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## STEPHENTOWN

### Arrest Made in Bates Murder

by Doug La Rocque

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office on Friday evening, March 4, announced the arrest of 22-year-old Ian J. Hasselwander of Petersburg for the disappearance and death of 20-year-old Morgan Bates of Eagle Bridge. Bates was reported missing on Tuesday, February 22, with sightings reported early that morning in both Eagle Bridge and Petersburg. Her body was subsequently located on Sunday, February 27 in a remote area of the Cherry Plain State Park near Black River Road.

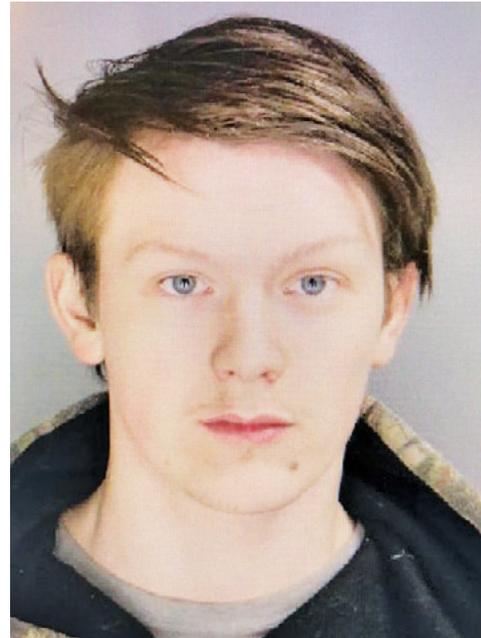
Hasselwander now faces four felony counts, including Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Strangulation in the First Degree and Concealment of a Human Corpse. He was arraigned in Troy City Court before the Honorable Judge Maier and remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail without bail.

This was a joint investigation by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office, the New York State

Police and the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office. Assisting in the investigation were members of Washington County Sheriff's Office, New York State Forest Rangers, New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) and the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center (CRCAC).

In the Sheriff's Office press release, Sheriff Patrick Russo was quoted as saying "I would like to acknowledge and commend the professionalism, diligence and dedication of the members of the above-mentioned agencies who worked long hours, around the clock, which led to a timely arrest."

The alleged murderer will be prosecuted by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly is quoted as saying "Law enforcement has worked around the clock on this case *Continued on page 3*



Ian J. Hasselwander

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**More Overnight Parking in Hoosick Falls**

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**It's time to Spring Ahead!**



Daylight Savings Time starts this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.



## HOOSICK FALLS

### Kiwanis Club Skating Events

On Saturday, February 19, the Kiwanis Club held its free ice skating day for all families.

The Club covered the cost of the ice skating, ice skate rentals, hot chocolate and treats for the skaters. It was great to see the children and their families back to enjoy this day.

*The winners of the race for each age category were:*

- Asher Miner - 5 and under
- Madison Miner - 6 to 7
- James Wysocki - 8 to 10
- Andy Wickenden - 11 to 13
- Ethan Schuttig - 13 to 15
- Dan Schuttig - over 16

The winners received a game and a certificate. All skaters went home with a gift.

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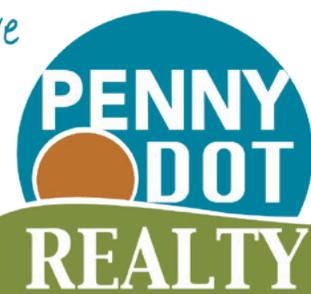
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# Taconic Valley

## BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Central School District has begun the process of registering students for 2022-2023 Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Students must be legal residents of the school district — proof of residency will be required.

Students who will be four years old on or before December 1 are eligible to register for Pre-K. Please call Heather Barto at 518-658-1500 ext. 3001 to place your child's name on our registration list. Enrollment is currently limited to 36 students, and slots are filled on a first come first served basis; we are not able to guarantee enrollment in the program.

Students who will be five years old on or before December 1 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. Please call Lisa Purdy at 518-658-1500 ext. 1070 to place your child's name on our registration list. If your child is currently attending the Berlin Pre-K program, their name will automatically be placed on our registration list and you will not receive a registration packet.

Please contact the Elementary School at 518-658-1500 ext. 3001 with any questions.

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2022-2023 school year. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.



## STEPHENTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

On Saturday, March 12, the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its annual corned beef and cabbage fundraising dinner. The take-out only menu will consist of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread and dessert. The cost is \$15, and there will be an easy drive-through service at the Stephentown Fire Hall from 4 to 7 pm.

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## BERLIN

### Rabies Clinic

On Saturday, April 23, at 17563 State Route 22, the Town of Berlin will hold a rabies clinic. The cash only clinic will be open from 9 to 10 am for cats, and 10 to 11 am for dogs. Rabies and distemper shots will be available for \$10 each. For more information contact Douglas Goodermote at 518-658-3308.

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## BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

### Pops Concert

Submitted by BCS Communications



A Night at the Pops. Photo courtesy of the BCS Communications Department.

Recently the Berlin High School Music Department held its Pops Concert. The event features the Senior High band, Chamber Choir and Senior High chorus, as well as a student hosted event of featured soloists. Those students are able to choose their own songs and either perform them as a solo or as a duet.

The eleven featured student performances were electric and the audience was filled with laughter and fun thanks to masters of Ceremony Bri Reger, Jacob Maxon, Riley Smith and Angelo Capozzi.

## BERLIN COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

### Annual Fundraiser

The Berlin Community Food Closet, 17 S. Main St., will hold its annual fundraiser, a corned beef and cabbage Dinner, **Saturday, March 12, from 4 to 6 pm.** The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. The meal will be take-out only. Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509. Volunteers wishing to help with the dinner can call either of these numbers to sign up.

## PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

### St. Patrick's Day Craft

Bring in the children on **Thursday, March 17** for an afternoon craft for St. Patrick's Day. We'll have the supplies and some snacks for a fun gathering. Be sure to have the luck of the Irish and wear something green.

Knitters and stitchers will meet on Wednesday afternoon.

We'll be turning the clocks forward for some extra daylight on **Sunday, March 13**, and looking forward to the arrival of Spring later this month.

## PETERSBURGH Open Mic Night

The Fox Hollow Cafe's next open mic night will be **Friday, March 18, at 6:30 pm**, at the Petersburg Memorial Veterans Community Center, 71 Main St.

## Arrest Made in Bates Murder

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since Morgan Bates disappeared. This was certainly not the outcome we had hoped for. This arrest is the first step towards justice for Morgan and her family."

There have been some media reports since the arrest was announced citing court records detailing the degree of the assault upon Ms. Bates. Out of respect for the Bates family as they deal with this tragic event and to protect the integrity of the Sheriff's Office investigation, *The Eastwick Press* has chosen not to publish these details at this time. Investigators returned to the area where Ms. Bates' body was discovered on Tuesday, March 8, combing the ground for more possible pieces of evidence.

Ms. Bates was a 2019 graduate of Cambridge High School. Her funeral service was conducted by the E.P. Mahar & Son Funeral Home in Bennington on Saturday, March 5.

