

Emergency Services Training Complex Officially Opens

Submitted by Rensselaer County

The new Rensselaer County Emergency Services Training Complex on Macha Lane in North Greenbush is open and ready for use as of Thursday, January 19.

Construction of a new training complex has been a priority for County Executive Steve McLaughlin and members of the County Legislature, and has received strong support from members of the emergency services community. The new complex replaces the former training center, at the same location, that was closed several years ago due to use and age.

The new complex features responsive training devices and systems, live fire displays, digital fire displays, various combustible displays and exercises, a state of the art control system, and a smoke

maze to ensure emergency responders have the training and skills they need to protect and serve the residents of Rensselaer County.

The new training complex cost approximately \$6 million to construct, and includes three buildings: a building for fire training, a second education building with large classroom space with kitchen and conference space, and a third building with a storage facility. The complex will be able to house multiple classes and sessions for different departments at the same time.

Fire, ambulance, and police departments from across the County, as well as elected officials and residents were invited to attend the official opening.



The new Rensselaer County Emergency Services Training Complex on Macha Lane in North Greenbush. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Culvert Collapses on Rt. 7

Road Remains Closed for Repairs



The culvert that collapsed causing the closure of a section of State Route 7 in Hoosick Falls. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Courtesy of Rensselaer County

A section of State Route 7 in Hoosick Falls between State Route 22 and County Route 95 remains closed after the collapse of a culvert on Friday, January 13. Department of Transportation (DOT) and contractor forces are currently working around the clock to replace the culvert, which carries overflow water from the Hoosic River, with pre-cast concrete sections. Currently there is no timetable for completion. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the collapse has yet to be determined. Residents and motorists are asked to be patient during the closure. For updates, please visit dot.ny.gov.

Detour information, which has been provided by the DOT, is as follows:

Heading Eastbound

Take a right onto NY Route 22 South for 2.3 miles. Take a left onto NY Route 346 East for a half mile. Take a left onto County Route 95 for a quarter mile. Take a left to continue on County Route 95. After 2.7 miles the detour ends back at NY Route 7.

Heading Westbound

Take a left onto County Route 95. After 1.6 miles bear right to continue on County Route 95. After another mile, take a right to stay on County Route 95 for a quarter mile. Take a right onto NY Route 346 West. After a half mile, take another right onto US Route 22 North and continue for 2.3 miles until the detour ends back at NY Route 7.

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In Memory of Anne Maxon

We at *The Eastwick Press* would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Berlin Town Clerk Anne Maxon, who passed away on Tuesday, January 10.

We dedicate this edition of *The Eastwick Press* to you, Anne. Thank you for all you did throughout your many years of service to Berlin and the surrounding communities.

BERLIN

Town Board Highlights

By Chris Teragliafera

The Thursday, January 12 regular meeting of the Berlin Town Board began with a moment of silence for Berlin Town Clerk Anne Maxon, who passed away Tuesday, January 10.

The Board agreed that there is a need to overhaul the fees schedule for the Transfer Station, after it was brought to their attention that it's costing more to get rid of some items than the Transfer Station is charging to take them. For instance, the Station charges \$30 to take a mattress, while it costs \$40 for them to dispose

of it. There is also a disparity in the two amounts for larger items such as televisions. Transfer Station fees may change as early as February 1.

The Town may begin placing license plate numbers on Transfer Station permits, in order to prevent tag swapping with those who don't have a permit.

The Board approved the 2023 contract with Taconic Valley Ambulance.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Anne Maxon.

PETERSBURGH LIBRARY

Storytime will meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 24. Knitters and Stitchers will meet on Wednesday afternoon, January 25. Book Club will meet Wednesday evening, January 25, at 6:30 pm to discuss *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson. Next month's selection, *A Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor, is available for checkout now. February's meeting will be back on schedule for Wednesday, February 15.

The installation of the geothermal system is moving along nicely and the construction work will be over soon. Thank you for your patience as we work through the process.

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Food Pantry Offerings

The Steering Committee of the Berlin Community Food Pantry are pleased to announce their plans for the next few months. The Closet is open the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 am. In an emergency, people can call 518-658-2942 and leave a message.

The following Community Take Out Meals are being offered; reservations are required but meals are open to all.

Shepherd's Pie

Saturday, January 21, from 9 to 11 am

Valentine Pasta Dinner

Tuesday, February 14, from 4:30 to 6 pm

Annual Fund Raiser - Corned Beef and Cabbage

Friday, March 17

Senior Citizen Soup, Sandwiches, and Trivia

Wednesday, January 25 and March 29, from noon to 2 pm, please RSVP

The Food Closet will also provide Easter dinners to needy families. Forms are available through the Food Closet.

Community members wishing to make donations can send them to: BCFC, Box 225, Berlin, NY 12022, or food can be dropped off at the Closet Saturday mornings.

STEPHENTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Installation Banquet and Recognition

Courtesy of Rensselaer County



The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department held the annual installation banquet and recognized members for outstanding service on Saturday, January 14. The department also recognized several new members at the event.

A county commendation was presented to Chief David Corlew, Supervisor PJ Roder, and the department's Cyril Grant. Officers were sworn in, with former County Executive Henry Zwack serving as master of ceremonies. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

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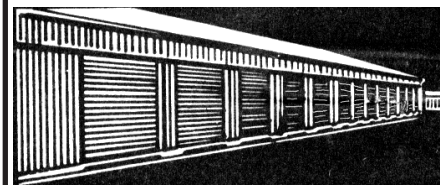
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PETERSBURGH

Town Board Busy in January

By Denise Wright

The Petersburg Town Board was busy during January with their Organizational meeting, public hearings, and regular meeting.

During the January Organizational meeting, the Board approved agreements for the Highway Superintendent and the use of the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC) for 2023. Board members approved the 2023 contract for snow removal with Alex Burdick, along with library voucher #1 for \$21,671.25. Appointments for 2023 included Victoria Abbondola replacing Janet Spitz as a Planning Board member and Vanessa Fiorita replacing Deidra Michaels as the Planning Board Secretary.

Two public hearings happened just before the January 16 meeting on resolutions for local laws establishing income levels for persons with disabilities and limited income, and senior citizens for real property tax exemptions. Both resolutions allow residents with an annual income of \$50,000 or less to receive 50% of the exemption. The object of the two resolutions that were later approved in the monthly meeting is to maximize the potential for residents to take advantage of the programs.

The first thing completed at the monthly meeting was the approval of the reports. The facilities manager reported that the generator for Memorial Hall is now operational. However, the booster fan for the heating system is still on backorder, but there is hope that work should begin soon. The last replacement window for the Town Hall

should be installed by the end of January, and proposals were submitted for five projects at the Town Hall ranging from office construction, electrical upgrades, insulation, and replacing a basement door. The bathroom conversion to a new office space will contain an area for two desks that four different part-time employees will share.

Parks and Recreation reported that the Kids' Christmas Party was a success. They added six new children to the program and had 52 children signed up to receive gifts from Santa. They appreciated the assistance of the Petersburg Library and Taconic Plastics for the financial support and the help with the toy drive.

The Board approved the County Road Service Agreement and Capital Power Service contracts. The Capital Power Service agreement covers the annual fees for the PVMCC and library generators. Members of the Board discussed the dog license requirement, and Board members decided that officials would follow the law. The protocol will consist of issuing appearance tickets and a court appearance. If residents do have a dog, the Board reminded them to get their dog licensed promptly to avoid infractions.

Finally, after members approved Board liaisons for committees, there was a discussion about potentially having the 27 veteran flags typically displayed around the Town during the warmer months displayed in the renovated entranceway at the Town Hall during the winter months. Board members agreed it would be a great idea but will explore various display techniques.

PVMCC

Toss the Feathers

Saturday, January 21, Doors at 6:30 pm

Toss the Feathers performs a lively mix of traditional Irish music and songs, as well as a historical program, 'Musical Postcards from Irish Albany and Troy' that uses stories, songs, and tunes to recount some of the remarkable history of the Irish people who settled in the Upper Hudson Valley. This is the band's first time at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC). Admission is \$5, and free for minors. This is also our community potluck night, though you aren't required to bring a dish. Bring cash for the raffle and refreshments. Those 21 and over can BYOB.



