

HOOSICK FALLS

Fire Destroys Country Club Building Called a Total Loss

Submitted by the HFPD

On Friday, December 23, at approximately 11:56 pm, Hoosick Falls Police were dispatched to the Hoosick Falls Country Club, 73 Richmond Avenue, for a reported structure fire. When officers arrived on scene a heavy fire was observed on the North side of the building. The Hoosick Falls Fire Department along with several mutual aid departments had a tough time extinguishing the fire as they battled flames, snow, wind, and extremely cold temperatures.

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Firefighters battling the blaze that destroyed Hoosick Falls Country Club. Photo courtesy of Sidewinder Photography.

Stewart's Holiday Match Raises Over \$2 Million

Submitted by Stewart's Shops

The 2022 Holiday Match Program has raised over \$2 million for local children's organizations. From Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, Stewart's customers impressively donated \$1,011,281 to the program and Stewart's Shops doubled their donations. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the funds benefit local, nonprofit children's organizations.

"We are continually amazed by the generosity of our customers. We are proud to double their gifts allowing us to share more with our communities. These gifts have the power to accelerate progress where it's needed most and support projects and services that can fuel real change in our communities," related Jennifer Frame, Stewart's Shops Director of Corporate Philanthropy.

All local children's charities are encouraged to apply for funding annually from the Holiday Match Program. Organizations can apply online through January 31. All groups applying must be locally based, benefit children under 18, and be a qualified, charitable 501c3 organization.

Together, Stewart's Shops and its generous customers have raised over \$36 million since 1986.

**Open Mic Night
at the PVMCC**
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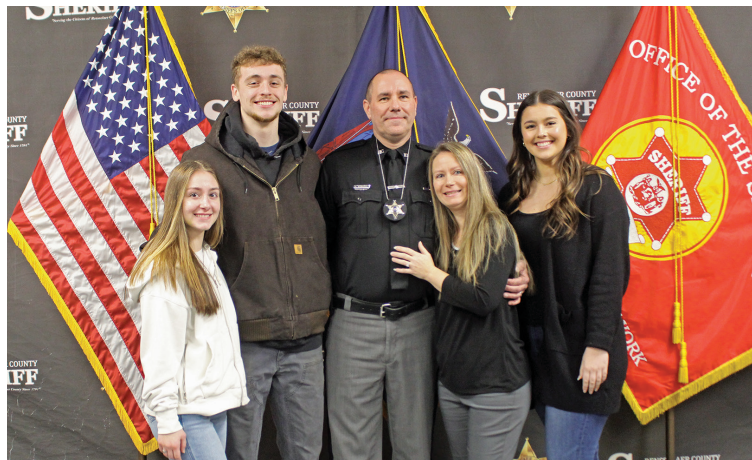
Bourgault Sworn in as Sergeant

Courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

On December 21, at the Public Safety Building in Troy, a formal swearing-in ceremony was held for the promotion of Deputy Kyle Bourgault to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Bourgault was sworn in by Rensselaer County Sheriff Patrick Russo, with family, friends, and colleagues in attendance.

Throughout his career, which began in 2008, Sergeant Bourgault has established a track record of professionalism and dedication. His many responsibilities include serving as the Public Information Officer since January of 2020, the Pistol Permit Background Investigator since 2016, and being a positive representative for the Sheriff's Office in many community events throughout the years.

We wish to congratulate Sergeant Bourgault on his promotion and acknowledge his past performances and proven leadership, as well as his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Rensselaer County and to the Sheriff's Office.



Sergeant Kyle Bourgault, along with wife Angie and children Ashley, Luke, and Sarah at his swearing-in ceremony. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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STEPHENTOWN

Sonya Bassallo Receives Black Belt

By Amy Modesti



Sonya Bassallo holding her black belt ceremonial certifications alongside dad Alexander Bassallo (to her left), mom Laura Bassallo (second from right), her sisters, and Sensei Bob Fish (right). Photo by Amy Modesti.

They say a thousand-mile journey begins with one step. In the case of sixteen-year-old Sonya Bassallo, every step she took was in the form of a successive karate move.

Sonya is the last of the Bassallo family to earn her black belt. Thursday, December 29, Bassallo earned that

title with great pride and honor. For ten years, Sonya trained under the watchful eyes of Sensei Bob Fish of Stephentown Defense Systems and her father Alexander Bassallo of Bassallo School of Martial Arts.

Sensei Bob Fish spoke honorably of Bassallo at the podium alongside guests, family, and other black belts, and assisted Sonya in the tying of her black belt on her robe. Her certifications of black belt completion were presented by both Fish and Sonya's father. Congratulations to Sonya and the entire Bassallo family on their continued successes.

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PETERSBURGH

PVMCC Events



Toss the Feathers. Photo courtesy of the PVMCC.

Open Mic Night

The Fox Hollow Cafe's next open mic night will be **Friday, January 6, at 6 pm**, at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St. Admission is free and you can BYOB if you are over 21. Refreshments and snacks are available for a suggested donation of \$1. Sign-up slots are for 15 minutes or 3 songs. Feel free to bring whatever equipment you need, or use the equipment provided on-site. Other types of performances artists are strongly encouraged. Email foxhollowcafe@gmail.com for more info.

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 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.

Stephentown Historical Society Illustrated Talk

Sunday, January 8, at 2pm at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd. Eric Durr presents: "Unknown D-Day." More information on page 5.

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For ongoing program information contact us by email. Look for us on Facebook.

