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## RENSSELAER COUNTY

# Major Representative Changes in the Offing

by Doug La Rocque

When it comes to who represents Rensselaer County in Congress, the State Senate and to a degree the State Assembly, the winds of change are howling. And naturally, there is a lot of howling about that. On Sunday, the Democratically controlled State Legislature unveiled their redistricting maps, after the commission tasked with the redistricting was unable to come up with one set of maps. They had presented two maps to the State lawmakers, one favoring Democrats and the other favoring Republicans. What the Legislature finally came up with has the GOP screaming gerrymandering at the top of their lungs. Here are some of the changes.

### Congress

The vast majority of the County is currently represented by Democrat Antonio Delgado, with Democrat Paul Tonko's district including the Cities of Troy and Rensselaer. Under the new district set up, Congressman Tonko will only have the City of Troy, with the southern portion of the County still represented by Mr. Delgado. There is now a third congressional district in the County: the 21st. District Representative Republican Elise Stefanik's coverage will now extend to include the Towns

of Hoosick, Petersburg, Pittstown, Grafton, Poestenkill, Schaghticoke and Brunswick.

### State Senate

This is where the biggest change occurs. For the past ten years, most of Rensselaer County has been part of the 43rd Senate District represented by Senator Daphne Jordan. If the new districting is approved, Senator Jordan will only represent the City of Troy. Senator Neil Breslin will pick up Schodack, with the majority of the County moving to the 41st Senate District, currently represented by Senator Sue Serino of Hyde Park in Dutchess County.

### State Assembly

Assemblyman Jake Ashby currently represents the majority of Rensselaer County, southern Washington County and the northeastern portion of Columbia County. His district too will undergo some changes, with New Lebanon moving to Assemblywoman Dee Dee Barrett's district, with Mr. Ashby pick-



Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

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# McLaughlin Delivers State of the County Address

## Executive Touts Past Successes and Future Goals

by Doug La Rocque

Area lawmakers, officials and business leaders gathered at Franklin Terrace in Troy Thursday, January 27, to hear Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin deliver the annual State of the County Address. In the speech he pointed out many of the accomplishments of his administration over the past year, highlighting finances, the battle with COVID-19, infrastructure, Hudson Valley Community College and seniors.

### Tax Cuts and Economic Stability

Mr. McLaughlin spoke about four years of tax cuts, including the most recent 10 percent drop in the 2022 tax rate. He also noted the Office of the NYS Comptroller has given Rensselaer County a zero financial stress rating, something rarely seen when it comes to municipal government. He mentioned that Rensselaer County was one of only three counties in the State to see an increase in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the other two being much smaller counties in the western portion of the State.

\$100 million was an important number in the address — that is what Executive McLaughlin placed the County's surplus at as well

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Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin looks around the packed room at Franklin Terrace as he delivers his annual State of the County address. Photo by Doug La Rocque.



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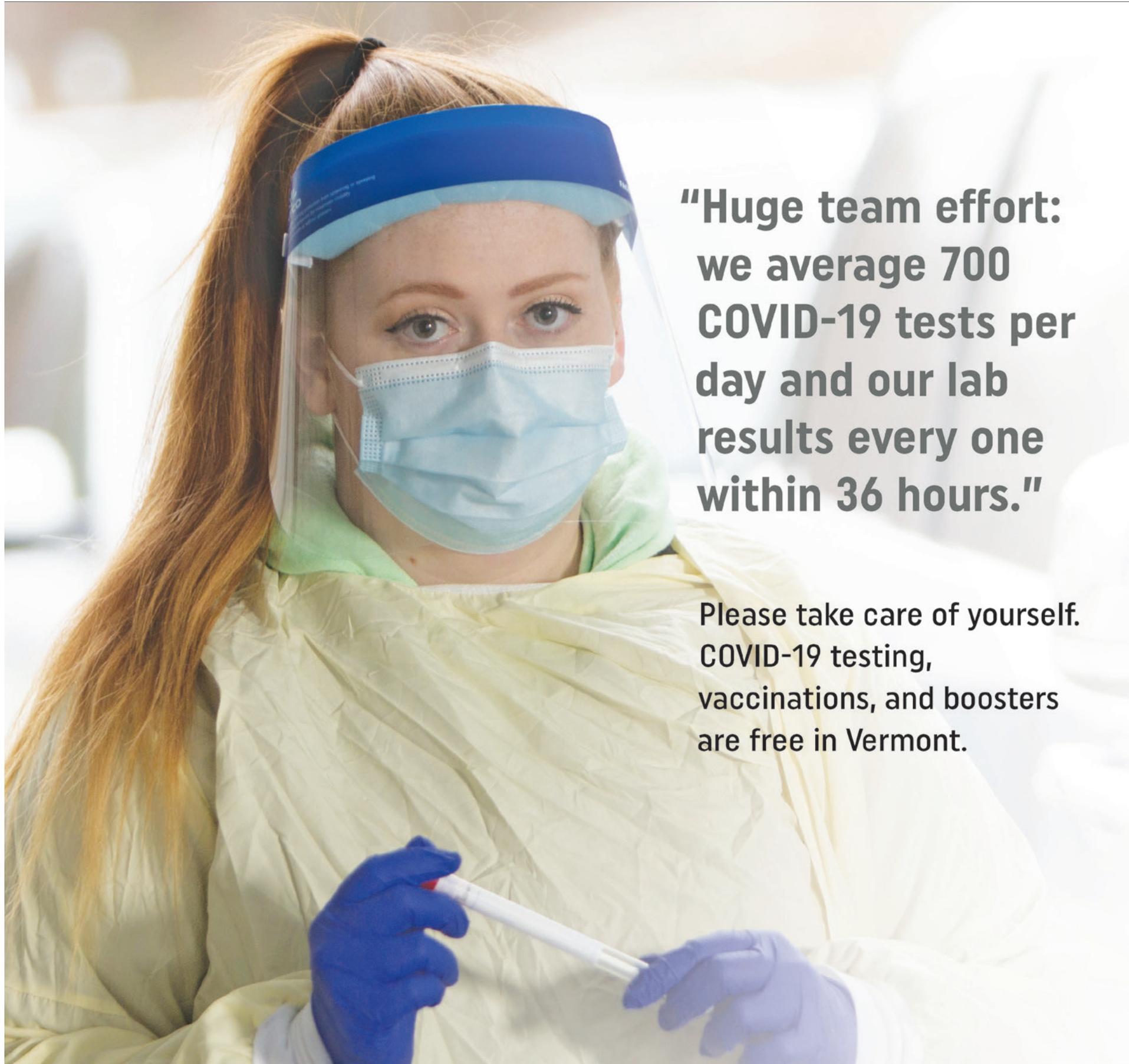
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# Taconic Valley

## BERLIN

### Student Council Recognized



From left to right: Advisor Mrs. Gilbert, President Levi Guimarra, Vice-President Alyah Varela, Council Representative Lydia Morgan, Secretary Addison Mosher, Treasurer Valentina Popov, Treasurer Tyler Webster, Vice-President Alicia Minkler and Principal Mrs. Brownell. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Submitted by BCS Communications

Students from the Berlin Middle School student council each received a congratulatory letter today from Rensselaer County legislators. The students were all appointed to their positions in October with the goal of creating opportunities for students' voices to be heard, and events for students to get involved in our school and community.