Toss the Feathers. Photo courtesy of the PVMCC.

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STEPHENTOWN

Art Guild Workshop

On **Sunday, January 22, from 10 am to 1 pm**, the Stephentown Art Guild will host Book Bound: A Journal Making Workshop, with Michael Vincent Bushy. Bushy, a Pittsfield-based artisan and educator who specializes in bookbinding, printmaking, and leather work, will teach participants how to craft their own journals, to keep or give as gifts. The workshop, which is appropriate for ages 14 and up, will be held at the Stephentown Town Hall on Grange Hall Rd. Materials will be provided for the class, which costs \$55 per person. Registration is required by January 14.

You can register by visiting https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e1FAIpQLSf49IzB2REccFHO65droL_M2UzLhwHYiatgApZ-DIF5VIef21-w/view-form.

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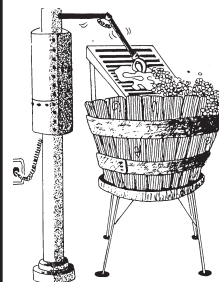
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BRUNSWICK

Multi-Family Housing Moratorium Repealed

By Doug La Rocque

With several two-family and multi-family housing applications before the Brunswick Planning Board in 2021, residents and some Planners started expressing concerns about density, especially with some of these proposed housing units in areas they felt were not a good fit. The concern reached the Town Board, who decided they should review their zoning as to where and where not these projects might be allowed. Thus,

the moratorium came into being while that zoning study took place.

One plan that was proposed resulted in a full zoning law change, but met with some push back at a public hearing, and Board members decided to pull it. The next change that was proposed dealt with only the areas of concern and instituted a density calculation factor that Planners would have to incorporate into any site plan deliberations on housing. That zoning change was approved in December and the moratorium was no longer needed. At the Thursday, January 12 Town Board gathering, a local law repealing the moratorium was approved.

AVERILL PARK

Sky High Community Center

Parent and Child Foam Ball Tennis

Wednesdays and Thursdays through February 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Let Your Artistic Talent Shine

Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 9, from 6 to 8 pm
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Wholehearted Yoga for Adults

Sundays through March 12, from 9 to 10 am

Yoga for Adults and Older Teens

Tuesdays through March 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Senior Strength and Agility Workshop

Friday, January 20, from 10 to 11 am

Boutique Drop-Off Dates

Friday, January 20, from 4 to 6 pm

Saturday, January 21, from 9 am to noon

Donate new or lightly used dresses, shoes, and/or jewelry to the Center. You can also email eberical@gmail.com to make other arrangements. The Boutique will be held February 17 through 19. All dresses and accessories are no-cost, although donations are strongly encouraged. All proceeds benefit the SHAC and Doors of Hope.

For more information or to register for these and other events, please visit www.shaccenter.org.

SAND LAKE

Pandemic Remembrances

The Sand Lake Historical Society (SLHS) is putting together a book of remembrances by residents and businesses of the Town so future generations will understand and appreciate all we went through during the COVID-19 pandemic. We'd love to include your story.

Did you:

- Work from home or in an essential job?
- Have a relative in a nursing home or sick with COVID-19?
- Have children learning at home?
- Have to close or make changes to your business?
- Spend more time outdoors or doing home repairs?
- Have some other experience you'd like to share?

Please submit your prose or poetry of 600 words or fewer describing your pandemic story to SLHSpandemic@gmail.com. All experiences can be shared, whether they made you happy, sad, scared, crazy, brave, thankful, exhausted, etc.

The deadline for submissions is February 28, and SLHS reserves the right to edit stories.

Find us at sandlakehistory.org, or like us on Facebook.

TROY

Food Distribution Event

The next Catholic Charities CC Move food giveaway event in Rensselaer County will take place **Tuesday, January 24** at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, 501 4th Avenue, Troy. Pickup will begin at 9:30 am, with volunteers starting at 8:15 am.

BRUNSWICK

Keyes Scholarship

Submitted by Sheryl Burke

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church will award \$500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2023. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to any church or religion to be eligible for the award. Interested students must apply no later than March 1, 2023. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website, www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com. For more info, please contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

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.

Kids Clothing Swap

Monday, January 23, from 2 to 6 pm

Tuesday, January 24, from 10 am to 2 pm

Drop off runs through Saturday, January 21. Maximum drop off of one bag per household. Clothing must be freshly washed and folded, with no stains, tears, pet fur, or missing buttons or zippers.

Jump-Start Your Writing with Coleen Paratore

Saturday, January 21, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Participants should bring a notebook. Copies of *Dear Writer*, Coleen's new book on writing, will be available for purchase. Registration is required, and you can do so by calling 518-279-4023. The snow date will be Saturday, February 4.

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Defensive Driving Course

Saturday, January 21, at 9 am

For questions, contact Mike Bromm at mbdriving-class@outlook.com, or leave a message at 518-258-3893. Snow date January 28.

Puzzle Day

Saturday, January 28, from 9:30 am to 1 pm

You are invited to hang out with us and try all kinds of puzzles: jigsaw, word, number, shapes, etc. We will also have a puzzle swap. Bring your gently used jigsaw puzzles and swap them for one or more of ours.

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

Work Underway on Existing County Offices

Courtesy of Rensselaer County

Work is now underway to renovate and improve the existing County Office Building (COB) in downtown Troy. The work will allow the County to host human services offices at the COB and move from rented property. The move will increase efficiency and access for residents.

The work at the COB accompanies work now underway at new County offices at 99 Troy Road. The projects are part of the Reimagine Rensselaer County Facilities effort to improve County facilities.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Pre-School Storytime

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

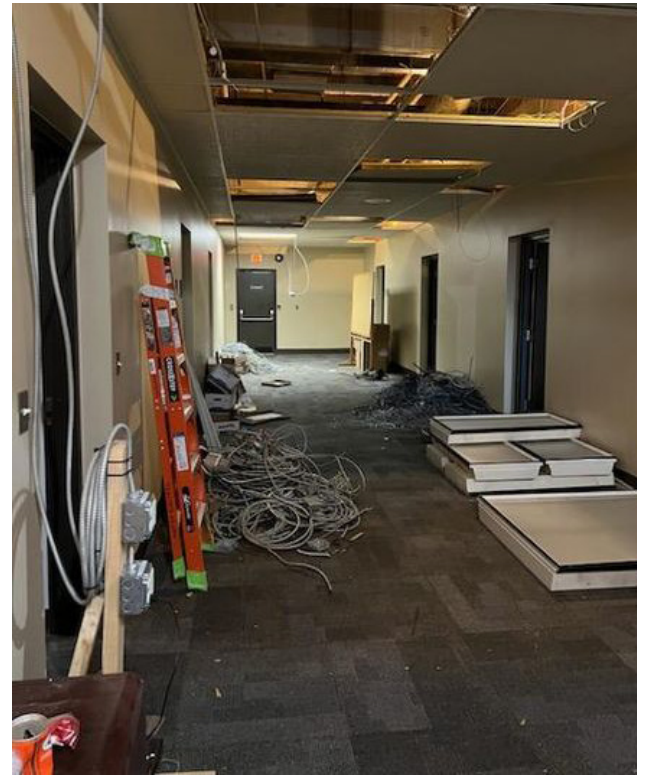
Legos

Mondays, from 3:30 to 5 pm

Zumba Gold

Mondays, through March 13, from 6 to 7 pm

Held at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. with Michelle Mickiewicz. For more information, please contact the library at 518-279-0580, or by emailing director@grafftoncommunitylibrary.com.