Taconic Valley

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December Award Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications

Mountaineer Merit Winners:

Natalee Cruse, Marissa Childs, EllaMay Theoret, Jaxson Williams, Alana Kellar, Dakota Dus, Lilly Bonesteel, Paisley Murphy, Alexia Hatch, and Hadlee Masterson

Character Counts Winners:

Addison Burdick, Brayleigh Michaels, Tiana Lansing, Joshua LaMountain, Ryder Partridge, Clyne Capasso, Weston Schichtl, Mason Amuso, Janiyah McBride, Derrius McCoy, Taryn French, Khalani Gonzalez-Caban, Shayana Peterson, Quinnrose Hastings, Alexander Cerniglia, Dannie Young, and Sophia Zinna



December 2022 Mountaineer Merit winners. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome 2023

Storytime meets at 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 10. Knitters and Stitchers meet on Wednesday afternoons. Friends of Petersburg History will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at 4 pm. Please note that the Creative Writing group has changed their meeting to the third Tuesday of the month, so they will not meet on January 10, but January 17 at 6:30 pm.

The Book Club has changed the monthly meeting to the third Wednesday, so they will not be meeting on January 11, but January 18.

Each of these programs and groups is always open to new participants and we welcome anyone wishing to join us for the fun, learning, or socializing.

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 an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

STEPHENTOWN

Art Guild Mini Retreat

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

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



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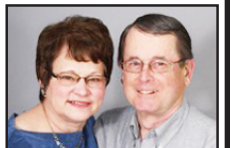
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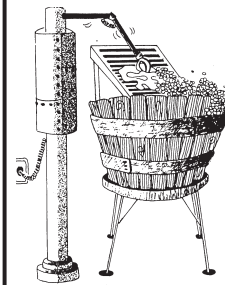
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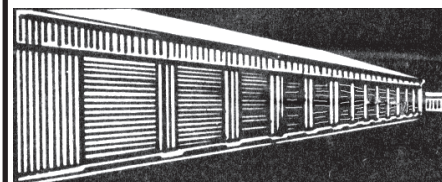
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GRAFTON

Judge Alund Sworn In



Newly elected Grafton Town Justice Joseph Alund, being sworn in by outgoing Grafton Town Justice Rebecca Greene. Alund won the seat for Town Justice in this past November's general election. We would like to welcome Judge Alund, as well as thank Judge Greene for her dedication and service to the residents of Grafton for the past 20 years. Photo provided.

VALLEY FALLS

VFW Post 1938 Breakfast

The monthly breakfast at VFW Post 1938, Poplar Avenue, will be held on **Sunday, January 8, from 8 to 11 am.** The date change is due to the first Sunday of the month falling on New Year's Day. The menu includes eggs cooked to order, French toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The cost is \$12 for ages 13 and over, \$6 for kids 5 through 12, and free for kids under 5.

No Shave November Plus

Courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department

Wednesday, December 21, members of Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) gathered alongside START Children's Center Executive Director Kevin Maloney to present Maloney with a check for the amount of \$6,266.16 to benefit the center. The funds for the check are thanks to the support of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office employees, and those who sponsored a beard this year for the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office's No Shave November Plus.

In 1993, the START Team was created by then District Attorney Mary O. Donohue in order to allow for the exchange of confidential information between various service providers to reduce trauma to victims of sexual and physical abuse. Since that time, the START Children's Center has proven to be a vital asset to law enforcement agencies all over the Capital Region, including the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office.



Members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, along with START Children's Center Executive Director Kevin Maloney. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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Central County

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

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 1/28.

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

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Pre-School Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am, for ages 18 months and up

Legos

Mondays, from 3:30 to 5 pm

Zumba Gold

Mondays, January 9 through March 13 from 6 to 7 pm

Held at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. with Michelle Mickiewicz. The cost is \$50. This class is for those age 14 and up. Snow days and/or holidays may extend the class dates. No dance experience required. Wear loose-fitting comfortable clothing, supportive footwear without a lot of tread, and bring a water bottle. Please pre-register by contacting the library at 518-279-0580, or by emailing director@griftoncommunitylibrary.com. Payment is due the first day of class (cash or checks made out to Michelle Mickiewicz, Instructor).

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Storytime With Ms. Erin

Every Friday at 10:15 am

Yeti, Set, Read - Winter Reading Program

January 9 through February 18

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

Informal Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 pm

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

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.

For more info, visit www.brunswicklibrary.org.

SAND LAKE

Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner

The Sand Lake Kiwanis Club will not be holding monthly pasta dinners in January or February. They will resume on **Saturday, March 11, from 4 to 7 pm**, at the West Sand Lake Fire Hall, Rt. 43.

AVERILL PARK

Sky High Community Center

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.

Let Your Artistic Talent Shine

Begins January 3

This is a program for teens.

Wholehearted Yoga

Begins January 8

This is a program for adults.

Open Mic Sessions

Wednesday, January 11

For all ages and talents.

Quilters Group

Begins January 11

For teens and adults.

Parent and Child Foam Ball Tennis

Begins January 18

Bring Your Own Device Tech Support

Thursday, January 19

For adults and seniors.

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

TROY

Ready, Set, Glow

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

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

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

STEPHENTOWN

Historical Society Illustrated Talk

On **Sunday, January 8, at 2 pm**, at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, Eric Durr will give an illustrated talk, "Unknown D-Day." Durr will bring to light some little known details of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Durr is a retired Army officer who served for 28 years in the Active Army, Army Reserve, and New York Army National Guard. He has served as an armor officer during the Cold War

in Germany, and commanded at the company and battalion level as well as serving as a division plans officer for three years. He is a veteran of the Iraq War. He is a graduate of the Armor Officers Advanced Course and the Army's Command and General Staff College and has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal. The program is free and the building is handicapped accessible. For directions, please call 518-733-0010.

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Fire Destroys Country Club ... Continued from page 1

There were occupants inside the building when the fire occurred, but everyone was able to make it out safely. Three fire-fighters did suffer smoke inhalation battling the fire.

