

Stefanik to Open Flagship District Office in Rensselaer County

Submitted by the Office of County Executive Steve McLaughlin

The new Rensselaer County offices at 99 Troy Road in East Greenbush will also include the flagship office for Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.

The offices for Congresswoman Stefanik are the first congressional offices to be opened in Rensselaer County in recent memory. Former Congressman Jerry Solomon maintained offices in East Greenbush in the 1980s and former Congressman Michael McNulty operated an office in downtown Troy two decades ago.

Through the 2022 congressional redistricting, Congresswoman Stefanik became representative of most of Rensselaer County. She represents 14 out of the 16 municipalities in the County, with the exception of Troy and Rensselaer, along with half of North Greenbush.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik stated, "My office is known for delivering

exceptional constituent services and we look forward to serving the people of Rensselaer County in New York's 21st Congressional District."

The lease agreement between Rensselaer County and Congress for the offices for Congresswoman Stefanik will be considered at a future meeting of the County Legislature.

The County moved into 99 Troy Road in mid-December as part of the Reimagine Rensselaer County Facilities. The Reimagine plan moves a number of County offices that were located in the County Office Building to 99 Troy Road. Other County offices located elsewhere in downtown Troy, including the Department of Social Services and Probation Department, will be moved to the current County Office Building in Troy.

Congresswoman Stefanik's offices are expected to be open in early February.



The new Rensselaer County office building at 99 Troy Road in East Greenbush. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Sheriff's Department Swears In New Deputies
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BRUNSWICK

Aldi Opening Date Targeted



The Aldi store as it looks today, with an anticipated end of February opening. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

By Doug La Rocque

It was more than five years ago the Brunswick Planning Board approved the Aldi store on property next to Planet Fitness on Hoosick Road. The project ran into a snag when the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) refused to place a traffic light at the intersection of Hoosick Road and Lord Avenue. That signal was a demand by Aldi, who refused to spend a dime on construction without it. So there the project sat with neither side willing to budge. The time frame on the Planning Board's approval ran out, and the project was dead in the water, or so it seemed.

Fast forward to 2020 and developer David Leon came back before the planners with a new proposal for Aldi, a Wendy's restaurant and Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet. An Aroma Joe's Coffee drive through was later added **Continued on page 4**

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Chimney Fire



On the evening of Tuesday, January 10, at approximately 6:35 pm, the Petersburg and Grafton fire departments, along with emergency services, responded to a chimney fire at 26 Wose Rd. in Petersburg. No injuries were reported, and firefighters had the situation under control quickly. Photo provided.

STEPHENTOWN

Art Guild Workshop

On Sunday, January 22, from 10 am to 1 pm, the Stephentown Art Guild will host Book Bound: A Journal Making Workshop, with Michael Vincent Bushy. Bushy, a Pittsfield-based artisan and educator who specializes in bookbinding, printmaking, and leather work, will teach participants how to craft their own journals, to keep or give as gifts. The workshop, which is appropriate for ages 14 and up, will be held at the Stephentown Town Hall on Grange Hall Rd. Materials will be provided for the class, which costs \$55 per person. Registration is required by January 14.

You can register by visiting <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e1FAIpQLSf49IzB2REccFHO65droLM2UzLhwHYiatgApZDIF5Vief21-w/viewform>.

PVMCC

Toss the Feathers

Saturday, January 21, Doors at 6:30 pm

Toss the Feathers performs a lively mix of traditional Irish music and songs, as well as a historical program, 'Musical Postcards from Irish Albany and Troy' that uses stories, songs, and tunes to recount some of the remarkable history of the Irish people who settled in the Upper Hudson Valley. This is the band's first time at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC). Admission is \$5, and free for minors. This is also our community potluck night, though you aren't required to bring a dish. Bring cash for the raffle and refreshments. Those 21 and over can BYOB.



Toss the Feathers. Photo courtesy of the PVMCC.

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Schedule Change

Due to an important DEC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, the previously announced **Book Club** meeting for that evening will be held at 6 pm on **Wednesday, January 25**. The book to be discussed is *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson. February's book is *A Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor, set for **Wednesday, February 15, at 6 pm**.

We will be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Storytime

Tuesday, January 17, at 10:30 am

Creative Writing

Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 pm

Knitters and Stitchers

Wednesday afternoons

BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

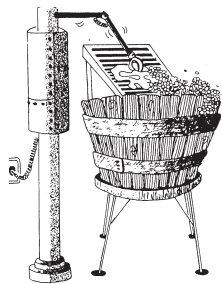
Student Council Food Drive

Submitted by BCS Communications



Before the holiday recess, the Berlin Middle and High School Student Councils held a food drive. The BMHS Mountaineers in grades six through twelve collected a total of 660 non-perishable food items. Grades six and eight were tied until the last day when eighth grade brought their final numbers to 240. Grade six came close with 219 items. Thank you to all of the students, families, staff, and community members who brought in items to help us meet our goal. All items were brought to local Town food pantries.

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BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Holiday Cards for Seniors

Submitted by BCS Communications



Before the holiday recess, the Berlin Elementary fourth and fifth grade Art Clubs made holiday cards for residents at the Hoosick Falls Nursing Home. Through their artwork students were able to spread some kindness and good tidings to the residents. The young Mountaineers' compositions were very thoughtful and the students expressed pride and joy in being part of this community outreach project.

The Petersburg C8 Group Invites you to a Public Meeting

Representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health will attend to discuss the many unresolved issues related to toxic PFAS/PFOA chemicals in our water, air, and soil. Our County and State representatives have also been invited.

**Wednesday January 18th at 6:30pm
Petersburgh Town Hall**

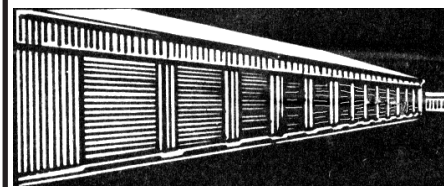
We will discuss the status of remedial investigations and get updates about the landfill. There will be opportunity for the public to ask questions.

If you cannot attend, you can livestream the meeting on the Town's website.

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GRAFTON

Town Board Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

The Monday, January 9 meeting of the Grafton Town Board began with the 2023 Organizational Meeting where many resolutions were approved. Resolution 3 of 2023 named Vicky Burdick as the Town's Dog Control Officer. Resolution 8 of 2023 named *The Eastwick Press* as one of the papers of record, and resolution 17 of 2023 set the date and time of the monthly Town Board meeting for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm, with the exception of October. The October meeting will be Wednesday, October 11. The meeting was adjourned in loving memory of Jason Rodd and Thomas Stowell.