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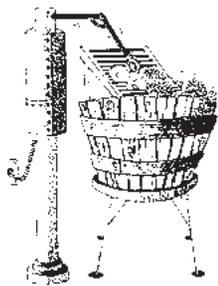
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# Central County

## POESTENKILL

### Early Morning Blaze Heavily Damages Barn *All Livestock Were Saved*



With the brave assistance from two New York State Troopers, a Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputy and Poestenkill firefighters, rescuers were able to save a large number of calves from a burning barn early Tuesday morning at the Wagner Farm on Garfield Road. Firefighters were able to knock the fire down in a little more than 30 minutes. No injuries were reported. Troopers Bart VanBuren and Ryan Holohan required treatment for smoke inhalation but returned to duty the following night. The cause is under investigation. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

## BRUNSWICK

### More Research Needed On Verizon Tower Height Application

by Doug La Rocque

The application to increase the height of the Verizon Wireless cell tower under construction on land at the corner of Creek Road and Menemsha Lane by 20 feet was on the agenda for the Brunswick Planning Board meeting on Thursday, March 3, although no representatives were in attendance. It was disclosed at the meeting the application for the increase was actually made by the contractor, not the applicant. As to the contractor's status to make such an application, that appears to be up in the air at this point and is being researched by the Planning Board's attorney Andy Gilchrist. The application also noted there would not be an extension of the time frame the Planners had to determine the completeness of the application. That is currently being handled by the Board's engineer Wayne Bonesteel. The contractor also claimed the proposed extension did not require any further environmental assessment, again something the Board is calling into question. It is hoped Mr. Bonesteel and Mr. Gilchrist can provide some answers at the March 17 meeting.

The current site use permit calls for an 85-foot tower, disguised as a pine tree and placed in a grove of trees to reduce the visibility factor. The original application was met with vehement public dissent when it was proposed at 105 feet, the same height the contractor now wants to take it to.

#### More Solar

Atlas Renewables made a presentation concerning their plans to construct a commercial solar installation on property located off Oakwood Avenue and Farrell Road. Originally planned to be built over a former incinerator site, the site plan is being moved somewhat because of the cost associated with a Department of Environmental Conservation permit. They will return when weather permits more wetland studies to be completed.

## EAGLE MILLS

### Fire Department Officers Sworn In



The Eagle Mills Volunteer Fire Department held a swearing in ceremony for its 2022 Civil and Line officers on Monday

evening, March 7. They are, from left to right: Andy Johnson - Board of Directors, Peter Milks - Captain of Fire Police, Chris Swanson - EMS, Andrew Connor - Lt. EMS, Connor Fitzgerald - Captain, Tim Murray - 2nd Assistant Chief, Catie Hoodack - Lt. Fire Police, Jake Broderick - Chief, Brian Beaudoin - 1st. Assistant Chief, Jeff Dunham - President and Lt., Jack Curran - Chair Board of Directors and Lt. and Larry Kronau, Former Brunswick Town Justice and Honorary member, who officiated the ceremony. The Eagle Mills Department has been in existence since 1929 and is always looking for new members. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

## POESTENKILL

### VFW Breakfast

Sullivan Jones VFW Post 7466, 25 Veterans Street, is hosting their all you can eat breakfast buffet on **Sunday, March 13, from 8 to 11 am**. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 6 through 12 and children under 5 eat free. An omelet can be added for \$3 or a waffle for \$1.

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# Central County

## POESTENKILL LIBRARY

### Creating Pi-Skylines

Saturday, March 12, at 11 am

An early celebration of everyone's favorite math-centric holiday, Pi Day. All supplies will be provided. Registration is recommended.

### The Amazing Human Body

Wednesday, March 16 and 17, 6 and 7 pm

Children's STEM program with Ms. Phil.

### Irish Step Dancing with The Isabelle School of Dance

Saturday, March 19, at 11 am

You can reserve a space for your child using the sign-up sheet in the Library or by calling us at 518-283-3721. If you register for this event and then cannot attend, please let us know. We anticipate a high level of interest and will implement a wait list once the first 12 spaces are filled.

### Spring Seed Swap

Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 pm

More details on the Spring Seed Swap, and all of our programming, can be found on our website.

### Teen Advisory Group

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](mailto:Director@Poestenkilllibrary.org). A first meeting date will be scheduled for late March taking into consideration the scheduling availability of interested teens.

### Community Outreach Survey

According to the results of the recent Poestenkill Library community outreach survey, 88 percent of participants think the rural character and landscape of the Town make it special, followed by its sense of community at 68 percent, and its school district at 60 percent. The area of greatest concern was services and resources at 67 percent.

88 percent of respondents noted what they value most about the Library is its location, followed by staff with 78 percent and events such as Market Day and jigsaw puzzle sales came in at 79 percent.

The number of people who visit the Library monthly is 52.1 percent, followed closely by the number stopping by weekly, which was 41.7 percent.

When asked what they would like the Library to add to its offerings, 40 percent of respondents noted more or different hours, followed by additional programming, which also received 40 percent and community use space with 37.1 percent.

Members of the Board shared the survey questions in conversation with several community groups, including the Planning Board, the Poestenkill Fire Company, the Youth Advisory Board, the seniors, the PTAs of Poestenkill Elementary and Algonquin Middle School, the Scouts and 4-H. Feedback in those meetings was consistent with the survey's findings as people noted their appreciation for the rural nature of the Town and their recognition of the variety of community events the Library makes possible.

Additional data is available on the Poestenkill Library website.

Join us for Women's History Month activities and St. Patrick's Day shenanigans all month long, as well as story time with Miss Erin, every Friday at 10:15 am. For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.Poestenkilllibrary.org](http://www.Poestenkilllibrary.org).

## BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Celtic Music and Stories With Jeff Snow**  
Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm

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

## BRUNSWICK

# Residents Graduate From the Hill Country Cloggers

by Amy Modesti

Thursday evening at the Brunswick Grange was a clogging good time for the Hill Country Cloggers. After five months of continuous lessons, the beginner class graduated and became official cloggers.

Former Cropseyville Postmaster Jill Gresens, *Eastwick Press* social media manager and reporter Amy Modesti and brother and sister, Peter and Therese Spellman, were this year's beginner graduates. Together, they joined in a dance presentation of *Horse and Buggy*, *Cherokee Boogie*, *Badly Bent*, *Walk of Life*, *It's Not Unusual* and *Forever & Ever Amen*.

The Spellmans shined their own light alongside their instructors in their dance presentation of Bop. Transition and demo dancers clogged to *Down at The Twist & Shout*, ultra-talented competition team dancers wowed the audience with *Cock of the North* and demo dancers gave their praise to the heavens in *I'll Fly Away*.

Concluding the dance presentation, instructor Fran Beaudoin, along with clogging angels Tina and Joanne, gave diplomas to graduates and held a post-ceremony reception for cloggers and spectators.

The Hill Country Cloggers began teaching their transition class on Thursday, March 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Brunswick Grange. They will also hold a competition dress rehearsal, open to the public at *The Eastwick Press* headquarters, 13 Babcock Lake Road, on **Sunday, March 13 at 1:30 pm**.

For more info about Hill Country Cloggers and their lessons, head over to [www.hillcountrycloggers.org](http://www.hillcountrycloggers.org).



The Hill Country Cloggers Demo Group in their dance interpretation of *I'll Fly Away*. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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## March Mobile Office Hours

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Antonio Delgado

On March 3, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado announced mobile office hours for the month of March. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with the Congressman's staff and receive assistance with constituent services. This can include help with federal grant applications, assistance with Social Security and information about VA benefits. The date for the Rensselaer County mobile office is **Monday, March 14, from 10 am to noon**, at the Sand Lake Town Hall, 8428 NY-66, Averill Park.

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 Doug Harrison, Batman  
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 Yankee Doodle Band  
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## The Origin of St. Patrick's Day

### Encyclopedia Britannica States:

St. Patrick's Day: feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches and schools. Many legends grew up around him — for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day Hoosick Falls From *The Eastwick Press*

Having been canceled in 2020 and postponed until September of last year, the Annual Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Day parade is back on schedule this year much to everyone's delight. We at *The Eastwick Press* believe it deserves more than the usual news coverage, so we have developed this special section to honor the parade, its organizers and participants as well as the Village itself. And a special thanks to all the advertisers who helped make this possible.

