

BRUNSWICK

Eliminating Homelessness Among Veterans

Submitted by Kathy Betzinger

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) has been working with veterans to eliminate homelessness among their population. The Elks National Foundation awards grants to support this effort.

Dale Louks, past BPOE State Vice President, and Brunswick BPOE Exalted Ruler Mike Pendergast applied for an ENF Beacon Grant to help a local women's homeless shelter. As a result, the Capital District Women's Veterans, Christopher House, received a \$5,000 grant to purchase a shed for their residents' needs. The mission of CDWV.org is to provide supportive services, housing, and community, enabling women veterans in need to return to productive and independent roles in their communities and families.

Dr. Christine Rem (COL Ret., RN, DNS) stated, "Thank You, Brunswick BPOE, you have made a real difference in the lives of the residents of the Capital District Women Veterans, Christopher House. This generous \$5,000 donation of a large, beautiful shed will go a long way to support our community garden which provides us with fresh vegetables, and will also provide safe storage of all our outside maintenance equipment utilized throughout the year. Thank you once again; your donation means the world to us."



From left to right, Brunswick BPOE Exalted Ruler Mike Pendergast, CDWV Treasurer and Executive Board Member Jane Kodala Cordts, CDWV Executive Director Dr. Chris Rem, Brunswick BPOE Esteemed Lecturing Knight Kathy Betzinger, and past BPOE State Vice President Dale Louks. Photo courtesy of Kathy Betzinger.

We at The Eastwick Press would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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BERLIN CSD

Middle/High School Welcomes New Assistant Principal

Submitted by BCS Communications



New BCSD Middle/High School Assistant Principal Amy Ferullo. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

The Berlin Central School District (BCSD) is pleased to welcome Ms. Amy Ferullo as Berlin Middle High School's new Assistant Principal. Ms. Ferullo's dynamic teaching background in elementary, middle, and high school, as well as her 21 years in the field of Special Education, makes her a valuable and exciting addition to the BCSD administrative team. Learn more about Ms. Ferullo in her own words below:

"After high school I attended the University of Rhode Island. While there I earned a sociology and psychology degree. After graduating I returned to upstate New York and joined the workforce. While working I decided to return to school, and in doing so earned my master degree in education at The College of Saint Rose. I was able to find a teaching job right out of college and worked in special education for the last 21 years. During my tenure I once again decided to further my education and went back to school to earn my School Building Leader Certificate at the University at Albany.

I have spent the last 21 years as a special education teacher at Hoosick Falls CSD. While there I had the opportunity to work at the elementary, middle, and high school level. Every level helped me learn and grow as a person and as an educator. During my tenure I also held positions as a coach, mentor, tutor, and union leader just to

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BERLIN CSD

Adirondack Studios Field Trip

Submitted by BCS Communications



Berlin Central School District's (BCSD) visual arts and technology students recently took a trip to Adirondack (ADK) Studios in Argyle, NY. In real time, the students watched graphic designers, illustrators, computer programmers, artists sewing soft sculptures, sanding fiberglass molds for amusement park rides, and massive 3-D printers. During the introduction, students were allowed to hold sculptures that were used in the immersive Avatar Disney amusement park ride. In this unique example, ADK Studio actually built a 3-D world from a virtual world. Students came away from the field trip understanding that creating a vision requires the collaboration of many skill sets, and may take months to complete. The departments hope to make ADK Studios an annual adventure. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

STEPHENTOWN

Historical Society Happenings

The Stephentown Historical Society's new "Only Stephentown on Earth" t-shirts make the perfect gift, not only for locals, but for friends and relatives as well. They are available in antique cherry red, antique Irish green, and blue dusk. You can pick

them up at the Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, for \$20 for small, medium, large, and extra-large, and \$25 for double and triple xl, or can have them delivered for a shipping fee. Order online pickup or delivery by visiting www.stephentown-historical.org. In addition to t-shirts you'll find historical albums and other items for gift-giving.

We will hold our annual holiday potluck luncheon on **Sunday, December 4, at 2 pm**, at the Heritage Center. Please bring a main, side, or dessert dish large enough to share with everyone. Instead of a gift exchange, a monetary collection will be taken to benefit the Stephentown Food Pantry. Special guest will be Liz Goodermote with old time Christmas songs. We will also elect officers and board members at the meeting.

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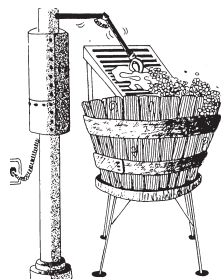
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Girl Scout Recruitment

If your daughter is interested in the Girl Scouts, join us on **Wednesday, November 30, from 6 to 7 pm**, at Berlin Elementary School (BES). There will be a representative from the Girl Scout council on hand to answer your questions. Your daughter does not have to be a member of the Berlin School District to join. For questions, or more information, please contact Laurie Madsen at madsel01@yahoo.com, or Stacy Barlow Hills at stacey.b.hills@gmail.com.

BERLIN

Brick House Quilt Works

Brick House Quilt Works, 27 North Main St, is happy to announce that our website, www.brickhousequiltworks.com, is now published. Browse our workshop tab to view upcoming events and sign up.

America the Beautiful Quilt Along

Wednesday, November 30, from 9 am to 1 pm or Thursday, December 1, from 5 to 9 pm

Patchwork Christmas Stocking

Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm

BERLIN LIBRARY

Sweet Fundraiser

We are having a sweet fundraiser to benefit the programs at Berlin Free Town Library (BFTL). If you love See's Candies, this is a great opportunity to stock up, as shipping rates are lower for this fundraiser. Visit our website, www.bftl.org, or Facebook page, for the link to order. Your order will be shipped directly to you. If you want to pay by cash or check, you can place an order at BFTL for pickup at the library.

Story Time

Every Wednesday at noon

Silent Tween/Teen Book Club

Saturday, November 26, from noon to 1 pm

For more information please email Director@bftl.org, or visit our website, BFTL.org.

STEPHENTOWN

Lighted Parade

Kick off the holiday season with the Stephentown lighted parade and tree lighting on **Saturday, November 26**. The parade steps off at 5:30 pm from the Fire Hall on NY-43, with the tree lighting at the Veterans Park estimated at 6 pm.

Come watch lighted tractors, side-by-sides, floats, fire trucks, cars, and marching groups as they parade through.

Popcorn and hot cocoa will be available at the Fire Station, where you can also leave donations of unwrapped toys for the annual Toy Drive.



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BERLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dramateers Present *Shrek Jr.*

By Amy Modesti

Once upon a time, the Berlin Dramateers presented their rendition of DreamWorks' *Shrek Jr. the Musical* at Berlin Middle School. They told the wonderful tale of Shrek and his trustful sidekick, Donkey, and the search and rescue of Princess Fiona.

From November 18 through 20, spectators watched and enjoyed the journey unfold as Shrek went above and beyond to rescue Princess Fiona. Spectators learned that it's okay to be different, and accept and love others for who they are.

The song numbers were entertaining, and had you rooting for the underdogs living in Duloc.

Musical happenings for the remainder of 2022 at Berlin Central School District include the

Middle School Concert on Tuesday, December 6, the **Chamber Choir Christmas Caroling Fundraiser** on Friday, December 9, and the **High School Winter Concert** on Tuesday, December 13.



From left to right, Alyah Varela as Princess Fiona, Markell Popov as Donkey, and Xavier Lamica as Shrek, at the November 19 performance of *Shrek Jr.* Photo by Amy Modesti.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease
Wednesday, November 30, at 4:30 pm

Holiday Market

Friday, November 25, from 10 am to 2 pm

Shop for baked goods as well as items from local artisans and crafters, including ornaments, candles, pottery, bags, and more. Local illustrator Logan S. Kline will be there to sign his new children's book *Finding Fire*. Meet the author and pick up your copy.

LEGO Club

Thursday, December 1 and 15, at 4:30 pm

Registration suggested.

Holiday Teen Night

Friday, December 2, at 6 pm

We will make gingerbread houses, watch classic holiday shows, have pizza, and dessert. Registration required.

Family Picture Day with Santa

Saturday, December 3, from noon to 3 pm

We will have a place set up to have professional quality photos taken of you and your family. Registration required.

