

STEPHENTOWN

Early Morning Dam Break Causes Road Closure

Courtesy of the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department



The aftermath of a flood caused by a dam break in the area of Garfield Rd on the morning of July 24th. Photo courtesy of the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Dept.



Water from a broken dam rushing across Garfield Rd on the morning of July 24th. Photo courtesy of the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department.

At 5:48 am on the morning of July 24th, the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department (SVFED) was paged out for a service call for a flooded roadway in the area of 1315 Garfield Rd. Car 1 was on scene to find that a large barrage of water was coming down off the adjacent hill and running directly into the residence owned by Fire Police Lt. Ian Lanier. A beaver dam had become unstable at the edge of an approximately 44 acre pond above the residence and ultimately gave way from the pressure. Garfield Rd was

closed between Joe Ward Rd and Gentile Rd. Car 1 and a Rensselaer County Highway Superintendent gained access to the pond area and found the source and the breach in the dam. Garfield Rd sustained damage from the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water that made its way down the hill and ultimately into the Kinderhook Creek. The SVFD would like to thank the members of the Rensselaer County Highway Department for working to get the roadway reopened as soon as they can. Additional thanks goes out

to NYS DEC and members of the Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety for their assistance throughout the afternoon.

At the time of this writing the road remains closed while the flooding resides, and crews work to repair road shoulders, clean up debris, and repave the road. No injuries were reported due to the flooding. Both Rensselaer County and the SVFD are posting updates as more information becomes available.

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BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Local Teacher Selected to Attend Solve for Tomorrow Teacher Academy

Submitted by BCS Communications



2023 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Teacher
Berlin High School Technology Teacher
Ms. Dawn Wetmore

Congratulations to Berlin Middle/High School Technology teacher Ms. Dawn Wetmore who has been selected to attend the 2023 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Teacher Academy in Denver, Colorado. The week-long program is designed to empower educators to inspire their students and tackle real world problems, while exploring new

ways of using science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and problem-based learning. Teachers from across the country will gather in person for an immersive professional development experience building on Solve for Tomorrow's focus on STEM, problem-based learning, and various environmental issues.

Berlin Middle/High School Technology teacher Ms. Dawn Wetmore, who was selected to attend the 2023 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Teacher Academy. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

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PETERSBURGH

Town Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The July 17th meeting of the Petersburg town board had various topics to discuss, from purchasing a new highway truck to bridge capstones. After approval of the June 19th minutes, the building department reported a new high of six permits in the town for the month. Councilman Heinz Noeding described this as increased activity in town.

The Highway Department reported that they have been cleaning out shoulders and culverts after the numerous storms in the area. A quote for a channel on Canfield Road was reviewed. While the price of \$46,000 for the culvert seemed expensive, it is the most efficient way to fix the problem. The town will be investigating how to begin this process. Purchasing an excavator was discussed, but the hope is to get this through a state contract, however, with price changes, the board is looking at other ways to move forward with this purchase.

The building facilities manager reported that the town hall painting and repair had been scheduled. The cleaning of the town hall basement has been ongoing, and NYSEG will be working with Bradley Electric to replace the main cable at the library.

Parks and Rec. reported some vandalism in the park and is asking the community to keep their eyes open and report any incidents. They asked the board to use some funds to purchase more equipment potentially and would like to request that during the next round of blacktopping near the park, a handicap ramp be placed near the picnic tables.

The town will be examining to see if there is a water leak near the bridge construction project. They plan on doing a valve shut-off to check the equipment as a precautionary measure.

The town board approved purchasing a highway truck through a state contract. The funds will come from various ARPA, chips, and reserve funds. A resolution to approve \$259,000 for the International brand truck passed, and the truck should be delivered within the next two years.

Some of the bridge capstones have been received, and at the next board meeting, the Supervisor hopes to discuss what to do with them. Regretfully, only a few could be saved, but the town would like to use them.

The vents at the entranceway will be repaired at the water tower through the ARPA

funds approved through a resolution. The town's wireless tower local law was discussed. Impending government modifications about potential processes for approving future cell towers' structure and alterations were discussed. More discussion will be happening at future meetings.

The library is having a fundraiser selling hoodies and t-shirts for \$18. You can come to the library to try them on and double-check the sizing. This fundraiser will help with many of the children's programs.

Councilman Noeding reminded residents to be mindful of bears in the area and that there might be more traps in the area right now. He also mentioned that there is a movement to revive the Little Hoosic River Valley Association in the area. There will be a meeting on August 15th, at 7 pm, at the Berlin Firehouse for anyone who is interested.

STEPHENTOWN

Fire Department Donates Bike Helmets



Photo courtesy of Rachel Turetsky.

Each summer since the mid-1990s the Stephentown Fire Department has focused on youth safety and spread the word through demonstrations, activities, and giveaways.

This summer the volunteers' theme for the youth of the community is bike safety.

On July 20th, Fire Department volunteers surprised Stephentown's Youth Summer Camp with a donation of brand new bicycle helmets.

