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## HOOSICK FALLS

### Ron Jones Enters Capital Region Hall of Fame

by Steve Bradley

Ron Jones, who coached football at Hoosick Falls Central School for 23 years, was inducted as a member of the Class of 2021 Capital Region Hall of Fame Saturday evening.

Jones coached his teams to six straight sectional titles in the 2009-2014 span, state semi-finals and state championship games. At one time, Jones had more wins on Stillwater's turf field, where sectional football games were regularly played, than home team Stillwater did. His 2012 team won the New York State Class C title. In his 23 seasons at HFCS he won 155 games.

Jones died of a heart attack in April of 2020 at 51 years old. He left a wife, Ikuko, and a daughter, Kai. An annual golf tournament is played in his memory with the proceeds given as scholarships at HFCS.

Another inductee of interest was Josh Keyes. Chatham player Keyes was involved in many of the rivalry sectional games between Hoosick Falls and Chatham during Hoosick Falls' sectional winning streak. He was New York State Class C Player of the Year as a senior and Co-Player of the Year as a junior. He went on to play at Boston College where he earned All-ACC honors, then was drafted by the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played with eight different NFL teams during his NFL career.



Chris Fleming, left, and Eamonn DeGraaf stand with the poster of Ron Jones at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie on Saturday. Both men coached with Ron Jones for many years. Photo used with permission.

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## BERLIN

### The End of a Remarkable Career

by Chris Tergliafera

Many who spoke at the regular meeting of the Berlin Central School District Board on November 16 used their time to recognize the career of Mary Grant, who will retire at the end of December, after 37 years with the District. Mrs. Grant began working as a typist in 1984 and worked her way up to become the Board of Education and District Clerk. Board President Frank Zwack stated that she always made new staff feel welcome, and made sure they knew everything they needed to succeed in their roles. He went on to say that regardless of the situation, Mary Grant was the office's go to person, and it's impossible to measure from those at the Board meeting and Board President Frank Zwack praises Mary for all she has done for BCS over her 37 years. Photos courtesy of the BCS Communications Department.

Mrs. Grant then spoke briefly, expressing her gratitude for the opportunity she received 37 years ago. She then encouraged everyone to be their own person, get involved and ask questions.

Last but not least Superintendent of Buildings and husband of Mary Grant, Cyril Grant, read a heartfelt statement



In this collage, Cyril Grant is shown reading his tribute to his wife, Mary and Cyril stand with their daughters Sarah Van Buskirk and Samantha Gundrum, Mary receives a standing ovation from those at the Board meeting and Board President Frank Zwack praises Mary for all she has done for BCS over her 37 years. Photos courtesy of the BCS Communications Department.

honoring his wife's career.

Mary tells *The Eastwick Press* she will miss the school and her friends but has lots of upcoming projects to keep her busy, including welcoming a grandbaby in the not too distant future.



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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Potential Projects Discussed

by Chris Tergliafera

Synthesis Architects were at the meeting to discuss several potential future projects, which include an irrigation system for the sports fields, improved outdoor lighting for both Berlin Elementary and Middle/High School and outdoor learning spaces. Synthesis showed examples of what each project could look like, and an estimate of the cost. It's important to note that these projects are still in the discussion and design phase, and nothing has been finalized.

### Sports

Winter sports have begun at Berlin Middle/High School. Options for winter athletics include boys and girls basketball, wrestling, cheer, bowling and swimming, as well as boys varsity volleyball. As of now each athlete on both the home and visiting teams will be allowed two guests. The District is still planning on COVID-19 testing for athletes, but those tests have not yet arrived. Athletic Director Charles Paravella hopes he will have good news regarding online streaming for sports activities by next month's School Board meeting.

### Student Ambassadors

The Berlin Elementary Student Ambassadors, who

are a group of students from grades three through five, gave a presentation where each of the students introduced themselves and gave their reasons for wanting to join the program. To become an ambassador the students have to fill out an application and be approved. Ambassadors demonstrate what it means to be a community and classroom leader.

### Other News

The high speed, touch screen Chromebooks that were ordered for the teachers have arrived, and should be handed out soon.

For current COVID-19 numbers and information, make sure to check the BCSD website, as it is updated every Friday.

The District has received the 2021 School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group.

The Computer Science collaboration with Sienna College is underway.

On a sad note, James Saunders, who retired in 2011 after 35 years with the Berlin Central School District, recently passed away after a long battle with leukemia. Those who knew him said he will be remembered for his friendliness, hard work and dedication.

### PETERSBURGH

## PFOA Settlement Meeting

On **Thursday, December 2, at 6 pm**, there will be a PFOA class action lawsuit settlement information meeting at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center. Steve Schwarz, lead counsel for the suit against Taconic will be there to discuss the settlement and answer your questions. To review and prepare questions, visit [petersburghpfoasettlement.com](http://petersburghpfoasettlement.com).

### BERLIN

## Helping Hands

Submitted by BCS Communications

Berlin Central School District's Helping Hands committee is looking for gently used winter gear sizes 5 to adult. We are looking for coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and boots that your children have outgrown. We would love to pass them along to other families. Please send the gear in with your child or drop it off at the Berlin Elementary main office. There is a collection bin for all items in the main hallway. Thank you for your support. If you are in need of winter gear for your child please call the BES Main Office and ask for Mrs. Deanna Baker or email [ধানসেন@berlincentral.org](mailto:ধানসেন@berlincentral.org).

### PETERSBURGH

## Toy Drive

The Petersburg Town Clerk's office will be accepting toys and donations for our annual toy drive starting **November 1** and running through **December 11**. We will also be accepting hats, mittens and donations for our local food pantries. If you would like to donate, boxes will be located at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's office at 518-658-3777, extension 10.

### STEPHENTOWN

## Lighted Parade

Kick off the holiday season with the Stephentown Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting on **Saturday, November 27**.

Come watch the more than 35 lighted tractors, side-by-sides, floats, fire trucks, cars and marching groups as they parade through town from the Stephentown Fire Hall to the Veterans Park. The parade will culminate with the annual tree lighting at the Veterans Park where you can meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy carols, cookies and cocoa.

The parade steps off at 5:30 pm, with the tree lighting estimated at around 6 pm. The parade route begins at the Stephentown Fire Hall, proceeds down Grange Hall Road and onto Route 43 where it will head east and end at the Veterans Park, just before the intersection of Route 22.

### BERLIN

## Forests Forever Campaign

Submitted by the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance recently closed on a 53-acre forested property that secures a corridor between 5,293 acres of conserved land to the north and 6,688 acres to the south. This means 12,034 acres of connected, permanently conserved forest.

The property has a beautiful beaver pond that you can view from Dutch Church Road, spruce forest, and hemlock-hardwood swamps. This forest was sold to the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance by Claes and Martha Siogreen, who owned the land for 40 years before retiring and moving to California.

### PETERSBURGH

## Drop Off Toys at the Library

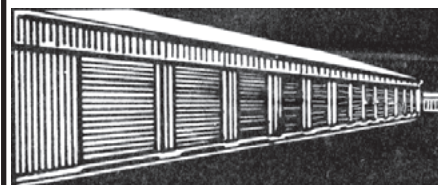
The Library also has a large donation box for the Petersburg Parks and Recreation's Christmas Toy Drive. Please come in and add new, unused toys for the Christmas party, which will take place on **Saturday, December 11**. Many thanks to the generous patrons and elves who have already been working hard to get the toys here for Santa's visit.

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## Taconic Valley

### BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

## The Masterminds Are Back at Work

*Submitted by the BCS Communications Department*

Berlin Middle/High School is fielding a Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity Masterminds team again this year as an extracurricular opportunity for students to represent their school in an interscholastic setting.

The quiz bowl competition is for students who enjoy games like Jeopardy and Trivial Pursuit. The quiz questions range in topics from art, biology, chemistry, current events, geography, history, literature, music, political science, pop culture, religion and sports.

The Berlin Masterminds are excited to be competing back in person again this year. They played their first match of the year at home on Friday, November 12.

Congratulations to Raymond Ericson, Connor Sniger, Jacob Brazie, Matthew Hart, Riley Smith and Austin Meyette who all competed on the Varsity team and won two out of three of their matches! The final scores were: 145 to 50 against Tamarac, 165 to 90 against Holy Names and they played well but couldn't hold on in a close match against Troy!



Members from the JV and Varsity Masterminds Team at their first home meet on November 12. Back row (L-R): Austin Meyette, Riley Smith, Connor Sniger, Matthew Hart, Jacob Brazie, Raymond Ericson. Front row (L-R): Aiden Davis, Daniel Rivera, Owen Lowry and Nathaniel Mace. Photo courtesy of the BCS Communications Department.

### STEPHENTOWN

## When We Goof, We Really Goof

In last week's newspaper in our section on the tribute to Larry Eckhardt, we identified the woman with him in the picture as his wife Heather. It was really Bev McClave. Our sincere apologies, especially to Heather Eckhardt and Ric McClave, who we are sure were quite shocked by the news.

In the photo it shows the proclamation with Bev McClave's beautiful calligraphy, presented to Supervisor Eckhardt.



Larry Eckhardt's proclamation.

### STEPHENTOWN

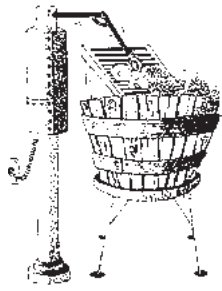
*Artists Invited for:*

## November Exhibition

The Stephentown Art Guild invites visual artists of all media to participate in an exhibition on **November 27 at 6 pm**, at the auditorium of Four Fat Fowl, 473 Route 43. Each of the exhibitions will precede a live performance of Samuel Becket's *Krapp's Last Tape*, performed by Toby Wherry. The exhibition and performance are both free to the public, and there is no charge for artists to display their work. To participate in the art show, email SAG at [stephentownartguild@gmail.com](mailto:stephentownartguild@gmail.com).

