

GRAFTON

By Amy Modesti

38th Annual Winter Festival and Polar Plunge



The 2023 polar plungers taking part in the 38th Annual Winter Fest and Polar Plunge held at Grafton Lakes State Park. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Snow showers didn't stop one hundred courageous plungers from taking part in the 38th Annual Winter Festival's polar plunge on Saturday morning, January 21, at Grafton Lakes State Park (GLSP). Spectators observed plungers rush into the icy water to benefit the Our Lady of the Snow Parish Food Pantry.

The polar plunge wasn't the only attraction keeping visitors entertained at GLSP. Plenty of winter fun was had both outdoors and inside the Welcome Center. Outdoor activities included snow bowling, kick sledging, carriage rides, chainsaw demos from Rayzor's Edge, warming up at a giant bonfire, hanging out in a snow fort, and meeting sled dogs, northland new-foundlands, and bloodhounds.

The Welcome Center provided a place to get warm and enjoy more attractions. Visitors interacted with organizations such as Trout Unlimited, Girl Scouts of the USA, Grafton Historical Society, Friends of Grafton

**Steve McLaughlin
Found Not Guilty**

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Time for a Change

By Amy Modesti

Over the past five years with *The Eastwick Press*, I have served as photographer, reporter, office assistant, sales advertisement representative, newspaper distributor, social media manager, and arts and music reporter. I've covered everything from arts and entertainment to swearing in ceremonies for the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses, high school commencements, holiday parades, and running races. You name it, I've covered it.

The achievements I am most proud of during my time here include having my solo exhibition at Eden Café mentioned

in the paper, holding a peace torch from organizers of the Sri-Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, taking part in two art exhibitions at the Brunswick Community Library, assisting my coworkers in finding bands and gathering 50/50 raffle items for the Berkshire Bird Paradise fundraiser at our headquarters, volunteering my time at the mass food distribution at Grafton Lakes State Park, writing a piece to honor the life of musician and friend Josh Bloomfield, becoming a transitional clogger by the Hill Country Cloggers, meeting South-Paw the Tri-City Valley Cat, covering my first



Christmas parade and tree lighting in Lansingburgh, and being awarded a special certificate of appreciation from the office of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.

I've learned so many things about Rensselaer County that I wouldn't have had it not been for my involvement in *The Eastwick Press*. Those experiences I had in the field and my interactions with our community

members helped shape me to become the person I am now. I don't take those relationships and experiences for granted, and remain thankful for everyone.

However, time is ever-changing. I have accepted

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Board of Education Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

Preliminary work has begun on the 2023-2024 budget. It's possible a draft could be ready by the Board of Education February meeting.

New York State has conducted and concluded a review of the Child Nutrition Program and found no issues.

The merged sports committee met with the Athletic Directors of Berlin and New Lebanon to see how they can help them and the sports programs in general.

Superintendent Joseph Dhara said he's been asked if remote learning is possible in bad weather, and clarified that it is only an option once the district's snow days have been expended.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, several parents expressed their concern about the route their child's bus is taking. The issue is with a stop that was added to the previously much shorter bus route, adding 26 miles to the run to drop off one student. Depending on the student, that adds an hour and fifteen minutes to an hour and a half to the time the three students, ages 5 to 7, spend on the bus. The parents requested the Board look into alternate means to get the one student to their stop.

Another topic of discussion during public comment was that of a bill that would allow homeschooled students in the district to try out for sports teams. The matter was brought to the Board previously in 2019, but was brought forth again seeing as New Lebanon could be affected due to the sports merger. The Board stated they would look into both matters further and get back to the concerned parties.

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Artist of the Month

Submitted by BCS Communications

Rebecca Moore, grade 11, is the January Artist of the Month at Berlin High School.

Rebecca is the epitome of a working artist. She can always be found with her head in her sketchbook tirelessly working on her ideas. As an AP: 2D Design student, Rebecca is developing a portfolio showcasing her unique style and impeccable craftsmanship. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.



BERLIN CSD

Future City Team Earns Three Trophies

Submitted by BCS Communications



The Berlin Future City team, along with New York State Senator Jake Ashby, at the Capital District Regional Future City competition. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

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Future City is a hands-on cross-curricular educational middle school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) competition which brings STEM to life for students. Students are tasked with designing a futuristic city with innovative solutions to some of today's most pressing sustainability issues for the competition. This year's focus was climate change.

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Berlin was awarded the Greenest City, Most Neighborly City, and fifth place in the overall competition. Congratulations to Easton Montanye, Roddy Gardell, Luke Turetsky, Savannah Hammon, Mary Perkins, Kenny Bull, and Damon Vickery.

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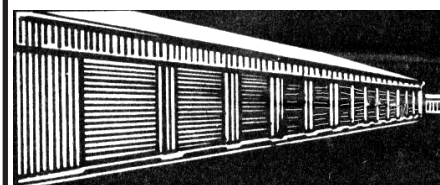
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Food Pantry Offerings

The Berlin Food Closet is open the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 am. In an emergency, people can call 518-658-2942 and leave a message.

The following Community Take Out Meals are being offered; reservations are required but meals are open to all.

Valentine Pasta Dinner

Tuesday, February 14, from 4:30 to 6 pm

Annual Fund Raiser - Corned Beef and Cabbage

Friday, March 17

Senior Citizen Soup, Sandwiches, and Trivia

Wednesday, March 29, from noon to 2 pm, please RSVP

The Food Closet will also provide Easter dinners to needy families. Forms are available through the Food Closet.

Community members wishing to make donations can send them to: BCFC, Box 225, Berlin, NY 12022, or food can be dropped off at the Closet Saturday mornings.

BERLIN CSD

Community Partnership Committee Meeting

Submitted by BCS Communications

On **Tuesday, February 7, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**, at the Berlin Middle/High School, the Berlin CSD Community Partnership Committee meeting will take place. The goal of the committee is to continue to build an inclusive culture by supporting and enhancing collaboration and communication between Berlin Elementary and Berlin Middle/High School. Please RSVP to adecker@berlincentral.org, or call 518-658-1500 ex: 1000, by Wednesday, February 1.

