting was held at 6 pm just prior to the Planning Board's gathering. At that meeting, the Town Board voted to change the *Continued on page 5*



The cell tower located off Creek Road that caused so much contention last year, which Verizon Wireless is requesting permission to increase in height by 20 feet. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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HOOSICK FALLS

4-H Fashionistas

The Fashionistas 4-H Club recently met to whip up a creative Valentine's Day project: paper quilling. The girls found this project to be really enjoyable. For context, quilling is a bit of a time-consuming activity, but does create an adorable result in the end. It consists of folding and curling paper to make miniature pictures and decor. Coming up next, the 4-Hers will be preparing for their county demonstrations to be held in March in Troy. Each participant will choose a topic, typically a how-to, and present it in front of a panel of judges. Ideas in the past have included how to make a pie crust and how to set a table.





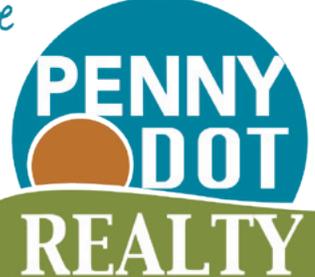
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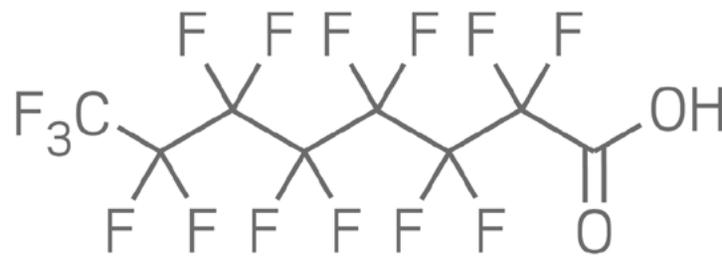
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Friday, March 4 – 8:30am – 5:30pm
Saturday, March 5 – 8:30am – 4:00pm
Petersburgh Town Hall

Call Emma Duggan at 212-558-5677 to schedule an appointment.

For more information go to:
PetersburghPFOAsettlement.com

Taconic Valley

BERLIN

A Bit of Normalcy

by Chris Teragliafera

The February 15 regular meeting of the Berlin Central School District Board began with a presentation by the senior band. After that, members of the Student Council took the floor to discuss plans for their upcoming senior trip. The trip will take place **June 1 through 4** in Hershey, PA, and will include visits to the Hershey chocolate factory, botanical gardens and Hersheypark. After the presentation the Board asked some clarifying questions before approving the trip, stating it was nice to see the students able to return to some normal activities.

Sports Update

After receiving correspondence with concerns about the current sports program, School Board Presi-

dent Frank Zwack has asked Board member Sherry Bowman-Kluck to head a committee that will review the school's entire program. It will focus on what the program does well, what needs improvements and how those improvements can be made. Mr. Zwack would like to see the committee consist of administrators, staff and parents from both Berlin and New Lebanon districts. The goal is to develop a comprehensive plan for the sports program.

Varsity spring sports will begin on **March 14**, with modified sports starting the following week.

Capital Project

The new lockers have been installed in the Middle School and should be operational shortly. The installation of cameras in the Middle/High School has also been completed.

Registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration have begun for the 2022-2023 school year.

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 Petersburg 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.

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.petersburghpfoasettlement.com.

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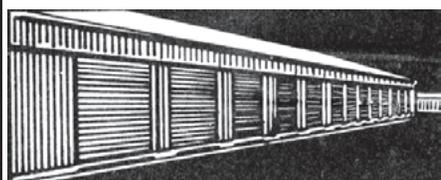


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PETERSBURGH

ARPA Hearing Scheduled

by Chris Teragliafera

At the February 21 regular meeting of the Petersburg Town Council it was announced that a public hearing to discuss American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and how the roughly \$170,000 the Town will receive might be spent, has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 2 at 7 pm**.

COVID-19 Home Tests

Rensselaer County has provided the Town of Petersburg with a supply of COVID-19 home tests. The tests will be distributed **Friday, February 25 from 9 to 11 am** and **Saturday, February 26, from 10 to 11 am** at the Town Hall, while supplies last. There will be a limit of 2 tests per household.

Land Purchase

The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) recently purchased land on Dill Brook Rd., and will be holding a Zoom meeting to inform residents about what the purchase means for land. There was some concern that with the RPA purchasing property that will now become non-taxable, the ratio of taxable land would decrease, causing other property tax

in Town to increase. Supervisor Katie Murray has invited the RPA to attend a Town Council meeting in person to discuss the potential of a PILOT (payment in lieu of tax).

Town Audit

After reaching out to several firms in an effort to get estimates for a potential future Town audit, it's down to Marvin and Company and FAZ. Supervisor Murray will reach out to both and ask for a formal proposal. Estimates on cost for the audit is around \$10,000 for Marvin and Company, while FAZ was around \$13,000. Although this audit isn't required by law, it would allow Petersburg to head into the next fiscal year with a firm grasp on where everything stands.

Historical Society

While only recently being officially formed, the Petersburg Historical Society is already working on several projects, including getting the Town records digitized, as well as making and placing historical markers.

Town Events

Parks and recreation has announced the following dates for upcoming events in the Town of Petersburg. The Memorial picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, May 28**, the kids Halloween party for **Saturday, October 29** and the kids Christmas party for **Saturday, December 17**. Times for the events will be determined at upcoming meetings.

Stephentown Youth Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Stephentown Youth Committee is responsible for a lot of fun for the kids in Stephentown. From summer camp to the annual Halloween Easter parties and teen events, the Youth Committee is making good things happen for the kids of our Town.

We are looking for new members to join the committee. Being part of the Youth Committee is a fun way to serve the community. You'll help plan the parties in the spring and fall, plus work with the summer camp directors to organize summer camp. The best part is that you'll get to see many, many smiling faces on happy kids having a safe and fun time.

To learn more, email Kim Roppolo at director@stephentownlibrary.org. You can also check out the Youth Committee Facebook page.

Taconic Valley

STEPHENTOWN

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled

by Doug La Rocque

Residents of Stephentown will be able to join in the ERCSWMA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day being held at the Nassau Village Hall on **Saturday, April 30**. The announcement was made at the Monday, February 21 Town Council meeting. There is no cost for Stephentown residents, however pre-registration is required to participate. That can be accomplished at <https://www.ercswma.org>. Among the items that will be accepted are kerosene, used oil, gasoline, anti-freeze, car batteries, driveway sealer, pool/spa chemicals, ammonia, harsh chemicals, furniture polish, lye, mothballs, CFC/CFL bulbs, household batteries, mercury thermometers, lighter fluid, turpentine, oil-based paint, latex paint, stains, adhesives and glue as well as pesticides.

The event takes place from 8 am to noon. The Village Hall is located at 40 Malden Street in Nassau.

Rensselaer County is also planning to conduct such a collection in conjunction with the City of Troy and the Town of Bethlehem. No dates have yet been announced.

A Better Look See

There was some discussion about different options

to stream Town Council meetings. The Council currently uses a Zoom platform which sometimes has problems hearing participants that are in the meeting room and not online. The Council is going to look into a company called TownHallStreams out of York, ME. The company works with Zoom and provides a room-centered camera and extra microphones to improve the online quality. The estimate cost per year is about \$2,000. The Council plans to resume this discussion in March.

Other News

Rensselaer County has provided Stephentown with 130 COVID-19 tests kits, 15 of which have been given to the Town's Senior Citizen organization. The remainder will be handed out on **Saturday, February 26 from 10 am to noon** at the Town Hall.