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## Taconic Valley

### PETERSBURGH

# New Study Topics Added to Taconic PFOA Investigation

by Alex Brooks

DEC and DOH personnel handling the remedial investigation of the PFOA contamination from Taconic came to the Petersburg Town Board Meeting on November 15 to give the Board and the public an update on the progress of the investigation. Barbara Firebaugh and Ian Beilby from DEC were there, along with Angela Martin and Justin Deming from DOH. Firebaugh said they have no new data to present, but they expect to have the data from Phase 2 of the investigation sometime this winter.

She mentioned several new elements of the inves-

tigation that are being planned now. The first is an assessment of the impact of the PFOA contamination on fish and wildlife in the area. The scope of work for that was approved in May of this year. Another is a "Supplemental Work Plan" to investigate the area around Building 1 on the Taconic campus. Apparently process wastes from manufacturing operations were at one time dumped behind that building in a wetland area, and as a result, extremely high levels of PFOA contamination were found in the soil and water there during the first phase of the remedial investigation.

The new supplemental work plan, approved in August 2021, is aimed at learning in more detail the nature and extent of the contamination in that area. Nine soil borings will be taken and analyzed around Building 1, and three of them will be converted into groundwater monitoring wells which will be able to monitor PFOA levels in the groundwater on an ongoing basis.

The most recent new study she called a "Qualitative Human Health Exposure Assessment." She said the work plan for this was submitted in July 2021 and has not been approved yet.

### PETERSBURGH

## Water District Fees to Increase

by Alex Brooks

At the end of the Public Hearing on the budget held on November 1, members of the Town Board read a letter addressed to the patrons of the Water District, declaring the need to raise the semi-annual water fees. It cited a history of operational shortfalls and sought to put the District on a sounder financial footing by raising the semi-annual fee from \$180 to \$212.50 starting with the billing this January.

This is an interim measure, because the District is working toward a billing system which will have a basic semi-annual fee as one component and a usage

charge as the other. About 95% of the new meters which will make it possible to implement this system have been installed.

There is also an element of uncertainty in the Water District's finances because of the large sums coming and going under the WIIA Grant and Taconic's reimbursements for PFOA-related expenses. The latest Supervisor's report shows the Water District almost \$250,000 in the red, but also shows that nearly all of that should be paid off by reimbursements due from the WIIA grant and from Taconic.

### PETERSBURGH

## The Ginger Roots Band

The Fox Hollow Music and Art Cafe presents the Ginger Roots Band on **Friday, December 17**. You may have seen The Ginger Roots Band jammin' out at the recent Petersburg Harvest Festival hosted by Starry Ridge Farm. They were such a blast, we decided to invite them back to town to join our cafe series! Believe us, this is a show you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars now! Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC).

# Tips for a Smart Holiday Shopping Game Plan

(StatePoint) Health and safety, shipping delays and a constrained budget – these are just some of the concerns that may be amplifying your shopping stress this holiday season.

A new consumer sentiment survey centered on the holiday season can help you know what to expect in the coming weeks so you can make a smart shopping game plan. The Sensormatic Solutions survey finds that more people plan to shop in-store this year over last and plan to get started earlier. Indeed, while 63% of U.S. consumers are concerned about shopping in-store, this isn't stopping them from taking advantage of annual deal days or visiting enclosed malls. In fact, 50% of U.S. consumers still plan to shop in-store during Black Friday weekend and 50% will start their holiday shopping before November, compared to 43% in winter 2020.

Despite many consumers indicating that they plan to hold fast to the traditional shopping experience, the survey also finds that a growing number of consumers are adopting newer shopping methods. This is in part because of the convenience these services offer. For example, 42% of those surveyed say they'll use buy online, pick-up in store (BOPIS) services for their holiday shopping, a 9% increase from 2020, and 44% say they'll use curbside pickup, a 12% increase from 2020. Popularized during the pandemic to help people adhere to social distancing guidelines, these fulfillment options are great alternatives to brick-and-mortar shopping.

"We expect more contactless checkouts and unified commerce services like BOPIS and curbside pickup this holiday season because health and safety is paramount," says Kim Melvin, global leader of marketing, Sensormatic Solutions, which is helping retailers solve complex challenges related to consumer confidence, health and safety as part of John-

son Controls' mission.

As you check all your items off your holiday shopping list, consider the following tips from Sensormatic Solutions:

- Avoid busy stores and crowds by starting your shopping early.
- Take advantage of annual deal days without navigating in-store traffic or risking online shipping delays by using unified commerce services like BOPIS and curbside pickup.
- Forty-five percent of U.S. consumers said store occupancy limits preventing overcrowding would make them feel more confident shopping in-store this holiday season. If that describes you, take your business to stores adhering to occupancy limits and practicing other safety measures. The good news is that businesses have a lot of tools in their toolbox. New technologies are helping retailers understand expected shopper patterns so they can implement in-store strategies to better service their customers.

For more holiday season shopping insights, visit [sensormatic.com](https://sensormatic.com).

As we enter the second holiday season of the pandemic, smart strategies can help you get your shopping done safely and with ease.

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## Central County

### BRUNSWICK

# Highly Controversial Road Is No More

by Doug La Rocque

Vehemently opposed by neighbors in the housing developments behind the Planet Fitness on Hoosick Road (NYS Route 7), the planned rear access roadway into the Aldi, KFC and Wendy's locations now under construction has been officially removed from the site plan. The road had been demanded by the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of their cross-connectivity design to allow the installation of a traffic signal at Lord Avenue and Hoosick Road. That demand has been officially rescinded by DOT, since the approval of the Hannaford Supermarket, now under construction on Lord Avenue. At the Thursday, November 18 Brunswick Planning Board session, the revised site plan was approved, discontinuing any plans for the rear entrance to the complex.

### Brick Church Road Solar Projects

One already approved and one proposed were in front of the Planners at the Thursday meeting. Tamarac Solar garnered the Board's approval back in May, but was back to ask for an extension of the time period in which they would have to at least file a building permit, because of rising costs of materials and labor. They stated they have been having difficulty putting together their financial package. By Brunswick Code, they have until May of 2022, but are concerned about meeting that deadline. They asked for, and the Board approved, a one year extension until May of 2023.

Borrego Solar, who constructed the first solar complex on that road (also known as NYS Route 278), was back with a sketch plan for a third site, this time on land owned by the Gilead Lutheran Church, at the

intersection with NYS Route 7. It would be another 5 megawatt Community Solar endeavor, but it immediately met with some concern, as the proposed location is behind the pond on the church property, and would be very visible from both Routes 278 and 7. The Borrego representatives left without indicating if they would file an actual site plan application.

### More Church News

There was another application before the Board that also involved Gilead Lutheran. Tilson Technology has applied for permission to add one carrier to the existing cell tower on the church property. The Dish Network has struck a deal with AT&T to allow its wireless subscribers to access AT&T's 4G and 5G systems. This additional attendance array would be part of that Dish Wireless. The Board scheduled a public hearing for their **December 16** meeting.

### Gallivan Subdivision

For many months now, Sean Gallivan has been seeking a 3-lot subdivision of land he owns on Deepkill Road.

Since there have been previous subdivision of this property, there was the question of whether this should be considered a major subdivision, which entails a full environmental review. After reviewing the engineering date, Board Engineer Wayne Bonesteel has determined there is no need for a common stormwater drainage system involving the two previous subdivisions — therefore a minor subdivision is a permissible way to proceed. The Planners set a public hearing for the **December 16** meeting as well.

### BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

#### Holiday Music Storytime

Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am

Nature journal activity and idea sharing circle.

#### Hill Country Cloggers

Friday, December 10, 4 pm

#### Wrap Party

Friday, December 10, noon to 5:30 pm

#### Holiday Book Sale

Friday, December 10, 10 am to 6 pm

Help raise money for the library and get some great deals. \$5 a bag.

### GRAFTON

## All You Can Eat FD Breakfast

The next breakfast sponsored by the Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on **Saturday, November 27, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu features Belgian waffles, pancakes, French roast, eggs (made to order), sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, however kids 5 and under eat free. The breakfast is held at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, located on South Road (County Route 85).

*Santa will be there.*

*No Breakfast in December.*

### GRAFTON

## Landowner Appreciation Dinner

The Grafton Trailblazers Snowmobile Club will hold a landowner appreciation dinner on **Wednesday, December 15, at 6 pm**, at the Lakeview Restaurant in Averill Park. All landowners and their families are invited to attend free of charge. Club members are invited to attend at a cost of \$30. There will be a cocktail hour at 6 pm, with a brief meeting of the club to update everyone. Dinner will be served at 7 pm, and there will be prizes given out. This is the club's way of thanking landowners. Without them, there would be no trails to ride on beyond state parks. Please RSVP by December 6 via Facebook or call our treasurer, Samantha Robitaille, at 518-258-8311.

### NORTH GREENBUSH

# Climate Smart Public Meeting Scheduled

Submitted by Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo

I was disappointed in the results of the elections but accept the will of the voters of North Greenbush and the direction they wish the Town to go in. In my remaining weeks, there is a lot of work to be done. The members of the Open Space Committee which I chair are in the process of reviewing the maps prepared by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. With the assistance of several law students, committee members will draft brief narratives accompanying the maps which will be the foundation of a Natural Resources Inventory. Residents will also have the opportunity to participate in formulating a climate vision statement.