STEPHENTOWN

Town Board Highlights

By Denise Wright

The January 16th monthly meeting approved \$35,709.01 in the general fund and over \$24,390.16 from the highway fund to pay the monthly bills. The annual fee for a new program was mentioned during the bill report for residents to be able to pay for their dog licensing online. The Town Clerk said the system still needs to be implemented because they are waiting on a credit card machine. Once the system works, residents will still have to bring updated rabies certificates into the office to be validated.

The transfer station reported an annual income of \$92,415 which is down from the \$99,283 from the year before. It was concluded that residents purchased fewer permits and bags. Also, the difference could be attributed to seniors having a discounted price. The transfer station is proud to announce that they have started the paint can program again now that they have a lockable storage facility. This program is available during regular hours at no cost to residents. They only stressed making sure it is discarded paint and nothing else. Supervisor Roder commented that the program is a good service, free of charge for all residents.

The fire district proudly reported that the ambulance has seven emergency medical technicians but hopes to recruit more for the fire side of the house. A new tax break for emergency service workers with two years of service was mentioned, but there will be more discussion on it on the local level once the

County approves it.

The Library and Youth commission have been holding popular teen nights. They are hoping to do some fundraising to support the events and would love to have residents sponsor a night. In February, they hope to hold a safety cell phone use seminar with the help of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Information will be publicized when it gets confirmed.

Supervisor Roder mentioned that the Town had submitted a grant application for assistance with bridge maintenance. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) notified the Town that the application was received along with 17 others. The hope is to work on three bridges, one of which is the Madden Road Bridge.

After the Amended Land Use Regulation Law from 2014 was approved, the Board approved using Dog Control Officer Maggie Banker's space as a dog shelter for Stephentown. Banker, who has worked with Stephentown for approximately four years, has a facility on Saddleback Ridge Road in Nassau which is described as a comfortable place that can take numerous dogs for the year 2023 as long as the Town can verify her insurance.

The next Town Board workshop meeting is scheduled for February 13, and the regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, at 7 pm, at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road.

BERLIN CSD

Paint and Pizza

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Middle/High School will hold a paint and pizza event on **Thursday, February 2, from 6 to 8 pm**, in the art room (room 106). The cost is \$30 and includes all art supplies, a slice of pizza, and beverages. Sign up by Monday, January 30 by emailing scolbert@berlincentral.org.

PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

Geothermal System Installation

The new energy-efficient, green technology geothermal system is almost completed for the library. The main floor is already comfortably warm with an even and consistent temperature, and we expect the library to stay cool in the summer, without the noise of the window air conditioner units. Many thanks for all the help, support, and cooperation of the Library Board, the Town Board, the UHLS, and the NY State Education Department for facilitating the Construction Grant and helping us realize this important and wonderful improvement for the Petersburg Public Library.

Storytime will meet Tuesday, January 31, at 10:30 am.

Knitters and Stitchers will meet Wednesday afternoon.

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PITTSTOWN

School Bus Rollover

On Friday, January 20, at around 7:15 am, a school bus slid off the road and rolled onto its side on County Rt. 111 and Baum Rd. Pittstown EMS, along with the Hoosic Valley Rescue Squad and the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. All nine students and the driver were taken off the bus safely, with one of the students being transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The road was reopened later that same day.



Photo courtesy of the Pittstown Fire Department.

AVERILL PARK

Sky High Community Center

Parent and Child Foam Ball Tennis

Wednesdays and Thursdays through February 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Let Your Artistic Talent Shine

Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 9, from 6 to 8 pm. For teens.

Wholehearted Yoga for Adults

Sundays through March 12, from 9 to 10 am

Yoga for Adults and Older Teens

Tuesdays through March 28, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Hula Hoop It Up

Saturday, February 4 and 11, from 9 to 10 am. For teens and adults

For more information or to register for these and other events, please visit www.shaccenter.org. Community substance abuse informational forums will continue monthly throughout the winter.

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

Lego Time

Fridays from 3 to 6 pm

Experiential Youth Programs

Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Each week youth will participate in either a STEAM activity or Lockdown at the Library.

Winter Reading Bingo Challenge

Now through February 28

Pick up your bingo board at the library.

Puzzle Day

Saturday, January 28, from 9:30 am to 1 pm

You are invited to hang out with us and try all kinds of puzzles: jigsaw, word, number, shapes, etc. We will also have a puzzle swap. Bring your gently used jigsaw puzzles to swap.

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

SAND LAKE

Pandemic Remembrances

The Sand Lake Historical Society (SLHS) is putting together a book of remembrances by residents and businesses of the Town so future generations will understand and appreciate all we went through during the COVID-19 pandemic. We'd love to include your story.

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- Have a relative in a nursing home or sick with COVID-19?
- Have children learning at home?
- Have to close or make changes to your business?
- Spend more time outdoors or doing home repairs?
- Have some other experience you'd like to share?

Please submit your prose or poetry of 600 words or fewer describing your pandemic story to SLHSpandemic@gmail.com. All experiences can be shared, whether they made you happy, sad, scared, crazy, brave, thankful, exhausted, etc.

The deadline for submissions is February 28, and SLHS reserves the right to edit stories.

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STRIDE 100K Vertical Challenge

Submitted by STRIDE Adaptive Sports

On **Monday, February 27, at 8 am**, at Jiminy Peak, Hancock, MA, STRIDE Adaptive Sports is hosting its eighth annual 100k Vertical Challenge at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort. This is an all-day team relay race to raise funds and awareness for adaptive sports programs serving youth and Wounded Warriors with disabilities.

STRIDE's founder and CEO, Mary Ellen Whitney, expressed high hopes for the fundraising event. "This event has typically been our biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised \$54,000 to support STRIDE programs. The 2023 goal is \$75,000 to support all adaptive ski programs run by STRIDE at 3 resorts. We need all the help we can get, so teams are welcome to join us!"

Register as a single or a team. To support STRIDE participants with a donation, or for more information, visit www.stride.org.

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

Knitting Circle

Thursdays at 1 pm
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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.