The question was raised if Consolidated Communications was ever going to provide high-speed internet and TV service in the areas of the Town where they hold the franchise. In fact, the question of if they ever actually received the franchise was raised. Councilman Bill Jennings said he would make some phone calls and let other Council members know where the matter stands.

Berlin's 4th of July Parade Theme

The theme of this year's Berlin 4th of July parade will be iconic American brands. From driving a Chevrolet and flying with United Airlines, to Coca-Cola and the Kool-aid Man, we look forward to seeing how America will be celebrated by parade participants. For additional information, please contact janfirszt11@gmail.com.

Volunteers and donations are always needed and appreciated for both advance responsibilities and on parade day, and can be sent to Berlin Parade Committee, PO Box 66, Berlin, NY 12022.



Photo from the Eastwick Archive.

STEPHENTOWN

COVID-19 Testing Kits

Rensselaer County has provided towns with COVID-19 testing kits to distribute throughout its communities. Stephentown has scheduled its distribution of these kits for **Saturday, February 26, from 10 am to noon**, or until supplies last, at the Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road. Limit one per household, supplies are limited.

PETERSBURGH

Open Mic Night

The Fox Hollow Cafe's next open mic night will be **Friday, March 18, at 6:30 pm**. Open Mics are creative spaces for anyone who wants to give performing a try. The sign-up sheet will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own instruments and equipment if you would like to plug in. Admission is free, but you may want to bring money for coffee or snacks.

STEPHENTOWN

Ambulance Drivers

The Stephentown Fire Department is looking for ambulance drivers to help fill out EMS Crews. No special license is required, just a clean driving record. Training is available. In addition to driving, help with moving patients and prepping for future calls are part of the job. Daytime availability is especially helpful.

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PITTSTOWN

Duncan Maclean Pleads Guilty to Assault

Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced today that Duncan Maclean, age 38, previously of Pittstown, pled guilty to one count of Attempted Assault 1st Degree (C violent felony).

Maclean is accused of attacking his victim with a hammer in late 2017. The victim, who has since moved away from the area, reported that he was called by Maclean and asked to come to his home to talk. After a few drinks, Maclean waited until the victim turned his back and then struck him numerous times with a five pound hammer.

Maclean will be sentenced to six years determinate in state prison with three years post release supervision for his role in the attack. Chief Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf prosecuted the case.

The investigation into the death of Megan Dyer Maclean is still open. If you have any information regarding her death, please contact the Rensselaer County Sheriff's confidential crime tip line at 518-270-0128.

Brunswick Cellphone Tower

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zoning on land where CVE North America is looking to construct a commercial solar farm located off Belair Lane. Specifically, two parts of the parcel did not have an agricultural overlay attached to them, something that is required to allow solar on what is zoned residential. The Town Board approved the overlay on the portion being used by CVE, specifically for an access road, some panels and a setback. The Planners then approved the long form environmental impact assessment but did not take final action, as the proposal is still before the ZBA and requires the submission of additional engineering data.

The group that wants to construct a 5 megawatt solar farm on Oakwood Avenue was back before the Board, this time to discuss a location change. In 2021, they indicated they wanted to build on top of an old landfill, pending approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation. When that approval came, it had many conditions attached to it, so much so that construction was no longer economically feasible. The group, known as North Troy Solar, now hopes to build on land adjacent to the original site. The Board placed them on a future agenda for more detailed review.

SCHODACK

I-90 Corridor Plan Reviewed

by Denise Wright

The Rensselaer County Industry Development Agency (IDA) held a public scoping meeting on February 15 at the Schodack Town Hall. All Schodack officials and public members could ask questions and comment on the draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) created for approximately 6,000 acres along the I-90 Corridor between exits 11 and 12 on Route 9.

With the new Amazon complexes being developed in this area, the County realized that the site is increasingly attractive to development. With that in mind, the Rensselaer County IDA had the GEIS created to facilitate a more efficient SEQRA process for development purposes. Project manager Steven Wilson from Bohler commented that this is a proactive process and that there are no specific development plans at this time for that area. Wilson did say that this document will act as a guidebook on how development projects will proceed along Route 9 on the environment, traffic, ecology, zoning and municipal services.

Members of the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards, including Supervisor Chuck Peter, voiced concerns over the lack of infrastructure in that area. Officials commented that without water and sewer, nothing is coming. "Schodack officials explained that the study area has residential areas that need to be considered. Members recommended that the GEIS developers examine the findings of the Town of

Schodack's Zoning Committee as a noteworthy place to start and a need to make the language in the plan 'less generic and more specific.'"

Wilson thanked everyone for the feedback. This meeting was the first step where comments could be incorporated into the document. The goal is to have another public hearing in more detail in May or June to present the finalized document. Information is located on the Town of Schodack's website, and comments will be accepted until the end of February. According to Wilson, ultimately, the Town is in control and will be responsible for the final decisions on zoning and projects along the Route 9 corridor. The County hopes to work in partnership with the Town to make the Schodack corridor a viable business opportunity for Rensselaer County.

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SCHODACK

Weekend Stabbing

by Denise Wright

Saturday morning, Schodack Police chief John Hourigan confirmed that a man was stabbed on Friday, February 18 at the Four Seasons motel on Columbia Turnpike. Schodack police had responded to the motel for an assault and found the victim who was taken to Albany Medical Center with non-life threatening wounds and is expected to be okay.

According to a press release from the State Police in Schodack, 39-year-old Dominick

W. Mariani of Albany was arrested during a traffic stop in the City of Albany on February 21. He was charged with 2nd Degree Assault and Criminal Possession of a Weapon. The State Police took over the investigation on February 20 and it was determined that "Mariani entered the victim's motel room" and attacked the victim while he slept. He then fled the scene. Apparently, Mariana and the victim knew each other and the victim was "targeted" following a dispute the two had earlier in the day.

"Mariani was arraigned in Schodack Town Court and remanded to Rensselaer County Jail in lieu of \$25,000."

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Blueberry Bush Care

Saturday, March 26, from 2 to 3 pm

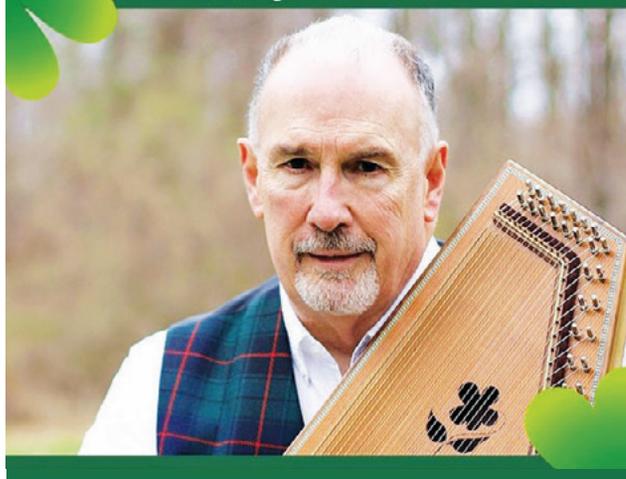
The Grafton Community Library will host a class on how to prune and care for your blueberry bushes. The class will be followed by a hands-on demonstration at Hay Berry Farm, 1176 Babcock Lake Rd.

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

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Celtic Music & Stories

with Jeff Snow



Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm

The Brunswick Community Library will present Celtic Music and Stories featuring Jeff Snow. The Softer Side of Celtic combines music, stories and a wee bit of history from Scotland, Ireland and England. There will be singing, laughing, clapping and perhaps a bit of foot stomping.