Stephentown Memorial Library, 472 NY 43. Our building is handicapped accessible. For more information or to register for events, please visit stephentownlibrary.org.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Preparations

The library is the second location that's collecting toys for the Parks and Recreation Committee's Christmas Party. Please stop in to drop off unwrapped gifts for the children for Santa to give out at the December 17 party.

Storytime is growing and we welcome you to come join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. It's a fun hour of activities and socialization for you and your preschool children.

Knitters and stitchers are here on Wednesday afternoons and are always happy to have newcomers join in the group.

We are also offering space and materials for gift wrapping. Come in to take care of this important job so you can get home with packages ready to place under the tree. It's the perfect place for you to wrap surprises away from prying eyes, especially on the way home from your shopping.

New Assistant Principal — Continued from page 1

name a few.

I am a mom to one amazing young woman named Isabel. Isabel is a junior in high school and keeps herself very busy with school work, extracurricular activities, and working. We have a rabbit named Arlo Dash who lives in Isabel's room and a puppy named Milo Bear. Both of them are full of personality and keep us on our toes.

When I am not working I enjoy reading, traveling, kayaking, watching NFL football, and spending time with my family and friends."

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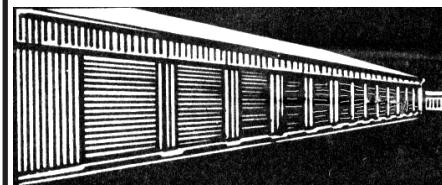
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Solar Issues Come to the Forefront

By Doug La Rocque

Solar Energy may not only light up homes and businesses, it continues to light up some controversy in Brunswick. Town officials are concerned about the number of solar farms either constructed, waiting to be built, or in the approval process for several reasons. These include visibility, proximity to residential neighborhoods, eventual decommissioning costs, and loss of tax revenue. It is enough of a concern that the Town has proposed a one-year moratorium on all solar construction and applications until the issue can be further studied.

At a recent public hearing held by the Town Board, there were comments, both pro and con. On the con side were two commercial solar firms, CVE North America and Atlas Solar. Atlas recently had their North Troy site off Oakwood Avenue approved but not yet constructed. CVE North America has a site on Belair Lane under construction and has proposed a 7 megawatt facility on McChesney Avenue Extension. CVE North America's contention is a moratorium is not needed because the Town already has the structure in place to regulate solar construction. They mentioned their current project is the last one accepted in the queue by National Grid, and that transmission capacity in Brunswick is maxed out.

Moratorium Moves Forward

Having cleared the required public hearing, the local law that would place the moratorium on solar projects jumped another hurdle this week when the Rensselaer County Office of Economic Development and Planning sent Brunswick a letter saying local jurisdiction shall prevail, meaning simply the County will not oppose the moratorium. This moratorium, if approved, would apparently put a stop to all construction and Planning Board consideration of applications before it until such a moratorium is lifted. That particular clause is still undergoing legal review.

All this discussion took place at the Thursday, November 17 Planning Board meeting, when CVE North America was discussing the McChesney Avenue Extension project. One of the questions put forth by Board Chair

Russ Oster was who benefits from this solar energy and its 10% electrical rate reductions? He asked CVE North America if a commercial solar farm in Brunswick provides rate reductions for people in say, Plattsburgh. The answer was yes, but CVE North America said they would be willing to limit the scope of benefits from this project to Rensselaer and adjoining counties. They also pledged not to seek further sales and mortgage tax credits.

Other Board Action

The Planners continued to review a three-lot subdivision by Sagebrook Associates at 48 Spring Landing Boulevard. County approval and storm water issues still need to be worked out before the Planners can vote on potential approval. Board members are also taking a final look at the Town's proposed code changes concerning two-family and multi-family housing before making a recommendation to the Town Board.

BRUNSWICK LIBRARY

Knitting Circle

Thursdays at 1 pm

Bring your own project.

Bridge Club

Mondays at 1 pm

Must have knowledge of the game to join.

Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Geared toward ages 5 and under, but all are welcome.

Snowflake Suncatchers

Tuesday, December 6, at 4 pm

First come, first served, while supplies last.

Homemade Cards

Tuesday, December 13, at 4 pm

For tweens and adults.

For more information, visit www.brunswicklibrary.org.

GRAFTON FIRE DEPT.

— The Last —

Monthly Breakfast

The Grafton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly breakfast on **Saturday, November 26, from 8 to 11 am**, at the Grafton Fire Hall, South Road (County Rt. 85). The cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, while those 5 and under eat free.

VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

Lego Time

Fridays from 3 to 6 pm

Experiential Youth Programs

Wednesdays at 3 pm

Make and Take Ornaments

Friday, November 25, 10 to 11:30 am and 1 to 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 26th, 10 am to 12:30 pm

We will provide the materials and instructions.

Coloring sheets will be available as well. \$2 donation per person.

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

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Pre-School Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For ages 18 months and up.

Legos

Mondays, from 3:30 to 5 pm

Zumba Gold

Mondays, from 6 to 6:45 pm

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Keyes Scholarship

Submitted by Sheryl Burke

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142, will award \$500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2023. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for the award.

Interested students must apply no later than March 1, 2023. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website, www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com.

This award is given in memory of Harold and Mabel Keyes, whose last will and testament created the trust that provides the funding for it. Harold and Mabel were prominent members of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church for many years. Mabel taught in the Brunswick schools that preceded Tamarac, and continued teaching Sunday School for many years after she retired. Through this award, her love of helping young people learn and grow will continue to reach the youth of our community.

For more information, please contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

BRUNSWICK

A Christmas Ornament

Highlight Acting Troupe invites you to our upcoming holiday performance of A Christmas Ornament, an original comedy written by Ron Levan. Performances will take place **Friday, December 2**, and **Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 pm**, as well as **Sunday, December 4, at 2 pm**, at the Brunswick Grange, 7 Grange Road, Troy. To reserve a seat, please call Ethel at 518-237-6936.

TROY

Holiday Lights Recycling Program

The City of Troy is partnering with Girl Scout Troops 1165, 1303, and 1435 for the third annual citywide recycling program for broken or non-working holiday and string lights. Multiple drop-off locations are available throughout the City for residents to dispose of defective string lights as they decorate for the holiday season.

Old, non-working, or unusable holiday and string lights can be dropped off at the locations listed below in festive containers through January 15. Collected lights will be recycled by a local company Ben Weitsman Recycling, with profits benefitting a local food pantry.

Troy Fire Houses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6
Police Department Central Station, 55 State Street
City Hall, 433 River Street, first floor lobby
Public Works Garage, 40 Orr Street
Public Utilities/Water Plant, 25 Water Plant Road
Downtown Troy Post Office, 400 Broadway
Rensselaer County Office Building, 1600 7th Avenue, rear entrance

For more information on the holiday lights recycling program, please contact the City Recycling Coordinator at renee.panetta@troyny.gov or call 518-279-7171.

75th Troy Turkey Trot

The 75th Troy Turkey Trot will take place **Thursday, November 24, at 8 am**. The Trot is the nation's 12th oldest road race and attracts thousands of runners and spectators. The course for the region's only Thanksgiving Day 10k will close at 9:30 am to facilitate the start of the Grade School Mile and Turkey Walk at 9:30. The shorter 5K race kicks off at 10 am,

and Trotters are encouraged to form 5K teams. Prize money will be offered in the 10K. Overall and age group awards will be offered in both the 10K and 5K. All participants will receive a commemorative athletic blend shirt and a finisher medal.

This year's Trot will again feature a virtual option. Virtual participants use a custom mobile app, which allows them to race with others, in real time, from the start of the race, to Sunday, November 27, at 5 pm.

The Troy Turkey Trot supports two local organizations: the Regional Food Bank of NENY and Joseph's House and Shelter. For more info, or to register, visit TroyTurkeyTrot.com.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Board of Education Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

The Board of Education will soon begin discussions on the possibility of starting school later in the day. A committee will be formed to discuss the matter, and consist of Board members, teachers, and seniors. Once the committee is formed, there will still be much to figure out before anything can be decided or changed.

The Board approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in connection with the capital project.

The Board accepted the resignation of special education teacher Amy Ferullo, who has been with the District for over 20 years.