Hoosick Falls Police assisted in the investigation by the Rensselaer County Fire Cause and Origin Team have determined the cause of the fire to be accidental. It is believed that a portable propane forced air heater that was in use due to the cold temperatures accidentally ignited combustible material. It is also believed that the propane fuel, along with high winds, helped the fire travel throughout the building at a faster rate. The building was a total loss.



Another angle of the fire at Hoosick Falls Country Club, as firefighters battled the blaze that would ultimately destroy the building. Photo courtesy of Sidewinder Photography.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Art Club

Makes Big Donations

Submitted by Hoosick Falls CSD

The Hoosick Falls Central School Art Club recently made a big donation today to the Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA).

For the past two years, the Middle and High School Art Club has been collecting toiletry donations such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more. These donations are then given to HACA to help support the community.

Donations are collected from students, staff, and other clubs/organizations who have reached out with their support.

In conjunction with the toiletry drive, the Art Club will hold their tenth annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser in May. Please be on the lookout for details of that event. The Art Club would like to thank the Board of Education and Administration for their endless support in serving the community.

SCHUYLERVILLE

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club

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

more. Come welcome the new year with us.

Our Friday night fish fry will be back starting **January 13, from 4 to 7 pm**. The events will run through April. Available menu items include fried fish, chicken nuggets with French fries, coleslaw, and chowder.

BENNINGTON

SVHC Receives Generous Donation

Submitted by SVHC

The Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) Foundation gratefully accepted a \$25,000 donation from the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation last week. The contribution will help fund Vision 2020, A Decade of Transformation Capital Campaign, the hospital's largest project in more than 30 years. The funds will help enhance the emergency and cancer care services available to residents region-wide.

The Vision 2020 project includes the renovation and expansion of the health system's Emergency Department and the construction of an all-new regional Cancer Center. The new Kendall Emergency Department and Hoyt-Hunter Regional Cancer Center will impact care for residents of southern Vermont, northern Berkshire County, and eastern New York.

The newly expanded Kendall Emergency Department will nearly double the size of the current Emergency Department, which was designed to accommodate 14,000 patient visits a year but currently sees

nearly 25,000 annually.

The new Hoyt-Hunter Regional Cancer Center will have double the number of exam and infusion rooms. The design focuses on patient comfort in addition to clinical excellence.

Those interested in learning more about the project should visit svhealthcare.org/vision2020.



From left to right: SVHC's President and CEO Thomas A. Dee, FACHE; Michael McKenna, financial advisor with D.B. McKenna, secretary of the SVHC Foundation Board of Directors, and a member of the corporate committee for Vision 2020; M & T Senior Vice President Remus Preda; and M & T Senior Vice President John A. Conlon, CFA, CFP.



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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

CHENEY LIBRARY

Winter Story Time

Tuesday, January 10, 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 10, at 10 am

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

Between the Covers Book Club

Tuesday, January 10, at 5:30 am

Meet at the library to discuss this month's title, *Hunting Badger* by Tony Hillerman.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Learn About the PTA

Courtesy of HFCSD

Hoosick Falls PTA is off to a fresh start this school year, with all new officers and chair members. It is important to us that our families and community understand what the PTA is and what it does. For more information, please visit nyspta.org.

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.

BENNINGTON

SVHC's Kevin Dailey Honored

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Vice President of Administration and Chief Human Resources Officer Kevin Dailey was honored with the 2022 Dolly Shaw Vermont Human Resources Professional of the Year Award from the Vermont State Council, an affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management.

The award seeks to affirm and distinguish an individual who applies advanced knowledge of human resources to substantially impact business outcomes through HR leadership, strategy, and/or development; demonstrates significant value by applying creative and innovative management concepts; implements programs in any of the HR disciplines that positively impact an organization and its talent; advances and elevates the HR profession in their organization,

industry, and community; and exemplifies the highest standards of the profession and serves as a role model for peers.

Dailey brought more than 15 years of human resources experience and a background in law to SVHC in January 2015, and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and a juris doctor degree from Vermont Law School. He is an ardent volunteer, has served with the SVHC board of trustees, the Arlington Rescue Squad, the Bennington County Bar Association, the United Way, and others.



SVHC Vice President of Administration and Chief Human Resources Officer Kevin Dailey. Photo courtesy of SVHC.

BENNINGTON

Servpro Donates Toward Cancer Center

Submitted by SVHC

John M. Flood, far left, and Ariana Flood, far right, of Servpro, met with Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) President and CEO Thomas A. Dee, FACHE, and Radiation Oncologist Matthew Vernon, MD, to present the proceeds of



Servpro's second Charity Golf Tournament. This is the second \$8,000 check Servpro has presented to the Southern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) Foundation for the local cancer center, part of a \$25,000 commitment to Vision 2020. Photo courtesy of SVHC.

N. HOOSICK FIRE DEPT.

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are **January 6 and 20**. 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.

Your Legislative Team

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

Continuing Climate Success

Submitted by CSC Chair Steve Powers

Small but mighty New Lebanon continues to power its way toward achieving maximum climate change mitigation and resilience. It is the first in its region to achieve 5000 points in New York State Energy Research and Development Administration's (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities program resulting in a \$70,000 grant for energy upgrades.

The Town, with a population of 2305 people, was also the first in Columbia County to achieve Bronze Certification from the Climate Smart Communities program, which awards points for the completion of tasks taken to meet the challenges posed by climate change.

The Town Board has voted to use the latest grant for solar panels on the Town Hall.

Work that the Town had already done in Town Hall,

such as a clean energy upgrade and the installation of heat pumps, constituted some of the high impact actions that earned the additional points needed to win the grant.

When asked why New Lebanon was able to punch so far above its weight in completing the actions necessary to meet NYSERDA's challenges, Chair Steve Powers attributed it to the motivation and dedication of the CSC Taskforce.