The program begins at 6:30 pm at the library located at 4118 State Route 2 in Brunswick (Troy GPS address).

For more information visit brunswicklibrary.org.

GRAFTON

Monthly Fire Department Breakfast

The Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly breakfast on **Saturday, February 26 from 8 to 11 am**. On the menu are Belgian waffles, pancakes, French toast, eggs made to order, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under while those 5 and under eat free.

The breakfast will be held at the Grafton Fire Hall on South Road (County Route 85).

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Airplane Lego Challenge

Friday, February 25, 3 pm

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.

Identity Theft Workshop

Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 pm

The workshop will cover social security number theft, medical identity theft, criminal identity theft, financial identity theft and driver's license theft. Once you have registered you will receive the Zoom link for the class.

Masks are required in the library to protect the immunocompromised and the unvaccinated. For more information call 518-753-4230 or contact at circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org.

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.

GRAFTON

Foster Road Public Meeting

The Town of Grafton will have a public information meeting **Monday, February 28 at 6:30 pm** at the former Grafton Elementary School, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. This meeting will be in lieu of Grafton's February workshop meeting.

There is also a meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 21, at 7 pm**, between the RPA and the Grafton Planning Board, followed by an expected public hearing **Monday, April 18, at 7 pm**.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Teen Advisory Group

Do you want to make a difference in your community and have fun hanging out with friends while doing so? Have your parents, teachers or guidance counselors recommended adding more extracurricular activities to your resume? Do you have ideas and suggestions for how to make the Library more entertaining and inviting for teens? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider joining the new Teen Advisory Group (TAG) at the Poestenkill Library.

TAG's mission is to expand and promote young adult services at Poestenkill Library through teen engagement, cooperation and partnership.

As a member of TAG, teens will work with their peers and the library director to:

- Provide input on how to create and maintain a cool and functional area for teens in the library
- Recommend books, movies, graphic novels and other materials for the library to add to the collection
- Develop young adult programs and services of interest to the local teen community
- Plan and facilitate teen-led programs and events at the library

If you would like to learn more about TAG, or are interested in joining the group, please contact Donna Riley at 518-283-3721 or by email at Director@Poestenkilllibrary.org. A first meeting date will be scheduled for late March taking into consideration the scheduling availability of interested teens.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

Budget Season Begins

by Chris Tergliafera

At the February 17 regular meeting of the Hoosick Falls Central School District Board of Education, the first draft of the 2022-2023 budget was presented. The proposed budget would see a spending increase of \$1,133,950, up 4.7% over last year. Numerous things factor into this number, such as increases in staff and support service, state and federal mandates, contractual expenses and more. As of now the estimate on the school tax levy increase is 6.04%. However, it was pointed out that this number is good for first presentation of the budget, and has been as high as 10 or 15 percent in past years. The District will then gather data not yet available and adjust the numbers in order to bring the increase to a level at or below the tax cap. The budget hearing is scheduled for **May 10, at 6 pm.**

Sports

It's a very exciting time for sports in Hoosick Falls.

The bowling team finished the season with an undefeated record and a sectionals win.

The wrestling team had three athletes compete and place in sectionals.

The competitive cheer team has placed third, second and first in recent events, and are the most competitive they have ever been heading into sectionals. And last but not least, both girls and boys basketball have upcoming playoff games.

Other News

Superintendent Patrick Daily stated while it's a challenging time and there's a lot going on in schools, he feels lucky to have such great students and staff. Recent in-person meetings have also been a return to some normalcy in what has been a very difficult time.

Administrators didn't speak at the February meeting, but will cover programming heading into next year at the March meeting.

HOOSICK FALLS

Defensive Driving Course

On **Saturday, March 19**, The North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22, will have a six-hour point and insurance reduction course from the National Safety Council. The course will begin promptly at **9 am**. You must pre-register by calling 518-686-4854. The cost is \$40.

NORTH HOOSICK 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 **March 4 and 18**.

BENNINGTON

SVHC Among Vermont's Best Places to Work

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) has been named one of 2022's Best Places to Work for the eighth year in a row. SVHC received the honor for the first time in 2015. It remains the only hospital in the state of Vermont to be recognized by the awards program.

Earning a spot on the list requires that a percentage of employees provide largely positive responses to an in-depth confidential survey conducted by an

independent third-party agency. The survey covers all aspects of the workplace environment, including leadership, supervisors, co-workers, benefits and more. Employees are chosen to receive the survey at random, and more than 400 survey responses are needed in order to make SVHC eligible for the award.

The program surveys and identifies the best places of employment to recognize organizations that benefit the State's economy, its workforce and businesses.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Vermont program, visit www.bestplacestoworkinvt.com.

BENNINGTON

Vaccination Hours Change

Submitted by SVHC

In response to decreased demand for vaccines and boosters, Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) COVID-19 Resource Center vaccination hours have been reduced. The center will be open **Fridays and Saturdays, from 8 am to noon, through March**. Vaccinations will also be available **Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 pm, and Thursdays from 8 am to noon**, at SVMC ExpressCare/Respiratory Evaluation Center at 120 Hospital Drive. No appointment is needed, but those wishing to make an appointment for Friday or Saturday may visit <https://vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration>.

The COVID-19 Resource Center is located on the former Southern Vermont College campus at 981 Mansion Drive. For additional information, visit svhealthcare.org/COVID-Resource-Center.

Medical Matters Weekly Welcomes Jerry Posner

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson is pleased to welcome Jerry Posner, a renowned author and speaker on the power of rational positivity at **noon on Wednesday, March 2**.

The show is produced with cooperation from Catamount Access Television (CAT-TV). Viewers can see Medical Matters Weekly on [facebook.com/svmedicalcenter](https://www.facebook.com/svmedicalcenter) and [facebook.com/CATTVBennington](https://www.facebook.com/CATTVBennington). The show is also available to view or download a podcast on www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters.

[svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters](http://www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters).

Posner is a training specialist, personal strategic coach, conference speaker author and consultant who emphasizes rational positive thinking and its power to transform our outlook. For more than 30 years, he has presented engaging and entertaining workshops, retreats and programs for a wide variety of businesses and organizations, including finance and law firms, hospitality, health care, retail, government and manufacturing.



SCHUYLERVILLE

Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club

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HOOSICK FALLS

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade is **Saturday, March 12 at 1 pm**. Floats, bands, marchers, cars, trucks, tractors and horses are welcome. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats. This year's theme is Irish fairies, legends and myths. Get your friends, family, businesses or service organizations to enter and join the fun. To enter, contact Kevin O'Malley at 518-894-5035 or email hoosickkid@gmail.com.

For more information on the parade, check out our Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Festival Facebook page.



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.

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Interact Club Donates Baked Goods

Submitted by SVMC

Students from the Mount Anthony Union High School (MAUHS) Interact Club dropped by Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) on Monday morning with more than fifteen dozen cookies and brownies they had baked along with flowers, seltzer water and balloons for the hospital's employees. Sponsored by the Catamount Rotary Club, the Interact Club performs service throughout the greater Bennington area, and is dedicated to helping students develop leadership skills, demonstrate helpfulness and respect for others, understand the value of individual responsibility and hard work and advance international understanding and goodwill.



