

GRAFTON

38th Annual Ice Fishing Contest Rescheduled

Submitted by GLSP

Due to warmer than usual temperatures, the 38th annual ice fishing contest at Grafton Lakes State Park has been rescheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 11, from 5:30 am to 2 pm**. Join in on the fun as several-hundred anglers brave the cold temperatures for their chance to make a winning catch on several of the park's ponds. February is starting with some cold arctic air giving us high hopes for the contest next Saturday.

Registration will run from 5:30 to 11 am, or 12:30 pm for youth, in the park's maintenance building, accessible via the Main Entrance. There is a \$10 registration fee required for all participants ages 16 or older, with no fee for children under 16. All participants 16 and older must have a valid NYS fishing license to fish in the park at any time, including during the contest. Tournament areas are located on Second Pond, Mill Pond, Dunham Reservoir, Shaver Pond, and Long Pond.

Cash prizes are awarded for adults with a first place fish and the longest length catch in all three categories of rainbow or brown trout, walleye or chain pickerel, and yellow perch. An awards ceremony will take place at 2:20 pm. Kids contest winners will receive prizes as well.

All those who register will also be entered into a raffle for

door prizes. This year, Grafton Lakes State Park will be participating in the MLK Food Drive. Participants will receive an extra ticket for bringing in food or hygiene products or donating at least \$5. Only one extra ticket per person will be given regardless of the donation amount. Expired items or cans dented on the top or bottom seams cannot be accepted.

Needed items include:

- Canned items such as meat, tuna, ham, salmon, stew, chili, peanut butter, soups, beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Boxed cereal, oatmeal, flour, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, rice
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, shaving products
- Diapers, baby wipes, not baby formula
- Toilet paper, paper towels, disinfecting wipes

Please use the park's main entrance. There is no entrance fee for this event. For more information, please call the park at 518-279-1155.



Grafton Lakes State Park, where the 38th annual ice fishing contest will be held on February 11.

Photo courtesy of Grafton Lakes State Park.

City of Troy Drinking Water Notice

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BERLIN-NEW LEBANON

Powers Claims Runner-Up

At Inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational

Submitted by BNL Varsity Wrestling Coach Wade Prather

Tallulah Powers was runner-up at 165 pounds in the inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational held at Onondaga Community College. She was one of only three finalists from Section 2, and the only Runner Up. The meeting of 204 of the State's top female wrestlers is the first of its kind in New York State. Just this year New York sanctioned Girls Wrestling giving it an Emerging Sport status. Powers was selected as Section 2's top entry at the 165 pound class and was seeded first in her 16 girl bracket.

In the opening round of wrestling Powers pinned Ava Bragg of Lockport, the eventual third place finisher with a throw in the first period. She then met Jade Cook of Corning, who went on to place fourth in the quarter final, round also pinning her in the first period. In the semifinals she had a defensive battle with sixth place finisher Leylani Wiltshire of Oneonta, edging her out 6-2. In the finals Powers met Renne Kinikin of Mexico, NY. Knowing her to be a thrower, Powers defended a headlock from Kinikin well, but missed her footing on the mat return and ended up caught on her back. She was pinned **Continued on page 11**



BNL wrestler Tallulah Powers. Photo courtesy of Wade Prather.

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Fire Department Installation Banquet



On Saturday, January 28, the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company held its 82nd annual installation banquet at the Petersburg Memorial Hall. Former Chief Rolland Hewitt was honored for his over fifty years of service to the Department. Pictured from left to right: Chief Mark Murray, Auxiliary Secretary Lisa Adrion, Auxiliary President Sue Bedford, Training Officer Matt Bagley, Assistant Chief Richard Snyder, Captain #1 Pat Adrion, Captain #2 Abe Snyder, Captain #3 Tom Flack, Safety Officer Earle Brock, Secretary Katie Murray, Treasurer Martin Conboy, and Auxiliary Vice President Nina Morgan. Photo courtesy of Vivian Conboy.

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

Historical Society Talk

On Sunday, February 5, at 2 pm, at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, the Stephentown Historical Society will host a talk by Gerry Robinson about the Freedom Riders of the 1960s.

Robinson will give his personal take on growing up in Kansas in the 1940s and 50s, a time of the powerful Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow laws, and horrific domestic violence in the southern states. Beginning in May 1961 small groups of white and black activists set out on buses bound for southern states to desegregate bus terminals and other public facilities. The late Albert Gordon, of Stephentown, was one of

these Freedom Riders.

Robinson, a Stephentown resident, was an organizer for civil rights with the NAACP and the Black Unitarian Universalist Caucus in his home state of Kansas. He retired from a career in health and human services management and was Commissioner for Children and Families in the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. He holds a masters degree in public health from Yale University and a certificate in Senior Management from Harvard's Kennedy School.