A look at the fifth floor of the existing County Office Building in Troy. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Storytime with Ms. Erin

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Library Board Meeting

Monday, January 23, at 7:30 pm

Tea and Tangles

Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 pm

Lego Club

Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 pm

Check It Out Book Club

Thursday, February 2, at 6 pm

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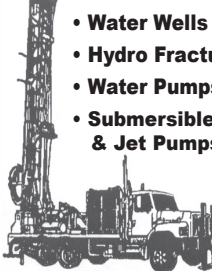
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HOOSICK

Still Waiting and Waiting

By Doug La Rocque

The Town of Hoosick has applications in to New York State for two major grants. The one that has been in a holding pattern the longest is the \$925,000 Recreational State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) grant. It has been in the hands of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for many months, with absolutely no word on its fate. DASNY is the state agency that oversees such grants and is notorious for taking a year or more to come to a conclusion. At the Monday, January 9 meeting of the Hoosick Town Board, Supervisor Mark Surdam said once again, despite repeated inquiries, they have heard nothing.

The other grant is newer—it's only been a few months since the application was filed. That is for the replacement of the Cottrell Road Bridge, estimated to cost \$1.98 million. The Town would have to bear 20 percent of that cost, about \$99,000. Supervisor Surdam, who has been out on medical leave prior to this meeting, says he is looking into this grant as well. A Liability Insurance Policy for the Highway Depart-

ment's calcium chloride storage tank with Sterling & Marshall was approved.

Meeting Notes

Like the Village of Hoosick Falls, the town fathers have agreed to their annual contribution to the St. Patrick's Parade Committee. The annual parade costs about \$7,000 to put on. The parade is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11**. The Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating rink has only been open for three days so far. Warmer winter weather is the reason there. Rink Manager Ayla Senical says there are 70 people signed up for the learn to skate program, if there is ever ice to skate on.

The Board reappointed Sydney Stowell to the position of Pool Manager for 2023. Toni Hanselman was appointed to the Ice Rink Staff.

After discussing the Town's Employee Compensation and Benefits Manual, Board members decided some updates were in order. A special meeting to conduct the annual Town Court Audit was scheduled for 6 pm on January 28.

CAMBRIDGE

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

On **Saturday, January 28**, the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, 59 South Park St, will be hosting its first fundraising dinner of the year. There will be no in-person dining. Dinners may be picked up between 4:30 and 6:30 pm. The dinner is sponsored by Cornerstone East Church, which meets each Sunday at the Food Pantry.

The menu will consist of penne bolognese, spring mix salad with a side of balsamic dressing, freshly baked Italian bread, and a homemade brownie, all for only \$13.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are **January 20 and February 3**. Dances cost \$3, take place from 7 to 9 pm, and are open to students ages 9 to 14 who attend Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS, or Hoosick Falls School districts. A parent or guardian must sign students out after the dance.

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Tax preparers will meet clients at their cars in the parking lot to collect their information and documents. Upon completion, clients will be contacted to pick them up and sign the required forms for E-filing.

Appointments can be made by calling 2-1-1 from New York, or 888-367-3211 from any area, **beginning Monday, January 17**.

Vita provides free income tax return preparation with electronic filing to taxpayers who generally earned \$58,000 or less in 2021, persons with disabilities, and taxpayers who need assistance with preparing their returns. Applicants must bring the required documents for each person named on the tax return, including:

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

CHENEY LIBRARY

Winter Story Time

Tuesday, January 24, at 10 am

This program is geared toward pre-school children, but all ages are welcome. All participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Tuesday, January 24, at 10 am

Share, create, and learn new skills.

Among Us at the Library

Tuesday, January 24, from 5 to 6 pm

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

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 pm

In person at the Cheney Library.

Library Crafternoon

Friday, January 27, from 3 to 4 pm

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

BENNINGTON

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Courtesy of SVMC

On **Thursday, February 2, from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm**, the American Red Cross will host a blood drive at the First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street. Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by e-mail and a chance to win a Florida getaway.

To schedule an appointment at an upcoming drive in Bennington, visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=BENNINGTONS WVMC. Alternatively, those interested in donating blood can call 1-800-RED CROSS or text "bloodapp" to 90999 to download the app to a smartphone.

Those who have questions about the drive may call 802-447-5345.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Students Chosen for Chorus Performances

Courtesy of HFCSD

The following students have been accepted to the Festival Chorus at Albany Pro Musica's High School Choral Festival on **Saturday, January 21** at UAlbany:

Alicea Coon, Emmalena Murphy, Mary Pilot, Daniel Lane, Mea Cleary, Ashley Druckenmiller, Grace Lajeunesse, Samantha Lyle, Lillian Murphy, Ryanna Rose, and Shane Hatlee.

Daniel Lane and Samantha Lyle have also been accepted to the 24-member Honor Choir.

CAMBRIDGE CSD

Robotics Team Performs Well at Tech Challenge

Submitted by CCS Communications



The Cambridge Central School robotics team, Deep Fried Wires, at this past weekend's FIRST Robotics Tech Challenge. Photo courtesy of CCS Communications.

The CCS Robotics Team 22277 Deep Fried Wires had an outstanding performance this past weekend during their first ever FIRST Robotics Tech Challenge (FTC) qualification match at the Albany Academies.

Kobe McManus, Natalia Masina, Ezden Koopman, Abe Edwards, and Jackson Thomas received a first place design award for their custom designed and fabricated robot, the Fryolator, which ran flawlessly for every match and stood out for its reliability and autonomous routine.

Deep Fried Wires was one of only two rookie teams at the Albany Academies Qualifier and com-

peted against 18 other teams, including many who have already competed this year and have built robots for many years.

Deep Fried Wires rose steadily from their initial sixth place ranking to a first place ranking, which they held until the last matches of the day.

They were one of only four teams to make the semifinals after being pushed back to fourth place overall by one of the top teams in New York. While team 22277's robot again ran flawlessly, their alliance partner's robot failed during each of the semi-final matches and the teams did not advance to the finals.

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SALEM

Return of Women's Health Day



The committee of the Salem Area Woman's Club responsible for planning the 26th annual Women's Health Day met recently. Last held in 2019, this popular event returns to Salem Central School on **Saturday, April**

29. It is co-sponsored by the Woman's Club and Glens Falls Hospital, with support from multiple local sponsors and contributors. Pictured here with committee chairperson Lois Sheaff are the following committee members: Anna Dickson, Judy Kempf, Jane Keys, Mary Talmadge, Andi Mungas, Julia Sweeney, Ronnie DeLorenzo, Kathy Rapp, Pat Phillips, Vivian Ackerman, Linda Randles, Jane Hayden, Irene Baldwin, and Nancy Ross. Missing from the photo are Kathy Idleman, Kay Tomasi, and Pat Gilchrist. Photo courtesy of Lois Sheaff.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

NEW LEBANON

Town Board Highlights

By Chris Tergliafera

The Shatford Park Pavilion will see upgrades, but they may look slightly different than originally planned.

This is because the pavilion isn't up to current specs, and while the existing iteration of the pavilion is grandfathered in, any renovations would not be, and would need to be brought current. The issue with that lies with the stove. Because the pavilion is rented out, if the stove were to be replaced it would have to be commercial grade, along with all other aspects of it, such as the ventilation. While \$40,000 was approved for the project in the 2022 budget, that money will not go nearly as far as it could if a commercial kitchen were to be installed. A commercial stove alone can cost as much as \$10,000. Since the stove is rarely, if ever used, it was determined that other aspects of the pavilion would be renovated, and a new stove would not be necessary. The current plan is to take the two old unused bathrooms in the pavilion, use one to expand the kitchen, and the other for expanded storage space. The project has gone out to bid.

Grant Not Approved

New Lebanon won't receive funding for the Shatford Park improvement grant, which was known to be a very competitive grant. Town officials will have a follow up meeting with those who denied the grant and go over where they failed to get necessary points, and where the application could have been stronger, to help with potential future applications. That meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Other News

The Board voted to disband the Broadband Committee and create the Cell Service Committee. Letters of interest for the Cell Service Committee are due to the Town Clerk by February 10, at 4 pm.

Introductory Local Law 6 of 2022, which places a 12-month moratorium on the demolition of historic structures, was approved.

Samantha Long was appointed Planning and Zoning Board Clerk.

Robert Long was appointed Summer Youth Program director.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

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

Small Wonders Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For toddlers up to 35 months.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

For ages 3 to 6.