From left to right, Sharon Rancourt, MAUHS Counselor; Catamount Rotarian and student mentor Mike McKenna; Hunter Sherwin; Will Mattison; Leena Jomaa; Tom Dee, president and CEO of Southwestern Vermont Health Care; Peter McKenna; Riley Thurber; Sophia Anisman; Caroline Boejstrup; and Ani Palisano. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

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NEW LEBANON

Community Food Giveaway Postponed

The community food giveaway originally scheduled for **Friday, February 25**, has been postponed due to potential inclement weather. The event has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, March 2, 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

Election News

The elections for the Village of East Nassau will be held on **Tuesday, March 15**, at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building, Town Garage Road, from **noon to 9 pm**. The candidates running for office are Adam Acquario, residing at 6714 NY Route 66, East Nassau, who is running for Mayor for a 2-year term of office; and Lydia Davis, residing at 35 Garfield Road, East Nassau, who is running for the Board of Trustees for a 2-year term of office. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Maguire, Village Clerk at clerk@villageofeastnassau.org or 518-794-0298.

NEW LEBANON

KISS Program

The Columbia County KISS (keeping identities of seniors safe) Program is once again available to seniors in every town in Columbia County.

The program, founded by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, was designed to protect the identities of our seniors while assisting them in the shredding of their sensitive materials. Seniors are encouraged to contact their local town hall for more information on the program. Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the New Lebanon Town Hall from **March 14 through 25**. Our hours for drop off are **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-5**. Please stop by the Town Clerk's office to sign your form for shredding.

NEW LEBANON

Ice Skating Rink at Shatford Park

The ice skating rink will be installed again this year at Shatford Park under the pavilion. We are working on getting it up and running and as soon as we receive the new liner, we will open it up. A huge thank you to Jesse Newton for installing the ice rink. Ice skating, once open, will be **seven days a week from sunrise to 10 pm**. Lights will be on under the pavilion for night skating. You must abide by all posted rules which are:

- Skate at your own risk
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
- Helmets are recommended and no ATVs or snowmobiles

There are crates available at the rink for beginner skaters. We also have some donated ice skates available for use but ask that you leave them for others to use when you are done using them. Please don't take them home with you. Have fun and stay safe at this community activity.

Spencertown Academy Presents

Dorothy Wickenden

Spencertown Academy Arts Center, in collaboration with Chatham Bookstore, presents Dorothy Wickenden on **Saturday, March 12 at 2 pm**. She will be joined in conversation with author Winifred Gallagher. Advanced reservations are required. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.spencertownacademy.org.

Wickenden is the executive editor of *The New Yorker* and the host of its weekly podcast, *Politics and More*. In *The Agitators*, she tells the stories of abolition, the Underground Railroad, the early women's rights movement and the Civil War. The Academy is located at 790 State Route 203. For more information, please contact info@spencertownacademy.org.



Socks for Soldiers

Rensselaer County and participating towns are still collecting Socks for Soldiers. The Socks for Soldiers effort collects socks to be sent to soldiers serving overseas. Socks are one of the most requested items, and many Rensselaer County residents have donated and are joining with the Blue Star Mothers to show support. You can donate at the County Office Building and at participating towns' — North Greenbush, Schodack, Schaghticoke, Hoosick, Stephentown and Poestenkill — town halls.

PITTSFIELD

Arrest Warrant in Delacruz-Batista Homicide

Submitted by the Berkshire District Attorney's Office

The State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office obtained an arrest warrant for a 33-year-old Pittsfield man on a murder charge related to the December 4, 2021 homicide of Reymon Delacruz-Batista.

The Pittsfield Police Department located and took Jamel Nicholson into custody without incident on Sunday, February 20. The court arraigned Nicholson Tuesday afternoon on single counts of murder, kidnapping and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. The court ordered that he be detained without bail.

Hunters found Delacruz-Batista, 32, deceased in the Pittsfield State Forest. The Berkshire State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office established probable cause and secured an arrest warrant for Nicholson on Friday.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Storytime

Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 am

Join Miss Ann for songs, movement activities and age-appropriate stories for our younger patrons and their caregivers.

Linda Worster Online

Friday, March 4, 6:30 pm

Join Linda as she brings us music online. Login details will be posted on the Library website the afternoon of the concert.

Book Group

Sunday, March 6, 11 am

This month's book to be discussed is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Copies of the book are available by request at local libraries.

Crafternoon Kids: Mixed Media Wall Hanging

Tuesday, March 8, 4:30 pm

Make It & Take It: Craft Meetup for Adults

Thursday, March 17, 6:30 pm

New York Historical Society Virtual Presentation

Wednesday, March 23, 6 pm

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General News

Tague Against Requiring Cannabis Applicants to Enter Unionized Agreements

Submitted by the Office of Assemblyman Chris Tague

Assemblyman Chris Tague voted against a bill that would implement a requirement for those seeking temporary adult-use cannabis cultivation and processing licenses to unionize their labor force, speaking out against the financial burden such a requirement would put on farmers who have already been subjected to a flurry of costly new mandates and regulations in recent years.

Within the text of the bill, applicants seeking a temporary license are required to enter a labor

peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization, making it difficult for smaller farms with unorganized labor forces to reap any potential gains that could come from the distribution of these licenses.

Tague especially took issue with this bill's failure to address the well-being of distressed farmers, an element of the original bill legalizing the cultivation of marijuana he viewed favorably. The text of the original bill mentioned distressed farmers four times, while the more recent bill regarding provisional licenses failed to reference them whatsoever.

Hybrid Tutor Training Workshop

Submitted by the Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (LVORC) will begin a Tutor Training Workshop in March. The training will include two in-person sessions, three sessions remote by Zoom and two online modules, Reading Basics 2.0 and Language Basics 2.0 from Literacy New York's self-paced I2O online training platform. Trainees will be asked to complete the two online modules before **March 24**.

LVORC welcomes all kinds of volunteers, from tutors to administrative helpers and event planners. To find out more about tutoring and other ways to help, join us for a volunteer opportunities information session on **Thursday, March 3 from 6 to 7 pm**, via Zoom. Contact mhellerlvorc@aol.com or call 518-244-4650 to register. For more information, visit <https://www.lvorc.org>.

Officials Weigh in on Ukraine Developments

With escalating tensions over what some feel is an impending Russian invasion of Ukraine, elected officials throughout the region are making their stance known.

"Russia's invasion of eastern Ukraine constitutes a grave violation of international law and is an affront to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. This incursion marks a dangerous new escalation in Russia's efforts to destabilize Ukraine," stated Congressman Antonio Delgado. He continued, "We cannot afford inaction. We must work with our allies in NATO and the European Union to impose severe,

robust sanctions on the Russian government."

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, in a joint statement with House Republican leadership, expressed, "Vladimir Putin's decision to launch a renewed invasion of Ukraine is reprehensible. The U.S. and our allies must now make the Putin regime pay for this aggression. China, Iran and North Korea are watching. They must see us respond firmly to this Russian aggression. We stand in complete solidarity with the innocent Ukrainian people and vow to continue to support them as they defend themselves from Putin's unprovoked onslaught."

Stefanik Joins Push to Support School Safety

Submitted by the Office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik cosponsored the School Resource Officer Act to support safety in schools by increasing funding for school resource officers through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

"Our North Country families should always have peace of mind when dropping their children off at school," Stefanik said. "I am proud to support this legislation in support of our law enforcement officers who protect our children, teachers and schools."

The School Resource Officer Act, led by Congressman Chris Jacobs, would allow law enforcement agencies to hire more school resource officers, law enforcement officers responsible for safety and crime prevention in schools. School resource officers play a critical role in making students feel safe. They also develop school safety plans to respond to threats of violence.

Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Brighten up your day with a bouquet of flowers that gives back to the local community. Rensselaer County 4-H has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the brand new Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good program for the month of March.

The program is an easy way for shoppers to give

back as part of their regular shopping routine. Every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet with the red circle sticker sold supports a non-profit local to the Hannaford in which it was purchased.

As part of this ongoing program, every month, at every Hannaford location, a different local non-profit is selected to benefit from the sale of the bouquets.

For more information about the Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good program, please visit hannaford.bloomin4good.com.

Rensselaer County Sets Sales Tax Revenue Record

Courtesy of Rensselaer County

Rensselaer County set a record for 2021, reaching the \$100 million mark for sales tax revenues and ending the fiscal year with substantially more than budgeted, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and members of the County Legislature announced.

The County received over \$110 million in sales tax revenues, a sign it's growing and moving in the right direction, McLaughlin and County leaders said. Final payments for sales tax revenues last year were received in recent days.

"More and more are coming to Rensselaer County to shop, dine or make significant purchases. We are also seeing more of our residents shop close to home and keep their dollars here," said McLaughlin.

"These revenues are shared with cities, towns and villages and this is great news for our taxpayers and partners in local government. These added dollars will be put to use close to home in keeping taxes down and services strong," added McLaughlin.

The County's previous high for sales tax revenues was for 2020, when the County took in \$96 million.

Rensselaer County led the State in sales tax growth during 2019.

The County has seen strong fiscal performance in recent years. Four consecutive County property tax reductions, including a 10 percent reduction for 2022, have lowered County taxes by almost 19 percent. The County has added to the surplus, and earned positive bond ratings, including a report by S&P Global that shows the County maintaining an excellent AA rating despite the pandemic.

The County also earned an excellent fiscal score ranking from the state Comptroller and was one of only three counties in the State to see an increase in GDP.

"Retail growth in our towns and cities, and a desire to shop locally, will have positive results for all of the Rensselaer County communities that share in the sales tax revenues," said Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman of North Greenbush.

"This is more great news for our County. Working together, we have fostered a climate for positive growth and we are seeing the benefits of those efforts," said Vice Chair Bob Loveridge of East Schodack.

Board Meetings

February 28, Monday

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

March 3, Thursday

Brunswick Planning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

March 8, Tuesday

Rensselaer County Legislature, Presentation 5:30 pm, Meeting 6 pm, County Office Building, Troy
Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage
New Lebanon Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Nassau Planning Board, 6:30 pm, Town Hall
Poestenkill Zoning Board, 7 pm, Town Hall or Fire Department (as needed)

Student Honors

Delaney Burton of Averill Park has been named to the 2021 Dean's List at Russell Sage College.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Sectionals Begin

A Recap of Recent Wasaren League From the Wasaren Sports Net

Girls

Maple Hill 54 Hoosick Falls 47

The Wildcats led 29-19 at the break and rode that cushion to the first round win in Class C play.

Tamarac 61 Johnstown 50

Tamarac, leading 32-20 at the break, put the game away with a 19-11 third period, and with the win will move on to play top seeded Schalmont on Wednesday in Class B second round action.

Barbecue Recreation Bowling

Wednesday Night League

<i>Team Standings</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>High Scores</i>	
The Jabronis	8	2	Matt Brownell	279 279 810
Gallup Inn	7	3	Corey Wysocki	245 237 717
Wack'em & Stack'em	6	4	Brad Colvin	259 238 703
Lou's Plumbing	6	4	Chris Pelletier	246 235 695
Lebowski Rug Co.	6	4	Cory Weeden	279 213 692
Mag-Way	5	5	William Nash	268 219 684
Chico's Bail Bonds	4	6	Colin Cipperly	238 231 684
Boner's	4	6	Mitch Andrew	269 212 681
McNally Insurance	3	7	Bill Shumway	244 232 680
Farmers Tires	1	9	Josh Magisano	233 223 678

Thursday American League

<i>Team Standings</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>High Game</i>	
Huntin' Time	53	37	289	Mike Weeden
Lauzon Machine Shop	51	39	269	Ryan Bedford
Team Taconic	49½	40½	266	Dick Bentley
Modern Game Pro Shop	48	42	258	Josh McCart
Dave Clark Excavating	47½	42½	257	Meghan Backus
RGI Insurance	45½	44½	257	Tim McCart
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	43½	46½	255	Ryan Farnsworth
Sharpe For Governor	42	48	254	Preston Oakes
Stevens and Sons Tents	36	54	248	Tom Mongeon
Lo-Ridge Farms	34	56	247	Chris Karch

Safest Season Ever for Hunters

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the 2021 hunting season was the safest on record with the lowest number of hunting-related shooting incidents since record-keeping began in 1949. Only nine shooting incidents were reported statewide; one, however, was a fatality.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos stated "I'm proud of our Hunter Education Program, and our educators and volunteer instructors, working to ensure licensed hunters experience a safe hunting season. Every hunting fatality is preventable when New Yorkers hunt safely and responsibly."



Please send in your scores or outdoor activities to news@eastwickpress.com

NL-B Swimmers Finish Strong

Submitted by Coach Tim Christiansen



Members of the NL-B Swim teams, from left to right: Riley Schwartz, Lance Schroder, Carol Kirsimagi, Alex Sotek, Jordan Sotek, Allison Slater. Photo contributed.

Top 8 finishes were achieved and school records broken for the New Lebanon-Berlin Varsity Swim Team who competed in NYS Sectionals this past weekend at Shenendehowa High School. Junior Alex Sotek, Sophomore Alison Slater and eighth grader Lance Schroder competed in individual events while Carol Kirsimagi, Riley Schwartz and Jordan Sotek rounded out the relay teams. Alex Sotek led the way with an outstanding meet finishing with two school records and two top 8 finishes, which hasn't been done by a New Lebanon-Berlin swimmer in over 14 years. Alex finished 7th in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 58.78 and 5th place in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:01.50. Alison set a new school record while finishing in 10th place in the 500 Freestyle with a time of 5:31.35, she also placed 14th overall in the 100 Breaststroke. Lance finished 17th in the 200 Free & 20th in the 100 Free respectively in his first appearance at sectionals. The relay teams also had outstanding performances with Carol, Jordan, Lance and Riley hitting personal best times. The Medley Relay team (Carol, Alison, Jordan, Riley) finished 9th overall. The 200 Relay team (Alex, Lance, Jordan, Riley) finished 8th overall and the 400 Relay team (Lance, Riley, Alex, Alison) dropped 5 seconds and finished in 6th place. What an exciting and tremendous meet for the entire team!

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Maple Weekend

Grafton Lakes State Park is hosting its annual maple weekend **March 26 and 27, from 10 am to 2 pm, rain or shine.** There will be ice cream, donuts and maple syrup on behalf of Stewart's Shops and Maplewood Farms.

Maple Weekend is the perfect event for all ages. Enjoy maple treats, crafts and educational booths. Learn about indigenous, home and modern practices for collecting sap and creating maple syrup. The cost is \$3 cash per person, ages 5 and under are free. No pre-registration required.

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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 Town of Grafton

The Workshop Meeting scheduled for the Town of Grafton on February 28, 2022 has been canceled.

Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will be hosting a Public Forum on February 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The Forum will be held at Roxborough Holdings (former Grafton Elementary School) located at 13 Babcock Lake Road, Petersburg NY 12138. The Purpose of the Public Forum is to discuss the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance plans for use of real property located in the Town of Grafton. There will be a sign-up sheet to speak upon entry at the Public Forum.

