

TROY

Pride of Our Nation, Pride of Our College

Submitted by HVCC

The 11th annual Pride of Our Nation, Pride of Our College exhibition, an ever-changing collection of photographs and memorabilia of veterans and active military service members with a connection to the college, remains on view *through Friday, December 16*, on HVCC's Troy campus.

Beginning with just a handful of photographs, the exhibit has grown to include more than 100 images and keepsakes, both official military issue and personal. Current students, faculty, and staff submit photos and loan objects, ranging from dog tags and medals to historic documents and full uniforms, that pertain to the military career of a relative or themselves. This year's exhibition features items from as far back as the Civil War up to present day. For the second year, an In Memoriam wall will pay tribute to military personnel or veterans who died within the last 12 months.

Pride of Our Nation, Pride of Our College is a collaborative effort on the part of employees from several departments.

The exhibition is on view in the Troy Savings Bank Charita-



The Pride of Our Nation, Pride of Our College exhibit at HVCC. Photo courtesy of HVCC.

ble Foundation Atrium on the first floor of the Marvin Library. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8 am to 8 pm, Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, from 10 am to 2 pm.

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GRAFTON

The End of an Era

On Saturday, November 26, the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, with Santa Claus in attendance for the kids, held their final monthly breakfast. The breakfasts, held at the Grafton Fire Hall, were a tradition on the last Saturday of each month for over a decade. Over the years the breakfasts became an event that the community really looked forward to, somewhat of a meeting place for those in and outside of the Grafton community.

Organizers and volunteers within the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary did all they could to continue the monthly tradition, but food costs, and inflation in general, just became too much to allow them to do so.

On a positive note, the door has been left open to possibly resume the breakfasts at some point in the future. But for now, let's take a moment to reflect, and thank



Volunteers and attendees enjoying the final Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary monthly breakfast at the Grafton Fire Hall on Saturday, November 26. Photo provided.

Chief Goyer, the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Ladies Auxiliary for not only making the monthly breakfasts the success they were, but also for allowing us to feel safe in our homes while they brave the elements, at all hours, to answer our calls.

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BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarteners Spread Kindness

Submitted by BCS Communications



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

On Thursday, December 1, and Friday, December 2, Berlin Elementary kindergarteners had some Grinchy fun.

National Grinch Day is celebrated officially on December 1, and is a day that encourages readers to grow their hearts three sizes through the celebration of reading, giving from the heart, and community spirit.

On Thursday, the kindergartners enjoyed math and literacy activities all centered around The Grinch.

Friday, the kindergarten Mountaineers created crafts, played games, and watched The Grinch. Some students got into the spirit and dressed up for the day with inspired hairdos and fun outfits.

The Kindergartners also incorporated discussions and a writing activity centered around kindness and how to make someone's heart happy and grow.



Fire Safety Poster Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications

Here are the winners of the annual fire safety poster contest. BCSD School Resource Officer Deputy McGuire was also there to congratulate the winners.

Kindergarten:

Finlei Sweeney, Keelan Ellis, Shane Church

First Grade:

Athena Paterson, Clyne Capasso

Second Grade:

Henley Sorbello, William Siller

Third Grade:

Sarah Schaaphok, Laelah Stone

Fourth Grade:

Juniper Seifridsberger

Fifth Grade:

Brendon Clyde, Sophia Zinna



PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Programs

Storytime

Tuesday, December 13, at 10:30 am

Creative Writing

Tuesday, December 13, at 6:45 pm

Friends of Petersburg History

Wednesday, December 14, at 4 pm

Knitters

Wednesday afternoon, December 14

There will be no meeting of the Book Club for the month of December, however the book for January is *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson. Copies are available at the library. Please note that starting January 18, the monthly gathering will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, and the time will be moved to 6 pm.

Remember that we have the great space and materials for your gift wrapping list.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Story Time

Every Wednesday at noon

Holiday Story Time

Saturday, December 17, at noon

Mahjong Club

Tuesday, December 20, from 4 to 6 pm

Build-a-Puppy

Tuesday, December 27, 1 pm

For more information please email Director@bftl.org, or visit our website, BFTL.org.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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.

LEGO Club

Thursday, December 15, at 4:30 pm

Registration suggested.

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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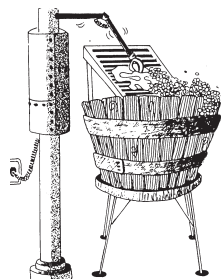
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BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November Award Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications



Merit Award Winners

- Sophia Zinna
 - Dominic Sams
 - Willamina Woodcock
 - Dannie Young
 - Shane Church
 - Carson Hasbrouck
 - Vinnie (Michael) Palella
 - Jaxson Williams
 - Danielle Garner
- Character Counts Winners
- Bailey Buck
 - Gemma Dunham
 - Piper Garcia
 - Gianna Roberts
 - Jason Goyer
 - Maggie Etman
 - Stephen Vars
 - Lianna Bolt
 - Gavin Church
 - Adel Derstine
 - Leyla Saviano
 - Erin Stott
 - Colin Hasbrouck
 - Demi Kormos
 - Alania DeClair
 - Trent Hastings

BERLIN CSD

November Artist of the Month

Abby Thela

Submitted by BCS Communications

The November Berlin Middle/High School Artist of the Month is Abby Thela. Abby is a junior who has a unique, whimsical style, and takes to new material intuitively. Her artwork has confidence that is evident in her approach and craftsmanship. While Abby speaks softly, she advocates and champions for her peers. She is always smiling and kind. Congratulations Abby. – Ms. Colbert and Ms. DeCelle

STEPHENTOWN

Art Guild Mini Retreat

The Stephentown Art Guild's first writing mini retreat was a big success.