Its members have found a variety of practical ways to achieve climate goals, such as restoring and distributing old bikes, running repair cafes, collecting food scraps from local restaurants, and keeping an informational table at the Town's farmers' market. The cooperation and support of Town officials, led by Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling, has also been key.

NEW LEBANON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Open Swim

Due to a number of reasons, open swim will now be on Tuesday evenings only, from 6:45 to 8:15 pm. Make sure to check <https://sites.google.com/newlebanoncsd.org/nlcommunityeducation/home> for updates.

2023 Recycling Stickers On Sale

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office now has 2023 recycling permits for sale. The fee will remain the same as 2022: \$100 for non-residents, \$50 for Columbia County residents, and \$35 for residents over the age of 65. You will receive two stickers to utilize on two different vehicles. You must have a recycling sticker to drop recyclables at any Columbia County Solid Waste Department Stations, including the one in New Lebanon. You can drop recyclables at any of the stations in Columbia County with these stickers.

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

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 Concert

Friday, January 6, at 6:30 pm

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

Crafternoon Kids

Tuesday, January 10, at 4:30 pm

Library Board Meeting

Thursday, January 12, at 6 pm

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.

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Water Aerobics

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

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 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.



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Rensselaer County News

County Announces Agreement with Employee Union

Submitted by the Office of

County Executive Steve McLaughlin

Rensselaer County has reached an agreement on a contract with the bargaining unit representing the largest group of County employees. The agreement, reached after collective bargaining, will provide long-term stability and support the County's mission to provide services to those who live and work in Rensselaer County.

The four-year agreement will run through 2026, and provide salary adjustments both sides termed fair, along with stipend payments to employees.

The agreement is the first to be reached with UPSEU following the pandemic, where County employees were recognized for outstanding and valuable service during COVID-19.

"This is a fair agreement, reached after productive negotiations, and is a long-term agreement that ensures stability and continuity of services as provided by our partners in public service, the hardworking men and women who serve the County and its residents," said County Executive Steve McLaughlin.

The agreement will be sent to UPSEU members for ratification, and subsequently to the Rensselaer County Legislature for consideration in the coming weeks.

Budget Available for Viewing

The adopted Rensselaer County budget for 2023 is now available for review online. The budget was adopted in late November, and can be found at [Rensco.com](https://www.rensco.com) by clicking the Bureau of Budget under the Government tab.

Acting DOH Commissioner Named

Submitted by the NYSDOH

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) recently announced that Dr. James McDonald will lead the Department as Acting Commissioner as of January 1, until a permanent commissioner is appointed, following a national search. Dr. McDonald currently serves as the Medical Director of DOH's Office of Public Health and Interim Director of the Center for Community Health. Dr. McDonald came to DOH in July after working for 10 years at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), most recently as Interim Director (Commissioner).

During his 10 years at RIDOH, Dr. McDonald car-

ried out a wide variety of duties encompassing every area of the Department, including leading the state medical licensing board, Medical Director for the state overdose prevention program, prescription drug monitoring program, and leadership roles in health policy, legislative affairs, and facility regulation.

At DOH, Dr. McDonald has played a key role in the Department's ongoing rebuilding effort. He has also represented DOH in meetings with the CDC and White House and has served as New York's representative to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

Dr. McDonald earned his M.D. from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago in 1990, completed a pediatric residency in the U.S. Navy, and a preventive medicine residency at SUNY Albany. He earned his MPH from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Dr. McDonald is board certified in pediatrics as well as preventive medicine.

His diverse career includes serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy and working in private practice in a variety of rural areas, including the Navajo Nation.

New Director of Operations

Submitted by the ASA

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) is pleased to announce the hiring of Reuben Todd as Director of Operations. Reuben joined the ASA team in August and has hit the ground running.

This is a newly created leadership position that will provide the necessary internal support for staff. Reuben's primary responsibilities include managing the financial resources of the organization, serving as the human resources manager, overseeing the daily operations of the office, and providing strategic financial and organizational support to the Executive Director. He will also focus on strengthening internal systems to optimize productivity and minimize organizational risk.

Prior to joining the ASA team, Reuben was the Executive Director of Christ the King Center in Greenwich. He has over 20 years of experience in non-profit leadership. Reuben enjoys all things outdoors and depending on the season you might find him canoeing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, or camping.

The Eastwick Press

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Senior News

Lebanon Valley Seniors

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

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 Defrest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorcitizens@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 10 is craft time with Julie. Pre-signup is required. The next Hoosick Area Senior meeting will be on January 11 at 11 am. New officers will be sworn in at the meeting. That day is also our special luncheon with music by Bob Decker.

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 10 is haircuts/manis/pedis by Rachel. Call to schedule an appointment time. January 11 Legal Aid Society will be at the center to assist seniors with simple legal questions and issues. You must call ahead for an appointment time. January 12 is the December Birthday Celebration with a fun game of Trivia.

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.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

BNL Girls Recap

Submitted by BCS Communications



The BNL Girls Wrestling Team competed in a tournament in Whitehall over the holiday break. Tallulah Powers won 2 out of 3 matches against a really tough Warrensburg wrestler. Tallulah was pinned in her first match and came back to beat her opponent twice after that. The BNL girls were pushed to their limits and stayed tough. Julia Stickles won one and lost one to take second in a 3 girl group. Photo courtesy of the Berlin New Lebanon Wrestling Facebook page.