Legal Notice Town Of Grafton

The Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) for the Town of Grafton covering the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021 has been filed with the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection and copying.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of James Carroll for the purpose of an applicant request for a special permit to convert a single family dwelling to a short-term rental. Property is located at 2017 County Route 5 in the Town of New Lebanon. The Public Hearing will take place on March 16, 2022 at 7 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk during her normal business hours at 518-794-8884.

By: Michelle Bienes
Planning/Zoning Clerk
Town of New Lebanon,
NY 02/18/2022

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF NAMES OF PERSONS APPEARING AS OWNERS OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF RENSSELAER COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 601 of the Abandoned Property Law of the State of New York that:

The undersigned, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the County of Rensselaer, has on deposit or in his custody certain moneys and property paid or deposited in actions or proceedings in several courts in the said County.

The persons whose names and last known addresses are set forth below appear from the records of the said Chief Fiscal Officer to be entitled to certain such property of the amount of \$50.00 or more.

DEPOSITED IN ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RENSSELAER COUNTY

BAILS

• Peter Prodromou, 20 Alden Lane Winchester, Massachusetts, 01890-4033

• John Janiszak Jr, 4 Leverage Avenue Apt #2 Cohoes, New York, 12047

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That

(A) a list of the names contained in this notice is on file and Open to public inspection at the Office of the Chief Fiscal Officer;

(B) any such unclaimed money or other property will be paid or delivered by him on or before the thirty-first day of March to persons establishing to his satisfaction their right to receive the same; and

(C) in the succeeding month of April, on or before the tenth day thereof; such unclaimed money or other property still remaining will be paid or delivered to the Comptroller of the State of New York, and the undersigned shall thereupon cease to be liable therefore.

Dated: February 17, 2022

Mark Wojcik

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

RENSSELAER COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF BERLIN, NEW YORK

The Town Board of the Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, State of New York, invites sealed bids for the purchase of sand, stone, bank run gravel and Item #4. Bids will be accepted by the Town Clerk until 7 pm on March 10, 2022. Bids may be mailed to Berlin Town Clerk, PO Box 307, Berlin, NY 12022, delivered to 26 S. Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022 or brought to the Town Clerks' office at 17563 NY 22, Berlin, NY during office hours. (Office hours are Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm or Saturday 9 am to noon.) Detailed specifications are available to any interested bidder at the office of the Town Clerk, 518-658-2161. Bids will be opened during the regular Town Board meeting on March 10, 2022 beginning at 7:30 pm at the Town of Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 NY 22, Berlin, NY. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

By Order of the Town Board
Anne Maxon, Berlin Town Clerk
February 11, 2021

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

Name: **Albany Opportunity Zone Fund, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/15/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 105 Brunswick Rd, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, 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.

Mondays at the center there is card group 10 am to noon, and then open card playing following lunch. Wednesdays offer senior games at 12:30 pm and senior exercise group at 1:30. On Fridays there is Wii bowling in the morning and bingo following lunch.

March 3, at 11 am, Kimberly Freeman, Unity House Elder Program Coordinator, will speak about Domestic Violence against Elders. The topic is not

only for physical abuse, but also intimidation, threats, neglect and financial exploitation. It is difficult to understand why elder abuse happens by the people we love and supposedly love us in return. Kim will discuss what Unity House can do to help in a situation without causing more harm in return. Unity House offers many confidential services to assist seniors, and since every situation is different, they can customize a unique plan of support suited for every individual. This presentation is offered to everyone, not just our residents 60 and over. Please mark your calendar.

Wednesday, March 9, the center will host the Hoosick Area Senior group for their monthly meeting at **11 am**. Following lunch there will be a birthday celebration for all those with a March birthday followed by a fun game of trivia. On **Wednesday, March 16**, there will be a special luncheon with Irish music by Mike Yates. Come and kick up your heels, sing along and enjoy some Irish fun. On **Thursday, March 17**, the center will open from **10 am to 1 pm** (usually

closed on Thursdays) to serve a corned beef and cabbage lunch.

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.

Haircuts, pedicures and manicures will be offered **March 8**, by appointment only. There will also be senior yoga plus class at 10 am, and a fun game of senior feud following lunch. On **March 15**, the center will host the Eastern Tier (Grafton) Senior Membership meeting at 11:15 am with a special luncheon at noon with music by Brian Zapel. Come and listen to the music, dance or sing along. On **March 17**, the center will have a corned beef and cabbage lunch. All residents 60 and over are invited to attend. Mondays and Fridays in March the center will be open for our 10 am chair yoga class. This is a low impact class that all senior citizens can do. Please call 518-279-3413 for available appointments or if you wish to be added to the lunch and/or activity list.

Pittstown Seniors

The Pittstown seniors have begun their 2022 meetings. The meetings will take place at the Raymer-town Fire House, just off of Rt. 7. **March 2, at 11:30 am** will be a covered dish lunch. New members are always welcomed. Call Barbara for more information at 518-663-7665.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Our Friday, March 4 meeting will be at 1 pm at the LVPA meeting room. At that meeting we will be taking the reservations for our St. Patrick's luncheon that will act as our Friday, March 18 meeting at 1 pm, at Jimmy D's restaurant in New Lebanon. Members will be given a \$10 allowance towards your meal; you will be responsible for the rest of your tab and tip. Corned beef and cabbage will be available as well as ordering from the menu. To reserve your lunch seat, sign up at the March 4 meeting or call Linda at 518-794-8169 by March 4. Any questions please call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009. New members always welcome. Trips and fun are being scheduled for our year ahead.

Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors

The first meeting of the year for the Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors will be **Tuesday, March 8, at 5 pm**, at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Hall at 71 Main St. We will be serving our annual corned beef dinner followed by our monthly meeting at 6 pm. Trips and normal business to be discussed. Anyone 55 or older in the tri-state area is welcome. No membership fees.

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 25: Hawaiian turkey patty, teriyaki rice, sliced carrots, diced peaches

Feb 28: Fish sticks w/ ketchup, parslied rice, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit

Mar 1: Cube steak w/ white gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, yogurt

Mar 2: Open face tuna melt, wide noodles, peas and onions, white bread

Mar 3: Turkey a la King, rice, cut green beans, biscuit, fresh fruit

Mar 4: Crabmeat salad cold plate, mac salad, tomato and onion soup, wrap, fruit cup

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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.

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.

ALLSTAR HOMES MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/11/22. 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, 2 Windfield Ln, Troy NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Green Avenue Candle Co. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/25/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY 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, 71 Green Ave Castleton, NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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.

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.

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 of **605 4TH, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed Secretary of State (SSNY) 2/8/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 3102 7th Avenue, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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.

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.

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 **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.

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.

NOTICE OF FORMTION 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.