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December PE Students of the Month

Submitted by BCS Communications

5th Grade

Greyson Sorbello and Maya Sykes-Gundlach

4th Grade

Chase King and Jacqueline Morstad

3rd Grade

Hadlee Masterson and Robert Kells

2nd Grade

Taylor Doty and Luke Stott

1st Grade

Dylan Manchester

Kindergarten

Emma White and Brooks Blakely



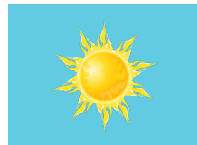
The December PE Students of the Month at BES. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Recognizing a Lifetime of Service

Written and Submitted by the Troy City Council President Carmella R. Mantello



I was honored, along with the Troy City Council, to recognize Ray Piscitelli, Executive Director of Troy CYO. During one's lifetime there are only so many people who have an incredible everlasting impact on your community. Ray is one of those people. He has saved and mentored hundreds and hundreds of kids in Troy and the Capital Region over the last 50, yes 50, years. Photo courtesy of City Council President Carmella R. Mantello.



Aldi Opening Date Targeted ... Continued from page 1

to the mix. This time around DOT was more amiable to a traffic light with some conditions: they wanted a cross conductivity that allowed access to the light from Hillside Drive and a rear entrance into the plaza. That met with opposition from neighbors at a lengthy public hearing. Again, the project was on hold. Enter Hannaford supermarket with a plan to build a new store across the road. DOT then said a light would be needed even without the rear entrance. The light was erected and Hannaford build their store. Full steam ahead, right? Wrong. First there were ground preparation problems, supply chain issues held up some integral components to the construction, and finally a mix up with National Grid over what kind of electrical service was needed. Most of those rough points have now been smoothed over and Aldi says they have targeted the final week of February to open.

Wendy's Will Open First

The Hamburger Restaurant will possibly open before the end of January, while construction on the Aroma Joe's is still percolating.

Another New Business on the Horizon

It was announced at the Planners' January 5 meeting that Dollar General would like to come to Town. They have picked out land at the corner of NYS Route 7 and Carroll's Grove Road, and are beginning the application process. Before a site plan can even go before the Planning Board, Dollar General needs what is labeled as a Spot Zoning change. The land in question is not zoned for retail at this time. They would need a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Town Board, who alone has the authority to make such a change.

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The Sky High Community Center, 27 Lake Avenue, ushers in the New Year with a full range of educational, informative, and healthy lifestyle activities for all.

Community Forum for Child Care Needs

Tuesday, January 17, at 7 pm

For parents and caregivers of children under the age of 6 to discuss the need for additional programs and services for young children in our community. If you are interested in attending this forum either in-person or virtually, please provide your email address and we will contact you with more information.

Parent and Child Foam Ball Tennis

Begins January 18

Bring Your Own Device Tech Support

Thursday, January 19

For adults and seniors.

Boutique Drop-Off Dates

Friday, January 20, from 4 to 6 pm

Saturday, January 21, from 9 am to noon

Donate new or lightly used dresses, shoes, and/or jewelry to the Center. You can also email eberical@gmail.com to make other arrangements. The Boutique will be held February 17 through 19. All dresses and accessories are no-cost, although donations are strongly encouraged. All proceeds benefit the SHAC and Doors of Hope.

For more information on these and other events, please visit www.shaccenter.org.

BRUNSWICK

Keyes Scholarship

Submitted by Sheryl Burke

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church 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 any 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. For more info, please contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

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

Each week youth will participate in either a STEAM activity or Lockdown at the Library. STEAM activities will explore and create using science, technology, engineering, art, and math. On Library Lockdown days we will use Breakout EDU games that encourage kids of all ages to voice their independent thoughts and ideas.

Winter Reading Bingo Challenge

Through February 28

Pick up your bingo board at the library. There will be a reading lover's prize basket for an adult, teen, youth ages 6 through 12, and early reader ages 5 and under, at the end of the challenge. Return your sheets by February 28 to qualify.

Bead Class

Saturday, January 18, at 6:30 pm

Create a necklace, bracelet, or eyeglasses chain with cording and your choice of beads. This class is for all ages. We have a collection of beads available, but participants are encouraged to bring beads or adornments from home to use or share. The cost for this class is \$5 and preregistration is required.

Defensive Driving Course

Saturday, January 21, at 9 am

This is a 6-hour New York State DMV approved course that can save you money on your auto insurance and take points off your driving record. The cost is \$30 or \$35 depending on how many NYS licensed or permitted drivers. Please prepay at the library by January 13. Please bring your own lunch. For questions, contact Mike Bromm at mbdrivingclass@outlook.com, or leave a message at 518-258-3893. Snow date January 28.

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

TROY

Food Distribution Event

The next Catholic Charities CC Move food giveaway event in Rensselaer County will take place **Tuesday, January 24** 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.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Storytime With Ms. Erin

Every Friday at 10:15 am

Yeti, Set, Read - Winter Reading Program

Through February 18

Sign-up, read, have fun, and earn a prize. Don't forget to look for the library Yetis.

Marshmallow Igloo Building Challenge

Wednesday, January 18, at 6 pm

Library Board Meeting

Monday, January 23, at 7:30 pm

Tea and Tangles

Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 pm

For more information, or to register for events, please contact the library at 518-283-3721 or visit PoestenkillLibrary.org.

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library will be closed Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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.

Kids Clothing Swap

Monday, January 23, from 2 to 6 pm

Tuesday, January 24, from 10 am to 2 pm

Drop off begins Tuesday, January 17, and runs through Saturday, January 21. Maximum drop off of one bag per household. Clothing must be freshly washed and folded, with no stains, tears, pet fur, or missing buttons or zippers.

Jump-Start Your Writing with Coleen Paratore

Saturday, January 21, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

In this light-hearted, interactive workshop, best-selling, award-winning author Coleen Murtagh Paratore will lead participants through some write-and-share rounds sure to inspire and jump-start that "something" you've always wanted to write. Participants should bring a notebook. Copies of *Dear Writer*, Coleen's new book on writing, will be available for purchase. Registration is required, and you can do so by calling 518-279-4023. The snow date will be Saturday, February 4.

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HOOSICK FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

December Students of the Month

Submitted by HFCS Communications



The Hoosick Falls Middle School December students of the month. Photo courtesy of HFCS Communications.

The Hoosick Falls Middle School has announced its December students of the month.

Fifth Grade

Anastacia McCart
Milliena Romeo
Skyla Myers

Sixth Grade

Michael Wang
Ludmila Belyaeva

Seventh Grade

Jaidyn Billera
Alex Moran

Eighth Grade

Addison Fleming
Terry Kuebler
Gracie Hastings

Band

Liam Mears (6th)
Olivia Danforth (5th)
Addison Fleming (8th)
Terry Kuebler (8th)
Gracie Hastings (8th)

Technology

Molly Mook (5th)
Gwendolyn Sauer
Isabella Wright

Art

Jocelyn Clear
Bella Wysocki
Thomas Parent

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Students Chosen for Chorus Performances

Courtesy of HFCS

The following students have been accepted to the Festival Chorus at Albany Pro Musica's High School Choral Festival on **Saturday, January 21** at UAlbany: Alicea Coon, Emmalena Murphy, Mary Pilot, Daniel Lane, Mea Cleary, Ashley Druckenmiller, Grace Lajeunesse, Samantha Lyle, Lillian Murphy, Ryanna Rose, and Shane Hatlee.