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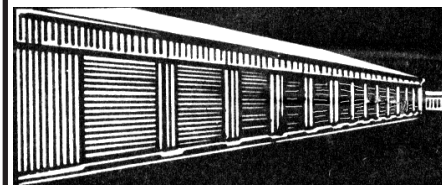
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Wednesday, February 8, 6 to 8 pm

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Saturday, February 11, 9 am to 3 pm

Wool Applique

Sunday, February 12, 1 to 3:30 pm

BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Berlin Idol Finals

Submitted by BCS Communications

On **Friday, February 3, at 6:30 pm**, in the Berlin Middle/High School auditorium, the Berlin Music Department presents the Berlin Idol Finals. Join guest judges Mr. Gould, Mr. Covell, and Mrs. Honsinger and listen to our talented top 10: Annie Weeden, Norah Smerdon, Clair Schaaphok, Maddy Vars, Lily Mumford and Nate Goodermote, Alaina Gardner, Maddie Rontey, Bella Ray, Kiley Quetti, and Kenny Bull. The judges will pick the top 3, but your vote will decide the winner. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proceeds will go to our Senior Dramateers' production of *The Addams Family*.

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January Award Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications



BES Character Counts January 2023

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime will be held Tuesday morning, February 7, at 10:30 am. This fun-filled hour of reading, craft, socializing, and snack is focused on your pre-school children, but older siblings are welcome to join us.

The Library Board will meet Tuesday evening, February 7, at 7 pm.

Knitters and Stitchers meet Wednesday, February 8, in the afternoon.

Come by to check out our many new books, which you can find listed through the new book alerts link on our website, petersburghpubliclibrary.org.



Character Counts Award

Kayleana Ryan, Evelyn Pennick, Landon Young, Katharine Garner, Emma Hunt, Henley Sorbello, Riley Blakely, Sarah Schaaphok, Owen Buck, Remington Jones, Leyla Saviano, Timothy Etman, Madison Miner, Kaileigh Volks, and James Forest

Mountaineer Merit Award

Clyne Capasso, Finley Lampman, Maggie Etman, Silas Smith, Christopher Kelley, Olivia Gates, Madison Miner, Francis (Buddy) Maxfield, Luna Taylor-Barber, and Alania De Clair
During January's assembly, fourth grade teacher Ms. Mulvey received the Restorative Rock Star award.

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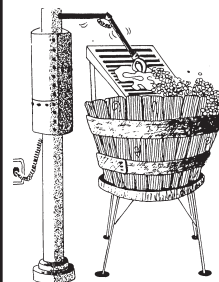
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TROY

Drinking Water Notice

Submitted by the Office of Mayor Patrick Madden

Drinking water quality monitoring conducted by the Troy Public Utilities department has found elevated levels of lead in some of the 60 homes and buildings tested. Even though the source of water for the city is free of lead, the test samples taken from inside representative residential homes show an exceedance of lead possibly due to lead water services lines or interior lead plumbing.

The City of Troy is committed to the removal of all lead service lines from our community. City officials request your cooperation. If you live in a home built prior to 1975 and have not had a water service inspection at your home by the Department of Public Utilities, you should contact the department as soon as possible at 518-237-0343. There is no charge for a technician to come to your home for an inspection.

There are several actions underway to address the lead in drinking water concerns. A postcard will be sent to city residents via mail with additional information and instructions. A Public Utilities Committee meeting of the City Council will be scheduled, and the Council will set spending parameters for funding that is available to assist residents who need to replace lead service pipes.

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GRAFTON

Structure Fire

On Monday, January 30, at approximately 11:58 pm, the Grafton Rescue Squad along with the Grafton Highway Department, and the Petersburg, Hoosick, Center Brunswick, Eagle Mills, and Rensselaer County Fire Departments, responded to a structure fire at 84 Lake Camp Way, on Lake Elizabeth. Crews returned to the scene at approximately 9:47 am the following day when the fire rekindled. There were no injuries, and the building was a total loss. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



84 Lake Camp Way, where a structure fire broke out on the evening of January 30. Photo provided.

VALLEY FALLS

VFW Post 1938 Events

The monthly breakfast at VFW Post 1938, Poplar Avenue, will be held on **Sunday, February 5, from 8 to 11 am**. 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 and active duty.

We will have a roast pork dinner on **Friday, February 10, from 5 to 7 pm**. The cost is \$15 for ages 13 and over, \$5 for kids 5 through 12, and free for kids under 5 and veterans.

WEST SAND LAKE

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.

TROY

Nursery School Registration

Small World Nursery School, 566 Brunswick Road, as begun registration for the 2023-2024 school year. An open house will be held **Friday, February 16, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**.

Classes for three and four-year-olds is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9 to 11:30 am. Classes for two-year-olds are Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 to 11 am.

For more information, please contact the school at 518-279-0085, or email sm.world566@gmail.com.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$35 will be due at this time for those interested.

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Mondays at 1 pm
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Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am
Geared toward ages 5 and under, but all are welcome.

Beginner Quilt Workshop

Saturday, February 4, from noon to 4 pm

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

Valentine Cards

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

Valentine \$5 Bag Book Sale

Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14,
from 10 am to 6 pm.
Buy a \$5 tote and fill it to the brim.