Chair Yoga with Becky

Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 am. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Beginner Quilt Workshop

Sat., Feb 4, noon – 4 pm

Valentine Cards

Wednesday, February 8, at 4 pm. All ages welcome.

For more information, visit www.brunswicklibrary.org. To register for events, call 518-279-4023

JOHNSONVILLE

Installation Banquet

Courtesy of Rensselaer County



The Johnsonville Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Co. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Storytime with Ms. Erin

Every Friday at 10:15 am

Yeti, Set, Read Winter Reading Program

Through February 18
Signup, read, have fun, and earn a prize. Don't forget to look for the library Yetis.

Lego Club

Wednesday, Feb 1, at 6:30 pm

Check It Out Book Club

Thursday, February 2, at 6 pm
We will be discussing *The Kitchen Front*, by Jennifer Ryan.

Medicare Info Session

Wednesday, February 8, at 2 pm

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

On Saturday, January 21, the Johnsonville Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Co. held their installation banquet, welcoming officers for new terms and recognizing outstanding service. At the banquet Robert Bailey was awarded a County commendation recognizing his 50 years of outstanding service to the community.

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HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Board of Education Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

It's possible that State requirements for hours per school year may affect how and if students are released early. The required hours for middle/high school students is 990 hours, while that number for the elementary students is only 900 hours. With only 2 hours of leeway left for the middle/high school, this could mean that elementary students are released early while middle/high school students need to finish the day. Dropping below the required number of hours would be costly for the district, as it would mean they would lose a day's worth of state aid, which is worth tens of thousands of dollars.

There may be a need for the Varsity Club to change up how they go about fundraising. This is due to the fact that less people are attending live sporting events now that games are live-streamed. School sporting events were the main way that Varsity Club raised funds. It was stated that attendance is roughly half of what it used to be.

Unified bowling is set to begin on February 17. This is the second unified sports team offered by Hoosick Falls after they began basketball last year. It was mentioned there could possibly be a third sport offered as early as this spring.

The Board recognized the tenure of Science Teacher Amber Breeze.

A budget workshop will be held on Thursday, March 2, at 6 pm.

CAMBRIDGE

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

On **Saturday, January 28**, the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, 59 South Park St, will be hosting its first fundraising dinner of the year. There will be no in-person dining. Dinners may be picked up between 4:30 and 6:30 pm. The dinner is sponsored by Cornerstone East Church, which meets each Sunday at the Food Pantry.

The menu will consist of penne bolognese, spring mix salad with a side of balsamic dressing, freshly baked Italian bread, and a homemade brownie, all for only \$13.

HOOSICK FALLS

Roast Beef Dinner

On **Saturday, February 4, at 4 pm**, the 4-H Teen Exchange will hold a take-out only roast beef dinner at the North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 NY Route 22. The menu includes roast beef, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Ages 12 and up are \$16, ages 5 to 11 are \$8, and ages 4 and under are free. Please RSVP by calling 518-421-2360 and pre-pay by visiting the web address below and indicating in the notes your name, phone number, and how many diners you are ordering. <https://secure.payconex.net/paymentpage/enhanced/index.php?action=view&aid=120615362881&id=146755>

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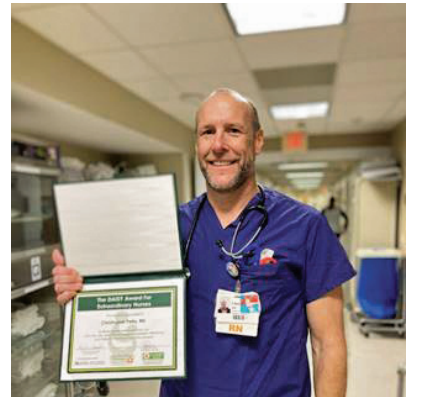
Submitted by SVMC

Christopher Petry, RN, a nurse in the Emergency Department at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), was the December recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC).

Petry grew up in Manchester, VT, and received his nursing degree as a part of Army training and through Weber State University in Utah. He was stationed at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX, and in Utah before returning to Vermont to work at SVMC in 2015. The award was presented during a surprise ceremony last month.

"It's really nice to be recognized," Petry said. "I am also grateful to feel supported by management. My coworkers and I make a great team. Everybody lives in this community, and we all work hard to support each other. It's a good atmosphere."

The DAISY Award is part of a national merit-based recognition program established by the DAISY Foundation. It celebrates nurses' education, training, and skill. Nominations can be submitted by patients, families, physicians, and colleagues. All nominations are blinded, so that they are anonymous, before being reviewed by a selection committee. One nurse is then chosen as the DAISY Award winner. DAISY Awards are presented on a regular basis, usually bi-monthly or quarterly.



December DAISY award winner Christopher Petry, RN. Photo courtesy of SVMC.

HOOSICK FALLS

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SALEM

Woman's Club Meeting

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HOOSICK FALLS

Honoring Niel Stowell

By Doug La Rocque

Niel Stowell has served the Village for 35 years, the last 23 as Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Thursday, January 26 was Niel's last day on the job as he heads into retirement. A special luncheon was held that afternoon with family, friends, and area dignitaries to celebrate Niel's long career in the Village.

At a special meeting of the Village Board on Tuesday, January 24, the Trustees approved a resolution honoring Niel for his service and presented him with a proclamation from the Village and the New York State Conference of Mayors. Mayor Rob Allen spoke briefly about all the sacrifices Niel has made, be it with water main or sewer breaks, floods, and snowstorms, the countless nights, weekends, and holidays spent on the job and away from his family, all without complaint. Niel's DPW crews were also responsible for the annual outstanding Christmas decorations erected each year throughout the Village.

Niel of course has a myriad of memories from his tenure—one, many years ago when they had a major water main break and had to dig it up. He says it was a rather large hole and as fate would have it, one of the people working on the site managed to fall in. Filled with water, Niel says all you could see of the man was his arm sticking up holding his wallet in an effort to keep it dry. He was of course quickly rescued with no ill effects. Niel also told *The Eastwick Press* he could not have accomplished anything with-

out the support and cooperation of his DPW personnel. He said it was always a good atmosphere—they knew when to work hard and when to laugh.

