

### **December 2, 2022**

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# 75th Turkey Trot Results

Submitted by Ed Parham

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More than 5,500 participants braved the cold this past Thanksgiving morning to participate in the 75th Troy Turkey Trot, the nation's 12th oldest road race. Below is a list of event winners, along with their respective race completion times:

### 10K Men's Winner: Sean O'Brien (30:44) 10K Women's Winner: Charlotte Richman (34:14) 5K Men's Winner: Alex Hislop (15:01)

### 5KWomen's Winner: Amanda Chambers (17:13)

In addition, 534 kids took part in the Grade School Mile, an event held for children in eighth grade and under. Over 500 also took part in the one-mile Turkey Walk.

Thanks to the generosity of the participants, more than \$19,500 was donated to Troy charities The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and Joseph's House and Shelter.

Troy Mayor Patrick Madden stated, "The City of Troy is so proud to share Thanksgiving morning with so many families and individuals from all over the Capital Region and beyond. It really is a community event in its truest form.'



From left to right, Troy Mayor Patrick Madden, 5k winner Alex Hislop, and event organizer George Regan, in the winner's tent at the 75th Annual Troy Turkey. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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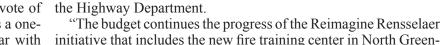
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# Legislature Passes 2023 County Budget

Submitted by the Office of Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the Rensselaer County Legislature Office of the Minority

At a special meeting on Tuesday, November 29, the Rensselaer County Legislature approved the 2023 County budget by a vote of 16-2, earning strong bi-partisan support. The budget provides a onepercent property tax decrease, marking the fifth straight year with such a reduction. The spending plan will upgrade important services for public safety, seniors, and transportation, as well as supporting the Reimagine Rensselaer initiative. The County will also be able to



initiative that includes the new fire training center in North Greenbush, the new senior center in Troy, and the move to the new offices in East Greenbush. A fifth consecutive property tax cut is also welcome news for all of us, especially as the cost of living continues to rise," said Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman.

continue upgrades to its road network, and the equipment used by

While the budget passed by a vast margin, members of Legislative Minority leadership expressed concerns on matters such as positions within the legislature said to be budged for, but not filled, and questions on the Reimagine Rensselaer initiative.

Legislative Minority Leader Peter Grimm stated: "The Democratic Minority continues to seek answers

to important fiscal questions and concerns related to the County Executive's Reimagine Rensselaer County Plan, which will move many County services out of the City of Troy, to the Town of East Greenbush, costing millions of dollars and a potential economic shift that negatively affects the City of Troy."

The 2023 budget was supervised by County Budget Director Stacey Farrar, who is retiring next month. She is credited with outstanding management of budget issues, especially during the turbulence of the pandemic.







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# Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

Join the Berlin Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. Ladies Submitted by BCS Communications Auxiliary as they welcome Santa Claus on Sunday, December 4, from 11 am to 1 pm, at the Berlin Fire House

# PETERSBURGH LIBRARY Toy Drive for **Christmas Party**

We have a collection box for new, unwrapped toys for you to donate to the Parks and Recreation Committee's upcoming Christmas Party.

The library is a great space to come and wrap Christmas gifts; take care of this before you get home and packages will be ready to place under the tree instead of needing to be hidden away.

Storytime is Tuesday, December 6, at 10:30 am. The Library Board will meet also on Tuesday, December 6, at 7 pm.

Knitters and stitchers meet here on Wednesday afternoon, December 7.

### STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### LEGO Club

Thursday, December 15, at 4:30 pm Registration suggested.

### **Holiday Teen Night**

Friday, December 2, at 6 pm We will make gingerbread houses, watch classic holiday shows, have pizza, and dessert. Registration required.

### Family Picture Day with Santa

Saturday, December 3, from noon to 3 pm We will have a place set up to have professional quality photos taken of you and your family. Registration required.

Stephentown Memorial Library, 472 NY 43. Our building is handicapped accessible. For more information or to register for events, please visit stephentownlibrary.org.

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# **Taconic Valley BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# **Holiday Festivities**



**Town Board Highlights** 

On Monday, November 21, Berlin Elementary School (BES) kindergarten and fourth grade Mountaineers buddied up to learn about the Macy's Day Parade and its floats. The students enjoyed a read aloud of Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet. The students then each designed their own Thanks- courtesy of BCS Communications.

giving Day Parade balloon, and before dismissal for the Thanksgiving recess held a parade through the hallways of BES. It was a festive way to kick off the holiday recess and brought a lot of excitement to BES. See a video of the BES Thanksgiving Balloon Parade here: <u>https://youtu.be/k4PYLp6T5Ow</u>. Photo

### STEPHENTOWN

### By Denise Wright

The Town Board of Stephentown worked hard on report that he received checks from Ambient Energy November 21, paying the bills, reviewing/approving minutes, and passing resolutions.

Members highlighted two bills that involved purchasing a microphone in conjunction with the court from the general account, and a culvert replacement near Webster Hill Road. The microphone will come in handy for the court and Town to use on various occasions.

The Board approved minutes from the budget workshops, solar energy public hearing, and Town Board. The preliminary budget and special meeting to adopt the budget on November 14 were also approved. The transfer station reported that workers had repaired the gate after a resident had run into it. It isn't as pretty, but it does work. They also said they temporarily suspended the paint program until a lockable storage solution was in place. With inflation happening, officials decided that prices will not be increased this year.

NYSEG opened the heating program on November 1 and the emergency heat program effective on January 3. These programs are income-based programs that assist residents with their heating costs. They also encouraged residents to check their carbon monoxide detectors. Supervisor Roder was happy to

for some catch-up payments from March 2019 through August 2021

The Town Board will hold a public hearing on December 19, at 7 pm, to amend local law number one involving the land use regulations of the Town of Stephentown and the official zoning district map involving property on West Road. "When a DEC-permitted mine has been legally closed, the Town Board shall designate a new Land-Use Zone for that parcel.'

The Town is looking for sealed bids on materials to complete road work and maintenance of Town roads for 2023. The bid specs are currently available at the Town Clerk's Office. All sealed bids with a non-collusion form are due no later than December 19, at 7 pm. The Town Clerk received permission to advertise

for appointed positions for 2023. The deadline is iday, December 16, at 11 am.

The Town will need cleaning services for the Town Hall in 2023. Anyone interested may submit a resume and letter of interest by Monday, December 19, at 7 pm.

Finally, the Board will hold its regular meeting on December 19 and their end of year meeting on December 29. The Town set up its organizational meeting for Monday, January 2, at 7 pm. The Town Clerk will advertise for the meeting.



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# **Taconic Valley**

# PETERSBURGH **Town Board Highlights**

#### By Denise Wright

Board began with two presentations and concerned citizens hoping to hear information about the PFOA contamination in the community.

Dr. Erin Bell from SUNY Albany talked about the health study that has been open to all residents. She explained that they are at 50 percent of their goal of getting adults into the study. Individuals who have already had their bloodwork completed over the summer have their clinical results, which include information on cholesterol and thyroid function, mailed to them. Individuals with a 2-20ng/mL can have increased risks concerning cholesterol, blood pressure, and thyroid. The resident can then share the comprehensive report with their clinical provider. Bell said if any resident in the study does not have a clinical provider, they can contact her office, and they will connect residents to one. She stressed that individuals who lived in the area from 2005 through 2016 could join the study. Unfortunately, firefighters and individuals exposed occupationally are not eligible for the study, but Bell stated that they are looking into ways to accommodate them. Bell hopes to work with the school districts because, according to some studies, children exposed to PFOAs could have diminished vaccine response.

The second presenter was Barbara Fire from NYSDOH/DEC, who could not show her slide presentation because of a technical issue but will come back for a public meeting in December. Fire reported that Taconic would be conducting a sampling of agriculture in the area that would include fruit, vegetables, milk, chicken, beef, eggs, and maple syrup. Some concerns were brought up by residents about the Hoosic River having a yearly sampling, but Fire said that there was a significant evaluation. Taconic has performed the selection and provided DEC with a summary. She stated that the consultant who performed the testing was under the direction/supervi-

sion of the DEC. Residents did voice a concern about The November 21 meeting of the Petersburgh Town the landfill. According to one Board member, data from a consultant will be going to the DEC in the next few weeks in hopes of developing a work plan. There has been a significant effort to clean up the landfill by picking up tires and repair work on culverts. Data about the water leaching from the area should be available at the next Board meeting. A Board member questioned Fire about the IRM (interim remedial measures) for the area near building one and was told that Taconic is in the process of attaining more samplings and developing a work plan that is being prepared. The final area of concern residents voiced involved air quality of Gen X, a chemical process developing advanced polymers

> that have replaced PFOA. According to Fire, it is not traveling off the site, so DEC is not testing for it.