Berlin MS/HS principle Mrs. Brownell and student council advisor Mrs. Gilbert handed out the letter

from the legislators congratulating the students on all of their hard work. The letter, signed by County legislators Bruce Patire and Jeffrey Wysocki, said "All of these students should be proud of their accomplishments. They are eager to succeed, and willing to work hard, and in turn set good examples for their classmates. It has been a challenging couple of years for many students, so it is great to see that your students' dedication to learning has not changed."

Congratulations to all the student council members.

## STEPHENTOWN LIBRARY

### The Battle of Midway: A Virtual Presentation

Thursday, February 10, at 7 pm

Join us for a virtual presentation by Greig Siedor on the Battle of Midway.

### 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](http://www.stephentownlibrary.org) for more details and event registration.

## 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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## PETERSBURGH

### Assistance With PFOA Claim Forms

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

## PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

### Open House

We will be hosting an open house on *Saturday, February 12*, from 10 am to noon. Complimentary refreshments will be served and the winning raffle ticket for the Deluxe Air Fryer will be drawn. Tickets are still available and will be sold up until the drawing. Please come in to visit and check out the library.

Creative writing will be *Tuesday, February 8*, at 6:45 pm, and the book group will meet on *Wednesday, February 9*, at 7 pm. Knitters meet on *Wednesday afternoons*. Anyone eager to learn to knit is welcome to join us.

## PETERSBURGH

### Fire Department Installation

The members of the Petersburg Fire Department and Auxiliary gathered at the Grafton Fire Hall on Saturday, January 22 for their annual installation banquet. Chief Mark Murray (left) begins his third year in office with First Assistant Dicky Snyder (next to him) also beginning his third year in that position. Also in the picture are the other line, civil and auxiliary officers. Photo by Doug La Rocque.



## PETERSBURGH

### Fox Hollow Cafe

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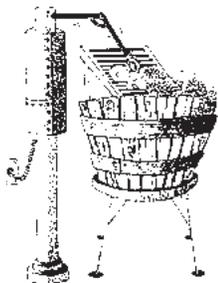
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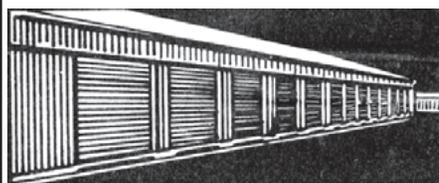
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# Central County

## Troy's State of the City Address

On Tuesday evening, February 1, Mayor Patrick Madden delivered the 2022 State of the City Address, during which he outlined historic achievements to:

- Restore public confidence in the City's finances
- Record detailed levels of investment in Troy's neighborhoods, infrastructure, pools, parks and public safety departments
- Renew the City's commitment to clean energy and efforts to fight climate change

A link to the full address is available at [www.troyny.gov/SOTC](http://www.troyny.gov/SOTC).

## SCHODACK

### Town Council Highlights

by Denise Wright

After the public hearing on the Greendale Solar Farm located on County Route 32, the January 27 Schodack Town Council meeting passed a few resolutions. Several other topics were also discussed that ranged from personnel contracts to the Town parks.

The Council approved the resolution for the Greendale Solar Farm. They adopted the amendment to the zoning map for the PD2 following the Planning Board Site Plan. The other two resolutions involved minor revisions to a previous resolution approving Frank Curtis as a temporary assessor for the Town and approving a change in financial limits for the Comptroller to pay some bills.

According to Supervisor Peter, the labor agreement for CSEA/Highway Department is all set and hopes to start working on the police union agreement soon. Peter hopes the Council will assist him in cleaning up the wording on several zoning laws and ethics policies. One goal of the Supervisor is to develop a survey and newsletter for residents. He hopes to gauge interest and participation in Town services from residences.

Sewer issues were another topic during the meeting. Schodack Reality's agreement concerning the Dunkin' Donuts' sewer issue is in the process of being resolved through a new system and testing. Supervisor Peter commented that it was good to see this long-

standing issue is being rectified. The Supervisor and members of the Council have been directly involved with the County sewer expansion on Route 9. Presently they are exploring which options would be better for the Town, connecting to the village station or the county plant. Issues like capacity and the running of pipes are being analyzed.

A major topic of conversation with the Council involved the parks in the Town. Supervisor Peter is looking into possibly working with the County to procure some financial assistance to get a year-round position to help with maintaining the Schodack Town Park, Papsanee Island Nature Preserve and the Brookview Park near the Castleton Ambulance Building. There was some discussion about using one of the surplus vans the Town has for a park vehicle and updating the events in the Park. Two potential changes might be to expand the Music in the Park series, and the other was movie nights in the Park. The Council plans to explore these options. The installation of a handicap swing in the Park is still in the works. Supply chain issues have impacted the project, but the Board plans to investigate other manufacturers to see if it can be expedited.

The final item discussed was the announcement of a February 15 public hearing led by the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency on the Schodack I-90 Corridor Generic Environmental Impact Statement. This hearing will allow members of the public to identify specific issues and environmental impacts that should be addressed within the Town. Since there has been an increasing interest in developers coming to Schodack, this agency has created a study area defined by I-90 to the west, Exit 11 to the north and exit 12 to the south, and hopes to evaluate areas of potential impact resulting from future development. The meeting will be at 7 pm at the Schodack Town Hall at 265 Schuurman Road, Castleton.

## GRAFTON

### Area Dam Update

Statement Courtesy of the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation

In the January 7 edition of *The Eastwick Press*, our front page story was a report on four area dams and their recent designation by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as unsound. As we initially reported, this designation doesn't mean there is a threat of imminent failure, and a recent statement from the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation reads as follows:

"As indicated by the DEC, there is no risk to the public of imminent failure at these dams. Parks staff has the ability to lower water levels at these dams in advance of predicted heavy rains to limit stress on the infrastructure.

Currently, DEC is reviewing a permit application by Parks to rehabilitate an upstream wall on the Black River Pond Dam. Parks also has a grant application pending with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for hiring of a consultant to study potential removal of the Martin Dunham Reservoir Dam and environmental restoration of the area."



The Martin Dunham Reservoir Dam, one of four local dams listed as unsound by the DEC. Photo by Miranda Sehl.

## Letter to the Editor

Submitted by Greg Pattenau of the CCCDW. The following is a condensed version of a letter sent by Greg Pattenau of the CCCDW to Commissioner Basil Seggos of the NYSDEC.

Dear Commissioner Seggos:

I am writing on behalf of the Concerned Citizens for Clean Drinking Water (CCCDW). It has been a year since the Algonquin Middle School learned that the drinking water used by students, teachers and staff exceeded the New York State standards for PFAS chemicals. In our view, progress has been slow over this time in dealing with some of the most serious elements of this issue.

Recently, we have learned that water sampling at the Dynamic Systems, Inc (DSI) facility in Poestenkill has been found to have PFAS chemicals in a monitoring well, with one result as high as 23.1ppt for PFOS – above the state drinking water standard of 10ppt.