Volunteers Diana Clark, Henry Zwack, Frank J. Zwack, Fire Chief Dave Corlew, Rik McClave, and Jennifer Peabody passed out 41 helmets to the campers and youth camp counselors, many of which were Berlin CSD Mountaineers.

Stephentown Youth Camp Director Ms. Jessica Rontey expressed the Stephentown Youth Committee's gratitude for the helmets, and also for bike safety activity books for the campers.

The Stephentown Fire Department thanked Rensselaer County and County Executive Steve McLaughlin for

contributing to the Department's bike helmet giveaway.

The United States Department of Transportation's bike safety tips are here: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>.

Wishing all a safe summer and if you have a moment, thank a volunteer first responder—they do so much every day to keep our communities safe.

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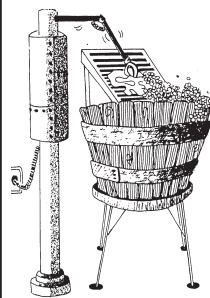
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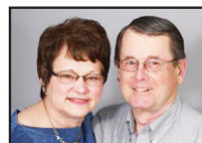
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Art Guild Hosts Acrylic Workshop

Stephentown Art Guild has partnered with Woodlife Farm Market in New Lebanon to host an outdoor acrylic workshop taught by Stephentown artist Mark LaRiviere. Participants will join Mark on the bucolic trails of Woodlife Farm Market, 36 Old Route 20, New Lebanon, for a three hour workshop painting acrylic landscapes. The workshop will take place on **Saturday, August 5th, from 9 am to noon**. Each participant will receive an acrylic paint set, brush set, and canvas pad to keep. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a camp chair and easel if they have one. If they don't, the art guild will supply them. The cost to participate is \$80. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/SAGacrylic, or call Braveheart Books & Bazaar at 518-733-6856.

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Upcoming Veterans Organization Lecture

On **Wednesday, August 2nd, at 6:30 pm**, at the Stephentown Fire Hall, 35 Grange Hall Road, the Veterans of Stephentown present: **“From the Gates of Hell to Home; Evacuation of the Wounded”** with speaker Lt. Col. Diana Clark (Ret). Diana was commissioned as an officer in the Army Reserve in 1988, as an ICU Field Nurse providing medical support for the Cadets and Military staff at West Point. After completing eight years in the Army Reserve Diana transferred to the Air Force Reserve as a Flight Nurse/Medical Crew Director. In 2004 she was deployed to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Qatar. This Wing is the largest and most diverse expeditionary wing in the United States Air Force and provided mission, operational, and medical support for Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. Diana was part of an intense effort to provide medical support for US and coalition forces in the region. She completed 16 combat air evacuation missions during the period of intense fighting at Fallujah and Mosul, and earned the prestigious Air Medal, which is awarded for single acts of heroism and/or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. She later served in the Washington DC area coordinating air evacuation support.

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Town Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The July 17th Stephentown board meeting was brief but initiated one of the first infrastructure projects in the town in a while. After approving the minutes and paying the bills, the transfer station reported a deposit of \$6,723, which was about the same as last year. New permits need to be renewed in August with a slight price increase. The board approved resolution 41, which increased residential permit fees to \$50 and professional occupation permits to \$60. Senior (65+) will not be increased and will remain at \$10. The board felt that seniors had a price increase approximately three years ago, so they thought it was appropriate to leave the price the same for now. There might be other price increases at the transfer station later on, but the hope is to provide some funds for the station. The library reported that the summer camp is going very well. The most recent teen night, Water Games, occurred on July 21st. On July 29th, there will be a beekeeping presentation, and a new members welcome reception has been scheduled for August 6th from 11 am to 1 pm. The fire department reported that they are planning some volunteer outreach events. More information will be provided at upcoming town board meetings. The hope is to get some new members in the process. After receiving plans and specifications from Foit-Albert Associates, the town will solicit bids for rehabilitating the Madden Road bridge over the East Brook. The New York State Department of Transportation had flagged the bridge due to the deterioration of the superstructure. The town plans to use ARPA funds to cover some of the costs. All bids are due to the Superintendent of Highways by August 10th at 10 am. The town board will hold a special meeting on August 14th to select the proposal for the project. The next town board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21st, at 7 pm, at the Town Hall on Grange Hall Road.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Summer Photography Meet-Ups

Do you take pictures with your Smartphone or digital camera? Are you the family photographer? Maybe you wish you had a little bit more knowledge on what makes a picture pop? Come to Berlin Free Town Library, 47 S. Main St, on Thursdays, from 5:30 to 7 pm, and Alice Walsh will offer tips on how to take and frame a great picture. These free, informal sessions will allow you to socialize with others who are interested in photography. Topics are designed to be informative and fun for ages 8 and up, and include: August 10th - Portraits of Pets and People, August 17th - Storytelling through Photography, August 24th - Name that Topic—Open Discussion of What Interests You. There will be a party and contest at the end of summer. Contact berlinlibraryphotos@gmail.com to register or ask questions. Walk-ins are invited. Changes, if any, will be posted to our Facebook page and website.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Mahjong
Thursdays at 4 pm • Players of all abilities are welcome.
Story Time
Wednesdays at 10 am