BENNINGTON

SVMC News

Submitted by SVMC

Healthy Holiday Challenge

November 25 through January 13

Every Friday, SVHC will release a video featuring a different health role model sharing a fun and motivating challenge to complete that week. Videos can be found at svhealthcare.org.

Online Cooking Class

Thursday, December 8, from 6 to 7 pm

Register at svhealthcare.org/Classes-Events, by contacting Ashley Jowett at 802-447-5019, or by emailing ashley.jowett@svhealthcare.org. Via Zoom. Free and open to all.

Diabetes Management Class

Thursday, December 1, at 4 pm

Those interested should call Joanne Lemay at 802-747-3768 or visit <https://www.myhealthyvt.org/>.

Blood Drive

Thursday, December 1, from 11:30 am to 5 pm

At the First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street, Bennington. Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email. Those interested in donating can call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

For more information, please call 802-447-5345.

CAMBRIDGE

Youth Climate Summit

Submitted by Cambridge CSD

On Wednesday, November 9, members of the Cambridge High School Environmental Club attended the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit at The Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY. The club is advised by Ms. Hillory Hamilton and Mrs. Kristen Narkiewicz. Anna Bailey, Sean Foster, Kateri Murphy, Josha Roopnarine, Emma Townsend, and the advisors attended the summit.

The Wild Center's Youth Climate Program works to convene, engage, connect, and empower young people around the world to take action on climate change. More than 100 high school students from various schools and community groups across Northern New York State were in attendance.

The summit included informative plenary sessions and workshops in a fun atmosphere, for a powerful educational experience. Students developed connections and can now begin working on climate action plans and solutions. Photo courtesy of Cambridge CSD.



CHENEY LIBRARY

Library Crafternoons

Friday, November 25, from 3 to 4 pm

Whether you like to sew, draw, sculpt, or create in another way, you are welcome to hang out, share, and learn new skills. All ages are welcome.

Among Us at the Library

Tuesday, November 29, at 5 pm

Join us after hours to find the imposters. Snacks will be provided.

Fall and Winter Spice Club

Saturday, December 3, at noon

Create a dish using our featured spice, which will be mint, then meet at the library to share your cooking adventures. Bring in samples to share, photos of your creations, or just a story about how your delicious dish came to be.

HOOSICK FALLS

Musical Celebration

On **Friday, December 2**, at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Main St, there will be a Hoosick Falls Christmas Musical Celebration to benefit the Immaculate Conception Parish. Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple, and can be purchased in advance at Thorpe's Pharmacy or the Immaculate Conception Church rectory. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. For more information, call Terri at 518-491-5795, Jerry at 518-285-1033, or Bob at 518-686-5477.

Cheney Library Children's Christmas Shop

Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 1 pm
Shop for presents, enjoy a candy cane, and take photos with Santa. All proceeds support the library.

Centennial Reminiscences

Do you have a special memory of the Cheney Library? Was a former librarian influential in your life? Did you meet your spouse at the library? Did you volunteer at the library? Did you just enjoy hanging out after school? Please share your memories with us. We'd love to include them in our newsletter in honor of our 100th year.



Our hearth is the perfect place to enjoy a good book on a chilly afternoon. Photo courtesy of the Cheney Library.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

CAMBRIDGE CSD

Fitness Center Opening

Submitted by Cambridge CSD

The Cambridge Central School District is excited to announce that it is opening its fitness center for community members **beginning Monday, November 28**. The program will run from 6 to 9 pm, Monday through Thursday, except holidays and snow days. Individuals will enter through the former elementary entrance in the tower, or the back gym entrance. Upon entering the fitness center, you will need to sign in.

Individuals can register for the program by visiting the district office at 58 South Park St. from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To register for the program, individuals will need to sign a release form and pay a refundable \$5 deposit for a swipe card to retrieve access to the building.

For questions or more information, please call 518-677-2653 ext. 1010.

SCHUYLERVILLE

Monthly Breakfast

The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, 123 SR 32, Schuylerville, will host its monthly breakfast on **Sunday, December 4, from 8 to 11 am**. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu will include pancakes, French toast, eggs to order, home fries, and more. Come join Santa from 9 to 11 am.

HOOSICK FALLS

Christmas Tree Sale

On **Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4**, the Town of Hoosick Lions Club will be holding its annual Christmas Tree sale in the Village of Hoosick Falls Park. Please come pick out a beautiful tree and help support a wonderful cause.

BENNINGTON

Business Community Rallies for 2020 Vision Project

Submitted by SVHC

55 local businesses have signed on to collect donations to support Southwestern Vermont Health Care's (SVHC) Vision 2020, from November 21 through January 2.

Many business participants will ask customers to round up to the nearest dollar to support the project. Others will offer the opportunity to make a donation by posting a QR code near their register or on their restaurant tables.

Additional businesses may join the program by contacting the SVHC Foundation at foundation@svhealthcare.org or 802-447-5017. They will be added to svhealthcare.org as they join.

The SVHC Foundation Board and Vision 2020 Steering Committee has been quietly raising funds for the project for the last four years. To date, \$24 million has been raised toward the \$25 million goal. The Public Phase Committee, which consists of community members from each of the regions the hospital serves, is leading the effort to raise the final one million dollars.

The project will further enhance patient safety, infection prevention, and patient privacy. Vertical treatment areas will allow for highly efficient treatment of low-acuity conditions. The project also includes an expansion to the Emergency Crisis Area for those experiencing mental health distress and increased tele-health connectivity with Dartmouth-Hitchcock. The new Hoyt-Hunter Regional Cancer Center will have double the number of exam and infusion rooms. The design focuses on patient comfort in addition to clinical excellence.

Visit svhealthcare.org/vision2020 to learn more and to donate.

CAMBRIDGE

Fine Art Holiday Tour Returns

The Cambridge Valley Fine Art holiday tour and sale will take place from **11 am to 4 pm, on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday December 4**. This is a self-guided tour where art lovers and the curious have the opportunity to visit each artist's home or studio to view and purchase their art work.

This season there will be six participating painters who work in oils and watercolors using various techniques, styles, and approaches. The six artists, Mark Tougias, Clarence King, Matt Chinian, Elana Mark, Sara Kelly, and George Van Hook, all live in downtown Cambridge within a few blocks of one another, making a visit to all easy and stress-free. Remember, local art makes great gifts for those people who have everything. All artists accept either cash, checks, or in some cases, credit cards. Visit cambridgevalleyart.org for more information.

Kids Dance 12/2, 7-9 pm at the N. Hoosick FD

HOOSICK FALLS

Toys for Joy

The Village of Hoosick Falls will once again sponsor the Toys for Joy campaign. We will be working with community members, churches, and local organizations to help those in the Village this holiday season. The Toys for Joy box will be in the Municipal Building lobby **through December 10**, for people to drop off new and unwrapped gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Village Clerk Marie O'Neil at 518-686-7072 or clerk@hfvillage.org.

HOOSICK FALLS

Community Band Christmas Concert

Submitted by Bill Gaillard

On **Wednesday, December 7**, the Hoosick Falls Community Band, under the direction of Bill Gaillard and Tim Stratton, will hold its first Christmas concert since 2019 at the Hoosick Falls Central School at 7:30 pm.

The Christmas Concert was established in 1982 by Reverend Robert Sprunger, a Pastor and a clarinet player with the band.

To ensure continuation of the band in the future, one of our trumpet players has assumed the role of assistant conductor. Tim Stratton has shared programs with Bill Gaillard for the past six years, and will continue this task for the Christmas concert. The public is invited to attend and hear a wonderful group of Holiday selections.



A photo of a previous year's Hoosick Falls Community Band. Photo courtesy of Bill Gaillard.

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NEW LEBANON

Town Board Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

The Board received ten applications from local businesses requesting ARPA funds. Of the ten, five submitted the required tax return documentation requested. The total amount requested by the ten applications was \$113,961.66. The town has allocated up to \$100,000. The five complete applications have a total requested of \$66,861.79. More discussion will need to be had in order to decide how to move forward with the business that either didn't want to, or couldn't provide the required tax documentation. A special meeting has been set for Monday, November 28, from 3 to 5 pm, to discuss the ARPA applications. Much of this meeting will likely be spent in executive session since financials will be discussed.