In light of the above and our continued concern about the pace of process, we are contacting you with these specific requests.

First, we ask the DEC to finalize the DSI sampling results and share the complete set of results with the public.

Second, some residents near DSI are on private wells and some are on public water. It is imperative that homes, businesses and the nearby fire house be offered free tap water testing.

Third, according to DEC's Environmental Site Database, there was a solvent release at DSI over a decade ago. Please explain if any additional review has occurred since

2014 (the last entry in the database) and if the PFAS contamination will be added to any potential remediation work plan at DSI.

Fourth, please secure the final test results from Saint-Gobain and share the results with the public.

Finally, is there a work plan created by DEC, the State Department of Health (DOH) and/or Rensselaer County? If so, please share the work plan with the community. In the event there is not one, we request that one be created.

As I am sure you can understand, this has been a frustrating year for many in our community as we believed our drinking water was safe and is now the source of doubt and confusion. It is not enough solely to identify the source of PFAS contamination; it is imperative that the contamination be fully remediated. Installing carbon filtration on drinking water sources is not a substitute for full remediation.

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## Central County

### 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

#### Quilt Workshop

Saturday, February 5, from 9 am to 1 pm

For a material fee of \$15, you can paint a 2' by 2' barn quilt. Class size is limited. Make up date is February 12, from 9 am to 1 pm.

#### Zumba Gold

Mondays, from February 7 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@graftoncommunitylibrary.org](mailto:director@graftoncommunitylibrary.org). COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

### POESTENKILL LIBRARY

#### Story Time With Miss Erin

Every Friday at 10:15 am

#### Winter Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up. The program runs until February 26.

#### Kente Cloth Weaving for Children

Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 pm

#### To Go Chocolate Friendly

Saturday, February 12, from 10 am to 1 pm

(Order pick up time)

For \$5 you can order a to-go box of chocolate goodies. Each box contains between five and seven items and can be ordered by stopping by the Library. Payment will be due at pick up. The Library is also auctioning off a gigantic chocolate gift basket, tickets are three for \$5.

For more information, visit [poestenkilllibrary.org](http://poestenkilllibrary.org).

### TROY

## Heroes Recognized

At their Thursday, February 3 meeting, the Troy City Council will recognize Troy's heroes: K-9 officer Brass and the Troy Police Team for apprehending a bank robber, as well as Troy Fire Department's Richard Bellamy and the Troy Fire Department crew for plunging into the frigid Hudson River to save a man. Pictured is



K-9 officer Brass. Photo courtesy of the City of Troy.

### SAND LAKE

## Historical Society Presents Abel Brown

On **Tuesday, February 8, at 7 pm**, in the Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, the Sand Lake Historical Society will present "Abel Brown: Pastor, Abolitionist, Radical — A Conversation," by SLHS Trustee Peter Finn. Visit [Sandlakehistory.org](http://Sandlakehistory.org), or call 518-527-9926 for more information.

### BRUNSWICK

## Nursery School Registration

Small World Nursery School, 566 Brunswick Road, is offering Nursery School Classes in September for children age 2 through 4.

We are practicing social distancing along with following CDC and NYS Health Guidelines.

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Our classes are aimed at preparing your little ones with socialization skills and readiness for kindergarten.

Registration will begin **February 7**. For information, Small World can be reached at 518-279-0085 or [sm.world5466@gmail.com](mailto:sm.world5466@gmail.com).

### BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

#### Tots Dance

Thursday, February 10, 10:30 am

#### Celtic Music and Stories with Jeff Snow

Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm

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*For more information, including a list of documents needed to complete your filing, call 518-686-5163 or email [haca\\_inc12090@gmail.com](mailto:haca_inc12090@gmail.com). Due to COVID-19 there won't be in-person preparation inside the building.*

area. Choose a convenient time on either a *Thursday evening or Saturday from February 5 through April 14.*

Intake/Interview form #13614 will be available in the cabinet outside, to the left of the front door. Taxpayers are asked to have this form completed prior to their appointment.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

On *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](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com).

### SCHUYLERVILLE

## Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club

Join us at our monthly breakfast on *Sunday, February 13, from 8 to 11 am*. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Fish Fry Friday will run *every Friday, through April 15, from 4 to 7 pm*. For information on either event, call 518- 695-3917.

### SALEM

## Heart of Winter Postponed

Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19, Music from Salem's *February 11* Heart of Winter party has been postponed. The makeup date has been announced as *Friday, May 20*.

### BENNINGTON

## Winter Concert

On *Sunday, February 13, at 4 pm*, Sage City Symphony will present a winter concert at Greenwall Auditorium in the VAPA building at Bennington College. COVID-19 protocols will be observed. For more information visit [Sagecitysymphony.org](http://Sagecitysymphony.org).

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### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPT

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### HOOSICK FALLS

## Blood Drive

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

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

### 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.

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# Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

## HOOSICK FALLS

### Junior Historians Celebrate Washington

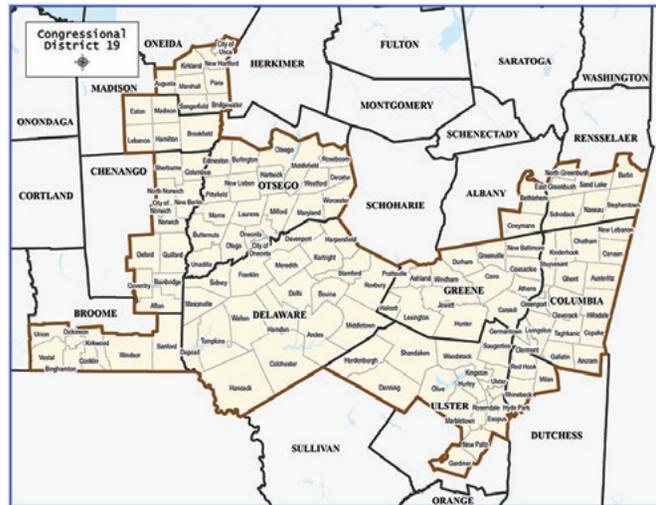
On Saturday, February 19, from 3 to 4:30 pm, at The Louis Miller Museum, 166 Main St., the Friends of Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians will present Happy Birthday George Washington. This event will celebrate the 290th birthday of our nation's first president through story, artwork, games and cupcakes. This program is recommended for children 5 through 12. For more information call 518-686-4682.

### Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

On Thursday, January 27, the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual membership meeting digitally to an audience of over 50 viewers. The meeting, which happens every year in January to bring all the Chamber members together, also introduced a 2022 budget for the organization which the membership voted on and passed.

Matt Harrington, now entering his sixth year at the helm of the Chamber as the executive director, provided a brief overview of the past year including 29 new members, a 91% satisfaction rating of the Chamber by its members, unparalleled relief for businesses with pandemic funding and more. A tradition at the membership meeting is the announcement of annual Chamber awards. The night concluded as Harrington and Maggiotto thanked the Board, committees, staff and the membership.

### Major Representative Changes in the Offing Continued from page 1



Congressional District 19 - currently represented by Antonio Delgado

ing up portions of northwestern Columbia County. He is also losing East Greenbush as part of his district put picking up the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County.