Daniel Lane and Samantha Lyle have also been accepted to the 24-member Honor Choir.

HOOSICK FALLS

Free Tax Filing at HACA

For the 18th year, HACA, 26 John St, will assist taxpayers with free income tax preparation and e-filing through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA is a free, IRS sponsored program to help low and middle-income workers have their federal and state personal income taxes prepared and filed electronically at no cost.

Tax preparers will meet clients at their cars in the parking lot to collect their information and documents. Upon completion, clients will be contacted to pick them up and sign the required forms for E-filing.

Appointments can be made by calling 2-1-1 from New York, or 888-367-3211 from any area, beginning Monday, January 17.

Vita provides free income tax return preparation with electronic filing to taxpayers who generally earned \$58,000 or less in 2021, persons with disabilities, and taxpayers who need assistance with preparing their returns. Applicants must bring the required documents for each person named on the tax return, including:

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- W-2, 1099 and other IRS forms as appropriate
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit
- Social Security card
- Form 1095-A – Health Insurance statement if received
- Childcare documentation – name and tax ID # of person or organization providing day care
- Unemployment information
- Prior year tax return

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are **January 20 and February 3**. 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.

CHENEY LIBRARY

Winter Story Time

Tuesday, January 17, at 10 am

This program is geared toward pre-school children, but all ages are welcome. All participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Tuesday, January 17, at 10 am

Bring your project to the library and hang out with other crafters. Share, create, and learn new skills.

HOOSICK FALLS

Defensive Driving Course

There will be a six hour point and insurance reduction course from the National Safety Council on **Saturday, January 14, at 9 am**, at the North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22. Please call 518-686-4854 to preregister, as space is limited. The cost is \$40.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

New Village Water Source Update

Board Settles PFOA Legal Representation Lawsuit

By Doug La Rocque

In December of 2021 the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued what is called a Record of Decision that required Saint Gobain and Honeywell to drill two new wells and pipe the clean water to the Village's pumping station. At the Tuesday, January 10 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Environmental Attorney Dave Engel presented the Board with an update as to the progress of the work.

The new wells will be drilled on land south of the Village along NYS Route 22. The initial design called for this clean water to be piped along Route 22, over the bridge going into the Village and then looping back to the pump station. A pipe hanging off the bridge was a concern to many involved and it was decided instead to directly pipe the water under the Hoosick River. While this new water source is clean from any PFAS or PFOA contamination, all parties involved have decided to keep the granular activated carbon (GAC) filter in place out of precaution. One of the current wells that is contaminated will remain intact as an emergency source. The DEC is still working to obtain a consent order with the companies involved and all required easements for the pipeline.

Water of a Different Nature

Two new pumps still need to be installed at the former Village owned landfill site for leachate collection. The current pump failed two years ago and its replacement met the same fate. According to Sewer Department Supervisor Ken Holbrook, the supplier of these pumps has repeatedly shipped the wrong units and they are still waiting for the correct replacements.

Another leachate leak has been detected about 100 yards away from the Pan Am Southern rail tracks. The Trustees had some discussion as to whether recent work on the rail tracks may have caused the leak, but it was determined there was no clear connection. The Trustees approved repair work to what is called the Force Main at a cost of \$3,836. All work is mandated by the DEC which has declared the landfill to be a Superfund site.

A Large Legal Bill

When the PFOA crisis came about, the Trustees hired the law firm of Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth to represent the Village. Their services were terminated in April of 2017, and the firm sent the Village a bill for \$620,000 for legal services. The Trustees balked at the amount and refused to pay which of course resulted in a lawsuit. Mayor Rob

Allen has announced the Village and the law firm have reached a settlement for \$450,000. The Board agreed to issue a bond to finance that amount. It was noted by the Trustees, had they continued in defense of the lawsuit and lost, late fees and interest payments could have pushed the final bill to over \$900,000.

New Outside Dining and Shopping Law

The local law that would allow sidewalk dining and shopping was approved after being pulled back last month for an additional clause that require periodic refuse clean up during the day and complete removal of all refuse when the event is finished.

New DPW Superintendent

After more than 35-years of service to Hoosick Falls, Department of Public Works Superintendent Niel Stowell is officially retiring on January 26. The Trustees announced that they have hired Sewer Department Superintendent Ken Holbrook as his replacement. Mr. Holbrook will continue to oversee the Wastewater Treatment Plant until a replacement can be found.

The search for a new Village Attorney is nearing a conclusion. Andy Gilchrist has resigned but is staying on until his replacement can be found. Mayor Allen says final interviews will take place shortly and hopes to name Mr. Gilchrist's replacement at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 24.

Another legal matter dealt with at the meeting was the ratification of a new contract with the Village Police Officers union UPSEU. The agreement is retroactive to June of 2022 and contains what Mayor Allen says is a significant pay raise.

Village Speed Limit

Trustee Deb Alter presented other Board members with documentation from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) that outlines how and where a village may change speed limits. It excludes State and County owned roads and would require a traffic study. Trustee Alter would like to see the Village speed limit reduced from 30 to 25 miles per hour. She cites speeding and other safety concerns. It would also require changing Village speed limit signs. Some members of the Board do not think it is necessary and Mayor Allen says he is on the fence about it. The Mayor would like to know what Village residents think, and asks they call the Municipal Building to leave him a message as to their thoughts.

Lots of Other Work as Well

Previous Board meetings saw discussion about the lack of a stop sign at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Elm Street. Trustees approved a resolution to place such signage on Railroad Avenue on the north and south side of Elm Street.

Following a public hearing at which there were no speakers, the Board approved a resolution supporting the rehabilitation of 1 Center Street. The former manufacturing facility is run down and perhaps in a dangerous state. The rehabilitation would be funded by a Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant.

It's budget time and bills are coming due. Mayor Allen told the other Board members it is going to be a struggle this year and they have to look at a lot of cost cutting. One area of concern that needs to be addressed is the Water Department budget. It was agreed that production costs are outpacing water rate collections and that needs some serious scrutiny.

The Board approved the use of Village streets and Wood Park for the 32nd St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11. The Village's annual donation of \$1,000 to the parade committee also received the Trustees' blessing.

Village elections are scheduled for Tuesday, March 21. Voting will take place from noon to 9 pm, at the Municipal Building on Main Street. The Mayor's office as well as three Trustee positions are on the ballot.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

PFAS Health Study

Courtesy of HFCSD

A health study is being completed on PFAS which includes members of the Hoosick Falls and Petersburg communities.

The researchers from the study are looking for local residents to participate. They will have a table at Hoosick Falls Central School on **Monday, January 16, from 2 to 7 pm**, to answer questions, provide a chance to complete an eligibility screening, and schedule an appointment.

