

# Taconic Valley News

## PETERSBURGH

### FD Receives New Equipment

by Amy Modesti



Firefighter Charlie Carr and Firefighter Ben Krahforst work with Service Tech Robbie Blaauw learning the ins and outs of their new Scott-Paks. Photo by Amy Modesti.

It's all about the air we breathe. Introducing the 3M Scott Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA, a self-contained breathing apparatus. This fire safety device, made in the USA, has harness materials that offer great resistance to chemical exposure and minimize contamination, afford firefighters a peace of mind that the SCBA will perform in tough environments, and its reflective material delivers enhanced visibility in low lit environments. These are just some of the basic facts about it that Petersburg firemen learned Wednesday evening. Wednesday, March 3 was drill night at the Petersburg Firehouse with the firemen and Chief Mark Murray receiving 12 SCBA, 24 individual

45-minute air tanks, and 10 face masks. This means all the volunteers have their own face piece. Thirty face masks in total were acquired through the 2019 AFG FEMA grant. Heinz Noeding, a member of the fire department grant committee, worked hard to get this grant to purchase them. With the assistance of 3M Scott representative Robbie Blaauw of East Greenbush, Murray and crew learned the ropes of handling their device, using breathing regulators, dismantling and reassembling the apparatus. It took some doing but with teamwork, all were able to assemble their Scott-Paks and place them on their backs!

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### PVMCC Is Thankful

The Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center would like to thank Stewart's for its generous grant for our 2021 youth programs. This grant enables us to help sponsor youth basketball, karate, our summer youth program and youth attendance at our Music and Art Cafe as well as pop up youth programs. We would be sorely stretched to provide any of those programs without Stewart's generosity.

#### Looking For Some Help

Calling all volunteers for help at the Community Center! Our building is badly in need of a deep cleaning. The board plans to rent a scissor lift to clean the ceilings, panels and walls and need agile young volunteers to do the work. The date we do this is dependent on the number of volunteers we get and their availability. If you would be willing to participate

in cleaning everyone's community center please contact out board president, Michelle Minkler at 518-308-9203 or [michelleminkler9@gmail.com](mailto:michelleminkler9@gmail.com). A goal of the board is to decrease the medium age of our members. With that in mind we have changed our meeting times to make it more accessible to younger members of the community. Our new meetings will be held the 4th Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Memorial Hall. Being a board member can be as simple as showing up once a month to give input, or as complicated as implementing and running programs. If you have a desire to start something new or run an existing program, you are very welcome. The first evening meeting will be April 26. We hope to see you there!

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### Pleasant Valley - Meadowlawn Cemetery News

The Cemetery Association plans its annual meeting for Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 am at the Petersburg Town Hall. All individuals with an interest in the cemetery are welcome to attend.

#### Seeking Volunteers

The Association is accepting letters of interest for the positions of President and Vice President. Interested individuals are asked to respond to P.O. Box 313, Petersburg, NY 12138 by May 1.

#### Spring Clean-up

The Association's Spring Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 9 am. Anyone interested in helping to clean the cemetery grounds located at 108 Hewitt Road is asked to drop by. The rain date is Sunday, April 25, also at 9 am.

## STEPHENTOWN

### The Pantry Is Open

The Stephentown Food Pantry continues to serve folks from Stephentown and Hancock with food assistance. The Pantry is open every Saturday from 9 to 11 am at the Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Road (County Route 26). No appointment is needed. Requests for aid are kept confidential. New clients, please bring ID showing your current address.

The Pantry has curbside service. We bring you an order form and pack your requested supplies. Stay warm in your car. Please wear a mask. You may visit every week if needed. For information, call 518-487-8606 or check out the information, photos and the occasional recipe on the Stephentown Food Pantry Facebook page. We are an all-volunteer, community-supported service. To contribute to the pantry, please mail your check to: Stephentown Emergency Food Pantry, P. O. Box 387, Stephentown, NY 12168.

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