Save the date of **January 21** for our next workshop, with printmaker and bookbinder Michael Vincent Bushy. Details coming soon.

BERLIN CSD

After-School Tutoring

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Grafton Community Library, 2455 NY-2, is now offering free after-school tutoring to seventh through twelfth grade Mountaineers on **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm**. This is a first come, first served signup, with 15 slots available. Students will have the option to take the bus to the library, but must arrange for a ride home from the library. Students can sign up for the bus during their lunch. Students from all Berlin Central School District towns are welcomed.

For questions, please reach out to Mrs. Brownell at kbrownell@berlincentral.org.



Photo provided by BCS Communications. Artwork of Abby Thela; artist of the month.

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BRUNSWICK

Proposed Surgical Center Hits Septic Snag

By Doug La Rocque

It was the proverbial good news bad news night for Paulsen Development's plan to construct a two-story medical building, including a same day surgery center, at 112 McChesney Avenue. The Planning Board acknowledged receipt of letters of support from two adjoining property owners for septic easements. These easements, however, are not shown on the site plan, and Board Engineer Wayne Bonesteel indicated he would like an updated plot mapping out just where they are located. The other problem came when the developer asked the Planners to approve the project with the condition that required water and septic approvals be obtained before any construction would begin. Attorney Andy Gilchrist advised the Board against such action and the members agreed. It was then made clear to the applicant that these water and septic plans must first be submitted to Water and Sewer Department Supervisor Bill Bradley for his review and signature before any approval request could move forward.

Sagebrook Associates' request for three new building lots at 48 Spring Landing Boulevard was approved.

Zoning Changes

The Planners have finished their review of the proposed zoning law changes as they relate to two-family and multi-family structures as well as density concerns, and will send a letter to the Town Board stating they have no comments or objections and support the changes.

BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY

Kids Christmas Party

Please join us at the Brunswick Fire Company #1, 566 Hoosick St, Troy, on **Saturday, December 17, from 10 am to 1 pm**, for their annual kids Christmas Party. All children 10 years old and under are welcome with their families to visit Santa, receive a gift, and enjoy some refreshments. The fire department looks forward to this community event.



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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.

GRAFTON

Letters to Santa

Dear Children of Grafton,

Santa has asked that the Grafton Community Library work extra hard during this Christmas season to make sure all children in Grafton and surrounding towns who write to him get a personalized letter from Santa.

Sometimes, Santa and his elves can't respond because they get so busy building toys and gifts. This year, the jolly old elf himself has agreed to reply to each child in Grafton who sends him a letter.

Your letter must include the child's name, age, gender, and a valid return address. Be sure to drop them off at the Grafton Community Library or mail to PO Box H, Grafton, NY 12082, no later than Wednesday, December 21.

GRAFTON

Christmas Pajama Party

The Grafton Youth Program will have a Christmas Pajama Party on **Friday, December 23, from 6 to 8 pm**, at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall. Enjoy pizza, drinks, and gingerbread house making. To sign up, you must call or text Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988.

Troy Victorian Stroll



Participants from Joseph's House and Shelter taking part in the 40th Annual Troy Victorian Stroll at Monument Square on Sunday, December 4. They sold out of their holiday wreaths which benefitted the local organization. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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.

- Troy Fire Houses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6**
- Police Department Central Station**, 55 State Street
- City Hall**, 433 River Street, first floor lobby
- Public Works Garage**, 40 Orr Street
- Public Utilities/Water Plant**, 25 Water Plant Road
- Downtown Troy Post Office**, 400 Broadway
- Rensselaer County Office Building**, 1600 7th Avenue, rear entrance

For more information on the holiday lights recycling program, 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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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.

Holiday Centerpiece Class

Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm

Please bring 2 to 3 taper candles, at least 12" high, or a 2" wide single column, and any decorations you would like to use. The cost is \$20.

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

SAND LAKE

Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner

The Sand 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 take-out. Pre-order starting at 2 pm the day of the event by calling 518-202-6876. All proceeds support Kiwanis community projects.

TROY

Ready, Set, Glow

Troy Glow, a temporary public art light festival in downtown Troy, will run **nightly through January 9**.

Troy Glow features six beautiful outdoor installations of light-based art created by regional artists. In addition, eight partner organizations created their own unique light displays, for a total of 14 Troy Glow sites in a walkable route through historic downtown Troy.

Troy Glow was created to give downtown Troy a glow up during the holiday season, which is also the time of year when there is the least amount of daylight. Visitors, shoppers, and diners can enjoy all the city has to offer, and experience a unique contemporary art light festival.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Storytime with Ms. Erin

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

Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, November 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, and 6:45 to 7:45 pm

This program will offer two sessions. Registration is required.

Make Your Own Book Love Ornament

Thursday, December 15, at 6 pm

Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21, from 5 to 6 pm, and 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Winter Bingo

Wednesday, December 28, at 3 pm

This program will offer two sessions. Registration is required.

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.

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Knitting Circle

Thursdays at 1 pm

Bring your own project.

Bridge Club

Mondays at 1 pm

Must have knowledge of the game to join.

Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Geared toward ages 5 and under, but all are welcome.

Homemade Cards

Tuesday, December 13, at 4 pm

For tweens and adults.

For more information, visit www.brunswicklibrary.org.

GRAFTON 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.

BRUNSWICK

Keyes Scholarship

Submitted by Sheryl Burke

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142, will award \$500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2023. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for the award.

Interested students must apply no later than March 1, 2023. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website, www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com-pany.

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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.