As the Town of North Greenbush continues efforts to become a certified NYS DEC recognized Climate Smart community, Cornell Cooperative

Extension of Rensselaer County is providing support for a Climate Smart resiliency vision document to be developed. All residents of the Town of North Greenbush are encouraged to attend the public meeting on December 3, at the North Greenbush Town Hall, as well as to take a survey to collect input for the Town vision. Those interested are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft vision statement that was created as a result of the previous public meeting and survey efforts. To access a draft of the Climate Smart vision statement please go to the Town of North Greenbush website and scroll down to the Climate Smart content. If you are having trouble sourcing the draft please feel free to email Bernie Wiesen at [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu) or call at 518-272-4210.

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## Central County

### GRAFTON

## Ambulance Visits Cub Scouts

The new Berlin ambulance recently paid a visit to a Cub Pack 222 meeting. The Cubs had a great time sitting on the stretcher, finding out about how the oxygen works and best of all the lights and sirens.



From left to right: Cub Scouts Jacob, Rebecca, Zander, Clair, Rebecca, Atticus and Viviann. Photo by Andy Zlotnick.

### GRAFTON

## Helping Those in Need



For the fifth straight year, R.J. Valente Gravel, Inc. gave a helping hand to those in the Grafton area in need of assistance during the holiday season, with free turkeys. From left to right, Grafton Councilman Steve Beaudry, Grafton Code Enforcement Officer Tom Withcuskey and Vice President of R.J. Valente Gravel, Steve Valente.

### GRAFTON

## Toys for the Town

The Grafton Fire Auxiliary will be collecting new toys and books to help local families in need. Monetary donations or toys bigger than the box can be donated by calling Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988. The deadline is **December 10**.

The Toy Boxes are located around the town including the Grafton Town Store and The Eastwick Press office. Please help out if you can.



### GRAFTON

### Scout Troop 222

## Creating a New Trail



Submitted by Andy Zlotnick

Behind the old Grafton Elementary School now known as the Roxbury Holdings building, the Scouts of Troop 222 have been busy laying out a walking and nature trail for use by the public and the Berlin School District. The Scouts have marked about a quarter mile of the trail and cleared it of overgrowth and dead wood. There will be a place for the public to park off of Babcock Lake Road. We anticipate an early to middle June 2022 opening for the public. If anyone would like to help or donate their services to help the Scouts get this trail finished they should contact Scoutmaster Andy Zlotnick at [azlotnick\\_40@yahoo.com](mailto:azlotnick_40@yahoo.com) or call 518-658-9066.

We are looking for two or three truck loads of soft fill materials, some minor excavation work and several loads of wood chips. The public is encouraged to volunteer to work with the Scouts to identify areas of interest along the trail, types of trees and plants and to continue the length of the trail.

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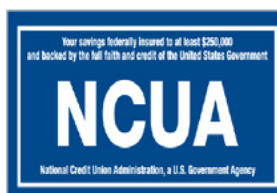
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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HFCS

## Tenure Granted to Three Teachers

by Alex Brooks

The Hoosick Falls School Board held a small ceremony in honor of the granting of tenure to three of its teachers, Speech Teacher Dorothy Argus-Tyler, Social Studies Teacher Brian Bushner and Elementary Teacher Keri Hart.

Superintendent Patrick Dailey said Dorothy Argus-Tyler, a graduate of Saint Rose, has been at Hoosick Falls for four years, and has been a valuable addition to the staff. He said the need for speech teachers has been greater since the COVID-19 layoff, and Dorothy has responded well.

He said Brian Bushner, a 1998 graduate of HFCS, came to the school originally as a communications officer. He already had a master's degree, but he went back to school to get another master's so he could teach history. A man of many talents, he also did a lot of work re-designing the school website, and his computer and IT savvy have been very useful to the District. Kerri Hart, who graduated from St. Rose for both her BA and for her master's, has three certifications, in Special Ed, Literacy and Elementary Education. She has been an excellent 3rd grade teacher, and her versatility is a big plus.

### Business Administrator's Report

School Business Administrator Emily Sanders said the paving contractor who did work for the capital project was unable to fit into its schedule the repaving of the school parking lot after the emergency repairs to the sewer lines. She had to seek another paving contractor and was able to hire Valley Paving of Schaghticoke, who repaved the lot on Veterans Day. But the cost of the paving ended up being twice what she expected, and so the authorization for emergency repairs that was passed last month for up to \$35,000 was amended this month to authorize up to \$45,000 of spending. Sanders said she still does not have firm figures on what the emergency repairs cost overall, because she has not received a bill yet from Pat Bakaitis.



Speech Teacher Dorothy Argus-Tyler, Social Studies Teacher Brian Bushner and Elementary Teacher Keri Hart who received tenure from the HFCS Board of Education at last Thursday night's meeting. Photo by Alex Brooks.

Sanders also said that sign-ups for free and reduced lunch have declined this year. The reason is probably because everyone gets free lunch now, whether signed up or not. But Sanders said many elements of school aid are tied to the percentage of students signed up for free and reduced lunch, so she urges all eligible families to sign up. The percentage had been close to 50%, but is now around 42%. The vast majority of sign-ups are done online through the District's web site, and she urged families to fill out that form online.

Sanders said 90% of the school taxes were collected by the District on time, which she seemed pleased with. The remaining \$768,000 was turned over to the County for collection by a resolution at this meeting.

### Winter Sports

Patrick Dailey said winter sports started this week and are operating "pretty much normal." There will be some limitations on spectators. Visiting athletes are allowed two spectator passes per athlete and then home team spectators will be allowed to attend up to the point of 50% capacity. Visiting spectators will be segregated from home team spectators, and everyone must wear a mask.

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Help Filling Out PFOA Claims Is on the Way

Stephen Schwarz, the lead attorney in the Hoosick Falls Class Action PFOA Settlement tells The Eastwick Press that attorneys will be available **December 2 through 4** to help anyone who might require assistance filling out the claims forms for that Class Action Settlement announced earlier this year. Legal Counsel will be in the Court Room/Meeting Room of the Hoosick Falls Armory on **Thursday, December 2 from 9 am to 5 pm, Friday, December 3 from 11 am to 7 pm** and again on **Saturday, from 9 am to noon**.

Anyone who requires assistance should come to the Armory with as much of their required documentation as they have in their possession and the lawyers will help them complete the forms as well as gather missing documents.

The Armory is located at 80 Church Street in the Village.



Attorney Stephen Schwarz leads a question and answer session in October in Petersburg about a very similar PFOA Class Action Settlement. Eastwick Press file photo.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### BENNINGTON

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on **Thursday, December 2, from 11:30 am to 5 pm**, at the First Baptist Church at 601 Main Street in Bennington. To make an appointment to donate, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text "bloodapp" to 90999 to download the app to your smartphone. As always, walk-ins will be accommodated as well. Those who have questions about the drive may contact Susan Gallina at 802-447-5345.

### NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Kids Dance

The North Hoosick Fire Department will hold a kids dance on **Friday, December 3, from 7 to 9 pm**, at the fire station on Rt. 22. Students in grades 4 through 8 are invited. Drop off time is 6:40 pm. Parents are reminded to sign students out after the dance.

## Bennington Performing Arts Center

*Submitted by the Bennington Performing Arts Center*

#### Unsaid Prayers by Jana Lillie

*Saturday, December 4, 7:30 pm*

Join us for an evening of poetry from Jana Lillie's new book of poems, *Unsaid Prayers*. Watch in person at BPAC or stream at home. \$5

#### BPAC Youth Theater Presents *Jingle Jangle Jubilee!*

*Saturday, December 18, 1 and 4 pm*

This is the first performance for this young group. The show is a variety of song and dance, skits, music and good old-fashioned holiday cheer. The production is directed by Enrique Segura, with assistance by Lauren Biasi. Musical direction is provided by Lynn Sweet and the show is choreographed by Kristi Segura. \$10; Free for kids under 10.

For questions about upcoming programming, contact BPAC by phone 802-447-0564, email [info@bpacvt.org](mailto:info@bpacvt.org), or visit our website [bpacvt.org](http://bpacvt.org).

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### HOOSICK FALLS

#### Troop 1227 Earns Bronze Award

*Submitted by Kevin Weeden*



*The newest Bronze Award recipients from left to right: Sophia Parker, Leah Angell, Abigail Weeden, Ashlee Morgan and Clara Adrion. Photo courtesy of Kevin Weeden.*

On November 10, five Girl Scout Cadettes from Local Troop 1227 received their Bronze Awards. After months and months of planning and work, these girls got the honor that they pursued, a Bronze Award pin.

A Bronze Award is the third highest honor that a Girl Scout can receive, ranking two positions behind the Gold Award, and one behind Silver. In order to receive their Bronze Award, any given Girl Scout must complete at least twenty hours of a community service project of their choice. These projects had to be completed by the designated due date in order for the girls to receive the award.

The projects were as follows: creating a cookbook to sell and donating proceeds to local and national charities, creating a bee garden near an area where bees are active and organizing a collection for a local animal shelter.

Each girl contributed a great deal of time and effort to making an impact in their community. Whether they built a new addition or donated to a good cause, one thing is certain, each and every one of these girls deserved their Bronze Award.