#### Reaction

Perhaps the most important issue involved with the congressional switch is PFOAs. Both Hoosick Falls and Petersburg having been dealing with the contamination of the water sources for many years, and Congressman Delgado has been a staunch supporter in Washington for these two communities. Petersburg Town Supervisor Katie Murray says Mr. Delgado has done a wonderful job supporting her Town but is also optimistic that Congresswoman Stefanik will be just as cooperative. Hoosick Town Supervisor Mark Surdam echoes Ms. Murray's statement and adds that of late, the involved state agencies have been equally responsive. Both supervisors indicated that while there are still issues to be addressed, hopefully most of the remedial action has been completed or is underway. As to the PFOA issue transferring from Mr. Delgado to Ms. Stefanik, the Congresswoman tells *The Eastwick Press*, "Since I took office, I have a strong record of bringing the concerns of New York's 21st District to the highest levels of Congress and delivering results for my constituents. In the same way, I would advocate for the communities harmed by and recovering from the PFOA water contamination and look forward to hearing from them directly on this important issue."

When asked about the major changes in her district, Senator Jordan sent *The Eastwick Press* this statement: "Albany politicians have now shamefully and repeatedly ignored the will of hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who wanted an independent redistricting process."

Assemblyman Ashby's response was much more poignant. "After passing legislation, a statewide referendum, which altered our



Congressional District 21 - currently represented by Elise Stefanik

State's constitution preventing the State Legislature from drawing district lines, we have seen the Democratic-led State Legislature do everything in its power to circumvent the will of the voters. It is a tone deaf response and woefully damaging to public trust."

Not everyone is upset with the new district lines. Senate Deputy Majority Leader Michael Gianaris, who also heads the campaign arm of the Senate Democratic Conference, said during an interview on WNYC Tuesday that the districts were drawn to move away from gerrymandering, not closer. "As we unravel the gerrymanders of the past, it doesn't make it a gerrymander of today. These are districts drawn fairly," Gianaris said.

#### See You in Court

It is widely expected there will be a legal challenge to the redistricting, as there was ten years ago. At that time a special appointed master was tasked with redrawing the congressional, senate and assembly districts, which are currently still in place. The newly passed constitutional amendment changes the rules a bit, but some legal experts says provisions of State law prohibiting gerrymandering still apply. As to her part in the whole scenario, Governor Kathy Hochul says she will wait until the measure is officially passed by the Legislature and sitting on her desk before deciding whether to sign it or not.

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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### Letter to the Editor

# A Rebuttal to New Lebanon School Board

by Parent and Local Elected Official Tistrya Houghling and District Resident Dennis Burek

Many residents have three questions for the School Board of New Lebanon Central School District (NLCSD).

1. What's the real reason for not approving a partial veterans tax exemption?

2. If the reason is concern for the impact the tax exemption would have on the NLCSD tax payers, why is the School Board so opposed to every effort that has been made or suggested to obtain input from these taxpayers?

3. Is this the way a representative government is supposed to work?

In February of 2019 the Board was presented with 326 signatures asking them to conduct a non-binding survey or exit poll around a partial veterans school tax exemption. A month later they discussed the matter and issued a statement that rejected the request.

On November 9, 2021, the NLCSD School Board was presented with 142 individually-signed letters from district residents asking the Board to reconsider their position on the issue of veterans exemption (a few months earlier, the New Lebanon Town Council passed a resolution asking the School Board to reconsider the approval of the veterans tax exemption).

Less than thirty minutes later they made their decision to take no action and thirty days later they issued another carefully worded statement. Here are snippets of their rationale, their prior statements in defense of not taking action and some facts they may have ignored or chosen not to share with district residents:

**Excerpt from NLCSD School Board Statement April 2019:** "Under NYS law and the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education, the local School Board has the sole authority to decide whether or not to grant the Alternative Veterans Exemption in relation to school district taxes. Thus, the issue is not within the power of the voters to decide via petition for a proposition to be placed on the ballot or any other public referendum. On this legal basis, the Board had to reject the petition submitted."

While their statement citing NYS Education Law and the Commissioner of Education is accurate, the application of this specific provision to the survey/exit poll request is flawed, and here's why: the 2019 request was not for a proposition around the Veterans Tax Exemption to be placed on the ballot and the Board knows that. We understand the law and simply asked the Board orally and in writing to take a pulse of the community via a survey or exit poll.

If it is truly against NYS Education Law then why have local school districts such as Niskayuna, Troy, Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills, Fonda-Fultonville, North Colonie, Duanesburg and others initiated their own surveys/exit polls to determine how residents felt about the exemption?

Taking into consideration that the NLCSD Board might know something other districts were unaware of, calls were made to two of the school districts that successfully implemented surveys. Their responses confirmed there were no legal barriers to conducting a survey to seek the opinion of residents.

**NLCSD School Board Discussion From March 2019 Meeting on Considering an Exit Poll**

Here are two separate quotes from Board members during a discussion around doing an exit poll.

"To do [an exit poll] for this particular — the veterans — is, I think, setting us up for potential liability later down the road when someone else comes in and wants some sort of poll for whatever reason. It

sets up a historic precedent. They got it, why didn't we? That's another reason why I really frown on doing this."

"I don't know any way we would do an exit poll that I think would give one vote for every property owner. That's really the only way you can do it. I don't see any way that it can be done."

**Critical Information the School Board Missed or Chose to Ignore**

The New York State School Board Association offers an online seminar course entitled Budget Exit Polling: Survey Your Community on Timely Issues. It provides step-by-step instruction on how to conduct an exit poll in your district.

The following is an excerpt from the course summary: "An increasing number of school districts are using this method of surveying community members at their annual budget vote to collect useful data on public opinion toward their school district."

The seminar is specifically designed for school board members, administrators and superintendents.

**Excerpt from December 2021 NLCSD School Board Position Statement:**

"A veterans tax exemption does nothing to reduce taxes or save money for the taxpayers of the school district as a whole...the remaining residents must make up the difference by paying higher property taxes."

A true statement, but "the burden" is considered by many taxpayers as pretty insignificant when divided amongst all school district payers. Here are additional details taken from school district documents and local tax records. Note: Figures cited here are approximate and subject to review by Columbia County, the school district business office and local assessors in each of the towns.

There is a dwindling population of approximately 175 remaining veterans residing in the Towns of Canaan, Nassau, Stephentown, Chatham and New Lebanon. These are the towns that make up the district. Granting the partial veterans school tax exemption will shift approximately \$80,000 in exemptions to non-veteran tax payers. The average non-business property assessment in New Lebanon is approximately \$225,000. A non-veteran property owner whose assessment is approximately \$200,000 will pay approximately \$36 more per year in school taxes.

Although this does seem to be an insignificant amount to be classified as a burden, we do understand that any increase could impact property owners especially during a period of inflation.

So let's ask residents whether they want to bear this modest increase in school taxes. The petition that was signed by 326 community members and presented to the School Board in 2019 demonstrated support. The 142 signed letters presented to the School Board several months ago signals that the issue will not go away until district property owners are asked for their input.

**Excerpt from the December 2021 NLCSD School Board Position Statement:**

"The Board's longstanding position does not imply any disrespect to veterans in our community. We have the utmost respect for all veterans and thank them for their service."