The Board accepted the EV charging station plowing and snow removal bid

from MRB Darcy Dirtwork LLC, for \$50 per snow plow.

Letters of interest for the vacant Recreation Commission should be submitted by Thursday, December 29, at 4 pm.

No bids were received for a new Highway Department truck. The matter will go back out to bid, with bids due Thursday, December 29, at 4 pm.

The December 13 Regular Town Board Meeting start time has been changed from 6 to 7:30 pm.

The 2022 year end meeting has been scheduled for Friday, December 30, at 10:30 am.

The Board adopted the Town's 2023 final budget, with a tax cap increase of 1.28%, less than one third of the allowable amount.

Holiday Gift Drive

Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling is organizing the seventh annual holiday gift drive for New Lebanon families in need. If you would like to adopt a child or children this holiday season, please contact Supervisor Houghtling at the number below, or by stopping by the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm, or Thursdays from noon to 5 pm. You will be provided a detailed list of toys and items the child likes. If you would prefer we do the shopping, you can make a monetary donation at the Town Supervisor's office, or by mailing it to:

**Town of New Lebanon Holiday Gift Drive
PO Box 328**

New Lebanon, NY, 12125

Please make checks payable to Tistrya Houghtling and put Holiday Gift Drive in the memo line.

Instead of adopting a child, if you would like to donate an unwrapped gift or two, see the list below for gift items. You can drop these donations off at The New Lebanon Post Office, Maverick's, or the New Lebanon Town Hall.

Wish list items include:

Barbie Dolls	Stuffed Animals
Nerf Guns	Sports Equipment
Legos	(Balls, Bats, Frisbees, etc.)
Superhero Toys	Frozen Dolls and Toys
Dolls	Paw Patrol Toys
Art Supplies	Cars
Crafting Kits	Trucks
Makeup	Trains
Baby Toys	Fuzzy Pillows and Blankets

If you are a family in need or for more information, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at 518-505-1535 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

KISS Program

The Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe (KISS) program, sponsored by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, will be taking place from **Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 9**. Documents that should be shredded include those containing your account numbers, passwords, PINs, date of birth, social security number, and more. Documents can be brought to New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Small Wonders Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

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

For more information, please visit newlebanonlibrary.org.

Winter Craft Fair

On **Saturday, December 10, from 9 am to 3 pm**, in the Walter B. Howard (WBH) Elementary School gymnasium, the WBH PTA will sponsor a winter craft fair. There will be a tea cup auction, vendors, food trucks, and a 50/50 raffle. Vendors and auction donations are needed. For more information, please contact Julie Banker at vetecmomjr@gmail.com or Beth Lagrange at BethLagrange17@gmail.com.

Supplies for Those in Need

Due to the generosity of Unity Lodge No. 9 and a community member, the New Lebanon free store, located at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, has a variety of new, unopened products for families in need. The store is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. All free items are on a first come, first served basis. Please come and take what you need.

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Rensselaer County News

Avoiding Charity Impersonation Scams

Submitted by the NYS Division of Consumer Protection

The New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) aims to raise awareness about charity scams. Donations of any kind can make a real impact on a good cause, which is why charity scams are especially cruel. Unfortunately, scammers never miss an opportunity to defraud people, so it's important to remember that not all donation requests are legitimate. The Division has created this quick guide to help donors do their own due diligence on the charities seeking their support.

Charity scams can happen at any time, but they are more prevalent after a natural disaster or emergencies collecting millions of dollars from unsuspecting donors. On many occasions, these fraudsters pretend to be affiliated with well-known organizations or even the government to scam people out of their hard-earned money. According to the Federal Trade Commission about 2.8 million people nationwide reported being victims of someone pretending to be a trusted charity source in 2021, causing losses of about \$2.3 billion.

The Consumer Assistance Helpline is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at 1-800-697-1220. Consumer complaints can be filed at www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection.

To prevent your donation money from falling into the wrong hands, DCP recommends taking the following precautions:

- Check the legitimacy of the charitable organization by visiting sites like charitiesnys.com, bbb.org, give.org, or guidestar.org.
- Learn how to detect a phony charity.
- Find out what percentage of your donation will go directly toward the cause as opposed to administrative costs.
- Pay attention to vague claims.
- Resist high-pressure tactics.
- Find out who's behind the crowdfunding request.
- Do not disclose personal or financial information to unsolicited requests.
- Avoid giving cash. Do not send contributions with a runner, by wire, or overnight parcel pick-up.
- Don't assume. Check out an organization's tax status at irs.gov/app/eos.

Tutors Needed

Submitted by the LVORC

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (LVORC) welcomes all kinds of volunteers, from tutors to administrative helpers, and event planners. Would you like to help someone to read, write, or speak and understand English? We can train you. Join us for a Volunteer Opportunities Information Session on **Wednesday, December 7, from noon to 1 pm**, via Zoom. A Tutor Training Workshop will begin in January. Contact mhellerlvorc@aol.com, or call 518 244-4650 to receive a link. For more information, visit <https://www.lvorc.org>.

Expanding Farm-to-School Programs

Submitted by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets recently announced that \$850,000 is now available for eligible school districts to expand Farm-to-School programs. The program helps kindergarten through grade 12 schools increase the use of locally grown food on school menus, while providing an economic benefit to New York's farmers. A portion of the funding, \$200,000, will be dedicated to applicants that have not received an award in previous rounds of the program.

Applicants eligible for Round 7 of the Farm-to-School program include food authorities, public schools, charter schools, not-for-profit schools, and other entities participating in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, or the Summer Food Service Program. Not-for-profit entities working with school food authorities and eligible schools are also able to apply, and projects that partner with producers and food processors are encouraged.

Grant funding of up to \$100,000 will be awarded for projects that support the establishment or expansion of farm-to-school programs in districts across the State, including:

- Employing a local or regional farm-to-school coordinator
- Training food service staff to increase knowledge of local procurement and preparation
- Purchasing equipment needed to increase capacity of school kitchen and food service staff
- Completing capital improvements to support food transport and/or storage
- Creating new food products for the menu

An informational webinar will be held on **Wednesday, November 30**. For more information, contact Emily Cook at FarmToSchool@agriculture.ny.gov.

Since the launch of the Farm-to-School Program in 2015, \$6.8 million has been committed to support Farm-to-School projects across the state. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has awarded a total of 116 projects, benefiting hundreds of school districts in every region in the State.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Agencies Receive Award

Submitted by the office of the Rensselaer County District Attorney

The Rensselaer County District Attorney's office, the City of Troy Police Department, and the Troy Fire Department were recently awarded the Alton Lewis Fire Investigation Team of the Year Award, at the annual International Association of Arson Investigators.

The International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) awards three awards annually in the State of New York:

- The James H. McGroarty Fire Investigator of the Year, which has been awarded since 1989.
- Arson Prosecutor of the Year, which has been awarded annually since 1990.
- The Alton Lewis Team of the Year, which has been awarded since 1991.

Since the inception of these awards no agency



In order from left to right: Dixon Robin, President of NYS IAAI chapter 23; John Fairclough, NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Fire Investigator; Richard Cellucci, Deputy Chief Troy Fire Department; Gregory Amyot- NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Fire Investigator; Matthew Ciprioni, Captain Troy Fire Department, Retired; Martin Furciniti, Detective Sergeant Troy Police Department; Matthew Hauf, Chief Assistant District Attorney Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office; William McGovern, NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Chief of Investigations. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office.

within Rensselaer County has received one of these prestigious awards.

The nomination was forwarded to the IAAI by William McGovern (Chief of Investigations) of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

The agencies accepted the Alton Lewis Fire Investigation Team of the Year Award at the annual banquet on Tuesday, November 15.