For further questions, contact Superintendent Pat Dailey at daileyp@hoosickfallscsd.org.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

NEW LEBANON

Tanker Truck Hits Two Buildings Community Comes Together

On December 23, a tractor trailer lost control on the icy roads and crashed into two apartment buildings across from the Town Hall. No one was injured, but several members of the community were displaced, and State Route 22 was temporarily closed due to milk and diesel fuel being spilled on the road. Those who were displaced due to the accident were left with nothing, but the community came together

to help them in every way they could. In less than a week over \$1,400 in cash and \$1,000 in gift cards was raised to help those in need. The Town expressed its gratitude to the LVPA, first responders, New York State Police, Columbia County Sheriff's Department, and many others who worked tirelessly and donated to help those in need through such a difficult time.

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

Cornhole Tournament

On **Saturday, January 28, at 11 am**, at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School gym, the New Lebanon Travels Club will host their first annual cornhole tournament. There will be competitive and non-competitive brackets. Feel free to bring your own bags. Non-cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners. The cost is \$60 for a team of two or \$30 for an individual. Student prices are \$20 for a team of two \$10 for an individual. Spectators are \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. All proceeds benefit the New Lebanon Travel Club.

To register, please email sroblez@newlebanoncsd.org.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

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

Small Wonders Storytime

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Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

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Community Film Night

Friday, January 13, at 6:30 pm

A showing of a current feature film suitable for ages 18 and over.

Block Party

Tuesday, January 17, 4:30 pm

Make It and Take It Craft Meetup for Adults

Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 pm

No School Day Family Matinee

Friday, January 20, at 1:30 pm

A free screening of a current movie suitable for the whole family. Popcorn provided.

Widget Wednesday

Wednesday, January 25, at 4:30 pm

We will construct a fidget spinner from simple parts. All materials and tools provided. For ages 10 and up.

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NEW LEBANON

School Spirit Shop Now Open

The Berlin-New Lebanon (BNL) Spirit Shop is now open. Now through January 17, visit <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/BNLST> to place your order on items that have been picked out specifically for the BNL teams. There is also spirit wear available for family and friends. Orders will be shipped directly to you. Store dates may be extended as needed.

BNL Winter Sports Senior Nights

Bowling - January 19, at 4 pm, at Hoosick Falls bowling alley

Swimming - January 23, at 4:30 pm, at New Lebanon High School

Boys Basketball - January 31, at 7:30 pm, at BMHS

Cheer - January 31, at 7:30 pm, at BMHS

Girls Basketball - February 8, at 7:30 pm, at BMHS

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Rensselaer County News

Sheriff's Department Swears In New Deputies

Courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department



Congratulations to Nicholas Ruth (left) and Alexandra DaLessio (right) on being sworn in as deputies with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office. On Tuesday, January 10, at the County Public Safety Building, Sheriff Pat Russo administered the oath of office to the new deputies as friends, family, and other members of the department looked on. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

Submitted by the NYSDEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced the start of the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery annual spring seedling sale, which is open to the public and runs until May 12. Each year, the nursery offers low-cost, New York-grown tree and shrub species for sale to encourage plantings that help conserve the State's natural resources and foster the next generation of forests.

DEC's tree nursery grows more than 50 conifer and hardwood species from local seed sources, creating seedlings that are well-suited to our State's climate. They are available in bundles of 25 or more, plus there are several mixed species packets for those looking for a variety. Seedlings are a minimum of five feet tall and are one to three years old, depending on the species. For more information, including how to order, visit the Spring Seedling Sale webpage on DEC's website. Some species sell out early, so it is recommended to place orders by phone for the most up-to-date availability information.

Applications are now being accepted for the nursery's School Seedling Program. From now until March 31, schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive up to 50 free tree or shrub seedlings to plant with their students.

The goal of the program is to help instill a sense of environmental stewardship at a young age and set a foundation that will allow students to make informed decisions about the use of natural resources.

All schools, homeschool groups, and any youth education-based organization may apply, provided trees are planted within New York State. Individual homeschools must apply through a homeschool group, co-op, or other association. For more information, or assistance, visit nysnursery@dec.ny.gov or call 518-581-1439.

Inmate Charged After Attacking Correctional Officer

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

An inmate at the Rensselaer County Jail has been charged with attempted murder of a correctional officer after an unprovoked incident at the jail on the evening of January 4th.

Matthew W. Fluty, formerly of Brookview Ave in Troy, is alleged to have maliciously attacked an unsuspecting officer, taking his two-way radio, preventing the officer from calling for help. The unidentified officer who was performing his lawful duties at the time of the incident was beaten, overpowered, and strangled into unconsciousness. Fluty left the officer helpless on the upper-level floor of the housing unit containing more than 30 other inmates. Fortunately, the officer's radio had alerted the facility's Control Room and help responded almost immediately. Fluty has been charged with:

- Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree (A Felony)
- Assault in the 1st Degree (B Felony)
- Robbery in the 1st Degree (B Felony)
- Assault on a Peace Officer (C Felony)
- Strangulation in the 1st Degree (C Felony)

Before this incident, Fluty was being held at RCJ on multiple felony charges and is also pending trial for a May 2021 incident for the crime of "Aggravated Harassment of a Peace Officer" where Fluty is accused of throwing five-day-old urine on a correctional officer. Separate from the above charges, inmate Fluty is also being held on the following unrelated charges out of Rensselaer County: Assault 3rd, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing-Apply Pressure, Menacing 2nd with a Weapon, and Criminal Trespass 2nd. Inmate Fluty is also facing pending charges of Obstruction of Governmental Administration 2nd degree out of Saratoga Springs and Aggravated Harassment 2nd out of Albany City Court.

The officer was brought to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries, has since been released, and is currently recovering at home.

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Annual Mitten Tree

Submitted by CCE

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County will be collecting new, unused mittens, scarves, gloves, coats, hats, etc. for our annual mitten tree at our office located at 99 Troy Rd, East Greenbush, from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The weather is getting colder, and we want to support members of our community by providing cold weather gear to those in need. Additionally, items from the mitten tree are currently available for anyone in need. For more information about this and other programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, please call 518-272-4210.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Submitted by BCS Communications



The BNL Varsity Swim Team. Photo courtesy of New Lebanon CSD Communications.

The Berlin-New Lebanon (BNL) Varsity Swim Team defeated Taconic Hills on Friday, January 6 to bring their record to 3-1. First place finishes were Riley Schwartz in the 200 free, Lance Schroder in the 50 and 100 free, Liam Buckenroth in the 500 free, Allison Slater in the 100 backstroke, and Alex Sotek in the 100 breaststroke. The meet was won with the efforts of Liam Buckenroth, Cadence Ward, and Madison Prusky, who placed first, second, and third in the 500 free.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Ice Fishing Contest – ~~Date Changed~~

Saturday, January 28, from 5:30 am to 2 pm
Register from 5:30 to 11:00 am, or 12:30 pm for youth, in the park’s maintenance building, accessible via the Main Entrance. There is a \$10 registration fee for participants ages 16 or older, with no fee for children under 16. All participants 16 and older must have a valid New York State fishing license. In the case of soft ice, the tournament will be postponed until Saturday, February 11. Please call the park for more information. There is no entrance fee for this event.