The Board keeps reiterating those words around support for veterans. Without reinforcing actions, however, the words become hollow. This quote from John F. Kennedy says it best when it comes to appreciating veterans: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Six other school districts in Columbia County face the same issues as the NLCSD regarding budgets and tax burdens.

However, Ichabod Crane, Chatham, Hudson, Taconic Hills and the Germantown Central School Districts have all demonstrated their gratitude and have approved the Alternative Exemption for veterans.

What's the real reason the NLCSD Board won't approve this exemption and, at the very least, why won't they ask the residents what they think? How can a governing body act in the best interests of the NLCSD taxpayers without soliciting their input?

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New Lebanon's November Town Council meeting date has changed to **November 15, at 7 pm.**

## NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

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

### Tech Talks

*Fridays by appointment*

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

### Storytime

*Wednesdays at 10:30 am*

### Online Concert: Linda Worster

*Friday, February 4, at 6:30 pm*

Visit the library website the day of the event for login details.

### Book Group

*Sunday, February 6, at 11 am*

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Copies of the book are available by request at local libraries.

### Crafternoon Kids Kit Pickup

*Tuesday, February 8*

This month's project is handmade Valentines.

### Valentine Cupcake Decorating

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

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## General News

# Tague Fears for the Future of New York Farms

*Submitted by the Office of Assemblyman Chris Tague*

Assemblyman Chris Tague, the ranking Minority member of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, is voicing his concern for the future of agriculture in New York State following a 2-1 decision by the Farm Laborers Wage Board on Friday to lower the farm laborer overtime threshold from 60 hours to 40.

"This policy will not only negatively affect the grocery bills of all New Yorkers, but here in upstate New York, our rural farming communities will be especially devastated," said Tague. "Agriculture encompasses both our local economies and way of life in this state, and it will be tragic to see hundreds of farms people grew up with forced to close their doors."

A report by Farm Credit East has stated that the total cost of lowering the overtime threshold to 40 hours, coupled with minimum wage increases, would result in a 42% spike in labor costs for small farms. Tague has also stated that this policy will end up harming the farm workers it was intended to benefit, as the closure of farms will lead to the loss of available farm labor positions within New York State.

## McLaughlin Delivers State of the County Address

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as exceeding that number in sales tax revenues for the first time in history. He also mentioned the County has reduced its debt load by more than \$30 million by both paying down the balance and not incurring any new debt.

He thanked his financial team, the County Legislature and the residents of the County for their strong support in achieving these accomplishments. He said "Our work and our efforts have poised the County for further greatness."

### Dealing With COVID-19

Mr. McLaughlin summed up all his thoughts and comments on the pandemic by repeatedly giving this advice: "Be careful, not fearful." He pointed out he thinks the most current mask mandate issued by Governor Kathy Hochul does not carry the weight of law, because it was not approved by the State Legislature. When the mandate was issued, he said the Rensselaer County Health Department would not be enforcing the mask rules in part because of his perceived legal questions, but most importantly because of a lack of required personnel. That and the fact he said after battling COVID-19 for nearly two years, they are "tired, very tired."

He pointed out the County also set up testing and vaccination sites when the State wouldn't and that he refused to allow the admission of COVID-19 patients to Van Rensselaer Manor (the County nursing home) despite the order to do so from former Governor Andrew Cuomo.

### Building Bridges

Labeling infrastructure the "backbone of the County," Mr. McLaughlin pointed out many bridges have been repaired or updated, and the County Highway Department paved 70 miles of road in 2021, something he said has never before been accomplished. He also mentioned that the total number

of paved miles in four years stands at 170 miles. The Executive further stated that a large portion of the Department's equipment has either been replaced or repaired, all without any borrowing.

Look for water and sewer line extensions along the Routes 9 and 20 corridor in Schodack, using the County's share of the American Rescue Plan monies. "This means that from the area near Exit 10 to Exit 12 on Interstate 90 we will have more ability to attract and encourage growth in a vital and underutilized area." Mr. McLaughlin pointed out the County had opportunities in the past for new uses and expansion, but lost them because of issues involving infrastructure.

### HVCC

The Executive asked, "How many lives have been changed for the better by Hudson Valley Community College and the generations of instruction it has provided?" He pointed to such accomplishments as the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing and the recent launching of the STEM High School on the HVCC campus.

### Other Points

Mr. McLaughlin announced that the Troy Senior Center will be moving into College Station in the City with services, both physical and otherwise, being totally revamped. He also spoke of the new Emergency Services Training facility nearing completion in North Greenbush. He pointed out the deplorable condition of the facility when he first took office four plus years ago, the resources the County has put into the project, bemoaned the construction delays caused by the pandemic and announced its anticipated opening this spring.

The annual address is sponsored each year by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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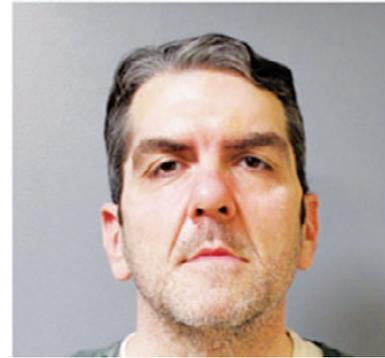
# Woelfersheim Pleas to Multiple Crimes

*Submitted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office*

District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly announced today that Matthew Woelfersheim, 45, of Schaghticoke pled guilty in Rensselaer County Court before the Honorable Jennifer G. Sober to Arson in the Second Degree, a Class B violent felony, along with Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor.

On September 2, 2020 Woelfersheim was found to have entered a building located at 165 4th Street in the City of Troy where he set fire to a bag of charcoal causing the building to be engulfed in flames. The defendant then fled the area and was located a few hours later. The building sustained fire, smoke, water and structural damage as a result of the defendant's action. There were two residential tenants at home in the building at the time of the fire.

Woelfersheim is expected to be sentenced to 12 years in state prison for his involvement with the arson, and was remanded back to Rensselaer County Jail awaiting sentencing on March 29. The cases were prosecuted by Chief Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf and Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Dorando.



*Matthew Woelfersheim. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office.*

# Priorities to Improve our Quality of Life

*A Monthly Letter by New York State Senator Daphne Jordan*

With the 2022 Legislative Session and 2022-23 State Budget process in full swing, I am redoubling my efforts to improve our quality of life.

### No More Mandates

My Senate Republican colleagues and I called for an end to statewide school and healthcare workforce mandates. Practical guidance and recommendations, coupled with the provision of critical resources such as testing, positively shape public health outcomes.

### Stop the Revolving Door of Criminality and Carnage

The tragic murder of NYPD Officers Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora by career criminal Lashawn McNeil underscored the urgent need to stop New York's revolving door of criminality and carnage. McNeil, a lifelong thug with several prior arrests, was out on probation when he ambushed and murdered NYPD Officers Rivera and Mora. I continue working for passage of our Senate Republican Protect Those Who Protect Us package that would provide police the support they need to make communities safer, end cashless bail and restore judicial discretion.