Through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village Board continued to hold its meetings, first virtually and then again in person, but all attendees had to sign in and have their temperature checked. These meetings were held in the Highway Department Garage to allow for spacing. The man at the door handling that chore was Niel. As those in attendance Tuesday night entered the Highway Garage, Niel was still there at the door, holding it open and greeting all who entered "his house." That is a gesture many of those who are so fond of Niel will miss.

The current Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Ken Holbrook will take over as the New DPW Superintendent.

A New Village Attorney

The Trustees appointed Alaina Finan as the new Village Attorney. She is currently the attorney for the Town of Niskayuna in Schenectady County and works with the City of Troy as well.

Meeting Changes

The next three Trustees gatherings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, February 8, March 8, and April 12. The meeting dates for the rest of the year will be determined at the April Organizational Meeting.



Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen (far left) presents retiring DPW Superintendent Niel Stowell with his proclamation. Joining Niel is his wife Roseanne and former Mayor David Borge (far right), whom Niel also served under. Photo by Doug La Rocque.

CHENEY LIBRARY

Winter Story Time

Tuesday, January 31, 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 31, at 10 am

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

Lego Club

Friday, February 3, from 4 to 5 pm

Create, build, and design unique creations with Legos. Supplies are provided.

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Bennington

Thursday, February 2, from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm, the American Red Cross will host a blood drive at the First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street. Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by e-mail and a chance to win a Florida getaway.

To schedule an appointment at an upcoming drive in Bennington, visit www.redcrossblood.org/give. Alternatively, those interested in donating blood can call 1-800-RED CROSS or text "bloodapp" to 90999 to download the app to a smartphone.

Those who have questions about the drive may call 802-447-5345.

Hoosick Falls

Friday, February 3, from 1 to 6 pm, at the First Baptist Church, Main St.

Please call the American Red Cross at one of the following numbers: 1-800-233-2167 or 1-800-RED-CROSS. A donor can also go online to www.redcrossblood.org.

The entire process from registering at the site to completing the process takes about an hour.

Donors are asked to enter the site through the back door of the hall by the parking lot.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are **February 3 and 17**. 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.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

Celebrating 30 Years with New Building Plan

Submitted by Habitat for Humanity of Columbia County

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023, and has adopted a progressive growth strategy to help address the lack of affordable housing in the area. The organization has committed to building more homes more often, and partnering with more families to help them realize the dream of homeownership. The organization will also serve more low- and moderate-income and senior homeowners with its award-winning home repair and education program, Habitat Helping Hands.

To meet the rising need for affordable homes, Columbia County Habitat has committed itself to a 3-year strategic plan that will grow its organizational capacity. By the end of year 2025, Habitat will serve

more families in Columbia County by building 3 or more new homes each year utilizing basic, sustainable, efficient, and expandable home designs. In the same timeframe, Habitat Helping Hands will scale-up its home repair services program to assist 3 or more families per month.

Columbia County Habitat will continue to serve as the area's primary advocate for the development of affordable homeownership opportunities by working closely with local and state organizations, elected officials, and the recently formed Columbia County Affordable Housing Task Force to create change that will result in more affordable housing options being built in the County.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

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

Small Wonders Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For toddlers up to 35 months.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

For ages 3 to 6.

Linda Worster Online

Friday, February 3, at 6:30 pm

Login details will be posted on the library website the afternoon of the concert.

Book Group

Sunday, February 5, at 11 am

This month's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. Copies are available by request at local libraries.

Crafternoon Kids: Valentines

Tuesday, February 7, at 4:30 pm

Widget Wednesday

Wednesday, February 15, at 4:30 pm

Make It & Take It: Craft Meetup for Adults

Thursday, February 16, at 4:30 pm

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

NEW LEBANON

Raising Funds for the LVPA

On **Thursday, February 9, at 6 pm**, at M & M's Tap & Tavern, there will be a Barn Raising for the 21st Century and silent auction to benefit the Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA). The LVPA has been trying to build a new centrally located firehouse to improve response times from one end of Town to the other. They have received a \$250,000 donation from an anonymous donor from New Lebanon, but the community has to come up with \$250,000 in matching donations to receive it.

So far for the silent auction local businesses have donated self storage units, commercial fleet power washing services, a 20 yard dumpster, massages, custom made jewelry, dinners at local restaurants, and much more. The Brown and McArdle Real Estate Team from Berkshire Hathaway Blake are sponsoring the event, as well as giving out a door prize and pizza the night of the event.

Personal monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be made payable to LVPA.

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

KISS Program

The Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe (KISS) program, sponsored by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, will be taking place from **Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 24**. Documents that should be shredded include those containing your account numbers, passwords, PINs, date of birth, social security number, and more. Documents can be brought to New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

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/ICCHHeating>
 - Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/charliespantryheat>
 - Mail a check: 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

Better Choices, Better Health

Submitted by the Town of New Lebanon

The start of a new year is a great time to refocus your energy on self care. If you are thinking of making a change, we can help. Connect with others and find a new you by joining Better Choices, Better Health (BCBH). BCBH is a free online program that you complete from your own home, at your own pace. It's a great way to prioritize your physical and mental health in 2023, along with support from your peers.

With an online program like BCBH,

you can connect to others 24/7. The six-week online program provides in-the-moment information on staying healthy, including how to get medications, how to become and stay physically active, and how to manage symptoms like pain, stress, and fatigue. Trained facilitators monitor small group workshops to help people living with chronic conditions access tools to reduce symptoms and stay healthy.

For more information or questions, please contact the New York State Office for the Aging at NYSOFAEBIs@aging.ny.gov. To register, visit <https://eligibility-nysofa.selfmanage.org/>.

Berlin-New Lebanon Winter Sports Senior Nights

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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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.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, January 28, from 1 to 2:30 pm

For all ages and skill levels.

The S'mores Tours: Animal Tracking

Saturday, February 18, from 1 to 3 pm

Hike or snowshoe, depending on conditions, along the shoreline of Dyken Pond in search of animal tracks, and enjoy some s'mores by a toasty campfire before heading back out of the woods. All ages welcome that can hike 1 mile. Donations welcome to help cover our expenses.