Winterfest

Saturday, January 21, from 11:30 am to 3 pm
The event will feature outdoor events along with indoor exhibits, food vendors, and family-friendly recreational activities. The event is free of charge. The Polar Plunge, benefitting Our Lady of the Snow Parish’s food pantry, kicks off the main events at 11:30 am. For more information, or to pre-register for the Plunge, please call Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648, or call the park. There is no entrance fee for this event.

For more information, or to register for events, please call the park at 518-279-1155.

DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
A moderately paced 3 mile hike. Hikes will be canceled in bad weather. This program is free for adults and older teens.

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.

A Day of Animal Tracks

Saturday, January 14, from 9 am to noon, and 12:30 to 3:30 pm
Come for one session or both. The cost is \$25 per session, \$22 for members. Preregistration is required; please contact the center.

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, January 21, from 1 to 3 pm
This type of mindful walk has been shown to reduce stress, boost positive moods, and strengthen immune the system. Donations accepted.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, January 28, from 1 to 2:30 pm
For all ages and skill levels.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or emailing dykenpond@gmail.com 24 hours in advance. Please visit www.dykenpond.org for more information.

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings		High Scores	
Lebowski Rug Co.	29-11	Meghan Backes	300 253 760
Gallup Inn	28-12	Matt Gaghich	268 254 752
Wack'em & Stack'em	26-14	Mitch Andrew	246 244 724
Mag-Way	23-17	CJ Brown	268 243 722
Lou's Plumbing	23-17	Matt Brownell	259 246 703
Bistro 42	17.5-22.5	Cory Weeden	252 227 691
Chico's Bail Bonds	16-24	Ryan Shumway	279 206 682
Farmers Tires	14-26	Scott Rose	241 217 662
Boner's	12.5-27.5	Bob Taber	232 216 655
The Jabronis	11-29	Daryl Cipperly	243 206 652

Team Standings		High Game	
Waloomsac Metal Rec.	136-74	275	Kenneth Marbot
Modern Game Pro Shop	132-78	269	Timothy McCart
Dave Clark Excavating	124-86	268	Preston Oakes
Stevens and Sons Tents	110.5-99.5	265	Robert Kapron Jr.
Piece on Earth	107-103	257	Scott Reinhart
RGI Insurance	101-109	253	Wayne Gundrum Jr.
Huntin' Time	96-114	248	Joshua Sweet
Lo-Ridge Farm	84-126	248	Ryan Bedford
Team Taconic	82-128	247	Max Taylor Jr.
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	77.5-132.50	246	Dave Clark

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Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

BERLIN-NEW LEBANON ATHLETICS

A Letter From the New Berlin AD Jason McFall

Submitted by BCS Communications

Greetings to the BNL Community.

I'd like to take a second to introduce myself. My name is Jason McFall and I serve as the Co-Athletic Director for BNL Athletics. I have had the opportunity to meet and greet parents, students, and staff from both districts, and I look forward to forging partnerships, while building a sense of pride and community for all BNL stakeholders.

I bring a wealth of athletic/teaching experience from New York City and Westchester County as a Physical Education Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director at the high school and collegiate levels. My moral compass is always and will continue to be student and community centered. This opportunity is a blessing and will be a boon for our community.

I've had the luxury of supporting our BNL programs during my brief tenure here. I see the community come out in droves to support our children and I want to say thank you because it means so much to our Student Athletes. Part of the reasoning for being brought to our tiny slice of heaven was to help build our programs while at the same time building team and communal spirit. I am optimistic that as we learn and grow with one another, BNL Athletics will start to turn the corner.

My counterpart, Mr. Corey Brown (Co-Athletic Director/Assistant Principal from New Lebanon) and I are working on a strategic plan to build from within and we will share that with the community once our goals have been aligned. We will be in lock step to ensure that the message will be echoed to all of our stakeholders. Meanwhile, I will ask everyone for grace and space as we experience growing pains together. We have unique challenges that our counterparts do not have. Where some may see that as a negative, I see it as a positive, a possible rally cry for all hands on deck.

My coaching staples will be our bedrock principles for our programs:

We do not run from a fight...

Quit or I can't is not in our vocabulary...

We do not cower when times get hard...

We are resilient...

We exude the highest levels of integrity at all times...

We love ourselves, our schools, and our community...

We are all that we've got, we are all that we need!

During this time I'd like for us to remain uplifting as a whole. We may not be where we want to be, but we are far from finished. We will continue to work through adversity and continue to do so with our heads held high. We as a whole will see the tenets of hard work and discipline continue to be our guiding star. I would like to also state that the turn around that we are waiting for is right around the corner. I do not know exactly when this will happen but I know it will happen. I want to preach patience and give our teams/coaches/players grace and space. Continue to build up our student athletes and coaches. We are not as bad as what the naysayers say we are. We define who we are, what we are and will be. We are better together than apart. We will be great in our own right. Winning is contextual, not always defined by the scoreboard or a win loss record. Winning is building future leaders. Winning is knowing how to not buckle under pressure. Winning is using your given talents and taking risks.

In closing, to my student athletes, keep working, keep striving and continue to glow and grow. To my staff and coaches, continue to push the envelope and develop. To my community, continue to encourage and embrace our children and staff. Your message has been heard loud and clear. We need and want all of our stakeholders to share a part in history in the making. We will rise, we will be confident in who and what we are. Most importantly, we will do it together. I thank you in advance and look forward to meeting my community as a whole.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Culverts and Aquatic Organism Passage on the Plateau

Thursday, January 19, at 7 pm, via Zoom

With Andy Dangler and Melissa Toni. Part of the RPA Speaker Series. Pre-registration is required. The suggested voluntary donation is \$5, though any amount is welcome. Learn more or register at www.rensselaerplateau.org.

Wild Hudson Valley Winter Walk

Saturday, January 28, from 11 am to 12:30 pm

Join ethnecologist Justin Wexler of Wild Hudson Valley to explore the outdoors and learn all about local native people and their relationship with the environment at the Poestenkill Community Forest, 200 Legenbauer Rd, Averill Park. Please dress accordingly, and bring water and a snack. The registration fee is \$20 and pre-registration is required. If you register but can't attend, please contact Kim at kim@rensselaerplateau.org to cancel. For more information, visit Rensselaerplateau.org. The snow date for this event is Saturday, February 4.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Senior Night For Panthers

Submitted by James Lynch

Thursday, January 5 was Senior Night for the Hoosick Falls bowling team as they hosted Berlin-New Lebanon. This year the team will graduate seniors Ryan Maxon, Bradley Senecal,



Hoosick Falls seniors Charlie Baker, Bradley Senecal, Ryan Maxon, and Jordyn Wilwol. Photo courtesy of James Lynch.

