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## STEPHENTOWN

# Woman's Body Found in Cherry Plain State Park

### Death Considered Suspicious

by Doug La Rocque

Here is the statement on the discovery from the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office: "The Office confirms the body of an unidentified female has been located in the area of Cherry Plain State Park, under suspicious circumstances, on Sunday, February 27.

The victim's identity will be released following an autopsy, which will be scheduled for later this week. There are no further details at this time. Updates on this investigation will be provided as information becomes available."

### Missing Woman

Coincidentally, law enforcement has been looking for a missing woman, perhaps seen about a week ago in the Petersburg area. At this time, there is no official connection between this search and the discovery of the body in Stephentown.

This is all the information that the Sheriff's Office has been able to release as we near press time. Any further developments will be posted on our website and social media (Facebook, Instagram) accounts.



Black River Road as it begins to enter the southern portion of Cherry Plain State Park. It is a very desolate area, as is pointed out by the sign indicating it is a seasonal use road. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

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## HOOSICK FALLS

# Grand Marshall Announced

Dennis Casey has been selected as the Grand Marshall for the 2022 Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade to be held **Saturday, March 12, at 1 pm.**

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 town 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. He worked closely with Armand Rousseau and others to get the ice skating rink up to gold standard. He helped find and secure the used boards so that hockey could be

played. Then he served as a youth hockey coach for many years. He and Armand went to the rink late at night to make the ice in layers, spending many cold winter nights for the kids. Finally, he found a used Zamboni and worked with the Town Supervisor to purchase it and pick it up from a rink in Massachusetts. He also arranged for a skate sharpener and skate rentals.

He served as one of the first Fire Dept. Commissioners after the Village fire department became a fire district. As Commissioner, he reorganized the budget so the district could secure a bond for the new firehouse. He shepherded that process and oversaw the building of the firehouse, getting it furnished and setting up protocols for its use.

He served on the Village Zoning Board for a number of

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Dennis Casey, Grand Marshall of the 2022 Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade. Photo provided.

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# Taconic Valley

## BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Character Education Assembly



February's Classroom Community members, from left to right: Iris Burnell, Paisley Murphy, Addelyn Connerton, Averi Theoret, Zakk Hankey, Ava Von Schilgen, Stanton Murray, Marissa Childs, Robert Kells, Madison Miner, Jase Matthews, Phoebe Brooks, Maya Sykes-Gundlach, Alex Cerniglia, Greyson Sorbello, Jameson Hawkins, Messyah Crandall and Liam Killeen. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.



February's Mountaineer Merit winners, from left to right: Katharine Garner, Brady Goebel, Addyson Niegoda, Madison Miner, Mase Lewis, Taylor Doty, Brave Morstad, Addelyn Connerton and Elizah Harrison. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Submitted by BCS Communications

In both the kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade assemblies, the students talked about many scenarios of how to show kindness to others. Ms. Rontey's third graders also demonstrated through photos what kindness can look like and doesn't look like.

During the third through fifth grade assembly, Mrs. Stellar presented a video message from the Middle School Student Council. The middle school students, advised by Mrs. Gilbert, talked about the roles they have on the Student Council and the activities they take part in as council members.

The BES assemblies concluded with Principal Kent announcing the

monthly Mountaineer Merit awards and teacher-nominated Classroom Community Member awards.

Classroom Community Members are students nominated for showing good citizenship and being responsible, safe and respectful.

Mountaineer Merits are given out throughout the month by BES staff and bus drivers to celebrate students who demonstrate being responsible, safe and respectful. These merits are then deposited in the Mountaineer Merit container found in the main hallway.

At the assembly each month, Principal Kent draws ten merit recipients (five from kindergarten through second grade and five from third through fifth grade) who receive a prize.

## PETERSBURGH

### Assistance With PFOA Claim Forms

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

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

The deadline for opting out of or objecting to the settlement is February 28, and doing so must be done in writing. Claim forms can be filed by mail or through the website. You need a claim form with a unique number to file by mail. You can also file claim forms or find more information online at [www.petersburghpfoasettlement.com](http://www.petersburghpfoasettlement.com).

## PETERSBURGH

### Open Mic Night

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

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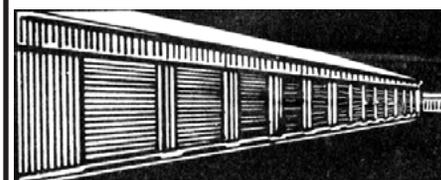


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## EASTERN RENSSELAER COUNTY

# Cowpokes Complete Community Service Project

by Club News Reporter Allie Manchester

The Canterling Cowpokes 4-H club recently completed their community service project to support bottles for bales. Bottles for bales is an initiative started to provide the local horse rescue (Little Brook Farm) bottles that can be returned for cash. This cash is then spent on hay and grain to feed the horses. The club has decided that they will continue to collect cans throughout the summer and make an additional donation. If anyone else would like to drop off cans for the club to continue to donate please send an email to [sm574357@gmail.com](mailto:sm574357@gmail.com). We also had our winter holiday sledding party on February 27. The club members exchanged grab bag gifts, went sledding and had refreshments. A great time was had by all. The club is also looking for new members who are interested in horses, learning about horses or learning about 4-H in general; the previously listed email can be utilized as a point of contact if you or any of your family members may be interested in 4-H. The club is looking forward to putting on a bake sale **April 23** in Berlin, location to be determined.



Canterling Cowpoke members Allie Manchester, Grace Pelletier and Sophia Neet. Photo courtesy of Canterling Cowpokes 4-H club.

## PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming Programs

On **Tuesday, March 8**, the Creative Writing group will meet at **6:45 pm**.

Knitters and Stitchers meet on **Wednesday afternoons**, and welcome newcomers interested in learning or honing crafting skills.

The Book Club will meet **Wednesday, March 9, at 6 pm** instead of the usual 7 pm. Please note the earlier gathering time and bring an appetizer to share. The book to be discussed is *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.

We have a lot of new books, especially many beautiful picture books for young children. Come in to browse and check them out.

Our current art exhibit is the varied, multimedia work of Kay Hicks. Stop in to enjoy the show.

## 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.



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# Stephentown Youth Committee

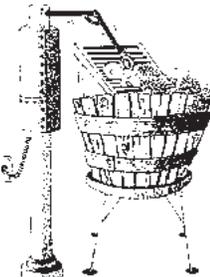
## Seeking Volunteers

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

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

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### GRAFTON

# Residents and RPA Discuss Community Forest

by Chris Tergliafera

On Monday, February 28, the Grafton Town Council hosted a public forum for residents and the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) to discuss plans for property the RPA recently purchased in Grafton. As it stands now, plans to have a trailhead and parking lot at the end of Foster Rd. are not sitting well with Foster Rd. residents.



Executive Director of the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance Jim Bonesteel, speaking during the February 28 Grafton Public Forum. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

More than one person raised the question: if the RPA is creating a community forest, and want to have a good relationship with the community, but the community is making it clear they don't want them there, isn't it disingenuous for them to continue saying they care about the community?

RPA Executive Director Jim Bonesteel stated that he knows of a Foster Rd. resident who is in favor of the project, however that resident did not speak at the forum, and while some Grafton residents expressed positivity toward the project, not one of them resides on Foster Rd.

Mr. Bonesteel referenced past community forests the RPA has developed, and stated that residents in close proximity to those projects had similar concerns, but over time, through discussions such as public forums, a great relationship was developed with those residents.

#### Traffic Concerns

Among the biggest concerns raised was that of increased traffic, and visitors to the forest parking in areas they shouldn't. Both Foster Rd. and Stuffle St. residents stated that since the RPA purchased the land there has not only been an increase in traffic on their roads, but also people speeding.