Winter Break Snowshoeing

Wednesday, February 22, from 1 to 2:30 pm

Snowshoe and search the forest for animal signs and other seasonal wonders.

Winter Break Snowshoeing

Friday, February 24, from 1 to 2:30 pm

Snowshoe and search the forest for animal signs and other seasonal wonders.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or emailing 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 more information.

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Wack'em & Stack'em	35-15
Gallup Inn	31-19
Lebowski Rug Co.	31-19
Mag-Way	30-20
Lou's Plumbing	27-23
Bistro 42	21.5-28.5
Farmers Tires	21-29
Chico's Bail Bonds	21-29
Boner's	17.5-32.5
The Jabronis	15-35

High Scores

Josh Magisano	278 266 802
Mitch Andrew	279 248 744
Colin Cipperly	247 227 691
CJ Brown	255 234 690
Cory Weeden	299 205 690
Matt Gaghigh	269 214 679
Matt Longtin	258 238 676
Kris Kuebler	268 213 675
Corey Wysocki	255 224 673
Mike Weeden	237 221 670

Team Standings

Modern Game Pro Shop	161-109
Dave Clark Excavating	156-114
Walloomsac Metal Rec	155-115
Stevens and Sons Tents	151.5-118.5
RGI Insurance	140-130
Piece on Earth	135-135
Lo-Ridge Farm	127-143
Huntin' Time	126-144
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	105.5-164.5
Team Taconic	93-177

High Game

278	Preston Oakes
269	Timothy McCart
267	David Felion
265	Joshua Sweet
259	Thomas Mongeon
258	Ryan Bedford
258	David Rice
257	Colin Cipperly
256	Robert Kapron Jr.
256	Tyler Clark

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Ice Fishing Contest – Saturday, January 28, 5:30 am – 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.

Storm of the Century

Wednesday, February 1, 7 pm

Snowmobile Ride

Saturday, February 18, at 10 am

Storm of the Century - \$2

Sunday, February 19, at 11 am

Kicksledding - \$3

Monday, February 20, at 1 pm

Pinecone Birdfeeder Craft - \$2

Wednesday, February 22, at 2 pm

Winter Bird Watching - \$2

Friday, February 24, at 10 am

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

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Wild Hudson Valley Winter Walk

Saturday, January 28, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Join ethnoecologist 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.

Nature Book Club

All Things Bright and Beautiful by James Herriot.

Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm, via Zoom

Learn more and register at www.rensselaerplateau.org.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

On Tuesday, January 24, the Hoosick Falls bowling team lost to Stillwater by a score of 4-1. Stillwater finished with a total of 3437 to Hoosick Falls' 3271.

Hoosick Falls High Scores

Ryan Maxon 236-604
Memphis Hathaway 215-602
Bradley Senecal 196-547

Stillwater High Scores

Connor Julian 257-655
Evan Coe 232-604
Alex Mell 212-599



The BNL bowling team. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications. High games of the day were rolled by: Logan Dunlop 239, 201, Alex Reinhart 168, Avyn Capasso 160 and Gabe Florida 154.

Courtesy of BCS Communications

The BNL Bowlers took to the lanes Tuesday night, January 24, in a tough match against Mechanicville. After not bowling for many days due to bad weather, the bowlers spent the first game shaking the rust off as they found their groove.

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Student Honors

Dominique Bassallo of Petersburg has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at American International College.

Mallory Brownell of Valley Falls, and **Carter Wilkins** of Cambridge, have been named to Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.

Hunter Day, a 2020 graduate of Cambridge Central, has been named to the Russell Sage College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Evan VanDeusen of West Lebanon has been named to the Nazareth College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Belmont University

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Christine DeVito of Averill Park
Megan O'Brien of New Lebanon

Castleton University

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Abigail Burdge of Hoosick Falls
Sydney Miller of Hoosick Falls
April Myers of Eagle Bridge
Serena Toney of Hoosick Falls
Sherman Trinkle of Cambridge

SUNY Cortland

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Kyle Fiske of Stephentown
Hunter Hathaway of Hoosick Falls
Holly Hermann of Berlin

SUNY Oneonta

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Emma Bogart of Poestenkill
Emily Bulmer of Averill Park
Megan Francoeur of New Lebanon
Marissa Nagel of Averill Park
Jacob Pine of Hoosick Falls
Aaliyah Stalker of New Lebanon
Fall 2022 Provost's List
Emily Benoit of Averill Park

Plymouth State University

Fall 2022 President's List

Aiden Gifford of Eagle Bridge
Isla Lyons of Petersburg

Siena College

Fall 2022 President's List

Paris DeFilippis of Petersburg
Collin Flint of Cambridge
Lillian Kronau of Poestenkill
Amy Perry of Eagle Bridge
Megan Perry of Eagle Bridge
Ceana Potter of Hoosick Falls
Madison Scott of Petersburg

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Dylan Hansen of Averill Park
Alexis L'Heureux of Hoosick Falls
Michael O'Connor of Averill Park
Lauren Pelletier of Averill Park
Bellazara Polaro of Poestenkill
Sebastian Rossi of Melrose
Frank Scaturro of Averill Park
Emily Schafer of East Nassau
Tara Simmons of Cropseyville
Sydney Smith of New Lebanon
Nickolas Tempel of Averill Park

Rensselaer County News

Swearing In Ceremony

Courtesy of the RCSD

Congratulations to the new members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office who were sworn in by Sheriff Patrick Russo on Friday, January 20. Family, friends, elected officials, and members of the Sheriff's Office were on hand for the ceremony. Three out of the four officers had members of RCSD give them their honorary badges to wear around their necks once they were sworn in. The new officers are, from left to right, Cheyenne Mark, Allayanna Halloran, Jonah Rescott, and Anthony Pasinello.



The new members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Lifeguard Qualifying Procedures

Submitted by the NYSDEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) free lifeguard qualifying procedures will begin Saturday, February 4.

Individuals 15 and older interested in lifeguarding positions at DEC facilities this summer are eligible to register. Candidates who qualify will be considered for employment. The qualifying procedure consists of a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) skills component, and a water skills evaluation. Candidates may attend the qualifying location most convenient to them and the results will be forwarded to their preferred work location.

