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HOOSICK FALLS

A Little Snow Can't Keep a Good Parade Down St. Pat's Day Parade Rescheduled for Saturday

by Doug La Rocque

What COVID-19 could not do this year, Mother Nature did: cancel the annual March St. Patrick's Day parade in the Village of Hoosick Falls. But you cannot keep a good parade down. Returning in September last year made over as a Halfway Hooley, there was great anticipation for the parade's reappearance on Saturday, March 12. What was not anticipated was a winter storm, initially forecast to drop up to as much as a foot of snow. Too much snow was afoot to think about safely holding a parade, so once again the March date met its fate. But like the little leprechaun standing there with his dukes up, this year's parade is not going down without a fight. The organizers are hoping for a little "luck of the Irish" and have rescheduled the event for **Saturday, March 19,**

even though Mother Nature looks like she might "rain on the parade."

According to organizer Kevin O'Malley, just about everybody has committed to returning on Saturday. The lineup remains the same with the parade starting at 1 pm from Wood Park. The Irish festivities at the Hoosick Armory are back on as well. Even though many places went ahead with their scheduled parties last week, it's a good bet you might find another celebration or two this Saturday.

Over the past five years, the venerable Village of Hoosick Falls has clawed its way back from a flood, contaminated drinking water and a pandemic. They certainly are not going to let a little thing like a snowstorm stand in the way of their St. Patrick's Day parade.



Mother Nature was smiling on last year's Halfway Hooley; let's hope she is in a like mood on Saturday for the 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade. Eastwick Press file photo.

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BRUNSWICK

State to Study Route 7 Traffic Long Awaited Review May Include Smart Lights



The eastbound section of Hoosick Road in front of the Taco Bell where the highway drops down to one lane, a contributing factor to the infamous Route 7 backups. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

by Doug La Rocque

For many years, and in particular during public hearings about three new major developments now under construction along Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7), members of the public have been very vocal in their complaints about traffic along that road including the many stop and goes, volume, lengthy backups and the almost daily accidents. When the addition of another signal light at the intersection with Lord Avenue was proposed, several started calling for a NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) traffic study. Research at that time indicated the last DOT study was about 20 years ago, and so much has changed since then.

Earlier this year, Brunswick Town Supervisor Phil Herrington announced the Town had procured the services of Wayne Bonesteel, an engineer who already deals with the Town's **Continued on page 5**

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Hasselwander Indicted on Murder and Strangulation Charges Remanded Back to Jail Without Bail

by Doug La Rocque

22-year-old Ian Hasselwander was arraigned Tuesday afternoon, March 15, in Rensselaer County Court before Judge Jennifer Sober on one count of Murder in the 2nd Degree and one count of Strangulation in the 1st Degree. Hasselwander pled not guilty to both counts. Judge Sober set April 29 as the tentative date for further proceedings and remanded Hasselwander back to the Rensselaer County Jail without bail until such time. Hasselwander was arrested by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office on March 4 in connection with the disappearance and subsequent death of 20-year-old Morgan Bates of Eagle Bridge.

During the arraignment, Chief District Attorney Matthew Hauf, who is prosecuting the case, explained the discovery process and the sharing of information with the defense has begun but described the evidence in the case as "voluminous." He also indicated to Judge Sober some of the evidence "was gathered surreptitiously through intercepted communications," referring to wire taps and possibly other forms of digital information.

Following the arraignment, District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly spoke to the media, and emphasized her office and that of Sheriff Pat Russo do not feel there is any danger to the public following Hasselwander's arrest. She also said Hasselwander has not confessed to the crimes.

As to how Ms. Bates' body was found in a remote portion of the Cherry Plain State Park in Stephentown five days after she disappeared, District Attorney Donnelly credited good police work, following up on



Ian Hasselwander stands before Judge Sober during his arraignment in Rensselaer County Court on Tuesday.

leads, grid searches and tying in known acquaintances. Ms. Bates was reported missing on February 22, which spawned an intensive search involving both the Rensselaer and Washington County Sheriff's Offices, NYS State Police and Forest Rangers as well State criminal intelligence and analysis centers.

Several members of Morgan Bates' family attended the arraignment but chose not to make any public comments.



Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly speaks to the media following the arraignment. Photos by Doug La Rocque.

PETERSBURGH

Man Faces Multiple Rape Charges

New York State Police Press Release

On March 7, the New York State Police in Brunswick, in conjunction with the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office, arrested 36-year-old Edward V. Perrotti-Sousis of Petersburg, following an indictment in Rensselaer County. Perrotti-Sousis is charged with 5 counts of Rape 2nd degree (D felony), 2 counts of Criminal Sex Act 2nd degree (D felony), 2 counts of Sex Abuse 2nd degree (A misdemeanor), 3 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (A misdemeanor), and Forcible Touching (A misdemeanor).

State Police began an investigation into Perrotti-Sousis in January of this year after receiving information that he had sexual contact with a minor. Perrotti-Sousis is accused of having sexual intercourse with a victim under the age of 15 on multi-

ple occasions. Perrotti-Sousis was previously known to the victim.

Perrotti-Sousis turned himself in at SP Brunswick following an indictment obtained by the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office. He was arraigned in Rensselaer County Court and remanded to Rensselaer County Jail on \$7,500 cash, or \$20,000 bond.

State Police are investigating the possibility of other victims. If you have any information, please contact the SP Brunswick at 518-477-9333.



Edward V. Perrotti-Sousis

BERLIN

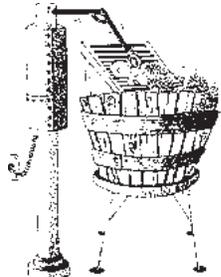
Rabies Clinic

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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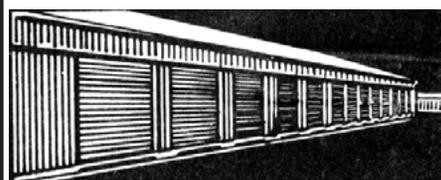
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BERLIN

Transfer Station Fees Updated

by Chris Tergliafera

At the March 10 regular meeting of the Berlin Town Council, the updated fee schedule for the transfer station was discussed. The price of a permit will increase from \$15 to \$20. In addition, a 30 gallon bag will increase from \$2 to \$3, 40 to 45 gallon bags will go from \$4 to \$6 and 65 to 95 gallon bags will increase from \$6 to \$9.

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Appointments and Reappointments

Derek Burhans has been appointed to the Board of Review, Maryellen Gilroy has been reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Jerome Zinc has been reappointed to the Planning Board. All three will serve a five year term.