Residents wanted to know what measures the RPA plans to take in order to ensure people don't speed or park where they shouldn't on Foster Rd. There was the suggestion of signage, not only for speed, but to

direct visitors where to go. This could be problematic however, as other residents requested there be no signage on Foster Rd. regarding the forest, in order to not attract random visitors.

As to the amount of traffic, the RPA stated that the increase would only be the equivalent to that of a single-family home, a statement which many in attendance vocally disagreed with.

In addition to the number of vehicles creating traffic, there are concerns over the actual people that those vehicles will bring to their backyards. Questions arose as to how vetting hunters and those staying overnight would be conducted. Mr. Bonesteel said that while he doesn't want to minimize the concerns of the residents, issues of hunters hunting too close to homes and overnight campers causing disturbances haven't surfaced at other RPA owned forests.

#### Community Committee

One resident, who felt like their concerns were falling on deaf ears, asked those representing the RPA, at what point does the community have a real voice?

They were informed of a letter sent out by the RPA in January that invited residents to join the forest's community committee. This committee, while not the Planning Board that will make final decisions, will have a voice in shaping things such as trail routes, and will have the ability to directly discuss matters with those who do make final decisions.

#### Emergency Situations

Residents and emergency volunteers alike raised concerns that the forest would put additional stress on local emergency services with additional people traveling into the area and performing activities that may present a higher risk of injury. One volunteer stated that his department gets roughly 50 calls a year to Grafton Lakes State Park, and even adding a fraction of that number of calls could put immense stress on emergency services, not only from a personnel standpoint, but a financial one as well.

#### Trash

One of the most contested issues was that of additional trash that visitors could possibly leave behind, both in the forest and the local community. Many hikers stated that they hardly ever see trash when they are out on trails or in parks, but others disagreed, saying they have already seen an increase in the

amount of trash and fear it will get much worse.

#### Tax Concerns

The RPA said that while the land will be exempt from taxes, they will pay the Town a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes).

Residents feel that since a pilot would only pay the equivalent of town taxes, not county and school, the tax issue will affect them negatively long term.

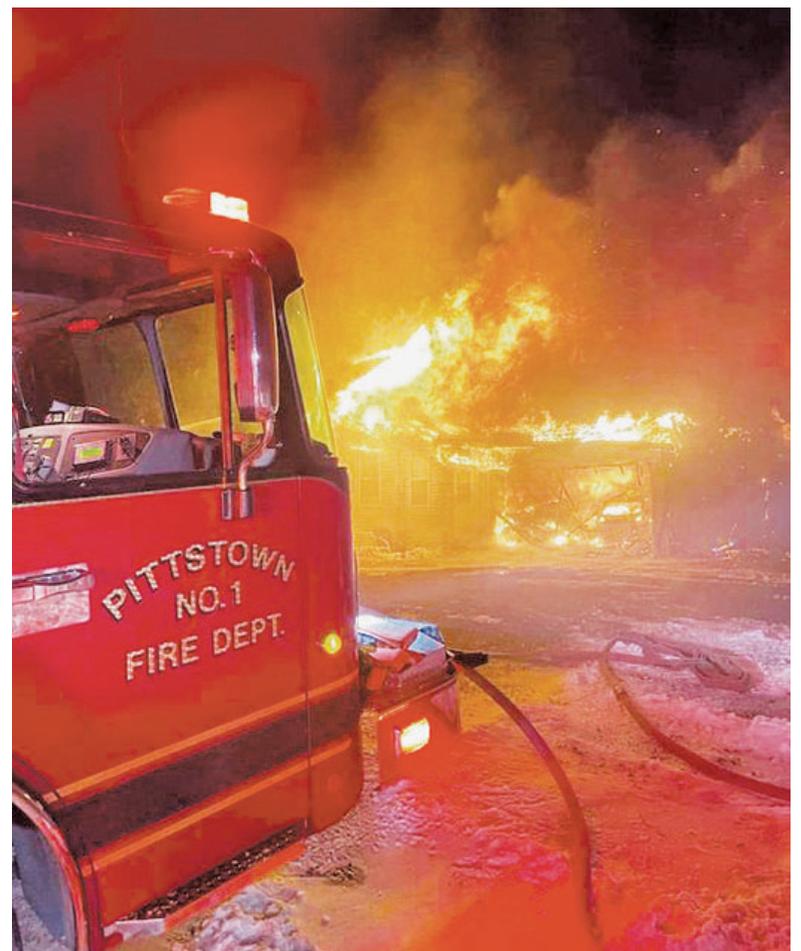
#### Other Notes

A few people expressed their belief that the Town Council had overstepped its bounds by having this meeting, and not putting the matter directly in front of the Planning Board. The Town Council quickly clarified the reasoning for this, stating they held this meeting at the request of Grafton residents.

Those who wish to know or discuss more were encouraged to attend the upcoming Planning Board meeting on the matter.

### PITTSTOWN

## Fire Damages Home and Garage



Monday's early morning fire on Croll Road in Pittstown. Photo courtesy of the Pittstown Volunteer Fire Department Facebook.

Pittstown firefighters were called out in the early hours of Monday morning, February 28, to battle a blaze on Croll Road. According to their report, they found an attached garage fully engulfed in flames on arrival, which quickly extended into the main part of the house. Numerous other fire companies responded to the scene including Raymertown, Johnsonville, Melrose, Hoosick, Buskirk, Mt. View, Center Brunswick, Brunswick No.1 and Hoosic Valley. EMS was also on standby.

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# Central County

## BRUNSWICK

### “It’s a Mortal Blow”

by Doug La Rocque

That is how Brunswick Town Supervisor and co-owner of Herrington Farms in Brunswick describes the recent decision by the NY Farm Laborers Wage Board to reduce the overtime threshold for farm laborers from 60 to 40 hours per week. The decision has yet to gain the approval of NYS Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. Mr. Herrington was joined on Thursday, February 24 by Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, who noted she and six of her colleagues have sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to reject the Wage Board’s decision.

Mr. Herrington stated his farm currently spends \$1 million a year on labor, and employs 20 people. He said they currently work about 60 hours a week, and that is what they want and need. He noted some of them are foreign laborers who send money back home to their families. He further noted if the threshold were reduced to 40 hours, he would not be able to handle the increased labor cost, and would have to cut back. This, he fears, could drive some of the New York State farm laborers to neighboring states that do not have such an overtime level.

Ms. Stefanik indicated the Wage Board “ignored a recent report that showed two-thirds of the dairy farms interviewed indicated they would be forced to move out of milk production in New York” if the 40-hour week for farm workers were to be implemented. Mr. Herrington also added that dairy farms such as his cannot just increase their prices, as farms do not set these prices.



Congresswoman Elise Stefanik speaks with Phil Herrington of Herrington Farms in Brunswick on Thursday afternoon. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

Congresswoman Stefanik pointed out, “This rule change is being driven by lawmakers from New York City, who know nothing about agriculture.” She added agriculture will be a priority in the next Congress, which begins in 2023, particularly if the Republican Party wins back control of the House in this November’s election.

#### A New Part of the District

This was Representative Stefanik’s first official visit to Rensselaer County. Under the recently released Congressional Redistricting approved by the State Legislature and Governor Hochul, Ms. Stefanik’s 21st district would drop some north country areas and pick up seven towns in Rensselaer County, one of which is Brunswick. That redistricting decision is being challenged in state court.