There are other towns, cities and villages who hold St. Patrick's Day parades (Albany doesn't do a bad job), but we believe they are all green with envy when it comes to what this venerable ole village puts on display.

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# Hoosick Falls • Happy St. Patrick's Day

## Parade Information

The Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Fest will celebrate its 31st Anniversary on **Saturday, March 12**. Over 30 years ago, local Irishmen Mike Conway and TJ Carmody wanted to find a way to keep the Irish culture and history alive in the Hoosick area, and decided that a parade was the ticket!

Dennis Casey is this year's Grand Marshall. Dennis is a lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls, except for a few years after college. He returned because he missed his hometown and he understood and appreciated the value of living in a small community surrounded by farms, woods and hills. He attended 12 years at St. Mary's Academy, graduating in 1960 with the last class from the old building. Dennis (or Casey, as many know him) has contributed to his community in many ways.

The parade will begin at 1 pm from Wood Park, down Main, John, Church and Willard Streets before heading back down Main Street. This year's parade will feature The Taconic Pipe Band, The Yankee Doodle Band, Fyfes & Drums of Olde Saratoga, The Cambridge Band, Vermont Field Music Fife and Drum Corps and many floats

and marchers.

After the parade is the Irish Festival at the Hoosick Armory and other Hoosick Falls area locations. The Armory will host the band Craic Agus Ceol with Irish music, Irish Dance with Hubbard Hall Irish Dance, Taconic Bagpipes and your favorite foods with Street Eats.

The Sand Bar will host the Celtic Games, a test of strength of lads and lassies. The Hoosick Falls Country Club will be offering corned beef and cabbage dinners beginning at 3 pm and the music of Mark Jones from 3 to 6 pm. The Polish Hall will be serving corned beef sandwiches and Reubens with the band Flashpoint also at 3 pm. Unihog will feature music from LoFaber & LeBand live at 3 pm. The Eagles Club will have the band Raw and Reckless from 2 to 6 pm. BYTE will have Irish music with Mike Yates from 2 to 5 pm. Corned beef and cabbage dinners will be served after the parade at The Falls Diner and Jean's Place.

## What Does This Year's Parade Mean to the Village?

We asked that of Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen who answered us so eloquently:

"This parade means so much to so many. It is an opportunity to come together, a major step forward towards returning to 'normal' after COVID-19 and a massive celebration of heritage, food and music (and of course some choice beverages). It is a major event in our community and our lives and after all the stress of the last two years, a great release of tension and pleasure."

Here's what one of the parade organizers Kevin O'Malley has to say:

"It certainly has been challenging over the last few years being on again, off again because of COVID-19. Last year we had a half-way in September but it just wasn't the same as holding it in March.

We have a great parade lineup and Irish festival this year and hopefully the weather will cooperate. People are ready to celebrate!"



Some children dance to traditional Irish music following the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Eastwick Press photo archive.

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# Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

## HOOSICK FALLS

# More Overnight Parking Provided

by Doug La Rocque

At their February meeting, the Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees heard several comments about a lack of overnight parking in the Village, forcing more cars onto the street. At that time, the Trustees promised to look into the matter, and returned at their Tuesday, March 8 meeting with a proposal to change the rules for the Church Street parking lot. The Board approved a resolution that converts the 14 parking spaces in the middle of the lot from time restricted to 24 hour parking, hoping this will help ease the problem.

### Police Review and Reports

In March last year the Trustees approved the State required police review plan. Part of that plan was the establishment of a Police Review and Reform Board for the Village. After a year of work putting together all the pieces, a local law was introduced to formally establish that Board. It will consist of five members, all serving one-year terms and appointed by the Trustees. The Village Clerk and the Deputy Mayor will serve as non-voting members. A public hearing will be held at **6 pm on Tuesday, April 12.**

The number of calls handled by the department was up over February of last year, and 15 officers have been enrolled in the Police One Training Program, paid for by drug seizure monies.

### Shedding New Light on the Streets

The Trustees heard a detailed proposal from a company called Real Term Energy about converting the 400 plus street lights in the Village to LEDs. Representative Steve Harriman indicated their program, which could include the purchase of the light poles, would show a 73% overall operating savings. The Board and Mayor Rob Allen indicated they wished to look at the cost of implementing the program and the long term savings before committing to anything.

Another presentation that evening was made by Bob Murphy of Barton & Loguidice. He update the Board on the Greenway North Trail head landscaping efforts and construction of a kayak launch on the southern portion of the Greenway project. He also made a pitch for the Village to consider hiring his firm to put together a NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant application. The cost of the application preparation might be eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. Mayor Allen said of the proposed application, "It's a lot of work but has a huge carrot at the end of the process." The full Board plans to discuss the matter in future meetings.

### ARPA Forum

Trustee Bob Decker had prepared a list of items the Village might look to use its ARPA monies on, which include public safety, the Youth Center, Civicure, sidewalk safety issues, the landfill leachate collection system and the Rogers Avenue Water Tank. The Board set a special meeting for **Wednesday, March 30** to serve as a public forum to hear residents' ideas on how to best spend the money. It will start at **6 pm.**

### Other Items

The Board approved two change orders for the Woods Brook Drainage Improvement Project, totaling more than \$54,000. The money left over from the State grant being used to pay for the project will cover the additional cost.

The Trustees, at Mayor Allen's request, are considering spending up to \$8,000 to replace five computers in the Municipal Building that the Mayor says are about 9 years old and showing their age. Mr. Ding-a-Ling's Ice Cream truck will be back on the Village streets again this summer, the permits having been approved by the Village

Clerk, which is by law. More discussion about feral cats was tabled until April. Mayor Allen reminded residents the annual Village Elections will take place **Tuesday, March 15, from noon to 9 pm** at the Municipal Building. There are three two-year and one single year Trustee seats on the ballot, all of which are unopposed. There is no one listed on the ballot for the four-year term as Village Justice, so it becomes a write-in election.

## 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 18 and April 1.**

## SCHUYLERVILLE

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# Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

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### Blood Drive

On *Tuesday, April 5, from 11:30 am to 5 pm*, the American Red Cross will host a blood drive at the First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street, Bennington.

To make an appointment to donate, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or text bloodapp to 90999 to download the app to your smartphone. As always, walk-ins will be accommodated as well. For more information, contact Susan Gallina at 802-447-5345.

## HOOSICK FALLS

### Denim & Deeds Welcomes New Agent

We are excited to welcome Kate Mohammed-Ali to our sales force. Kate brings over 10 years of financial and mortgage experience with her. Kate has the knowledge needed to be able to serve your Real Estate needs. She presently owns Village Pizzeria and Deli with her husband and will bring that business sense to your transaction. She loves family weekend events and adores her chickens. To reach Kate, call or text her cell at 518-603-1755. Photo courtesy of Denim & Deeds.



## CAMBRIDGE

### DAR Seeking New Members

The Ondawa-Cambridge branch of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is looking for new members to join their chapter. Meetings are held monthly on the first Friday of the month, from September to June at the Town Hall in Center Cambridge. This year the chapter is celebrating its 127th anniversary. Meetings include a short business time and a program with interesting speakers. Members take turns providing refreshments. Any woman who believes she is eligible to join the DAR may call the regent at 518-854-3324 or the registrar at 518-677-3589. Eligibility is based on the Revolutionary War service of a direct ancestor.

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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Fire District Dedicates New Engine Tanker

The Hoosick Fire District dedicated its new engine tanker on Monday evening, March 7.

It replaces a 1989 International engine tanker that had served the department dependably for 33 years. Robert Breese and LeRoy (Roy) Hand were instrumental in the purchase of this truck.