No School Day Family Matinee

Friday, January 20, at 1:30 pm

A free screening of a current movie suitable for the whole family. Popcorn provided.

Widget Wednesday

Wednesday, January 25, at 4:30 pm

We will construct a fidget spinner from simple parts. All materials and tools provided. For ages 10 and up.

For more information or to register for programs, please visit newlebanonlibrary.org, or call 518-794-8844.

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

By Denise Wright

The January 11 East Nassau Board of Trustees meeting was quick and informative with some healthy discussion.

Since the Town Clerk was absent, approval of the minutes was tabled until February. Mayor Acquario did report that the village lawyer is attempting to work with the Code Enforcement Officer about a property on Dunham Hollow Road.

The Highway Department reported that the speed humps the Village bought had to be reordered from a different company because they were out of stock. Mike Dorr is planning to bump up the Village sand order. If residents have some damage due to snowplowing, Acquario wants homeowners to contact the Village, and repairs will be completed in the spring. Long-time Village resident Doug Dobert was appointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent. Dobert, who has over six years of experience with the Nassau Highway department, will be shadowing Dorr for the next three months until the end of his term.

Mayor Acquario has been working with other municipalities to find out about shared services, such as a common storage area and a shared kennel. Some officials met in Averill Park, and Acquario reported that a shared kennel concept gained some traction. Each municipality is responsible for having a shared kennel for stray/lost dogs. Presently municipalities are gathering data to see if this is feasible. East Nassau has no leash law and 1-2 complaints per year.

The mayor will present a draft budget at the February meeting. By March 20, a tentative budget needs to be proposed and finalized by March 31. A public hearing must be held by April 15 and adopted by May 1.

There was some discussion on using ARPA funds

for various reasons, such as chips sealing on Gardener Hill Road and Town Garage Road. This proposal will be discussed further in February to see if it will happen during this fiscal year. Mayor Acquario will also investigate getting power for Bell Park's bell.

The Climate Smart Committee is finalizing its plant orders and will be working on completing a \$5,000 NYSERTA grant in February. The hope is to use the grant money for community campaigning and public information, composting LED bulbs, and tree planting. In March, they hope to attend a roundtable discussion in East Greenbush.

Governor Hochul signed legislation last month that would allow up to a 10% exemption of the assessed valuation of the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who have served a minimum of two years. The goal will be that this is implemented in the 2024-2025 cycle. This resolution

only applies if the local municipality opts in. Trustees thought it was a concept that needed more discussion but will pursue the resolution because the Village wishes to recognize the hard work of the emergency workers.

Finally, the election resolution was read and approved, and it will be held on March 21 from noon to 9 pm at the Hoags Corner Ambulance building. The Board approved two inspectors and alternates as well.

The Board also rescheduled the March Board of Trustees meeting from March 8 to March 15.



Mayor Acquario presenting new Deputy Highway Superintendent Doug Dobert with his East Nassau shirt. Photo by Denise Wright.

Helping to Heat Homes

The Town of New Lebanon is collaborating with Charlie's Pantry, Unity Lodge No. 9, The American Legion, Larabee Fuel, and HL Fuel to help residents heat their homes this winter.

There are three easy ways to donate:

- Venmo: <https://account.venmo.com/u/ICCHeating>
- Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/charliespantryheat>
- Mail a check to: Charlie's Pantry Heating Fund, PO Box 448, New Lebanon, NY 12125

If you or someone you know needs help heating their home this winter, please reach out to Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

NEW LEBANON

Cornhole Tournament

On **Saturday, January 28, at 11 am**, at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School gym, the New Lebanon Travels Club will host their first annual cornhole tournament. There will be competitive and non-competitive brackets. Feel free to bring your own bags. Non-cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners. The cost is \$60 for a team of two or \$30 for an individual. Student prices are \$20 for a team of two \$10 for an individual. Spectators are \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. All proceeds benefit the New Lebanon Travel Club. To register, please email sroblez@newlebanoncsd.org.



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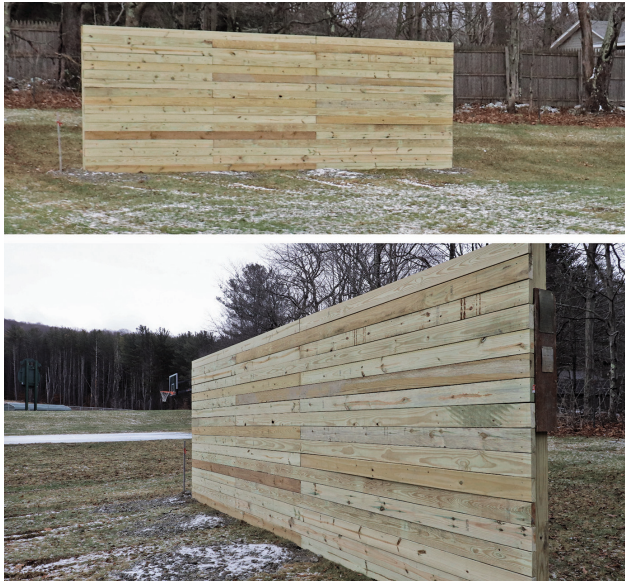
New Soccer Kick Board

Submitted by BCS Communications

A new soccer kick board was constructed and donated to the Berlin Central School District by Stone Mountain Builders before the holiday break. It stands on the south side of the Berlin Middle High School between the lower soccer field and the basketball court.

Today BCSD Buildings and Grounds staff member Daryl Maxon affixed the original kick board's donation and dedication plaques to the new board.

This kick board is for the BCSD community's use and the district hopes to see Mountaineers and their families honing their soccer skill and enjoying it for years to come. Thank you to all who originally donated the kick board and to those who made its replacement possible.



The new soccer kick board at Berlin Middle/High School. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

A moderately paced 3 mile hike. Hikes will be canceled in bad weather. This program is free for adults and older teens.

Snowshoe Rentals

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

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, January 21, from 1 to 3 pm

This type of mindful walk has been shown to reduce stress, boost positive moods, and strengthen immune the system. Donations accepted.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, January 28, from 1 to 2:30 pm

For all ages and skill levels.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or emailing dykenpond@gmail.com 24 hours in advance. Please visit www.dykenpond.org for more information.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Winterfest – Saturday, January 21, 11:30 am – 3 pm

The event will feature outdoor events along with indoor exhibits, food vendors, and family-friendly recreational activities. The event is free of charge.

The Polar Plunge, benefitting Our Lady of the Snow Parish's food pantry, kicks off the main events at 11:30 am. For more information, or to pre-register for the Plunge, please call Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648, or call the park. There is no entrance fee for this event.

Ice Fishing Contest – Saturday, January 28, 5:30 am – 2 pm

Register from 5:30 to 11:00 am, or 12:30 pm for youth, in the park's maintenance building, accessible via the Main Entrance. There is a \$10 registration fee for participants ages 16 or older, with no fee for children under 16. All participants 16 and older must have a valid New York State fishing license. In the case of soft ice, the tournament will be postponed until Saturday, February 11. Please call the park for more information. There is no entrance fee for this event.

Storm of the Century – Wednesday, February 1, 7 pm

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



← Attendees making s'mores at the fire, outside of the Welcome Center at Grafton Lakes State Park during 2022 Winter Fest. Photo by Amy Modesti.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Wild Hudson Valley Winter Walk

Saturday, January 28, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Join ethnoecologist Justin Wexler of Wild Hudson Valley to explore the outdoors and learn all about local native people and their relationship with the environment at the Poestenkill Community Forest, 200 Legenbauer Rd, Averill Park. Please dress accordingly, and bring water and a snack. The registration fee is \$20 and pre-registration is required. If you register but can't attend, please contact Kim at kim@rensselaerplateau.org to cancel. For more information, visit Rensselaerplateau.org. The snow date for this event is Saturday, February 4.

Nature Book Club

All Things Bright and Beautiful by James Herriot.

Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm, via Zoom

Learn more and register at www.rensselaerplateau.org.