## PITTSTOWN

### Easements Protects Sixth Generation Farm

Submitted by the Agricultural Stewardship Association

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) is pleased to announce the permanent protection of Otter Creek Farm in Rensselaer County. The 465-acre Otter Creek Farm is located in the Town of Pittstown and has been owned by the Wiley Family since 1882. Funding for this conservation project was provided through the Dairy Transitions Farmland Protection Initiative which is administered by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

With the closing of this project, the Agricultural Stewardship Association has helped 155 farm families conserve over 27,000 acres in Rensselaer and Washington counties. For more information about ASA’s work, visit [www.agstewardship.org](http://www.agstewardship.org).

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## TROY Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Submitted by Troy City Council President Carmella Mantello

Troy City Council President Carmella Mantello is sponsoring, along with her colleagues, a resolution designating and proclaiming March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The resolution will be on the agenda for the March Regular Council meeting.

Over the course of her City Council tenure, Mantello, the Mom of a special needs son, has been working hard on the “Think Differently” initiative, which encourages more inclusiveness and accessi-

bility for the developmental disabilities and special needs community.

She worked with the Epilepsy Foundation to install the first handicapped swing in the City of Troy’s parks, and continues working with neighborhood organizations and the city administration to make Troy more inclusive and accessible to the special needs and developmental disabilities community.

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### POESTENKILL LIBRARY

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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

During this program Ceara "Boo" Sweet will be doing a short Irish Step Dance demonstration and then teaching the children some basic steps. 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

While you're here you can make your own biodegradable starter pots from recycled newspaper. We'll provide the supplies and a quick tutorial. More details on the Spring Seed Swap, and all of our programming, can be found on our website.

**Teen Advisory Group**

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

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

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.

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).

### SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Kittle Family Murders

On **Tuesday, March 8, at 7 pm**, at the Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom, 8428 NY 66, the Historical Society will feature The Kittle Family Murders, presented by Jill Whitbeck Knapp. For more information visit [Sandlakehistory.org](http://Sandlakehistory.org) or call 518-527-9926.

### SCHODACK

## Town Council Highlights

by Denise Wright

After the public hearing on Golf LLC's Consolidated Water District 101 Extension No. 7, the February 24 Schodack Town Council meeting focused on a long list of topics ranging from parks to the police department.

The Council approved Golf LLC's proposed project of installing 850 feet of 12 inch water mains, two hydrants and 11 curb boxes that will be paid for by the developer and supply 11 residences and the clubhouse for the golf course.

There was a presentation from Top Form gym about upgrading the Viking Gym at the Schodack Town Park. The gym was approximately 12 years old and was installed by the Rotary club, Top Form and an Eagle Scout using reclaimed wood. Regretfully it fell into disrepair and had to be removed for safety, and they hope that the Town will be a partner in the project so it can be replaced since each piece can cost between \$500 to \$1000. The full-time park manager position is being finalized with Civil Service. Music in the Park has five bands scheduled and is researching the possibility of having three dates in August. The Town is also looking at getting a tandem wheelchair swing for the Town Park and is presently getting prices for the installation.

Police Chief John Hourigan presented a need for an Administrative Assistant to the Board. The amount of Federal and State paperwork, according to Hourigan, needs an assistant to help with the approximately 30

hours of paperwork to make sure Schodack is efficient in their reporting. The Council agreed to work with Human Resources to draft a position.

Maintenance on Town buildings was discussed. The Town Hall has some issues with the elevator that will need to be investigated and the heating system needs updating. The highway garage will need a service contract for doors and potentially heaters.

The Town is investigating the possibility of participating in Rensselaer County's Hazardous Waste Day. The County plans to have six days throughout the year, with two days being located in Troy. The Town will explore having one of the days within the Town during the summer.

Thomas King was appointed as Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer effective February 22. He is from East Greenbush and now resides in the Town.

Finally, Supervisor Chuck Peter was appointed as the Fair Housing Planning designee. This \$1,250,000 grant from the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal assists individuals in finding suitable housing. The Town's zoning and ethics policies are being refined and reviewed. Supervisor Peter hopes to have the ethics policy completed soon to be put up for a public hearing and then adopted. The noise ordinance for the Town will also be analyzed because as the Town starts to grow, the necessity for refining the statute will be vital.

### VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

**Identity Theft Workshop**

Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 pm

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

For more information call 518-753-4230 or contact at [circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org](mailto:circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org).

### GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Lego Club**

Every Tuesday, beginning March 8, from 3:45 to 5 pm

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

**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](mailto:director@grafftoncommunitylibrary.org). COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

### POESTENKILL

## VFW Breakfast Buffet

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 menu features eggs, breakfast meats, home fries, pancakes, french toast, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. 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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# Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

## HOOSICK FALLS

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade is **Saturday, March 12 at 1 pm**. Floats, bands, marchers, cars, trucks, tractors and horses are welcome. Cash prizes



will be awarded for the best floats. This year's theme is Irish fairies, legends and myths. Get your friends, family, businesses or service organizations to enter and join the fun. To enter, contact Kevin O'Malley at 518-894-5035 or email [hoosickkid@gmail.com](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com).

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

## SCHUYLerville Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club

Join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, March 13, from 8 to 11 am**. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For information call 518-695-3917.

## Grand Marshall Announced ... Continued from page 1

years, making an effort to treat everyone with respect regardless of their proposals.

He has supported the Historical Society for many years, both financially and with volunteer time for special projects.

He tended bar every Thursday for many years at Saluzzo's Grill and was always good for a quick ride home or a beer if you were short on funds but in the middle of a good story.

Dennis has always been proud of his Irish heritage and has been to Ireland multiple times. He always wanted to find out about his ancestors, and using a letter his great-grandfather had sent to his grandfather 100 years ago, he pored over information at the National Archives in Dublin, trying to find the land in County Tipperary they called home. He did finally see where ancestors farmed, and he was overcome with the emotion of that sight. The closest he came to meeting a cousin was when he met Betty Casey, wife of John Ryan, his wife's cousin. Betty was from that same town so they decided then and there they

were related.

Dennis and his wife Margaret O'Connor Casey raised their family in Hoosick Falls. Daughter Eileen married Brian Campbell and son Kevin married Molly O'Reilly, all full of Celtic pride. The Caseys have two grandsons, Rory and Ewan Casey-Campbell.

Dennis lost his youngest brother Sean in March of 2019. Sean was only 57 years old and died unexpectedly of a heart attack while peacefully sleeping. Sean and Dennis would liked to have served as co-Grand Marshalls this year, the spring between their 60th and 80th birthdays, but sadly it wasn't meant to be. Dennis will certainly be thinking of Sean, a former Town Supervisor, as he rides by the Armory in the parade. Sean was responsible for bringing the Town offices into the Armory originally.

Please join us on Saturday, March 12, at 1 pm, as we honor our 2022 Grand Marshall Dennis Casey. The parade will begin at Wood Park, process to Main St., John St., Church St., Willard St. and back down Main St. to Wood Park.

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

This edition will include information about the annual Hoosick Falls parade, such as the lineup and parade route as well as a list of the celebrations that will be taking place following the parade.

Ads in this special edition are business card size at a cost of \$40. A double size ad is \$75. Please contact Jake at 518-203-7574 or email [ads@eastwickpress.com](mailto:ads@eastwickpress.com) to take part in this special celebration.