> The supervisor also reported that the Dog Control Officer and Water Rent Collector had resigned. Joe Dunlop was appointed as Water District Chair. The Youth Director position for 2023 will be finalized at the next meeting.

> There will also be three RFPs (Request for Proposals) for the upcoming reassessment, roof/gutters, and the electrical projects. The court system will have a security assessment this week, and the Board appointed Richard Bennett as Court officer.

> The standby generator for the PVMCC has been approved, and jersey barriers are being investigated for the entrance. The hope is to use the barriers for other projects.

> Tax exemption local laws for Senior Citizens and Citizens with Disabilities are being developed for 2024 taxes. The Parks and Recreation committee reported that the Halloween Party was successful, with almost 100 people attending. They are now preparing for the Toy Drive and the annual Christmas party, which will be on December 17. Finally, the Board set up an end-of-the-year meeting for December 28 at 7 pm.

# **STEPHENTOWN Historical Society**

The Stephentown Historical Society's new "Only Stephentown on Earth" t-shirts make the perfect gift, not only for locals, but for friends and relatives as well. You can pick them up at the Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, or online at <u>www.stephentown-histor-</u> ical.org. In addition to t-shirts you'll find historical albums and other items for gift-giving.

We will hold our annual holiday potluck luncheon on Sunday, December 4, at 2 pm, at the Heritage Center. Please bring a main, side, or dessert dish large enough to share with everyone. Instead of a gift exchange, a monetary collection will be taken to benefit the Stephentown Food Pantry. Special guest will be Liz Goodermote with old time Christmas songs. We will also elect officers and board members at the meeting.

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# **Central County**

# **BRUNSWICK** A Christmas Ornament

Highlight Acting Troupe invites you to our upcoming holiday performance of A Christmas Ornament, an original comedy written by Ron Levan. Performances will take place Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 pm, as well as Sunday, December 4, at 2 pm, at the Brunswick Grange, 7 Grange Road, Troy. To reserve a seat, please call Ethel at 518-237-6936.

# TROY **Holiday Lights Recycling Program**

The City of Troy is partnering with Girl Scout Troops 1165, 1303, and 1435 for the third annual citywide recycling program for broken or non-working holiday and string lights. Multiple drop-off locations are available throughout the City for residents to dispose of defective string lights as they decorate for the holiday season.

Old, non-working, or unusable holiday and string lights can be dropped off at the locations listed below in festive containers through January 15. Collected lights will be recycled by a local company Ben Weitsman Recycling, with profits benefitting a local food pantry.

For more information on the holiday lights recycling program, including drop off locations, please contact the City Recycling Coordinator at renee.panetta@troyny.gov or call 518-279-7171.

# TROY **Food Distribution Event**

The December Catholic Charities CC Move food giveaway event in Rensselaer County will take place *Thursday*, *December 22* at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, 501 4th Avenue, Troy. Pickup will begin at 9:30 am, with volunteers starting at 8:15 am.

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# **GRAFTON** Holiday Cookie Contest and Yankee Doodle Band

Submitted by Betsy Colvin

Grafton's second annual Holiday Cookie Contest will take place on Saturday, December 10, from 4 to 6 pm, at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. Bring a dozen of your favorite homemade holiday cookies and you might end up winning a special holiday prize. In addition, there will be a free concert by the Yankee Doodle band, who will be playing some of your favorite holiday songs, and more.

Come enjoy the music and sample the holiday cookies.

# SAND LAKE **Kiwanis** Club Pasta Dinner

Sand The Lake Kiwanis Club invites you to participate in the next pasta dinner fundraiser on Saturday, December 10, from 4 to 7 pm, at the West Sand Lake Fire Hall, Rt. 43. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for kids 10 and under. Meals will consist of pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert, and may be dine-in or takeout. Pre-order starting at 2 pm the day of the event by calling 518-202-6876. All proceeds support Kiwanis community projects.

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Church, or downloaded from our website, www.Center

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# **Central County**

### BRUNSWICK

# Elks Lodge Gives Back

### By Amy Modesti

Brunswick Elks Lodge #2556 recently held two special events. The first, held on Monday, November 14, was a roast beef dinner benefiting the Pittstown Area Food Pantry. The pantry has been serving residents and nearby neighbors in need for 21 years. The Elks Lodge hosts a benefit dinner the second Monday of every month. The Pittstown Area Food Pantry can be found at their website <u>www.pittstownareafoodpantry.weebly.com</u>, as well as Facebook.

The second event was a veterans appreciation lunch held on Sunday, November

20. Veterans, families, and friends gathered in honor and remembrance with a free lunch consisting of desserts, salad, pasta, meatballs, and more. The guest of honor was 100-year-old World War II Veteran **Frank Casey**, who will turn 101 in February.

Residents can learn more about the Elks, programs, and its local lodges, by visiting <u>www.elks.org</u>. Brunswick Elks Lodge #2556 can also be found on Facebook.

7:45 pm

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### POESTENKILL LIBRARY

### Storytime with Ms. Erin

Every Friday in December, from 10:15 to 11 am

### Library Lighting and Winter Celebration

*Sunday, December 4, from 3 to 5 pm* Games, craft, cookie decorating, hot cocoa bar, and more.

### Lego Club

*Wednesday, December 7, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm* Registration is required.

### **Teen Advisory Group Meeting**

Thursday, December 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm





Former District Deputy and Lodge Sponsor Frank DeWolfe (back left); Exalted Ruler Mike Pendergast (back right); WWII Veteran Frank Casey (front left) and Frank's wife Joan Casey (front right). Frank Casey served in Guam and the Pacific, from 1942 to 1946. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses

This program will offer two sessions. Registration is

Make Your Own Book Love Ornament

This program will offer two sessions. Registration is

Toys for Tots donations are accepted at the library. The

library will be closed Saturday, December 24. For more

information, or to register for events, please contact the

library at 518-283-3721 or visit PoestenkillLibrary.org.

Thursday, December 15, at 6 pm

Wednesday, December 28, at 3 pm

and 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Winter Bingo

Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21, from 5 to 6 pm,

Tuesday, November 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, and 6:45 to

### **BRUNSWICK LIBRARY**

**Snowflake Suncatchers** *Tuesday, December 6, at 4 pm* First come, first served, while supplies last.

**Homemade Cards** *Tuesday, December 13, at 4 pm* For tweens and adults.

For more information, visit <u>www.brunswicklibrary.org</u>.

### GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### **Pre-School Storytime**

Wednesdays at 10:30 am For ages 18 months and up.

**Legos** Mondays, from 3:30 to 5 pm

### Zumba Gold

*Mondays, from 6 to 6:45 pm* Held at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. Instructor fee \$8.

Parents will need to send bus note (one time permission) to school for children to get off the bus at the library.

### VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

### **Children's Storytime**

Wednesdays at 10 am

**Lego Time** Fridays from 3 to 6 pm

### **Experiential Youth Programs** *Wednesdays at 3 pm*

### Holiday Book Sale and Celebration

Saturday, December 10, from 2 to 4 pm We have titles for all kinds of readers. Picture books, mysteries, fantasies, cookbooks, and more. There will also be a holiday sing at the same time.

To register for a class, or for more information, call the circulation desk at 518-753-4230, email <u>acaccia@</u>, <u>valleyfallslibrary.org</u>, or message us on our Facebook Page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/VAFLibrary</u>).

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# **Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas**

### CAMBRIDGE

# **Christmas Concert**

On *Sunday, December 11, at 3 pm*, the Community Choral Society (CCS) will present their annual Christmas concert entitled Joy to the World, at the Jacob's Well Fellowship Center, 29 West Main St.