Barbecue Recreation

League Bowling

Team Standings

Lebowski Rug Co.	28 - 7
Gallup Inn	24 - 11
Mag-Way	22 - 13
Wack'em & Stack'em	21 - 14
Lou's Plumbing	19 - 16
Bistro 42	16.5 - 18.5
Boner's	12.5 - 22.5
Chico's Bail Bonds	12 - 23
Farmers Tires	11 - 24
The Jabronis	9 - 26

High Scores

Ezra Caron	279 256 759
Sam Colliano	289 245 737
Ryan Shumway	254 247 726
Josh Magisano	244 244 714
Corey Wysocki	256 238 695
Mitch Whalen	255 226 692
Tyler Colvin	262 222 674
Devin Prendergast	277 201 671
William Nash	246 213 666
Ron Caron	235 222 664

Team Standings

Modern Game Pro Shop	113 - 67
Dave Clark Excavating	113 - 67
Walloomasac Metal Rec.	111 - 69
Piece on Earth	96 - 84
Stevens and Sons Tents	91.5 - 88.5
Huntin' Time	91 - 89
Lo-Ridge Farm	78 - 102
RGI Insurance	77 - 103
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	69.5 - 110.5
Team Taconic	60 - 120

High Game

289	Timothy McCart
275	Thomas Mongeon
268	Joshua Sweet
266	Preston Oakes
259	Max Taylor Jr.
246	Owynn Arnold
236	Meghan Backus
235	Matthew Beck
235	Ryan Bedford

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.

Campfire Series: Wetland Walk

Saturday, January 7, from 1 to 3 pm
All ages that can hike 1.5 miles are welcome. Donations welcome to help cover our expenses.

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. Pre-registration is required; please contact the center.
Tracking is a slow and studious pursuit and generally loses the interest of young children pretty quickly. Children 10 and up with a passion for learning and some patience are welcome. While tracking, we often spend long periods of time stationary in discussion of the sign, so dress for a full day in the woods and then add 2 layers.

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 a complete schedule of our events and information. Programs are free unless otherwise stated.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday, January 14, from 5:30 am to 2 pm
Register from 5:30 to 11:00 am, or 12:30pm for youth, on January 14 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 to fish in the park at any time, including during the contest. Big cash prizes are awarded for adults with 1st place fish and the longest length catch in all three categories. The awards ceremony will take place at 2:20 pm. In the case of soft ice, the Ice Fishing tournament will be postponed until Saturday, February 4. 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. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4daea72da4fb6-volunteering1#/>.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 of 2022 TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on January 10th, 2023 at 5:55 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2022. Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2022 is to establish a 12-month moratorium on demolition of structures on properties potentially having historic significance in the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Those not attending in person who wish to comment on the proposed local law can email in advance of the meeting to supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and all comments will be read at the public hearing and entered into the record.

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
12/19/2022

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I Holli Cross, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Hoosick, County of Rensselaer, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Hoosick for the year 2023. I will be available at the Hoosick Armory, 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8-4 (office closed from 12-1) and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8-12.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid at zero interest January 2nd – February 28th. Taxes received March 1st – March 31st, there shall be added interest of 2%. There will be a \$20 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 Hoosick will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Rensselaer on the 1st day of April 2023.

Dated: January 6, 2023
Holli Cross
Tax Collector
Town of Hoosick

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 Organizational Meeting Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District

Please take notice that the **Organizational Meeting** for the Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District of the Town of Hoosick, County of Rensselaer, New York, will be held on **January 10th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Hoosick Falls Fire Station located at 2 Griffin Avenue Hoosick Falls, NY.

Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District
Board Of Fire Commissioners

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Deidre Fowler, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Petersburg, 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 Petersburg for the year 2023, and that I will be at Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main Street in the said Town of Petersburg as the schedule below indicates for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. January - Monday and Friday, 10:00am to 1:00pm, and Saturday, 9:00am to 12:00pm. February and March - Monday and Friday, 10:00am to 1:00pm, and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 9:00am to 12:00pm.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2022 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest, of 1% for the month of February and 2% for the month of March. Payment Methods include check, money order, credit card or cash in exact change ONLY. Please check Petersburgh.org for the link to make online payments.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Petersburg will be returned to the Rensselaer County Treasurer on the 1st day of April 2022.

Deidre Fowler
Town Clerk & Tax Collector
Town of Petersburg

Petersburgh Public Hearing

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Laws 1 and 2 of 2023, Establishing Income levels for Real Property Tax exemptions for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income on January 16 at 6:30PM at the Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main St., Petersburg, NY 12138.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL AUDIT TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA STATE OF NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon has scheduled the 2022 Annual Audit of the books for Thursday, January 19th 2023 at 5:00pm to be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. The New Lebanon Town Board will meet to conduct the annual audit of the books of the Justice Court, the Chief Fiscal Officer, the Tax Collector, the Town Clerk, and the Building Department.

By order of the New Lebanon Town Board,
Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
12/30/2022

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

The Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners will hold their "Organizational Meeting" on January 11th, 2023, at the Berlin Fire Hall, 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY at 7:00pm.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Brunswick Introductory Local Law No. 8 of the Year 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, a proposed local law entitled "**A LOCAL LAW REPEALING THE MORATORIUM ON THE FILING, ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, OR DETERMINATION OF ANY LAND USE APPLICATION PERTAINING TO TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK**" which would repeal Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2021 "A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on the Filing, Acceptance, Review, or Determination of Any Land Use Application Pertaining to Two-Family Dwellings and Multifamily Dwellings in the Town of Brunswick," as extended by Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2021, as further extended by Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022, and as further extended by Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2022.