HOOSICK FALLS

HACA Holiday Basket Drive

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 Food Pantry and the Regional Food Bank. Feeding America reports that one in six children face hunger issues each day in New York State. Your willingness to help these vulnerable kids is more critical than ever. While demand is up over 30 percent, donations are down by roughly the same percent. If you'd like to donate, or find out more information, please visit hoosickhaca.org.

HOOSICK FALLS

Second Saturday Special Event

Saturday, December 10, Hoosick Rising has organized the first Second Saturday in Hoosick Falls.

The theme is It's a Wonderful Life, but instead of Bedford Falls, this year Christmas is happening in Hoosick Falls.

The day will feature Sax o' Santa—yes, that's a Santa with a saxophone—and other activities to help make the Village extra joyous. Second Saturday festivities encourages shoppers here and in nearby communities to shop local in Hoosick Falls this Christmas. We welcome folks to explore our shops, stores, galleries, restaurants, and enjoy a day of shopping without the stress of going to the malls.

Some of our shops are offering free refreshments, some special one-day discounts, or other special promotions. Many shops will stay open until at least 6 pm so everyone who wants to will have the opportunity to explore holly-jolly Hoosick Falls this season.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are *December 16 and January 6*. Dances cost \$3, take place from 7 to 9 pm, and are open to students ages 9 to 14 who attend Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS, or Hoosick Falls School districts. A parent or guardian must sign students out after the dance.

SALEM

Woman's Club Holiday Meeting

The Salem Area Woman's Club will hold its holiday meeting on *Wednesday, December 14, at 1 pm*, at the Presbyterian (White) Church. A social time with refreshments provided by Chair Anna Dickson, along with members Pat Gilchrist, Andi Mungas, and Julie Sweeney will begin the afternoon, followed by the business meeting. Iris Rogers will present a musical holiday program. This is the last meeting of 2022; meetings will resume on February 8.

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.

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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 clerk@hfvillage.org.



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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

November Students of the Month

Submitted by Hoosick Falls CSD

Here are the Hoosick Falls Middle School November students of the month:



Fifth Grade

- Raymond Moore - not pictured
- Kate Sparks
- Navaeh LaBonte - not pictured
- Payton Young - not pictured
- Marcus Morey
- Ben Jones - not pictured

Sixth Grade

- Lily Foster
- Oliver Hickey
- Khloe Wasielewski
- Alvin Williams
- Grant Glover - Art
- James Friel - Band

Seventh Grade

- Olivia Scott
- Grady Rowlands
- Carmen Gates
- Serenity Beishline - Art
- Dominick Bushner - Technology

Eighth Grade

- Memphis Hathaway
- Evan Atherton - Technology
- Danica Dame - Art

Photo courtesy of Hoosick Falls CSD. For more information, visit www.hoosickareacpwg.org.

BENNINGTON

County Choral Society Concert

The Bennington County Choral Society concert, Hope and Light, takes place **Sunday, December 11, at 3 pm**, at the Mount Anthony Union High School auditorium. The program includes choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the 21st century, and includes pieces by Dolly Parton, Gabrielli, Runstad, and Forrest. The featured piece is "Sunrise Mass" by Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and are available from singers, or online at www.benningtoncountychoralsociety.org.

HOOSICK FALLS

CPWG Meeting

The next public meeting of the Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) will be held **Tuesday, December 20, from 6 to 8 pm**, at the Hoosick Falls High School cafeteria, 21187 NY 22.

In addition to the bi-monthly public meetings, the CPWG is working continuously throughout the year to keep the Hoosick area community well-informed.

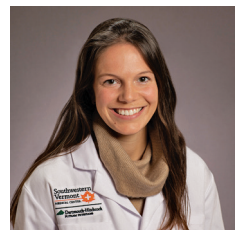
You can join the CPWG Listserv by sending an email to hoosickfallscpwg@paigegroup.com. Please include your full name (first and last) and email address.

SVMC News

Submitted by SVMC

Grace Hallenbeck Joins Pownal Campus and Cardiology

SVMC is pleased to welcome Grace Hallenbeck, DNP, FNP, a family nurse practitioner, to the SVMC Pownal Campus, SVMC Cardiology, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians. Hallenbeck will divide time between the Cardiology practice and the Pownal practice.



Grace Hallenbeck, DNP, FNP. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

Hallenbeck completed her undergraduate studies at the University of New Hampshire and her graduate studies at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in Maryland. She has worked as a nurse in the SVMC Emergency Department since 2019 and previously in the Pediatric Emergency Department and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Physician Aims for the Olympics

Ivette Guttman, MD, a sports medicine physician with SVMC Orthopedics, has a dream to make it to the Olympic games as a volunteer physician.

As a first step, Dr. Guttman will serve as a lead physician at the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games in January. The 11-day winter multisport and educational festival will bring more than 2,500 athletes and delegates from 600 universities and 50-plus nations to compete in 12 sports and 86 medal events. She will then go on to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. After this training, she may be chosen to serve as a team physician during an upcoming Olympic Games.



Ivette Guttman, MD, who is aiming to be a physician at the upcoming Olympic Games. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

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New Lebanon

A Message From Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Deputy Town Supervisor, community ally, and wonderful friend, **Charles "Doug" Banker**. There will be a celebration of his life at Zucchini's restaurant in Pittsfield on Sunday, December 18, at noon. Donations can be made in his honor to the Cemetery of the Evergreens, where he served as a volunteer for many years. You can also take a moment to share a memory to be included in his keepsake book. All of the information about his celebration of life, how to make a donation, and how to share a memory can be found by visiting memorials.parkerbrosmemorial.com/book-of-memories/5086626/Banker-Charles/.

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. Photo courtesy of the Town of New Lebanon.



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.

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: <https://account.venmo.com/u/ICCH Heating>
- Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/charliespantryheat>
- 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.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

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

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.