There will be a reception following the concert, as well as baked goods available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the CCS 2023 season. In addition, a goodwill offering will be taken during the performance. We look forward to ushering in the Christmas season with you and your families.

The CCS is run under the direction of Mrs. Jill Chadwick. For more information, please contact Beverly Collamer at 518-677-3327, or Jill Chadwick at 518-677-7070.

### CHENEY LIBRARY

### Fall and Winter Spice Club

Saturday, December 3, at noon

Create a dish using our featured spice, which will be mint, then meet at the library to share your cooking adventures. Bring in samples to share, photos of your creations, or just a story about how your delicious dish came to be.

### Cheney Library Children's Christmas Shop

*Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 1 pm* Shop for presents, enjoy a candy cane, and take photos with Santa. All proceeds support the library.

### **HOOSICK FALLS**

# Christmas Tree Sale

On *Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4*, the Town of Hoosick Lions Club will be holding its annual Christmas Tree sale in the Village of Hoosick Falls Park. Please come pick out a beautiful tree and help support a wonderful cause.

# HOOSICK FALLS Musical Celebration

On *Friday, December 2*, at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Main St, there will be a Hoosick Falls Christmas Musical Celebration to benefit the Immaculate Conception Parish. Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple, and can be purchased in advance at Thorpe's Pharmacy or the Immaculate Conception Church rectory. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. For more information, call Terri at 518-491-5795, Jerry at 518-285-1033, or Bob at 518-686-5477.

# HOOSICK FALLS Toys for Joy

The Village of Hoosick Falls will once again sponsor the Toys for Joy campaign. We will be working with community members, churches, and local organizations to help those in the Village this holiday season. The Toys for Joy box will be in the Municipal Building lobby *through December 10*, for people to drop off new and unwrapped gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Village Clerk Marie O'Neil at 518-686-7072 or <u>clerk@</u> <u>hfvillage.org</u>.



# HOOSICK FALLS Hall-A-Palooza

*Friday, December 2, through Sunday, December 4*, the Polish Hall in Hoosick Falls, 12 Mechanic St, will host its 13th Annual Hall-A-Palooza membership drive weekend.

On Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, we will offer our popular fish fry sandwich with chips, pickle, and dessert for \$10. Saturday, December 3, there will be a preview of auction items available. Tickets will be available for purchase. On Sunday, December 4, doors open at noon and the Chinese Auction drawing will take place at 4 pm. You do not need to be present to win. Current auction items include a liquor and wine basket, gift certificates, lottery tickets, and much more. Don't forget that gift certificates, memberships, and drink tokens make great stocking stuffers.



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### The Eastwick Press

# **HOOSICK FALLS** HACA Holiday Basket Drive

As families struggle to cope with inflation ahead of the holiday season, food prices increasing rapidly and shortages galore, HACA Food Pantry is seeking ways to meet the needs. Thanksgiving boxes were distributed to almost 200 families, with the same number planned for Christmas distribution. The boxes contain food for not only the holiday meal, but several days.

This holiday we need help to fill plates and ease minds of the families we serve in the Hoosick area. Every dollar donated can provide at least 10 meals to families in need through the HACA

issues each day in New York State. Your willingness are down by roughly the same percent.

# BENNINGTON

Submitted by SVMC

Throughout the month of August, the nurses of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part industry averages nationwide, the survey provided of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), participated in the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) RN Survey, which measures nurse job satisfaction. SVMC's nurses scored SVMC higher than the national average in all categories.

Nurses from all departments rated the practice environment, staff participation in policy decisions, accessibility of chief nursing officer, job enjoyment, administration's demonstrated response to employee concerns, recognition for a job well done, adequate to welcome Physician staffing and resources, nurse-physician working relationships, autonomy, and more.

Nurses rated the hospital particularly high in a category designed to determine nurses' satisfaction with their role in making important decisions about care.



Submitted by Bill Gaillard

On Wednesday, December 7, the Hoosick Falls Community Band, under the direction of Bill Gaillard and Tim Stratton, will hold its first Christmas concert since 2019 at the Hoosick Falls Central School at 7:30 pm. The public is invited to attend and hear a wonderful group of Holiday selections.





The HACA Thanksgiving Team. Photo courtesy of Dianne Hosterman.

**SVMC** News

Food Pantry and the Regional Food Bank. Feeding to help these vulnerable kids is more critical than America reports that one in six children face hunger ever. While demand is up over 30 percent, donations

While all measures were positive compared with information about areas that hold the greatest opportunity for improvement, including the need to offer more career development and continuing education programs. It also identified departments that are thriving and those that need additional support.

### Samantha Kaftan, PA-C, Joins SVMC **ExpressCare**

SVMC is pleased Assistant Samantha Kaftan, PA-C, to SVMC ExpressCare and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians.

# **HOOSICK FALLS Historical Society**

The 2023 Hoosick Township Historical Society Calendar can be purchased at the Louis Miller Museum and Thorpe's Pharmacy. You can also order them by emailing staff@hoosickhistory.com or by calling 518-686-4682.

### Under the Christmas Tree: Toys and Games of Long Ago

Saturday, December 10, at 3 pm

Join us for our monthly Jr. Historian program. Please preregister by calling 518-686-4682 by Friday, December 9.

### Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 17, at noon

The national day of honoring our veterans by placing wreaths to remember, honor, and teach, will be held at Liberty Memorial Park, in Maple Grove Cemetery.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday, from 10 am to 3 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm, through December 18, for your holiday shopping needs. Christmas week we will be open Monday through Wednesday, from 11 am to 3 pm.

# SCHUYLERVILLE **Monthly Breakfast**

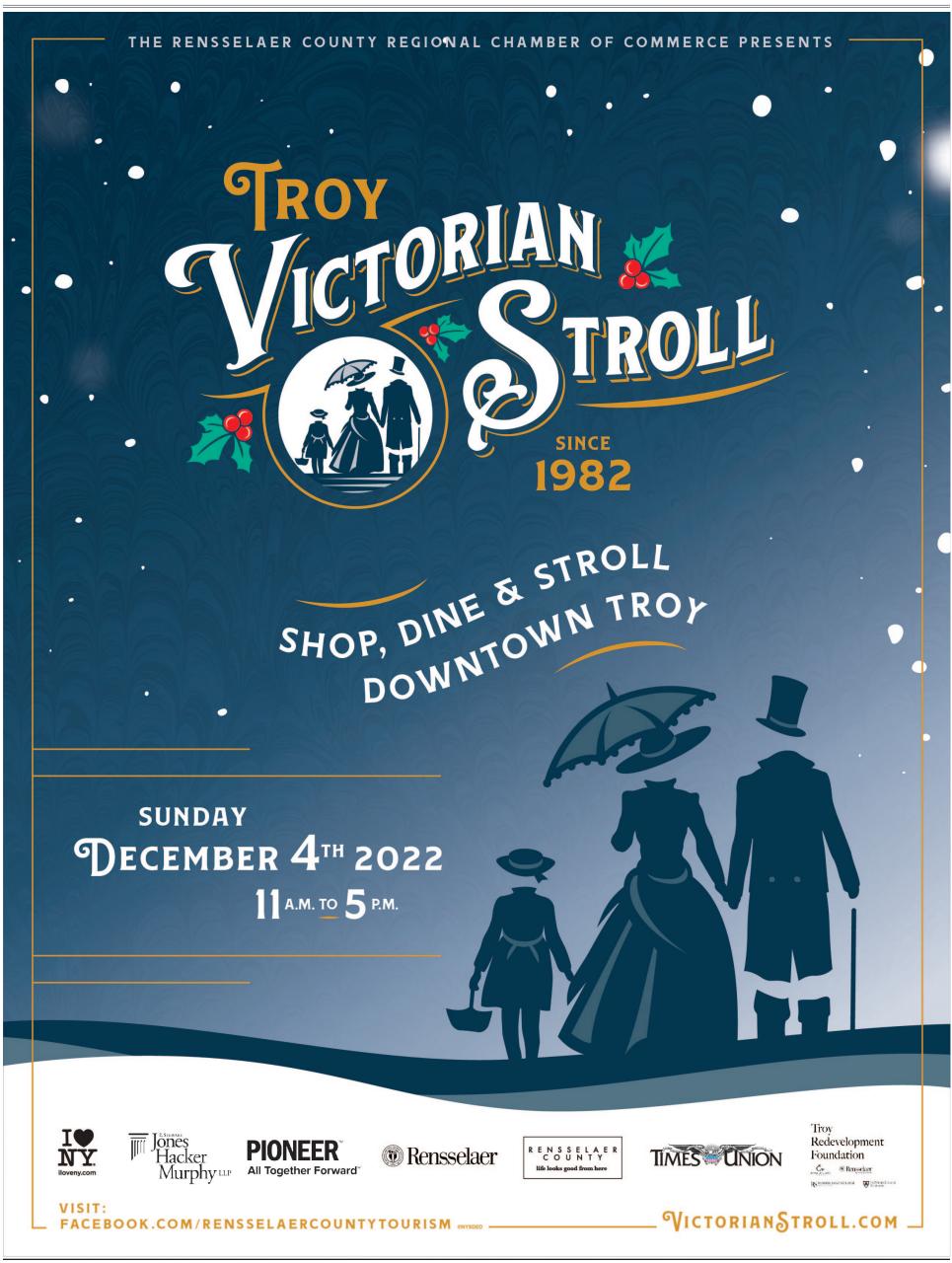
The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, 123 SR 32, Schuylerville, will host its monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 4, from 8 to 11 am. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu will include pancakes, French toast, eggs to order, home fries, and more. Come join Santa from 9 to 11 am.