Seasonal lifeguard positions are available at DEC campgrounds throughout the Adirondack and Catskill parks. The current hourly starting rate for New York State lifeguards is \$20, and most DEC facilities offer free housing or site accommodations.

At the time of employment, all DEC lifeguards must:

- Be at least 15 years old
- Possess a valid certification in Waterfront Skills, Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent

- Have successfully completed the New York State lifeguard qualifying procedure
- Have submitted a current New York State DEC medical form stating the candidate's physical ability to perform lifeguard duties
- Meet the vision requirement of 20/70 uncorrected in both eyes and be correctable to the 20/40 standard. Candidates tested at a vision level below 20/40 in either one or both eyes must correct to a minimum of 20/40 with 20/20 preferred
- Have completed a personal interview with DEC
- Have attended a DEC lifeguard orientation

Qualifying procedures will begin on time and late arrivals will not be accepted. Candidates must bring photo identification, current certifications (if available), and their own CPR mask and one-way valve. DEC reserves the right to cancel. DEC is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information, updates, or to pre-register, call 518-457-2500 ext. 1, email DEC at Info.Lifeguard@dec.ny.gov, or visit the Employment Opportunities in Summer Recreation webpage on DEC's website.

National Blood Donor Month

Submitted by the NYS DOH

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is asking eligible New Yorkers to roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life by donating blood this January, which is National Blood Donor Month. This request comes in light of an urgent need for blood donations nationwide.

According to the American Red Cross, a blood donation from one person can save up to three lives. As donated blood must be used within 42 days or less, the need for donations is constant, and often, supply does not keep up with demand.

While the need for blood is always high, donations

generally decline as people celebrate the holidays. This supply shortage often coincides with an increase in respiratory illnesses and other viruses that can strain health resources and further reduce the population that is eligible to donate.

All types of blood are needed; the type most often requested by hospitals is type O. Type O negative blood can be given to patients of any blood type and is most commonly used in emergencies when the blood type of a patient is unknown. New Yorkers can find nearby locations to donate blood by visiting redcross.org.

Rensselaer County News

Certificate of Appreciation



Friday, January 20, Rensselaer County Sheriff Patrick Russo and Undersheriff P.J. Higgitt presented Amy Modesti with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department for her years of professional coverage and dedicated service. Congratulations Amy. Photo by Kyle Bourgault.

Grafton's Winter Festival and Polar Plunge ... Continued from page 1

Lakes State Park, and Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance. Children colored designs at the crafting table, took home balloon art from Balloon Gal Jenny, touched snakes and reptiles from Uncharted Wild, and observed birds from Silent Wings.

Visitors could also take part in walks and hikes provided throughout the day by local conservation organizations including: mindful walk, animal signs, snowshoeing, kids scavenger hunt, and nature hike.

Grafton Lakes State Park is open year round. Like Grafton Lakes State Park on Facebook. Visit <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/grafonlakes> for more info.



A young boy touching a snake held by a volunteer of Uncharted Wild inside the Welcome Center of Grafton Lakes State Park. Uncharted Wild was one of several indoor attractions at the 38th Annual Winterfest. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Time for a Change Continued from page 1

a full-time position elsewhere, and will soon take up responsibility on another creative endeavor that I accepted outside of my new position. I won't be gone completely from *The Eastwick Press*, as I'll remain on hand as Social Media Manager. I'm nervous but excited to take on these new roles, and am looking forward to new adventures in local journalism.

To our readers, subscribers, social media followers, clients and businesses I worked alongside, and to *The Eastwick Press* staff past and present, thank you so much for allowing me to tell my stories and capture all the great things that Rensselaer County has to offer. Thank you for your readership, friendship, and support you've provided to me for five years. Much love and best wishes to all. Thank You.

Hudson Mohawk AHEC Scholarship Opportunity

Submitted by Hudson Mohawk AHEC

Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center (Hudson Mohawk AHEC) will be awarding ten scholarships of \$500 each to individuals who will be entering an approved healthcare related certificate or degree program at a local community college, university, or training entity within New York State. Applicants must reside within the Hudson Mohawk AHEC service region, which includes Rensselaer County.

For more information, visit the Hudson Mohawk AHEC website at www.hmahec.org, or email admin@hmahec.org. Applications are due no later than Monday, March 17. Awards will be made in May 2023.

Steve McLaughlin Found Not Guilty

With jury selection taking place Monday, January 23, the criminal trial of Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin began on Tuesday, January 24. McLaughlin was indicted in December 2021 on charges of third degree grand larceny and first degree offering a false instrument for filing, relating to a \$5,000 withdrawal from his campaign funds in 2017 that he allegedly used to pay an aide. The defense stated the funds in question were used legitimately to pay a consulting firm.

On Wednesday, January 25, after deliberating for about an hour, the jury found McLaughlin not guilty on all charges.

"I look forward to continuing our work reducing taxes, expanding important County services, strengthening our quality of life and economic opportunity, and protecting our quality of life. Thank you to the jury for their fair consideration, my family and friends for unwavering support, and to my outstanding attorneys Ben Hill and Thomas Capezza for ensuring the truth was heard," stated County Executive Steve McLaughlin.



Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Tops Launches Annual Check Out Hunger Campaign

Submitted by Tops Friendly Markets

Tops Friendly Markets is excited to kick off this year's Check Out Hunger campaign which will run in all of its stores now through Saturday, February 4.

The annual campaign has helped raise over \$5,140,377 for participating food banks since 2006.

The US Department of Agriculture estimates that more than 34 million people are food insecure, nine million of which are children. With the community's support, however, we can make a difference. When shopping at Tops simply tell your cashier you'd like to help Tops Check Out Hunger and a donation of \$2, \$3, or \$5 will help provide food for your local food bank.

To learn more about Tops Friendly Markets and its charitable programs, please visit topsmarkets.com/Community/Living_Here_Giving_Here/.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Hoosick will hold a Comprehensive Plan meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:00pm located at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, NY. All those interested may attend.