Open Swim Canceled ... The open swim on Tuesday, December 13 has been canceled due to the New Lebanon High School Winter Concert.

Holiday Gift Drive

Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling is organizing 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.

Wish list items include:

- 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.

Water Aerobics

A water aerobics class will be held **Mondays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm** at Shatford Pool, at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. The instructor is Joe Ogilvie. The class is sponsored by NL Community Education.

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Rensselaer County News

Healthcare Enrollment

Submitted by NY State of Health

NY State of Health, the State's official health plan marketplace, is working with food pantries for the sixth consecutive holiday season to help consumers access high-quality, affordable health insurance for the upcoming year. Certified enrollment specialists will be available at food pantries across the State to provide consumers with assistance. Consumers must enroll by December 15, for health coverage starting January 1.

Many New Yorkers visiting food pantries may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance coverage. In addition to onsite assistance, NY State of Health educational materials in English and Spanish will be included with thousands of charitable Thanksgiving and holiday dinner baskets distributed to food pantry recipients.

More than 2.9 million New Yorkers continue to rely on the federal Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) available through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). NY State of Health continues its partnership with OTDA to share SNAP information with people who renew their coverage through the Marketplace referral program which has helped more than 400,000 people access hunger relief since its 2019 launch.

Enrollment is open all year for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan. All health plans offered through NY State of Health cover preventive care, such as routine doctor visits and screenings, at no additional cost.

Consumers can get more information or apply for coverage at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, or by phone at 1-855-355-5777.

Sheriffs' No Shave November Continues

By Amy Modesti

From November 1 through February 1, at 7 am, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) employees can grow beards, mustaches, and goatees to help raise money for START Children's Center Inc. and the Rensselaer County Department for Youth (RCDY).

On Friday, December 2, Sheriff Patrick Russo, Undersheriff P.J. Higgitt, several members of the Sheriff's Department, and Santa Claus presented RCDY's Youth Service Worker Debbie Flemming and Deputy Commissioner Pierce Hoyt with a check for \$6,100. RCDY funds programs and services for local youth through programs such as Summer Food, Community Backpack, Coats for Kids, holiday raffle basket, and more.



Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.

The RCSD will soon present a second check benefiting START Children's Center, Inc. This program aims to reduce child abuse and support non-offend-

Operation Holiday Cheer Adopt a Senior

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Office for the Aging

The Rensselaer County Department for the Aging is once again kindly asking for assistance in granting wishes to seniors this holiday season. Below are the available wish tags, with the gender of the recipient. To claim a tag, please call Lisa Overocker at 518-270-

2724 or email loverocker@resnco.com.

All gifts are due to the Department of the Aging by Thursday, December 15. Please wrap and label your gift with the appropriate tag number. Thank you for helping to make a brighter Christmas for our Seniors.

Current Available Tag Numbers

- 14: Male - Size 11w easy on slippers, 100 piece or less puzzle, micro touch razor.
- 15: Female - Size 9 slippers, s/m size pajamas, gift card or coupons to Stewart's.
- 16: Male - Gift card or coupons to Stewart's, Welch's fruit snacks, Little Debbie snacks, Grandma's chocolate chip cookies.
- 17: Male - Size 11 slippers, size 11 socks, size M pajamas.
- 18: Male - Blanket, flashlight, and size 8 slippers.
- 19: Female - Size 7/8 slippers, blanket, flashlight.
- 20: Male - Size 9 1/2w slippers, flashlight, canned soup/veggies.
- 21: Female - Size 9-11 socks, size 4x pajamas, size 4/5x sweater.
- 23: Male - 2 pairs size M pajamas.
- 24: Female - Flashlight, heavy duty shower curtain liner with magnets.
- 25: Female - Hand/body lotion, wet canned cat food, canned soup/veggies.
- 26: Female - Blanket, size 2x pajamas, kitchen towels.
- 27: Female - New York Times crossword puzzle book.
- 28: Female - Size 7 slippers, size 7 socks, size 12 petite pajamas.
- 31: Female - Size 3x sweater, kitchen towels.
- 32: Female - Size 9 slippers, blanket, nail polish.
- 34: Male - Size 10w slippers, blanket, chocolate.
- 35: Male - Size 9-11 socks, pens/stationery, coupons for milk/eggs or Stewart's Gift card.
- 36: Female - Size 2x pajamas, blanket, flashlight.
- 38: Female - Jigsaw puzzle, canned veggies/soup, coupons for milk/eggs or Stewart's gift card.
- 39: Female - Flashlight, candy.
- 40: Female - Size 3x sweater, size 3x pajamas, coupons for milk/eggs or Stewart's gift card.
- 41: Male - Size 9-11 socks, flashlight, size 34-36 pajamas.
- 43: Male - Size 14w Slippers size 14w, socks 14w, pens/stationery.
- 44: Female - Flashlight, pens/stationery, kitchen towels.
- 45: Male - Size 10 1/2, size M pajamas, soap/body wash.
- 46: Female - Size M sweatshirt, socks, kitchen towels
- 47: Female - Size 8 slippers, size M socks, size M pajamas.
- 48: Male - Size 9 slippers, cat food, dog food.
- 51: Female - Blanket, kitchen towels, candy, dark chocolate
- 52: Male - Blanket, L/XL pajamas, small cooking pot
- 53: Female - Kitchen towels, cat food, coupons for milk/eggs or Stewart's gift card.
- 56: Female - Canned veggies and soup.
- 57: Male - Two 300 piece or more, large piece jigsaw puzzles.
- 58: Female - Kitchen towels, size xl sweater, size 9-11 socks.
- 59: Female - Size 7 slippers, weighted blanket, size 16 pajamas.
- 60: Female - Canned veggies and soup, boxes of pasta, coupons for milk/eggs, or Stewart's gift card.
- 61: Male - Size 13 slippers, size 3x sweater, size 3x pajamas, large gloves.