Other News

The Council approved the sand and gravel bid from Quality Construction.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Elizabeth Reynolds and Gladys Goodermote.

BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

An Unpopular Decision

by Chris Tergliafera

At the March 15 regular meeting of the Berlin Central School District Board, Superintendent Joseph Dhara gave his recommendation that the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, a position currently occupied by Mr. Fred Hutchinson, be abolished, effective June 30. The position of Elementary School Assistant Principal would then be created, effective July 1.

Mr. Dhara stated that this decision was his, and his alone, and the move will result in increased building level support at the elementary level, and reduced costs at the central office administrative level.

Several in attendance, including former District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Young, disagreed with the recommendation. Dr. Young recalled hiring for that position during his tenure as Superintendent, and believes it to be part of the reason for drastic improvements seen in students.

Those that opposed eliminating the position stated that the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment does a lot, and eliminating the position would only add more stress to an already stressed administration. With many students being affected by pandemic related learning loss, not having a familiar face in an administrative role could set some students back even further. Others didn't understand how it could be a budget issue, and suggested keeping the

position for a year or two and then revisiting the matter.

After the public comment portion of the meeting ended, the recommendation was approved by the Board as part of the personnel action under the consent agenda items.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that despite not wanting his position eliminated, it has been a pleasure serving the community over the past six years, and he believes if given the opportunity to collaborate with Superintendent Dhara, they could find a way to fill needed positions without eliminating his.

Student Council Trip

The Board approved a May 27 and 28 trip to Boston for members of the Middle and High School student councils.

Other News

The meeting began with a presentation by the Berlin Elementary School Student Ambassadors, which focused on all of the positive things they are doing to improve their community and leadership skills.

The Board approved the resignation of Business Manager Karen Capozzi, effective May 25.

In an effort to keep the District's fleet of buses up to date as possible, the Board approved a proposal for the purchase of three new buses.

STEPHENTOWN

Gardner Case Reaches Tentative Settlement

by Doug La Rocque

According to the attorney representing Ashley Benson in a civil lawsuit against Stephentown resident Neil Gardner, a tentative settlement has been reached regarding Ms. Benson's allegations of sex abuse she claims occurred more than 25 years ago. The suit was filed under the New York State's 2019 Child Victims Act, which extended the statute of limitations to prosecute

sexual abuse against children. The matter was handled in Federal Court as Ms. Benson is a Massachusetts resident.

Throughout the proceeding Mr. Gardner has maintained he is innocent of all allegations but says he cannot offer any further comment at this time because he is legally constrained from doing so.

STEPHENTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fundraiser a Huge Success

Thank you to all of the community members who supported this year's Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) corned beef and cabbage fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 12. The department received many compliments on the delicious corned beef from Hilltown Pork and the fresh veggies from Kilventon Produce. Despite the snowy weather, we sold out. We are grateful to our amazing volunteer members who not only cooked 411 pounds of corned beef, 200 pounds of cabbage,

200 pounds of potatoes, served 251 take-out dinners, made over a dozen special deliveries to community members in need and washed a ton of pots and pans, but also started the day at 3:45 am for an EMS call and responded to two traffic accidents that day, all during a major snowstorm.

Mark your calendars for our next fundraising meal, breakfast on **Sunday, May 1**. Follow SVFD on Facebook or check our website, svfd1.org, for details and for more information on how you can make a difference in your community by volunteering with the department.

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BERLIN

Home Test Kits

The Town of Berlin has COVID-19 home test kits available to Berlin residents. Pick up times are **Monday or Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 pm, or Saturday from 9 am to noon**, at the Town Clerk's office. Four tests (2 boxes) are available per household. For more information contact Town Clerk Anne Maxon at 518-658-2161.

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.

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Two Selected for Prestigious Art Show

Submitted by BCS Communications

Congratulations to Berlin High School students Micayla Price (Grade 12) and Ethan Saunders (Grade 10). Their artwork was chosen out of 500 applicants for the Annual High School Regional Juried Exhibition, one of the most prestigious high school shows in the area. Mica's "Hidden" is a Photoshop digital photograph, and Ethan's "A Downward Smile & Xs for Eyes" is a mixed media piece with silkscreen, collage, acrylic and marker.

Along with over 20 other local school districts, their work will be on display at the Albany Center Gallery from **March 22 through April 22**. They are open from **noon to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday** if you're in the area and would like to check out their work on display in person. This is the first year that Berlin has been a part of this opportunity and we're looking forward to next year. For more information, visit albanycentergallery.org.



BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Grease

Submitted by BCS Communications



On **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 27, at 2 pm**, The Berlin Dramateers present Grease in the Berlin Middle/High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door and pre-sale. All presale tickets will be available at the will call table. Please email Stacey Hills for presale ticket info at Stacey.b.hills@gmail.com.

BERLIN COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

Outreach Programs

As an outreach to the Berlin and Petersburg communities, the Berlin Community Food Closet would like to offer welcome baskets to new families in our towns. The basket would include information on public services in the communities. We are offering everyone a chance to add their information to the baskets. This could be in the form of business cards, brochures, coupons, product samples, calendars, etc. If you would like to be included please prepare twelve of whatever you would like in the baskets, and send the items to BCFC, PO Box 225, Berlin, NY 12022,

or contact Kathy Jaeger at 518-573-6763 to arrange a pick up.

A second outreach we are beginning is bereavement bags. These bags will include a can of coffee, sugar, creamer, cups, a roll of toilet paper, paper towels and tissues. These items are to help a family in the first few hours when people are starting to gather at their homes. The BCFC hopes to serve all people in the community, not just those in need of emergency food. We hope that you can find a way to be involved. For more information call 518-658-2942.

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GRAFTON

Town Council Highlights

by Chris Tergliafera

At the Monday, March 14 regular meeting of the Grafton Town Council, it was announced that the Town's annual review and audit of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Justices' books has been completed and will be available for public review on **March 28, from 6 to 6:30 pm.**

Future Rabies Clinic

During the public comment section it was asked if Grafton would consider holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats. Town Clerk Vicky Burdick stated that she had already contacted Rensselaer County about just that issue, and was waiting for them to get back to her with a date.

Town Dog Shelter

Dog control officer Kayla Stetson asked the Council if there was a possibility Grafton could look into a Town Shelter for dogs that are surrendered. The dogs would then be able to stay in Town, and save

the expense of keeping them at a location outside of Town.

Maple Weekend

Grafton Lakes State Park will have its Maple Weekend **March 26 and 27.** Entry fee is \$3 for anyone over the age of 5. In addition to exhibits, there will be ice cream with maple syrup or maple donuts while supplies last. The event is rain or shine.