### Ease Inflation's Squeeze

Inflation recently hit a 40-year high, hurting families and small businesses, driving up the cost of everything from gasoline to groceries. Our Senate Republican End the Economic Exodus Plan would reduce our State's crushing cost of living. The plan would allow localities the option to offer state sales tax holidays, make housing more affordable by increasing supply, reducing regulatory barriers, limiting the constriction of property owners' rights and sunset rent control laws, reduce childcare costs by eliminating regulations that increase costs, increase the Empire State Child Tax Credit and the dependent care credit, provide nearly \$300 million in energy tax relief by eliminating the 2% Gross Receipts Tax and 18-A Assessment on utility bills, and suspend the State's gas taxes.

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## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

## Wasaren League Tournament

*Submitted by James Lynch*

On Tuesday the teams of the Wasaren League gathered at Saratoga Strike Zone for this year's Wasaren League Tournament. Berlin-New Lebanon, Hoosick Falls, Hoosic Valley, Mechanicville, Saratoga Catholic, Stillwater and Waterford-Halfmoon all sent teams of seven bowlers.

During the morning block of three games, Hoosick Falls 3276, Mechanicville 2906 and Stillwater 2860 had separated from the rest of the field. In the afternoon, Hoosick Falls was able to add to their lead, finishing in first place with a total of 6315 pins, 532 ahead of second place Mechanicville with 5783. Stillwater finished in third, with a total of 5656 pins, followed by Waterford-Halfmoon with 4846, Berlin-New Lebanon with 4598, Saratoga Catholic with 4564 and Hoosic Valley with 4300.

Individually, Stillwater's Connor Julian led all bowlers with a six game total of 1350 and a three game high of 701 and a high game of 245. Hoosic Valley's Leigha Henkel was second overall with a six game total of 1315, three game high of 679 and high game of 254 on his way to a 1152 total and a 596 three game high. The tournament's biggest single game came from Hoosick Falls' Bradley Senecal, who rolled a 256.

The Wasaren League postseason will continue later this week with the first round of the playoffs as Berlin-New Lebanon travels to Stillwater on Thursday. The winner will advance to the second round for a match against Mechanicville. The winner of that match will then advance to the finals against Hoosick Falls. The Wasaren schools will also be competing in the Section 2 Tournament taking place at Boulevard Bowl from **February 10 through 15**.

### BASEBALL

## Sudden-Death Tie Breaker

The Frontier League of Professional Baseball will introduce a sudden-death tie breaker to regular season games tied at the end of regulation. After one additional inning of play, if a winner hasn't been determined, the game will then go to the new format. Field managers will meet with umpires to decide who will be on offense and defense. The first batter due up on offense will begin the innings on first base. The defensive team will have the standard three outs to prevent the player on first from scoring. If they do, the defense wins. If the offensive player on first scores, the offensive team wins. The new rule will ensure that no game goes beyond 10.5 innings, or 8.5 innings for a doubleheader game.

### DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

#### Snowshoe Hike

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*Saturday, February 19, 10 am to noon*

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#### Winter Break Walkabout

*Wednesday, February 23, 1 to 3 pm*

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#### Tuesday Treks

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## Basketball Round Up

*From the Wasaren Sports Net*

Here is a recap of recent Wasaren League games:

### Boys

#### Tamarac 75 Hoosic Valley 52

The Bengals built the early cushion and after an even second quarter continued to extend their lead after the break, notching the home "W," and staying unbeaten in Wasaren play.

#### Stillwater 38 Hoosick Falls 36

In a defensive battle Stillwater trailed 31-27 heading into the final eight minutes, where the Warriors did just enough to earn the road win and improve to 14-2 on the year.

#### Berlin/New Lebanon 55 Cambridge 45

It was Senior Night for the Mountaineers, and they used a 40-point second half and the long ball, to notch their first victory of the season.

#### Heatly 72 Berlin/New Lebanon 49

Heatly rode a big night from Merrit to the non-league "W."

### Girls

#### Tamarac 51 Hoosic Valley 20

The Bengals won every period and steadily pulled away for the road victory in Schaghticoke.

#### Berlin/New Lebanon 31 Heatly 25

After scoring just 12 points through three quarters of play, the Mountaineers exploded for 19 fourth quarter points to secure the home victory.

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In addition to the races, the Run for Women will also be partnering with the Capital District YMCA to help participants prepare for the race, with an 11-week training challenge, which will begin March 21, at a cost of \$55.

All running participants will receive a commemorative performance shirt, Freihofer's products and a medal. To sign up, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Albany/FreihofersRunforWomen>.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Wednesday Night League

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Home Care Worker to care for elderly stroke patient in Berlin. Work for a dedicated family. Private Pay. Competitive Rates. Part time, Full time or Live in. Apply to Granddaughter at [slteal68@gmail.com](mailto:slteal68@gmail.com) (email) or call 518-312-2569. Solid home care experience, proof of vaccination and references required.

### Seeking Standing Timber

#### Looking for Extra Money?

I'm looking for standing timber. Competitive prices paid. Contact Scott Burdick, 518-522-1020.

### Firewood for Sale

**Firewood** - Place your order now for the next heating season. Kiln Dried. Timber harvesting and lumber also available. Call Lenny, 518-470-7399.

## 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](http://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.

The Berlin Fire Department will hold their annual meeting for members on Feb 7, 2022 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the fire house at 11 Community Avenue in Berlin.

### CLASSIFIEDS WORK!

Classified ads are a great and inexpensive way to reach people. *The Eastwick Press* has some of the most competitive rates in the area. Please email [ads@eastwickpress.com](mailto:ads@eastwickpress.com) or call 518-203-7574.

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

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Please take notice that pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items.

#### HEATING OIL & DIESEL FUEL

Bids can be submitted at the Clerk's Office at 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, New York until 3 pm February 14, 2022. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 80 Church Street Hoosick Falls on February 14, 2022 at 7 pm. Bids must be in a sealed envelope at the above address and shall have thereof the name and address of the holder on the outside.

The item to be bid on will comply to all general specifications. Detailed specifications are available to any interested bidder at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

Bidders must list any deviations from minimum specifications and must list a delivery date, as it may be a factor in awarding the bid. All bids must have the NONCOLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE enclosed in the same envelope.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Supt. of Highways, with Town Board approval, to the lowest responsible bidder. In cases where two or more responsible bidders submit identical as to price, the Supt. of Highways may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Supt. of Highways may reject all bids and may re-advertise for new bids at his discretion.

Dated: January 6, 2022

Paul G. Hoag, Supt. of Highways

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Please take notice that pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items.

#### WINTER SAND

Bids can be submitted at the Clerk's Office at 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, New York until 3 pm February 14, 2022. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls on February 14, 2022 at 7 pm. Bids must be in a sealed envelope at the above address and shall have thereof the name and address of the holder on the outside.

The item to be bid on will comply to all general specifications. Detailed specifications are available to any interested bidder at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

Bidders must list any deviations from minimum specifications and must list a delivery date, as it may be a factor in awarding the bid. All bids must have the NONCOLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE enclosed in the same envelope.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Supt. of Highways, with Town Board approval, to the lowest responsible bidder. In case where two or more responsible bidders submit identical as to price, the Supt. of Highways may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Supt. of Highways may reject all bids and may re-advertise for new bids at his discretion.