### HOOSICK FALLS

#### Holiday Market and Craft Show

**Saturday, November 27, from 10 am to 3 pm**, at the Hoosick Armory, there will be a holiday market and craft show. Thirty-seven crafters, folks with specialty foods and so much more will have a huge supply of items to meet all your holiday needs. And you're bound to find something very special for yourself as well.

Vendors include Fahey Family Farm – honey, Elocin Farms – goat soaps, Pam Powers – wreaths and loofah sponges, Acorn Wooden Crafts, Beechwood Berry Farms – jams and jellies, Shadowbrook Pottery, Ecclatant – soaps, facial products and ponchos, Berle Farm, Scotty Jingles, Designs by Sue – wooden toys, ABC Crafters – place mats, cutting boards and pot holders, Alice & Debbie – mittens, hats and beer soap, Whistlewing Prints, Caroline's Scottish Shortbread – Corian cutting boards, Gayle Rifenburgh – sewing craft, Willhy Farm – sourdough bread, Beautiful Lake Woodcraft, Caz Acrez Goat Dairy, 518 Mushroom Skins by Cat – acrylic painted jewelry, Crazy Creations Jewelry, Cornell Farm Stand – cider donuts, pies and baked goods, Running Brook Sugar Shack – maple syrup, Erin Cross Art Pottery, Vermont View Woodworks – cutting boards, and just outside the Moose Kaboose.

### HOOSICK FALLS

#### Letters to Santa

Since 2015, Make-A-Wish Northeast New York wish alum Luke Hoag has collected hundreds of thousands of letters to Santa as part of #MacysBelieve campaign, raising \$1 million for Make-A-Wish America. This year, you too can be like Luke. The 2021 letter writing campaign has begun and Macy's will once again donate \$1 per letter, up to \$1 million. Due to COVID-19 letters won't be collected in person, but those who would like to submit a letter can do so on Macy's website by visiting [Macys.com/believe](http://Macys.com/believe). Letters can also be dropped off at a Macy's store location through December 24.

### SCHUYLERVILLE

#### Monthly Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club invites all to join us at our monthly breakfast on **Sunday, December 12, from 8 to 11 am**. The menu is eggs cooked to order, bacon, sausage, white or wheat toast, pancakes, French toast, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For more information call 518-695-3917.

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## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Holiday Time Is Here

The Village of Hoosick Falls and Hoosick Rising are hosting the Hoosick Community Christmas Tree Lighting on **Friday, November 26 beginning at 5:30 pm** at the gazebo in Wood Park.

Come and sing along to Christmas carols with Dave Sutton and enjoy a visit from Santa powered by JC Tractor.

Hoosick Rising is holding a Hoosick Holiday Lights Contest. Prize Packages will be awarded to the best decorated houses and businesses. The contest is open to all Hoosick area residents and businesses. To take part you must be registered. Send your name, address and phone number to Kevin O'Malley at [hoosickkid@gmail.com](mailto:hoosickkid@gmail.com) or mail it to 42 Rogers Ave, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Let's decorate and light up Hoosick!



The Christmas Tree in the gazebo at Wood Park.  
Photo contributed.

### BENNINGTON

## SVMC Lab Receives National Accreditation

Submitted by SVMC

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to the laboratory at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), part of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC).

The laboratory is staffed by a team of phlebotomists, technical laboratory technologists, medical technologists, cytologists and pathologists who work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to deliver laboratory results to the patients of SVMC.

During the CAP accreditation process, highly trained peer inspectors, people who work in other accredited labs of about the same size, examine the laboratory's records and procedures. They also review laboratory staff qualifications and training, equipment, facilities, the safety program, the safety record and overall management.

### NEW LEBANON

## Wreath Making Fundraiser

Join the Friends of the New Lebanon Library for this festive wreath making event, which takes place at the New Lebanon Library on **December 3, at 6:30 pm**. Enjoy cider and sweets while making your own 18-inch wreath. The cost is \$30 per person, and all proceeds benefit the New Lebanon Library. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-wreath-with-the-friends-of-the-new-lebanonlibrary-tickets-201754040767> or go to the New Lebanon Library web page and click on the link provided. Payment may also be made in person at the library.

### BENNINGTON

## Dashing Through The Shires

The Shires of Southwestern Vermont Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Chamber of Commerce, will launch a fun, scavenger hunt-like social media challenge for travelers and residents alike this upcoming holiday season.

Starting **Saturday, November 27**, on Small Business Saturday, the organizations will launch their Dashing Through The Shires campaign highlighting that there is no better time to visit the Shires of Southwestern Vermont than during the holiday season! With snow covered red bridges, unique craft gifts at local stores, farm feasts at regional dining establishments, warm holiday toddies and real Green Mountain holiday trees for sale, the campaign aims to highlight some of the regional fun and Vermont traditions of the season.

This year, as the region, retailers and travelers emerge from the pandemic, the Shires DMO and Chamber are encouraging residents and travelers to participate in the campaign. How best to "Dash Through The Shires?" The organizations have created a list of fun and easy challenges to complete for followers of their social media accounts! People following those accounts will be given two to three challenges a week. If followers complete the challenge,

share their success and mention [@shiresofvermont](https://twitter.com/shiresofvermont) or tag [#exploretsheshires](https://twitter.com/exploretheshires) and [#dashingthrutheshires](https://twitter.com/dashingthrutheshires) they will be entered to win gift cards from area businesses.

"We're just looking to have some fun this year while getting people to explore the region," said Matt Harrington, executive director of the Southwestern Vermont Chamber. "This seemed like a fun, easy way to get people engaged, shopping, eating, celebrating and winning this season! We hope our travelers get into it and maybe we even attract some new travelers here for the first time!"



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## New Lebanon & Nassau

### NEW LEBANON

## Small Business Saturday

*Submitted by the Town of New Lebanon*

New Lebanon is launching its first annual Small Business Saturday promotion. At the initiative of one of our small business enterprises, Cohn's Candle Bar, and with the participation of the Roaring 20's Brewery & Taphouse, the event will happen on **Saturday, November 27, from noon to 5 pm**, at the Brewery. Businesses offering products or services are urged to participate.

At the November Town Council meeting, the Council unanimously endorsed and supported the program. On behalf of the Business and Economic Development Committee, the Town urges you to join the program and take advantage of the sales opportunities. We plan on this becoming an annual event in our Town with more programming in the future.

If there are any questions about Small Business Saturday, please contact [monte@fairpoint.net](mailto:monte@fairpoint.net) or call 518-781-0195.



*Cohn's Candle Bar at the Lake George Oktoberfest. Photo courtesy of Cohn's Candle Bar.*

### NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

## Upcoming Events

#### Tech Talks

*Fridays by appointment*

Please call the library at 518-794-8844 to schedule an appointment time.

#### Storytime

*Wednesdays at 10:30 am*

Join Miss Ann on the patio behind the library for songs, movement activities and age-appropriate stories for our younger patrons and their caregivers. Storytime will not meet on November 24.

*Masks are required indoors, and social distancing is encouraged between groups.*

### NEW LEBANON

## Programs and Services for the Aging

The Columbia County Office of the Aging has produced a guide to the many services they provide. If it doesn't apply to you, please help spread the word to someone who may need assistance. A printed copy of the guide is available at the New Lebanon Town Hall.

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### ALBANY

## Nourish New York Bill Becomes Law

*Submitted by the Office of Assemblyman Chris Tague*

Assemblyman Chris Tague joined Gov. Kathy Hochul, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Richard Ball and a bipartisan group of legislators Saturday, November 20 as the governor signed the Nourish New York bill into law. Nourish New York connects rural farmers with excess product to food banks in need throughout the state through a state-operated purchasing program, providing fresh foods from New York farms to families.

"Everything leading up to this bill's signing has been a bipartisan effort involving too many people to name, but I want to give special thanks to this bill's sponsor, Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, for her extensive work on my farm tour and in Albany building support for this bill across the aisle," said Tague. "It would be no exaggeration to say she is the reason this bill has become law today. I also want to thank Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo for her work getting this bill passed, Commissioner Ball for his help in promoting it and Gov. Hochul for signing this bill into law."

The Schoharie based Assemblyman, who also represents Kinderhook in Columbia County, said



*From left to right: Sen. Jamaal Bailey (SD-36), Sen. George Borrello (SD-57), Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Richard Ball, Sen. Michelle Hinchey (SD46), Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C,I-Schoharie), Gov. Kathy Hochul, Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz (D-Queens), Senator Luis R. Sepúlveda (SD-32) and others gather for the signing of the Nourish New York bill (A.5781-A) into law. Photo provided.*

"Connecting the dots between producers, distributors, food banks and families in need is something we've discussed the need for years with farmers across the state, so this bill's signing is a tremendous first step toward achieving that goal."

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## Small Business Saturday

In their annual statement about Small Business Saturday, which takes place on **November 27** this year, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce encourages consumers to support local businesses by shopping small. American Express launched this shopping holiday in 2010, at the height of the Great Recession, as a way of redirecting holiday shopping to local stores. A decade later, it's observed in all 50 states, and in 2011, the Senate passed a resolution recognizing Small Business Saturday.

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For more information or to become a Chamber member please call Matt Jensen at 518-687-1240 or email [mjensen@renscochamber.com](mailto:mjensen@renscochamber.com).

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## General News

### EAST GREENBUSH

## Ensuring Care at Rosewood Gardens

A multi-agency response took place on the morning of Saturday, November 20, to ensure care for residents at the Rosewood Gardens nursing home in East Greenbush.

All residents are safe and remain at the facility following the response, which was coordinated by the State Department of Health at the privately-owned facility.