Adult Fashion Swap

Monday, February 20, from 4 to 6 pm
Clothes can be dropped off the week of February 13, or brought in the day of the swap. Clothes must be freshly washed, folded, and in good condition.

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.

Medicare Info Session

Wednesday, February 8, at 2 pm

Chocolate Friendly

Saturday, February 11, 10 am to 1 pm
To-go order pick-up and raffle drawing.

Valentine's Day Coloring and Crafting Drop-In

Tuesday, February 14, from 2 to 5 pm

Make Your Own Newton's Cradle

Wednesday, February 15, at 6 pm

Save Zero the Hero

Thursday, February 16, at 3:30 pm

Family Game Day Drop-In

Tuesday, February 21, from 1 to 8 pm

Crafternoon Drop-In

Wednesday, February 22, 2 to 5 pm

Dominoes Chain Reaction Challenge

Thursday, February 23, from 3 to 6 pm

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

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 Lock-down at the Library.

Valentine's Dream Pillow Class

Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 pm
Create a hand-tied, no sew decorative pillow. This would make a nice Valentine's Day present. All ages welcome. There is a materials fee of \$5.

Winter Reading Bingo Challenge

Now through February 28
Pick up your bingo board at the library.

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](https://www.facebook.com/VAFLibrary)).



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Hula Hoop It Up

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Winter Break Program

Monday through Thursday,
February 20 through 23, from 9 am
to 1:30 pm

Enrollment is now open for Rensselaer County area children ages 8 through 12. Drop off is from 8 to 8:45 am. You can enroll at our website listed below. This is open to the first 30 children who enroll. The cost is \$80 for all four days, or \$25 for a single day. Adult volunteers are needed. For more information, please email Joe at jbehson@nycap.rr.com.

Skyhigh Community Center is located at 27 Lake Avenue. 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.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Roast Beef Dinner

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CHENEY LIBRARY

Celebrating Retiring Board President Deborah Tudor

On Tuesday, January 25, Cheney Library honored Ms. Deborah Tudor for her 12 years of service on the Cheney Library Board of Trustees. During her tenure as a trustee, Ms. Tudor made immense contributions to physical improvements of the library's property. Some of these projects include the installation of a propane fireplace, creation of the downstairs Children's Room, and the renovation of the downstairs Multipurpose Room. As President, Ms. Tudor also oversaw the installation of the library's main parking lot, van-accessible parking area, wheelchair access ramp, air conditioning systems, and flag-pole. These improvements have made a significantly positive impact on library services. Under Ms. Tudor's leadership, the library drastically increased its accessibility, sustainability, and number of technological resources.

In addition, Ms. Tudor played an active role in the Friends of the Library, volunteering at library events and helping increase visibility in the community. During Ms. Tudor's presidency, 5 Little Cheney Libraries were installed in Hoosick Falls: at the Rescue Squad/EMS Station, the Head Start, the Louis Miller Museum, near the Fire Department and tennis courts, and at the Village Green. The little libraries encourage members of the community to take a book, leave a book. All books are free, and do not need to be returned.

On the same evening, Kay Powers was named new Board President.

The library extends its sincerest gratitude for Ms. Tudor's dedication to ensuring Cheney Library remains a versatile community hub with modern resources in an ever-changing world.



Retiring Board President Debbie Tudor (left), Library Director Danny Yetto (right), and new Board President Kay Powers (seated). Photo courtesy of Danny Yetto.

HOOSICK FALLS

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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.redcross

blood.org.

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

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CAMBRIDGE

Beef Quality Assurance Training

Submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Regional Capital Area Agriculture & Horticulture Program are pleased to present a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training on **Saturday, February 11, from 9 am to noon**, at Cambridge Valley Livestock Market Inc., 2147 State Route 22.

Producers attending the classroom training will become Level 1 certified. Producers attending the chuteside training and providing a VCPR will become Level 2 certified. Please register by February 9, at <https://caahp.cceext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=168>.

Beef Quality Assurance is a nationwide certification program to help ensure a safe, wholesome and quality beef product for consumers. Topics covered in this training include herd health management, nutrition, behavior, and handling. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please call Rachel Moody at 518-649-0267, or email ram72@cornell.edu.

BENNINGTON

20th Annual Mom's Day Off Fundraiser

On **Friday, March 3**, Bromley Mountain Ski Resort will hold their 20th Annual Mom's Day Off fundraiser. Moms ski or ride for just \$25 when they show the ticket seller a snapshot of their kid or kids, this includes honorary moms and pet moms.

Once again, this year's event will benefit women's breast cancer care at the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center in Bennington, part of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC). The Cancer Center will receive the entire \$25 lift ticket cost as a donation. The Wild Boar Tavern will also be donating half of all food sales on March 3.

For more information, visit bromley.com.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPT.

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.