Holli Cross
Hoosick Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, in Hoosick Falls, New York, requests sealed bids for the purchase of 96 Wireless Access Points manufacturer Aruba for the 2023-2024 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from the District's website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, February 28, 2023 in the District Office at which time they will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Howard Commander/Primax Properties LLC for a Special Permit, Site Plan Review, Minor 2 lot Subdivision to construct a Dollar General Store located on Route 20 across from Walter B. Howard Elementary School, New Lebanon, NY. The Public Hearing will take place on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk at PZclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

By: Samantha Long
Planning/Zoning Clerk
Town of New Lebanon, NY
1/23/23

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Please take notice that pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items.

WINTER SAND

Bids can be submitted at the Clerk's Office at 80 Church St. Hoosick Falls, New York until 3 P.M. February 10, 2023. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 80 Church Street Hoosick Falls on February 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope at the above address and shall have thereof the name and address of the holder on the outside.

The item to be bid on will comply with all general specifications. Detailed specifications are available to any interested bidder at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

Bidders must list any deviations from minimum specifications and must list a delivery date, as it may be a factor in awarding the bid. All bids must have the NONCOLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE enclosed in the same envelope.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Supt. of Highways, with Town Board approval, to the lowest responsible bidder. In case where two or more responsible bidders submit identical as to price, the Supt. of Highways may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Supt. of Highways may reject all bids and may re-advertise for new bids at his discretion.

Dated: January 13, 2023 Paul G. Hoag
Supt. of Highways

Prime Refinishing LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/5/2022. 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, 3 Longview Ave West Sand Lake NY 12196. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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 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.

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.

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

CRISP RESIDENTIAL SERVICES LLC. Filed 11/10/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY design. 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.

Senior News

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Clemminshaw 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.

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.

Inspiration Abbey LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/01/2022. 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, 476 Bunker Hill road Nassau NY 12123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 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.

January 31 Legal Aid assistance will be at the Center. This is a free service. Call to make an appointment. February 8 is the next Senior Membership Meeting at 11 am. February 14 is craft day with Julie; pre-sign up is required. February 15 is our monthly Special Luncheon with music by John Hill. 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.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

In 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. Since the January meeting was

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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.

HW Trucking Services LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Department of State on January 6, 2023. Office location: Rensselaer County. Principal business location: 9 St. Lukes Ave., Troy, NY 12180. The Secretary of State is designated the LLC's agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail a copy of such process to: 9 St. Lukes Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is **GRABERT, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 11, 2023.

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Rensselaer County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 995 NY Route 43, Stephentown, N.Y. 12168.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.

Dated: January 11, 2023
FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C. 441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York 12534

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **Bella Operations, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on January 20, 2023. OFFICE LOCATION: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Bella Operations, LLC 288 Riley Rd Melrose, NY 12121. PURPOSE: Any lawful purpose.

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.

canceled, February's meeting will be the chili cook-off, instead of soup and sandwiches. March 3 Linda Shear from the Department of the Aging for Columbia County will be our guest speaker. March 17 is our St. Patrick's day lunch at Jimmy D's. For more information, including information on membership and paying dues, call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorcitizens@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, Wednesdays, and Fridays the center will be open from 9 am to noon, with a 10 am Chair Yoga class.

February 2 will be craft time following lunch. The next senior meeting is February 7.

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.

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

Jan. 27: Fresh pork loin w/gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, peas and onions, dinner roll, cinnamon apple-sauce, + sandwich bag

Jan. 30: Ravioli w/meat sauce, cut green beans w/ almond slices, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit

Jan. 31: Chef's choice

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Community Calendar

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](https://rensselaerplateau.org)

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Crossword Theme: Super Bowl

ACROSS

- COVID tester
- Pep rally syllable
- To overlay with thin gold coating
- Sky bear
- Abundant
- Worrier's worry?
- Fishing spot
- Blackhearted
- Full of coral
- *2023 Super Bowl stadium sponsor
- Research facil.
- Egg cell
- King Charles to Prince Harry
- Thief's target
- *2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show star
- Mozart's "L' ____ del Cairo"
- Bob Marley's music
- Yarn spinner
- "The Poky Little ____"
- Skedaddle
- 18-wheelers
- "Guilty," e.g.
- Fabric inset
- One of the sibs
- *Super Bowl advertiser's purchase
- Anatolian language
- Decay
- "There it is," ‡ Paris
- "Hold on!"
- *Home of the Ravens, for both Super Bowl appearances
- Cuckoo for these puffs!
- Curved molding
- Medicinal plant
- Court orders, e.g.
- Sonny & Cher and Abbott & Costello
- Talk like a drunk
- Actor Danson and character Lasso
- "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
- *Star of the most-watched Super Bowl Halftime Show

DOWN

- Paddleboarding acronym
- Court order
- Between ports
- Hungarian composer Bela ____
- *Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams
- Flamb 
- Position of leadership
- *2023 Super Bowl AZ location
- Frosts, as a cake
- Hit the road
- Like certain humor
- Disprove
- Dickens's Heep
- Each and all
- One of a set of dice
- Father, colloquially
- Round openings
- Pickled garnish
- *Last year's Super Bowl winners
- Nimbus, pl.
- Nigerian money
- Torcher's crime
- Elmer's, e.g.
- Found at the pump
- *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- Signing tool at the cash register
- Greenwich-related acronym
- Superior ones
- Itsy-bitsy bits
- Patterned table linen
- Lacking clarity
- Bread spreads
- Donned
- As opposed to base in chemistry
- Snatchers' quest
- Cantina pot
- *Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat
- Fear-inspiring
- 100 lbs.