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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Free Tax Filing

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

Appointments are easy to make simply by calling 2-1-1 from New York or 888-367-3211 from any area. For more information, including a list of documents needed to complete your filing, call 518-686-5163 or email [hacainc12090@gmail.com](mailto:hacainc12090@gmail.com). Due to COVID-19 there won't be in-person preparation inside the building.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Marking Period 2 Honor Roll

*Submitted by Hoosick Falls CSD*

#### Grade 12

##### Principal's List

Emma Cross  
Michael Cornell  
Alexandra Janowski  
Ceana Potter  
Megan Perry  
Jania-Lee Harris  
Tucker Webber  
Jordan Hill  
Sameen Shaukat  
Kenneth Gregory  
Alexis L'Heureux  
Lyric Kriner  
Jacob Andrew  
Amber MacNeil  
Owen Kelly  
Brendan Grenoble  
Ethan Hunt  
Allison Hathaway  
Tucker Thayne  
Rylie Niles  
Dylan Baker  
Avarie Taylor  
Wyatt Gaillard  
Ramsey Webber  
Isaac Martin

##### Honor Roll

Gabriella St. Hilaire  
Jeremy Gress  
Isabella Patalino  
Kara Cushman  
Savanna Sprague  
Stephen Allen Jr.  
Marley McLellan  
Calvin Cameron  
Hunter Hathaway  
Baylee Hoag  
Jameson Haviland  
Rhiannon Lane  
Emily Fleming  
Joshua Colegrove  
Ethan Yonconish  
Rylee Holbrook  
Sydney Kasulinous  
Cooper Cavanaugh  
Benjamin Atherton  
Justin Symonds  
Joshua Baccaro

##### Merit List

Miles Smith  
Colin King  
Emma Chirasello  
Tanner Music  
Andrew Restino  
Kaitlyn Philpott  
Christopher McCart-Rayner  
James Larson  
Brody Mullen  
Layne Dabila-Morley  
Alexander Bushee

#### Grade 11

##### Principal's List

Kai Jones  
Brooke Taber  
Savannah Decker  
Hailey Bussey  
Savannah Redcross  
Kate Waugh  
Emily Yeung  
Danielle Stratton  
Marissa Wrubleski  
Molly Hayes  
Alexandra Bull  
Brynn Hall

##### Honor Roll

Kacie Taber  
McKenna Benedict  
Makenzee Ritter  
Aryanna Mahoney  
Benjamin Smith  
Peter Steller  
Lauren Stagnitti  
Kevin Nesbitt  
William Sparks  
Charles Baker  
Katherine Friel  
Natalie Holbrook  
Grace Lajeunesse  
Bradley Senecal  
Mason Boyd  
Jake Mason

##### Merit List

Isaiah Zwinge  
Gabriel Thompson  
Benjamin Birinyi  
Ryan Maxon

Aliza Burdick  
Garrett Taylor  
Hailey Paddock  
Alexander Spurr  
Ryan Cross  
Keegan Keough  
Abigail Aponte  
Jordyn Wilwol

#### Grade 10

##### Principal's List

Ava Eastman  
Jack Cavanaugh  
Alexander Salvesvold  
Berta Margenats Duran  
Aidan Dence  
Finleigh Lewis  
Emmalena Murphy  
Hadley Colegrove  
Maya Shaw  
Erin Yeung  
Jaidyn Wood  
Andrew Sparks

##### Honor Roll

Sean Davis  
Gwyn Vincent  
MacKenna Roberson  
Connor MacNeil  
Keira Chapman  
Lacie Patterson  
Mathew Kempf  
Alicia Coon  
Daniel Lane  
Alexander Jelley  
Grace Houghton  
Jordis Harrington  
Jacob Stockman  
David Forrest Jr.

##### Merit List

Sophia Gorman  
Tyler Peabody  
Alexandra Hakala  
Tristan Michaels  
Andrew Marpe  
Jordan Tremblay  
Hunter LeBarron

#### Grade 9

##### Principal's List

Ashley Druckenmiller  
Maddox Dorman  
Sadie Cornell  
Aiden Fleming  
Lucy Haynes  
Samuel Fauler  
Kelsey Irish  
Jessica Haynes  
Lila Coon  
Mea Cleary  
Kennedy Arnold  
Cole Ziehm  
Sophie Kelly  
Brady Mann  
Isabella Caron  
Michael Plusch

##### Honor Roll

Ava Case  
Ava Kasulinous  
Olivia Holbrook  
Aidan Bull  
Alexander Shea  
David Allen  
Scarlett Bussey  
Madison Haviland  
Amber Bulson  
Rylan Forrest  
Taylor Myers  
Rich Stifter Jr.  
Gabriel Kurland  
Matthew Angell  
Jessie-Mae Casey  
Lillian Murphy  
Amelia Pello

##### Merit List

MaKenna Mullen  
Brayden Gorman  
Kaylee Colby  
Emma Jelley  
Carson Glover  
Autumn Edghill  
Alivia Richard  
Chloe Stowell  
Karson Holbrook  
Troy McCart

### CAMBRIDGE

# Pebble Art Exhibit

Beginning *Friday, March 18*, and running through *Tuesday, April 12*, Valley Artisans Market, 25 East Main St., will be holding a small gallery exhibit. The exhibit will feature pebble art from Elizabeth Phillips. There will be an opening reception *Saturday, March 19, from 3 to 5 pm*. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please call 518-677-2765.

### CAMBRIDGE

# DAR Meeting

The Ondawa-Cambridge Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on *Friday, March 4, at 1 pm*, at the Town Hall in Center Cambridge. The speaker will be Mr. Bill Farrell, whose topic will be the history of the Washington County Post. Hostesses will be Sylvia Wilson and Julie McGinty.

### HOOSICK FALLS

# Defensive Driving Course

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

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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### EAST NASSAU

# Robust Discussions Highlight Budget Workshop

by Denise Wright

The East Nassau Board of Trustees held their Budget Workshop on February 24 to review the draft budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The plan will reduce the property tax rate from \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$1.66 to avoid exceeding the state-mandated tax cap. Mayor Adam Acquario reported that the Village's total assessed valuation went up this year following a year where it decreased.

A 3% stipend/salary increase for the Clerk, Treasurer, DPW Superintendent and Building Inspector was included in the budget. No elected Village official has received a stipend increase since 1998.

The budget's proposed use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will begin work on the new park near the Tsatsawassa Creek and 911 address signs for Village residents. During the workshop, members clarified that ARPA funds should not be placed in the day-to-day money, but should stand alone as this money will allow the Village to use it for projects that would benefit all residents. Board members voiced concern about the possibility of using some of the ARPA funds to complete some

stormwater drainage on Hayes Road instead of funding 911 signs. Acquario reported that many road work projects were completed in 2021 on Hayes Road and Webster Hill but said he hopes to complete chip sealing on Smith Hill and Webster Hill in 2023. Many road maintenance projects that had been delayed were completed this year, and the Village was fortunate to get much of it reimbursed by the State. Acquario said the proposed budget "reflects priorities and constant costs while maintaining our policy, to seed new and existing efforts" for all Village residents.

Parks received a budget of \$5,000 for 2022-2023. The hope is to have a grand plan for the new park. The Climate Smart Committee has been working on possibly assisting the Village with the assistance of Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Rensselaer County Department of Soil Conservation. Demonstration gardens, water-smart gardens and appropriate foliage were all potential ideas for the site. The Board hopes to get Village residents' input at the cookie contest in May on ideas and possible names for the park.

The final and most vivid topic of conversation was the possibility of adopting a contingency tax stabilization fund. Some Board members felt that a rainy day fund could finance certain unanticipated revenue losses or expenditures and potentially offset a tax increase, while others were reluctant to tie the Village's financial hands because of limitations that would be imposed on the funds.

According to Mayor Acquario, the Village has never exhausted the contingency fund already in the budget, and more hurdles would not be in the Village's best interest.

The budget will be presented at the March Board of Trustees meeting, and they hope to have a public hearing on the proposed budget on April 4 at the organizational meeting at the Hoags Corner Ambulance building.

### NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

#### Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

#### Storytime

Wednesdays, March 2, at 10:30 am

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

#### Linda Worster Online

Friday, March 4, at 6:30 pm

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

#### Book Group

Sunday, March 6, at 11 am

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

#### Crafternoon Kids: Mixed Media Wall Hanging

Tuesday, March 8, at 4:30 pm

#### Make It & Take It: Craft Meetup for Adults

Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 pm

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

### EAST NASSAU

# Election Reminder

East Nassau Mayor Adam Acquario would just like to remind residents about the Village election on **March 15, from noon to 9 pm**. Please note the location change: it will be at Hoags Ambulance Building, not the firehouse.

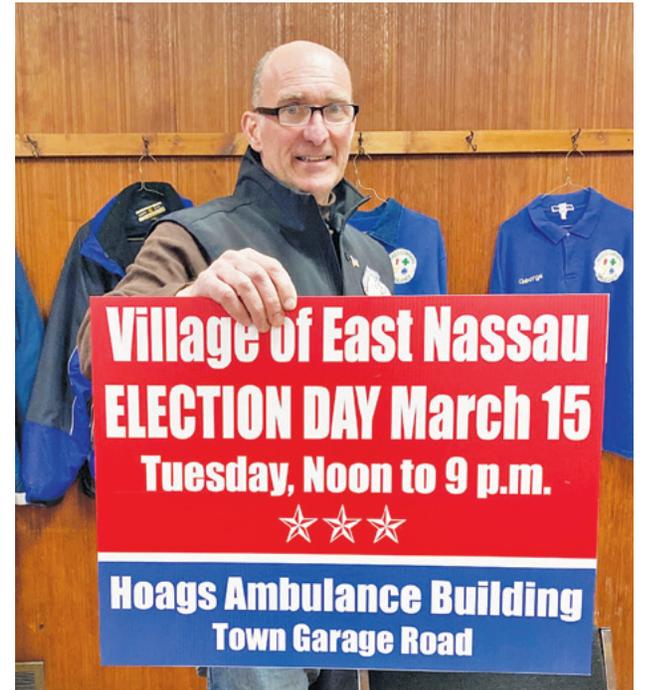


Photo by Denise Wright.

### 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.

Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the New Lebanon Town Hall from **March 14 through 25**. Our hours for drop off are **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-5**. Please stop by the Town Clerk's office to sign your form for shredding.

# Helping Hands Initiative

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) is planning to accelerate its building program and is introducing a new homeowner assistance service in 2022 to help address the escalating housing affordability crisis in Columbia County.

The CCHFH Board of Directors has adopted a new framework to guide the organization over the next several years and is actively planning for increasing the building capacity of the Habitat affiliate, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2023.

Several organizations have signed on to support the new Habitat Helping Hands initiative, including Columbia Greene Community College, the Dyson Foundation, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Ed Herrington, Inc. and the Philmont Public Library.

For more information, email [helpinghands@columbiacountyhabitat.org](mailto:helpinghands@columbiacountyhabitat.org) or visit our website at [columbiacountyhabitat.org/habitat-helping-hands/](http://columbiacountyhabitat.org/habitat-helping-hands/).

### NEW LEBANON

# COVID-19 Home Test Kits

New York State has provided another supply of free at home COVID-19 test kits for residents through the Town of New Lebanon. Town test kits will be given out at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. You can also get them from the Town Supervisor during her open office hours on Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Please reach out to Town Clerk Marcie Robertson at [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com) or call 518-794-8888 with any questions.



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## General News

### Legislative Minority Resolutions

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Legislative Minority Office

On Tuesday, February 22, the Rensselaer County Office of the Minority filed a resolution urging bipartisan support from elected officials in calling for the resignation of County Executive Steve McLaughlin. This is the same resolution that was filed before last month's legislative meeting. The resolution didn't make it onto the agenda due to being filed too late to do so.

#### Expansion of NYS Bottle Bill

Also on February 22, The Office of the Demo-

cratic Minority filed a resolution supporting expansion of the current NY Bottle Bill. The original Bottle Bill covered beer and soda containers only and was updated in 2009 to include bottled water among the list of returnable containers.

Assembly Bill A8668 seeks to further expand the list of returnable containers to include some wine and liquor bottles, as well as dairy products, iced teas and sports drinks. The bill also seeks to increase the deposit for returnable containers from five to ten cents.

### Current and Hopeful Senators Endorsed

With the newly drawn 43rd State Senate District now including parts of Rensselaer County, Senator Sue Serino recently joined members of the County's Republican Campaign Committee for their meeting. She was nominated as the designee for State Senate in that district. Serino was nominated by Cindy Mattison, Chair of the Hoosick Republican Committee and seconded by Robert Jaeger, Town Supervisor of Berlin.

New York State Senator Daphne Jordan was unanimously endorsed for re-election by the Rensselaer County Republican Committee. Senator Jordan was nominated by former Troy Mayor Harry Tutunjian, and her nomination was seconded by Troy City Council President Carmella Mantello.

Senator Jordan is running for re-election in the 46th Senate District. In addition to receiving a unanimous endorsement by the Rensselaer County Republican Committee, Senator Jordan has also been unanimously endorsed by the Saratoga County Republican Committee and the Schenectady County Republican Committee.

Andrea Smyth was overwhelmingly nominated to be the Democratic candidate for the newly created 46th New York State Senate District.

Smyth has more than 30 years working in and with state government. She is president and CEO of the NYS Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, where she has served as the State's leading advocate for critical access to mental health services for children and families.

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Programs

Submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County

The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Rensselaer County 4-H Junior Chefs program recently offered an International Foods series via Zoom. The 4-H Junior Chefs program offers cooking workshops for youth eight years and older. These cooking opportunities transitioned to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants receive recipes and information about what they will be cooking prior to the class, and on the evening of the workshop they cook along with 4-H Program Coordinator, Eileen DePaula, via Zoom from their home kitchens.

For more information about this and other programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, please call 518-272-4210.

#### Digital Literacy Education Program

CCE has begun planning for its expanded Digital Literacy education program. The expansion is being pursued in response to the growing digital skills gap within the County, as revealed by the pandemic closures and the increase in the number of online and remote services being provided by governmental agencies.

Residents without proper digital literacy skills are expressing increased frustration and anxiety surrounding the use of technology to accomplish everyday tasks, such as job searches, registering to vote or finding reliable information online.

CCE is planning to host a wide variety of digital literacy training resources online on its website and YouTube channel, as well as offer referrals to partnering organizations helping with tax preparation, college applications and financial aid.

Libraries, senior centers and other community-based organizations within Rensselaer County that work with populations in need of digital literacy training and resources should reach out to Delia Hubbard, at 518-272-4210 x108 or via email at [dmh347@cornell.edu](mailto:dmh347@cornell.edu).

### \$1 Off for Kids in Uniform

Kids in uniform can order anything from the cone counter and receive \$1 off. This deal applies to any youth uniform including sports jerseys, concert attire or other club apparel.

Stop in to your local Stewart's Shop after a sports game, an orchestra concert, a troop meeting, etc. and pick your favorite item from the cone counter and you'll receive \$1 off.

This deal is good for anything at the cone counter including ice cream cones, banana splits, hand packed pints, milkshakes, brownie and hot fudge sundaes, our famous make your own sundaes and more. Eligible for full priced items only.

Stewart's Shops is proud to support the youth in their communities. In 2022, the company plans to donate \$1.2 million to various organizations that provide recreational activities to children.