Jordyn Wilwol, and Charlie Baker. The Panthers won by a score of 5-0 as they finished with a total of 3673 pins to BNL's 2600.

Hoosick Falls High Scores

Payton Merrills 257-727

Bradley Senecal 258-686

Ryan Maxon 246-676

Berlin-New Lebanon High Scores

Logan Dunlop 269-588

Alex Reinhart 190-486

Logan Horton 152-429

The win lifts Hoosick Falls' record to 43-7, and moves them into first place in the Wasaren League with just 2 matches remaining.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

BNL Girls Claim Tourney Victories

Submitted by BCS Communications

Tallulah Powers (left) was tournament champion for Berlin-New Lebanon Girls Varsity Wrestling team at 165 pounds at both the Colonie 'Kristie Stenglein-Davis' Girls Tournament and the LaSalle Girls Tournament this past weekend. At LaSalle she was joined by teammate Nicoletta Distano (right) who was tournament champion at 138 pounds, her first tournament win. While only a first year wrestler, Tallulah's winning record has qualified her for the inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational Tournament in Syracuse on Jan. 27. She is the first Berlin-New Lebanon wrestler, boy or girl, to qualify for a State Tournament. Girls Varsity Wrestling was only approved as an emerging sport by the NYSPHSAA this year. Photo courtesy of the BNL Wrestling Facebook page.



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Jeaneatte Alderman, Transportation Supervisor
jalderman@berlincentral.edu
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LEGAL NOTICE GOYER FAMILY FARM, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Goyer Family Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/22/2022. 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: Goyer Family Farm, LLC, c/o Tammy L. Teal 736 Blue Factory Hill Road, Averill Park, New York 12018. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

Notice of Formation, **DRAKE CONSULTING-ADULT HEALTH-NP, PLLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on December 30th, 2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the process to the PLLC, 106 Mosher Road Sand Lake NY 12153. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy L. Sweeney, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Berlin, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Berlin for the year 2023. I will attend at Berlin Town Municipal Building, 17563 Rt. 22, in the said Town of Berlin on Monday January 9th and 16th 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Wednesday January 4th, and 18th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Saturday January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 9:00 am to noon, Saturday February 11th and 25th 2023 from 9:00 am to noon, and Saturday March 11th and 25th 2023, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2023 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of 1 percent if paid on or before February 28th, 2023 and 2 percent if paid on or before March 31st, 2023, until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Berlin will be returned to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April, 2023.

Dated January 1, 2023
Nancy L. Sweeney
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Berlin

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TOWN OF POESTENKILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Poestenkill on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Poestenkill Town Hall, 38 Davis Drive, Poestenkill, New York, for the purpose of conducting a workshop session to further consider the special use permit application submitted by the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance for a nonprofit recreational use on Tax Map Parcel Nos. 127.00-1-57 and 128.00-1-14 (200 Legenbauer Road and (S of) Plank Road).

DATED: January 5, 2023
Poestenkill, New York

THE PLANNING BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF POESTENKILL
By: Tom Russell, Chairman

HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL Notice of Public Hearing

The Hoosick Falls Central School District will hold a public meeting to provide an update on the implementation of the programs funded with Stimulus Funds on January 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

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.

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: **504 BROADWAY HOLDINGS, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Grant, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Stephentown for the year 2023, and that I will attend at 26 Grange Hall Road, in the said Town of Stephentown at the days and times listed below for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll.

Office Hours:

January 2023

Tuesdays 1 – 3 pm
Wednesdays 5 – 7 pm
Saturdays 9 am – 12 pm

February 2023

Wednesday, February 8, 5 – 7 pm
Wednesday, February 22, 5 – 7 pm
Saturday, February 11, 9 am – 12 pm
Saturday, February 25, 9 am – 12 pm

March 2023

Wednesday, March 15, 5 – 7 pm
Wednesday, March 29, 5 – 7 pm
Saturday, March 11, 9 am – 12 pm
Saturday, March 25, 9 am – 12 pm

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid at zero interest between January 1 – January 31. Taxes may be paid between February 1 – February 28 at 1% interest. Taxes may be paid between March 1 – March 31 at 2% interest. There will be a \$25.00 fee for returned checks. No partial payments will be accepted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law the tax roll of the Town of Stephentown will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April, 2023.

1/1/2023
Mary M. Grant
Tax Collector
Town of Stephentown

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.

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.

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.

Hush Fin Games LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/22. 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, 400 Mcchesney Ave Ext Apt 19-10 Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation domestic of **BIG LAND MANAGEMENT LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on December 20, 2022 office location: Rensselaer County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her to Fabian M. Kendrick, 9 Green Avenue, Castleton NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **Moose on the Loose Food Truck LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/7/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 147 2nd Dyke Rd., Averill Park, NY 12018. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **385 BROADWAY HOSPITALITY, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of **CAC336 LLC**, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail a copy of process against LLC to The LLC, 41 Curtis Drive, Castleton, New York 12033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Flipping518, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/24/2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC, 127 Gillette Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of an LLC
RWT Legacy, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 17, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Priscilla Smith, 256 Menemsha Lane, Wynantskill, NY 12198. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

Notice of Formation of an LLC
Heirloom Lactation, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 23, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Cara Banks, 96 Turner Hill Rd, Averill Park, NY 12018. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

CRISP RESIDENTIAL SERVICES LLC. Filed 11/10/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 17 102nd St Fl 2, Troy, NY 12180. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

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and ads to ads@eastwickpress.com.

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HJL PROPERTIES, LLC. Filed 11/18/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: P.O. Box 246, Berlin, NY 12022. Purpose: General.

The Parker House Troy LLC. Filed 11/23/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Mark King, 466 Pawling Ave, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

THE PREVENTORS LLC. Filed 8/23/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Arthur Taylor, 1011 Washington Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

GREENWOOD REALTY GROUP OF NEW YORK, LLC. Filed 7/27/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Trevon Williams, 14 Arcadia Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

534 Second Troy, LLC. Filed 12/12/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

SILVER PLATTER PROPERTIES, LLC. Filed 10/21/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Yvonne M. Huneau, 4 Cleminshaw Ave, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

Upstate Properties MS LLC. Filed 12/5/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 4403 15th Ave Ste261, Bklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: General.

Troy King St LLC. Filed 6/15/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 7 Hana Ln, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: General.