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Team Standings

Bistro	4.5 - 0.5
Mag-Way	4 - 1
Gallup Inn	4 - 1
Lou's Plumbing	4 - 1
Wack'em & Stack'em	3 - 2
Lebowski Rug Co.	2 - 3
The Jabronis	1 - 4
Farmers Tires	1 - 4
Chico's Bail Bonds	1 - 4
Boner's	0.5 - 4.5

High Scores

CJ Brown	274 256 764
Matt Brownell	257 254 754
Mike Smith	243 235 682
Matt Gaghich	246 236 676
Sam Colliano	238 224 676
Todd Stradinger	243 229 671
Cory Weeden	238 214 660
Corey Wysocki	226 221 659
Josh Magisano	256 207 658
Brandon McCart	230 225 658

Team Standings

Modern Game Pro Shop	20 - 10
Dave Clark Excavating	20 - 10
Piece on Earth	19 - 11
Waloomsac Metal Rec.	19 - 11
Hunting' Time	16 - 14
RGI Insurance	14 - 16
Stevens and Son Tent	11 - 19
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	11 - 19
Lo-Ridge Farm	10 - 20
Team Taconic	10 - 20

High Game

290	Timothy McCart
268	Preston Oakes
267	Dave Clark
267	Stanley Pettibone II
264	Scott Reinhart
259	Joshua Sweet
245	Meghan Backus
245	Max Taylor Jr.
237	Ryan Bedford
235	Colin Cipperly

Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
A moderately paced 3 mile hike. Pre-registration is required. For adults and teens.

Muddy Boots Trail Crew

November 28, from 9:30 am to noon
Join our newly formed trail crew to clear trails and enjoy the outdoors. We meet twice per month to do light trail work to keep Dyken Pond's 11 miles of trails in good shape through the year. Come every time or when you can. Option to bring your lunch and have a cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa when we're finished. \$3 per person, includes hot cocoa.

Yule Log Celebration

Sunday, December 11, from 1 to 3 pm
Search for a hidden Yule Log, which will be carried back and used to start a campfire by the lake. Greens will be available to make crafts. Light refreshments can be enjoyed by the fire.

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, December 17, from 10 am to noon
This type of slow walking, deep breathing, present-centered awareness, and observation in nature is shown to reduce stress, boost our moods, and strengthen our immune systems. There is a \$10 suggested donation if you are able, but any amount is welcome.

How Animals Prepare for Winter

Saturday, December 17, from 1 to 2:30 pm
Learn what animals call our forest their home, and how they prepare to survive the colder months. All ages. \$3 per person.

First Day Hike

Sunday, January 1, from 1 to 2:30 pm
The first Family Fitness Foray of the year takes place on New Years Day! Join Josh Pulito on an easy paced 2 mile hike to start the New Year off in the outdoors. Burn off holiday calories while taking in the winter woods! For all ages who can walk 2 miles.

Snowshoe Rentals

Rentals are available when there is at least 6 inches of snow on the ground. Adults are \$5 for a half day, and youth are free with accompanying adult.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or visiting dykenpond@gmail.com 24 hours in advance. Your registration is not complete until you receive confirmation from the Center. Please visit www.dykenpond.org for a complete schedule of our events and information. Programs are free unless otherwise stated.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Opt Outside

Friday, November 25, at 10 am

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, December 3, 1 - 3 pm
Learn how to identify common winter animals by footprint. \$3 per person, including snow shoe rental, if needed. \$2 per person if rental isn't needed.

Luminary Walk

Friday, December 9, 5 - 8:30 pm
Last year was such an amazing turn out that this year we have doubled the number of lights and the length of the trail. We'll be enjoying s'mores, hot chocolate, and a trail lit by luminary lanterns and the full moon.
Come as a couple or bring out the whole family. The self-led approximately half mile trail is perfect for a romantic stroll, mesmerizing the kids, or anything in-between. Enjoy the sounds of the holidays, a warm cup of hot chocolate, or roast a marshmallow over the fire. Dogs comfortable with crowds are welcome, but must be contained on a six-foot leash.

No registration is required. The cost is \$5 per person, with ages 5 and under free.

Want to attend the event for free? We are looking for volunteers to assist for half of the event and then enjoy the other half. Please contact grafftonlakesvolunteers@parks.ny.gov if you are interested.

Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise specified. Events are free unless otherwise specified. For more information, or to register, call 518-279-1155 or visit www.register-ed.com/events/view/188092.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Nature Book Club

Tuesday, November 29, at 7 pm, Zoom
This month's book is *The Lives of Bees* by Thomas D. Seeley.

For more info, or to register for events, visit rensselaerplateau.org, or email Kim@rensselaerplateau.org.

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2022 4-H Lohnes Award Recipient

Submitted by CCE of Rensselaer County



2022 4-H Lohnes Award recipient Grace Huffam. Photo courtesy of CCE of Rensselaer County.

Grace Huffam of Troy was selected as the 2022 4-H Lohnes Award recipient. As a well-rounded 4-H member, Grace has been involved in a wide variety of 4-H program areas with a primary focus on the equine program. She is a member of the Stablemates 4-H Club, and past member of the 4-H Teen Exchange. Over the years, Grace has served in a variety of officer roles in the Stablemates Club and most recently as the President. She has represented the County and region numerous times at the New York State 4-H Horse Bowl and Horse Communications Contests throughout her 4-H career. Grace will be graduating from the Brunswick Central High School in June and is looking forward to college in the fall. Thank you to the Lohnes Family for making this award possible in memory of Bob Lohnes who initiated this award in 1983.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE: Town of Grafton

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Grafton, Rensselaer County, State of New York adopted the Final Town Budget for 2023 on Monday, November 14, 2022, if anyone would like to obtain a certified copy, you can do so at the Town Clerk's office located at the Town Hall, 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY.

Annual Salaries for Elected Officials
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By order of the Town Board
Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law # 1 of 2022 – Amending and Superseding Article II, Section 5-3 of the Code of the Town of Grafton (Membership of the Board of Assessment Review). The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082, on November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM. The purpose of the meeting is for the Town Board to hear Public Comment on the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2022.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

Legal Notice Town of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton will be holding a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law # 2 of 2022 – Amending and Superseding Section 125 of the Code of the Town of Grafton (Fire Prevention and Building Construction). The meeting will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082, on November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM. The purpose of the meeting is for the Town Board to hear Public Comment on the Proposed Local Law #2 of 2022.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING / REGULAR MEETING TIME CHANGE & YEAR END MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Town Board will be held at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY on **Monday, November 28th at 3:00pm**.

This special meeting will be held to review ARPA Grant applications from local Businesses and to discuss any other business that comes in front of the Town Board.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is a starting time change of the Regular Town Board meeting on **Tuesday, December 13th, 2022**. The usual start time of 6:00pm has been changed to **7:30pm**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a year-end meeting of the Town Board will be held at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY on **Friday, December 30th, 2022 at 10:30am**. to review any leftover bills for 2022 and to discuss any other business that comes in front of the Town Board.

These meetings will be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link:

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Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/17/2022

417 SECOND TROY, LLC. Filed 10/3/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

C and J Junk Removal LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Factory Hollow Rd Valley Falls, NY 12185. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: 129 Lincoln Ave, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/10/2022. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burgos Realty Group, LLC, 11 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. 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 13th, 2022, between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm 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 1st, 2023 and ending December 31st, 2027.

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 TO BIDDERS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TOWN OF NEW LEBANON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT is seeking sealed bids for one (1) 2022 or 2023 4 wheel drive combination side dump with a 4-way 9 foot plow with a minimum GVW of 19,500 lbs. Cab and Chassis. Specs are available at the office of the Town Clerk and/or the Town Highway Superintendent.

Bids MUST be in a SEALED, PLAIN WHITE ENVELOPE (no logo); marked "TRUCK BID"; include a NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION and received in the office of the Town Clerk at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, no later than 4:00PM. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2022.