Other News

A burn ban is now in effect and will run through May 15.

Grafton is looking into the possibility of getting a credit card machine in order to allow residents to pay bills via credit card at the Town Hall.

The summer lunch program at the old Grafton Elementary School, 13 Babcock Lake Rd., will once again be offering free lunch throughout July and August to children in Town in need of lunch.

State to Study Route 7 Traffic Long Awaited Review Continued from page 1

Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, was retained to pen a grant application to the Capital District Transportation Committee for a new study of the highway. Mr. Herrington tells *The Eastwick Press* funding for that study has been verbally approved, and he is just waiting for the actual paperwork.

Computerized Traffic Lights

DOT is to use the money to hire a traffic engineer to complete the study, which would include traffic volume and patterns, but would also look into the installation of smart lights. These are traffic signals that have the ability to read both volume and backups, and actually "talk to one another" to try to change their timing to eliminate such problems.

Adding a Lane

There is a section of Hoosick Road eastbound in front of the Taco Bell restaurant where the road shrinks from two lanes to one, then back to two. Supervisor Herrington thinks widening the road to two lanes throughout that section would go a long way toward eliminating the backups that often occur. When the Taco Bell was in the approval process in front of the Planning Board, the landowners agreed to cede a small portion of their land to DOT, so such a second lane could be constructed. Mr. Herrington is hopeful this will be made part of any recommendation the traffic study puts forth. When this study may begin is unclear.

BRUNSWICK

Multi-Family Housing Moratorium Extended

by Doug La Rocque

As was expected, the Brunswick Town Council approved a local law that extends the current moratorium on two-family and multi-family housing unit applications and construction for another six months, while the Town continues a comprehensive review of its zoning and codes regulations. The review was prompted last year by concerns about overcrowding expressed by the Planning Board and many residents. Supervisor Phil Herrington said after the vote, he believes the review will be completed before the six-month extension expires.

Back to Complain

A resident of Killock Avenue returned to the Thursday, March 10 meeting to again complain the Town is not taking the appropriate action to solve a drainage problem that impacts her land, as she says was promised when Town officials visited her in November. Supervisor Herrington reiterated to her they planned to make improvements come spring, including the installation of a catch basin. Councilman Gordon Christian, who oversees the Highway Department, also promised the improvements would be made, but reminded her, "it's not spring yet."

Public Safety

Councilman Mark Balistreri spoke about the first meeting of representatives from the Town's fire departments on how to help increase public safety. Some of their main topics of discussion were retention of current volunteer firefighters, attracting junior firefighters and concerns about ambulance coverage.

On the subject of the Town's website, brought up at the February meeting, Councilman Balistreri has prepared a 16 page document for the Council, containing suggestions and ideas on how to improve the website.

Summer Camp

The Town plans to move forward with their yearly summer camp for youth, but has concerns about continued bus transportation to and from the site. Their biggest worries are fuel costs and the availability of bus drivers.

New Deputy Clerk

The Council welcomed Rebecca DelGaizo as the new Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Her combined salary for the two positions is \$40,625. She comes to Brunswick from the Albany Public Library System.

TROY

Dustin Mele Memorial Concert

The plans have been announced for the 8th Annual Dustin Mele Memorial Concert and Fundraiser. Performers include Jeff Dayton, who spent 15 years as Glen Campbell's band leader, the Kyle Bourgault Band, Super 400 and Soul Sky. The Bourgault Band will do a special Eagles tribute.

Proceeds from the concert benefit three organizations: the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Rensselaer County mental health and emergency assistance programs.

The concert is **Saturday, March 19 at 6 pm** at Brown's Revolution Hall, 425 River Street in Troy.

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SCHODACK

Town Council Highlights

by Denise Wright

The March 10 meeting of the Schodack Town Council passed numerous resolutions ranging from personnel to property. The Board approved an internal posting for a part-time position for a Confidential Assistant for the police chief. The Board approved attendance at training conferences for two Water Operators and Human Resources.

Supervisor Chuck Peter announced to the Council the passing of Ruth Drischler, who worked as a Clerk in the Justice Court from 1981 through 1997. Peter described her as "one of the genuinely nicest people out there." Two retired employees, Nadine Fuda and Karen Sue Justus, were recognized for their service to the Schodack community. Fuda worked as Director of Planning and Zoning since 2007, and Justus began her career in Schodack in 2005 and was hired as Sole Assessor in 2017.

The extended Music in the Park schedule was approved for the summer. This year the program has been extended three days. The schedule will be:

- Peaceful Country Band** - June 7
- Gone Grey** - June 14
- Triskele** - June 21
- Kyle Bourgault Band** - June 28
- Yankee Doodle Band** - July 5
- Jarod** - August 2
- Scarlette Fever** - August 9
- Pete and Friends** - August 16

Resolutions were passed to retain appraisal consultants to prepare an



Nadine Fuda and Karen Justus celebrating their retirement. Photo from the Town of Schodack Facebook page.

updated report for the old Town Hall site on Columbia Turnpike. The Council approved two assessment settlements for Greenbush Lodging LLC (Comfort Inn, Exit 10) and Goold Miller Properties.

The Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance agreement for the Amazon property had its wording revised and approved because the facility has now been constructed. The Board approved the sewer and water easements for building, using and repairing pipelines under the Railroad tracks on Maple Hill Road. The Schodack School District has some capital improvement projects underway and was designated as the lead agency for those projects.

Before the Board went into Executive session, Castleton Library trustee Alyssa Mitchum reviewed the March and April calendar and thanked the Board for their continued support of their programs and services.

POESTENKILL

ARPA Information Sessions

Poestenkill has received \$230,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funds, some of which has been used for the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the highway department. An additional \$230,000 is anticipated later this year.

This is a lot of money for a small town. It needs to be used town-wide, fairly, sensibly and responsibly. Although deciding how to allocate the funds is ultimately the Town Council's responsibility, the community's thoughts and views are really important.

Decisions on how best to use those funds will be made after hearing from Town residents through a series of public meetings to solicit suggestions. The goal is to make sure that this money is used in a way that has a lasting impact.

Poestenkill Supervisor Keith Hammond has formed a team of three residents to hold listening sessions to understand and keep track of everyone's suggestions. The listening sessions are just that: to learn what is on the minds of the Poestenkill community.

At the completion of the sessions a detailed summary of the residents' suggestions will be presented to the Town Council for their consideration. It will also be posted on the Town's website.