The new engine, a 2022 International built in Iowa, arrived in February, and has a 1,500 gallon per minute pump, carries 3,000 gallons of water with a quick dump (a quick way to dump water into an external container), a 3,500 gallon drop tank (a portable tank), two SCBA air packs, spare bottles of air and a 500 gallon per minute portable pump. The truck carries 1,000 feet of five inch hose, 400 feet of 2.5 inch hose, 400 feet of 1.75 inch hose and other miscellaneous



Family members of Robert Breese and LeRoy Hand gather near the new 2022 engine tanker Monday evening, March 7. Photo by Steve Bradley.

equipment.

The members of the Hoosick Fire District thought it would be fitting to dedicate the new engine tanker to Robert Breese, who served the fire district for 67 years, and LeRoy Hand, who has 55 years of service and counting.

## HOOSICK FALLS

### Junior Historians Program

On *Saturday, March 19, from 3 to 4:30 pm*, the Friends of Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians present “Yankee Doodle: Music of the 18th Century.” This program will feature a live string concert performance, story, sing-a-long and dance. The program will take place at Hoosick Falls First Baptist Church, 80 Main St., and is recommended for children ages 5 through 12. Please pre-register for this event by March 18, by calling 518-686-4682.

## CAMBRIDGE

### Tree ID and Natural History Program

Join the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) and Cambridge resident Kerry Woods for a winter walk in the Cambridge Community Forest (CCF). The walk will take place *Saturday, March 12, at 9 am*. Participants should park in designated lots and walk to the CCF bridge located at 15 Rockside Drive.

Mr. Woods is an ecology professor at Bennington College and will be teaching participants to identify trees by shape, twigs, buds and bark. This program is free to all, however advanced registration is required, and space is limited. There is a \$5 suggested donation on the day of the program for the forest fund. Please register online at [www.agstewardship.org/events](http://www.agstewardship.org/events) or call 518-692-7285.

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### COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Hazardous Waste Collection Day

On *Saturday, May 7, from 8 am to noon*, the Highway Garage, 178 Route 23B, Greenport, will be holding Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Residents with large quantities must contact the DPW at 518-828-2737 prior to participating. There is no charge for Columbia County residents. Proof of residency will be required.

### NEW LEBANON

## Repair Cafe

On *Saturday, March 26, from noon to 3 pm*, the Climate Smart Communities Task Forces of New Lebanon, Austerlitz, Chatham and East Nassau will host a free popup small repair café at the indoor New Lebanon Farmers Market, 528 US-20.

Volunteers from the community will repair lamps and mend clothing or other textile items by hand or machine. Darning of socks and repair of knitted items will also be available. This is not a drop-off service — people are expected to stay with the item as it is being repaired, socializing and perhaps learning a bit at the same time. Advance signups are encouraged by emailing Bruce Shenker at [bshenker@gmail.com](mailto:bshenker@gmail.com).

### 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 from *March 14 through 25*. Our hours for drop off are *Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9–5* at the New Lebanon Town Hall. For more information call Justin Weaver at 518-822-0143.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Broadband Survey

Help close the broadband gap in Columbia County by visiting [empirestatebroadband.com](http://empirestatebroadband.com) and participating in the New York State broadband survey. Please help distribute this survey to your contacts, as participation will help the County leverage Federal and State broadband grant money.

### NEW LEBANON

## Voting Rights Webinar

Yael Bromberg, a twenty-sixth amendment legal scholar and voting rights litigator, will speak and take questions on a Zoom webinar hosted by the New Lebanon Dems on the youth vote and youth voting rights on *Sunday, March 27 at 5 pm*. To get the Zoom link for the webinar, please contact [Adeliamoore@gmail.com](mailto:Adeliamoore@gmail.com), and put "Voting Rights" in the subject line.

### NEW LEBANON

## 911 Tower Exemption Determined

by *Chris Teragliafera*

The first item on the agenda at the Tuesday, March 8 regular meeting of the New Lebanon Town Council was the application for the 911 tower. The Council needed to discuss whether Columbia County would need a special permit to construct the tower, or if they were exempt. In order to do this, the Council would need to decide if the County could be classified as local government. In the Town's laws it states that local government would be exempt from needing a special use permit as long as the purpose was for non-commercial uses. Since government is classified as federal, state or local, those in favor believed the County must be classified as local, since it's clearly not state or federal. While it was close, the Council voted 3 to 2 that Columbia County would not need a special permit in order to build a new 911 tower. If the tower were to be considered for commercial uses in the future, a permit would be needed to progress with those changes. The proposed tower is not 5G.

### Landfill/PFOA/PFOS Testing

The Town remains on a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) waiting list for the closing of its landfill. New Lebanon was placed on that list in 2013. The issue is that a landfill closure is expensive and the DEC only budgets around \$50,000 a year for such things. The estimated cost of the New Lebanon closure is roughly \$2 million. Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling has reached out to State Legislators asking them to allocate funds for the closing of the landfill. The Town of New Lebanon will be send-

ing a letter to residents informing them that they may be contacted by the DEC in order to have their wells tested. Residents are encouraged to participate in the testing and inform the Town they are doing so.

### ARPA Fund Survey

The Council discussed and made changes to a survey put together by the Council and other Town Boards and Committees. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from New Lebanon residents as to how they feel the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds should be used.

Once the agreed upon changes have been made, a revised copy will be sent to the Council and a system for distributing the survey will be determined.

### New Chief Elected

First Assistant Chief Stephen Houghtling has been named as the new Chief of the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

### Other News

The resolution to purchase a new backhoe for the Highway Department was passed.

No bids were received for plowing of the EV charging station. With winter almost over, the Council will table the matter and revisit it in the fall.

The Council approved Supervisor Houghtling to enter into an agreement on the Town's behalf with Columbia-Greene Workforce NY, which is a program that will pay teens of low income families to be summer camp counselors for the Town of New Lebanon.

### HUDSON

## Home Maintenance Webinars

Submitted by *Columbia County Habitat for Humanity*

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Philmont Public Library and the Columbia County Libraries Association have teamed up to present a series of free webinars aimed at improving participants' understanding of home maintenance.

The series begins on *Tuesday, March 15, at 6 pm*. Topics include financial education, minor home

repairs and other useful skills for homeowners. Participants will also learn about Columbia County Habitat's affordable homeownership program and new Habitat Helping Hands homeowner services initiative. To register, please email [library@philmont.org](mailto:library@philmont.org). Participants will receive an email prior to the event with a link to access the panel. Stay tuned for future webinar dates.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Weatherization Assistance

Columbia County residents who are looking to save money on their energy bills can now apply for the Weatherization Assistance Program and Empower New York through Columbia Opportunities, Inc. (COI). These programs are free for income eligible homeowners. For more information call 518-672-7268, 1-877-889-3331 or visit [columbiaopportunities.org](http://columbiaopportunities.org).

### NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

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## General News

# Ballot Fraud Investigation

Dozens of Rensselaer County workers have been served with subpoenas by a federal grand jury. The investigation is examining the filing of absentee ballots in elections over the past two years. More on this story as it becomes available.