The response started when a report was received regarding a lack of required nursing supervision at Rosewood Gardens. Nurses from an agency contracted by Rosewood Gardens apparently did not show up for the morning shift, and the lack of licensed nurses on the shift meant medicine could not be administered.

Federal regulations require that a licensed nurse be on site at all times.

The state Department of Health responded to the scene, along with representatives from the county Bureau of Public Safety, Bruen Rescue Squad, Mohawk Ambulance, East Greenbush Police Department, Albany Medical Center Hospital, county Medical Director, county EMS Coordinator and a representative from the County Executive's office.

The facility was able to have nurses arrive by early afternoon, with state DOH and other agencies remaining on the scene to monitor the situation and check on residents. Senior rest homes like Rosewood are licensed and regulated by the state.

## RPI Announces New President

### Will Succeed Shirley Ann Jackson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) has announced that Dr. Martin Schmidt will assume the position of President of the University on July 1. He will succeed Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, who has held that post since 1999. Dr. Schmidt comes to RPI from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Schmidt earned his BS in Electrical Engineering from RPI in 1981, before continuing his studies at MIT. He currently serves as Provost at the Massachusetts school.

## Letter to the Editor

*Submitted by Joyce N. Davis, Member, ASPCA Registered Advocacy Field Team*

Many New Yorkers aren't familiar with the disturbing origin of cute pet store puppies. New York pet stores buy their puppies from out-of-state breeders known as puppy mills, where profit is valued over animal welfare. These facilities are licensed by the USDA, but an utter lack of enforcement allows these breeders to keep animals in deplorable conditions. These mills then ship sick, unsocialized puppies through middlemen to pet stores in states like New York.

One heinous example of USDA's non-enforcement for animal welfare in these puppy mills has recently come into sharp relief. A breeder in Iowa, Daniel Gingerich, USDA-licensed since 2019, accrued over 190 documented animal welfare violations this year alone, and yet was allowed to continue operating for months and months. These violations include severely emaciated, matted, injured, diseased and even dead dogs on his property.

What does this cruel Iowa breeder have to do with New York pet stores? According to health records, many of our local pet stores in New York have bought puppies from this breeder to be sold to our communities. Unfortunately, Gingerich's is just one of countless facilities who are rubber-stamped by the USDA to continue operating despite known animal care issues.

The NY state legislature has introduced the Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill, which will end the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores, shutting down this pipeline of cruelly bred puppies into New York. I urge Senator Jordan and Assemblyman Ashby to cosponsor this bill, and I call on my fellow New Yorkers to call their legislators to pass this bill to end New York's participation in this cruel industry.

## Holiday Mitten Tree

*Submitted by Eileen DePaula*

The weather is getting colder, and we want to support members of our community by providing cold weather gear to those in need. We are taking donations of items such as new gloves, hats, scarves, coats, etc. at our office to distribute. The building is currently closed to visitors; please call the CCE office at 518-272-4210 to have a staff member meet you at the door to take your donation, or to assist you with picking up some winter clothing items.

Items will be available from the Mitten Tree beginning **December 1**. If you or someone you know are in need of items, please feel free call for an appointment to pick up items at 61 State St. Troy.

## Sheriff's Department Welcomes New Officer



*New Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department Officer Philip J. Milano, along with his wife Becky and son Landon, at his swearing in ceremony on Monday, November 15. Photo by Amy Modesti.*

## Honored for Helping the Hungry

*Submitted by Kate Lawler*



*Mark Emanation of Capital District Area Labor Federation along with Sister Betsy Van Deusen of Catholic Charities were honored on Wednesday, November 17, by the Labor-Religion Coalition for their work overseeing our mass food drops throughout the diocese. Photo courtesy of Mark Emanation.*

## Delgado Calls on Biden to Tap Reserves

*Submitted by the office of Congressman Antonio Delgado*

U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado called on President Joe Biden to release inventory from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower gas and home heating prices for upstate New Yorkers. Severe market disruptions caused by the pandemic have resulted in price spikes at the gas pump. Upstate communities depend on heating oil, propane and other gas sources to heat their homes. As we enter the winter months, they need lower prices now.

"I believe that we must do more to lower costs for working people and small businesses and help families fill up their gas tanks and pay their heating bills," said Representative Delgado. "That is why I am urging President Biden to release inventory from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help immediately lower gas prices."

## STAR Program

If you are 65 or over by March 1, 2022, and your income is less than \$37,400, you may qualify for the Senior Citizens' exemption.

If you will be turning 65 anytime in 2022, and your total household income is less than \$92,000, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR program.

Every homeowner, no matter what your age, with an income under \$500,000, should be aware of the basic STAR refund for your primary residence. If you have never heard of STAR, call your Assessor's office for more information.



## Eastwick Sports & Outdoors

### SOCCER

## WASAREN League Award Winners



Tamarac's Rocco Dicarlo, a first team all-star, is shown in action on their Athletes for Cancer night. Photo by Steve Bradley.

**League MVP** - Wyqie Aguda, Mechanicville

**Offensive MVP** - Andrew Kraszewski, Mechanicville

**Defensive MVP** - Tom Hickey, Mechanicville

#### First Team

Tamarac - Rocco Dicarlo, Alex Ednie and Alex Bassey

Stillwater - Harry Rubinstein and Ryan Golden

Mechanicville - Colin McNutt and Dylan Raucci

Waterford - Josh Catanzarita

Greenwich - Madigan Carner and Shamus Brophy

Berlin/New Lebanon - Danny Hunt

Hoosick Valley - Logan Reilly

#### Second Team

Tamarac - Xander Gliosco and Nevin Wilkie

Stillwater - Landon Staie,

Mechanicville - Luke Micklas and Ryan Grimmick

Waterford - Benji Mills, Matt Soden and Jarron Maguire

Greenwich - Josh Poovey, Declan Kelleher and Owen Keech

Berlin/New Lebanon - Wyatt Powers

Hoosick Valley - Tom Rice

Hoosick Falls - Connor Jones

Spa Catholic - Aiden Law

#### Honorable Mentions

Stillwater - Liam Brady, Ben Rubinstein, Ryan Henderson and Nick Baines

Waterford - Lucas Cassin, Logan Fletcher, Cody Maloney, Connor Petruska,

Alex Roy and Anthony Scunziano

Berlin/New Lebanon - Ben Chaput, Kevin Chittenden, Garret Votra and Matt Hart

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

#### Wednesday Night League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Scores	
Mag-Way	33	22	Matt Brownell	266 259 783
Gallup Inn	33	22	Ryan Shumway	257 249 720
Boner's	32	23	Mitch Andrew	255 227 707
Farmers Tires	31	24	Mike Weeden	267 244 702
McNally Insurance	30	25	Mike Smith	279 214 694
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	26	29	Sam Colliano	248 237 693
Lebowski Rug Co.	26	29	CJ Brown	257 244 686
Lou's Plumbing	24	31	Colin Cipperly	244 234 679
Chico's Bail Bonds	23	32	Matt Gaghich	258 209 667
The Jabronis	17	38	Meghan Backes	258 224 659

#### Thursday American League

Team Standings	Won	Lost	High Game	
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	22	8	258	Ed Legg Jr.
Dave Clark Excavating	20	10	256	Kevin Weir
Team Taconic	19	11	255	Bruce Weeden
Modern Game Pro Shop	18	12	251	Shawn Field
Huntin' Time	18	12	248	Tim McCart
Stevens and Sons Tents	12	18	248	Dave Clark
Lauzon Machine Shop	12	18	246	Ken Marbot
RGI Insurance	11	19	245	Nathan Langer
Lo-Ridge Farm	10	20	242	Scott Reinhart
Sharpe For Governor	8	22	235	Jason Sykes

## DYKEN POND EDUCATION CENTER

#### Hike to Grandfather Rock

Saturday, November 27, 1 to 3 pm

Preregistration required. \$2 per person

## GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

#### Opt Outside – Day After Thanksgiving Hike

Friday, November 26, 10 to 11:30 am

Enjoy a hike in the park, walk off some pumpkin pie, and skip the Black Friday hubbub. Guided by an environmental educator, we will enjoy the open beauty of November on this two mile hike around one of our most special ponds.

#### Hike the Park – Tour of the Lakes

Sunday, November 28, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Take a hike to see four out of six of our lakes on this 4-5 mile afternoon trek. This hike is rated as moderately strenuous and best for those ages 10 and up.

For the convenience of our patrons and staff, our registration process has changed to by phone. To register for all events and programs unless otherwise specified, call us at 518-279-1155.

## RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

#### Nature Book Club with Rama Hamarneh, PhD

Tuesday, November 30, at 7 pm, on Zoom

#### Integration: A Space to Reflect, Learn and Apply with Celia Kutz

Thursday, December 2, at 7 pm, on Zoom

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## Classified Ads

### Help Wanted

#### Substitute Needed:

Hoosick Falls CSD is seeking a substitute aide needed for a High School student with special needs, 6.5 hours a day beginning January 3, 2022 for 4-6 weeks. Training is available. If interested, please send letter of interest and resume to Hoosick Falls Central School, District Office, PO Box 192, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 or call 686-7012. EOE.

### Seeking Standing Timber

#### Looking for Extra Money?

I'm looking for standing timber. Competitive prices paid. Contact Scott Burdick, 518-522-1020.

### Firewood for Sale

**Firewood** - Place your order now for the next heating season. Kiln Dried. Timber harvesting and lumber also available. Call Lenny, 518-470-7399.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### TOWN OF BERLIN PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, State of New York, will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on a subdivision application submitted by Todd and Sheila Chittenden Hewitt. The properties are owned by Todd and Sheila Hewitt at 29 Brookside Park, Berlin, New York, tax map # 130.1-5-16 and Sheila Chittenden at 35 Brookside Park, Berlin, New York, tax map # 130.1-5-15. The application intends to equal the size of the two properties.