The information gathering sessions are scheduled on:

- **Saturday, March 26, at 10 am**, at the First Baptist Church, 12 Legenbauer Rd.
- **Tuesday, March 29, at 7 pm**, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 772 Round Top Rd.

New York State COVID-19 safety requirements for public meetings will be strictly followed.

Anchor Food Pantry Donation



On Thursday, March 10, Vice Chair of the Legislature Bob Loveridge and Legislators Tom Choquette and Scott Bendett presented a check to Paula Sancomb from the Anchor Food Pantry in Castleton. The Anchor provides food and supplies to residents of Southern Rensselaer County. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County Legislature.

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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.

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.

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Celtic Music and Stories With Jeff Snow

Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm

Donations

The Brunswick Community Library is looking for donations of plastic eggs, small toys and candy for our "How to Catch the Easter Bunny" story walk event. Call 518-279-4023 or visit brunswicklibrary.org for more information.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Lego Club

Every Tuesday, from 3:45 to 5 pm

Children 5 and over are welcome. Drop off from the bus or in person. One-time registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, March 23, from 10:30 to 11:15 am

Adult Book Club

Wednesday, March 30, at 12:30 pm

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Zumba Gold

Mondays, through April 11, from 6 to 7 pm

The classes will take place at Roxborough Holdings (the former Grafton Elementary School). Walk-ins welcome; \$8 fee to the instructor.

Blueberry Bush Care

Saturday, March 26, from 2 to 3 pm

The class will be followed by a hands-on demonstration at Hay Berry Farm, 1176 Babcock Lake Rd.

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

SOUTH SCHODACK FIRE COMPANY

Fundraisers Are Back

by Denise Wright

After almost two years without fundraising due to COVID-19, the South Schodack Fire Company has started up its 2022 fundraising activities. Bingo will be held on the first and third Sundays of every month, with doors opening at noon and bingo starting at 2 pm. In addition, their Lenten fish fry will run every Friday, at 1563 Bame Rd., Castleton, from 5:15 to 7 pm until Good Friday. The takeout phone number is 518-732-2082, or you can eat in.



Earl Winfield, Joyce Davis and Tony Maier breading fish for South Schodack Fish Fry. Photo by Denise Wright.

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

Lego Time

Fridays from 3 to 6 pm

There will be a new challenge each week.

Adult Book Club

The Third Monday of the month at 10:30 am

For more information contact Jackie Marino at 518-753-0442 or at jljmarino@icloud.com.

Family Movie Night

Friday, March 18, at 6:30 pm

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

Pillowcase Sewing Class

Tuesday, March 22, at 6 pm

\$10 to the library, plus a separate \$8 material fee to the presenter. Exact change or check for each please.

For more information call 518-753-4230, email circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org or message us on Facebook.

SCHODACK

Summer Program Is Hiring

Employment applications are now being accepted for the Town of Schodack Summer Program. They may be downloaded at www.schodack.org under Youth Recreation. To be considered you must be 16 years of age by July 11, the start date of the program, and have a current working card if applicable. Applicants must also be able to work the duration of the program, **July 11 through August 5**. Completed applications must be returned to the Schodack Town Clerk's Office by April 29.

More information is available from Recreation Director Sheila Golden at youthdirector@schodack.org.

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.

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February Students of the Month

Submitted by Hoosick Falls CSD



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 Sixth grade - **Ashlee Morgan** and **Dustin Caron**
 Seventh grade - **Payton Dailey** and **Matthew Maynard**
 Eighth grade - **Mattison Mulvihill** and **Hailey Sheldon**
 Photo courtesy of Hoosick Falls CSD.

HOOSICK TOWN COUNCIL

ARPA Spending Approved

by Doug La Rocque

The gathering of the Council members on Monday, March 14 was quick, so quick in fact Town Supervisor Mark Surdam said it was probably the fastest meeting in his lengthy tenure as Supervisor. They still dealt with several issues, including the list of places and organizations they have decided to spend their share of the American Rescue Plan Act funds on. Also discussed was summer camp and the town pool, specifically what to charge for participation in 2022. Councilors discussed their concerns about costs, both in operation and the charge to residents, with prices of just about everything in their lives going up. They settled on a \$5 per week hike for the summer camp programs, and noting there was a significant increase in the pool rates last year, decided to leave those prices the same as 2021.

GAR Associates (a firm that assists with data collection) and have an agreement that will see GAR start the data collection by April 1. Their efforts will include a public meeting and a flyer, with the update scheduled to be complete for the final assessment role in 2023. It was also announced that Mr. Rice will be retiring and the search for a successor will begin soon.

Court Date Set

Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Moses indicated he continues to visit the Naturae facility on NYS Route 67 in North Hoosick. The company and the Town have been battling for more than a year over odors emanating from both inside and outside the facility. Court action by the Town was delayed because of the pandemic, but is now slated for March 24.

Other News

The Town had been budgeting for a new Zamboni (a machine that resurfaces the ice) for the Weir/Reynolds Skating Rink, but may have found a used one in quite good shape and at a considerable savings. A new Zamboni runs over \$100,000. The rink is now closed for the year, after another very successful season.

The Council is looking to hold an April workshop to cover the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update. The work is being done by the engineering firm known as the LaBerge Group. The Council will further discuss the Online General Town Code Project at 6:45 pm on April 11, the date of their next regular meeting. Graffiti continues to be a problem at the Castle Playground. Supervisor Surdam says they have a volunteer who is willing to do the required painting to cover that vandal's work. The Council also discussed methods to further reduce or eliminate the graffiti problem.

Property Assessments

Assessor Tony Rice stated at previous meetings, the Town's assessment rolls needed updating, indicating at that time he was not talking about a full re-evaluation process. Mr. Rice and Supervisor Surdam will meet with

Barbecue Recreation Bowling

Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Lebowski Rug Co.	18	7	Matt Gaghich	279 258 751
Chico's Bail Bonds	18	7	Mitch Andrew	279 235 741
The Jabronis	17	8	Mike Weeden	279 246 729
Lou's Plumbing	13	12	Lou Schmigel	290 224 705
Wack'em & Stack'em	12	13	Todd Stradinger	247 229 700
Boner's	12	13	Bill Shumway	289 205 696
Gallup Inn	11	14	Ron Caron	243 235 696
Mag-Way	9	16	John Brown	278 214 690
Farmers Tires	8	17	Colin Cipperly	238 235 678
McNally Insurance	7	18	Mike Smith	256 254 677

Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
RGI Insurance	117½	62½	279	Tom Mongeon
Huntin' Time	103	77	267	Max Taylor Jr
Lauzon Machine Shop	100½	79½	266	Ken Marbot
Modern Game Pro Shop	95	85	262	Shawn Field
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	91½	88½	258	Tim Marbot
Team Taconic	91	89	258	John Brown
Dave Clark Excavating	79½	100½	258	Ed Legg Jr
Sharpe For Governor	78	102	257	Al Brock
Lo-Ridge Farm	76	104	255	Mike Weeden
Stevens and Sons Tents	68	112	248	Mark Leary

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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.