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Wack'em & Stack'em	31-14
Lebowski Rug Co.	30-15
Mag-Way	28-17
Gallup Inn	28-17
Lou's Plumbing	23-22
Bistro 42	20.5-24.5
Chico's Bail Bonds	17-28
Boner's	16.5-28.5
Farmers Tires	16-29
The Jabronis	15-30

High Scores

Matt Brownell	290 259 795
Scott Rose	279 234 728
Mike Weeden	257 244 703
Chris Pelletier	236 236 697
Brad Hill	258 225 696
Trevor Patch	234 233 693
Tyler Colvin	245 223 691
Devin Prendergast	238 227 686
Mitch Andrew	237 225 686
Tim Wilson	257 234 661

Team Standings

Modern Game Pro Shop	150-90
Dave Clark Excavating	146-94
Waloomsac Metal Rec	144-96
Piece on Earth	128-112
Stevens and Sons Tents	122.5-117.5
RGI Insurance	121-119
Huntin' Time	106-134
Lo-Ridge Farm	104-136
Team Taconic	92-148
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	86.5-153.5

High Game

300	Joshua Sweet
289	Michael Weeden
279	Dave Clark
269	Timothy McCart
264	Tyler Clark
259	Edward Legg Jr.
249	Scott Reinhart
247	Richard Snyder
246	Meghan Backus
246	Edward Yankus

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on January 10, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 1-10-2023. Hoosick Falls, New York,

[Signature]
deputy Village Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 10, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$450,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF A SETTLED CLAIM WITH FITZGERALD MORRIS BAKER FIRTH P.C. DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF SAID VILLAGE.

Object or purpose: Payment of a settled claim

Period of probable usefulness: Five years

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$450,000 bonds

Village Board of Trustees VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Hoosick Falls Village Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, for the purpose of recognizing the service of Niel Stowell to the Village of Hoosick Falls upon his retirement, and the appointment of an attorney for the Village of Hoosick Falls, together with any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees.

DATED: January 11, 2023
Hoosick Falls, New York

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting will be held by the Town of New Lebanon Board of Ethics on Thursday, February 9th, 2023, commencing at 7:00 pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, New York 12125, for the purpose of review and possible action on an ethics complaint recently received by such Board, together with any other business that may come before the Board. The meeting will open and close in a public session but necessarily go into executive and confidential session for deliberations.

Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk
01/16/2023

PUBLIC NOTICES

BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL VACANCY
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Position:

- Guidance Department Senior Typist/District Registrar (Competitive Provisional)
- 8 hours per day
- 11 months per year

Qualifications:

- Graduation from high school supplemented by additional clerical experience and training.

Starting Salary:

Per CSEA Contract

Contact Person:

Kim Brownell
BMHS Principal
kbrownell@berlincentral.org
518-658-1500

BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL VACANCY
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Position:

- Buildings & Grounds Senior Typist (Competitive Provisional)
- 8 hours per day
- 12 months per year

Qualifications:

- Graduation from high school supplemented by additional clerical experience and training.

Starting Salary:

Per CSEA Contract

Contact Person:

Cyril Grant
Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
cgrant@berlincentral.org
518-658-1500

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POSITION:

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Jeaneatte Alderman, Transportation Supervisor
jalderman@berlincentral.edu
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The **Hoosick Falls Soccer Club** will be holding its Annual General Meeting and election of officers for the coming year on Monday, January 23, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will be held at Hoosac School, at 14 Pine Valley Road, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. All are invited.

PUBLIC NOTICES**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Lebanon, NY is seeking bids for the PAVILION RENOVATIONS - KITCHEN & STORAGE AREA AT WEISBUCH PAVILION in Shatford Park, the Town's Municipal Public Park. The Town of New Lebanon invites sealed proposals for the construction of renovations to the kitchen and storage areas to the existing Weisbuch Pavilion. The renovations are not for year-round use. None of the renovation work will be in or become conditioned space. The construction will consist of select removals, some conventional lumber framed and finished walls and ceilings, epoxy coating of floors, window installation, door replacements and the installation of kitchen cabinets and countertops selected and purchased by the Town of New Lebanon, new lighting, minor electrical work and minor plumbing work. The bids are to be submitted and shall cover the costs directly and indirectly associated with furnishing all materials, labor and related equipment necessary for the installation and completion of the work.

As a Municipal Project, New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates apply. Given the limited scope for this project, it is exempt from Wicks Law as it does not meet the minimum anticipated construction costs for the requirement of separate trade bids. This is a General Contractor with subcontractor(s) project. This contract has been designated Contract 2023-02 as set forth in the contract documents, including drawings and specifications.

Bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, NY, Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125, until 3:00 PM on or before Monday, February 13, 2023, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud, with the contract being awarded, if acceptable, on February 14, 2023, at the regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board at 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125. That meeting typically begins at 6:00 PM.

All bid and contract documents, including specifications governing the contract, may be examined free of charge at the Town Clerk's office during the Clerk's business hours of Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained at the Town of New Lebanon Town Hall after January 17, 2023.

No bid will be accepted unless a signed Certificate of Non-Collusion is submitted with the bid.

The Town of New Lebanon Town Board expressly reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to accept any bid or to reject any and all bids or to award on any or all items.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within twenty-five (25) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

Project timeliness is important. The entire project must be 100 percent completed by June 9, 2023.

General questions regarding the project shall be directed to the Town Clerk for the Town of New Lebanon. Technical questions and/or requesting a site visit prior to preparing and submitting a bid, shall be directed to the project Design Professional.

By order of the Town Board, Town of New Lebanon, New York.

**LEGAL NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE
BERLIN FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
TOWN OF BERLIN
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners for Berlin Fire District No. 1 will hold their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting will be held at the Berlin Firehouse on Community Avenue, Berlin, New York at 7:30pm. The public is invited to these monthly meetings. By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioner Jennifer Burhans, Chair. Submitted by Amy Schaaphok, Secretary for the Commissioners.

Troy King St LLC. Filed 6/15/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 7 Hana Ln, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution entitled "BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 10, 2023; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TRUCKS EACH WITH DUMP BODY AND PLOW AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,900 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR", an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35 of the Local Finance Law and Article Seven of the Town Law of the State of New York.

Said resolution authorizes the acquisition of two (2) F550 4x4 maintenance trucks each with dump body and plow for highway department purposes is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$315,900, and a period of probable usefulness of 15 years. The resolution further authorizes the issuance of serial bonds of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$315,900 pursuant to the Local Finance Law to finance the cost thereof, with a proposed maturity in excess of 5 years, and delegates certain powers to the Town Supervisor.

It has been determined that such purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, which will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Said resolution shall take effect thirty days after adoption, unless there shall be filed with the Town Clerk a petition signed and acknowledged by the electors of the Town qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise and expend money, in number equal to at least five percentum of the total vote cast for governor in the Town at the last general election held for the election of State officers, protesting against the resolution and requesting that the matter be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town at a referendum in the manner provided by the Town Law.

A copy of the resolution is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at the Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York.

Dated: January 10, 2023

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
CELL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

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

CELL SERVICE COMMITTEE: The Town of New Lebanon is creating a cell service committee as an advisory committee to the Town Board to research ways to increase cell phone service throughout town. There are many residents who have a lack of cell phone service and rely on it for communication, especially in emergencies. The cell service committee will work to expand cell phone service throughout the town, researching ways that municipalities can work with cell phone providers to expand service especially in the dead zones that currently exist.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: Persons interested in serving on this committee 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@townof-newlebanon.com. Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10th, 2023.

Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk
01/10/2023

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2023
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on February 14th, 2023 at 5:55 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023. Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023 is to amend Chapter 81 of the Town Code of the Town of New Lebanon. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townof-newlebanon.com.