The public hearing will be held on December 2, 2021 at 7 pm at the Berlin Municipal Complex at 17563 NY 22, Berlin, New York 12022.

By order of the Planning Board  
Pamula Gerstel, Chairman

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on a request from Joanna Phillips requesting approval for a Site Plan Approval for an existing manufactured home with a larger footprint. Manufactured homes in RA 1 require SP/SPR. The property is located at 341 Schoolhouse Road, New Lebanon, New York 12125.

The Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. 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.

By: Michelle Bienes  
Planning/Zoning Clerk Town of New Lebanon, NY  
11/22/2021

### Legal Notice Town of Grafton

Notice is hereby given that the Grafton Town Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Law #1 of 2021 – Code of Ethics. The Public Hearing will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082 on **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm**. Drafts of the proposed law are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at [townofgrafftonny.org](http://townofgrafftonny.org).

Victoria Burdick  
Town Clerk

Notice of Form. of **MKR CONTRACTING LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/11/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 292 4th St Troy, NY 12180. Any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District invites sealed bids for the following Bid Category:

#### Fixed Price Bids for the Supply and Delivery of specific quantities of:

#### #2 Heating Oil Kerosene (Heating) Liquefied Propane Gas

Bids must be received by the Business Manager or her designee by **1 pm on Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud, with the Board of Education reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the District Business Office located at the Berlin Middle/High School, 17400 NY RT 22, Cherry Plain, NY, between the hours of 8 am and 2 pm or by calling 518-658-1500 ext. 1021.

Questions regarding the bid specifications, locations, etc. may be directed to Cyril Grant, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at 518-658-1500 ext. 3011.

Bidders may bid on any or all of the individual fuels.

Envelopes containing bids should be marked **"Heating Oil / Kerosene (Heating) / Liquefied Propane Gas,"** with the bidder's name and address indicated on the front of the envelope.

Attention is called to the requirement that a non-competitive bidding certificate accompany each bid.

Any person submitting bids by mail or public/private carrier (such as UPS, Federal Express, etc.) must assume the risk of any delay in handling of the mail by private or school district employees. Fax and/or electronically transmitted bid submittals will not be accepted.

Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened.

Respectfully Yours,  
**Karen Capozzi**  
Business Manager

Notice of formation of **483 2ND ST LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with the NY Secretary of State (SS) on 4/01/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SS designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 St Josephs St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Wesley Jenkins Properties, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/22/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 279 Troy Rd, STE 9, Box 129, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **2647 5th Avenue LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/21/21. 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 David Anderson, 2647 5th Avenue #1, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Provide residential real estate rentals.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Spotchex LLC**. Article of Organization filed with the SSNY on 08/20/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 2162-2164 13th Street Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Superior Commerce, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/15/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Holly Circle, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Please take notice that the annual election of the Berlin Fire District #1 will take place on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, between the hours of 6 pm and 9 pm at the Berlin Fire Hall, located at 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY, for the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner. One (1) commissioner will serve a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Also electing one Treasurer for a 3-year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2024.

All duly registered residents of the Berlin Fire District #1 shall be eligible to vote. Such residents shall be registered at the Rensselaer County Board of Elections on or before twenty-three (23) days prior to the election as provided by Town Law 175-a (2a) and shall have resided within the Berlin Fire District #1 for a minimum of thirty days prior to the election date. All individuals, with the exception of the incumbents, shall make their candidacy known to the Secretary of the Commissioners, in writing, at least twenty (20) days prior to the election. Letters can be mailed to the Berlin Fire District #1, Box 409 Berlin NY or hand delivered to the Secretary at 292 Potter Hill RD Petersburg, NY 12138.

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

Notice of Form. of **INDIAN FLAME LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/8/21. Office location: Rensselaer SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 51 Main Ave, Ste 6, Wynantskill, NY 12198. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: **Knickerbacker Training Center, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/20/21. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 420 Lexington Ave, Ste 300, New York, NY 10170. Any lawful purpose.

**314 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD LLC**  
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company  
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on November 2, 2021. 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 314 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD LLC, 270 North Pole Road, Melrose, New York 12121. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, **WEVER ENERGY SERVICES, LLC** whose principal business location is in Rensselaer County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on October 14, 2021. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o The LLC, 100 South Hudson Street, Mechanicville, New York 12118. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **Anderson Housing LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/07/21. 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 David Anderson, 2647 5th Avenue #1, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Provide residential real estate rentals.

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **XO Healing Codes LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 10/12/2021 Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of XO HEALING CODES LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: XO Healing Codes LLC C/O Michelle Demarest 100 Fox Hollow Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful activity



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CLIFF HOLLOW ROAD LLC**

**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company**  
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on September 15, 2021. Office location Rensselaer County. Secretary of the State of New York 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 CLIFF HOLLOW ROAD LLC, 444 Route 40, Troy, New York 12180. No reported agent.  
Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: Sort Your Move, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 Circle Dr, Wynantskill, NY 12198. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: Team Morgan Homes, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 Bloomingrove Dr, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: Finnert Holdings, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/03/2021. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 Bloomingrove Dr, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Circle of Hype, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/06/21. 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 process to the LLC at 14 Gordon Ct., Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Pearson Property Management LLC.** Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 9, 2021. 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, 152 Madden Road Stephentown, NY 12168. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

**Publication Notice Of Organization Of Limited Liability Company**

**First:** The name of the limited liability company is **EXPRESS LAUNDRY CENTERS, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

**Second:** The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on NOVEMBER 15, 2021.

**Third:** The office of the Company is located in 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 c/o the Company, P.O. Box 733, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

**Fifth:** The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution beyond the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law.  
**Sixth:** The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any business permitted by law.

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Curbside Transportation Services LLC.** Article of Organization filed with the SSNY on 03/17/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 279 Troy Road, Ste # 9 Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of formation of **The Chedrawee Group, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State on September 26, 2021. NY Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail service of process (SOP) to Tony Chedrawee at 100 Nyroy Drive, Unit 9, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: FSR 796, LLC.** Filed 10/14/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 163 Camden Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: General.

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: 467 9TH TROY LLC.** Filed 9/23/21. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: Philip Park, 3149 Lone Pine Rd, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: General.

Notice of formation of **1453 1ST ST LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with the NY Secretary of State (SS) on 4/28/21. Office: Rensselaer County. SS designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail copy of process to Shahyer Hussain, 7 St Josephs St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## Community Calendar

November 27, Saturday

**Grafton FD & Auxiliary Breakfast**, 8–11 am, \$12 adults \$6 children 12 & under, under 5 free, Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, South Road (County Route 85)

**Stephentown Players premier production Samuel Beckett's masterpiece Krapp's Last Tape**, starring Toby Wherry as the brooding Krapp who sits alone in his den listening to a recording of himself at an earlier time while reflecting on his aspirations, purpose and lost love, 7 pm, the gym at Four Fat Fowl (formerly Stephentown Elementary School), 473 Route 43, free, call 518-733-0427 for reservations

**Holiday Market & Craft Show**, Hoosick Armory, 10 am–3 pm, 37 crafters

**Stephentown Lighted Parade**, 5:30 pm, from Stephentown Fire Hall to Veterans Park, tree lighting in Park, 6 pm, carols, cookies, cocoa

December 3, Friday

**North Hoosick Fire Department Dance**, 7–9 pm, ages 9–13, \$3, parent/guardian must sign student out after dance

December 4, Saturday

**Unsaid Prayers, an evening of poems from Jana Lillie's new book**, in person at Bennington Performing Arts Center or stream at home, \$5, 331 Main St., Bennington, VT, tickets: [bpacvt.org/tickets](http://bpacvt.org/tickets)

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## Meetings

November 29, Monday

**Grafton Workshop/Special Mtg**, 6:30 pm, Town Hall  
**Petersburgh Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

December 2, Thursday

**Brunswick Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Nassau Zoning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall  
**Pittstown Zoning Board**, 7 pm (as needed)

December 6, Monday

**Schodack Planning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

December 7, Tuesday

**New Lebanon Zoning Board**, 7 pm, Town Hall

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Board of the Town of Petersburg, NY will hold a Public Hearing on the Benvie Project on East Hollow Road in Petersburg on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The Public Hearing will take place at the Petersburg Town Hall located at 65 Main Street, Petersburg, NY 12138. All who wish to speak about the project will be heard at that time.

### Notice of Special Meeting

The Planning Board of the Town of Petersburg, NY will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, November 29 at 7 pm or immediately after the conclusion of the prior Public Hearing. The meeting will take place at the Petersburg Town Hall located at 65 Main Street in Petersburg, NY 12138. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the Benvie Project and any other business that might come before the board.

### JZ SIGNATURE PROPERTIES LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company  
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on July 23, 2021. 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 JZ SIGNATURE PROPERTIES LLC, 382 Tate Road, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. No reported agent.

Latest date of dissolution of LLC:  
None. Purpose: All legal purposes.