SALEM

Woman's Club Meeting

The Salem Area Woman's Club will meet on **Wednesday, February 8, at noon**, at the White Church in Salem. This will be the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation luncheon. All Club members should bring a covered dish and place setting. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

SALEM

Return of Women's Health Day



The committee of the Salem Area Woman's Club responsible for planning the 26th annual Women's Health Day met recently. Last held in 2019, this popular event returns to Salem Central School on **Saturday, April 29**. It is co-sponsored by the Woman's Club and Glens Falls Hospital, with support from multiple local sponsors and contributors. Pictured here with committee chairperson Lois Sheaff are the following committee members: Anna Dickson, Judy Kempf, Jane Keys, Mary Talmadge, Andi Mungas, Julia Sweeney, Ronnie DeLorenzo, Kathy Rapp, Pat Phillips, Vivian Ackerman, Linda Randles, Jane Hayden, Irene Baldwin, and Nancy Ross. Missing from the photo are Kathy Idleman, Kay Tomasi, and Pat Gilchrist. Photo courtesy of Lois Sheaff.

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For the 18th year, HACA, 26 John St, will assist taxpayers with free income tax preparation and e-filing through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Tax preparers will meet clients at their cars in the parking lot to collect their information and documents. Appointments can be made by calling 2-1-1 from New York, or 888-367-3211 from any area. Applicants must bring the required documents for each person named on the tax return, including:

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

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

NEW LEBANON

This Bet Aims to Beat Hunger

Submitted by Nina Keller

Josh Young says he doesn't know how he would live without his beard, but he is happy to shave it off now that he lost a bet. He asked his loyal shoppers at his New Lebanon Farmers Market & Grocery to step up to the plate to aid those whose food benefits ran out, promising that if they raised \$10,000 he would shave off his beard.

The market runs a companion food aid program that extends the benefits provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). That program, called Market Match, started the year with a grant of \$17,500 from Berkshire Ag Ventures, whose Market Match Fund awarded more than \$100,000 to a number of other Berkshire-area farmers markets that offered similar programs in 2022.

When the money ran out in New Lebanon, Young turned to his loyal customers to help those in need buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and other essentials.

"A helping hand can help transform people's lives," said Market Match donor Carol Reichert. "It's a great

program that uses money carefully, and what better way to symbolize transformation than to watch Josh lop off his 10-year-old beard!"

The program doubles SNAP benefits with a daily cap of \$30. In a town where the census estimates that 56 of its 302 children live in poverty, that's a big boost.

"Market Match has been a real boon to me and to others in our community," said Sarah Westwind. "It has enabled us to buy produce grown by local farmers, while keeping within our budgets. Many thanks to you who contribute to this excellent cause."

Young will cross state lines to face his shaving fate at Castoldi's Barber Shop at 764 Tyler St. in Pittsfield, MA, where Alec Foisy has agreed to do the shave. The appointment is scheduled for 1 pm on Monday, February 6.

The New Lebanon Farmers Market & Grocery is located at 528 Route 20.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Tech Talks

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

Small Wonders Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

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Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

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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

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/charlies-pantryheat>
- 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/>.



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Ethics Board Meeting Canceled

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Thursday, February 9 meeting of the Ethics Board has been canceled. At this time there is no make up date. Once a make up date is scheduled, it will be announced. For questions, please email the Chair of the Ethics Board, Tom Gerety at nlethics.gerety@gmail.com.

Sports & Outdoor Activities

BERLIN-NEW LEBANON

Mountain Madness

Submitted by BCS Communications



A collage of photos from Mountain Madness.
Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Thank you to the Berlin-New Lebanon (BNL) Booster Club for hosting such an exciting and fun-filled Mountain Madness at Berlin Middle/High School on Saturday, January 21. Thanks goes to the many sponsors, raffle item donors, concession volunteers, and staff who made this annual event such a big success. The gymnasium was filled with positive BNL spirit from 8:30 am to 7 pm. It was wonderful for both BNL Athletic Directors Mr. McFall and Mr. Brown to experience the Mountain Madness for the first time, and see how BNL fans show up for their student-athletes.

Berlin Central School District Athletic Director Mr. McFall stated: "Mountain Madness was a great experience for our community. The outpouring of love and support for our athletic teams was amazing. We give our sincere thanks to our students, staff, families, and our fantastic Booster Club."

A big shout out to all the dedicated athletes who played their hearts out from BNL, Taconic Valley Basketball, the visiting schools, and to the many students who came out to support them.

Congratulations also go to Madison Rontey, who gave two stellar renditions of the National Anthem at Mountaineer Madness games.

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.

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

Gallup Inn	4-1
Lebowski Rug Co.	4-1
Bistro 42	4-1
Chico's Bail Bonds	4-1
Mag-Way	3-2
The Jabronis	2-3
Wack'em & Stack'em	1-4
Farmers Tires	1-4
Boner's	1-4
Lou's Plumbing	1-4

Team Standings

Dave Clark Excavating	176.5-123.5
Modern Game Pro Shop	170.5-129.5
Stevens and Sons Tents	169.5-130.5
Waloomsac Metal Rec	167-133
Piece on Earth	153-147
RGI Insurance	152-148
Huntin' Time	145-155
Lo-Ridge Farm	138-162
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	127.5-172.5
Team Taconic	101-199

High Scores

Sam Colliano	279 253 745
Josh Wysocki	264 236 735
Chris Pelletier	267 226 717
Matt Brownell	268 228 713
Ryan Shumway	266 223 702
Josh Magisano	259 224 698
Brandon McCart	265 225 694
Colin Cipperly	245 233 689
CJ Brown	258 225 686
Tyler Colvin	268 226 682

High Game

279	Timothy McCart
276	Joshua Sweet
266	Owynn Arnold
258	David Rice
257	Thomas Mongeon
254	Meghan Backus
246	Stanley Pettibone II
245	Tracy Hunt
245	Kris Keebler
245	Edward Legg Jr.