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

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
01/10/2023

**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 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2023.

The bids will be opened at the office of the Town Clerk at 4:00pm, on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2023. Bids will be reviewed by the Highway Superintendent and the New Lebanon Town Board at the regular Town Board Meeting at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY at 6:00pm, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2023. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jeffrey Winestock
Highway Superintendent
01/10/2023

**HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, in Hoosick Falls, New York, requests sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) year of Broadband Internet Access Service, three (3) years of Fiber Internet Access Service and one (1) year of Caching Server, Firewall and Internet Filtering Services manufacturer Barracuda for the 2023-2024 school year. Bid specifications can be obtained from the District's website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, February 28, 2023 in the District Office at which time they will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

Trailside Farm, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/11/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 20791 State Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, Hoosick Falls, New York, request sealed bids for Internal Auditing Services. Bid specifications can be obtained from the District's website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org. Bids will be received until 2:30 PM, February 28, 2023 in the District Office at which time they will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, Hoosick Falls, New York, request sealed bids for External Auditing Services. Bid specifications can be obtained from the District's website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org. Bids will be received until 2:30 PM, February 28, 2023 in the District Office at which time they will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

HOOSICK FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL Notice of Public Hearing

The Hoosick Falls Central School District will hold a public meeting to provide an update on the implementation of the programs funded with Stimulus Funds on January 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Kathleen Patire, District Clerk
Hoosick Falls Central School

TOWN OF HOOSICK 80 Church Street

Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Please take notice that pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items.

WINTER SAND

Bids can be submitted at the Clerk's Office at 80 Church St. Hoosick Falls, New York until 3 P.M. February 10, 2023. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 80 Church Street Hoosick Falls on February 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope at the above address and shall have thereof the name and address of the holder on the outside.

The item to be bid on will comply with all general specifications. Detailed specifications are available to any interested bidder at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

Bidders must list any deviations from minimum specifications and must list a delivery date, as it may be a factor in awarding the bid. All bids must have the NONCOLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE enclosed in the same envelope.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Supt. of Highways, with Town Board approval, to the lowest responsible bidder. In case where two or more responsible bidders submit identical as to price, the Supt. of Highways may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Supt. of Highways may reject all bids and may re-advertise for new bids at his discretion.

Dated: January 13, 2023 Paul G. Hoag
Supt. of Highways

Prime Refinishing LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/5/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Longview Ave West Sand Lake NY 12196. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice Town of Grafton

Town Board Meeting Schedule for 2023

All Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise stated.

January 9, 2023
February 13, 2023
March 13, 2023
April 10, 2023
May 8, 2023
June 12, 2023
July 10, 2023
August 14, 2023
September 11, 2023
October 11, 2023 (Wednesday)
November 13, 2023
December 11, 2023
Year End Meeting - To Be Determined

Workshop/Special Meetings will be scheduled and announced as needed.

All Meetings will be held at the Grafton Town Hall, located at 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton, NY, 12082 at 7:00PM.

Victoria Burdick, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is **GRABERT, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 11, 2023.

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Rensselaer County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 995 NY Route 43, Stephentown, N.Y. 12168.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.

Dated: January 11, 2023
FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C. 441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York 12534

HW Trucking Services LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Department of State on January 6, 2023. Office location: Rensselaer County. Principal business location: 9 St. Lukes Ave., Troy, NY 12180. The Secretary of State is designated the LLC's agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail a copy of such process to: 9 St. Lukes Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of an LLC RWT Legacy, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 17, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Priscilla Smith, 256 Menemsha Lane, Wynantskill, NY 12198. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

Notice of Formation of an LLC Heirloom Lactation, LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 23, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Cara Banks, 96 Turner Hill Rd, Averill Park, NY 12018. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Hush Fin Games LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 400 Mcchesney Ave Ext Apt 19-10 Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **HOOSICK SELF STORAGE LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 28, 2022. Office location: RENSSELAER COUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 515 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **Moose on the Loose Food Truck LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/7/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 147 2nd Dyke Rd., Averill Park, NY 12018. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation domestic of **BIG LAND MANAGEMENT LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on December 20, 2022 office location: Rensselaer County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her to Fabian M. Kendrick, 9 Green Avenue, Castleton NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **385 BROADWAY HOSPITALITY, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **504 BROADWAY HOLDINGS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of **CAC336 LLC**, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail a copy of process against LLC to The LLC, 41 Curtis Drive, Castleton, New York 12033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Flipping518, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/24/2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC, 127 Gillette Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation, **DRAKE CONSULTING-ADULT HEALTH-NP, PLLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on December 30th, 2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the process to the PLLC, 106 Mosher Road Sand Lake NY 12153. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Rensselaer County News

Tops Launches Annual Check Out Hunger Campaign

Submitted by Tops Friendly Markets

Tops Friendly Markets is excited to kick off this year's Check Out Hunger campaign which will run in all of its stores now through Saturday, February 4.

The annual campaign has helped raise over \$5,140,377 for participating food banks since 2006.

The US Department of Agriculture estimates that more than 34 million people are food insecure, nine million of which are children. With the community's support, however, we can make a difference. When shopping at Tops simply tell your cashier you'd like to help Tops Check Out Hunger and a donation of \$2, \$3, or \$5 will help provide food for your local food bank.

To learn more about Tops Friendly Markets and its charitable programs, please visit topsmarkets.com/Community/Living_Here_Giving_Here/.

Hudson Mohawk AHEC Scholarship Opportunity

Submitted by Hudson Mohawk AHEC

Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center (Hudson Mohawk AHEC) will be awarding ten scholarships of \$500 each to individuals who will be entering an approved healthcare related certificate or degree program at a local community college, university, or training entity within New York State. Applicants must reside within the Hudson Mohawk AHEC service region, which includes Rensselaer County.

For more information, visit the Hudson Mohawk AHEC website at www.hmahec.org, or email admin@hmahec.org. Applications are due no later than Monday, March 17. Awards will be made in May 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICES

HJL PROPERTIES, LLC. Filed 11/18/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: P.O. Box 246, Berlin, NY 12022. Purpose: General.

CRISP RESIDENTIAL SERVICES LLC. Filed 11/10/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 17 102nd St Fl 2, Troy, NY 12180. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

The Parker House Troy LLC. Filed 11/23/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Mark King, 466 Pawling Ave, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

THE PREVENTORS LLC. Filed 8/23/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Arthur Taylor, 1011 Washington Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

GREENWOOD REALTY GROUP OF NEW YORK, LLC. Filed 7/27/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Trevon Williams, 14 Arcadia Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

534 Second Troy, LLC. Filed 12/12/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 144 Fairview Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965. Purpose: General.

State of the County Address

Submitted by the Office of County Executive Steve McLaughlin

On Thursday, January 14, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin gave an energetic and optimistic State of the County address to the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, noting the County's success in reducing taxes, supporting job creation and investment, modernization of County facilities and services, and protection of quality of life.

McLaughlin said Rensselaer County is being recognized across the State for effective fiscal policies

that have lowered County property taxes by over 25 percent in the past five years, along with improving the scope of County facilities through the Reimagine Rensselaer plan.

The County is also nearing completion at the new Troy Senior Center, and is celebrating the opening of the new County Emergency Services Training Complex in North Greenbush.

Rensselaer County is also focusing on the extension of infrastructure to encourage growth and investment, as well as continuing to improve County roads and services provided by the Highway Department.

McLaughlin also discussed his recent diagnosis of prostate cancer and said he will be embarking on an aggressive treatment plan. The 59-year-old urged all residents to get checked out, as early detection for serious illness is key. After he beats the illness, McLaughlin said he looks forward to the work and the opportunities ahead.

Annual Mitten Tree

Submitted by CCE

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County will be collecting new, unused mittens, scarves, gloves, coats, hats, etc. for our annual mitten tree at our office located at 99 Troy Rd, East Greenbush, from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The weather is getting colder, and we want to support members of our community by providing cold weather gear to those in need. Additionally, items from the mitten tree are currently available for anyone in need. For more information about this and other programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, please call 518-272-4210.