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# **NEW LEBANON Town Awarded** Phase 1 Grant

The Town of New Lebanon has been awarded a \$20,000 NY Main Street Technical Assistance Grant for a Design Guidelines Technical Assistance Project. This is phase 1 of a 2 phase grant program. Phase 1 provides funding to create design guidelines for beautifying our downtown business district through phase 2 funding. Once the design guidelines are created and adopted by the Town Board, we will apply for phase 2 funding which provides direct funding to businesses on the Route 20/22 corridor to do external upgrades such as siding, windows, signage, landscaping, etc. with the focus on beautifying our downtown business district. Property owners in the downtown business district who choose to participate in phase 2 will receive \$0.75 on every dollar invested in external upgrades that qualify under the program.

# New Lebanon **NEW LEBANON**

# Helping to **Heat Homes**

The Town of New Lebanon is collaborating with Charlie's Pantry, Unity Lodge No. 9, The American Legion, Larabee Fuel, and HL Fuel to help residents heat their homes this winter.

### There are three easy ways to donate:

 Venmo: <u>https://account.venmo.com/u/ICCHeating</u> • Paypal: <u>https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/charlies</u> pantryheat

• Mail a check to: Charlie's Pantry Heating Fund, PO Box 448, New Lebanon, NY 12125

If you or someone you know needs help heating their home this winter, please reach out to Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

# Holiday Gift Drive

Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling is organizing Wish list items include: the seventh annual holiday gift drive for New Lebanon families in need. If you would like to adopt a child or children this holiday season, please contact Supervisor Houghtling at the number below, or by stopping by the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm, or Thursdays from noon to 5 pm. You will be provided a detailed list of toys and items the child likes. If you would prefer we do the shopping, you can make a monetary donation at the Town Supervisor's office, or by mailing it to:

### Town of New Lebanon Holiday Gift Drive **PO Box 328**

New Lebanon, NY, 12125 Please make checks payable to Tistrya Houghtling and put Holiday Gift Drive in the memo line.

Instead of adopting a child, if you would like to donate an unwrapped gift or two, see the list below for gift items. You can drop these donations off at The New Lebanon Post Office, Maverick's, or the New Lebanon Town Hall

# Winter Craft Fair

On Saturday, December 10, from 9 am to 3 pm, in the Walter B. Howard (WBH) Elementary School gymnasium, the WBH PTA will sponsor a winter craft fair. There will be a tea cup auction, vendors, food trucks, and a 50/50 raffle. Vendors and auction donations are needed. For more information, please contact Julie Banker at vettecmomjr@gmail.com or Beth Lagrange at BethLagrange17@gmail.com.

Barbie Dolls Nerf Guns Legos Superhero Toys Dolls Art Supplies Crafting Kits Makeup **Baby** Toys Stuffed Animals Sports Equipment (Balls, Bats, Frisbees, etc.) Frozen Dolls and Toys Paw Patrol Toys Cars Trucks Trains Fuzzy Pillows and Blankets

If you are a family in need or for more information, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at 518-505-1535 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

# **KISS** Program

The Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe (KISS) program, sponsored by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, will be taking place from Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 9. Documents that should be shredded include those containing your account numbers, passwords, PINs, date of birth, social security number, and more. Documents can be brought to New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

### NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

The Library will be open from 10 am to noon on Christmas Eve, and closed on Monday, December 26.

### Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment Please call 518-794-8844 or email libraryassistant@ newlebanonlibrary.org to schedule an appointment time.

### **Online Concert: Linda Worster**

Friday, December 2, at 6:30 pm Login details will be posted on the library website the afternoon of the concert.

### **New Lebanon Book Group**

Sunday, December 4, at 11 am This month's title to be discussed is *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout.

### **Block Party: Brick Building Club**

Tuesday, December 6, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm We will provide the Legos, you only need to bring your imagination. For ages 5 through 12.

### History Webinar: Lindenwald's Amazing

### **Historically Accurate Wallpaper**

Monday, December 12, at 6 pm This Zoom program is sponsored by the Columbia County Libraries Association. Please email director@ roejanlibrary.org to register.

### **Crafternoon Kids**

Wednesday, December 14, at 4:30 pm All materials provided. For ages 5 years and up.

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

Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm Registration is requested to ensure we have enough supplies on hand for everyone. Sign up at https:// forms.gle/pRFEgEiwqeLNH6Xd8, or call the library.

### **Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses** Saturday, December 17, at 1 pm

All materials provided. For ages 5 years to teens. Registration is requested. Please sign up by completing the form at https://forms.gle/fZu45CX6TzV5yXbW6 or call the library.

For more information or to register for programs, please visit newlebanonlibrary.org, or call 518-794-8844.

# Supplies for Those in Need

Due to the generosity of Unity Lodge No. 9 and a community member, the New Lebanon free store, located at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, has a variety of new, unopened products for families in need. The store is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. All free items are on a first come, first served basis. Please come and take what you need.



# **Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities**

# **Barbecue Recreation League Bowling**

Team Standings		High Scores	
Bistro 42	9.5-0.5	Josh Magisano	290 259 737
Gallup Inn	9-1	Mitch Andrew	257 247 718
Mag-Way	6-4	Matt Brownell	265 226 706
Wack'em & Stack'em	6-4	Ryan Shumway	278 227 705
Lebowski Rug Co.	6-4	Tyler Colvin	269 215 697
Chico's Bail Bonds	5-5	Cory Weeden	268 216 694
Lou's Plumbing	4-6	Matt Gaghich	276 245 683
Farmers Tires	2-8	Matt Longtin	235 224 673
Boner's	1.5-8.5	Ron Caron	247 218 667
The Jabronis	1-9	Corey Wysocki	237 223 652

### DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

### **Tuesday Treks**

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

A moderately paced 3 mile hike. Pre-registration is required. For adults and teens. **Yule Log Celebration** 

### Sunday, December 11, from 1 to 3 pm

Search for a hidden Yule Log, which will be carried back and used to start a campfire by the lake. Greens will be available to make crafts. Light refreshments can be enjoyed by the fire.

### **Mindful Nature Walk**

### Saturday, December 17, from 10 am to noon

This type of slow walking, deep breathing, present-centered awareness, and observation in nature is shown to reduce stress, boost our moods, and strengthen our immune systems. There is a \$10 suggested donation if you are able, but any amount is welcome.

### How Animals Prepare for Winter

Saturday, December 17, from 1 to 2:30 pm

Learn what animals call our forest their home, and how they prepare to survive the colder months. All ages. \$3 per person.

### **Snowshoe Rentals**

Rentals are available when there is at least 6 inches of snow on the ground. Adults are \$5 for a half day, and youth are free with accompanying adult.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or visiting <u>dyken</u> <u>pond@gmail.com</u> 24 hours in advance. Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center. Please visit <u>www.dykenpond.org</u> for a complete schedule of our events and information. Programs are free unless otherwise stated.