The bids will be opened at the office of the Town Clerk at 4:00pm. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2022. Bids will be reviewed by the Highway Superintendent and the New Lebanon Town Board at the Year End Town Board Meeting at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY at 10:30am. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2022. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jeffrey Winestock
Highway Superintendent
11/17/2022

Legal Notice MEETING NOTICE

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold a Reconciliation Meeting for the year of 2022 on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 7:00PM located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE BUSY BEES 518 LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **Busy Bees 518 LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 19 S. River Street, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2022 for MATERIALS TO COMPLETE ROAD WORK AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS. BID specs and non-collusion form can be picked up from the Town Clerk's Office on or after November 28th, 2022. Sealed bids are due to the Town Clerk's Office no later than December 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE:

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County has adopted the Town Budget for 2023 on Monday, November 14, 2022, if anyone would like to obtain a certified copy, you can do so at the Town Clerk's office located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Stephentown Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY on the proposed amendment to Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014, which is known as the Amended Land Use Regulations of the Town of Stephentown, which seeks to amend same and reclassify the district that the property identified as tax map ID number 174.-1-35, located at West Road in the Town of Stephentown, New York and per the Town's assessment records owned by Reginald and Margaret Carr from its present EF Extraction-and Fill district to an RU Rural Use district, a copy of which may be obtained from the Town Clerk and on the Town's website. Any and all persons desiring to comment will be heard.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

Workhorse Property Maintenance and Management, LLC, Articles of Organization filed 10/30/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1116 Blue Factory Hill Rd Cropseyville, NY 12052. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice of formation **BARLEY LAND SERVICES, LLC**, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 499 Farm to Market Road, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Submissions Deadline: 2 pm Tuesdays
Send news to news@eastwickpress.com
and ads to ads@eastwickpress.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Petersburg

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Petersburg, Rensselaer County, State of New York adopted the Final Town Budget for 2023 on Monday, November 14, 2022, if anyone would like to obtain a certified copy, you can do so at the Town Clerk's office located at the Town Hall, 65 Main St Petersburg, NY 12138 the 2023 approved budget is also available on the Town of Petersburg website at Petersburgh.org.

By order of the Town Board
Deidre Fowler
Town Clerk

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF RENSSELAER – REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff, -against- CATHERINE LUKE A/K/A CATHERINE LAPORTE LUKE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PAUL PABLO A. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MARIA PAZ ESTES, AS HEIR DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; PACO H. LAPORTE A/K/A FRANK PACO H. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; MICHAEL T. LAPORTE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MARIA J. LAPORTE, DECEASED; LEONARD "DOE" (REFUSED LAST NAME) AS JOHN DOE #1, Defendants - Index No. EF2022-270884 Plaintiff Designates Rensselaer County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Rensselaer County. To the above named Defendants—YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated October 27, 2022. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Laura M. Jordan, J.S.C. Dated October 27, 2022 Filed October 28, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 21 Rogers Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Dated: November 1, 2022 Filed: November 2, 2022 Greenspoon Marder, LLP., Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 (No Service by fax) Please respond to Cypress Creek office: Trade Centre South, 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting bids for 2023 for cleaning of the Town Hall located on Grange Hall Road, this position requires 4.5 hours of cleaning and garbage removal each week. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Proposals can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. All timely bids will be opened by the Town Clerk and awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive any informality discovered therein.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

Legal Notice
MEETING NOTICE

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County will hold an Organizational Meeting for the year of 2023 on Monday, January 2, 2023 at 7:00PM located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

Public Notice
Town Of Grafton

The Town Board of the Town of Grafton is now accepting Letters of Interest to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Ethics. It is a non-compensated position, and the duties include but are not limited to, Receiving and investigate as warranted complaints alleging a violation by an officer/official or employee, of the Town Code of Ethics and render advisory opinions to the officer/official, employee or residents of the Town. Please submit your Letters of Interest to the Town Clerk no later than December 9, 2022. Mail: Graton Town Clerk, PO Box G – Grafton NY 12082, email @ graftontownclerk@albany.twcabc.com.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
DAWSON 800 FIRST STREET LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **Dawson 800 First Street LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/20/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 33 Miller Avenue, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

Benjamin Cleaning Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 415 3rd Street, Apt#2, Troy, NY, 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Maomao LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 07/26/22. Office Location: Rensselaer County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC 1521 6th Ave Ste 112, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Jean's Greens' Center for Holistic Health and Wellness, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 10/26/2022. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District invites sealed bids for the removal of snow from driveways and parking areas for the 2022 - 2023 School Year at:

**Berlin Middle/High School in Cherry Plain
Berlin Bus Maintenance Facility in Berlin**

Bids must be received by the Business Official or his designee by 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 10th, 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.

All bidders are encouraged to visit the sites in the preparation of their bid.

Questions regarding the work 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 sites.

Envelopes containing bids should be marked **"Snow Removal"** and attention is called to the requirement that a non-collusive 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.

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

Respectfully Yours,
Karen Capozzi
Business Manager

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COMMISSION VACANCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking persons interested in serving in the following position for the term as noted:

Recreation Commission Member (1 position available - 7 year term - expires 12/31/2028): Recreation Commission members must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. The Recreation Commission is vested with the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain playground and community programs and facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that unless otherwise specified, all applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Persons interested in serving in this position are to submit a letter of interest to the New Lebanon Town Clerk. Letters may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com. Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm. on Thursday, December 29th, 2022.

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/17/2022

ZKG PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on August 10, 2022. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to ZKG PROPERTIES, LLC, 14 Plank Road, Poestenkill, New York 12140. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

MILL CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC. Filed 2/8/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Thaddeus Jones, 147 4th St, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice

**Town of Stephentown, County of Rensselaer
State of New York**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board, Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY, is accepting resumes and letters of interest for 2023 for the following appointed positions which are to expire on December 31st, 2022. The following available appointed positions for 2023 are:

CLERK TO ASSESSOR	\$9,572.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	\$18,993.00
CONSTABLE	\$5,849.00
COURT CLERK	\$11,040.00
DEPUTY CODE ENFOR. OFFICER	\$1,911.00
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	\$1,625.00
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK (up to \$5,700.00)	\$17.00/hr
DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER	\$1,911.00
DOG CONTROL OFFICER	\$5,849.00
PLANNING BOARD CLERK	(up to \$1,500)

Hourly rate to be determined at the Organizational meeting

REGISTRAR	\$1,172.00
SUPERVISOR BOOKKEEPER	\$20,000.00
ZONING BOARD APPEALS CLERK	(up to \$1,500)

Hourly rate to be determined at the Organizational meeting

ZONING OFFICER	\$7,462.00
TRANSFER STATION SENIOR ATTENDANT	\$16.01/hr
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	\$15.53/hr
2 TRANSFER STATION SUBSTITUTE(s)	\$12.50/hr
HWY EMPLOYEE_FT-VACANT	Per-Union Contract
HWY EMPLOYEE_PT-VACANT	Per-Union Contract

1 Zoning Board of Appeal Member Position:

5 Year term to expire on December 31st, 2024

1 Planning Board Member Position:

5 Year Term to expire on December 31st, 2024

Youth Commission Program Director & Assistant Director - Duties have been contracted out to the Library.

For information regarding salaries and job duties please contact the Town Clerk. Resumes and letters of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Letters can be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

RIDHI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 WYATTS CIR, RENSSELAER, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **Down and Dirty Property Care LLC.** Articles of Organization filed SSNY on 09/27/2022. The County in which the office of the LLC is located is Rensselaer. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the LLC at 28 Ruff Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. The company is organized for any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the Limited Liability Company that was formed is: **FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the Department of State of the State of New York on November 12, 2021. The office of said Limited Liability Company is located in Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against said Company may be served and the post office address within the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is: **FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC, 190 Spicer Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.**

SOLISCENCE LLC. Filed 8/1/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 705 Hoags Corners Rd, Nassau, NY 12123. Registered Agent: Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

Winter Cold Relief

Submitted by the NYS DPS

With forecasts indicating energy prices are likely to remain a concern for this winter period, it's important that consumers are made aware of steps they can take, and programs they can participate in, to reduce their energy use and costs. The New York State Department of Public Service has created a winter outreach and education campaign which has a dedicated preparedness webpage at dps.ny.gov/winter, workshops, and free publications related to the winter season. You can visit webex.com/join, to register for the upcoming virtual winter workshop on **November 29**.

Board Meetings

Thursday, December 8

Brunswick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Berlin Town Board, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex
Nassau Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Schodack Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Poestenkill Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Monday, December 12

Grafton Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Offices

Tuesday, December 13

New Lebanon Town Board, 6 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage
Rensselaer County Legislature, 6 pm, County Office Building

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

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

Military Honor

Samuel Kromer of East Nassau has received a promotion to the rank of specialist in the New York Army National Guard.

Student Honor

Catherine Blakeman-McClain of East Nassau has been inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society at Hudson Valley Community College.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The election will be held at the Grafton Fire Hall, 581 Forest Lake Rd (CR 85), Grafton, NY from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday December 13, 2022. One seat is up for election for a five year term. Candidates for the above office must file their names in writing, with the Secretary of the Grafton Fire Commissioners, PO Box 342, Grafton, NY 12082 on or before 23 November 2022. Petitions are not required.