Student Honors

Southern New Hampshire University

Fall 2022 President's List

Aaron Styczynski of Averill Park
Katie Shannon of Eagle Bridge
Kayla Snow of Hoosick Falls
Kelly McGivern of Stephentown

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Bethany Olsen of Poestenkill
Chloe Hanks of Cambridge

Clarkson University

Fall 2022 Presidential Scholars

Logan Becker Bielawski of Averill Park
Dean Richard Buttaci of Averill Park
Thomas Gregory Field of Valley Falls
Joseph R. LaPell of East Nassau
Ruth Elizabeth Nolan of Cambridge
Rebekah Ann Schaumann of East Nassau

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Rochelle C Daniels of Cambridge
Madelynn Amanda Murray of Poestenkill
Rebekah Ann Schaumann of East Nassau
Laura Alexis Wing of Averill Park

SUNY New Paltz

Fall 2022 Dean's List

Lillian Bursey of Averill Park
Molly Cardamone of Averill Park
Stasia Epler of Cambridge
Bridget Hermann of Berlin
Victorianna Rosenburg of Averill Park

Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

Submitted by the NYSDEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced the start of the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery annual spring seedling sale, which is open to the public and runs until May 12. DEC's tree nursery grows more than 50 conifer and hardwood species from local seed sources, creating seedlings that are well-suited to our State's climate. They are available in bundles of 25 or more, plus there are several mixed species packets for those looking for a variety. Seedlings are a minimum of five feet tall and are one to three years old, depending on the species. For more information, including how to order, visit the Spring Seedling Sale webpage on DEC's website.

Applications are now being accepted for the nursery's School Seedling Program. From now until March 31, schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive up to 50 free tree or shrub seedlings to plant with their students. All schools, homeschool groups, and any youth education-based organization may apply, provided trees are planted within New York State. For more information, or assistance, visit nysnursery@dec.ny.gov or call 518-581-1439.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Upstate Properties MS LLC. Filed 12/5/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 4403 15th Ave Ste261, Bklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: General.

CAD 1302 LLC. Filed 11/29/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3101 Stonegate Dr, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

Willutt 151, LLC. Filed 9/9/21. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Trevon Williams, 14 Arcadia Ave, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

GOYER FAMILY FARM, LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Goyer Family Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/22/2022. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to: Goyer Family Farm, LLC, c/o Tammy L. Teal 736 Blue Factory Hill Road, Averill Park, New York 12018. Purpose: for all legal purposes.

Community Calendar

January 20, Friday

Strength & Agility Workshop for Older Adults, 10 – 11 am, free, Sky High Community Center, 27 Lake Ave, Averill Park, <https://shaccenter.org/programs>

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

January 21, Saturday

Defensive Driving Course, 9 am, \$30/\$35, Valley Falls Free Library, 42 State St, 6-hour point & insurance reduction, prepay by 1/13, questions: mbdrivingclass@outlook.com or 518-258-3893

Albany Pro Musica High School Choral Festival Concert, 4:30 pm, University at Albany, albanypromusica.org/education/high_school_festival

Winterfest, 11:30 am – 3 pm, free, Grafton Lakes State Park, polar plunge registration: Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648 or call park at 518-279-1155

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January 21, Saturday ... Continued

Mindful Nature Walk, 1 – 3 pm, free, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, preregistration required 24 hours in advance: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

Toss the Feathers concert, doors 6:30, \$5/minors free, PVMCC, 71 Main St, Petersburg, traditional Irish music & historical program related to Upper Hudson Valley, community potluck, raffle, refreshments, 21+ BYOB

January 22, Sunday

Book Bound: A Journal Making Workshop, 10 am – 1 pm, \$55, 14+, Stephentown Town Hall, Grange Hall Rd, Stephentown Art Guild hosts Michael Vincent Busy, artisan & educator, registration required by 1/14

January 24, Tuesday

Catholic Charities CC Move Food Giveaway, 9:30 am, volunteers start at 8:15 am, Lansingburgh Boys and girls Club, 501 4th Ave, Troy

January 27, Friday

Beginners' Snowshoe Hike, 4:30 pm, \$3 (includes snowshoe rental), Grafton Lakes State Park

Last week's puzzle solutions:

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January 28, Saturday

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

Cornhole Tournament, 11 am, \$60/\$30, students \$20/\$10, spectators \$5/family \$15, New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School gym, benefits New Lebanon Travel Club, non-cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place

Wild Hudson Valley Winter Walk, 11 am – 12:30 pm, \$20, Poestenkill Community Forest, 200 Legenbauer Rd, Averill Park, ethnobiologist Justin Wexler to lead & teach about local native people and their relationship with the environment, registration required: Rensselaerplateau.org

Snowshoe Hike, 1 – 2:30 pm, free, Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, all ages/levels, preregistration required 24 hours in advance: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

January 31, Tuesday

Nature Book Club: All Things Bright and Beautiful, 7 pm via Zoom, info/register: rensselaerplateau.org

February 1, Wednesday

Storm of the Century, 7 – 8 pm, free, Rail to River Brewing Co, 109 Main St, Ravena, GLSP educator presents on Superstorm of '93, \$1 per beer donated to GLSP

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Crossword Theme: The Grammys

ACROSS

- Spencer of Hollywood's Golden Age
- Eyeball, e.g.
- "Tosca" song, e.g.
- Theater passage
- Bovine call
- "___ came a spider..."
- *Univision's Grammy Awards
- Barley bristle
- Turning token taker
- *President with a Grammy
- Diabolical
- Sold at the pump
- Russian monarch
- Back of a boat
- "Shallow," 2018 recipient from "A ___ Is Born" movie
- *Camila Cabello and Ed Sheeran's nominated song
- College dwelling
- Footnote note
- Shade of violet
- Huron's neighbor
- Head of the abbey
- Done in a pot
- City in Bolivia
- Not manual
- Mend, healthwise
- Eye cover
- Egghead
- Four quarters
- Dog in yoga
- Triple ___
- *___ .com Arena
- *"Vegas" and "Woman" nominee (2 words)
- Unit of electrical energy
- Hoover's agency, acr.
- Discompose
- Shade of yellow
- I in T.G.I.F.
- Small, olive-gray bird
- "Cheers" regular
- Inquire
- Open up

DOWN

- Bath powder
- Iranian coin
- ___ Spumante
- Be needy
- Gossipy ones
- Arabian Peninsula country
- Column's counterpart
- Holiday surprise for employee
- Palo ___, CA
- Agitate
- Inwardly
- *1970 two-time winner "The ___ of Aquarius"
- Hindu retreat
- Ancient Rome's neighbor
- Nail a criminal
- Popular newspaper name
- *"30" performer
- Pillage
- Beef ___, dim sum choice
- *"Don't Shut Me Down" group
- Alan Alda's classic TV show
- Type of hawk
- Type of flu
- Multi-colored dog coat
- One of three square ones
- Shower with affection
- Human trunk
- Sliding fastener
- Part of "i"
- Past-life experience? (2 words)
- Capital of Bulgaria
- Airbnb option
- Chanel of fashion
- German industrial valley
- Big Bang's original matter
- Disc, alt. sp.
- Popular dieter's foe
- Between ports
- Chris Hemsworth's superhero
- *Award-winning Bon Jovi's lead singer
- *Coldplay's collaborators

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Obituary

Anne M. Maxon

Berlin – Anne M. (Littlefield) Maxon, 73, Berlin Town Clerk, died Tuesday evening, January 10, 2023 at The Center for Living & Rehabilitation in Bennington, VT after a brief illness. She was born in Bennington, VT on December 22, 1949, the daughter of the late Willard and Dorothy Heaney Littlefield.

Anne was a lifelong resident of Berlin. She graduated from Berlin Central School in 1968. She was employed at the Berlin Cash Market and also was a babysitter while raising her two sons.

She began her career at the Taconic Valley Bank in Berlin which later became Norstar Bank, and the Bank of America as a teller and eventually became the branch manager after over 30 years of service to the Berlin community.

Anne continued her service to her community serving as the Berlin Town Clerk for over 40 years, a position she was currently active in.

She was a member of the New York State Town Clerk's Association, Berlin Fourth of July Parade Committee, and chairman of the Berlin Democratic Committee.

Anne loved spending time with her family and grandkids. She enjoyed stock car racing along with her late companion, Bud Hall.