# **Grants to Support Dam Repairs**

### Submitted by the NYSDEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced \$564,925 in grant funding is now available to assist eligible dam owners with infrastructure repair costs. Funding is provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) High Hazard Potential Dam grant program. DEC is accepting applications for grants to assist with technical, planning, design, and other pre-construction activities associated with the rehabilitation of eligible dams classified as High Hazard dams. New York State's High Hazard dam classification refers to the potential for damage upon a dam's failure, not its likelihood of failure. To apply, please visit the NYS Grants Gateway at goportal.aspx. For more information, please contact the Grants Gateway team at grantsgateway@ its.ny.gov.

# **4-H Winter Fairs**

Submitted by CCE of Rensselaer County

All youth ages 5 through 19 are invited to get a 4-H experience through our Winter Fairs.

The first is *Saturday, December 10, from 4 to 6 pm*, at the Salem United Methodist Church, 349 Shaver Rd, West Sand Lake. The event is free with donation of a canned good, and hosted by the Green Earthlings 4-H Club Friday.

The second is *Friday, December 16, from 6 to 8 pm* in the Brittonkill/Tamarac Elementary School Cafeteria, and is hosted by the Clover Kids and Critters 4-H Club. The event is free, and pizza will be provided at \$1 per slice with pre-order.

Both locations will have a community service project, a place to drop off canned goods to donate to a food pantry, and a holiday related project that can be made and judged on location by entering in the Winter Fair.

Participants will be contacted if we need to cancel due to weather. Please RSVP by emailing Eileen at <u>emd32@cornell.edu</u>, or leave Kandis a message at 518-720-0354, with name, phone number, how many youth will be participating at the event, which location you plan on attending, and how many slices of pizza if attending Brunswick. For more information, please contact Kandis.

# HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING Panthers Season Opener

Submitted by James Lynch

On Tuesday, November 22, the Hoosick Falls bowling team opened their 2021-2022 season with a 1-4 loss against Mechanicville, at Hometown Lanes. The Panthers finished with a total of 3224 pins to Mechanicville's 3404.

Hoosick Falls Scores Include: Hailey Bedford 258-632 Elliot Brenenstuhl 211-590 Payton Merrills 227-574 Ryan Maxon 210-569 Jordyn Wilwol 212-544

Mechanciville Scores Include: Brady O'Connor 232-627 Jason Walker 233-588 Nate Starks 213-584 Connor Starks 213-562 Dylan Masterson 190-541

### **GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK**

### Snowshoe Hike

*Saturday, December 3, from 1 to 3 pm* Learn how to identify common winter animals by footprint. \$3 per person, including snow shoe rental, if needed. \$2 per person if rental isn't needed.

### Luminary Walk

Friday, December 9, from 5 to 8:30 pm

Last year was such an amazing turn out that this year we have doubled the number of lights and the length of the trail. We'll be enjoying s'mores, hot chocolate, and a trail lit by luminary lanterns and the full moon.

Come as a couple or bring out the whole family. The self-led approximately half mile trail is perfect for a romantic stroll, mesmerizing the kids, or anything inbetween. Enjoy the sounds of the holidays, a warm cup of hot chocolate, or roast a marshmallow over the fire. Dogs comfortable with crowds are welcome, but must be contained on a six-foot leash.

No registration is required. The cost is \$5 per person, with ages 5 and under free.

Want to attend the event for free? We are looking for volunteers to assist for half of the event and then enjoy the other half. Please contact <u>graftonlakesvolunteers@parks.</u> <u>ny.gov</u> if you are interested.

Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise specified. Events are free unless otherwise specified. For more information, or to register, call 518-279-1155 or visit <u>www.register-ed.com/events/view/188092</u>.



# **Classified Ads**

### **Help Wanted**

### **FULL TIME CLASS B CDL DRIVER AND EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

The Town of Hoosick Highway Department is currently seeking applications for one opening beginning 1/1/23 for a full time employee. Candidate must have a clean Class B CDL license. Overtime required for snow plowing. Heavy equipment experience preferred.

Paid health insurance, NYS Retirement, sick, personal and vacation time along with twelve paid holidays.

Please contact Highway Superintendent Paul Hoag at 518-686-5341 for an employment application or pick up an application at the Town Clerk's office at 80 Church St. Hoosick Falls, NY.

### Advertise Here

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

### **Need Tech Support?**

Having computer or tablet problems, weak WiFi signals, smart TV issues? HaleyX Tech can help! We also install security cameras and other smart home devices.

Give HaleyX Tech a call: 518-712-9085

### Seeking Standing Timber

### Looking for Extra Money?

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

### **FREE PUPPY SCAM**

Subscribers beware: we were just made aware that the classified ad recently printed offering free golden retriever puppies is in fact a scam. DO NOT correspond with Stacey McClelland (staceymcclelland8@gmail.com or 917-619-1667) and NEVER send money or personal information to an unknown party. Please alert anyone you think may have replied to the ad. We apologize for any inconvenience and will be more vigilant in the future.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### TOWN OF PETERSBURGH

The Town Board to hold the End of Year Meeting December 28th, 2022, at 7PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall 65 Main St Petersburgh, NY 12138.

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice of formation BARLEY LAND SERVICES, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 499 Farm to Market Road, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: All legal purposes.

**RIDHI LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 WYATTS CIR, RENSSE-LAER, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That in accordance with Article 25-AA, section 303-b (3) of the State of New York Agriculture and Markets Law, a Public Hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Rensselaer County Legislature, located at the County Office Building, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following requests for inclusion:

Agricultural District 2 Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick, Poestenkill, North Greenbush, East Greenbush and Sand Lake:

> TAX MAP NO.: 159.1-46 Property Owner: Clemens Acres: 21.76

> > /s/ JESSICA L. CHARETTE, CLERK RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Dated: November 28, 2022 State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS:

I, JESSICA L. CHARETTE, being duly sworn, depose and say that the aforesaid Notice of Public Hearing is a true and accurate summary of the proceedings be-fore the Rensselaer County Legislature in connection with the matter contained therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Legislature of the County of Rensselaer, this 28th day of November, 2022.

> /s/ JESSICA L. CHARETTE, CLERK RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE County of Rensselaer State of New York

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Agricultural District 5: Pittstown and Schaghticoke

TAX MAP NO.: 71.-6-1.11 Property Owner: Davis Acres: 13.5 +/-

> /s/ JESSICA L. CHARETTE, CLERK RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Dated: November 28, 2022 State of New York ) SS: County of Rensselaer

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> /s/ JESSICA L. CHARETTE, CLERK RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE County of Rensselaer State of New York

#### Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3 of 2022 - Establishing income levels for Real Property Exemptions for Senior Citizens with limited income. The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY income. 12082, on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:45PM. The purpose of the meeting is for the Town Board to hear Public Comment on the Proposed Local Law #3 of 2022.

Victoria Burdick Town Clerk

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #4 of 2022 – Establishing income levels for Real Property Exemptions for Persons with disabilities and limited income. The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082, on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:45PM. The purpose of the meeting is for the Town Board to hear Public Comment on the Proposed Local Law #4 of 2022.

Victoria Burdick Town Clerk

> **Public Notice** Town Of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton is now accepting Letters of Interest to fill the following positions. 1 seat on the Board of Ethics – gratis, Deputy Town Clerk - \$3200/annually and Dog Control Officer - \$3000/annually. Please submit your Letters of Interest to the Town Clerk no later than December 23, 2022. Mail: Graton Town Clerk, PO Box G - Grafton NY 12082, email @ graftontownclerk@albany.twcbc.com. Victoria Burdick

Town Clerk

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Please take notice, The Town Board of the Town of Hoosick, has scheduled a public hearing regarding Local Law #3 of 2022, a Local Law providing for adopting the minimum standards for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code. The hearing will be held on December 12, 2022, at 6:50 pm at the Town Offices, 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York prior to our regular scheduled meeting. All those interested may be heard at that time.

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Hoosick Town Clerk

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls on Monday, December 5, 2022, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoosick Falls Village Hall, Municipal Building, 24 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, New York, for the purpose of entering into executive session relative to discussion of matters leading to the potential employment of a particular person, together with any other business that may come before the Board of Trnstees.