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Student Honors

Kyle Fiske of Stephentown has been named to the Fall 2022 President's List at **SUNY Cortland**.

Aidan Westfall of Averill Park has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at **Saint Michael's College**.

Desiree Williams of Stephentown has been named to the **SUNY Morrisville** Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

University of Rhode Island

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Andrew VanRoy of Averill Park
Natalie Zema of Stephentown

The College of Saint Rose

Fall 2022 President's List

Bailey Catlin of Petersburg
Sierra Funck of Hoosick Falls
Kaia Haskell of Cambridge
Emily Popp of Averill Park
Skyla Suarez of East Nassau

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Alyssa Rowland of Cambridge
Angel Decker of Buskirk
Madeline Yeung of Hoosick Falls

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Michael Beskid of Averill Park
Emily Jorden of Poestenkill

Rensselaer County News

Retirement Walkout Ceremony



On Friday, January 20, a retirement walkout ceremony was held at the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) for corrections officer Robert "Bob" Patrick. Bob worked for RCSD for over 22 years. Patrick (fourth from left) is pictured here with friend and Undersheriff PJ Higgitt (far left), Patrick's Mom Joan (second from left), aunt Mimi Teta (far right), wife, and children. Photo by Amy Modesti.

Outdoor Activities

Youth Conservation Program

Submitted by the NYS DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that a two-day, hands-on program on youth hunting safety will be offered in April by DEC's Hunter Education unit. It is part of the State's Youth Conservation Program designed to introduce youth between the ages of 12 and 16 to the basic principles of conservation, hunter education, and general outdoorsmanship.

The course will take place on **April 15 and 16**, at the Peconic River Sportsman's Club in Manorville and is open to youth who have not yet taken their Hunter Education course. Applications must be returned by April 5 and can be found on DEC's website.

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive their Hunter Education Training Certificate. This certificate is required to purchase a hunting license.

The Youth Conservation Program is part of the New York Open for Hunting and Fishing initiative. This initiative is an effort to improve recreational activities for in-state and out-of-state sportsmen and sports-women and to boost tourism opportunities throughout the State. It includes the streamlining of hunting and fishing licensing and reducing license fees, improved access for fishing at various sites across the State and increasing hunting opportunities in various regions.

The class is limited to 35 participants. For more information or to register for the Youth Conservation Program, contact the NYS DEC Hunter Education Office by phone at 631-444-0255, or email at R1SportsmanEducation@dec.ny.gov.

Snowmobilers Encouraged to Ride Safely

Submitted by the NYS Department of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is reminding snowmobilers to ride responsibly and put safety first as they enjoy the State's outstanding snowmobiling opportunities. The two leading causes of injury are excessive speed and operator intoxication.

Top safety recommendations include:

- Slow down. Ride responsibly. Ride within your ability, ride to the right and always operate at a safe and prudent speed.
- Stay on marked trails, respect landowners, obey posted signs.
- Never drink alcohol or use drugs and ride.
- Check over your snowmobile; make sure it is in good working order and carry emergency supplies.
- Always wear a DOT approved helmet and make sure you wear the proper snowmobile gear including bibs, jackets, boots and gloves.
- Always ride with a buddy or group and tell someone who is responsible where you will be riding and the expected return time.

- Riding on ice that is not thick enough can lead to tragedy. Frozen bodies of water are not designated trails; if you choose to ride on ice, proceed with caution and be aware of potential hazards under the snow; wear a snowmobile suit with flotation built in and carry a set of ice picks as a precaution.

Everyone operating a snowmobile should be familiar with safe riding practices and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The best way to learn is by taking a snowmobile safety course found at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx>.

A safety certificate is required for youth from age 10 through 17 if they want to operate solo on a state trail.

Before heading out, riders are reminded to check trail conditions with local snowmobile clubs. To find a club, visit the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) website at www.nysnowmobiler.com. Club members receive a discounted registration fee and help support the clubs who make up the backbone of the New York State snowmobile trail system.

Snowmobile trails in State Parks and on Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) lands are now open, where snow conditions are appropriate. In State Parks and on DEC State Forests, snowmobiles can be used on designated snowmobile trails whenever the trail is completely covered with snow or ice.

On private lands, trail networks are coordinated by local snowmobile clubs who determine trail open periods and closures based on snow conditions and landowner agreements and are not limited by hunting regulations. DEC and Parks remind everyone enjoying the outdoors to respect other users, this and every winter. Snowmobiling, hunting, and other winter pastimes like hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing are compatible activities that have safely co-occurred for decades.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday, February 11, 5:30 am – 2 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

For more info, please call the park at 518-279-1155.