Please note that the tags listed were available at the time of printing, and may not reflect the current tags available. Please use the number and email address listed above for an up-to-date tag list.

Stewart's Holiday Match Over \$706,000 Raised, and Counting

Submitted by Stewart's Shops

The Stewart's Holiday Match Program is off to a strong start. Customer donations have reached over \$353,870 through Monday, December 5. That's over \$706,000 with the Stewart's match so far, and there's nearly three weeks left to collect. The program has no administrative fees and donates 100% of donations received to charities in their market areas. Each week, a different Holiday Match recipient is highlighted. This week, it's the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area.

Holiday Match funds are collected from Thanksgiving to Christmas Day in each of the 353 shops. Local children's organizations are encouraged to apply for funding at stewartsshops.com. The deadline for submission is January 31.

ing family members in a child/family-friendly environment that enhances the investigation, prosecution, and long-term treatment processes.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

All Star Banquet

Submitted by BCS Communications

On Sunday, December 4, at the Marriott in Albany, Section 2 hosted this year's Girls' Soccer All Star Banquet. There were more than 550 players, family members, and coaches in attendance. BNL Girls' Varsity Soccer co-coaches Karen Day (left) and Aaron Kanofsky (right) attended with Haylee Jones (middle) and her parents. Haylee is a member of the Wasaren League All Star second team. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.



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 dykenpond@gmail.com 24 hours in advance. Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center. Please visit www.dykenpond.org for a complete schedule of our events and information. Programs are free unless otherwise stated.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Luminary Walk

Friday, December 9, from 5 to 8:30 pm
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 in-between. 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.

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 www.register-ed.com/events/view/188092.

More Outdoor Activities on page 13

BERLIN/NEW LEBANON

Live Stream Information

Submitted by BCS Communications

Berlin/New Lebanon will once again be live streaming home games this season. Below is a list of links where games can be found:

Berlin Middle/High Gym

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4gev3MT4d2AfRiaqm84Fw>

New Lebanon Jr/Sr Gym

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfR6liAdQLmMVzu4TffHJUw>

Home Swim Meet Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/NewLebanonCentralSchoolDistrict>

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Bistro 42	13.5 – 1.5
Mag-Way	11 – 4
Lebowski Rug Co.	11 – 4
Gallup Inn	10 – 5
Lou's Plumbing	9 – 6
Wack'em & Stack'em	6 – 9
Chico's Bail Bonds	6 – 9
The Jabronis	5 – 10
Farmers Tires	2 – 13
Boner's	1.5 – 13.5

High Scores

Josh Magisano	269 268 805
Devin Prendergast	266 235 732
Matt Brownell	288 228 725
Ryan Shumway	277 215 703
William Nash	252 243 698
Mitch Andrew	248 236 698
Mike Weeden	256 237 681
Brad Colvin	248 246 680
Todd Stradinger	248 230 671
Brandon McCart	234 226 656

Team Standings

Walloomsac Metal Rec	42 – 18
Dave Clark Excavating	38 – 22
Hunting' Time	38 – 22
Stevens and Son Tent	36 – 24
Modern Game Pro Shop	32 – 28
Team Taconic	27 – 33
Piece on Earth	26 – 34
Lo-Ridge Farm	23 – 37
RGI Insurance	19 – 41
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	19 – 41

High Game

Preston Oakes	278
Max Taylor Jr.	278
Richard Bentley	268
Scott Reinhart	266
Timothy McCart	265
Joshua Sweet	261
Dave Clark	258
Edward Legg Jr.	257
Bruce Weeden	256
Ryan Bedford	248

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Submitted by James Lynch

On Tuesday, November 29, Hoosick Falls bowling won 5-0 over Mechanicville. The Panthers finished with a total of 3212 pins to 1957.

Hoosick Falls High Scores

Memphis Hathaway 247-640
Bradley Senecal 235-606
Payton Merrills 224-600

On Thursday, December 1, Hoosick Falls bowling won 5-0 over Saratoga Catholic. The Panthers finished with a total of 3346 pins to 2198.

Hoosick Falls High Scores

Payton Merrills 234-657
Ryan Maxon 242-644
Bradley Senecal 205-565



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will hold its Year-End Meeting on Monday, December 26, 2022 at 6:30PM. The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082. The purpose of this meeting is to process the final bills for 2022.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

Public Notice Town of Grafton Holiday Office Closings

All Town Offices will be closed Saturday, December 24 through Sunday, December 25, 2022 and the Grafton Town Court will be closed Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

The Grafton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:50pm at the Grafton Town Hall located at 2379 NY2 in the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer and State of New York to consider the following:

6:50pm: Phil & Mary McNaughton - Sub divide one lot on the easterly side of Edelman Lane.

Tom Withcuskey
Planning Board Chairman

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

Please take notice that "Settlement Night" will be held on December 29th, 2022 at 7:00pm, at the Berlin Fire Hall, 11 Community Avenue, Berlin NY, by the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners to settle all claims.

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

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: Grafton Town Clerk, PO Box G – Grafton NY 12082, email @ graftontownclerk@albany.twcbc.com.

Victoria Burdick
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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 # 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 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

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS–SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF RENSSELAER – REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff, -against- CATHERINE LUKE A/K/A CATHERINE LAPORTE LUKE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PAUL PABLO A. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MARIA PAZ ESTES, AS HEIR DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PACO H. LAPORTE A/K/A FRANK PACO H. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MICHAEL T. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, 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 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 Falls, 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.