# Eastwick Entertainment

## Community Calendar

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December 5, Sunday

**VFW Post 1938 Breakfast**, 8–11 am, \$10 (age 13 and over), \$5 (children 5–12), free (children under 5), Poplar Avenue, Valley Falls

December 11, Saturday

**Petersburgh UM Church Flea Market & Bake Sale**, 9 am–3 pm, silent auction, lunch served all day, 12 Head of Lane

**Yankee Doodle Band Christmas Concert**, 2–4 pm, Roxborough Holdings Building (the former Grafton Elementary School), cookie contest

December 12, Sunday

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

December 16, Thursday

**Storm Large: Holiday Ordeal**, UPH: Great Hall, 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, [info@proctors.org](mailto:info@proctors.org)

December 17, Friday

**The Ginger Roots Band**, doors open 6:30, \$5, Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center, 71 Main St.

## Now Showing

Wednesday thru Sunday 11/24 – 11/28

**Encanto** (PG) 12:45 2:55 5:05 7:15 9:15

**House of Gucci** (R) 2:45 6:00 9:00

**Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City** (R)

1:30 4:20 7:05 9:20

**Ghostbusters: Afterlife** (PG13) 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:25

**King Richard** (PG13) 1:00 3:55 6:45 9:20

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## Theme: Reality TV

### ACROSS

1. "Oh, my!"
5. Say untruth
8. Left or right
12. Spiritual leader
13. \*"\_ing Up with Marie Kondo"
14. Great reviews
15. Related
16. Double reed woodwind
17. Fourth deck
18. \*"The \_\_\_\_\_," MTV's trail-blazing reality show
20. Affirm with confidence
21. I to Greeks, pl.
22. \_\_\_\_ Baba
23. Powerball and such
26. Swaggering show of courage
30. Spermatozoa counterparts
31. Based on two
34. Has a mortgage
35. \_\_\_\_ dog, gin and grapefruit juice cocktail
37. DNA transmitter
38. \*"The Real Housewives" is full of this type of conflict
39. Write on a tombstone
40. Unwholesome atmosphere
42. Hairpiece, slangily
43. Stitched again
45. Unit of electric current flow
47. Solemn pledge
48. Like nose during hayfever
50. Uncouth one
52. \*"Who \_\_\_\_\_ a Millionaire?"
56. Front of cuirass
57. Sixth month of civil year
58. "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
59. Travesty
60. Italian money
61. \*"Vanilla Ice Goes Amish" and "Cleveland Hustles" state
62. \*"\_house Masters" on Animal Planet
63. \*Not Khloë or Kourtney
64. Common allergens

### Last week's crossword solution:

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### DOWN

1. Gelatin substitute
2. Gospel writer
3. "Tosca" song, e.g.
4. Like sunroom, hopefully
5. Balance in the sky
6. \*"Pop \_\_\_\_\_" and "American \_\_\_\_\_," pl.
7. Gave the once-over
8. \*"Outwit, Outplay, Outlast" show
9. Not active
10. Point of entry
11. Sixth sense
13. Foot, to a child
14. Aussie bear
19. Buzz Lightyear's buddy
22. Brow shape
23. \*"The Biggest \_\_\_\_\_"
24. Egg-shaped
25. Same as talcums
26. Civil rights concern
27. In the know
28. Raise objections
29. Missouri River tributary
32. Like a desert
33. Crime scene evidence
36. \*Singing competition (2 words)
38. Curses
40. Feline sound
41. "I think I can, I think I can..." e.g.
44. "For better or for \_\_\_\_\_"
46. "Monty \_\_\_\_\_'s Flying Circus"
48. r in a circle, pl.
49. Deprive of weapons
50. \*Star of wilderness reality shows, \_\_\_\_\_ Grylls
51. Fairytale beast
52. Street-crossing word
53. Hawaiian island
54. Londoner, e.g.
55. Narrative poem
56. Back of a boat

### Last week's sudoku solution:

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## Church Directory

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

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY 12180 invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Masks are required as explained above in the Church News section. If you would rather receive a link to our online worship, contact [barbara@carreclan.us](mailto:barbara@carreclan.us) to be added to the distribution list for weekly worship and mid week reflections. Follow us at [centerbrunswickumc.com](http://centerbrunswickumc.com). Pastor Joel Holcomb.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8 am in our Fellowship Hall. COVID-19 protocols observed, celebrant is Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 83581110224/416299.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor Michael Switzer. Sunday Worship 9:30 am (in person and online). Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm (online). Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube and the Church Website ([Berlinfbc.com](http://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](http://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, or you may listen outside the church on 107.5 FM. COVID-19 rules and regulations apply.

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](http://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.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Senior News

### Home Delivery for Residents Over 60

Rensselaer County Unified Services, Department of Aging, provides Home Delivery Meals to county residents. If you know of a resident over 60 that lives alone and does not drive, and may benefit from home delivery meals, please call the Troy office to complete a phone referral at 518-270-2740. There is a \$3 suggested donation for each meal. The nutritious meals are delivered Monday thru Friday to the resident's home.

### Hoosick Falls Senior Center News

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with activities and lunch each day. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call to be placed on the list.

A congregational lunch will be served at noon on days the center is open. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal. In addition to congregational meals, the center offers Grab-N-Go lunches Monday through Friday.

Mondays the card club meets from 10 am to noon, with congregational lunch to follow. Wednesdays the exercise group meets at 1:30 pm. This is a low impact exercise geared for all seniors. Fridays the center has Wii bowling at 10 am, and bingo following lunch. The gym is available 9 am to noon, by appointment only for those unvaccinated or those that wish to exercise alone, and will be open to all vaccinated seniors from noon to 2:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with no appointment needed.

December 1, plan to come to the center and help decorate the Christmas tree to kick off the Holiday season. There are several Christmas activities planned for December, so stop in to pick up a calendar of events. The Hoosick Area Seniors will meet on December 8 to plan events for the upcoming year. Membership is open to all county residents 60 years and over. There will be an election of officers for next year — if you have a nominee suggestion, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Come share your thoughts and ideas. If you have questions please call the Hoosick Falls Senior Center at 518-686-7561.

Please call the center at least 24 hours in advance to be placed on the list for congregational meals or Grab-N-Go meals so staff can make sure they have enough food prepared.

### Grafton Senior Center News

Rensselaer County's Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd., Cropseyville, will be open with limited hours. State and County Guidelines will be posted and must be followed at all times. The center is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm, with congregational lunch and activities. Van transportation to and from the center will be available on limited days. Please call to be placed on the list.

On **November 30** there will be Yoga at 10 am and lunch at noon, with scratch off bingo to follow. **December 2, at 10:30 am**, we will decorate the Christmas tree and the senior center. Following lunch at noon we will have a Christmas carol sing-along and an opportunity for karaoke. All residents 60 and over are encouraged to come and join the activities to kick off the holiday season.

The senior center is open Monday and Friday 9:30 to 11 am only for the 10 am yoga class. **December 7**, the Eastern Tier Seniors will meet at 11:15 am to plan events for the upcoming year. Membership is open to all county residents 60 and over. Come to the meeting and share your thoughts and ideas. Please call 518-279-3413 if you have any questions, or wish to be added to the lunch list.

Come sing along and dance to the music. Lunch will be turkey, potatoes, broccoli and pumpkin pie for dessert. The center will be closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the lunch list.

### Grafton Merry-makers

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**. Be sure to find all updates in *The Eastwick Press*.

We look forward to seeing you at the **December 4** Merry-maker Christmas party. For Christmas party questions please call 518-279-3231 or 518-272-8624.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors News

We had a wonderful turn out for our Luncheon at the November 19 meeting. Thank you everyone that brought food and to those who came to enjoy it. We

have a committee working on officer elections. If you want to nominate someone or run for a position talk to Sheryl Roden or Elna Rodda. VP is open; other positions are willing to run another year. Our Christmas party will be at the White Stone cafe in Ghent on **Friday, December 17, at 1 pm**. The menu is family style ham and turkey with all the fixings. You must reserve and pay by the December 3 meeting to attend. Members pay \$5, and guests pay \$18. Reserve and pay with Linda Moshimer at 518-794-8169. We will also be signing Christmas cards at the **December 3** meeting for nursing and veterans homes. So please feel free to come and join the signing party. If you would like to bring a box of Christmas cards for this project please feel free to do so. Dues are due and are \$10 per person, unless you are 80 or older, in which case dues are waived. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors to come and check us out. If you have any questions please call Mary DeFreest at 518-733-0009.

### COVID-19 Booster Clinic

The Stephentown Seniors will sponsor a COVID-19 Booster Clinic on **Saturday, December 4, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**, at the Stephentown Town Hall. The Clinic will be coordinated by Hannaford Pharmacy. Dr. Heather Govel, PharmD, registered and certified immunizing pharmacist, will be the primary contact for all scheduling needs.

All three vaccines will be available by appointment only. The Clinic is open to the public, and recipients do not have to be Stephentown residents.

To register and for information, contact Dr. Govel at [stephentownclinics@gmail.com](mailto:stephentownclinics@gmail.com), or by phone or text at 518-281-4030. Text is preferred; calls may be accepted but response time will be longer.

### Senior Menu

To reserve or cancel call: Troy: 518-270-2740; Schodack: 518-477-6591; Rensselaer: 518-463-2166; Hoosick Falls: 518-686-7561; Grafton: 518-279-3413

**Nov. 29:** Turkey chili w/kidney beans & sour cream, rice, steamed broccoli, whole wheat biscuit and fresh fruit

**Nov. 30:** Chicken breast w/gravy, roasted diced potatoes, Malibu blend veggies, white bread and a cookie  
*December Menu not yet available.*



## Church Directory

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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](https://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. Current requirements: masks in building.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Weekly worship services on Sundays at 11 am in person (following the guidelines of our Safety Plan). We also gladly extend an invitation to all those at home to enjoy the

Live Stream or the video of the service. Please contact [goodermotess@yahoo.com](mailto:goodermotess@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive the link. Community Food Closet offered 9 to 11 am third Saturdays and 3 to 5 pm third Tuesdays or in emergency by calling the church at 518-658-2942.