To be eligible to vote, person must be a qualified voter and registered with the county board of elections. Last day to register with the county board of elections is 20 November 2022.

Westmooreland Design LLC. Filed 8/13/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 115 Boyce Rd, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: General.

Community Calendar

November 25, Friday

Opt Outside Hike, 10 am, \$2, Grafton Lakes State Park, pre-registration required: 518-279-1155 or www.register-ed.com/events/view/188092

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6 pm, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, hosted by Hoosick Rising

November 26, Saturday

Final Grafton FD & Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Breakfast, 8 – 11 am, \$15 adults, \$6 kids 12 & under, 5 & under free, Grafton Fire Hall, South Road (County Route 85)

Small Business Saturday Maker's Market, 10 am – 4 pm, Hoosick Armory, 30+ artisans, downtown retail stores open with special giveaways, hoosickarmory.org

Stephentown Lighted Parade, 5:30 pm, steps off from Fire Hall on NY-43, tree lighting at Veterans Park ~6 pm, refreshments available, bring unwrapped toy donation

December 1, Thursday

Blood Drive, 11:30 am – 5 pm, First Baptist Church, 601 Main St, Bennington, donors get \$10 Amazon gift card, register: 1-800-RED-CROSS or redcrossblood.org, 802-447-5345 for info

December 2, Friday

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

December 2 – 5, Friday – Sunday

A Christmas Ornament, 7:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, Brunswick Grange, 7 Grange Rd, Troy, Highlight Acting Troupe performs original comedy by Ron Levan, reserve seat: call Ethel at 518-237-6936

December 3 & 4, Saturday & Sunday

Cambridge Valley Fine Art Holiday Tour & Sale, 11 am – 4 pm, downtown Cambridge, self-guided tour of 6 painters' homes/studios, art for sale, cambridgevalleyart.org

December 3, Saturday

Animal Tracking/Snowshoe Hike, 10 am, \$2, \$3 w/ snowshoe rental, Grafton Lakes State Park, pre-reg-

istration required: 518-279-1155 or www.register-ed.com/events/view/188092

December 4, Sunday

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

Stephentown Historical Society Potluck Luncheon, 2 pm, Heritage Center, bring dish to share, monetary donation for Stephantown Food Pantry, music, election

December 7, Wednesday

Hoosick Falls Community Band Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm, Hoosick Falls Central School

December 9, Friday

Luminary Walk, 5 – 8:30 pm, \$5 (cash only), Grafton Lakes State Park, no registration required

December 10, Saturday

Winter Craft Fair, 9 am – 3 pm, WBH Elementary School gym, New Lebanon, vendors & auction donations needed, contact Julie Banker at vettecmomjr@gmail.com or Beth Lagrange at BethLagrange17@gmail.com

Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner, 4 – 7 pm, \$10 adults, \$5 10 & under, West Sand Lake Fire Hall, Rt. 43, dine-in or take-out, pre-order: 518-202-6876

Last week's crossword solution:

A	M	P	S			S	I	B			V	E	T	O
F	I	L	O			T	U	N	A		P	A	P	A
E	S	A	U			O	R	C	A		A	C	O	R
W	O	N	D	E	R	F	U	L			G	A	S	P
			A	M	A	S	S		G	A	T			
G	R	I	N	C	H			D	E	N	I	E	R	S
R	O	N		E	S	T	E	E	M		O	R	A	L
A	B	U	S	E		E	L	M			S	N	A	K
T	O	R	C		E	L	F	I	S	H		S	E	W
E	T	E	R	N	A	L			P	O	W	E	R	S
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		E	A	S	E	D		B	U	T	T		S	L
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Crossword Theme: **Classic Toys**

ACROSS

1. *"___ Wars" toys from Kenner in the '70s
5. *Certain toy G.I.
8. Miss America's accessory
12. Pot inhale
13. Morsel of Little Miss Muffet's meal
14. Private
15. Larger-than-life
16. Children's author ___ Blyton
17. Post-Its
18. *Sticks and spools toy set
20. One of the Olsens
21. Gibson garnish
22. Middle-earth creature
23. Bias
26. Neat in appearance
30. Chasing game
31. Chancellor, in Europe
34. Not happening
35. Anomie, alt. sp.
37. Local area network
38. Re-attempt
39. Wyatt Earp's card game
40. Common parakeet, colloquially speaking
42. Snakelike fish
43. Not yet a wife
45. *Like certain toy Cathy
47. Mine deposit
48. Water nymph
50. Cassette contents
52. *Illuminated picture maker
56. Wainscots
57. Play parts
58. The Fonz: "Sit ___!"
59. Face-to-face exams
60. Not this
61. Brainchild
62. Homey, alt. sp.
63. "Fight for You" singer
64. High rocky hills

DOWN

1. Editor's mark
2. African antelope
3. Related
4. Suppose
5. Political club, in the olden days
6. Celestial hunter
7. Whirlpool
8. *Sno-Cone, actually (2 words)
9. Opposed to
10. "As ___ on TV"
11. Retail posting acronym
13. Blood-red
14. Beginning of essay
19. "Dear Diary" bit
22. Hockey legend
23. "The Office" people, e.g.
24. Veranda on Oahu
25. Ancient Greece marketplace
26. "The ___ Show" (1976-1980)
27. Sacred song
28. White heron
29. *Raggedy Ann or Strawberry Shortcake, tenderly
32. *Professor Plum and Colonel Mustard game
33. Little bit
36. *Avenues and rail roads game
38. Betty Ford Center, e.g.
40. Spelling contest
41. Superlative of icy
44. Edible herb
46. Quick and skillful
48. Specialty
49. Rose oil
50. Tropical edible root
51. Dwayne Johnson's 2022 role Black ___
52. Wooden slat
53. ___-China
54. Part of a traditional wedding cake
55. Greek Hs
56. *Play-___

Senior News

Grafton Merrymakers

The Grafton Merrymakers will hold their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3, at 1 pm, at Giuseppe's Restaurant in Hoosick Falls. You can select from pasta with homemade marinara sauce for \$17.50, chicken parmigiana for \$22.70, baked haddock with mashed potatoes and vegetables for \$24, or roast beef with mashed potatoes and vegetables for \$20.10. Meals include salad, beverage, eclair pie, tax, and tip. Upon arrival we'll enjoy appetizers. The guitar and vocals entertainment will be by Collin Smith. Please bring a \$10 value gift to participate in the holiday gift grab bag. For reservations, please call Cathy at 518-279-3231 by November 29.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Meetings are at 1 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at the LVPA firehouse. New members are always welcomed.

We have a trip to Silver Birches on Wednesday, November 30 for lunch and a show. Pickup will be at 7 am in Stephantown, and between 7:15 and 7:30 am in Lebanon.

The December 2 meeting will not take place. Instead we will

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Last week's sudoku solution:

3	2	9	7	6	4	8	1	5
6	1	5	9	2	8	4	7	3
7	8	4	3	5	1	2	9	6
9	6	1	4	8	3	5	2	7
2	7	3	5	1	9	6	8	4
4	5	8	6	7	2	1	3	9
1	3	7	2	4	5	9	6	8
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Church News

North Chatham UMC

On **Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to 3 pm**, the North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Rt. 203, will host a holiday bazaar, sponsored by the Women of Faith of the North Chatham and Grace (Nassau) United Methodist Churches. There will be a nice variety of vendors, so this is a great chance to do some Christmas shopping locally! Quarts of soup and a bake sale will be available with all proceeds going to mission projects. For more information on the North Chatham UMC, please call 518-766-3535 or visit northchathammethodistchurch.org. For more information on the Grace UMC, please call 518-766-9628.

Flea Market and Bake Sale

On **Saturday, December 10, from 9 am to 3 pm**, there will be a flea market and bake sale at the Petersburg United Methodist Church, 12 Head of Lane Rd. A lunch of homemade soup, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, coffee, and soda will be served all day. Table rentals will be available for \$15 each. There will be a 50/50 raffle, with tickets on sale all day. The drawing will be at 3 pm. For more information, please call Annie at 518-852-6576 or Darlene at 518-495-6814.