DATED: November 29, 2022 Hoosick Falls, New York

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS By: Robert Allen, Mayor

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls on Thursday, December 8, 2022, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Hoosick Falls Village Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, for the purpose of entering into executive session relative to discussion of matters leading to the potential employment of a particular person, together with any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees.

DATED: November 29, 2022 Hoosick Falls, New York

- - THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS By: Robert Allen, Mayor

STEPHEN FORREST GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC. Filed 7/25/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Stephen Forrest, 229 White Creek Rd, Eagle Bridge, NY 12057. Purpose: General.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice to Residents of the Berlin Fire District #1 Town of Berlin, County of Rensselaer NY

Please take notice that the annual election of the Berlin Fire District #1 will take place on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Berlin Fire Hall, located at 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY, for the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner. One (1) commissioner will serve a five (5) year term; commencing January ending December 31st, 2027. 1st, 2023 and

All duly registered residents of the Berlin Fire District #1 shall be eligible to vote. Such residents shall be registered at the Rensselaer County Board of Elections on or before twenty-three (23) days prior to the election as provided by Town Law 175-a (2a) and shall have resided within the Berlin Fire District #1 for a minimum of thirty days prior to the election date.

All individuals, with the exception of the incumbents, shall make their candidacy known to the Secretary of the Commissioners, in writing, at least twenty (20) days prior to the election. Letters can be mailed to the Berlin Fire District #1, Box 409 Berlin NY or hand delivered to the Secretary at 292 Potter Hill RD Petersburgh, NY 12138.

By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners Bruce Hake, Jr. Chair

Workhorse Property Maintenance and Management, LLC, Articles of Organization filed 10/30/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy pf process to the LLC, 1116 Blue Factory Hill Rd Cropseyville, NY 12052. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

### **ZKG PROPERTIES, LLC**

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on August 10, 2022. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to ZKG PROPERTIES, LLC, 14 Plank Road, Poestenkill, New York 12140. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

MILL CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC. Filed 2/8/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Thaddeus Jones, 147 4th St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

**Emergency Life Support Training LLC**. Filed 6/15/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Legalinc Corporate Services Inc., 1967 Wehrle Dr, Ste 1 #086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: General.

#### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the Limited Liability Company that was formed is: FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Department of State of the State of New York on November 12, 2021. The office of said Limited Liability Company is located in Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against said Company may be served and the post office address within the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is: FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC, 190 Spicer Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **129 Lincoln Ave, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/10/2022. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burgos Realty Group, LLC, 11 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF RENSSELAER - REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff, -against- CAT LUKE A/K/A CATHERINE LAPORTE CATHERINE A/K/A LUKE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PAUL PABLO A. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MARIA PAZ ESTES, AS HEIR DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PACO H. LAPORTE A/K/A FRANK PACO H. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MICHAEL T. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIAJ. LAPÓRTE, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS. DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS CREDITORS. TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; LEONARD "DOE" (REFUSED LAST NAME) AS JOHN DOE #1, Defendants - Index No. EF2022-270884 Plaintiff Designates Rensselaer County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Rensselaer County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated October 27, 2022. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COULDT. The forecome company is a store of the store THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Laura M. Jordan, J.S.C. Dated October 27, 2022 Filed October 28, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 21 Rogers Avenue, Hoosick alls, NY 12090. Dated: November 1, 2022 Filed: November 2, 2022 Greenspoon Marder, LLP. Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 (No Service by fax) Please respond to Cypress Creek office: Trade Centre South, 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982.

Westmooreland Design LLC. Filed 8/13/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 115 Boyce Rd, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: General.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE BUSY BEES 518 LLC**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **Busy Bees 518 LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 19 S. River Street, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District invites sealed bids for the removal of snow from driveways and parking areas for the 2022 -2023 School Ýear at:

# Berlin Middle/High School in Cherry Plain Berlin Bus Maintenance Facility in Berlin

Bids must be received by the Business Official or his designee by 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Novem-ber 10th, 2021, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud, with the Board of Education reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the District Business Office located at the Berlin Middle/ High School, 17400 NY RT 22, Cherry Plain, NY, between the hours of 8 AM and 2 PM or by calling (518) 658-1500 ext. 1021.

All bidders are encouraged to visit the sites in the preparation of their bid.

Questions regarding the work may be directed to Cyril Grant, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at (518) 658-1500 ext. 3011.

Bidders may bid on any or all of the individual sites.

Envelopes containing bids should be marked "Snow Removal" and attention is called to the requirement that a non-collusive bidding certificate accompany each bid.

Any person submitting bids by mail or public/private carrier (such as UPS, Federal Express, etc...) must assume the risk of any delay in handling of the mail by private or school district employees.

Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

Respectfully Yours,

Karen Capozzi Business Manager

## LEGAL NOTICE

DAWSON 800 FIRST STREET LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Dawson 800 First Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 33 Miller Avenue, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

SOLISCENCE LLC. Filed 8/1/22. Office: RENS-SELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 705 Hoags Corners Rd, Nassau, NY 12123. Registered Agent: Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: Jean's Greens' Center for Holistic Health and Wellness, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/26/2022. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Down and Dirty Property Care LLC. Articles of Organization filed SSNY on 09/27/2022. The County in which the office of the LLC is located is Rensselaer. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the LLC at 28 Ruff Road, Petersburgh, NY 12138. The com-pany is organized for any lawful purpose.

**417 SECOND TROY, LLC**. Filed 10/3/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

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# **Rensselaer County News**

# PETERSBURGH Structure Fire



On the evening of Sunday, November 27, at approximately 5:30 pm, the Petersburgh Fire Department, along with mutual aid from the Berlin, Center Brunswick, Hoosick, Grafton, Eagle Mills, and Pittstown Fire Departments, as well as Taconic Emergency Medical Services, responded to a structure fire at 1351 State Route 2 in Petersburgh. Crews battled the fire for several hours, a task that was made difficult due to severe weather. All residents of the home got out safely. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Photo Provided.

# **Tutors Needed**

### Submitted by the LVORC

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (LVORC) welcomes all kinds of volunteers, from tutors to administrative helpers, and event planners. Would you like to help someone to read, write, or speak and understand English? We can train you. Join us for a Volunteer Opportunities Information Session on *Wednesday, December 7, from noon to 1 pm*, via Zoom. A Tutor Training Workshop will begin in January. Contact <u>mhellerlvorc@aol.com</u>, or call 518 244-4650 to receive a link. For more information, visit <u>https://www.lvorc.org</u>.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Benjamin Cleaning Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/2022. 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, 415 3rd Street, Apt#2, Troy, NY, 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Submitted by Stewart's Shops

The 36th annual Stewart's Holiday Match Campaign kicked off on Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas day at all shop locations. The program supports nonprofit organizations impacting children, and to date, has raised nearly \$34 million for children's charities.

Last year, customers donated over \$1 million to the program, doubling to more than \$2 million with the Stewart's match. The funds were able to support 1,716 local children's organizations across the 32 counties where Stewart's Shops are located.

Local organizations impacting children are encouraged to apply for funding by visiting stewartsshops. com. The deadline for submission is January 31. All groups applying must be locally based, benefit children under 18, and be a qualified, charitable 501c3 organization. A listing of all the local organizations that received funds last season is available on the Stewart's Shops website.

Stewart's Shops thanks its customers, shop partners, and media partners for their support each year. Stewart's Holiday Match is a 501c3 foundation; all donations are tax-deductible. Stewart's gladly accepts funds from groups or businesses, but only matches individual donations.

# **Military Honor**

**Staff Sgt. Kenneth T. Jones** of Valley Falls has received the 42nd Infantry Division Command Team Award for Excellence Challenge Coin for outstanding performance, while deployed with the New York Army National Guard in Europe.