Dated: January 6, 2022

Paul G. Hoag, Supt. of Highways

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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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 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.

**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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Judicial Candidates Wanted

The Town of Grafton Republican Committee is seeking candidates for Town Justice. This is a four-year term of office.

Those interested in seeking this office are asked to call 518-203-7574 before February 14.

Tom Withcuskey  
Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 15, 2021. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to 101 MAIN LLC, 101 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: **Doug Sauer, 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.

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.

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.

## MEETINGS

February 7, Monday

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

February 8, Tuesday

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

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

**New Lebanon Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

**Nassau Planning Board**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall

**Poestenkill Zoning Board**, 7 pm (as needed) Town Hall or Fire Dept. Hall

February 9, Wednesday

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

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

## STUDENT HONORS

### University of Rhode Island

Fall 2021 Dean's List

**Claudia Stay** of Averill Park

**Andrew VanRoy** of Averill Park

**Natalie Zema** of Stephentown

**McKenna Cassano** of Cambridge has graduated from Ithaca College.

**Kyle Reason** of Averill Park has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Seton Hall University.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

On 1/24/2022, Art. of Org. of **JL Caccamo Design LLC** were filed with the SSNY. The office of the NY PLLC is located in Rensselaer County. The SSNY 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 SSNY 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## 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.

Looking ahead, the Hoosick Area Seniors will hold their meeting at the center on **February 9**. Plan to stay for lunch at noon followed by a guest speaker, Peter St. Germain, with Brunswick Physical Therapy, who will do a workshop/seminar geared toward those that suffer from lower back pain or sciatica. He will talk about the most common causes of back pain, and present what you can do to prevent and quickly decrease an acute episode of back pain. He will also give exercises and stretches to do to help relieve the symptoms. This will be a very informative presentation that all resident 60 and over should plan to attend. 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.

**Tuesday, February 8, at 12:30 pm**, Peter St. Germain from Brunswick PT will do a workshop/seminar geared toward those that suffer from lower back pain or sciatica. He will talk about the most common causes of back pain, and present what you can do to prevent and quickly decrease an acute episode of back pain. He will also give exercises and stretches to do to help relieve the symptoms. All residents 60 and over should try to attend this event. Plan to come for noon for a nutritious veal patty marsala lunch. **February 10** will be a lunch of chicken tenders followed by Valentine craft time, with Valentine sundaes at 1:15 pm. Please call to sign up so we have enough material. **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*

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## MILITARY HONORS

**Jessica Lee Cruz** of Troy has been named Airman of the Year by the New York Air National Guard.

# Eastwick Entertainment

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 4, Friday

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

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

**Mystery Science Theatre 3000 Live: Time Bubble Tour**, 8 pm, \$20–\$199, live comedy phenomenon featuring movie *Making Contact* (1985), MainStage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, [proctors.org](http://proctors.org) or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.–Fri., 10 am–2 pm

February 6, Sunday

**Schenectady Symphony Orchestra: “A Celebration of Two Great Heroes,”** 3 pm, \$15/\$22, under 18 free with paid adult admission, MainStage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, honoring Abraham Lincoln in Aaron Copland’s *A Lincoln Portrait* and Martin Luther in Mendelssohn’s *Reformation* symphony, [proctors.org](http://proctors.org) or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.–Fri., 10 am–2 pm

February 8, Tuesday

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

February 10, Thursday

**Blippi the Musical**, 6 pm, \$30–\$60, ages 2–7, MainStage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, [proctors.org](http://proctors.org) or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.–Fri., 10 am–2 pm

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 Spanburgh**, \$12, take out only, 4:30 pm, Fire Station

### Community Calendar Submissions

Please let us know if we should add any community events to this calendar. Email to [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com). We look forward to posting your events here **free of charge**. Thanks for helping us build this paper from community involvement.

## SUDOKU

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## Theme: Valentine’s Day

### ACROSS

- Fantasy sports data
- Accounting acronym
- Stark daughter on “Game of Thrones”
- Branch of economics
- All talk, no action type of service
- Relating to symmetry, in geometry
- Base-8 numeral system
- “\_\_\_ the land of the free...”
- Lots and lots
- \*Actor Ryan of “Blue Valentine”
- \*Desdemona’s suspicious husband
- Big fuss
- Nose-in-the-air type
- Uber alternative
- One on a pedestal
- Moderately wide
- Eye layer
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Cheese-covered chip
- Popped relief?
- \* “Love, \_\_\_” movie
- Splints site
- Muhammad’s teachings
- Orchestra instrument
- Past of heave
- Avoids work, in British slang
- Give off
- Dose of sunshine
- Back seat
- Hair-raising product
- \* \_\_ valentine, an opposite of love note
- English author perhaps best known for “The Canterbury Tales”
- Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
- Pooh’s “wise” friend
- Bring to an end
- Potassium nitrate
- Farm sound
- Arm bones
- Back talk
- Uniting conjunction
- Imposter

### Last week’s crossword solution:

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### Last week’s sudoku solution:

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

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- Smoke plus fog
- Comes in hard or soft shell
- Parts of a play
- \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ -la
- Plural of solidus
- Heidi’s shoe
- \*Sweetie follower
- Cook’s cover
- Wheel holder
- Cambodian money
- Two-masted vessel
- “The Sun \_\_\_ Rises”
- Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
- Source of lymphocytes, pl.
- Pull along
- Dormant state
- \*Famous archer
- Dispatch boat
- “\_\_\_ and whistles”
- Hodgepodge
- Mr. and Mrs. Incredible’s son
- Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
- Seven days postmortem
- \*Hive-related endearment
- Unfortunately, exclamation
- Rumpelstiltskin machine
- Stallion’s cry
- Business combination
- Old Man’s turf, according to Hemingway
- Darjeeling server
- Smell, usually pleasant
- Calms
- Ford Transit and such
- Pelvic parts
- Lice eggs
- Augments
- Oaf
- Scoop holder
- Biblical twin
- Donna or Lou
- Got a blue ribbon

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## Obituaries

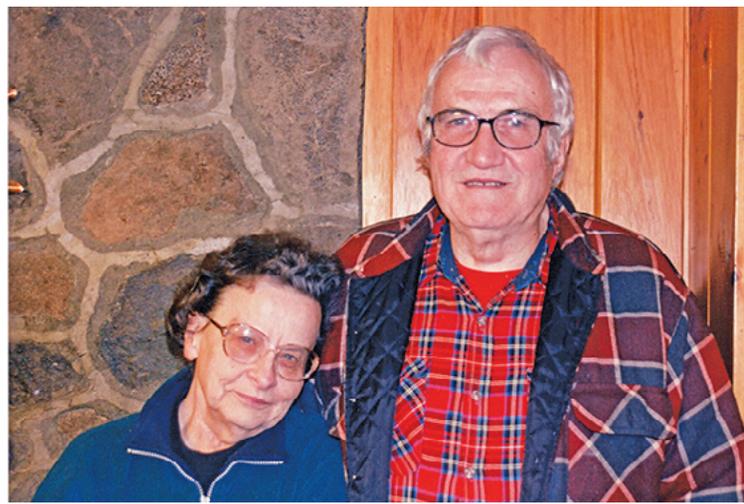
### Tuulia J. Fuller and Brian D. Fuller

Berlin - Tuulia J. Fuller, 86, a resident of Berlin, NY, passed away November 20, 2021 at Bennington Health and Rehabilitation. Her husband of 63 years, Brian D. Fuller, 83, passed away November 28, 2021, also at Bennington Health and Rehabilitation. Tuulia was born in Tampere, Finland on July 16, 1935, the daughter of the late Kustaa Jokinen and Ida Koivikko. Brian was born in Murray, Utah on October 25, 1938, the son of Conrad A. Fuller and Burnice Neilson.