CAD 1302 LLC. Filed 11/29/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3101 Stonegate Dr, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

Willutt 151, LLC. Filed 9/9/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Trevon Williams, 14 Arcadia Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

Trailside Farm, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 20791 State Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **HOOSICK SELF STORAGE LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 28, 2022. Office location: RENSSELAER COUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 515 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Board Meetings

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

Berlin CSD Board of Education, 7:15 pm, M/HS Cafeteria

Thursday, January 19

Hoosick Falls CSD Board of Education, 6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria

Senior News

Lebanon Valley Seniors

January and February we will only meet on the third Friday at the LVPA firehouse. If New Lebanon CSD cancels school, we cancel our meeting. New members are always welcomed. We will be having a chili cook-off at our January meeting and February's meeting is soup and sandwiches. For more information, including information on membership and paying dues, call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorecitizens@gmail.com.

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. 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.

January 16 the center is closed. January 18 is the monthly Eat Smart Food Demonstration with Jillian of Cornell Cooperative Extension at 11 am, and the January Birthday celebration with a game of Trivia following lunch. January 25 is bring a friend root beer float day. 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.

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, Wednesdays, and Fridays the center will be open from 9 am to noon, with a 10 am Chair Yoga class.

January 16 the center is closed. January 17 will be the monthly Eat Smart Demonstration by Jillian of Cornell Cooperative Extension at 11 am. Following lunch there will be Craft Time. January 19 is the Special Luncheon at noon with Bob Treffiletti. January 24, join in a fun game of Dominoes following lunch. January 26 is bring a friend ice cream social day.

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

Student Honors

Felix Ewald of Berlin has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Mississippi College.

Patrick O'Byrne of Averill Park has graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

SUNY Canton

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Brittany Fiske of Cambridge

Fall 2022 President's List

Jillian Vallo of Buskirk

Debora L. Hall of Hoosick Falls

SUNY Potsdam

Fall 2022 President's List

Tori Bubie of Poestenkill

Keana Heim of Hoosick Falls

Quinn Kinney of Hoosick Falls

Gabe Morris of Averill Park

Sasha Truax of New Lebanon

Sylvia Wilkins of Petersburg

Community Calendar

January 13, Friday

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club Fish Fry, 4 – 7 pm, 123 SR 32, Schuylerville

January 14, Saturday

Defensive Driving Course, 9 am, \$40, North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22, 6-hour point & insurance reduction, preregistration required: 518-686-4854

January 20, Friday

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

January 21, Saturday

Defensive Driving Course, 9 am, \$30/\$35, Valley Falls Free Library, 42 State St, 6-hour point & insurance reduction, prepay by 1/13, questions: mbdrivingclass@outlook.com or 518-258-3893

Albany Pro Musica High School Choral Festival Concert, 4:30 pm, University at Albany, albanypromusica.org/education/high_school_festival

January 21, Saturday ... Continued

Winterfest, 11:30 am – 3 pm, free, Grafton Lakes State Park, polar plunge registration: Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648 or call park at 518-279-1155

Mindful Nature Walk, 1 – 3 pm, free, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, preregistration required 24 hours in advance: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

Toss the Feathers concert, doors 6:30, \$5/minors free, PVMCC, 71 Main St, Petersburg, traditional Irish music & historical program related to Upper Hudson Valley, community potluck, raffle, refreshments, 21+ BYOB

January 22, Sunday

Book Bound: A Journal Making Workshop, 10 am – 1 pm, \$55, 14+, Stephentown Town Hall, Grange Hall Rd, Stephentown Art Guild hosts Michael Vincent Busy, artisan & educator, registration required by 1/14

January 24, Tuesday

Catholic Charities CC

Move Food Giveaway, 9:30

am, volunteers start at 8:15 am, Lansingburgh Boys and girls Club, 501 4th Ave, Troy

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January 27, Friday

Beginners' Snowshoe Hike, 4:30 pm, \$3 (includes snowshoe rental), Grafton Lakes State Park

January 28, Saturday

Ice Fishing Contest, 5:30 am – 2 pm, awards ceremony 2:20 pm, \$10 16+, under 16 & spectators free, Grafton Lakes State Park, cash prizes

Cornhole Tournament, 11 am, \$60/\$30, students \$20/\$10, spectators \$5/family \$15, New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School gym, benefits New Lebanon Travel Club, non-cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place

Wild Hudson Valley Winter Walk, 11 am – 12:30 pm, \$20, Poestenkill Community Forest, 200 Legenbauer Rd, Averill Park, ethnecologist Justin Wexler to lead & teach about local native people and their relationship with the environment, registration required: Rensselaerplateau.org

Snowshoe Hike, 1 – 2:30 pm, free, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, all ages/levels, preregistration required 24 hours in advance: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

February 3, Friday

Kids Dance, 7 – 9 pm, \$3, ages 9–14, North Hoosick Fire Department, 22106 NY-22, Hoosick Falls, parents/guardians must sign kids out after dance

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Crossword Theme: **At The Supermarket**

ACROSS

- Rock bottom
- Attorneys' org.
- Hefty volume
- Cast _____
- It's all the rage
- Miserable
- Fit for a king
- Back then
- Do like Demosthenes
- *Checkout clerk
- *Meat professional
- "_____ the land of the free..."
- Fictional Himalayan
- Meme move
- Man Ray's art movement
- On cloud nine
- Crude group
- Seaside bird
- Formerly known as dropsy
- Make-up artist?
- Blast from the past
- Bruce Willis' ex

- Chocolate substitute
- Mischievous sprites
- Plaintiff
- *Advantageous display
- _____ Spumante
- Meddle
- Largest share owner
- "_____ to Joy"
- *Coldest display
- *"What's on _____?"
- Main artery in the body
- Feathery neckwear
- Isolated
- Hipbone-related
- Octopus' defense
- Espresso plus steamed milk
- Eye contact
- Word from #32 Down
- Goes up or down

DOWN

- D.E.A. agent
- On a deck, perhaps
- Pad
- Gem State
- Depended on
- From a distance
- *Reusable one
- Hacienda brick
- Cleopatra's necklace
- Moonfish
- Boundary line
- Looker or ogler
- Capable of movement
- One of the Muses
- Shoshonean
- Railyard worker
- Gabbana's partner
- Relating to bees
- Edward Teach's facial feature
- *Prepared food department
- Contributes
- Get ready to drive (2 words)
- Type of wheat
- *Ricotta and eggs section
- Semiaquatic tetrapod, for short
- Sips from a flask?
- Bar by estoppel
- Novelist HonorÉ de _____
- Blackbird dessert
- Paragons
- Galactic path
- Pomp
- Be unsuccessful
- Dramatic part
- Sportscaster Andrews
- JFK or ORD postings
- Japanese alcoholic beverage
- Tiny amount
- Not in favor of
- Lecherous look
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Church Directory

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

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Join us virtually for worship on Youtube at Center Brunswick UMC. You may also join us virtually for worship and mid-week reflections by contacting barbara@carrelan.us to be added to the distribution list. Follow us at centerbrunswickumc.com. Pastor Joel Holcomb.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8:30 am. Celebrant Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 82194417424/414672.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor RJ Snyder. Sunday Worship 9:30 am. Sunday Prayer 8:45 am. Both of these services are in person. Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube and the Church Website (Berlinfbcc.com).