Rensselaer County News

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.

2023 Summer Food Service Program

Submitted by the NYS Education Department

The New York State Education Department is accepting applications for the 2023 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Last year, 470 sponsoring organizations served meals at more than 2,500 locations across the State to young people in need.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the SFSP to ensure that low-income children, 18 and younger, continue to receive nutritious meals when schools are not in session. Eligible organizations include public and nonpublic nonprofit schools, local, county, municipal, and state governmental entities, Indian tribal territories, migrant programs, nonprofit agencies, faith-based organizations, and camps. Sponsor organizations may also provide meals to eligible children in rural areas who do not have access to a summer meal site.

SFSP sponsor organizations receive federal and state reimbursement for each meal served to a child or teen, according to predetermined reimbursement rates set by USDA and the State.

The New York State Education Department will provide SFSP sponsor training in person and online in April. All organizations planning to participate in summer 2023 are required to attend one of these trainings. This year, the SFSP will operate throughout New York State from June 26 through September 4.

Potential new sponsors may request a sponsor application and obtain additional information on the SFSP website or contact the New York State Education Department Child Nutrition Program Administration by emailing cnsfsp@nysed.gov.

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/.

Using Medical Cannabis to Reduce Opioid Dosages

Submitted by the NYS DOH

The New York State Department of Health today announced that its latest multi-agency study detailing the association of receiving medical cannabis for 30 days or longer with a reduction in prescription opioid dosages has been published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network Open.

In this study, department researchers and colleagues from the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy and the New York State Office of Cannabis Management analyzed data for more than eight-thousand adult New Yorkers from 2017-2019 and concluded that receiving 30 days or more of medical cannabis for chronic pain is associated with

a reduction in dosages of prescription opioids among patients who were on long-term opioid treatment.

The study found that those who were on higher baseline dosages of prescription opioids, when they started receiving medical cannabis, saw a larger reduction in prescription dosages after eight months, upwards of 51 percent for individuals on the highest baseline dosages of prescription opioids.

To read the full research article, visit <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2800813?resultClick=1>. For more information about the New York State Office of Cannabis Management medical cannabis program, visit cannabis.ny.gov.

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.

Electronic Notary License System to Provide Online Services

Submitted by the NYS Department of State

The New York State Department of State (DOS) has announced the availability of an online application and registration portal for notaries which is now open. Notaries can register to perform electronic notarial acts. Registration of the capability to perform electronic notary services is opt-in. Traditional license notaries will continue to provide services through in-person interaction.

Those already licensed and intending to provide electronic notary services will need to register with the DOS. Electronic notary services must be provided by registered electronic notaries.

A new online portal will be launched to facilitate notary transactions with the DOS. This portal allows notaries to easily apply for a credential online and will soon allow notaries to quickly perform many related transactions, such as changing a name or address and scheduling an examination. The portal will also allow licensees to check the status of applications. The DOS will also continue to make a paper application available for traditional notaries.

For more information, please call the DOS at 518-474-4429 or visit <https://dos.ny.gov/notary-public#remote-notarization-faqs>.

Powers Claims Runner-Up At Inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational... Continued from page 1

midway through the first period.

The showing by Powers is the only State appearance, or placement of any wrestler, boy or girl, from the BNL Wrestling team ever. Making it even more impressive is that Powers is only a first year wrestler, having never stepped on a wrestling mat before November. Powers finished out this season with a 21-4 record. Only a junior, Powers will have another shot to climb the podium for a State Championship next year.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Brunswick at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, to review a minor subdivision application submitted by Vincent Santoro for property located at 182 Bald Mountain Road. Copies of the application and supporting documents are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the public hearing.

DATED: January 31, 2023

Brunswick, New York

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By: Russell Oster, Chairman

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 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

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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.

The Parker House Troy LLC. Filed 11/23/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY design. 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 design. 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 design. 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 design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **Ebenhoch Holdings, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 27, 2023. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Rensselaer County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 39 Teliska Ave., Rensselaer, NY 12144.

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Upstate Properties MS LLC. Filed 12/5/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY design. 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 design. 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.

Troy King St LLC. Filed 6/15/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY design. 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

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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 design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3101 Stonegate Dr, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the limited liability company is **Headline Media of Upstate New York LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 9, 2023. The office of the Company is to be located in Rensselaer County. 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 60 Tymeson Rd, Averill Park, NY 12018. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful purpose.

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

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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.

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. 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 lebanonseniortizens@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.

The next senior meeting is February 7. February 9 will be Senior Jeopardy following lunch. February 10 Legal Aid will be at the center by appointment only—please call for a time. February 14 is haircuts/manis/pedis by Rachel. Call now for an appointment time. The monthly Eat Smart Demonstration will also be February 14. February 16 will be the monthly birthday celebration, with trivia, following lunch. February 21 will be a Mardi Gras special luncheon with music by Gone Gray.