## Senior News

### History of Rutland Railroad

The Grafton Community Library and the Grafton Historical Society will host a presentation about the Rutland Railroad on **Thursday, March 24**, at the Everett Wagar (Grafton) Senior Center at 12:30 pm. All are invited to jump aboard for a nostalgic adventure along the Rutland RR fabled Corkscrew Subdivision through Bennington, Petersburg, Berlin, Cherry Plain, Stephentown and points south. Explore rails and tales, history and mystery along this route via a video presentation. Historians, railroaders and local residents' anecdotes will all be included in this presentation. Plan to come early for a healthy and delicious pork loin lunch served at noon. There is a suggested \$3 donation for all lunches at the center. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the event/lunch list. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet the first and third Friday of each month. In February the Honorable Jack Nevers swore in our officers. They are as follows: Mary DeFreest as President, Donna Moshimer as Vice President, Wanda Pritchett as Secretary and Cathy Shuhart as Treasurer. There are a lot of fun things in the works for this year. We are just in the planning stages of them so more information is to come. One thing we are doing for the month of March is to collect socks for the vets. Please feel free to come to one of our meeting and check us out. If you have any questions please contact Mary DeFreest at 518-733-0009. Also don't forget to set you clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 13. You will be late for an important date if you don't.

### 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

**Mar 11:** Mac and cheese, zucchini and tomato, California blend veggies, diced peaches

**Mar 14:** Stuffed shells w/ meat sauce, Italian blend veggies, Italian bread, fresh fruit

**Mar 15:** Chicken breast w/ marsala gravy, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, white bread, fresh fruit

**Mar 16:** Sausage w/ gravy, mashed sweet potato, peas and onions, wheat bread, fresh fruit

**Mar 17:** Corned beef dinner, steamed cabbage w/ carrot garnish, red potatoes, rye bread, juice, St. Patrick's dessert

**Mar 18:** Lemon garlic crusted cod w/ tartar sauce, rice, Malibu blend veggies, whole wheat biscuit, cookie, + sandwich bag

**Mar 21:** Hot dogs, seasoned sauerkraut, baked beans, long roll, fresh fruit

**Mar 22:** Chicken cordon bleu, diced baked potatoes, spinach, apple sauce w/ cinnamon

**Mar 23:** Cubed steak w/ old fashioned gravy, baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, yogurt

# Rensselaer County Seeing Historic Growth and Success

Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin delivered his fifth State of the County Address to the Rensselaer County Legislature on Tuesday, March 8, saying the County is in strong shape and seeing unprecedented fiscal and economic development.

"The County is becoming recognized as a leader in the State for lowering property taxes and expanding important quality of life and health services," McLaughlin said in the Address. The County is seeing new and unprecedented opportunity and accomplishment thanks to fiscally effective policies and service improvements," continued McLaughlin, who was re-elected to a second term by a wide margin in 2021.

"The County is also emerging as a prime mover in growth and investment in the region, with major job creation projects at Amazon and Regeneron, and leading the State in sales tax revenue growth during 2019," McLaughlin noted. Rensselaer Counties sales tax earnings broke the \$100 million mark for the first time in 2021. The County has also significantly reduced debt during the past four years.

McLaughlin noted the four consecutive property tax reductions that have been approved since he took office as Executive, including a 10 percent property tax reduction for 2022. The reductions have lowered County property taxes by 19 percent, an amount comparable to what taxpayers paid in 2002.

"The tax reduction for 2022 was 10 percent. That is the biggest County tax reduction in history. We saw revenues increase beyond our projections and made the correct decision to allow residents and property owners to share in the success," said McLaughlin.

"Our County is known across the State for reducing taxes. We can be proud of one simple fact in Rensselaer County: that no other county in New York State has made the commitment and the investment to lowering property taxes and allowing our residents and taxpayers to share in our growth and success," McLaughlin continued.

The Reimagine Rensselaer County Facilities would see the County acquire the Rose and Kiernan property on Route 4 in East Greenbush, and use it to base some County functions. Rented offices in Troy would be relocated to the County Office Building in Troy and the adjacent Health Building. The County Office Building and Health Building would see renovation and improvements.

## Tree and Shrub Sale

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation Society

The District still has a remaining inventory of bare root plants for sale, including strawberries, blueberry bundles, raspberries, blackberries, American elm, sugar maple and many more. Pre-order at [rensco.org/plants](https://www.rensco.org/plants). Contact our office with questions at [Plant.Sale.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com](mailto:Plant.Sale.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com) or order over the phone at 518-380-0384. Pickups will be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Hoosick Falls Ice Skating Rink/Reynolds-Gilchrest Building.



County Executive Steve McLaughlin giving his 2022 State of the County Address. Photo by Amy Modesti.

The County has also paved 170 miles of roads in four years, including 70 miles in 2021 and 50 miles in 2020. Rensselaer County will again be setting an ambitious goal by working to pave 50 miles in 2022.

McLaughlin also affirmed support for Ukraine as they are defending against an unprovoked attack by Russia, and noted Rensselaer County's efforts to raise needed

supplies for Ukraine and the support received so far.

### Other Highlights of McLaughlin's 2022 State of the County Address:

- Rensselaer County has maintained two excellent bond ratings of Aa3 from Moody's and AA from S&P Global Ratings.
- The County will be providing \$2.9 million in funding from the IDA to support Hudson Valley Community College's Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC).
- A new home has been secured for the Troy senior center in downtown Troy, which will feature modern amenities and services, with announcements to come.
- Work continues on the Emergency Services Training Complex in North Greenbush.
- Work to finish restoration of the historic County Court House will resume in 2022.
- The County completed work on development of a new website.
- The search for a new Department of Social Services Commissioner will begin in coming weeks.
- County ER Anywhere, which provides access to medical service through tele-medicine, expanded last fall to all residents.

While the positive direction of Rensselaer County is good news to all, Legislative Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman also enjoyed another aspect of the evening, stating "The best part about the legislature meeting was when we all got to sing, you know, and see one of our veterans that we were honoring do that, and hear that he does that every night before he goes to bed, in the midst of everything going on in the country. To see something like that — the whole chamber to sing together like that in unity — was just so moving and emotional and just goes to show you, you know, good things happen."

In response to the State of the County Address, Legislative Minority Leader Peter Grimm stated, "We are pleased that it is reported that Rensselaer County is in good fiscal shape. Rensselaer County has seen unparalleled revenues coming from record increases in sales tax, gasoline tax and mortgage tax from the past year's housing sales boom. In addition, we need to recognize the unprecedented amounts of monies coming from the Federal Government in the form of stimulus and recovery. While the pandemic has challenged the stability of all counties across America, Democratic leaders in Washington passed legislation providing \$88.39 million to Rensselaer County in total relief and recovery funds needed to keep Rensselaer County in good fiscal shape. Republicans in Washington who voted against helping local government should take note that counties like Rensselaer benefited significantly."

## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

# New York Knockout Seeking Members

by Amy Modesti

Are you a sports-hungry woman with a desire to tackle opponents? Were you a cheerleader in years past and want to play the sport mainly dominated by men as an adult? Do you enjoy being in the Friday Night Lights showdown? Join the NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football team.



The New York Knockout Women during tackling drills at a recent team practice. Photo by Amy Modesti.

The NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football team, part of the Women's Football Alliance Division III (Northeast Region), is run by team owner Lou Butts. The mission of this Capital Region team is to give women, ages eighteen and over, an opportunity to play tackle, real deal football.

Butts and his wife Theresa took over the team three years ago from previous owners Richard and Melissa Messemer of Rotterdam. Since he assumed ownership of the team, Butts has led them to a championship. Last season the team had a 7-1 record, winning the Eastern Division. Their only loss came from an

opposing team in Louisville, Kentucky. The women who have so far joined this year's winning team range in age from 18 through 46, and come from various sports and career backgrounds, including police officers, doctors, lawyers and factory workers, with sports expertise in soccer, volleyball, softball, basketball, flag and tackle football, rugby and cheerleading. Although most of the women live in the Capital Region, including Rensselaer County, some travel from Buffalo, Utica, Rochester, the Hudson Valley, Ohio and even Canada to play football.