A complete copy of the said introductory local law is available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Brunswick, located at 336 Town Office Road, Town of Brunswick, during regular business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York, on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
William J. Lewis, Town Clerk
Town of Brunswick

Dated: January 3, 2023
Brunswick, New York

Legal Notice Town Of Grafton

The Grafton Town Board will hold its 2023 Organizational Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30PM. January's Regular Town Board Meeting will immediately follow the Organizational Meeting. Meetings will be held at the Grafton Town Hall – 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That in accordance with Article 25-AA, section 303-b (3) of the State of New York Agriculture and Markets Law, a Public Hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Rensselaer County Legislature, located at the County Office Building, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following requests for inclusion:

Agricultural District 6 East Greenbush, Nassau, Sand Lake, Schodack, And North Greenbush:

Tax Map No.: 159.1-46

Property Owner: Clemens

Acres: 21.76

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

Dated: December 27, 2022

State of New York)
County of Rensselaer) SS:

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Legislature of the County of Rensselaer, this 27th day of December, 2022.

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

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

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
STATE OF NEW YORK

Advertisement for Bids

Purchase of One (1) Lot of Biodegradable Leaves Presently Collected at the Town of Brunswick Route 2 Athletic Fields, NY Route 2, Town of Brunswick, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk of Town of Brunswick at the Brunswick Town Office, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York 12180, until 10:00 A.M., local time, on Friday, January 13, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids are requested on a per yard basis for the purchase from the Town of Brunswick by the successful Bidder of one (1) lot of approximately 800 +/- yards of biodegradable leaves presently collected and stored at the Town of Brunswick Route 2 Athletic Fields, located on NY Route 2, Town of Brunswick.

Complete bid specifications, instructions, and an official Bid Form are set forth in the Information for Bidders and General Conditions of the Bid which may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, at the Brunswick Town Office, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York 12180, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, or by calling (518) 279-3461, ext. 100.

Bids must be received at the Office of the Town Clerk by the date and time stated above to be considered. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the bidder's name and address, and the name of the bid, printed thereon.

The Town of Brunswick reserves the right to waive any informalities, and/or to reject any or all bids.

Dated: January 3, 2023
Brunswick, N.Y.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL
AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, I Amanda I. Mason, the undersigned; Collector of Taxes for the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant collection of the taxes within the Town of Grafton for the year of 2023. **I will be at the Grafton Town Hall, Saturdays from 9am-1pm, during the month of January, Saturday the 25th of February 9am-1pm and Saturday the 25th of March 9am-1pm, for the purpose of receiving the said taxes.**

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% for the month of February and 2% for the month of March. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, **a \$2.00 fee** should be included for **all of March payments** for the late notice. In **Person payment methods** include check, money order, **credit card**, or **cash in exact change ONLY**. Mail in payment option is check only. Please return the **FULL BILL if a receipt is needed for payment**, you will then get the receipt back and stamped in the mail.

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

Dated December 28, 2022
Amanda I. Mason
Tax Collector
Town of Grafton

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 TO BIDDERS
PREPARATION OF MAIN STREET
DESIGN GUIDELINES
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council Members of the Town of New Lebanon Board will receive sealed proposals until 4:00pm on February 10, 2023 at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

PREPARATION OF MAIN STREET DESIGN
GUIDELINES

All proposals received pursuant to this notice will be publicly opened and read prior to a regular meeting and announced at a regular meeting of the Town Board on February 14, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Specification forms for this proposal may be obtained at the Town of New Lebanon Clerk's Office, at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY or online at townofnewlebanon.com.

All proposals must be accompanied by a certificate executed pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The Town of New Lebanon Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

Sealed bids must be in a PLAIN WHITE ENVELOPE with "Main Street Design" written on the front and must include a "non-collusive bidding certificate." Electronic and faxed bids will not be accepted.

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk
12/30/2022

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING 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 Jessica Muadin for a special use permit to operate a short term rental located at 215 County Route 34, New Lebanon, NY. The Public Hearing will take place on January 18, 2023 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22 Road, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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

By: Michelle Bienes
Planning/Zoning Clerk
Town of New Lebanon, NY
12/27/2022

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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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.

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.

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.

**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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

**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.

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
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 desig. 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 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.

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.

Church News

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.

Center Brunswick UMC

On Saturday, January 7, from 2 to 6 pm, the Sunday School of Center Brunswick UMC, 990 Hoosick Road is having a pick-up only Brooks BBQ. The menu includes: chicken, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, drink, and dessert. Chicken dinner is \$15, or half a chicken for \$7. To reserve your meal, call Jill at 518-258-2164.

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.

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.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Board Meetings

Monday, January 9

Grafton Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Hoosick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Offices

Tuesday, January 10

New Lebanon Town Board, 6 pm, Town Hall

Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage

Rensselaer County Legislature, 6 pm, County Office Building

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

Brunswick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Berlin Town Board, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex

Nassau Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Schodack Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Poestenkill Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Monday, January 16

Stephentown Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Petersburgh Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Tuesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 19

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

Community Calendar

January 6, Friday

Fox Hollow Cafe Open Mic Night, 6 pm, free, PVMCC, 71 Main St, Petersburg, 15 min/3 song slots, refreshments for suggested \$1 donation, 21+ BYOB, foxhollowcafe@gmail.com

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

January 7, Saturday

Campfire Series: Wetland Walk, 1 – 3 pm, free (donations welcome), Dyken Pond, all ages that can hike 1.5 miles welcome, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

January 8, Sunday

VFW Post 1938 Breakfast, 8 – 11 am, \$12 for 13+, \$6 5–12, under 5 free, Poplar Ave, Valley Falls

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

"Unknown D-Day" Illustrated Talk, 2 pm, free, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, retired

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Army officer Eric Durr presents on Operation Overlord, directions: 518-733-0010

January 13, Friday

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

January 14, 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

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

Last week's puzzle solutions:

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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 28, Saturday

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

Student Honors

Colgate University

Spring 2022 Dean's Award with Distinction

Adam Limoges of Averill Park

Emma Burdick of Averill Park

Kayla Gutheil of Averill Park

CROSSWORD

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Crossword Theme: Geography 101