### Student Honors

**Alyssa Jager** of Stephentown has graduated from Clarkson University.

### Rochester Institute of Technology

Fall 2021 Dean's List

**Briana Mackey** of Hoosick Falls

**Haley Johnson** of Averill Park

**Scott Ferlito** of Averill Park

**Trevor Hrubecky** of Averill Park

**Triston Lincoln** of Averill Park

**Katie O'Neill-Knasick** of Averill Park

**Zach Hale** of Averill Park

### TROY 10th Annual Famous Ladies' Tea

Celebrate Women's History Month and support literacy programs in Rensselaer County and Albany County at the Famous Ladies' Tea, **Sunday, March 27, from 1 to 4 pm**, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick St.

Local actresses will portray notable women including Margaret Mead, Emily Dickinson, Inez Milholland, Anna Howard Shaw, Moms Mabley, Betty White and Phyllis Diller.

A virtual option is available for those who do not wish to attend in person. The Famous Ladies' Tea will include a raffle, silent auction and wine pull.

Tickets are \$50 in-person with traditional tea lunch, \$40 virtual-only (without lunch). Payment is required in advance, online at [www.lvorc.org](http://www.lvorc.org) or by check to Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County, 65 First Street, Troy, NY 12180.

For more information, call 518-244-4650.

### Board Meetings

March 7, Monday

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

March 8, Tuesday

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

March 9, Wednesday

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

March 10, Thursday

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

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

### Military Honors

#### New York Army National Guard Promotions

**Kaitlin Backes** of Buskirk received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

**Michelle Bradley** of Melrose received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

**Lindsay Gravell** of Cropseyville received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

**Bradley McGreevy** of Valley Falls received a promotion to the rank of Private 1st Class.

**Shane Savaria** of Buskirk received a promotion to the rank of Specialist.

# Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

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#### Boys

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**Section 2 Class CC Semifinals**

**Greenwich 58 Hoosick Falls 55**

Greenwich defeated Hoosick Falls with a three pointer as time expired.

**Stillwater 57 Hoosic Valley 35**

Greenwich and Stillwater will now play for the Section 2 Class CC Championship.

#### Girls

**Section 2 Class A**

**Averill Park 81 South High 22**

Averill Park will now move onto the semi-finals and take on Catholic Central.

All upcoming semi-finals and finals games mentioned above will take place after this week's paper goes to print. For the scores to these games visit [eastwickpress.com](http://eastwickpress.com) or read next week's edition of The Eastwick Press.

#### We Want Your Sports News

The Eastwick Press would like to publish your sporting events and scores. Simply send the information to [news@eastwickpress.com](mailto:news@eastwickpress.com) by 2 pm on Tuesday of the week you would like the information to appear.

## 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).

## DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

### Outdoor Adventure Camp 2022

Registration is now open. Early registration is encouraged, due to limited availability.

### Pot of Gold Geocache

Available Through March

Self-guided St. Patrick's Day themed scavenger hunt. Preregistration not required.

### Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Snowshoe rental available for \$5. For adults and older teens.

Preregistration required unless otherwise noted. Please preregister for programs by calling 518-658-2055 or emailing [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com).

### Wildlife Walk and Talk

Saturday, March 12, from 1 to 3 pm

\$2 per person.

### Animal Tracking

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Family friendly, but better for older kids and adults. \$25 per person.

### Hike to Grandfather Rock, the Glacial Erratic

Saturday, March 26, 10 am to noon

\$2 per person.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling

### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
The Jabronis	13	2	Mike Weeden	259 246 731
Lebowski Rug Co.	10	5	Colin Cipperly	265 235 729
Chico's Bail Bonds	9	6	Daryl Cipperly	266 230 698
Boner's	8	7	Cory Weeden	244 237 695
Wack'em & Stack'em	7	8	Meghan Backes	267 237 694
Gallup Inn	7	8	Todd Stradinger	269 216 686
Lou's Plumbing	7	8	Corey Wysocki	251 229 685
McNally Insurance	7	8	Devin Prendergast	243 225 684
Mag-Way	5	10	Josh Magisano	238 222 680
Farmers Tires	2	13	Mike Smith	233 226 678

### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Team Taconic	72.5	47.5	269	Bob Kapron Jr
Modern Game Pro Shop	72	48	267	Scott Reinhart
RGI Insurance	69.5	50.5	267	Al Brock
Huntin' Time	67	53	258	Tom Mongeon
Wack'em & Stack'em	66.5	53.5	257	Tim McCart
Lauzon Machine Shop	58	62	256	Max Taylor Jr
Dave Clark Excavating	54.5	65.5	252	Rod Caron Jr
Lo-Ridge Farm	50	70	247	Dave Rice
Sharpe For Governor	48	72	246	John Brown
Stevens and Sons Tents	42	78	245	John Cross

## GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

### Women's History Month: Helen Ellet – Fire Tower Chat

Saturday, March 5, from 10 am to noon

### Girls Outdoors

Sunday, March 6, 11 am to 2 pm

Bring your own lunch

### Full Moon Walk

Saturday, March 19, from 7 to 9 pm

\$5 per person, ages 7 and up

### First Hike of Spring

Saturday, March 19, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Events have no charge unless otherwise noted. To register for all events and programs unless otherwise specified, call us at 518-279-1155.

### Maple Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27,

from 10 am to 2 pm

\$3 per person, ages 5 and under are free.

No registration. We will be providing ice cream, maple syrup and maple syrup donuts on behalf of Stewart's Shops and Maplewood Farms.

### What's for Dinner

Thursday, March 31, 4:30 to 6 pm

Geared towards ages 8 through 13

## ValleyCats Unveil Updated 2022 Roster

### Familiar Faces, New Additions Ready for Franchise's 20th Season

The 'Cats are set to kick off spring training for their second season as a member of the Frontier League in late April. Pete Incaviglia's squad has 25 players returning from the 2021 roster. 2022 will mark the Tri-City ValleyCats' second season as a member of the Frontier League, an official partner league of

Major League Baseball, and the team's twentieth season bringing professional baseball and affordable family fun to Upstate New York. "The Joe" first opened its gates for ValleyCats baseball during their inaugural 2002 season.

Don't miss out on the excitement of ValleyCats base-

ball at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium! Season tickets and mini plans for the team's 20th Season are available now. To book a group outing or ticket plan, visit the team's website or call 518-629-CATS. Individual game tickets go on sale **March 21 at 10 am**. Visit [tvalleycats.com](http://tvalleycats.com) for more information regarding the 2022 season.



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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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Petersburgh, NY 12138  
[www.4taconic.com](http://www.4taconic.com) EOE/AAP

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Interior/Exterior and Yard

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### Seeking Standing Timber

Looking for Extra Money?

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

### Firewood for Sale

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

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

**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 [townpeteresburgh@digitaltowpath.org](mailto:townpeteresburgh@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.

**PARCHMENT BAKING COMPANY LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/20/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9 WASHINGTON PLACE, TROY, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Ottojohn Farms LLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/2021. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 9387 NY Highway 66 Wynantskill, NY. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Please take notice that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Petersburg located at the Town Hall, PO Box 130, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York 12138 up to March 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: [townpetersburgh.digitaltowpath.org](http://townpetersburgh.digitaltowpath.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.

### Town of Brunswick NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2022

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, a proposed local law which would extend for a period of six (6) months a moratorium on the filing, acceptance, review, or determination of any land use application pertaining to two-family dwellings and multifamily dwellings in the Town of Brunswick while the Town Board completes its review of the Brunswick Zoning Law pertaining to regulation of two-family dwellings and multifamily dwellings. This local law would extend the period of an existing moratorium through September 18, 2022.