How does Lou Butts recruit new members? "Social media. Well, we try to make ourselves available. Still people don't know about us. They don't know we even exist. So, we're still out there doing social media," Butts explained. "We just had a different campaign that was out at a women's sports complex in Halfmoon that one of our seasoned coaches did a speech at so we try to get out there,

get out to the community as much as we can and we use social media, obviously, to get the word out ourselves."

NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football is entirely self-funded. Each player who joins the team pays a fee that goes toward practice facilities, uniforms, equipment and more. Not only is it tough to recruit new members, but it's also difficult to come up with funding. The team has held fundraisers to assist in covering their fees, but at the end of the day, money

remains a struggle.

For Lou Butts, the highlight of being a football coach and team owner is watching the women grow to be successful players within their close-knit team.

"This is a cool opportunity because they are already at their athletic prime, most of them, but they're a blank slate with football. So, they don't come with any of the bad things, the bad teachings of the past or their pre-conceived notions they have about what is good and what is bad. They're blank slates. So, to watch them absorb things for the first time and learn it and watch that light click is a really cool thing to have happen."

NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football will hold practices in Malta for some time until the weather breaks for spring. Then practices will be held at the Rotterdam Pop Warner field. NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football is still accepting women to join their team.

Connect with the team on Instagram (@nyknockoutfootball), Facebook (The NY Knockout Women's Tackle Football Team), and website ([www.nyknockoutfootball.com](http://www.nyknockoutfootball.com)) to learn about them. Become a football player this season with the NY Knockout Women.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
The Jabronis	17	3	Mike Weeden	255 244 731
Lebowski Rug Co.	15	5	William Nash	279 245 699
Chico's Bail Bonds	13	7	Josh Magisano	247 238 698
Gallup Inn	10	10	Devin Prendergast	268 246 688
Boner's	10	10	Bob Brenenstuhl Jr.	246 233 683
Mag-Way	9	11	Justin Wilson	259 214 673
Wack'em & Stack'em	8	12	Chris Pelletier	258 236 668
Lou's Plumbing	8	12	Tyler Colvin	260 242 666
McNally Insurance	7	13	Sam Colliano	245 225 666
Farmers Tires	3	17	Matt Brownell	235 216 662

### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
RGI Insurance	94½	55½	279	Mark Leary
Modern Game Pro Shop	85	65	278	Tom Mongeon
Huntin' Time	83	67	269	Chris Karch
Lauzon Machine Shop	82	68	267	Ryan Bedford
Wack'em & Stack'em	80½	69½	266	Ed Legg Jr
Team Taconic	79½	70½	266	Bruce Weeden
Sharpe For Governor	71	79	258	Al Brock
Dave Clark Excavating	60½	89½	256	Dave Rice
Stevens and Sons Tents	59	91	254	Scott Reinhart
Lo-Ridge Farm	55	95	252	Preston Oakes

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

### Tamarac's Great Season Comes to an End

#### Boys

Section 2 Class B Semifinals

**Catholic Central 74 Tamarac 71**

Catholic Central held a 42-30 halftime advantage and pushed the lead to 56-37 midway through the third. The Bengals then scored 17 unanswered and eventually pulled even with the Crusaders at the 3:11 mark of the final frame before CCHS closed things out to earn the Class B semifinal victory. Tamarac finishes an excellent year with a 20-3 mark and the Wasaren championship.

#### Girls

Section 2 Class A Championship

**Burnt Hills 46 Averill Park 61**

Taylor Holohan won tournament MVP. Averill Park will now advance to the NYSPHSAA Class A Sub-Regionals.

## CAPITAL DISTRICT SPORTSMAN CENTER

### Wildlife Diseases Discussion

Friday, March 11, from 7 to 9 pm

### Wildlife Identification for Youth Interested in Outdoors

Saturday, March 12, 10 am to 1 pm

### Trail Camera Workshop

Friday, March 18, from 6 to 8 pm

### Turkey Hunting Workshop

Saturday, April 9, from 1 to 4 pm

All events at the Capital District Sportsman Center, located at 13 Babcock Lake Rd. in Grafton, are conducted with no charge. You can register for these events at <https://cdsc.education/upcoming-events/>. Register soon as most events have seating limits. For more information, email [cdsdonmcc@gmail.com](mailto:cdsdonmcc@gmail.com).

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## Classified Ads

### Help Wanted

#### Cemetery Landscaper

The Maple Grove Cemetery is looking for a team to mow and weed eat the cemetery in Hoosick Falls. There is approximately 40 hours of work. If interested, please call Wynn Metcalfe at 802-447-7877 to schedule an appointment.

### Help Wanted

#### Building Facilities Manager

The Town of Petersburg is currently seeking a Building Facilities Manager. More information can be found at the town website: [www.petersburgh.org](http://www.petersburgh.org), under Employment. All resumes must be submitted no later than April 15, 2022 to Deidre Fowler, Town Clerk at [Deidre.Fowler@Petersburgh.org](mailto:Deidre.Fowler@Petersburgh.org).

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

## 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 April 15, 2022 at 11 am for (1) Windows Replacement Contract for 14 designated windows located in the Town Hall Building of the Town of Petersburg. All bids should be plainly marked "Windows Replacement Contract" on the outside of the envelope.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at noon on April 15, 2022 in the Town Clerk's office, and a summary of each bid shall be prepared by the Office of the Town Clerk for public review at the following Town Board meeting currently scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 7 pm.

All proposals must be accompanied by a Certificate of Insurance showing General Liability and Worker's Compensation coverages and naming the Town of Petersburg as a certificate holder. See Bid Specifications for coverage amounts. In addition, all proposals must be accompanied by a signed Non-Collusive Bidding Certification, and a signed Waiver of Immunity Certificate as noted below.

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. Bid specifications can be found online at [townpetersburgh@digitaltowpath.org](mailto:townpetersburgh@digitaltowpath.org) or by contacting the Office of the Town Clerk. Persons with general questions on the bid package may contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 518-658-3777 ext 10.

### EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

In accordance with Section 501 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor for the Town of Brunswick has available for review assessment inventory and valuation data. An appointment to review this information can be made by calling Julie Irick, Sole Assessor for the Town of Brunswick at 518-279-3461 x106 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.

Julie Irick,  
Sole Assessor

**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 28, 2022 at 11 am for (1) Cemeteries Lawn Care Contract for 5 designated cemeteries located in the Town of Petersburg. All bids should be plainly marked "Cemetery Lawn Care Contract RFP" on the outside of the envelope. Copies of the Bid Form and Specifications can also 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 28, 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 April 18, 2022 at 7 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.

**Joey Mows Lawn Care, LLC**. Filed 1/24/22. Cty: Rensselaer. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 644 Ford Rd Melrose NY 12121. Purp: any lawful.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Berlin Community Cemetery Association is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 7 pm at the Cherry Plain Church building.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Stephentown will be having its normally scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2022 at 7 pm.

We will be reviewing a Use Variance application for the parcel of land located at the intersection of NY Route 22 and Cemetery Hill Road, Stephentown, NY.

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.

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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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.

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.