HOOSICK FALLS

Village Election Results

The three open Village Trustee seats were uncontested, with incumbents Bob Decker and Deb Alter re-elected.

Craig Pine chose not to continue on the Village Board, and will be replaced by Dan Schuttig. There was an open write in for Village Justice, with incumbent Thomas Restino receiving the most ballots, so he will continue in that position.



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Medical Matters Weekly Welcomes Tracy Dolan



Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Medical Matters Weekly with Dr. Trey Dobson is pleased to welcome Tracy Dolan, the director of Vermont's Refugee Office, **at noon, on Wednesday, March 23.**

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

on www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters.

Dolan manages day-to-day operations and expansion of services for Vermont's refugee program. She has more than 25 years of experience working in public health. Prior to coming to Vermont, Dolan worked in public health overseas with a focus on HIV/AIDS care and prevention, maternal and child health and reproductive health.

CAMBRIDGE

Volunteer Opportunity

The Cambridge Historical Society and Museum is seeking a curator, or 2 to 3 co-curators, to lead the Collection Committee in collection management, inventory, donations and exhibit planning and implementation. This is a great opportunity to become involved with a dedicated and hard-working group of volunteers who share a love for our community's history and an interest in the preservation and display of its material culture.

While previous experience as a curator is not necessary, some comparable knowledge and training in small museum best practices is preferred. If you are interested in discussing the position of curator, please call Amaris Lynip at 518-677-3105, or email at aolynip@gmail.com.

CHENEY LIBRARY

Lego Club

Friday, March 18, from 4 to 5 pm
For those in grades 4 and up.

In Person Games - Among Us

Tuesday, March 22, from 5 to 6 pm
This program is open to participants in grades 6 to 12.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 pm
Meeting is open to the public.

For more information or to register for an event, visit cheneylibrary.org.

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New Lebanon & Nassau

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

Even though the snowstorm was at its peak, the East Nassau Board of Trustees were hard at work at their March 9 meeting discussing activities for residents for a post-pandemic 2022. Trustee Mike Lever began the meeting by overseeing the approval of minutes from the February meeting, budget workshop and Treasurer's report. An adjustment was approved to move \$75 from the contingency fund to pay for the purchased campaign signs, and final approval for the Treasurer to buy QuickBooks will occur at the April meeting.

The Building Department and Highway Department reported that plowing continues, and there was a repair of a base spot on Town Garage Road. There has been some progress on an exterior rubbish complaint on Webster Hill Road, and a complaint was closed on Firehouse Road. The Mini Mart needs to provide a survey map to finalize boundary lines and hopes to finish some information to complete the sign application.

Lever announced that the Farm Committee of the Town of Nassau would be sponsoring their 11th Annual Tailgate Sale on **April 30 from 8 am to noon** at the Town of Nassau Highway Department, 599 Central Nassau Road/County Route 16 in East Nassau. This sale will be where buyers and sellers meet to sell or trade in the back of their trucks. If interested in participating, email farms@townofnassau.org or call 518-766-3559 (ext. two option 1).

The cookie contest has been scheduled for **May 22**. Historian and trustee Tom Kernan hopes that the event will be a lot of fun and child friendly. Letters will be going to past members, donors and volunteers to prepare for the event. The Board also hopes to allow residents to submit possible names for the new Town Park and provide some input on what activities they would like to see in the parks.

Trustee Lydia Davis provided the Climate Smart committee report. She was happy to announce that the ninebark sales were quite successful, and the committee is preparing for another Repair Café in September at the Hoags Corners Fire Department. The Taskforce plans to work on demonstration garden sites and collaborate with the Albert Family Forest.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Funding for Mobile Crisis Assessment Team

The Columbia County Board of Supervisors recently approved \$175,000 in funding for the Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT). Funding previously provided through New York State had been discontinued at the end of 2021.

EAST NASSAU

Village Election Results

As a result of the Village of East Nassau elections held on March 15, Adam Acquario has been re-elected as Mayor and Lydia Davis has been re-elected as Trustee. Both will serve a 2-year term, and were running unopposed. There were no write-in votes for any other candidates.

NEW LEBANON

Community Food Giveaway

The Town of New Lebanon and the New Lebanon CSD will host a food giveaway on **Friday, March 25, starting at 9 am**. The giveaway is completely free and will take place at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22. Pull in at Shatford Park by entering the baseball fields and follow signs to the Town Hall. Any questions, contact Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

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.

CHATHAM

Shaker Museum Board of Trustees

Shaker Museum, which stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives, recently announced the appointment of J.D. Weinberg and Kenneth Kramer to its Board of Trustees. Shaker Museum's Board of Trustees now has sixteen members. Both new members are from the Columbia County community and bring decades of legal and corporate governance experience to the Board during a period of rapid growth for the cultural institution.

J.D. Weinberg is a Partner at Covington & Burling LLP, and leads the law firm's Mergers & Acquisition group. He has been advising companies on their most important strategic transactions for over thirty years, including domestic and cross-border transactions, acquisitions of public companies, private equity transactions and strategic investments.

Kenneth Kramer is an independent arbitrator and mediator. Previously, he was a Partner with Shearman & Sterling. He was with the firm for thirty years and during the course of his tenure he served as the Co-Chairman of the Litigation Department and was on the Management Committee.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Broadband Expansion

Democrats and Republicans recently voted to pass H.R. 2741, legislation to fully fund the government and provide additional aid to the Ukrainian people. This bill also includes funding for nine Delgado-led community projects in New York's 19th Congressional District including \$829,594 for broadband expansion in the towns of New Lebanon, Ghent, Canaan and Austerlitz. The funding would allow more than 300 of the 1,250 unserved homes and businesses in those areas to be connected to high speed broadband.

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

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, and put "Voting Rights" in the subject line.

NEW LEBANON

KISS Program

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



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General News

Heroes Recognized



Bob Davis and Lauren Weir speaking to County legislature members Bruce Patire, Jeff Wysocki, Daniel Casale and Mark Fleming during the County meeting Tuesday, March 8. Davis and Weir helped save a mother and baby in Grafton Lakes State Park at the end of the Cabin Fever event. They were recognized for their heroic thinking and rescuing the family. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Burn Ban Begins

From **March 16 through May 14**, New York's annual statewide ban prohibiting brush burning is in effect. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires each spring. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed, but only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these or any fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round.