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

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am and on our Facebook page (Zion United Church of Christ of Sand Lake, NY), Sunday school starts at 10 am in the church. Pastor: Hafidah Saadiqah.

## Church News

### Stephentown Federated Church

**Hanging of the Greens** - November 28, after the service. This annual tradition kicks off the first Sunday of Advent. We will continue our coffee only hour while setting up decorations for the season.

**Navigating Family Landmines: A Holiday Gathering Survival Guide** - December 12, at 4 pm. Join our workshop open to the community on how to steer clear of the conversations that feel potentially explosive, if not relationally unsafe.

**Blue Christmas Service: Honoring Life and Loss in the Holidays** - December 19, at 4 pm. No matter your circumstance, this is an open welcoming service of candlelight, songs, prayers and hope. The community is welcome.

**Christmas Eve Service** - December 24, 7:30 pm. Join us for a family friendly service of carols and candles. All are welcome.

Stephentown Federated Church is located at 1513 Garfield Road. Sunday services are at 9:30 am with Pastor Chis Garrison. The church is accessible, and masks are required. If you cannot make it in person, please visit our website, [stephentownfederatedchurch.org](https://stephentownfederatedchurch.org) to watch the service.

### Holiday Bazaar

On **December 4**, The North Chatham United Methodist Church will host a Holiday Bazaar from 10 am to 3 pm, sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the North Chatham and Grace churches. There will be a nice variety of vendors, and this is a great chance to do some Christmas shopping locally. Quarts of soup and a bake sale will be available, and all proceeds will go to Mission Projects. Masks will be required. The church is located at 4274 Route 203. For more information, please call 518-766-3535 or visit their website, [northchatham](https://northchatham.org)

[methodistchurch.org](https://methodistchurch.org). For more information on the Grace UMC, please call 518-766-9628 or e-mail Pastor Marquit at [revberdan@aol.com](mailto:revberdan@aol.com).

### Community Bible Study

Tri-State Northeast Community Bible Study will be starting the study of the Book of Revelation on **Thursday, December 9, from 10 am to 12:15 pm**. Visitors are welcome to come check us out. We meet at Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Rd., but also offer an online Zoom group at the same time. Our class meets weekly on Thursdays during the school year. Each class member receives a course book with a commentary and home study questions. Please contact Niqué Feigel, Children's Director, at [nique.feigel@gmail.com](mailto:nique.feigel@gmail.com) for more information about availability in our children's program.

### Flea Market and Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm**, the Petersburg United Methodist Church, located at 12 Head of Lane, will have a flea market, bake sale and silent auction. Lunch will be served all day and will feature homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee and soda. Table rentals are \$15, and a 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at 3 pm. For more information call Annie at 518-852-6576.

### Keys Scholarship

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church will award \$500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2022. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for this award.

Interested students must apply for this award no later than **March 1, 2022**. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or down-

loaded from our website [www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com](https://www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com).

This award is given in memory of Harold and Mabel Keyes, Harold and Mabel were prominent members of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church for many years. The Center Brunswick United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142. For more information about the Keyes Education Award or other Church activities, contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

### Gilead Lutheran Church

Sunday services are held at 10:30 am, and we will conduct services to keep us as safe as possible. We continue our food pantry and our free monthly dinners that remain take-out only at this time. Gilead is located at Route 7 East and Route 278 in Center Brunswick. Our website is [gileadlutheran.org](https://gileadlutheran.org) and our phone number is 518-279-9270.

### Operation Christmas Child

In September, the Coila Church congregation took home 74 shoeboxes to fill with gifts. Our friends from the Shushan Churches adopted 20 pre-printed shoeboxes to fill with gifts. The Coila Church Operation Christmas Child Committee was able to pack an additional 21 shoeboxes from loose items donated by the congregation throughout the year. We are pleased to announce that this makes a grand total

of 115 shoeboxes to be delivered to children around the world by Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project.

### Parents' Afternoon Out

Need to shop, take a nap, run errands or just have some quality time with your honey?

On **Saturday, December 11**, Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church is opening its doors to care for children 5 years old and up from 1 to 4 pm. Children will enjoy a movie, work on crafts and participate in other activities, while making some new friends.

We look forward to blessing some of you with a few hours of free time this holiday season. RSVP to 518-686-3269 is required by **December 7** to ensure ample workers and supplies are on hand. The church is located at 484 Hill Road.

## Military Honors

### Army National Guard

**Joseph Alund** from Petersburg has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel

**Nickifor Popov** from Petersburg has been promoted to the rank of Private

## James A. Saunders

Berlin - James A. Saunders, 65, of Old State Rte. 22, passed away on Saturday morning November 13, 2021 at his home, with his wife Carol and his niece Laura at his side. Born in Troy, Jim was the son of the late Murry R. "Zip" and Edna Weaver Saunders and the husband of 42 years to Carol Walters Saunders. Jim was a lifelong resident of Berlin, and a 1975 graduate of Berlin High School. Jimmy's working career was spent at the Berlin School District where he worked in the Maintenance Department. He retired in 2011 but was a substitute bus driver after retirement. Jim was a jack of all trades; he helped work on his brother's farm and served for a term on the Berlin Town Board as a councilman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening (especially potatoes) and for a number of years after retirement enjoyed spending winter months in Florida. Jimmy was a member of the NRA and the Mountain Chapel Church, where he served as a trustee. Jim was known to take his chances and bet on the horses.

Survivors in addition to his wife include a step-daughter Theresa (Robert) Bonesteel of West Columbia, SC, his grandchildren Jessica Johnson, Chad and Tim Bonesteel along with 7 great-grandchildren, his brothers and sisters Joyce Ogert, Murry (Virginia) Saunders Jr., Charles (Beulah), Scott (Brenda), Peggy, Debbie and Daniel Saunders Ethel (Pat) Avery, Carol (William) Purdy and Edger Saunders and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was the brother of the late Nancy Saunders Mroz.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Graveside Service 1 pm Saturday, November 27, 2021 at the Berlin Community Cemetery Rte. 22 Berlin, followed by a get-together to celebrate Jim's life at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Hall.

The family request donations in memory of James A. Saunders be made to the Berlin Food Pantry, PO Box 225 Berlin, NY 12022.

Visit [www.perrykomdat.com](https://www.perrykomdat.com) for directions and a private guestbook.





# Another Turkey



Turkey Tail (*Trametes versicolor*) is a polypore or bracket fungus found mostly on dead deciduous tree limbs or stumps. It resembles a wild turkey's tail due to its shape and multiple colors. The back of the mushroom has a white leathery texture. There are a couple of lookalike fungi, including one known as False Turkey Tail. Extracts from Turkey-Tail are used for cancer treatment in Japan. Photo taken in the Petersburg woods by Trix Niernberger.

# It Was a Good Day to Be a Turkey



Peanut Butter and Jelly, two turkeys raised in Dubois County, Indiana, are the first to be pardoned by President Joe Biden as part of the tradition of pardoning the National Thanksgiving Turkey. The pair will return to Indiana, where they will live out the rest of their days at the Animal Sciences Research and Education Farm at Purdue University. Photo courtesy of the National Turkey Federation.

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# The Life of George Holcomb

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

## Independence Day, 1851

Monday, June 23, 1851: I rode down near the Shaker Mill and bargained with the sister and husband of John Coslow for said boy that is to my house to work for me four months at four dollars and fifty cents per month, and from there I called up to the Shaker village to try to sell turnip seed and tried to bargain carrots and turnips but could not bargain them and then I called to Doctor Dwight Right's and reckoned with him for four visits to doctor my wife at 75 cents per visit, and I had paid him one and a half bushel turnips at 25 cts per bushel and I now paid him two dollars and sixty two cts in cash and took a receipt in full. Thursday: I rode to Lebanon and carried the Irish shoe maker one bushel of potatoes and he agreed to pay in his work 63 cts. Friday: I and the boy plastered my carrots, and nearly four o'clock I started for Smith's plaster mill and paid him one dollar and 50 cents for four hundred pounds of plaster, and on the way home I called to F. Everett's and paid in cash one dollar for a new scythe and I paid 12½ cents for John Coslow a straw hat and I got home at sun down and tonight Geo P. and his two sisters returned home from Windsor on a visit to Mr. Winslow and Geo P. paid 16 cents for me a faucet in

Pittsfield for the water works. Monday: This forenoon we five of us mowed clover above the crib and some in the meadow south of the barn, the Irish boy spread hay and in the afternoon we all hoed potatoes and beans on my Rodgers farm. Our hired help all three worked for us today, that is J. Bassett, A. Celinbaum, and John Coslo. Thursday: This forenoon we five of us mowed clover and the Irish boy weeded in the garden and this afternoon we all six of us hoed potatoes and plastered them. Friday, July 4: Quite rainy. I took my one horse wagon and carried Old Mr. Perkins a pig, price agreed two dollars and 50 cents and he agreed to pay in work in haying, and I returned the same 12 bricks that John F. borrowed to John Russell's and did not want them. The Irish boy J. Coslow helped Geo P. a spell plaster corn and carrots and then went to Independence. I gave him 18 cts and Geo P. gave him 12 cts. Towards night my two sons rode to Lebanon and the horse got frightened at the Gerritype Carriage and turned short round and broke the axletree. Saturday: I am unwell, I did a few chores. Today my two sons and J. Coslow hilled corn on the widow Wylie's land, and raked clover hay to home.

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