Christmas Carol

On **December 10**, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill, 772 NY RT 351, will host the Poestenkill Light Reading Company's presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The night will begin with a homemade soup and bread dinner at 5:00 pm with the production at 6:30. All are welcome to attend. Those who wish to attend the soup and bread

dinner are asked to call 518-283-6045 and leave a message. Reservations are not mandatory but encouraged so we have enough food. There is no charge, but donations of a non-perishable food item and/or monetary gift to the Bread Of Life Food Pantry or the Union Gospel Food Pantry in East Poestenkill will be accepted and appreciated.

Stephentown Federated Church

Sunday, December 18, at 4 pm, Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Rd, will hold our Blue Christmas service, honoring life and loss in the holidays. The Blue Christmas tradition honors the fact that many of us experience all kinds of loss, such as the loss of relationships, trust, jobs, health, faith, and joy. No matter your circumstance, this is an open, welcoming service of candlelight, songs, prayers, and hope. The community is welcome, and the building is handicapped accessible. For more information, please visit our website stephentownfederatedchurch.org.

New Minister at UMC Berlin



The United Methodist Church at Berlin, 17 South Main St, joyfully announces the appointment of Katelyn Bradwell as their new Minister. All are invited to her first service on **Sunday, November 27, at 11 am**, and to join in the hanging of the season's greens after service. For those who would like to stay, a soup and

sandwich social is planned following the service.

To receive an online link to services, or for information, please contact goodermotess@yahoo.com, or call 518-658-2942. All are welcome. Bible study is on Zoom Thursdays at 10 am. The Food Closet distributes the first and third Saturday of every month, from 9 to 11 am, and by emergency appointment.

Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 22 Bridge St., is open from **9 am to noon every Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month**, closed on major holidays. We have a great selection of clothing, jewelry, shoes, books, and much more.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located in the Poestenkill Evangelical Lutheran Church, 772 Route 351 is open the **first and third Thursdays of every month, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Please bring proof of residency. For more information, leave a message at 518-283-6045.

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Senior News

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meet at 10:30 am on December 9 in order to enjoy a Christmas program by the NLCS choir. Please bring a baked goodie for the choir.

Our annual holiday party will be at the Whitestone restaurant on December 16, to reserve a seat, please call Linda Moshimer at 518-794-8169. The cost is \$9 for members. The last day to sign up is December 9. Anyone who would like to mail in their 2023 dues may do so. For more information call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com.

Grafton Senior Center

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Mondays and Fridays the center will be open 9:30 to 11 am for our 10 am Chair Yoga class. On Tuesdays, there will be Senior Yoga Plus class at 10 am. The center will be closed November 23 through 25 for Thanksgiving.

Congregate lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for a suggested donation of \$3. Grab-n-Go meals are also available Monday through Friday. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the events or lunch list.

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 9 am to 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with congregare lunch served at noon each day for a suggested donation of \$3. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You must call 518-686-7561 each day to be placed on the list. Mondays at the center there is a card group that meets from 10 am to noon, then open card playing following lunch. Most Wednesdays we have Senior Games at 12:30 pm and Senior Exercise group at 1:30 pm. Fridays there is bingo following lunch unless there is a special event,

in which case bingo will be from 10 am to noon on Thursday. The gym and library are open daily.

Legal Aid Society will be at the center on November 29 to meet with seniors by appointment only. December 6 is craft time with Julie, pre-signup is required. December 9 is our next meeting at 11 am.

The senior center is closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. The Center offers grab-n-go lunches Monday through Friday.

Please call the center at 518-686-7561 to sign up for events and/or be placed on the meal or van transportation list. Please call the center at 518-686-7561 to sign up for events and/or be placed on the meal or van transportation list.

Stephentown Seniors

The Stephentown Seniors meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1 pm at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road. Anyone 50 or over is invited to join. Guests are welcome. For information call Judy Hunt at 518-733-5755.

Sycaway Seniors

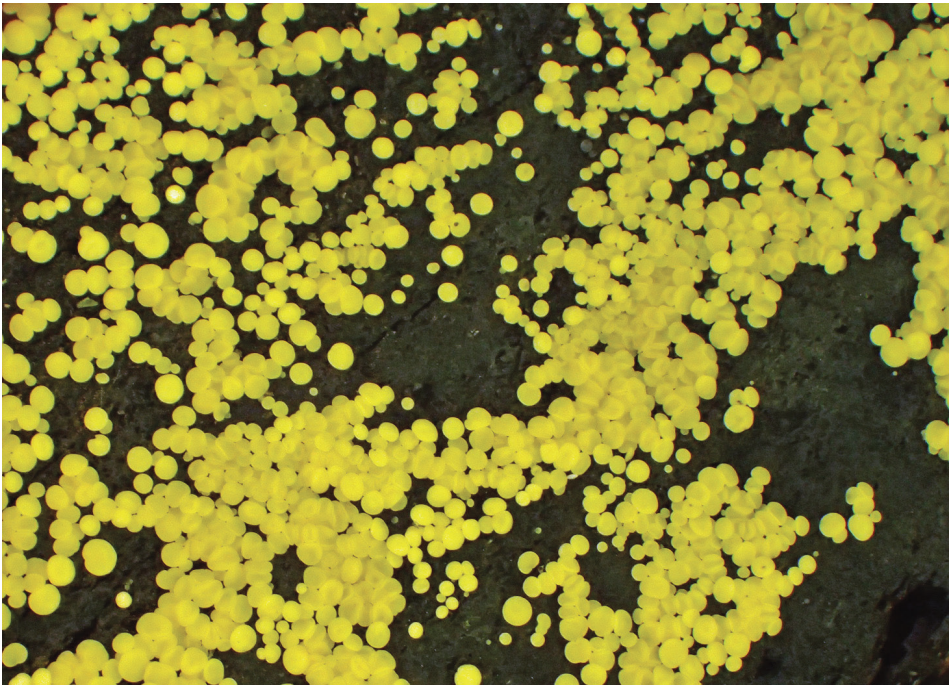
The Sycaway Seniors group meets the first and third Mondays of each month, at the Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane, from noon to 3 pm. Bring your own lunch; we supply dessert and drinks. Dues are \$10 yearly. President Nancy McCloskey can be reached at 518-279-0847.

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. 28: Chicken breast, mushroom marsala gravy, butternut mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, fruit cup
Nov. 29: Barbecue glaze meatballs, mashed sweet potatoes, cut green beans, whole wheat bread, cookie
Nov. 30: Creamy macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, California blend veggies, granola bar

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

George P. Begins Housekeeping

Wednesday, March 30, 1853: I this forenoon walked up to Geo P.'s Maxon house and carried a looking glass, and Geo P. and wife went up there this forenoon and put up some of their goods, and this afternoon Charlotte E. and Sarah O. went up with them this afternoon and helped put down their carpets and fix other things. I continue quite lame.

Thursday: This forenoon I took my one horse wagon and rode up to young R.A. Brown's store and bought 25 cts worth sugar at 7 cts per that was owing me for turnips. On the way home I met with John F. with 12 head of cattle from Vermont, and we left them on my Rodgers farm. I found that Aaron Merrills had moved out of my Rodgers house yesterday and James MacFeeley had moved into my house for one year according to agreement at 25 dollars,

to begin to work his rent the first July. Today George P. begins housekeeping. Friday: I went to Lebanon with my one horse wagon. I called to Tilden's herb store for half a pound of Nervine root 12 cents and got a vial of extract of dandelion 15 cts. On the way home I called to see Elisha Broad for he is quite out of health. Today John F drove home my cattle and his cattle from the Rodgers farm, Patrick began to work at ten dollars per month. Geo P. paid Mr. Harvy Wheeler 51 dollars for two cows.

Saturday: I walked up to Geo P.'s twice and signed a petition to have Doctor Dickinson keep the post office. Burton Jolls came with the petition. Patrick took the banking from the celler door, and John F. carried potatoes out of the celler and buried them in horse manure to sprout.

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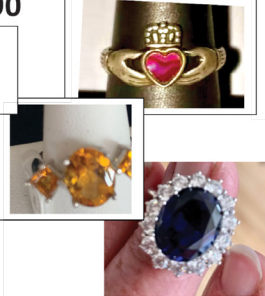
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