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

Legal Notice MEETING NOTICE

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold a Reconciliation Meeting for the year of 2022 on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 7:00PM located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

Legal Notice MEETING NOTICE

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold an Organizational Meeting for the year of 2023 on Monday, January 2, 2023 at 7:00PM located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

Legal Notice Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer State of New York NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2023 for cleaning of the Town Hall located on Grange Hall Road, this position requires 4.5 hours of cleaning and garbage removal each week. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

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.

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, RENSSELAER, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 1st, 2023 and ending December 31st, 2027.

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 Petersburg, 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 of 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer State of New York NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2023 for MATERIALS TO COMPLETE ROAD WORK AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS. BID specs and non-collusion form can be picked up from the Town Clerk's Office on or after November 28th, 2022. Sealed bids are due to the Town Clerk's Office no later than December 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE:

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County has adopted the Town Budget for 2023 on Monday, November 14, 2022, if anyone would like to obtain a certified copy, you can do so at the Town Clerk's office located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY on the proposed amendment to Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014, which is known as the Amended Land Use Regulations of the Town of Stephentown, which seeks to amend same and reclassify the district that the property identified as tax map ID number 174.-1-35, located at West Road in the Town of Stephentown, New York and per the Town's assessment records owned by Reginald and Margaret Carr from its present EF Extraction-and Fill district to an RU Rural Use district, a copy of which may be obtained from the Town Clerk and on the Town's website. Any and all persons desiring to comment will be heard.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

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.

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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer State of New York

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting resumes and letters of interest for 2023 for the following appointed positions which are to expire on December 31st, 2022. The following available appointed positions for 2023 are:

CLERK TO ASSESSOR	\$9,572.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	\$18,993.00
CONSTABLE	\$5,849.00
COURT CLERK	\$11,040.00
DEPUTY CODE ENFOR. OFFICER	\$1,911.00
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	\$1,625.00
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK (up to \$5,700.00)	\$17.00/hr
DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER	\$1,911.00
DOG CONTROL OFFICER	\$5,849.00
PLANNING BOARD CLERK	(up to \$1,500)
Hourly rate to be determined at the Organizational meeting	
REGISTRAR	\$1,172.00
SUPERVISOR BOOKKEEPER	\$20,000.00
ZONING BOARD APPEALS CLERK	(up to \$1,500)
Hourly rate to be determined at the Organizational meeting	
ZONING OFFICER	\$7,462.00
TRANSFER STATION SENIOR ATTENDANT	\$16.01/hr
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	\$15.53/hr
2 TRANSFER STATION SUBSTITUTE(s)	\$12.50/hr
HWY EMPLOYEE_FT-VACANT	Per-Union Contract
HWY EMPLOYEE_PT-VACANT	Per-Union Contract

1 Zoning Board of Appeal Member Position:

5 Year term to expire on December 31st, 2024

1 Planning Board Member Position:

5 Year Term to expire on December 31st, 2024

Youth Commission Program Director & Assistant Director – Duties have been contracted out to the Library.

For information regarding salaries and job duties please contact the Town Clerk. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Letters can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

SOLISCENCE LLC. Filed 8/1/22. Office: RENSSELAER 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.

BRICK HOUSE QUILT WORKS, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 18, 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 BRICK HOUSE QUILT WORKS, LLC, 1722 Plank Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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, Petersburg, NY 12138. The company is organized for any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF BRUNSWICK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Rhonda Parker for an area variance in connection with the construction of an accessory structure on property located at 836 Tamarac Road. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: December 7, 2022
Brunswick, New York

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF BRUNSWICK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by AJ Signs for a sign variance for property located at 664 Hoosick Road. The application pertains to the Wendy's fast-food restaurant to be constructed at that location. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: December 7, 2022
Brunswick, New York

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

Sand Lake Merchant LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/22. Off. loc: Rensselaer Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Meier Law Firm, PLLC, 10 Utica Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

27 NORTH MAIN STREET, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 18, 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 27 NORTH MAIN STREET, LLC, 1722 Plank Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

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.

Quality Consulting Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/22. 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, 20 Stacey Way, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

This is a friendly reminder that all news, advertising and legal notice submissions to The Eastwick Press must be received by 2 pm Tuesday for consideration in that week's paper. Send news to news@eastwickpress.com and ads to ads@eastwickpress.com.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Mindful Walk

Saturday, December 10, from 10 am to 12:30 pm

With Kripalu-certified mindful outdoor guide Molly Freiberg at the Albert Family Community Forest, 120 Hayes Rd, East Nassau. During this walk, we will be sauntering slowly on gently rolling forested trails. There is a \$10 suggested donation, though any amount is welcome. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited, so register early. For ages 12 and over.

RPA Speaker Series

Thursday, December 15, at 7 pm, via Zoom

Follow the Forest: Creating a Connected Corridor, with Paul Mailhot-Singer of the Housatonic Valley Association. Pre-registration is required. There is a suggested donation of \$5, though any amount is welcome.

To learn more, or to register for an event, visit www.rens-selaerplateau.org.

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 **Tuesday, January 10, at noon**, via Zoom. A Tutor Training Workshop will begin on **January 21**. Contact mhellerlvorc@aol.com, or call 518 244-4650 to receive a link. For more info, visit <https://www.lvorc.org>.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Village of East Nassau

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of East Nassau has introduced and proposed for adoption Local Law No. 1 of 2022, which provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code in the Village of East Nassau. Due to recent changes to the Codes, municipalities are required to update their local laws. If adopted this Local Law will repeal and replace Local Law No. 5 of 2006 of the Village of East Nassau which is currently the authority for local Code administration and enforcement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 on December 14, 2022, at 6:45 pm at the at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building, located at 19 Town Garage Road, in Hoags Corners, Village of East Nassau, at which time and place all those wishing to comment on the proposed Local Law will have an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will also be accepted at that time and place. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review on the Village website, villageofeastnassau.org.