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

January 31, Tuesday

Nature Book Club: All Things Bright and Beautiful, 7 pm via Zoom, info/register: rensselaerplateau.org

February 1, Wednesday

Storm of the Century, 7 – 8 pm, free, Rail to River Brewing Co, 109 Main St, Ravena, GLSP educator presents on Superstorm of '93, \$1 per beer donated to GLSP

February 2, Thursday

Blood Drive, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 601 Main St, Bennington, donors get \$10 Amazon gift card, register: 1-800-RED-CROSS or redcrossblood.org, 802-447-5345 for info

Berlin CSD Paint & Pizza, 6–8 pm, \$30, Berlin Middle/High School art room (106), includes art supplies, slice of pizza, beverages, email scolbert@berlincentral.org by 1/30 to sign up

February 3, Friday

Blood Drive, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm, First Baptist Church, Main St, Hoosick Falls, register: 1-800-RED-CROSS or redcrossblood.org

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

Last week's puzzle solution:

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February 4, Saturday

Hula Hoop It Up, 9 – 10 am, Sky High Community Center, 27 Lake Ave, Averill Park, for teens and adults

Roast Beef Dinner, 4 pm, 12+ \$16, 5–11 \$8, 4 & under free, take-out only, North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 NY-22, 4-H Teen Exchange, RSVP by calling 518-421-2360 & pre-pay by visiting following link—include name, phone, and # of dinners: <https://secure.payconex.net/paymentpage/enhanced/index.php?action=view&aid=120615362881&id=146755>

February 9, Thursday

LVPA Benefit, 6 pm, M & M's Tap & Tavern, 501 NY-20, New Lebanon, Barn Raising for the 21st Century & silent auction, door prize, pizza

February 17, Friday

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

February 18, Saturday

Snowmobile Ride, 10 am, Grafton Lakes State Park, register: 518-279-1155

Last week's puzzle solution:

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Church News

Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

On Friday, March 3, from 3 to 6 pm, join us for Brooks Barbecue at Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, 990 Hoosick Road, Troy. The take-out only menu includes a half chicken, potato, vegetable, dessert, and drink for \$15, or a half chicken only for \$7.

For tickets and information, please call Kathleen at 518-528-6725.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church

On Thursday, February 9, from 10 am to 12:15 pm, at the Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Rd, the Tri-State Northeast Community Bible Study (CBS) is having a Visitor's Day. The class also offers Zoom options at the same time. CBS offers the opportunity to study the Bible in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. Classes meet weekly at 10:15 am during the school year, online and in person. There are currently openings in both men's and women's groups and the preschool class. To learn more about the Tri-State Northeast Class, visit the local website at tristatenortheast.cbseclass.org or the national website at communitybiblestudy.org. Any questions relating to Visitor's Day or how to get a Zoom link to visit the online group should be directed to

Cheryl Workman at 774-230-1183 or CherylinMA@gmail.com.

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.

Safely Enjoying Ice Fishing This Winter

Submitted by NYSDEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) would like to remind anglers to be safe when venturing onto the ice this season, especially given recent variations in weather conditions.

Ice anglers should check the thickness of ice before leaving the shore. Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. However, ice thickness can vary between waterbodies and even within the same waterbody, increasing the need to ensure thickness. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Checking the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots. In addition, fishing with a family member or friend is also encouraged for safety. Local bait and tackle shops are a great source for finding out where there is safe ice and what anglers are catching.

Those interested in trying ice fish-

ing for the first time should mark the weekend of February 18-19 on their calendars. As a designated free freshwater fishing weekend, the need for a freshwater fishing license is waived during these days. For some fish species, ice fishing can be more productive than open-water fishing. Given good ice conditions, anglers normally limited to shore fishing can access an entire waterbody.

Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on the DEC ice fishing websites, and also through the new Tackle Box feature in DEC's HuntFishNY app. Fishing regulations, access information, fish species present, and more can be accessed from a map-based interface, all within the convenience of a smart phone.

The use of bait fish is popular when ice fishing and may be used in most, but not all, waters open to ice fishing. For more information on bait fish regulations, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/124974.html.

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@carclan.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. Faith formation for kindergarten through eighth grade is January 29, March 3, March 26, and May 7, from 11 am to 12:15 pm. Visit our website at www.icchoosickfalls.com

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Standing in Snow



Prickly Tree Clubmoss (*Dendrolycopodium dendroideum*) is not a moss nor a tree, but is an evergreen plant that can be seen in our forests above a couple of inches of light snow. The plant, which can grow to a foot in height, is treelike in that each stem has many branches with needlelike leaves. You will usually see clubmosses in groups or colonies. Photo taken by Trix Niernberger in the Petersburg woods.

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

A Trip on the Cars

Monday, August 22, 1853: John F. continues lame with boils. Today Russel Palmer bought six sheep at 15 dollars and paid nine and owes six dollars. Tuesday, August 30: Today John F. went to Pittsfield with one and a half bushel plums, one bushel apples and five small cheeses and a pail of butter. He got about ten dollars for the whole. Today while John F. was to Pittsfield he trusted his uncle F. Jay Wylie for two small cheeses. They weighed 18½ pounds at seven cts per pound, which was 1.29 cts. Wednesday: This morning I took my horse and wagon and carried Mathew Lord six bushels potatoes at 37½ cts per bushel. I paid Mr. Anson 25 cts for a bottle of cinnamon which was a mistake, it was what is called the Golden ointment. Thursday: This afternoon I took my horse and wagon and carried five bushels potatoes to the railroad shanty near the river on the cross road near Gay's store, and trusted them at two and six pence per bushel. Friday: I helped John F. put up 30 bushels of oats and he carried them with my horse and wagon to Lord and trusted them, and John F. fetched Sidney Grosvenor and wife home from Lebanon, they came from New York on the cars and from Canaan in the stage. Friday, Sept. 16: This morning John F. drove my fat heifer and one of his to Benj Tanner at 5¼ dollars per hundred and left them to be butchered. I called to the railroad shanty and the Irish woman paid me three dollars for the potatoes which is all but 12½ cts for the ten bushels at 2/6. Saturday: I and John F. and Patrick worked on my Rodgers farm, we worked fencing and cutting and putting up buckwheat. Today Geo P. paid one dollar for me a pair India rubbers and 75 cts for my wife a pair rubbers in Pittsfield. Monday: This forenoon John F went to Canaan Depot with two horse lumber wagon and carried myself and my wife and cousin Sidney Grosvenor and wife. We took the cars after 11 o'clock. We paid one dollar each in the cars to Albany, and two dollars 20 cts each to Utica. We started out of Albany about four o'clock pm in the cars and got to Utica half past eight this evening.

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