Brian and Tuulia met in Iceland in 1957, where he was stationed as a member of the Air Force Jazz Band, and she was working for the summer. They married in Lahti, Finland the following year. Tuulia attended Helsinki School of Economics, earning a Master of Economic Sciences degree. Her skills included various levels of fluency in six languages, which she used to translate German for a NASA consultant. She worked as a substitute teacher for 31 years in Berlin, as well as a home health aide. Brian worked as a Capitol Police Officer in Albany, NY for 25 years, during which time he also served in the Army National Guard, and repaired televisions and installed antennas. He worked for Garden Way after his retirement.

They were AARP volunteers for thirty years. Both also volunteered helping the elderly and for Feeding the Homeless Community Outreach.

Tuulia enjoyed knitting, especially for her extended family, and won numerous craft fair ribbons and awards. Her favorite place to sell her knit goods was the Tori/Nordic Outdoor Marketplace in Saima Park in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.



Brian continued his passion in music long after his Air Force service.

Brian and Tuulia shared a fondness for classical music, while Tuulia also liked new age and Brian enjoyed jazz. They loved animals, especially cats, and fed and tamed strays and cared for injured birds. They strongly encouraged their sons' educational pursuits and enthusiastically supported their hobbies, attending most competitions and events. Tuulia was a fanatical follower of Finnish national and Olympic teams, hockey and figure skating in particular. Brian and Tuulia believed strongly in staying in touch with family and friends, and made numerous lifelong friends in the local Finnish community.

Tuulia and Brian are survived by their children Heikki B. Fuller (Deanne) of Anchorage, Alaska, Eirik D. Fuller of Berlin, NY, Robert J. Fuller of Hayward, California, Kimmo T. Fuller (Keri) of Bellaire, TX and Seppo A. Fuller of Miami, FL, and grandchildren Vivienne and Evan. She is survived by sisters Marja Jokinen and Pirjo Jokinen. She was preceded in death by her brothers Esko and Erkki Jokinen. He is survived by brother Ramon Fuller and sister Mary French (Don).

At the request of the family a celebration of life for Tuulia and Brian will be announced at a later date. If friends desire, memorial gifts may be made to the Berlin Town Library ([www.bftl.org/support/](http://www.bftl.org/support/)) or the charity of their choice. To send the family personal condolences please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com).

## Senior News

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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. Quilting group meets **February 9**, and the knitting/crochet group meets **February 16**, both starting 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 enjoying soup and sandwiches for lunch. In the winter months we only meet the **3rd Friday** of the month. If NL school is closed we cancel any activities for that day. 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 Wal-

ters at 518-658-0136. There will be pickups 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 4:** Goulash mac & cheese, Italian blend veggies, Italian bread, fruit cup, +sandwich bag

**Feb 7:** Hot dogs, seasoned sauerkraut, baked beans, long roll, fresh fruit

**Feb 8:** Veal patty w/ marsala gravy, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, round roll, granola bar

**Feb 9:** Chef's choice

**Feb 10:** Chicken tenders w/ ranch, tater tots, cut green beans, rye bread, pudding

**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

### Diana J. Gates

Berlin - Diana (Jones) Gates, 75, passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022 surrounded by her family at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Petersburg on May 31, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Robert "Skeet" Lansing Jones. She was raised in Hoosick Falls and lived there until she moved to Berlin in the early 70's with her husband Chris where they made their home for the next 56 years.

Diana is survived by her husband, Christopher Gates of Berlin and her 5 sons, Wayne Valentine of Berlin, Alfred Gates of Berlin, Christopher Gates of Berlin, Richard Gates of Berlin and Wilson Gates of Greenfield, MA as well as 9 grandchildren, Rachel, Alyssa, Shontia, Jasmine, Richard Jr., Jeremiah, Aiden, Olivia and Ryan, as well as her best friend, her dog King.

A private service will be held in the spring at the family's discretion.

Arrangements are by the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home in Petersburg. A condolence book is available at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](http://ParkerBrosMemorial.com).



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

## Church News

### Souper Bowl in Stepentown

In celebration of the NFL's big game, the Stepentown 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 Stepentown 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 elevator entrance.

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**.

# Staying for the Winter



The American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) is a small migratory bird but may remain in the area during winter if finding sufficient food. The male is bright yellow in the summer to attract a mate. The bird is social and will gather in large flocks while feeding and migrating. These birds are generally monogamous and produce one brood each year. This goldfinch was photographed by Trix Niernberger at Grafton Lakes State Park near the bird feeders.

# Bringing Back a Classic



Grafton's first new fire truck which served the community from 1959-1994 was featured in the parade celebrating Grafton's 175th year. Records from the Grafton Historical Society.

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**New Lebanon:** Stewart's, **Pittstown:** Sunoco Station, **Poestenkill:** Farm To Market Store; **Schodack:** Stewart's; **Stephentown:** Cumberland Farms, Dave's Market, Gardner's Coffee Shop

# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## Wind Blows the Fences Down

Thursday, November 20, 1851: Today I went to Lebanon with one horse wagon. I carried Doctor Bates one bushel turnips and he credits me on account and carried the Irish shoe maker two bushel for 50 cts and he charged me six cts for a patch he put on John F. boot. The widow Freelove Wylie rode to Lebanon with me and carried lard and bought groceries to N. Nichols store. I paid 12 cts for buttons, and I paid 37½ cts to Wilbers Mill for 12½ pounds of Graham flour for the widow Freelove Wylie. The wife of Gardner Green rode home with us.  
 Friday: Today quite a rainy day and high wind, I only tended to chores. My two sons and James Cramp cut turnips up to the Maxon barn for Geo P.  
 Saturday: I went with ox wagon up to Geo P. nursery on R. G. Pierces farm and met John F. and got a load corn fodder. John F. had been to Hancock with carrots. He let Barker have 20 bushels at 25 cts and took his pay in Satinette cloth. John F came home with the load stalks and I stopped to my Rodgers farm and put up fence that blew down. Tonight John F. watched with Burton Jolls today, while up to Geo P. nursery I found the board fence blew down. I borrowed 16 nails of Nathaniel Wylie to nail on the boards.  
 Sunday: Today John F. and his two sisters went to the Chapel to Elder Havens meeting.  
 Monday: This forenoon John F. went with my one horse wagon to Hancock and carried two bushel turnips for me to Russel Grant and I am to take my pay in blacksmith work.  
 Tuesday: This afternoon towards night began to snow and tonight a snow storm.

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