She was the loving companion of 30 years of the late Allison J. "Bud" Hall, Sr. who died May 28, 2022; devoted mother of Christopher G. (Cindy) Maxon of Hoosick, and Matthew S. (JoAnna) Maxon of Berlin; adored grandmother of Kaitlyn, Ryan, Jacob, Colin, and Benjamin Maxon; step-mother of Allison "Butch" Hall, Jr. of Ghent, Mark (Marianne) Hall of Berlin, Terry (Barbara) Hall of Berlin, Jennifer (Derek) Hall of Baird, TX, and the late Jody Hall; sister of Cathy Coughlin of Rotterdam and the late Mary Mastropole. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 16 at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY Route 43, Stephentown, with Diane Mosher officiating. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Stephentown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the Taconic Valley Ambulance, PO Box 307, Berlin, NY 12022.

Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Senior News

Lebanon Valley Seniors

January and February we will only meet on the third Friday at the LVPA firehouse. If New Lebanon CSD cancels school, we cancel our meeting. New members are always welcomed. We will be having a chili cook-off at our January meeting and February's meeting is soup and sandwiches. March 3 Linda Shear from the Department of the Aging for Columbia County will be our guest speaker. March 17 is our St. Patrick's day lunch at Jimmy D's. For more information, including information on membership and paying dues, call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email 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, Wednesdays, and Fridays the center will be open from 9 am to noon, with a 10 am Chair Yoga class.

January 24, join in a fun game of Dominoes following lunch. January 26 is bring a friend ice cream social day, with lunch at noon followed by ice cream. February 2 will be craft time following lunch. The next senior meeting is February 7.

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

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 congregational lunch served at noon each day for a suggested donation of \$3. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Monday card group meets from 10 am to noon, then open card playing following lunch. Most Wednesdays we have Senior Games at 12:30 pm and Senior Exercise group at 1:30 pm. Fridays there is bingo following lunch unless there is a special event, in which case bingo will be from 10 am to noon on Thursday. The gym and library are open daily.

January 25 is bring a friend root beer float day. January 31 Legal Aid assistance will be at the Center. This is a free service. Call to make an appointment. 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.

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

Jan. 20: Sliced ham cold plate, potato salad, cottage cheese w/pineapple, rye bread, fruit cup, + sandwich bag

Jan. 23: Prime rib burger w/French onion gravy, Italian roasted red potatoes, sliced carrots, white bread, granola bar

Jan. 24: Chicken patty w/white country gravy, buttery mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, biscuit, strawberry pineapple cup

Jan. 25: L/s hot dog, seasoned sauerkraut, baked beans, long roll, yogurt

Jan. 26: BBQ glaze meatballs, parmesan sweet potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, cookie

Jan. 27: Fresh pork loin w/gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, peas and onions, dinner roll, cinnamon applesauce, + sandwich bag

Jan. 30: Ravioli w/meat sauce, cut green beans w/almond slices, steamed broccoli florets, fresh fruit

Jan. 31: Chef's choice

Church News

Gilead Body and Soul Pantry

Gilead's Body and Soul pantry hours are from 3 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of the month, in the Fellowship Hall of Gilead Lutheran Church, at the intersection of Routes 7 and 278 in Brunswick. This month's dinner will be ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, and dessert. As of this writing, we are able to seat people for our meal, and of course we are still doing take-outs. The building is handicapped accessible.

For weather-related questions, please call Lisa at 518-279-3576.

Immaculate Conception Parish

The Immaculate Conception Parish in Hoosick Falls offers faith formation for all ages. For school-aged children, faith stories are explored in a hands-on way, using building blocks. The next gathering session for 2023 is January 29, from 11 am to 12:15 pm, in the St. Joseph's room of the church hall. There is also a home study program available.

Adult faith formation is offered as well. Topics change every four to five weeks. Gather weekly with others who are studying the same material. You will share the fruits of your personal study, and in the process, discover new insights.

A brief video lecture will help to develop and clarify the themes of the lesson. Participants may attend in person at the rectory on Main St. in Hoosick Falls or attend using Zoom. For more information, please visit our website at <https://icchoosickfalls.com> or call 518-686-5064.

Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 22 Bridge St., is open from 9 am to noon every Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month, closed on major holidays. We have a great selection of seasonal clothing, jewelry, shoes, boots, purses, linens, toys, puzzles, games, decorative items, and more. Our well-organized book room has over 1,000 books.

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church

On Thursday, February 9, from 10 am to 12:15 pm, at the Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Rd, the Tri-State Northeast Community Bible Study (CBS) is having a Visitor's Day. The class also offers Zoom options at the same time. CBS offers the opportunity to study the Bible in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. Classes meet weekly at 10:15 am during the

school year, online and in person. There are currently openings in both men's and women's groups and the preschool class. To learn more about the Tri-State Northeast Class, visit the local website at tristatenortheast.cbsschool.org or the national website at communitybiblestudy.org. Any questions relating to Visitor's Day or how to get a Zoom link to visit the online group should be directed to Cheryl Workman at 774-230-1183 or CherylMA@gmail.com.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Winter Cut Flower Series

Submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Regional Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program (CAAHP) are pleased to present the 2023 Winter Cut Flower Webinar Series, online via Zoom on Tuesdays through February 14. For residents of the CAAHP area: Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Washington Counties, the cost is \$15 per session. For residents of all other areas, \$20 per session.

Session 3 - Tuesday, January 24, 2 pm - USDA-NRCS High Tunnel Initiative, 2:45 pm - Choosing the Right Cut Flowers for Your Farm

Session 4 - Tuesday, January 31, 1 pm - Tarping and Soil Health, 2 pm - Tunnels Low to High: Maximizing Season Extension for Cut Flowers

For more information, or to register, visit <https://caahp.cceext.net/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=166>, call 518-765-3518, or email cce-caahp@cornell.edu.

Forest Bagel?



No, this is not a forest bagel. It is a Pear-shaped Puffball (*Apioperdon pyriforme*), a fungus that grows on stumps and emerges in the fall. When young, the spore mass is solid and white, and said to be a choice edible. When older, the spores are powdery, dark, and expelled through the top hole with a gentle touch. This puffball was larger than a golf ball, and somewhat unusual to see in mid-January. Photo taken by Trix Niernberger in the Petersburg woods on Sunday, January 15.

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The Life of George Holcomb

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

Marketing Potatoes to New York City

Tuesday, August 9, 1853: I and Patrick dug potatoes, Louisa Merrils came a spell this morning and picked up potatoes but would not mind and pick up the small ones and I dismissed her. Today Geo P. took John F. horse and carried John F. to Canaan Depot to take the cars for New York to see what the market was for new potatoes and Geo P. returned from Canaan to New Lebanon Shakers and bargained with the North Family to buy their nursery grafted fruit at ten dollars per hundred and they help him take said trees up next April. Wednesday: We hayed it on the hill, and towards night we plowed on my potato ground where we dug off the potatoes. Thursday: I and Patrick this forenoon plowed and bushed the potato ground for turnips and I this afternoon sowed the turnips. This evening nearly midnight John F. returned from New York and tonight cousin Eliah Holcomb returned and stayed with us, he has been a few days selling his books. Today an uncommon hot day. Friday: I am lame, I only helped John F. draw a load of oats from above the orchard. Sunday: My wife and Charlotte E. and Geo P.'s wife went to the Chapel to

meeting, a severe hard thunder shower this afternoon and my wife had stopped to brother Simeon Wylie's to tend a meeting at the lecture room, I went with my horse and wagon and fetched her home, the meeting prevented on account of the shower. Tuesday: This morning early I rode to Lebanon Springs and put a letter into the office for John F. to New York City to an agent to assist him in marketing new potatoes, and I sold one bushel new potatoes to Doctor Campbell wife 50 cts. Tonight cousin Eliah Holcomb returned going from selling his books. Wednesday: This morning Geo P. came and helped me put a load of oats into the barn that the wagon turned over near the barn as John F. was going in last night, and then began to rain and it was quite a rainy day. This morning at three o'clock John F. started for Canaan four corners with 108 bushels new potatoes and put them on the railroad for New York market. Thursday: I went with my horse and wagon to Hancock village, I carried Mr. Mason four bushel new potatoes at 25 cts and I carried two bushels oats to the Union store at 50 cts per and traded.

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