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

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH – Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick, NY 12180. Indoor services at 10:30 am. Also available on Facebook and YouTube. Masks are optional. gileadlutheran.org, 518-279-9270.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH – 1513 Garfield Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. 518-733-5813. Presbyterian/Methodist, Pastor Chris Garrison. Services Sundays 9:30 am. Masks recommended. Handicapped accessible.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Welcomes all to their Sunday morning service at 11 am. The church is handicapped accessible and those choosing to view from home may tune to our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcGw9XngFRFe7iMLm9Tk5A>, or search United Methodist Church at Berlin NY. Past services are also available for view.

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

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am. Sunday school starts in the church 10 am the second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday Service speaker Val Gray.

Obituary

Patricia E. Pitt

Hoosick Falls - Patricia Ellen "Patsy" Pitt, 60, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at her residence on Richmond Avenue in Hoosick Falls. She resided there with her fiancé, Bob Nichol.

Patsy was born on January 2, 1963, in Bennington, VT, daughter of the late R. Edward and Patricia (Mahar) Carknard. She graduated from Hoosick Falls Central School, class of 1981. Patsy was employed at Rosenberg Construction in Hoosick Falls as a secretary until retiring. While in high school she was an accomplished athlete. Patsy enjoyed golfing, playing pitch, dancing to the jukebox, breakfast at Jean's Diner, and spending time with her family and many dear friends.

Survivors other than Bob include her children, Matthew Pitt, Meghan (Brent) Campman, their father Pitty and grandson Bobby "D." She is survived by her siblings Catherine (Bernie), Maureen, Mary (Steve), Stephen (Kim), Larry (Karen) and Theresa (Ed); sisters-in-law Kathi, and Debbi Carknard; also several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother Ed "EC" Carknard, nephew Michael Hackett, brother-in-law John West, and great-niece Addison Reynolds.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 13 at 2 pm, from the Immaculate Conception Church on Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Relatives and friends may call at the church hall on Friday from noon until the start of the service. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Patsy's Life will be held after the service at the St. Stanislaw Society Club (Polish Hall) on Mechanic Street in Hoosick Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the EC Memorial Fund or the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad, through the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street, Hoosick Falls.

Church News

Gilead Body and Soul Pantry

Gilead's Body and Soul pantry hours are from 3 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of the month, in the Fellowship Hall of Gilead Lutheran Church, at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Brunswick. This month's dinner will be ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, and dessert. As of this writing, we are able to seat people for our meal, and of course we are still doing take-outs. The building is handicapped accessible.

For weather-related questions, please call Lisa at 518-279-3576.

The Battenkill Chorale

On Saturday, January 14, at 7 pm, and Sunday, January 15, at 3 pm, the Battenkill Chorale will start the new year with a performance of *A Winter's Night*. The Chorale will be hosted by the Cambridge United Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, New York, and will perform Ola Gjielo's "Dark Night of the Soul" and "Luminous Night of the Soul." Audiences will be treated to other winter-themed pieces including John Rutter's setting of "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind," Edward Elgar's "The Snow," Randall Thompson's "Velvet Shoes," Eric Whitacre's "Glow" and a setting of "Silent Night" by Dan Forrest. Reviving a Battenkill Chorale tradition, there will be artwork displayed at the entrance to the concert. This concert features paintings by Anne Fitzgibbons. General admission is \$25, and students are \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Cambridge United Presbyterian Church is handicapped accessible.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

UMC at Berlin

The UMC at Berlin is ready to restart their choir, starting with one Sunday a month; all are welcome. For more information, please contact the church at 518-658-2942. If you just enjoy good music, please join us each Sunday at 11 am, either live or on our YouTube channel.

Immaculate Conception Parish

The Immaculate Conception Parish in Hoosick Falls offers faith formation for all ages. For school-aged children, faith stories are explored in a hands-on way, using building blocks. The next gathering session for 2023 is January 29, from 11 am to 12:15 pm, in the St. Joseph's room of the church hall. There is also a home study program available.

Adult faith formation is offered as well. Topics change every four to five weeks. Gather weekly with others who are studying the same material. You will share the fruits of your personal study, and in the process, discover new insights. A brief video lecture will help to develop and clarify the themes of the lesson. Participants may attend in person at the rectory on Main St. in Hoosick Falls or attend using Zoom. For more information, please visit our website at <https://icchoosickfalls.com> or call 518-686-5064.

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 seasonal clothing, jewelry, shoes, boots, purses, linens, toys, puzzles, games, decorative items, and more. Our well-organized book room has over 1,000 books.

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

Capt. Holcomb Visits with His Memoir

Tuesday: July 26, 1853: Rainy. Today John F. went to Pittsfield with my horse and wagon and carried seven bushels new potatoes and sold them at 50 cts per. Wednesday: I and Patrick dug potatoes and Mr. J. McFeelie dug 3/4 of a day and then it rained. Today John F. went to Lebanon with my horse and wagon and carried old potatoes and sold where they are to work on the railroad near the gate. He sold them at 25 cts per bushel. Thursday: We dug potatoes, I and Patrick and John Merrils and J. McFeelie worked 3/4 of a day. They three mowed a spell towards night. Friday: We hayed, I and John F. and Patrick and John Merrils and Jimmy McFeelie, and I paid said Jimmy McFeelie 50 cts cash for this afternoon's work, and Geo P. helped us in the way of changing works. Saturday: We hayed and finished haying excepting a little on the hill above the woods. Today John Merrils and J. McFeelie worked for me haying towards paying for house rent. Monday: We hayed for Geo P. in the way of changing works, I and John F. and Patrick and John Merrils, and I credit said Merrils for house rent for the same. Some rainy towards night. Tuesday: John F. did but little for he is unwell. Today cousin Capt Eliah Holcomb came to visit us and stayed, he is selling books, the History of his Seafaring Life. Today some rainy. Wednesday: I and John F. and Patrick dug potatoes, I am quite lame, I only picked up some small stones. Towards night I took my horse and wagon and went to Lebanon, I sold one bushel new potatoes to Wm Gay for 37 cts cash and I charged one bushel new potatoes to the shoe maker Quaid fifty cts, price agreed which makes one dollar and twenty five cts he now owes me for potatoes. Thursday: Quite rainy and I am lame, towards night I walked down to the Pierce farm to see Miriam Newton for she is quite unwell. Cousin Eliah Holcomb remains with us, he is unwell and takes medicine. Friday: This afternoon cousin Eliah Holcomb took my horse and wagon and my wife with him he went to the post office and Mr. Woodard's. Saturday: Tonight I paid Patrick Rafferty six dollars cash. Monday: I and John F. and Patrick dug potatoes of mine in the young orchard on the hill, Louisa Merrils helped us, she picked up potatoes nearly half a day and I paid her eleven cts, quite a hard shower towards night.

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