Veteran Honored



94-year-old Korean War Veteran Len Roden holding up his plaque honoring him from the Rensselaer County Legislature at his ceremony during the legislature meeting on Tuesday, March 8. Photo by Amy Modesti.

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

March Meeting Report

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Legislature Office of the Minority

Environment

The Minority Office submitted a resolution supporting the NYS Expanded Bottle Bill to include additional beverage containers, such as sports drinks, iced teas, wine and liquor, as well as dairy products. The resolution was rejected by the Republican Majority.

Opioid Settlement

After declaring the opioid epidemic a public health crisis in 2018, Rensselaer County, in concert with other counties, initiated a lawsuit against three opioid distributors. An agreement for a settlement was reached with a second manufacturer and the legislature

unanimously approved a resolution to accept funds from this lawsuit as restitution for its expenses resulting from the opioid epidemic. This litigation is by no way final, as other distributors may still be litigated.

Health

The legislature authorized the Health Department to purchase and replenish PCR testing kits for 58 county school buildings to assist in the rapid identification and monitoring of COVID-19. This purchase is 100% grant funded and will help schools maintain in-person learning and support prevention strategies to curtail the spread.

Stefanik Introduces Bill to Protect Milk Choices in Schools

Submitted by the Office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, a senior member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, introduced the Protecting School Milk Choices Act which would ensure schools participating in the National School Lunch Program offer students at least one flavored milk option.

In light of New York City Mayor Eric Adams' pro-

posal to ban flavored milk in New York City schools, this bill would prevent local limitations on flavored milk in the federal school lunch program in order to preserve the choices of schools and students.

Congresswoman Stefanik also joined a bipartisan group of her colleagues in sending a letter to Mayor Adams calling on him to abandon his proposal to ban flavored milk.

Flower & Garden Expo

The 2022 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo will be held **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, March 27, from 10 am to 5 pm.**

Tickets to the show are \$15 at the door, while children 5 and under are free with a paid adult. Discount advance tickets are available online for \$12 through March 24. A three-day admission pass is \$33. Friday, March 25 is MVP Health Care Senior Day with \$11 tickets for individuals age 62 and older. Limit one discount per admission. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Wildwood. Wildwood provides people and families living with autism and developmental disabilities with the very best innovative supports. Parking is free.

For more information about the Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo, visit www.gardenandflower-show.com or follow the show on Facebook.

9th Annual Girls in STEM Event

The 9th Annual Girls in STEM conference will be held at Hudson Valley Community College on **Saturday, March 26 from 8 to 11:30 am**, in the college's Bulmer Telecommunications Center. This popular annual event includes fun, hands-on activities designed to get young women interested, excited and confident about pursuing science and technology-based careers.

The event is open to girls in grades four through eight. The number of participants for this popular, free event is limited, and online pre-registration is required.

All workshops are facilitated by leaders and educators in STEM professions and will cover topics like architecture, electricity, computer science, physics and engineering.

For more information contact Courtney Lamport at c.lamport@hvcc.edu or 518-629-7578.

Ashby and Ra Call for Veteran Relief

Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Assemblyman Ed Ra and members of the Assembly Minority recently joined together on a conference to call on Governor Kathy Hochul and legislative leaders to "Invest in Vets" in the upcoming 2022-23 State Budget.

The first of its kind pandemic relief package would invest \$500 million to support services for veterans and first-responders and help rebuild veterans' organizations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package includes \$250 million in operational funding from the COVID-19 Public Health Response Fund for organizations such as the Dwyer Program, county veterans' departments, suicide prevention for veterans, first responders and law enforcement officers, American Legions, VFWs and PTSD non-profit organizations for treatment and research.

The relief plan also includes \$250 million in capital funding from the State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) Program of investment into Veterans' Housing and Veterans' Service Organization Facilities.

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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 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.

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.

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.

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 **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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Town of Grafton

The Annual Review and Audit of the books of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Justices have been completed. The books will be available for public review on March 28, 2022 from 6 to 6:30 pm. Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, commencing at 6 pm, at the Village Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the use of funds received by the Village under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), together with any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees.

DATED: March 14, 2022
Hoosick Falls, New York
The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Tentative 2022-2023 Village Budget

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing has been scheduled on the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Such tentative budget has been prepared and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. The tentative budget is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours of the Office of the Village Clerk.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls shall conduct the public hearing upon such tentative budget at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, at which time all persons interested may be heard concerning the tentative budget as compiled or any item therein contained. As required by New York State Law, notice is hereby made that the compensation of the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees is as follows: Mayor, \$11,673.00; Board of Trustee Position, \$4,245.00.

Dated: March 14, 2022
Hoosick Falls, New York
The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Jennifer Hamilton LCSW, PLLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/4/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 9 Sharpe Ave, Wynantskill NY 12198. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2022

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN REVIEW AND REFORM BOARD IN SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, a proposed local law to create a civilian review and reform board, to be identified as the Village of Hoosick Falls Civilian Review and Reform Board, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department. A complete copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection at the Village of Hoosick Falls Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to commence at 6 pm, at the Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Rd, Hoosick Falls, New York, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

Dated: March 14, 2022
Hoosick Falls, New York

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to any resident of the Hoosick Falls Central School District that will have a child attending a private or parochial school for the 2022-2023 school year that a Transportation Request form **must** be received by the School District no later than April 1, 2022. Transportation will not be provided should a request be received after April 1, 2022. Requests for transportation will be approved on the basis of District policy concerning distance and other requirements. Forms are available at the Hoosick Falls Central School District Office. If further information is needed, please call the School District at 518-686-7012.

LEGAL NOTICE

Board of Education Petitions
Petitions to elect three (3) members of the Hoosick Falls central School Board of Education are available in the District Office between 8 am and 4 pm, to maintain a full complement of seven (7) board members. Terms available are as follows:
- Full Three-Year Term 7-01-2022 / 6-30-2025
- Full Three-Year Term 7-01-2022 / 6-30-2025
- Full Three-Year Term 7-01-2022 / 6-30-2025
Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Hoosick Falls Central School Building in the District Office, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022 between 9 am and 5 pm.
Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters of the District; it must state the name and residence of the candidate and must state the name and residence of each signer.

NOTICE OF FORMATION

DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: **TJS CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 9, 2022. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Rensselaer County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1822 7th St., Rensselaer, NY, 12144.