A complete copy of the introductory local law is available for inspection at the Town of Brunswick Clerk's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York, on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:45 pm, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK TOWN BOARD  
By: Philip H. Herrington, Supervisor

### 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

On 1/24/2022, Art. of Org. of **JL Caccamo Design LLC** were filed with the SSSNY. The office of the NY PLLC is located in Rensselaer County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is, JL Caccamo Design LLC, 153 Locust St., Holliston, MA 01746. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful purpose.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Melody Coons for the purpose of an applicant request for a special permit to remove an existing manufactured home and replace it with a larger manufactured home. The property is located at 1241 US Route 20 in the Town of New Lebanon. The Public Hearing will take place on March 16, 2022 at 7 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on the 24th day of February, 2022 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Berlin, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of the law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

/s/ Anne M. Maxon  
Town Clerk

The following is a summary of said bond resolution:

- The title of the bond resolution is: "BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 24, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY MACHINERY AND APPARATUS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SAID ACQUISITION IS \$118,589.00, APPROPRIATING SAID SUM THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$100,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION."
- The resolution, among other things, authorized the acquisition of certain highway machinery and apparatus—namely, a 2021 Navistar International CV515 SFA Truck (the "Machinery") for use by the Town Highway Department.
- The estimated maximum cost of the Machinery, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$118,589.00 and said amount was appropriated therefor in the bond resolution. To finance said appropriation, serial bonds of the Town are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$100,000.00 pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law").
- The period of probable usefulness of the specific objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by the resolution are to be issued is fifteen (15) years, within the limitation of Section 11.00(a) (28) of the Law.

The bond resolution summarized hereby is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, 17563 New York State Route 22 in the Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York.

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

**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.

**Community Calendar**

*March 4 & 5, Friday & Saturday*

**Dialogue Nordique**, 7 – 8 pm, free, Bennington Museum, 75 Main Street, outdoor installation of light, sound and movement

*March 6, Sunday*

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

*March 8, Tuesday*

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

*March 12, Saturday*

**Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade & Irish Festival**, 1 pm parade, 1:30 pm festival, free, 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

**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 [CDSdonmcc@gmail.com](mailto:CDSdonmcc@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

*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 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*

**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

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**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.

**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.

# Eastwick Entertainment

# Senior News

## Theme: March Madness

### ACROSS

1. In ill humor
5. Like a ship?
8. Repeating word on South Pacific map
12. Man-eating fairy tail giant
13. Newspaper piece
14. Pertaining to the ear
15. Family group
16. Not the life of the party
17. Andean animal
18. \*Like Sunday, the day of announcements
20. Bodily disorders
21. 19th century Robber baron Jay \_\_\_
22. Architect's software, acr.
23. Articulates
26. Soak up
29. Cuban dance step
30. Auditory canal, e.g.
33. Needlefish, pl.
35. "Star Wars" creator
37. Swindle
38. March edition, e.g.
39. Rest or settle
40. Johnny Cash's "Get \_\_\_"
42. \*It never ends this way
43. Another word for acetylene
45. High or hilly land
47. Grazing spot
48. Copying machine
50. \_\_\_ code
52. \*Those remaining in last weekend (Two words)

**CROSSWORD**

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### DOWN

1. \_\_\_ Brown and "What's Up, \_\_\_?"
2. Gawk at
3. River in Orenburg, Russia
4. Weasel out
5. Go bad
6. Massacre of the Innocents king
7. "I Dream of Jeannie" star
8. \*Last year's runner-up from Washington
9. Like word of mouth
10. Those born under Aries
11. Chicken \_\_\_ king
13. Between 90 and 180 degrees
14. Spy's cover
19. Crocus bulbs, e.g.
22. \*Network
23. \*School with most titles
24. Car rack manufacturer
25. Like an implied agreement
26. Your mom's sister
27. Haile Selassie's disciple
28. Boston hockey player
31. Heart pain
32. Ken or Barbie, e.g.
34. \*Placement
36. \*First A in NCAA
38. Motivate
40. Biology class acronym
41. Benevolent
44. Leavening agent
46. Another word for golf club
48. Rice wine
49. Lacking sense
50. NYSE MKT, formerly
51. Frost design on a window
52. Porto \_\_\_\_, Italy
53. Like acne-prone skin
54. Bear constellation
55. Fish eggs, pl.
56. Before, archaic

### Last Week's Crossword Solution:

E	N	A	C	T	W	A	R	S	C	A	R		
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### Last Week's Sudoku Solution:

3	1	4	9	8	7	5	2	6
6	5	2	1	3	4	7	8	9
8	9	7	2	6	5	3	4	1
1	8	6	7	5	3	2	9	4
5	4	3	6	9	2	8	1	7
7	2	9	8	4	1	6	3	5
9	6	1	3	7	8	4	5	2
4	7	8	5	2	9	1	6	3
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## Hoosick Falls Senior Center

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

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

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

**March 9**, the center will host the Hoosick Area Senior group for their monthly meeting at **11 am**. Following lunch there will be a birthday celebration for all those with a March birthday followed by a fun game of trivia. On **Wednesday, March 16**, Cornell Cooperative's Jillian will be at the center at **11:15 am** for an Eat Smart Demonstration, followed by a special luncheon with Irish music by Mike Yates. Come and kick up your heels, sing along and enjoy some Irish fun. On **Thursday, March 17**, the center will open from **10 am to 1 pm** (usually closed on Thursdays) to serve a corned beef and cabbage lunch.

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

## 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 be 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.

Haircuts, pedicures and manicures will be offered **March 8**, by appointment only. There will also be senior yoga plus class at 10 am, and a fun game of senior feud following lunch. On **March 15**, the center will host the Eastern Tier (Grafton) Senior Membership meeting at 11:15 am with a special luncheon at noon with music by Brian Zapel. Come and listen to the music, dance or

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## Sykes Memorial

The family of **Paul Sykes Sr.** would like to send a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone that sent cards, food, came to the service and supported us during this difficult time. We would like to send special thanks to David Corlew for his tribute to our Dad/Gramp along with the S.V.F.D. for honoring him for his years of service. A huge thank you to Cyril Grant for his beautiful speech honoring our family. Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to stop by and visit when he was in his favorite spot under the tree. He enjoyed your waves and horn toots. It made his day!

With sincere thanks and love,  
Paul Jr., Terry, Eileen and families

## Church News

### 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 Stepentown 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**, from **March 6 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.

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sing along. On **March 17**, the center will have a corned beef and cabbage lunch. Following lunch we will celebrate the March birthdays and play a fun game of trivia. Mondays and Fridays in March the center will be open for our 10 am chair yoga class. This is a low impact class that all senior citizens can do. Please call 518-279-3413 for available appointments or if you wish to be added to the lunch and/or activity list.

### Pittstown Seniors

The Pittstown seniors have begun their 2022 meetings. The meetings will take place at the Raymertown Fire House, just off of Rt. 7. New members are always welcomed. Call Barbara for more information at 518-663-7665.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors

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

### Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors

The first meeting of the year for the

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

### Senior Menu

*To reserve or cancel call: Troy: 518-270-2740; Schodack: 518-477-6591; Rensselaer: 518-463-2166; Hoosick Falls: 518-686-7561; Grafton: 518-279-3413*

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

**Mar 7:** Chef's choice

**Mar 8:** Chicken tenders w/ ranch, tater tots, cut green beans, granola bar

**Mar 9:** Shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes w/ brown gravy, peas and carrots, biscuit, fruit cup

**Mar 10:** Sliced ham cold plate, potato salad, pickled beet salad, rye bread, fruit cup

**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

## Church Directory

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. [www.allsaintshoosick.org](http://www.allsaintshoosick.org)

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180 invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Masks are required as explained above in the Church News section. If you would rather receive a link to our online worship, contact [barbara@carclan.us](mailto:barbara@carclan.us) to be added to the distribution list for weekly worship and mid week reflections. Follow us at [centerbrunswickmcmc.com](http://centerbrunswickmcmc.com). Pastor Joel Holcomb.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8 am (9 am beginning March 6). Celebrant Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 82194417424/414672.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor Michael Switzer. Sunday Worship 9:30 am (in person and online). Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm (online). Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube and the Church Website ([Berlinfbc.com](http://Berlinfbc.com)).