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## Board Meetings

March 14, Monday

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

March 15, Tuesday

**Berlin School Board**, 7:15 pm, Jr./Sr. High School

March 17, Thursday

**Hoosick Falls School Board**, 6:30 pm, HFCS  
**Brunswick School Board**, 6 pm, Tamarac High School  
**Brunswick Planning Board**, 7 pm Town Hall

March 21, Monday

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

March 24, Thursday

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6 pm on Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Saxton Sign Co. for a sign variance for property located at 841 Hoosick Road (Harbor Freight Tools building). Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: March 9, 2022  
 Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
 By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

**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.

**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: Kelly Hearne NP Psychiatry, PLLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 03/02/22. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Salazar and Erikson, LLP, 573 Columbia Turnpike, Building 2, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**BeYOUty By Dani LLC** Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/2021. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, LEGALCORP SOLUTIONS 1060 Broadway Suite 100 ALBANY, NY 12204 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**HARMONY COUNSELING LCSW PLLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 16 North Greenbush Rd. Suite 205 Troy, NY 12180.. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## Community Calendar

March 11, Friday

**Wildlife Diseases Discussion**, 7 – 9 pm, free, Capital District Sportsman Center, 13 Babcock Lake Road, Grafton, pre-register ASAP at <https://cdsc.education/upcoming-events/>, seating limited, email [cdsconmcc@gmail.com](mailto:cdsconmcc@gmail.com) for more information

March 12, Saturday

**Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade & Irish Festival**, 1 pm parade, 1:30 pm festival, free, begins at Wood Park, processes to John St., Church St., Willard St., back to Main St. & Wood Park, visit Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade and Irish Festival Facebook page, contact Kevin O'Malley at 518-894-5035 or [hoosickkid@gmail.com](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com) with questions or to enter the parade

**Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraising Dinner**, 4 – 7 pm, \$15, take-out only, drive-through at Stephentown Fire Hall

**Trail Camera Workshop**, 6 – 8 pm, free, Capital District Sportsman Center, 13 Babcock Lake Road, Grafton, pre-register ASAP at <https://cdsc.education/upcoming-events/>, seating limited, email [cdsconmcc@gmail.com](mailto:cdsconmcc@gmail.com) for more information

**Youth Wildlife Identification Workshop**, 10 am – 1 pm, free, Capital District Sportsman Center, 13 Babcock Lake Road, Grafton, register at <https://cdsc.education/upcoming-events/>, email [cdsconmcc@gmail.com](mailto:cdsconmcc@gmail.com) for information

**Berlin Community Food Closet Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**, 4 – 6 pm, \$12 adults, \$6 children under 12, United Methodist Church, 17 S. Main St., Berlin, take-out only, reservations strongly requested, call 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509, volunteers needed

**Tree ID and Natural History Program**, 9 am, free (\$5 suggested donation for forest fund), Cambridge Community Forest (CCF), park in designated lots and walk to CCF bridge at 15 Rockside Drive, registration required, [www.agstewardship.org/events](http://www.agstewardship.org/events) or 518-692-7285

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](mailto:bill.simmes@outlook.com), 518-796-6553  
**Sullivan Jones VFW Post 7466 All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet**, 8 – 11 am, \$8 (add-ons available), \$4 ages 6–12, under 5 free, 25 Veterans Street, Poestenkill

March 15, Tuesday

**Home Maintenance Webinar**, 6 pm, free, Columbia County Habitat for Humanity, register by emailing [library@philmont.org](mailto:library@philmont.org)

March 16, Wednesday

**Grandma Moses: The Bennington Connection**, 6 – 7 pm, \$12 members, \$15 non-members, Bennington Museum, virtual presentation & discussion led by Jane Kallir, register at <https://benningtonmuseum.org/product/moses-bennington2022/>

March 17, Thursday

**Museum ABCs: Green**, 1:30 pm, free, Bennington Museum, 75 Main Street, St. Patrick's Day event for preschoolers and their families

March 18, Friday

**Kids Dance**, 7 – 9 pm, \$3, North Hoosick Fire Department, 22106 NY-22, Hoosick Falls, parents must sign children out after dance

**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

**Turkey Hunting Workshop**, 1 – 4 pm, free, Capital District Sportsman Center, 13 Babcock Lake Road, Grafton, pre-register ASAP at <https://cdsc.education/upcoming-events/>, seating limited, email [cdsconmcc@gmail.com](mailto:cdsconmcc@gmail.com) for more information

March 18 – April 12

**Elizabeth Phillips: Pebble Art**, Reception 3/19, 3 – 5 pm, free, Valley Artisans Market's "Small Gallery," 25 East Main Street (Rt. 372), Cambridge, gallery hours Wed. – Sun. 10 am – 5 pm, for information call 518-677-2765 or visit <http://valleyartisansmarket.com>

March 19, Saturday

**Animal Tracking**, 1:30 pm, free, Dyken Pond Education Center, 475 Dyken Pond Rd., Cropseyville, pre-registration required, 518-658-2055 or [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com)

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Due to space limitations, there is no crossword puzzle this week. It will resume next week.

**Last Week's Crossword Solution:**

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## Community Calendar

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March 19, Saturday

**First Hike of Spring**, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, free, Grafton Lakes State Park, call 518-279-1155 to register

**Full Moon Walk**, 7 – 9 pm, \$5, ages 7+, Grafton Lakes State Park, call 518-279-1155 to register

**Defensive Driving Course**, 9 am – 3 pm, \$40, North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22 Hoosick Falls, point and insurance reduction course from National Safety Council, pre-registration required, call 518-686-4854

**Friends of the Bennington Battlefield Junior Historians** present “**Yankee Doodle: Music of the 18th Century**,” 3 – 4:30 pm, free, ages 5–12, Hoosick Falls First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street

**Celtic Woman — Postcards from Ireland**, 7:30 pm, \$49.50 – \$154.50, 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

March 20, Sunday

**1800 and Froze to Death: The Cold Year of 1816**, 2 pm, free, Bennington Museum, 75 Main Street, in-person lecture led by Howard Coffin of Bennington Historical Society

March 26, Saturday

**Robert Dubac’s Book of Moron**, 7:30 pm, \$45, GE Theatre 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

**Columbia NE Repair Café**, 12 – 3 pm, free, New Lebanon Farmers Market, 528 SR 20, advance sign-ups encouraged, email [bshenker@gmail.com](mailto:bshenker@gmail.com)

**Hike to Grandfather Rock, the Glacial Erratic**, 10 am – noon, \$2, Dyken Pond Education Center, 475 Dyken Pond Rd., Cropseyville, pre-registration required, 518-658-2055 or [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com)

March 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday

**GLSP Maple Weekend**, 10 am – 2 pm, \$3, under 5 free, rain or shine, Grafton Lakes State Park, 254 Grafton Lakes Park Way

March 27, Sunday

**10th Annual Famous Ladies’ Tea**, 1 – 4 pm, \$50 in-person, \$40 virtual, Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick St., Troy, payment required in advance, online at [www.lvorc.org](http://www.lvorc.org) or send check to Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County, 65 First Street, Troy, NY 12180, call 518-244-4650 for more information

**Word Plays: Wise Fools**, 2 pm, \$12, Delack Guild Room 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

**Voting Rights Webinar**, 5 pm, free, New Lebanon Dems, Zoom, email [Adeliamoore@gmail.com](mailto:Adeliamoore@gmail.com) with “Voting Rights” in subject line for link

March 31, Thursday

**Spring Seed Swap**, 6:30 pm at the Poestenkill Library

April 1, Friday

**Kids Dance**, 7–9 pm, \$3, North Hoosick Fire Department, 22106 NY-22, Hoosick Falls, parents must sign children out after dance

April 5, Tuesday

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 11:30 am – 5 pm, First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street, Bennington, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or text “bloodapp” to 90999 to download the app to make an appointment

April 12, Tuesday

**“Sand Lake Show and Tell Part II”**, 7 pm, free, Sand Lake Historical Society, Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, Averill Park, visit [Sandlakehistory.org](http://Sandlakehistory.org) or call 518-527-9926 for more information

## Church News

### HFCAC Sportsman’s Banquet

This year, Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church (HFCAC) is honored to have Gordon Batcheller as guest speaker for our Annual Sportsman’s Banquet on **Saturday, March 26**.