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.

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.

Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with activities and lunch each day. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call each day to be placed on the list.

A congregate lunch will be served at noon on days the center is open. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal. In addition to congregate meals, the center offers Grab-N-Go lunches Monday through Friday.

Mondays at the center there is card group 10 am

to noon, and then open card playing following lunch. Wednesdays offer senior games at 12:30 pm and senior exercise group at 1:30. On Fridays there is Wii bowling in the morning and bingo following lunch. **Monday, March 28** is craft time with Julie. You must call ahead to sign up to ensure there are enough supplies.

Please call the center in advance at 518-686-7561 to be placed on the list for meals so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

Hoosick Area Senior Bus Trip

The Hoosick Area Seniors have planned an overnight bus trip **April 6 and 7**, to Newport, RI. Day one will include the Newport Dinner Theater and Cabaret. This will include a great buffet, the comedy play (*A Carol Burnett Show*) and a fun-filled cabaret. Following the cabaret, there will a bus tour (the guide will join us on the bus) of the area. Over 1,200,000 daffodils will be in bloom to view. A light dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day two will include breakfast at the hotel. The first stop is Mashantucket Pequot Museum, and then on to Foxwoods Casino and Tanger Outlets, all under the same roof, for a full afternoon of lunch (on your own), gambling and shopping before heading back to New York.

The bus will leave Hoosick Falls TOPS on April 6, at 7 am, and will return on April 7, around 8 pm. Cost for the trip is \$170 for two in a room, \$160 for 3 in a room, or \$150 for four in a room. Hoosick area senior deadline is March 21. All others have a deadline of March 28, or until the bus is filled. Money is due at the time of sign-up; \$65 is non-refundable as tickets to the Newport Theater have to be paid in advance. Please call Julie for reservations at 518-686-7561.

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.

Mondays and Fridays the center will be open for our 10 am chair yoga class. This is a low impact class that all senior citizens can do.

On **March 22**, there will be senior yoga plus class at 10 am, an Eat Smart Demonstration at 11:15 am and lunch of chicken cordon bleu served at noon. On **March 24**, plan to attend for a lunch of pork loin with gravy and stay for a presentation about the Rutland Railroad, which passes through Bennington, Petersburg, Berlin, Cherry Plain, Stephentown and points south. This is a presentation you won't want to miss.

There is a \$3 suggested donation for all meals at the center. Please call 518-279-3413 if you wish to be added to the lunch and/or activity list.

Grafton Merrymakers

The first meeting of the Grafton Merrymakers will be **Wednesday, April 13** at the Everett Wager Center. Pizza or subs with a dessert will be served at 5:30 pm. Please bring your beverage of choice along with your plate and utensils. A business meeting will follow dinner at 6:15 pm. Bring your ideas for bus trips and/or guest speakers that would be of interest. We are for those 55 years of age and up. We encourage you to visit us in April and share your ideas to make this a fun organization. The dues are \$3 annually. We're excited to meet new people and hear your suggestions. We occasionally put updates and info on the Town of Grafton Folks Facebook page.

Pittstown Seniors

The Pittstown seniors have begun their 2022 meetings. The meetings will take place at the Raymertown Fire House, just off of Rt. 7.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law section 501)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel, which appears on the Tentative Tax Role for the Town of Petersburg, which will be filed on or before May 1, 2022.

The information may be reviewed by appointment in the Assessor's office at the Petersburg Town Hall on Route 2. An appointment may be made to review the assessment information by calling the Assessor's office at 518-658-3777, ext 16, on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022
Craig Surprise
Assessor

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Dated this 1st day of March, 2022
Craig Surprise
Assessor

Cemetery of The Evergreens, Inc Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Cemetery of the Evergreens will be held April 5 at 7 pm at the Town Hall, Lebanon Springs, NY. We will hold the election of officers and discuss such business as may come before the meeting. We encourage all interested parties to attend.

Scratch n Release LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/02/2022 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, 2987 NY Highway 2 Cropseyville NY 12052. 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.

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.

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- ACROSS**
- Campus military org.
 - Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - 1968 hit "Harper Valley ____"
 - Turkish honorific
 - *I captained the Millennium Falcon in "Star Wars"
 - Inlet in Greenland
 - Map out
 - Pharaoh's symbol
 - Austin Powers and Shrek to Mike Myers
 - *I developed the theory of relativity
 - Sailor's hail
 - Lyric poem
 - Solar System center
 - Portable stairs
 - *I am Sgt. George Baker's inept comic strip character
 - Mine deposit
 - Shape
 - Fairy tale cannibal
 - Feline sneakers
 - Lawyer group
 - *I have a coiled shell and eyes on stalks
 - Very dark black
 - Free from obstruction
 - ____ Aviv
 - Most buffoonish
 - Rest or hydration for common cold, e.g.
 - Hot springs resort
 - "...he found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked ____"
 - Japanese stringed instrument
 - *I am a runaway slave, an abolitionist, and a best-selling author
 - Email destination
 - Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
 - Food fish
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 - Eye up and down
 - Bangkok native
 - Like preserved peaches, sometimes
 - Sharpened
 - Like Huck Finn's dad, e.g.
 - *Some people call me the Rocket Man
 - *I starred as Pam in the "Meet the Parents" movies
 - *I used to host a sports show with Mike Golic
 - Commercials
 - Buddhist's enlightenment
 - Sham
 - *I am a WWE Champion, an actor, and my nickname is geology-related
 - Vision correctors, colloquially
 - Greek letters on campus
 - *My rÈsumÈ includes Fly Girl and "American Idol" judge
 - CuraÁao neighbor
 - Evil one
 - Fence board
 - Popular gemstone
 - Shed tears
 - *I am an American who became Princess of Monaco
 - Harangue
 - Network with an eye
 - *My TV role became synonymous with a hair style
 - Perform at the bee
 - Canada's neighbor
 - Beginning
 - Strong adhesive
 - Contemptibly small
 - Dry white Italian wine
 - Radio receiver
 - Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will ____"
 - Piercing woodwind
 - Water quantity
 - Loafer, e.g.
 - Adventure story
 - United Nations labor agency
 - Homer's catchword

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Community Calendar

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 cdscdonmcc@gmail.com for more information

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

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

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Last Week's Sudoku Solution:

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Obituaries

Marion F. Morgan

Petersburgh – Marion F. “Penny” Morgan, 69, died Monday, March 7, 2022 at Samaritan Hospital in Troy with her family at her side.