ACROSS

1. Piece of data
6. Baryshnikov's step
9. Back wound
13. Soft palate hanger
14. *Any high mountain
15. Tsar's edict
16. Means
17. Bishop of Rome's jurisdiction
18. Female water-elf
19. *Highest mountain
21. *Sea that is also the largest lake
23. A in MoMA
24. *Small island
25. Ignited
28. Lamborghini model
30. Extravagant
35. 15th of March, May, July or October
37. ____-a-Sketch
39. Technology expert
40. Novice
41. Damage one's reputation
43. Lil' Bow Wow's first name
44. Bette Midler's movie "____ Pocus"
46. "I'm ____ you!"
47. Unit of pressure
48. Denver breakfast choice
50. Big rig
52. ____ de Janeiro
53. Excessively abundant
55. Ensign, for short
57. *Great ____ Reef
61. *National Geographic ____
65. Gibson garnish
66. Arabic garment
68. D-Day beach
69. *Longest continental mountain range
70. Nada
71. Energy to motion converter
72. Golf pegs
73. Red Cross bed
74. Follow as a consequence

DOWN

1. Surfer's "man"
2. Tel ____, Israel
3. Ditty
4. Extremist
5. Masters without t
6. Ghost of Christmas ____
7. Miller High Life, e.g.
8. Four-eyes' gear
9. Bypass
10. Uber alternative
11. *The largest continent
12. Past participle of "be"
15. Remove from political office
20. Eyelid infections
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Burning aroma producer
25. *____ sphere, the solid earth
26. "She is pulling my leg," e.g.
27. 9 a.m. prayer
29. *____ sphere, air surrounding earth
31. Sleeveless garment
32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
33. Harry Belafonte's daughter
34. *____ sphere, all water on earth
36. Aretha Franklin's genre
38. Type of crime
42. Young Montague
45. Brown and yellow finches
49. Cravat or bola
51. Financial gain
54. 100 centimes
56. "Barefoot in the Park" playwright
57. Summer ride
58. "Green Gables" protagonist
59. Amusement park attraction
60. Sturgeon ____ and salmon ____
61. Table mineral
62. Chow or grub
63. Biblical pronoun
64. Ready and eager
67. ____ sphere, all life on earth

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Obituaries

Edward A. Seagroatt

Troy - Edward A. Seagroatt, 81, died Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Samaritan Hospital after a brief illness.

You may have driven with him in his prized 1934 Ford Cabriolet with the top down. You may have spotted him in town surprising someone with a bouquet of long-stemmed roses. Or he may have called you on your birthday, always remembering the date but too polite to mention the year.

Born in Troy, Ed was the son of the late Albert Seagroatt and Helen Brown Seagroatt. Ed was raised in Berlin, NY and resided in the Capital District area all his life. He attended Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut and was a graduate of La Salle Institute in Troy, NY. Ed earned a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the State University of New York at Farmingdale and later served in the Coast Guard.

Ed was the President of Seagroatt Floral in Berlin and Albany and later founded Seagroatt Riccardi in Latham. Ed was a leader in the floral industry and, early on, recognized and leveraged the power of information technology to improve efficiency and support growth.

A natural optimist, Ed faced any challenge with steadfastness and courage. He was blessed with many talents, but perhaps his greatest gift was for friendship. He served the community in ways large and small and was a faithful member of the Brunswick Church for more than fifty years.

The abundant love that he gave during his life was returned to him in full measure by his family. Ed is survived by his daughters Beth (Steven) Frankel of Hollis, NH, Heather (Edward Pittman) Seagroatt of Princeton, NJ and son, Shawn (Amy) Seagroatt of Clifton Park; his grandchildren Linley (Rafael) Ceden, Jillian Frankel, Sam Pittman, Will Pittman, and Jack, Max, and Tyler Seagroatt; his sister Alice (Tom) McNally and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Howard Seagroatt.

Flowers are always welcomed; and contributions may be sent to the American Floral Endowment (AFE) where a memorial tribute in Ed's honor has been established. To sign the guest book, light a candle, or for service directions, visit www.brycefh.com.



William D. Sharpe

Petersburgh - William D. Sharpe, 62, died Monday, December 19, 2022, at his residence after a long illness.

Born in Troy, he was son of the late William Walsh Sharpe and Martha McChesney Sharpe, and husband of Darcie J. Lemere Sharpe. He had resided in Petersburgh since 1998 when he began building his home.

William was a self employed contractor, woodworker, and craftsman.

He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved hunting. He loved to work and always kept busy working with his hands. He built his home in Petersburgh from the ground up using many resources and materials found onsite; from the custom rock fireplace to the milled wood all throughout the home. Every aspect of the home came from William's imagination, his hard work, and the natural resources all built with his hands.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Darcie, include his sons, Seth W. Sharpe, Jacob M. Sharpe and Lucas J. (Hilary) Sharpe; his 2 grandchildren, Hope and Zander Sharpe; and his stepdaughters, Amber, Alicia and Andrea Walker; his siblings, Wendy L. Pope of Triangle, VA, Curtis W. Sharpe (Tina) of Hillsdale, and Kevin (Carin) Sharpe, of Wynantskill; along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister, Jill Ryan.

Relatives and friends may call at the Bryce Funeral Home, Inc. 276 Pawling Avenue, Troy on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm, with a service at 1 pm with Rev. Bethany Popkes, Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Wynantskill, officiating.

Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Wynantskill.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of William D. Sharpe to the SVHC Foundation, 100 Hospital Drive, Suite 41 Bennington, VT 05201.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of William D. Sharpe, please visit our floral store.



Robert W. Willis

Stephentown - Robert W. "Bob" Willis, 80, died early Monday morning, December 26, 2022 at his home with his family at his side. He was born in Waterbury, CT on January 6, 1942, the son of the late Allerton and Alice White Willis.