By Resolution of the Village Board
Village of East Nassau
Diane Maguire, Village Clerk

Community Newspaper

We love community involvement here at *The Eastwick Press*. Please send in your events, your stories, or anything else you want to share with the community. We look forward to amplifying your voice. Please email us: news@eastwickpress.com.

Board Meetings

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

Monday, December 19

Stephentown Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Tuesday, December 20

Berlin CSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:15 pm, Middle/High School Cafeteria

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Community Calendar

December 9, Friday

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

December 10, Saturday

Second Saturday Special Event, all day until 6 pm, Hoosick Falls, theme: It's a Wonderful Life, free refreshments, one-day shop discounts, Sax o' Santa

Winter Craft Fair, 9 am – 3 pm, WBH Elementary School gym, New Lebanon, vendors & auction donations needed, contact Julie Banker at vettecmmomjr@gmail.com or Beth Lagrange at BethLagrange17@gmail.com

Mindful Walk, 10 am – 12:30 pm, ages 12+, \$10 suggested donation, Albert Family Community Forest, 120 Hayes Rd, E Nassau, pre-registration required: rensselaerplateau.org

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

Under the Christmas Tree: Toys and Games of Long Ago, 3 pm, Hoosick Township Historical Society monthly Jr. Historian program, preregistration required by 12/9: 518-686-4682

Holiday Cookie Contest & Yankee Doodle Band, 4 – 6 pm, free, Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd, Grafton, bring 12 homemade cookies to win a prize, sample cookies, listen to Yankee Doodle Band play holiday music

4-H Winter Fair, 4 – 6 pm, free with canned good donation, Salem United Methodist Church, 349 Shaver Rd, W Sand Lake, hosted by Green Earthlings 4-H Club, RSVP to Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu or leave message for Kandis at 518-720-0354

December 11, Sunday

Yule Log Celebration, 1 – 3 pm, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, Cropseyville, search for hidden yule log, crafts, light refreshments by fire, pre-registration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com, dykenpond.org for info

Community Choral Society Christmas Concert: Joy to the World, 3 pm, Jabob's Well Fellowship

Center, 29 W Main St, Cambridge, reception, baked goods for purchase/goodwill offering to benefit society, info: Beverly Collamer at 518-677-3327 or Jill Chadwick at 518-677-7070

Bennington County Choral Society Concert, 3 pm, \$20 advance, \$25 at door, Mount Anthony Union HS auditorium, Renaissance to 21st century, info/tickets: benningtoncountychoralsociety.org

December 12, Monday

The Muppet Christmas Carol movie screening, 7 pm, free, The Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, info/tickets: palacealbany.org

December 16, Friday

4-H Winter Fair, 6 – 8 pm, free, Brittonkill/Tamarac Elementary School Cafeteria, hosted by Clover Kids and Critters 4-H Club, pizza for \$1 per slice, pre-ordered, RSVP to Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu or leave message for Kandis at 518-720-0354

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

December 17, Saturday

Catholic Charities CC Move Food Giveaway, 9:30 am, Lansingburgh Boys and girls Club, 501 4th Ave, Troy, volunteers start at 8:15 am

Last week's crossword solution:

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Crossword Theme: Year-In-Review

ACROSS

- Use a bayonet
- *Late Saget
- Greek salad staple
- Meal in a shell
- Lowest brass
- Like daytime energy
- *2022
- Van Gogh's famous flower
- Poodle minus d
- *Late Queen
- Volcano off Sicily coast
- Leaves out
- Elf's distinctive body part
- *Olympic host
- *Russia's target
- Black sheep sound
- Treat badly
- Reason for Thanksgiving
- Carl Jung's inner self
- "But I heard him exclaim '___ he drove out of sight, 'Merry Christmas..."

DOWN

- Eyelid affliction
- Asian weight unit
- Smoothie bowl flavor
- Russian hunting sighthound
- Chemistry lab measuring device
- Parting words
- New Year's Eve get-together, e.g.
- Running competition
- *Twitter's new proprietor
- Western Samoan money
- "___ you ready?"
- Relating to shinbone
- Asparagus unit
- Amnion, pl.
- Barely obtain
- Erie or Suez
- Port-au-Prince country
- Like something vintage, usually
- About to explode
- Olfactory organs
- Athos' or Porthos' weapon
- Throw up
- Lecherous look
- Funereal container
- *Tom Cruise's callsign
- "___ - ___ -la"
- Type of Christmas lights
- All together
- T-shirt style
- Small bomb
- Rabbit trap
- 1970s big dos
- "Musical" constellation
- Dollar bills
- 7-year affliction
- International Civil Aviation Org.
- Electrical resistance units
- Egg holder
- 100 lbs.