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.

Credit and Debit Card Skimming Scams

Submitted by the NYS Division of Consumer Protection

The Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is warning New Yorkers of credit and debit card skimming scams where thieves place skimming devices at ATMs, gas station pumps, and other unattended payment terminals to steal card information. Scammers place these hidden devices over or inside card reading machines at legitimate retailers to directly copy card and PIN information, and then use the stolen data to withdraw funds, make illicit purchases, or commit other forms of fraud. According to the FBI, it is estimated that skimming costs financial institutions and consumers more than \$1 billion each year.

"Countless New Yorkers use credit cards and debit cards for everyday purchases, and they should not have to worry about unscrupulous individuals stealing their information or their hard-earned money," said New York Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "I urge all New Yorkers to stay informed and pay close attention for signs of tampering when using an ATM, gas station pump, or other card reading machine to help protect themselves against these scams."

"According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, skimming costs financial institutions and consumers more than \$1 billion each year," said Acting New York State Police Superintendent Steven A. Nigrelli. "While our highly trained investigators and specialized units deploy sophisticated techniques to catch these criminals and stop them from defrauding New Yorkers, it's important for consumers to be aware of their surroundings and the steps they can take to protect themselves. I urge all New Yorkers to be vigilant in taking precautions to safeguard their identities."

Tips on how to help spot a potential skimming scam:

- Inspect the card reading machine for an overlay device. Check for unusual set-ups including abnormal bulkiness, any residues, different color, material, or shape. Check to see if it's loose around the card reader. If it moves, consider using another machine.

- Check the keypad. Thieves may place a phony keypad overlay to store keystrokes. If the buttons look or feel different, don't use it.

- Choose your ATM location wisely. Machines located inside banks or indoor locations are much more secure than an ATM located on the street where anyone can access it.

- Look for any hidden cameras. Thieves often place cameras near the vicinity in order to record PIN numbers. The camera may be mounted at the top or in the ceiling of a terminal. Protect yourself by shielding the PIN pad when entering a PIN number. Use your hand and/or body to cover your PIN when you type it in.

- Review your bank and credit card statements regularly. Victims are often unaware of fraudulent charges or activities until the next attempted purchase or account review. It's important to frequently monitor your accounts for unauthorized charges.

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers on identity theft prevention and mitigation, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection.

Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 8

Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage
East Nassau Village Board, 7 pm, Hoags Corners Ambulance Building

Thursday, February 9

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

Community Calendar

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

Berlin Idol Finals, 6:30 pm, adults \$5, students \$3, Berlin Middle/High School auditorium, proceeds benefit Senior Dramateers' production of *The Addams Family*

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

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—

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Crossword Theme: Valentine's Day

ACROSS

- "Without further _____," pl.
- Sweet 16 gift
- Steps to the river, in India
- *Michael Bublè's "_____ the Last Dance for Me"
- Bigger than big
- Nonkosher
- Big-ticket one
- October birthstone
- *#5 Down's target
- *Reason to celebrate Lupercalia, Valentine's Day predecessor
- Make over
- Omit
- Hexagonal fastener
- December birthstone, pl.
- Most gem, tlich
- Ed.'s request
- Two dots above a letter
- Brussels org.
- Church recesses
- _____ or chicken?
- Encourage (2 words)
- What hoarders do
- He crossed the Rubicon
- Jet follower
- English county courts, in the olden days
- Gentlemen's gentlemen
- Chop off
- Paparazzo's quest
- Port in Yemen
- *Heart-shaped box content
- Range
- Top notch
- Baron
- Munchhausen, e.g.
- Journalists and reporters
- Speed unit
- All is well that does this well
- Bald eagle's nest
- Ever, to a poet
- Tinkerbell's powder

DOWN

- "Clueless" catch phrase
- *Get-together
- End of a break-up phrase
- Explosive of Czechoslovakian origin
- *Winged one
- September stone
- Bank on
- *_____ card
- Not tails
- '70s hairdo
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Wholism, alt. sp.
- Monotonous hum
- Intestinal obstruction
- "Wayne's World" catchphrase
- Japanese port
- Necklace clasp location, pl.
- Affirmatives
- *Kisses' partners
- National emblem
- Type of weasel
- BBQ tool
- Pasturelands
- Accompanies wisdom?
- *a.k.a. St. Valentine's Malady
- *Muse of love poetry
- Large edible mushroom
- Long-legged shore bird
- Regions
- Bummed about
- Bell's invention
- Laurels
- Homesteader's measure
- Active one
- Soap block
- Hokkaido language
- Small amounts
- Formerly, formerly
- *Romantic destination

include name, phone, and # of dinners: <https://secure.payconex.net/paymentpage/enhanced/index.php?act=on=view&aid=120615362881&id=146755>

February 5, Sunday

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

Freedom Riders of the 1960s talk, 2 pm, free, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, Stephentown Historical Society hosts resident Gerry Robinson

Sage City Symphony Winter Concert, 4 pm, free, Greenwall Auditorium, VAPA Building, Bennington College, One College Drive, SageCitySymphony.org

February 8, 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 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 10, Friday

VFW Post 1938 Roast Pork Dinner, 5 – 7 pm, 13+ \$15, 5–12 \$5, under 5 & vets free, Poplar Ave, Valley Falls

Last week's puzzle solution:

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February 11, Saturday

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

Beef Quality Assurance Training, 9 am – noon, \$10, Cambridge Valley Livestock Market Inc, 2147 NY-22, info: Rachel Moody at 518-649-0267 or ram72@cornell.edu, register by 2/9: <https://caahp.cceext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=168>

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

The S'mores Tours:

Animal Tracking, 1–3 pm, free, donations welcome, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, all ages welcome that can hike 1 mile, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

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.