Eastwick Entertainment

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 25, Friday

Jim Gaffigan, *The Fun Tour*, 7 & 9:30 pm, \$39.75-\$349, The Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or theater box office Mon.-Fri., noon-4 pm

Waitress musical, 8 pm 2/25, 2 pm & 8 pm 2/26, 2 pm 2/27, \$22.50-\$95.50, MainStage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, [proctors.org](https://www.proctors.org) or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm

February 27, Sunday

Word Plays: For Better Or Worse, 2 pm, \$12, Delack Guild Room at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, stories told by Schuman and Beverly Schwartz, [proctors.org](https://www.proctors.org) or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm

March 6, Sunday

Clark Art Institute presents Mary Weaver Chapin: **"Intimate Color: The Print Portfolios of Bonnard, Vuillard, and Denis, 1899,"** to close Hue & Cry: French Printmaking and the Debate Over Colors, 2 pm, free, Zoom (<https://www.clarkart.edu/event/detail/1959-87768> to register) & Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/clarkartinstitute/live>)

March 8, Tuesday

The Kittle Family Murders, 7 pm, free, presented by Jill Whitbeck Knapp, Sand Lake Historical Society, Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, masks required, visit [Sandlakehistory.org](https://www.sandlakehistory.org) or call 518-527-9926 for more information

March 12, Saturday

Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade & Irish Festival, 1 pm parade, 1:30 pm festival, free, more information to be announced soon, visit Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Festival Facebook page, contact Kevin O'Malley at 518-894-5035 or hoosickkid@gmail.com with questions or to enter the parade

March 13, Sunday

Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club Breakfast, 8 - 11 am, adults \$10, children \$5, 123 NY-32, Schuylerville, NY 12871, bill.simmes@outlook.com, 518-796-6553

March 18, Friday

March Open Mic Night, 6:30 pm, free, Fox Hollow Music & Art Café, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St., sign-ups first come, first served, bring own instruments and equipment, coffee, snacks, local goods available for purchase

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- Harry Potter's mark
- Syrup flavor
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- Bird of prey's nest
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- Bashful or Happy
- *"1984" author George
- *Best-selling pop artist Bing
- Writer ____ Monk Kidd
- Genghis or Kubla
- Cranberry habitat
- Not nice
- Saddle holders
- *Boris Karloff's movie "The _____," pl.
- Actress Barrymore
- Asian goat antelope
- Supernatural life force
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- Cook from above
- Rotisserie part
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Last Week's Crossword Solution:

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- Copycat
- Chicken feet
- Christian hymn (2 words)
- Graveside sound
- Gone by
- TV's Yellowstone, e.g.
- Uses a Singer
- Underwater hermit
- Ethereal
- Gridiron official, for short
- Apollo Creed's son
- City in northern England
- Old towel, e.g.
- Rollerskater's protector (2 words)
- *Disney's 1942 orphan
- Abstractionism using optical illusion
- Kind of salami
- Crafts' companion
- Network of nerves
- Treasure collection
- Dreamer?
- *Popular music style
- Ship canvas
- *1939-1945
- Parallel grooves
- Acid turns it red
- "Bingo!"
- Daryl Hannah's 1984 movie
- Open up
- In spite of the fact, arch.
- Church sound
- Swedish shag rugs
- Plotting
- Velum, pl.
- Zeal
- New Haven University
- IRS employee?
- Yang's opposite
- Canny

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Obituaries

Robert C. Tibbetts

Stephentown – Robert C. Tibbetts, 84, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Born in Brockton, MA on May 31, 1937, Bob was the son of the late Webster David Tibbetts and Martha Bruce Winter Tibbetts.

He married Dorothy Ruth Peirce at the East Taunton Congregational Church on February 15, 1964. Their first date was a plane ride on his single engine airplane; they just celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They moved to the Berkshires in 1968, living in West Stockbridge from 1969 to 1986, and eventually settled in Stephentown, NY.

His career spanned many jobs from starting and owning his own mining company out of high school to working with his father as a contractor learning the trade, but spent the majority of his career working as a self-employed lumber salesman. He also operated a business refurbishing computer keyboards and selling specialized wood used to make guitars. He was a volunteer police officer for the town of West Stockbridge for many years and was also on both the School Committee and the Finance Committee there. In addition, he was a 40+ year member of the Masons, WISDOM LODGE A.F. & A.M., West Stockbridge, MA and was a longtime Shriner.

Bob was an incredibly skilled craftsman. In 1986, he designed and built a new home in Stephentown, NY. From the location, to the view, and the design of the house, Bob was filled with pride when it came to his home. He loved woodworking, especially creating gifts for his family and friends, and was a collector of many things. He found joy in repurposing seemingly random items to turn them into something useful and loved showing others his latest find.

His artistic vision carried into his hobby of photography. He had a tremendous eye and loved to share photos he had taken with those he loved.

Bob and Dot traveled often in their younger years. Together they visited Spain, Greece, and Italy. They also took many trips to Bermuda, spent time visiting their family in Virginia, and Bob even visited Alaska.

For a man that may not have always showed how he was feeling, he ensured his grandchildren knew how much they were loved and was proud of their accomplishments.

In addition to his wife Dot, Bob is survived by his sons, Brian R. Tibbetts and his wife Tracy of Assawoman, VA, and Gary R. Tibbetts and his wife Karen of Lenox. He also leaves his grandchildren, Nicholas (Elizabeth), Benjamin (Ashley), Emily and Matthew, his great-granddaughter, Elena “Ellie” Grace, his two beloved nieces, many close friends, and his partner in crime, his cat named Troubles.

Bob was predeceased by his brothers, David Webster and Richard Tibbetts.

SERVICES: Calling hours at the DEVANNY-CONDON FUNERAL HOME were held on Wednesday, February 23 with a Masonic Service at the beginning. Burial at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Taunton will be private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made payable to either “Shriners Hospitals for Children” or “Stephentown Ambulance” and mailed to the funeral home at 40 Maplewood Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201.



Gladys M. Goodermote

Berlin – Gladys M. Goodermote, 87, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2022. She was born in Hoosick Falls on May 10, 1934 to Raymond Brownell and Ethel LeBarron Brownell. She graduated from Hoosick Falls High School in 1952 and went to work for a local business.

She married her husband, Stanton M. Goodermote, on November 27, 1954 and they were married for 67 years and lived in Berlin. She was a devoted housewife and mother. She also worked at different times at Berlin Central School, W.J. Cowee, Inc. and Seagroatts.

She is survived by her husband, Stanton M. Goodermote of Berlin, daughter Kimberly J. Goodermote of East Greenbush, son James M. Goodermote of Berlin, her sister Shirley Cottrell of Hoosick Falls and her brother Kenneth Brownell of Hoosick Falls as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Ethel Brownell, her sister Helen Filkins, her brothers Milton Brownell, Charles Brownell and Malcolm Brownell, and her beloved nephew David Filkins.

The family would like to thank the Danforth Adult Care Center in Hoosick Falls for the wonderful care given to our wife and mother.

Calling hours for family only will be Sunday, February 27 from 12 pm to 2 pm at the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home, 66 Armsby Road, Petersburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Berlin Free Town Library, 47 S. Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022 or to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 in memory of Gladys M. Goodermote.



Harold W. Jones Jr.

Petersburgh – Harold W. Jones, Jr., 91, passed away peacefully on February 20th, 2022 at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hoosick Falls. Born July 21st, 1930 on the family farm in Berlin, NY, he was the son of the late Harold W. Jones, Sr. and Nora A. (Brown) Jones.

Harold and Eva F. Hurley married on February 10th, 1951 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Bennington, VT. They were married for 66 years when Eva passed on October 4, 2017. He attended Berlin Schools. He worked for W.J. Cowee, Ben Mont Papers, and Eddington Chevrolet-Cadillac in Bennington. In 1963, he and Eva went into business, operating H.W. Jones Garage in Petersburg together for 40 years. He was a gifted mechanic and an honest man, going the extra mile to help his customers.

Harold had an enduring love for his family, always working to provide for them. His love and approval was evident in all that he did. There were good times spent swimming at Hapgood Pond and vacationing at Hampton Beach. In later years, he and Eva traveled around the country, spending their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Anyone who knew Harold soon realized that he loved animals, especially cats. Some came to him looking for a good home, and some he rescued while he was driving along back roads.