# **Board Meetings**

### Thursday, December 8

**Brunswick Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall **Berlin Town Board**, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex **Nassau Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall **Schodack Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall **Poestenkill Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

#### *Monday, December 12* **Grafton Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall **Hoosick Town Board**, 7 pm, Town Offices

#### Tuesday, December 13

**New Lebanon Town Board**, 6 pm, Town Hall **Hoosick Falls Village Board**, 6 pm, Highway Garage **Rensselaer County Legislature**, 6 pm, County Office Building

### Wednesday, December 14

East Nassau Village Board, 7 pm, Hoags Corners Ambulance Building

*Thursday, December 15* **Hoosick Falls CSD Board of Education Meeting**, 6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria

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# **Community Calendar**

### **December 2, Friday**

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

**Christmas Open House at Cambridge Historical Society Museum**, 6 – 8 pm, 12 Broad St, refreshments, sing-a-long with live music, quilt raffle

### December 2 – 4, Friday – Sunday

**13th Annual Hall-A-Palooza**, Polish Hall, 12 Mechanic St, Hoosick Falls; **fish fry**: Fri 5:30 – 7:30, \$10; **Chinese auction**: Sat preview, Sun doors open noon, auction 4 pm

*A Christmas Ornament*, 7:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, Brunswick Grange, 7 Grange Rd, Troy, Highlight Acting Troupe performs original comedy by Ron Levan, reserve seat: call Ethel at 518-237-6936

#### **December 3, Saturday**

Animal Tracking/Snowshoe Hike, 10 am, \$2, \$3 w/ snowshoe rental, Grafton Lakes State Park, pre-reg-istration required: 518-279-1155 or <u>www.register-ed.</u> com/events/view/188092

**Craft & Vendor Fair**, 10 am – 4 pm, Cambridge Central School

*Little Women* play sneak peak, 2 pm, free, Battenkill Books, Cambridge, performed by CCS Drama Club, refreshments by Cambridge food Co-op

**The Open Bar Band**, 4–7:30 pm, free, Vault on Main, Cambridge, sponsored by Cambridge Village Market

### December 3 & 4, Saturday & Sunday

**Cambridge Valley Fine Art Holiday Tour & Sale**, 11 am – 4 pm, downtown Cambridge, self-guided tour of 6 painters' homes/studios, art for sale, <u>cam</u> bridgevalleyart.org

#### **December 4, Sunday**

**Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club Breakfast**, 8 – 11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 kids, 123 NY-32, Schuylerville

**Santa Claus Is Coming to Town**, 11 am – 1 pm, free, Berlin Fire House

**Black Widow Gallery Open House**, 11 am – 4 pm, free, VARAK Park, Cambridge, refreshments & kids room

### Crossword Theme: Happy Holidays

#### ACROSS

- 1. Result of too much pressure
- C Stin fmx non
- 6. Stir-fry pan9. Steps to the river, in
- India
- 13. Hindu sage
- 14. Attorneys' org.
- 15. \*Christmas cookies emanation
- 16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
- 17. Mourner's wish
- 18. Mature, as in fruit
- 19. \*Santa's entryway
- 21. \*Holiday plum treat23. Foot the bill
- 24. Hot alcoholic
- beverage
- 25. Not transgender
- 28. \*Frosty's corn cob
- 30. Attract
- 35. Bad luck prediction
- 37. Indian cuisine staple
- 39. The whole amount
- 40. "Keep this information" button
- 41. \*Coveted letter on a dreidel

**December 4, Sunday (continued) Troy Victorian Stroll**, 11 am – 5 pm, Downtown Troy

**Holiday Farmers Market**, noon – 2 pm, Brieman Building, Cambridge

**Cambridge Christmas Parade**, 2 pm, line up at Cambridge Central School tennis courts

**Stephentown Historical Society Potluck Luncheon**, 2 pm, Heritage Center, bring dish to share, monetary donation for Stephentown Food Pantry, music, election

### December 7, Wednesday

**Hoosick Falls Community Band Christmas Concert**, 7:30 pm, Hoosick Falls Central School

### **December 9, Friday**

**Luminary Walk**, 5–8:30 pm, \$5 (cash only), Grafton Lakes State Park, no registration required

### December 10, Saturday

Winter Craft Fair, 9 am – 3 pm, WBH Elementary School gym, New Lebanon, vendors & auction donations needed, contact Julie Banker at vettecmomjr@gmail.com or Beth Lagrange at <u>Beth</u> Lagrange17@gmail.com

**Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner**, 4 – 7 pm, \$10 adults, \$5 10 & under, West Sand Lake Fire Hall, Rt. 43, dine-in or take-out, pre-order: 518-202-6876

Last week's crossword solution: STAR JOE SIAISIH 

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29. Sacrifice for gain

32. List components

34. Lament for the dead

36. Scotland's famous loch

embellishment

49. \*Yule tradition

51. Pirate's "Yes!'

54. Savory jelly dish

57. London art museum

ignored in face of

56. English county

59. \*It's sometimes

holiday treats

61. Displeasure display

62. Biblical birthright

63. Backgammon

predecessor

64. Prong of a fork

67. Column's partner

60. Wading bird

seller

58. Hipbones

45. Go to bed (2 words)

33. \*Holiday song

31. Eighty-six

offering

38. Eagle's aerie

42. Lid or lip

# **Senior News**

### Lebanon Valley Seniors

Meetings are at 1 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at the LVPA firehouse. January and February we will only meet on the third Friday. If New Lebanon CSD cancels school, we cancel our meeting. New members are always welcomed.

The December 2 meeting will not take place. Instead we will meet at 10:30 am on December 9 in order to enjoy a Christmas program by the NLCS choir. Please bring a baked goodie for the choir.

Our annual holiday party will be at the Whitestone restaurant on December 16, to reserve a seat, please call Linda Moshimer at 518-794-8169. The cost is \$9 for members. The last day to sign up is December 9. For more information call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email <u>lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com</u>.

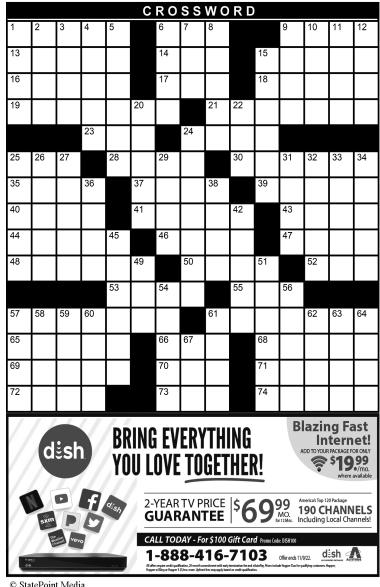
### **Grafton Senior Center**

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Mondays and Fridays the center will be open 9:30 to 11 am for our 10 am Chair Yoga class. On Tuesdays, there will be Senior Yoga Plus class at 10 am. The next Grafton senior meeting will be held at the center on December 6 at 11:15 am. All resident 60 and over are encouraged to come. There will be an election of officers for the upcoming year. December 7 Legal Aid will be at the center

Last week's sudoku solution:

 by appointment only. Please call to make an appointment. December 8 will be the December birthday celebration with a fun game of Trivia following lunch. December 13 Jillian with CCE will do the monthly Eat Smart Demonstration. Plan to stay for our Special Luncheon at noon with music by

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 \*Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
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9. \*Rose Bowl field, e.g.

10. Kachina doll maker

12. Drink for John Glenn

20. Giving the once-over

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- 57. \*Breaking holiday news 8. K, in Greek
- 61. \*Not coal on
- Christmas

43. Dry as dust

46. Inconclusive

47. Dirty air

48. Diplomat

Europe

52. Like a fox

53. Lion output

44. Opposite of digest

50. Tallest volcano in

- 65. Courtroom excuse
- 66. Golf coach at a country club
- 68. Very, in music
- 69. Make a logical
- connection (2 words)
- 70. Promissory letters
- 71. Pine or long
- 72. Chows down
- 73. Hundredweight,
- acr.
- 74. Ooze out

# **Church News**

### Petersburgh Baptist Church

On December 18, at 6 pm, the Petersburg Baptist Church Community Choir presents its annual concert. Join us at for beautiful music and refreshments to follow. Located at 19240 NY 22.

### **Center Brunswick UMC**

Please join us at 990 Hoosick Road, Troy to celebrate the Christmas Season. The Sunday school Christmas program will be during worship on December 11. The Bell Choir will play December 18 at 9 am, and December 24 at 8 pm. Blue Christmas Service will be December 21 at 7 pm, for those who are finding difficulty celebrating the season. Christmas Eve service with choir and bells will be December 24 at 8 pm. There will be no church service on Christmas Day. Our mission projects for the season include 30 gifts for 2 families, and a Mitten Tree that will send mittens, hats, and scarfs to Brittonkill Schools for those in need.