Gilead Lutheran Church

Gilead's Body & Soul pantry will hold its next monthly dinner on Thursday, February 23. The menu will be baked chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, and dessert. We appreciate all donations to help offset the cost of the meal. We also ask that you please make a reservation which will help with purchasing the quantities of food. For more information, or to make reservations, please call Lisa at 518-279-3576.

On Tuesday, February 21, from 4 to 6 pm, we will be having a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The menu will consist of pancakes and sausage with apple sauce or maple syrup, and homemade cookies for dessert. A free will offering would be appreciated. Gilead Church is handicapped accessible and is located at the intersection of Routes 7 & 278 in Center Brunswick.

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.cbsclass.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.

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.

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.company. 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 (Berlinfbc.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

for high school and adult faith formation programs, and much more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituary

Lynda J. Phillips

Berlin - Lynda J. (Cahill) Phillips, 79, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 with her family at her side. She was born in Berlin on August 5, 1943, the daughter of the late Edward and Addie (Goodermote) Cahill.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth W. "Tim" Phillips; her sons, John Belanger Phillips and Kenneth S. Phillips; her brothers, Jerald (Frances) Cahill, Lloyd (Angel) Cahill, Allen (Julie) Cahill and Wesley (Nancy) Cahill.

Lynda is survived by her four children, Dawn (David) Gentner, Kellie (Kevin) Maynard, Aaron (Stacy) Phillips and Stephen (Jazmine) Phillips all of Berlin. Lynda also leaves behind 18 grand kids and 17 great-grand kids.

Lynda was a stay at home mom with six kids and also was known as the town babysitter. She went on to work at places like W.J. Cowee, Inc. and Taconic Plastics. But truly she loved working as a bus monitor for Berlin Central School for the special needs children.

The family would like to give a big and special thank you to Sarah Boyd who started out as a home health aide that quickly turned into a beautiful friendship. Without her and my loving husband Dave Gentner, I truly would have been lost. Additional love and thanks goes to the family and nieces for their help.

We would also like to thank Community Hospice for their quick response and guidance for helping to transition mom into the beautiful angel she is.

Funeral services were held January 30 at the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home, followed by Interment in Berlin Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Community Hospice, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Standing Clubmoss



Interrupted Clubmoss (*Spinulum annotinum*) grows in cold northern forests and currently appears to be categorized as the same species as Bristly Clubmoss reported here in earlier years. Whatever the common name of this plant, it is a pleasure seeing it standing in the snow on a winter day. This one was found in a colony of a hundred or more in the woods of Petersburg. Photo by Trix Niernberger.

The Life of George Holcomb

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

Difficult Travels in Western NY

Tuesday, September 20, 1853: This morning I paid our fare in the stage from Utica to Sequoit in New Hartford for us two 75 cts. I made a mistake, rode two miles to Clayville, paid 12 cts back to Sequoit, left the stage, walked half a mile to Geo Greenlief's, took dinner and towards night his wife took their team and carried us two to brother John Campbell's, I gave her little son as a present 25 cts.

Friday: This morning the son of John Campbell took his father's team and carried us to Chequerville to take the stage for Eaton Log City. We went the two mile stage to New Hartford Village, paid 12½ cts, got there found no stage for Eaton until three o'clock pm. We then returned in the same stage to Chequerville for half price. There we visited with Mr. Mills and took dinner, then the same stage took us to New Hartford Village and at New Hartford Village I paid our fare two dollars and went to Eaton Village, that is called

Log City, got there half past eight this evening. There Sidney A. Grosvenor's hired man met us and took us to his house in Lebanon, five miles, at half past eleven o'clock tonight.

Friday: This morning at 4 o'clock S.A. Grosvenor sent his hired man and team to Hamilton to carry us to take the stage for Rome. When we got to Hamilton at five o'clock the Rome stage was gone, and I paid our fare two dollars to Nider Depot and got there half past ten o'clock. There at the depot tavern I paid six cts for a cup of coffee for my wife. We waited till one o'clock. I paid 34 cts for nine miles on the cars to Creen's Corners in Rome. We then walked a half mile to brother Reuben Morton's, there we stayed tonight.

Friday: This morning Jay Morton took their team and carried I and my wife to Rome Village. There I paid our fare on the cars to Troy which was four dollars and 40 cents. We left Rome half past ten, got to Troy half past two o'clock.

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