Mindful Nature Walk, 10 am – noon, \$10 suggested donation, Dyken Pond, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com, dykenpond.org

Annual Kids Christmas Party, 10 am – 1 pm, free, ages 10 & under & families, Brunswick Fire Company #1, 566 Hoosick St, Troy, visit Santa, get a gift, refreshments

Wreaths Across America, noon, Liberty Memorial Park, Maple Grove Cemetery, remember, honor, learn about veterans

How Animals Prepare for Winter, 1 – 2:30 pm, \$3, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, Cropseyville, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com, dykenpond.org for info

Winter Dance Showcase, 2 pm, \$5 13+adults, 12 & under free, Hubbard Hall Upstairs, 25 E Main St, Cambridge, ballet, tap, jazz, & hip hop

Petersburgh Annual Christmas Party, 5 – 8 pm, PVMCC, 71 Main St, meet Santa, food, movie, music, crafts, 518-658-3777 or PetersburghParksandRec@gmail.com to sign kids up

December 19, Monday

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation movie screening, 7 pm, free, The Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, info/tickets: palacealbany.org

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Senior News

Grafton Merrymakers

Our Christmas Party was a huge success. We wish to thank Guiseppe's Restaurant for preparing delicious dinners, club president Cathy Goyer for organizing the event, and a special thank you goes out to Tom Withcuskey for paying for all the meals when he stopped in to wish us a Merry Christmas. We'd also like to thank our guitar/vocalist, Colin Smith.

It was a great year; we look forward to seeing everyone at our April 2023 meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

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 lebanonseniorecitizens@gmail.com.

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.

December 13 Jillian with CCE will do the monthly Eat Smart Demonstration. Plan to stay for our Special Luncheon at noon with music by Gone Gray. Also on that day, Rachel will be giving haircuts/manis/pedis by appointment only. Call now for an appointment time. December 15 will be our Christmas turkey dinner with all the fixings, followed by fun, games, and ice cream floats. December 22, following lunch, we will have a Christmas Carol sing-a-long with some games and activities.

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 congregational 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. Monday card group 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 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 at 12:45 pm. The Center offers grab-n-go 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.

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
12/9: Macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, California blend veggies, pudding cup, + sandwich bag
12/12: Salisbury steak w/French onion gravy, parmesan mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, white bread, yogurt
12/13: Ravioli w/Alfredo sauce, cut green beans w/almond slices, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit
12/14: Chicken breast w/mushroom marsala gravy, red potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, fruit cup



The Grafton Merrymakers at their recent Christmas Party at Guiseppe's Restaurant. Photo provided.

Church News

Grafton Baptist Church

We offer a free breakfast every Thursday from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome.

Petersburgh Baptist Church

On December 18, at 6 pm, the Petersburgh 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 scarves to Brittonkill Schools for those in need.

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.

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.

A 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 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, Stepentown 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.

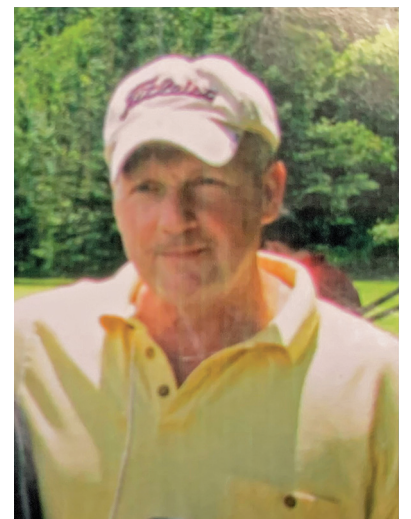
Obituary

Michael J. Driscoll

On Monday, November 7, Michael J. Driscoll died in a motorcycle accident in Hoosick Falls, NY. Mike was a resident of Jackson, NY for over 25 years. He was born on July 21, 1958 in Troy, NY. He was the son of Fredrick Driscoll and Ramona Bornt. He was a graduate of Hoosick Falls Central High School in 1977. During his high school years he enjoyed playing football and wrestling. His football number 33 has been passed down to his nephew Joshua Driscoll and today worn by his great nephew Porter Driscoll.

He is survived by his daughter Billie Jo and her husband David Remillard of NH; two grandchildren, Alletta and Owen; brother Fred Driscoll of Veneto, Italy; twin brother Mark Driscoll of Manchester, VT; sister Lori Wyman of Hoosick Falls, NY; a brother and sister in law; 8 nieces and nephews; many great nieces and nephews; his uncle George; and Teresa Driscoll. He was previously deceased by his parents, and brother Rick.

Mike loved golf, and his best friends were his many cats. A casual gathering will be held to remember Mike at the Eagles Club in Hoosick Falls, NY, on December 10 from 1 to 4 pm.



Rock Moss



Ciliate Hoarmoss (Hedwigia ciliata) is a native moss that grows on rock. Most mosses look different when wet or dry. The moss here is wet showing outward leaves. When dry, the moss looks more like clusters of gray stiff worms. Photo taken in the Petersburg forest by Trix Niernberger.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

Geo P. Works a Stone Quarry

Friday April 15, 1853: John F. went to drawing the school house in Harvy Patching's district with one yoke of his oxen. I beat to pieces manure in the meadow a spell. Tonight Geo P. returned home from Canaan with a load of fruit trees.
 Saturday: I sold John Merrils 18 pounds beef for one dollar and 12½ cts and a big dead apple tree for wood 37½ cts, to be paid in work.
 Saturday: Towards night John F. had a shoes set to Hancock. Geo P. went with him and went to his stone quarry on Elder Sweet's land where his hired Vermonter had been to work or began to work on Thursday the 21st of the month. This evening I walked up to Geo P.'s his wife's father and mother were there on a visit.

Sunday: John F. and his two sisters went to the Chapel to hear Elder Haven preach his farewell sermon.
 Monday: Some rainy. Today Patrick worked for Geo P. in his stone quarry up to Elder Sweet's.
 Tuesday: Today John F. worked for Geo P. in his quarry. I measured up 25 bushels turnips for John F. to the church family Shakers and took pay for 45 bushels at 25 cts per, 20 bushels John F. had measured up to them before.
 Friday: This morning John F. carried Anthony McConnell to Hancock on his way home to Vermont, he paid John F. twenty five cts. I beat and spread manure in the meadow, tonight we had two litter pigs and today I helped a spell get off the leach for soap.

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