#### **Hoosick Falls CAC**

On Thursday, December 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church will host GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays."

In this seminar, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be encouraged with how to deal with the many emotions you will face during

and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to discover hope for your future.

The seminar includes a video teaching. workbook, and discussion with others who understand what you are going through, and will give you hope and encouragement as you work through the grieving process, especially as it pertains to the holiday season.

For more information or to register, call Gail Smith at 518-390-4986 or visit the GriefShare website at www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/45371. Registration is appreciated, but not necessary.

#### Hope United Methodist Church Please join us at 566 Brunswick Road, Troy for our upcoming Christmas events: Christmas potluck and carol sing

on Friday, December 16 at 6 pm. Live nativity on Sunday, December 18 at 5 pm, on the front lawn. Kid's Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 4 pm. Candlelight communion service on Saturday, December 24 at 11 pm. Lessons and carols on Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am.

### North Chatham UMC

On Saturday, December 3, from 10 *am to 3 pm*, the North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Rt. 203, will host a holiday bazaar, sponsored by the Women of Faith of the North Chatham

the holidays, what to do about traditions Churches. There will be a nice variety of vendors, so this is a great chance to do some Christmas shopping locally! Quarts of soup and a bake sale will be available with all proceeds going to mission projects. For more information on the North Chatham UMC, please call 518-766-3535 or visit northchatham methodistchurch.org. For more information on the Grace UMC, please call 518-766-9628.

### Flea Market and Bake Sale

On Saturday, December 10, from 9 am to 3 pm, there will be a flea market and bake sale at the Petersburgh United Methodist Church, 12 Head of Lane Rd. A lunch of homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee, and soda will be served all day. Table rentals will be available for \$15 each. There will be a 50/50 raffle, with tickets on sale all day. The drawing will be at 3 pm. For more information, please call Annie at 518-852-6576 or Darlene at 518-495-6814.

### **Christmas Carol**

On December 10, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill, 772 NY RT 351, will host the Poestenkill Light Reading Company's presentation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The night will begin with a homemade soup and bread dinner at 5:00 pm with the production at 6:30. All are welcome to attend. Those who wish to attend and Grace (Nassau) United Methodist the soup and bread dinner are asked to

call 518-283-6045 and leave a message. Reservations are not mandatory but encouraged so we have enough food. There is no charge, but donations of a non-perishable food item and/or monetary gift to the Bread Of Life Food Pantry or the Union Gospel Food Pantry in East Poestenkill will be accepted and appreciated.

### Stephentown Federated Church

Sunday, December 18, at 4 pm, Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Rd, will hold our Blue Christmas service, honoring life and loss in the holidays. The Blue Christmas tradition honors the fact that many of us experience all kinds of loss, such as the loss of relationships, trust, jobs, health, faith, and joy. No matter your circumstance, this is an open, welcoming service of candlelight, songs, prayers, and hope. The community is welcome, and the building is handicapped accessible. For more information, please visit our website stephentownfederatedchurch.org.

#### Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 22 Bridge St., is open from 9 am to noon every Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month, closed on major holidays. We have a great selection of clothing, jewelry, shoes, books, and much more.

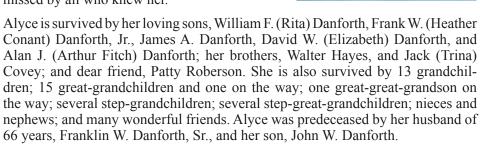
# **Obituary**

### Alyce M. Danforth

Hoosick Falls - Alyce M. Danforth, 100, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 25, 2022.

Alyce was born on September 3, 1922 in Hoosick Falls, and was the daughter of the late Josephine Millett Hayes and Jack Covey. She was a lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls and was a factory worker for Bill Burns Glue Factory for many years. Additionally, she worked as a cocktail waitress at The Barn and had also worked for the Undergarment Factory.

Alyce enjoyed watching her Soap Operas, listening to country music, gardening, and making her pepper relish. She also loved heading down to the Sand Bar with her family and friends where she enjoyed playing LRC. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 29, at the Mahar Funeral Home

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Kathy, at the Watson House in North Bennington, Vermont, for the care she gave to Alyce for the past 4 years.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit NewComerAlbany.com.



# **Senior News**

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Gone Gray. Also on that day, Rachel will be giving haircuts/manis/pedis by appointment only. Call now for an appointment time.

Congregate lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for a suggested donation of \$3. Grab-n-Go meals are also available Monday through Friday. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the events or lunch list.

### **Hoosick Falls Senior Center**

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 9 am to 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with congregate lunch served at noon each day for a suggested donation of \$3. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call 518-686-7561 each day to be placed on the list. Mondays at the center there is a card group that meets from 10 am to noon, then open card playing following lunch. Most Wednesdays we have Senior Games at 12:30 pm and Senior Exercise group at 1:30 pm. Fridays there is bingo following lunch unless there is a special event, in which case bingo will be from 10 am to noon on Thursday. The gym and library are open daily.

December 6 is craft time with Julie, pre-signup is required. December 9 is our next meeting at 11 am, there will be an election of officers for 2023. December 14 is our monthly Eat Smart Demonstration, with Jillian of CCE at 11:15 am. Following lunch at noon we will celebrate the December birthdays with a fun game of Trivia. December 21 will be the Christmas party with music by Gone Gray. December 23 will be the cookie exchange. The Center offers grab-ngo lunches Monday through Friday. Please call the center at 518-686-7561 to sign up for events and/or be placed on the meal or van transportation list.

### **Stephentown Seniors**

The Stephentown Seniors meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1 pm at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road. Anyone 50 or over is invited to join. Guests are welcome. For information call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755.

### **Sycaway Seniors**

The Sycaway Seniors group meets the first and third Mondays of each month, at the Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane, from noon to 3 pm. Bring your own lunch; we supply dessert and drinks. Dues are \$10 yearly. President Nancy McCloskey can be reached at 518-279-0847.

# **Find These Now**



The Cutleaf Grapefern (Sceptridium dissectum) appears in summer, and lasts through winter when they are easier to find due to fewer green plants on the forest floor. The plant develops slowly from spores and depends on mycorrhizal fungi to live. This small one was found in the woods of Petersburgh. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

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### The Life of George Holcomb

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

### Geo P. Buys Maxon Farm

Tuesday, April 5, 1853: I went to R. A. Brown's to town meeting and said R. A. Brown was elected supervisor. I voted for him. Joseph Tayer ran opposition on the Whig ticket. Today a hard snow storm. John F. did not go to town meeting.

Thursday: I this morning took my horse and wagon and carried my wife and Charlotte up to Geo P.'s on a visit and fetched them home again at night. Today Geo P. bargained with Wm. B. Maxon to buy his farm and pay four thousand dollars, and the two and a half acres timber lot that his father holds is to be linked together a pasture

Friday: I am quite lame. John Merrils came and scrubbed out the house that he has hired one year from the first of April.

Saturday: I continue to be lame. John F. took one yoke oxen and wagon over to John Merrils to move into my house near James M. Glasses, and John F. went to the vendue of Benonie Briggs but did not buy anything. Said John Merrils moved into my house today and is to pay 15 dollars for house and garden, one half in having and

the other half in walling and making shingle. This evening I paid up Patrick Rafferty up to the first day in April, I now paid him one dollar and 25 cts cash which makes 16 dollars and 25 cts in all of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Sunday: Towards night John F. went with his horse and wagon to East Nassau and John Merrils with him and fetched said Merrils' wife's sister Miss Calhoun and said Merrils paid John F. one dollar cash for going.

Monday: Today Wm. B. Maxon signed a title of his farm to Geo P. for the price of four thousand dollars.

Wednesday: Today Sylvenas Carpenter offered to hire the Harvey Wheeler farm to John F. and John F. walked to the west part of town to see Jonathan Harrington to come and hire the house but he could not come. Tonight Carpenter came to let John F. know that he has orders to sell said Wheeler farm.

Friday: I tended to carrying wood to John Merrils family and cording up their bedsteads and carrying them straw to put in their underbeds. I only charged 50 cts for the whole charging for the four days, the wood and straw included.