Gordon is a certified wildlife biologist who has worked for the New York State Division of Fish and Wildlife for 34 years. He retired as New York’s Chief Wildlife Biologist in 2015. Gordon remains professionally active working with state fish and wildlife agencies, both regionally and nationally. He is also Vice-President of The Wildlife Society, a professional organization of wildlife biologists.

Mary and Gordon have lived in North Petersburg for 30 years and have three children, Archer, Anna and Hope, along with eight grandchildren.

Gordon is an avid turkey and deer hunter, and fly angler. His topic will be “The History and Future of Conservation and Hunting.”

Dinner will be served at 6 pm, with the program to follow. HFCAC will provide beverages, some side dishes and desserts, but we are counting on our sportsmen to surprise us with their favorite game dishes.

There is no cost for the event, but we would ask that you contact the church at 518-686-3269 to reserve a spot so we will know how much to prepare for. Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church is located at 484 Hill Road.

### Visitor’s Day at Community Bible Study

On **Thursday, March 31, from 10 am to 12:15 pm**, Tri-State Northeast Community Bible Study will be having a visitor’s day. We meet at Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Rd., and also offer an online Zoom group at the same time.

Community Bible Study (CBS) offers the opportunity to study the Bible in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. We are open to all ages and denominations; the Bible is our textbook. Our classes meet weekly during the school year. Each class member receives a course book with commentary and home study questions, which are discussed in small groups and then a large group teaching. We have a men’s group and several women’s groups.

Please contact Children and Youth Director Nique Fiegel at [nique.fiegel@gmail.com](mailto:nique.fiegel@gmail.com) for more information about availability in our children’s program.

For those interested in our online group, please contact, Mary Batcheller at 518-686-3166 or [mary.batcheller@gmail.com](mailto:mary.batcheller@gmail.com) for a Zoom link.



Visit our local website [tristateneast.cbsclass.org](http://tristateneast.cbsclass.org) or the national website [communitybiblestudy.org](http://communitybiblestudy.org) for more information. For further questions, contact Linda Lennox [lennox.linda@gmail.com](mailto:lennox.linda@gmail.com).

### Manhattan Clam Chowder Sale

Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, 990 Hoosick Road, Troy will be holding a Manhattan Clam Chowder Sale on Good **Friday, April 15**.

This will be a pre-order sale only with pick up between 11 am to 2 pm. Quarts of chowder will be available for \$10 each, payable at pick up. Order your chowder by calling 518-281-0684.

### Chicken and Biscuit Supper

On **Saturday, April 9, from 4 to 6 pm**, The Pittstown United Methodist Church, 57 Old Route 7, will be having a take out only chicken and biscuit dinner. The menu will be chicken and biscuits with gravy, vegetables, coleslaw, cranberry relish and dessert. Adults are \$13, and children 5 through 12 are \$6. Children under 5 eat free. Reservations suggested by calling 518-663-5607.

### Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 22 Bridge St., Johnsonville, is open from **9 am to noon, every Wednesday** and the **first Saturday of each month**. Look for our sign at the corner of Rt. 111 and Rt. 67. We have a large selection of adult and children’s seasonal clothing, coats, boots, shoes, purses, special occasion and career clothes, jewelry, toys, linens, puzzles, games, household and decorative items. Our well-organized book room has over 1,000 books available.

### Stephentown Federated Church

Pastor Chris Garrison from the Stephentown Federated Church will be hosting a bring your own lunch, Lenten Zoom Luncheon. The discussion will include the Lenten devotional readings and the lectionary readings for the week.

The Zooms will be held each **Tuesday from noon to 1:30 pm, through April 12**. A Zoom link will be sent to anyone interested on each Tuesday. If you would like to be a part of this luncheon Zoom, please send your email to [Morg104@aol.com](mailto:Morg104@aol.com) or speak to Pastor Chris. If you don’t know how to do Zoom, you can use your phone to join. The phone number will be on the Zoom invite.

## Obituary

### William A. Deyoe

Berlin - William A. Deyoe, 94, passed away February 6, 2022, after a courageous battle with COVID-19. William, also known as Billy or Bill, was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Mary Lou. He is survived by his children William P. (Laura) Deyoe, Robert (Jennifer) Deyoe, Diane (Connie) Deyoe, his sister Joyce Ferraro, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and several nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Bill was born in 1927 in a small town of Berlin, NY. He was blessed to have celebrated 71 happy years of marriage with his wife Mary Lou who passed away a few years ago. At 17 years old, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard and served aboard the USS Manitowoc until he was honorably discharged in 1947.



In 1959 he moved his family to Tucson, AZ to help his growing contracting business. Bill was the president of the well-known demolition company, Barnett and Deyoe Contracting, and was responsible for the razing of many of Tucson’s famous buildings over the years including the El Conquistador Hotel. He retired at 62 and traveled the world with his bride Mary Lou. Together they enjoyed his retirement, and even after her passing, he continued to love his visits to Las Vegas. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to either of these non-profit organizations that were close to Bill’s heart: World Vision and Tunnel to Towers.

# Little Woodpecker



The Downy Woodpecker (*Dryobates pubescens*) is the smallest woodpecker in North America from 5.5 to 7.1 inches. Adult males have a red patch on the back of the head and juvenile birds display a red cap. This one appears to be a female with no visible red. The birds are native to deciduous forests. This one was visiting the bird feeders at Grafton Lakes State Park and photographed by Trix Niernberger.

## A Strong Wind Rolls Through Stephentown



Photo posted on The Only Stephentown on Earth Facebook page, courtesy of Susan Lynch Smith.

# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## Midwinter Wood Chopping

Thursday, January 8, 1852: I and Geo P went with one yoke of his oxen and got a sled load of alder wood that Alexander Celinbaum chopped last spring to the halves. Today John F. went with cutter to Pittstown to Ira Humphrey's on a visit.

Friday: I went with ox team into my swamp and got a load of alder wood that A. Celinbaum cut to the halves last spring.

Saturday: I drew one load wood from the swamp that was 2/3 hard wood that A. Celinbaum had no authority to chop. This evening Philander Carpenter and two sisters visited us with the schoolmaster that teaches school in Hancock up Goodrich Hollow, his name is Ramsey. This afternoon Geo P. took his horse and cutter and carried 19 fowls, part old and part young, to Lebanon and sold to the tavern keeper by the name of Anson.

Sunday: Today John F. returned from Pittstown.

Tuesday: I called to Masons and he handed me ten dollars to hand to Geo P., this money is to pay for hides. Today John F. rode to Lebanon and engaged the two stacks of hay that Geo P. had in Mr. Soins meadow, to Mr. Anson for 36

dollars, calling it six tons of hay. Geo P. paid me 2 dol 50 cts for my hide.

Thursday: I this afternoon carried my wife and the widow Freeloove Wylie to Elder Havens donation. I gave two dollars cash. We returned home at night and left the widow F. Wylie to stay the evening, and this evening Geo P. and his two sisters went to said donation and Geo P. gave one dollar and they gave 50 cts each. Today my two sons drew three sled loads hay home from a stack in the widow Wylie's meadow.

Thursday: I chopped and drew an ox sled load of wood from my Rodgers farm and I went with Aaron Merrills and told what trees he may chop, three cord wood at one dollar per cord.

Saturday: I went into my swamp and chopped alder and hemlock for wood and helped the Runnals fix a wood road across J. B. Maxon's lot into my swamp by the way or across near school house. Tonight the three sons of Ira Humphrey and the wife of oldest one, James, came from Pittstown on a visit, and this evening Burton Jolls and wife and Egbert and Gustus and Mary Jolls and Deborah Wylie and the wife of Simeon Wylie all visited us.

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