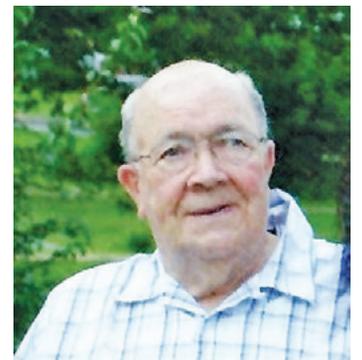
Harold is survived by his loving children Gloria Jean (Alan) Adams, Gayle Ann (Victor) Corbisiero, and Donald Walker Jones. He was dearly loved by his grandchildren Holly, Nathan, and Cara Adams, Colleen Scott, Naomi King, Joshua Corbisiero, and Amanda Lane. He had 9 great-grandchildren: Chad, Matthew, Zachary, Noah, Emily, Eva, Paxton, Sophia, and Coraline. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Harold was predeceased by his sisters Agnes Stanley, Ruth Wager, Dorothy Stewart, and his brothers George, Howard, and Aliric (Mike) Jones. He is survived by sisters-in-law Katherine Krawczyk, Viola Burgess, Ruby Kinney, Nancy Flanders, and brother-in-law Jerod Sanders. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law Cora Hurley Sanders, brother-in-law Frank Hurley, and sisters-in-law Ruth Gratton and Sally Pacher.

The funeral was held from the E.P. Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington, VT on Thursday, February 24, 2022 with Pastor Dale Hall officiating. His burial took place at the family lot in Park Lawn Cemetery following the service.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at CNR in Hoosick Falls for their compassionate care, always treating our father with kindness and respect. Emily Flynn was always available to answer questions and to show an extra measure of love.

If you wish to honor Harold with a donation, please consider a gift to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, through the office of the E. P. Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main St. Bennington, VT 05201.



Church News

Gilead Lutheran Church Sunday School

Due to many factors including conflicting commitments and the COVID-19 resurgence, we have decided to postpone all remaining classes this spring and will resume in September.

We will send further details over the summer. Jen and Tori ask that all students watch the mail for some surprises.

The church is located at the junction of Routes 7 and 278 in Center Brunswick. For more information call 518-279-9270 or visit gileadlutheran.org.

Lent Begins

Our Lady of the Snow, 31 Owens Rd., Cropseyville, will hold their Ash Wednesday mass on **March 2, at 5 pm**. Ashes will be distributed.

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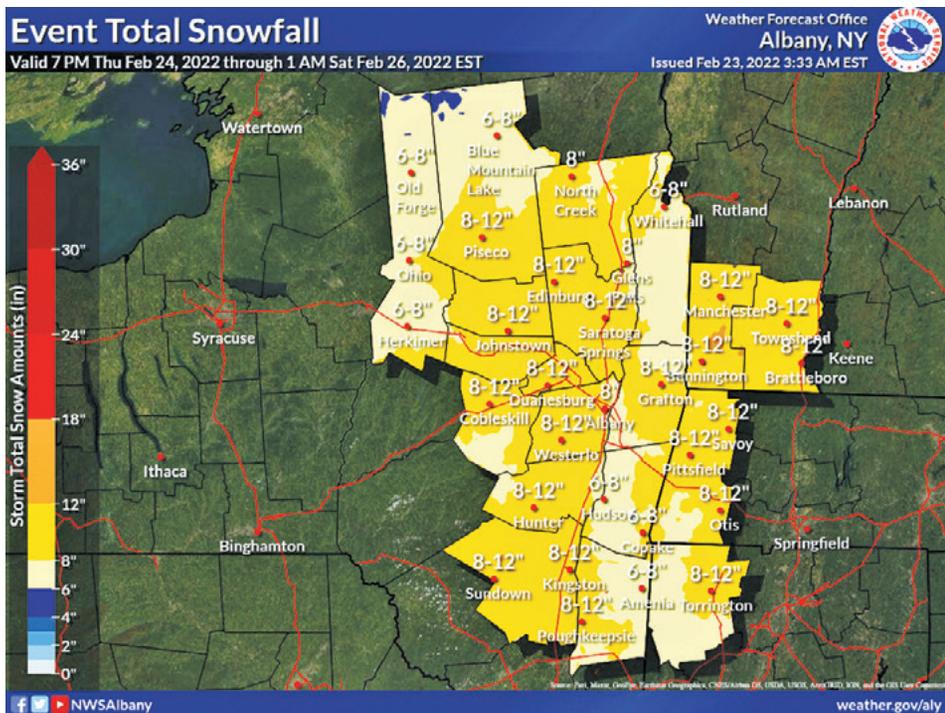
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Little Hoarder



The Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) is a small non-migratory songbird (about six inches long) living mostly in North America's woods and parks. In the fall and winter, the bird often visits feeders and stores many of the seeds. To find out more about this bird and others, see <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/>. This titmouse was found near the bird feeders at Grafton Lakes State Park. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Latest "Storm of the Century"



As of press time, the National Weather Service is forecasting these snowfall totals for our general area. As usual, predictions vary from forecaster to forecaster, so we thought we would run this map of the anticipated snowfalls from Friday to Saturday to see who is the better forecaster: the National Weather Service (who most times are pretty close) or Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) who says we have three more weeks of this stuff.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

Winter Time, Selling Meat

Tuesday, December 23, 1851: Today Geo P. had Russel Palmer butcher a two year old heifer of mine, weight 528 pounds, hide out 65 pounds.

Wednesday: I this morning took the cutter and fetched Deborah Wylie to cut and fit dresses for my two daughters, and at night John F. carried her home. Today Geo P. went to Pittsfield and carried said beef and sold for 21 dol 67 cts and the hide two dol 60 cts, he gives me twenty dollars for said heifer on the foot.

Thursday, Dec. 25: Tonight my two sons went with two cutters to Hancock village to the picnic and carried their two sisters and Clarissa Withee.

Friday: Today on this forenoon Gardner Green helped us butcher four pigs, we guess they average one hundred pounds each. My two sons helped said Green butcher, I this afternoon cut up the pork and salted it. This evening I agreed to pay said Green two bushel turnips for helping butchering and I gave him a rib. Today a severe cold day.

Saturday: I this morning drove my fat cow to Mr. Russel Palmer's to be butchered and in the afternoon I took the cutter and went after the beef. Said Palmer cut up said beef and I paid Palmer fifty cts for butchering and thirty cts for cutting up the beef. We reckoned all our deal and found that he

owed me twenty five dollars and sixty one cts and he paid me the cash. My fat cow weight nearly six hundred and the hide weight 65 pounds. Today the Runnals fanned up 53½ bushels oats which is the last, and it makes 89½ bushels that they threshed for one out of eleven and board themselves, John F. tended to measuring up and fetching up said oats. Today Geo P. took his horse and cutter and carried Clarissa Withee home and did not return home tonight. This morning colder than any time last winter.

Sunday: Quite a thaw and rain. Geo P. returned home.

Monday: Today I bargained with the Runnals to cut and split and cord wood and board themselves, and I pay them 44 cts per load. They agreed to cut none but what we pick out for them to chop.

Tuesday: I puttied in the glass that the putty had got off the two front windows to the south room and today Westalo Rodgers fitted in the large window and cased it in the south chamber, and did the same to the six light window in the south end kitchen chamber and garret window, and the north kitchen chamber and north garret window only fitted in. All of these windows, seven of them, I bought to Pittsfield with the glass in and painted.

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