Bob resided in Watertown, CT and Bantam, CT where he was raised and educated. He was a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War serving aboard the U.S.S. Wasp in the Atlantic fleet from 1957 to 1965.

Following his marriage, he resided in Connecticut and Alaska before moving to Stephentown, NY in 1978. He was employed by Madden's Garage as a mechanic, built homes with Don French Builders, owned and operated Willis Family Restaurant on Route 43 in Stephentown, and later was a contractor and painter. He also operated Roberts Professional Services, a lawn care company for over 30 years in the Stephentown area.

He enjoyed hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was the beloved husband of over 60 years of Patricia J. Miles Willis; devoted father of Lisa (William) Hammersmith of Cherry Plain, Ronald R. (Mary A.) Willis of Stephentown and James (Sherri) Willis of Stephentown; proud grandfather of Jessica Nelson, Aaron Willis, Anthony Hammersmith, Katlyn, Shawn, Jonathan, Casey and Ryan Willis, Dylan and Tyler Kellar, Gage Willis and Cheryl Cooper; great grandfather of Landon, Lucas, Raymond, James, Leilani and Ethan; brother of Mary Ann Fox of Calais, Maine and the late Betty Lewis, Al and Eddie Willis. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are private at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home in Stephentown. Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Ruth A. Stowell

Hoosick Falls - Ruth A. Stowell, 84, passed peacefully at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on Monday, December 12, 2022. She resided on Fiske Street in Hoosick Falls and was the wife of the late Charles Stowell who passed in 1989.

Ruth was born on May 19, 1938, in Hoosick Falls, NY, daughter of the late Earl and Helen (Kimball) Brown. She worked at several manufacturing companies including Holman's, and the Love Joy Chaplet, both in Hoosick Falls, and retired from Nastech in Bennington, VT. Ruth liked taking walks, attending craft fairs, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hoosick Falls, NY.

Survivors include her children Kim (Wayne) Houghton, Stacy Merrills, Cheryl Stowell, Rick (RoseMarie) Stowell, Robin Stowell, Niel (Roseanne) Stowell, seventeen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, sister Marcia Allen, special

niece Lynn Bort along with several other nieces and nephews. Ruth was predeceased by her husband Charles, son Larry, son in law Dan Merrills, two sisters Norma and Joyce, and two brothers Bruce and George.

Funeral services were private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the care of the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to either the First Baptist Church or the Cheney library through the funeral home.

Corina L. Bakaitis

Hoosick Falls - Corina L. (Jones) Bakaitis, 84, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center after a brief illness. Corina was the daughter of William W. and Ella M. (Bickford) Jones. She was born September 28, 1938, the youngest of 8 children. Corina grew up on a small dairy farm in North Petersburgh, NY. She attended Hoosick Falls High School where she met her future husband, William Bakaitis. They were married on July 3, 1955. In addition to her husband, Corina is survived by 4 children: Veronica Royall of Brighton, CO; Corinne of Hoosick Falls; William B (Anne) of Hoosick Falls; Carole (Scott) of Troy; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Alan Jones of Prague, OK.

Corina was predeceased by a daughter, Annette Marie and a granddaughter, Brooke Bakaitis. She was also predeceased by her parents, brothers Harold, Art, William, and Forrest, and sisters Rachel (Bartlett) and Joyce (Appel).

No calling hours per the family's request. Private funeral services have been planned.

Arrangements have been made through Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad or Second Chance Animal Shelter.

Not Yet Hibernating



This American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*) was seen stooping for a drink at a wet vernal pool in area backwoods on December 8, 2022. Photo taken by Trix Niernberger's trail camera. Wishing you the wonder of the wild this new year.

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

Midsummer Haying

Thursday, June 30, 1853: Today John F. and Patrick hoed potatoes on the hill above the woods and this afternoon P. hoed beans on the hill and Geo P. hoed his potatoes in the same lot, John Mar- rils and an Irishman hoed for him, and Geo P. went over the hill to C. Moffit's store, he was suppoened as jury on a liquor court but it was adjourned. He returned to his work.

Friday, July 1: I only tended to chores and John F. and Patrick hoed potatoes on the hill and George P. hoed on the hill in the same lot and three Irishmen hoed for him. Brother Simeon visited with us today. Today I had a sow die that had pigs two months old, the hog was worth 13 dollars.

Monday: I tended to chores and I paid Patrick one dollar cash, I gave Patrick his time today. Today John F. took my horse and wagon and carried Ira Humphrey and James Carpenter to the Pool. Tonight Geo P. returned home, I sent by him \$1.75 for 25 pounds mackeral.

Thursday: I and John F. and Patrick hayed and Mr. James MacFeelie worked for me haying towards his rent. Saturday: This forenoon John F. went onto my Rodgers farm and John Mer- rils with him and they sheared five sheep and said Merrils returned home by half past nine o'clock. This fore- noon on said Rodgers farm I walked

over towards noon and had John F. and Patrick come home and get in hay, this afternoon we hayed and Mr. James MacFeelie worked for us, a small shower towards night.

Monday: Towards night I dug one bushel new potatoes and this evening John F. carried them on Pool Hill but could not sell them.

Tuesday we hayed, I and John F. and Patrick and J. McFeelie.

They hayed the rest of the week, with pretty much the same crew.

Saturday: This evening John F. rode to Lebanon, he carried a bushel new pota- toes but could not sell them. He called down to the railroad near the gate near Mr. Gaik's but could not engage old potatoes.

Monday: I went to Lebanon, I sold Anson one bushel new potatoes for 75 cts and eight pounds 14 oz butter at 15 cts per for cash. I had one new shoe and two toed, 37½ cts to the Walker shop and agreed to take pay in new potatoes, price agreed 88 cts per. bushel.

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