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOOSICK FALLS – 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Pastor David Hall, 518-380-3947, Sunday morning worship in person at 10 am. Audio of services available on our website [firstbaptistchurchhf.com](http://firstbaptistchurchhf.com). All are welcome.

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH – Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick, NY 12180. Indoor services at 10:30 am. Also available on Facebook and YouTube, or you may listen outside the church on 107.5 FM. COVID-19 rules and regulations apply.

HOOSICK FALLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH – 484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls, NY. Rev. Jonathan Youngmann. Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 am each Sunday, both in person and livestream (YouTube, FB or on our website: [HoosickFallsCAC.org](http://HoosickFallsCAC.org). Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am (Adult Sunday School via ZOOM available). Adult Prayer and Youth Group/Teen Prayer both on Tuesdays at 7 pm. For more info, call the church office at 518-686-3269.

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 566 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY, 12180. In person service every Sunday at 10:30 am. The service is also on Facebook, search Hope United Methodist Church, Troy, NY. Every Sunday at 4 pm, at the church, there is a prayer gathering led by Pastor David Martin. For information call 518-279-1403 or email [hopeumctroy@gmail.com](mailto:hopeumctroy@gmail.com).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Masses: Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 10 am. Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter Tkocz. Masses are being held in the church hall. Please call 518-686-5064

between Wed-Fri to register for Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Now open for indoor masses Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW – 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 9:45 am. Food Pantry is open all year on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor as of July 1 is Fr. Tom Morette.

THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 4274 Route 203, North Chatham, NY 12132. Worshiping in our sanctuary on the first and third Sundays of the month, with masks and social distancing required. Worshipers should enter through the back door of the church. On all other Sundays, worship is virtual. All worship services are at 11 am and all are available on Zoom. The Zoom login information is on our website ([northchathammethodistchurch.org](http://northchathammethodistchurch.org)). For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website. Thanks and we hope to see you soon, in person or on Zoom!

PETERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH – 19240 State Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138. 518-658-3834. Sunday School 9:45 am, Church Service 11 am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 41 North Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship on Saturdays at 10:30 am (either in person or live streamed at [youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch](http://youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch)). Pastor Matthew Olson.

STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH – 1513 Garfield Road, Stepentown, NY 12168. 518-733-5813. Presbyterian/Methodist, Pastor Chris Garrison. Services Sundays 9:30 am. Current requirements: masks in building.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Weekly worship services on Sundays at 11 am in person (following the guidelines of our Safety Plan). We also gladly extend an invitation to all those at home to enjoy the Live Stream or the video of the service. Please contact [goodermotess@yahoo.com](mailto:goodermotess@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive the link. Community Food Closet offered 9 to 11 am third Saturdays and 3 to 5 pm third Tuesdays or in emergency by calling the church at 518-658-2942.

WEST HOOSICK BAPTIST CHURCH – 1349 Buskirk W. Hoosick Rd., Buskirk, NY 12028, 518-686-7201. Pastor J. D. Milton. Sundays at 10:30 am (COVID-19 protocols observed) Streaming Sunday Messages. [www.facebook.com/westhoosickbaptistchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/westhoosickbaptistchurch/)

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am and on our Facebook page (Zion United Church of Christ of Sand Lake, NY), Sunday school starts at 10 am in the church. Pastor: Hafidah Saadiqah.

# Snow Bird



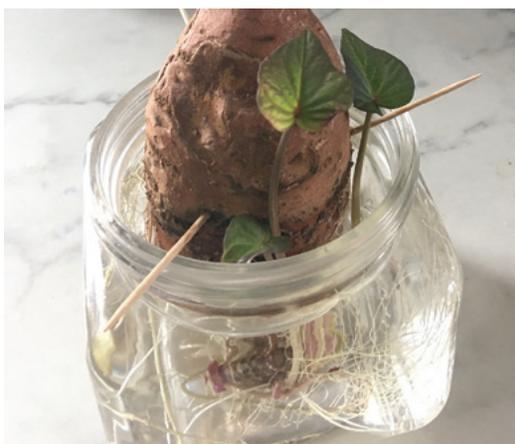
The Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) is a small, nonmigratory, North American songbird that lives in deciduous and mixed forests. These birds are known for their ability to lower body temperature during cold winter nights and a good memory for relocating food that they have stored. They also will call to other birds when finding a food source. This photo was taken near the bird feeders at Grafton Lakes State Park by Trix Niernberger.

## Grow Food

by Miranda Sehl

It is now roughly 12 weeks before the last frost date for our area, which is a good time to start indoor growing specific things that take a long time to get established, such as: rosemary, celery, asparagus, artichoke and onion seeds. Make sure to keep your seeds hydrated and warm to aid in germination.

Sweet potato slips can also be started now, by setting them in a cup of water so they are halfway submerged. Place your new potato friend in a window and you will eventually see roots and shoots growing. Just remember to add water and freshen the water every few days and you will be able to grow several sweet potato plants from just one.



What else are you all planting now? Let me know by emailing [mir@ndasehl.com](mailto:mir@ndasehl.com). If you have any suggestions or useful tips I would love to share your findings. If you're interested in combining forces with others in our area – that can be arranged. If you want to garden but don't know where to start, I can help with that too. I wish you luck and hope you will save money on groceries by growing some healthy food at home.

# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## Building a New Back House

Thursday, January 1, 1852: I this morning walked up to old Mr. Perkins, but did not make a bargain with him to pick the stone in the lot above the old orchard. On the way home I called to the Irishman that lives in Wm. B. Maxon's house and told him I would pay him three dollars and fifty cents to pick up said stone into heaps and he and his wife came on to picking up said stone today. Today the Runnals cut cord wood on my hill by the job as is before agreed.

Friday: Today I got ready the boards for Westalo Rodgers to work into the back house, and my two sons boarded the roof and shingled said house. Today the Irishman and wife continued to pick up said stone on the job.

Saturday: We took down our old back house and dug out and stoned up a new place near the corner of the wood house and put the new back house. Today about the middle of the afternoon Westalo Rodgers finished the back house, and then he bored all the holes in the runners in my new ox sled, 24 holes in all, and tonight I paid him up in cash six dollars and 63 cents for his week's work. He had one dol and

12½ cts per day except Monday one dollar, he was late to work. Today I paid the Irishman that lives in Maxon's house one dollar on his job of picking up stone, and paid the Runnals two dollars towards their chopping cord wood, and John F. paid Jane Wylie one dollar and 18 cts for tailoring, he had a sack coat and pantaloons made. This evening John F. went with one horse wagon to Lanson Carpenters and carried seven bushels turnips and got a pair morocco shoes which was one dol and 25 cts and got a due bill of 50 cts to be traded at his store.

Sunday: Some snow squalls. This evening I walked over to Joshua B. Maxon and engaged his son Wm. B. to come and help build an ox sled.

Tuesday: I took my one horse wagon and rode up to John Wylie's and paid my tax to the collector Tabor Roberts, I paid eight dol and 31 cts and Geo P. sent money and paid the tax on the Wm. B. Maxon farm which was five dol and 81 cts and 97 cts on his personal property and 52 cts on military and John F. Military tax I paid for him 52 cts. Today two Shakers came and paid John F. three dollars for twelve bushel turnips.

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