She was born in Ft. Dix, NJ on June 4, 1952, the daughter of the late William and Marion Lewis Palmer. She was raised and educated in Bricktown, NJ and moved to Petersburgh, NY at the age of 16.

Penny was employed by the W.J. Cowee, Inc. in Berlin for 8 years and later did private duty nursing for over 20 years.

She was a member of the Petersburgh Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and enjoyed crocheting, knitting, fishing with her late husband and dancing when she was younger.

She was the wife of the late James Edward Morgan, Sr. who died in 2008; beloved mother of Stephen E. Morgan of Alexandria, VA, James E. (Leta) Morgan, Jr. of Grafton, Nina A. Morgan of Petersburgh and Julie Harrison of North Adams, MA; grandmother of Eddie Cahill, Jenna Morgan, Hunter Harrison, Taylor, Jason, Garrett, Lydia and Wyatt Morgan; great-grandmother of Allen Cahill; sister of Lynda (Edward) Kelkuski of North Carolina, Ezra Church of Strasburg, VA and the late Eric Church; and special friend of Shannon H. Morgan of Grafton. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of her life at the family homestead at 20 Stillman Village Road, Petersburgh on Saturday, May 28, at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Petersburgh Rescue Squad, PO Box 164, Petersburgh, NY 12138 or to the Petersburgh Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, PO Box 190, Petersburgh, NY 12138.

Arrangements are by the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home in Petersburgh. Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.

Anna F. Esposito

Stephentown - Anna F. Esposito, 91, a lifelong resident of Stephentown, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Fairview Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Great Barrington, MA.

Anna was born in Pittsfield, MA on December 25, 1930, the daughter of the late John Esposito, Sr. and Mary Ezzo Esposito.

She was employed by the New York State Dept. of Taxation and Finance in Albany for many years before retiring.

Anna was a faithful communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Stephentown.

She was an avid bowler at Larabowl Lanes in New Lebanon. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Maine, as well as spending time at the casino. She was a member of the Poestenkill Senior Citizens.

She is the sister of Yolanda Bartolotta of Pittsfield, MA and the late John Jr., Mario, Gene, Jennie and Francis Esposito; dear aunt of Michael (Linda) Bartolotta of Littleton, CO, Wendy VanDyke of Dalton, MA, John Esposito of Batesburg, SC, Nancy Roberts of Goodyear, AZ and the late Stephen Bartolotta; and dear friend of the late Ramona Mulson. She is also survived by several great nieces, nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home.

Interment will be in the spring in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Stephentown with a Memorial Mass held at that time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 208, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Church News

Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

On *Thursday, March 31*, we are having roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn. Dessert is to be determined. We are still using our winter hours of 3 to 6 pm. New to our pantry? You will find us at Gilead Lutheran Church located on Route 278 in Center Brunswick. We are still doing take-out only.

Annual HACA Meeting

The Hoosick Area Church Association will hold its annual meeting on *Monday, March 28, at 6 pm*, at the First Baptist Church, Hoosick Falls.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss current HACA events, vote on the Board of Director candidates for 2022, vote to approve the 2022 budget and review the annual report. Members of all HACA churches and the community are invited to attend.

Reservations Requested but not necessary. RSVP by March 21 by calling 518-366-6167, or emailing hacainc12090@gmail.com.

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.

Please contact Children and Youth Director Nique Fiegel at 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 for a Zoom link.

Visit our local website tristatenortheast.cbsclass.org or the national website communitybiblestudy.org for more information. For further questions, contact Linda Lennox 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., Johnson-

ville, 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.

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 biolo-



gist who has worked for the New York State Division of Fish and Wildlife for 34 years.

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.

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 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.

Grace United Fundraiser

The Grace United Methodist Church in Nassau is sponsoring a fundraiser featuring pies from Smith's Orchard. All orders must be placed by *April 9* with pickup on *Saturday, April 30*. Pies are available in many flavors including apple, blueberry, cherry, peach, rhubarb, Very Berry and pecan. Pies are also available with a double or single crust and with a crumb topping.

The pies will arrive frozen with full baking instructions. The cost is \$14 per pie. To order, call Nancy at 518-766-2387 or Marcia at 518-766-4746. Payment is due when the order is placed.

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Snow Dogs



Zoey and Bernie, residents of Petersburg, play in the new snow that fell on Saturday, March 12. The foot-high drifts were great fun. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

Community Calendar

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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

Music from Salem Spring Concert, 4 pm, \$25, Hubbard Hall, 25 E. Main Street, Cambridge, Julius Quartet performs Hayden’s The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross, John Madden reads poetry by Mark Strand, buy tickets at <https://hubbardhall.org/class-registrations-and-event-ticketing>, for information contact info@musicfromsaalem.org or 518-232-2347 or visit www.musicfromsaalem.org

March 22 – April 22

23rd Annual High School Regional Juried Exhibition, noon – 5 pm, Tues–Sat, free, Albany Center Gallery, 488 Broadway, Suite 107, featuring two Berlin High School students’ (Micayla Price & Ethan Saunders) artwork, albanycentergallery.org

March 23, Wednesday

Medical Matters Weekly: Tracy Dolan, director of Vermont’s Refugee Office, noon, free, online at [facebook.com/svmedicalcenter](https://www.facebook.com/svmedicalcenter) & [facebook.com/CATTVBennington](https://www.facebook.com/CATTVBennington), view or download a podcast on www.svhealthcare.org/medicalmatters

March 25 – 27, Friday – Sunday

Berlin Dramateers present Grease, 7 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, \$7 adults, \$4 students, Berlin Middle/High School auditorium, 550 Willard St., email Stacey Hills for presale ticket info at Stacey.b.hills@gmail.com

Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo, 10 am – 6 pm Fri & Sat, 10 am – 5 pm Sun, \$12 in advance thru 3/24, \$15 at door, children under 5 free with paid adult, McDonough Sports Complex at HVCC, North Drive, Troy, www.gardenandflowershow.com

March 26, Saturday

Columbia NE Repair Café, 12–3 pm, free, New Lebanon Farmers Market, 528 SR 20, advance signups encouraged, email bshenker@gmail.com

Robert Dubac’s Book of Moron, 7:30 pm, \$45, GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, proctors.org or call box office at 518-346-6204 Mon.–Fri., 10 am–2 pm

March 26, Saturday

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

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 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 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 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, 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 or call 518-527-9926 for more information

April 23, Saturday

Berlin Rabies Clinic, cats 9 – 10 am, dogs 10 – 11 am, \$10/shot, *cash only*, 17563 State Route 22, contact Douglas Goodermote at 518-658-3308 for more information

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