New Residents Welcome Reception
Join us on **Sunday, August 6th, from 11 am to 1 pm** for a bagel brunch at the Stephentown Memorial Library. During this casual welcome reception you can learn about local resources, tour the library, and make some new friends, while enjoying breakfast and beverages. If you like, bring one cup of your favorite fruit to add to a large community fruit salad for all to enjoy. Birds of Prey from Robinson’s Wildlife Lectures will follow the reception at 1 pm under the tent on the library lawn. Don’t miss the chance to see raptors and other amazing birds in this live demonstration which is free to adults and children alike. Last year’s new resident event was a great success. Let’s keep the momentum going. If you have a new neighbor, or know of a new family in town, please spread the word. For more information, please visit Stephentownlibrary.org or call 518-733-5750.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, July 28th, from 1 to 3 pm, please join us for the Doctor Dolittle's World event at the Grafton Village Green. In the event of rain, the program will be held in the Roxborough Holdings building, formerly the Grafton Elementary School, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. This is jointly sponsored by the Petersburg Public Library, the Grafton Community Library, and the Town of Grafton Youth Department. Open to all ages. On Wednesday, August 2nd, at 3 pm, we welcome Logan S. Kline to the library. Mr. Kline is author and illustrator of the award-winning picture book *Finding Fire*, and we welcome him to read his book and present the artwork along with an exciting craft for the children to make self-illuminating torches, minus any real fire of course. As a fundraiser, the library is selling t-shirts for \$18 and hoodies for \$39, with the beautiful Town of Petersburg logo. Please stop by to purchase or place an order for them, and thank you for your support. Storytime will meet Tuesday morning, August 1st, at 10:30 am. The library board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1st, at 7 pm.

STEPHENTOWN

Fire Department Car Show

The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department Car Show is happening **Saturday, August 19th, from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Stephentown Fire Hall, 35 Grange Hall Road. There will be antique autos, tractors, and fire trucks, along with classic cars and hot rods. We’ll have food, vendors, and raffles. The entry fee for vehicles is \$15. Door prizes and trophies will be awarded. Vendors are also welcome; tables are available for \$20. Walk-ins and spectators enter for free, but a donation is suggested. Interested in reserving a vendor table at the car show? Please email stephentownfiredepartment@gmail.com. The rain date is Sunday, August 20th.



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Pinn and Stroud
Sentenced for Murder

Submitted by the Office of D.A. Mary Pat Donnelly

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly has announced that Nahsone Pinn, 23, of Troy, and Eric Stroud, Jr., 20, of Troy, were sentenced today on their April 12th jury conviction of the Murder of Zeondre Domingo, 23, of Troy. Zeondre Domingo was shot on August 17th, 2020 on 4th Street in Troy. Pinn and Stroud were each convicted of one count of Murder in the 2nd degree, a Class A Violent Felony, and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Violent Felony. Pinn and Stroud were each sentenced to 25 years to life for the Murder conviction, and 15 years with 3 years of post-release supervision for the Criminal Possession of a Weapon conviction.

GRAFTON

Run for the Roses 5K

Registration is now open for the USATF sanctioned 37th Annual Run for the Roses 5K Race on **Sunday, August 13th**, at Grafton Lakes State Park (GLSP). The event benefits Grafton Community Library, and includes a Kids' 1 Mile Fun Run. Register online at www.finishright.com or download an application from www.graftoncommunitylibrary.org. The race course and more information is posted on the Grafton Library website. The 5K starts at 9 am, with an early entry fee of \$25. Day of race registration is \$30. The Fun Run starts at 10 am, with a \$10 entry fee. All registered 5K participants receive a tee-shirt, free book, and a rose. Fun Run registrants receive a tee-shirt, book, ribbon, and an ice cream certificate. Race applications are also available at the GLSP office (518-279-1155) and at the Grafton Community Library, 2455 NY Route 2 (518-279-0580).

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GRAFTON PEACE PAGODA

Hiroshima
Nagasaki Day

Saturday, August 5th, at 6:30 pm, there will be a walk from Grafton Town Square to the Grafton Peace Pagoda, 87 Crandall Road, Petersburg. After the 4.3 mile walk there will be an 8 pm program of peace in front of the pagoda. This is part of Hiroshima Nagasaki Day, and the 78th Commemoration ceremony remembering those lost to nuclear war.

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Summer Reading
Program

Submitted by BCS Communications

This Summer Berlin Central School District's (BCSD) Literacy Coach Mrs. Glickman is excited to announce the Berlin Elementary School (BES) Summer Reading Challenge: Read. And Read S'more and Then S'more. BCSD is also excited to announce a partnership with our district's local libraries' Summer Reading Programs. The library programs include special events and celebrations this summer. BES students' reading minutes will count toward the libraries' programs as well. Visit your town library's website, where you can find out more information. Reading and writing are two life skills that are essential to the academic growth and success of every child. Don't let your child slide this summer. Find out more information about your Mountaineer's grade level reading challenge at berlincentral.org/2023/06/29/join-the-bes-summer-reading-challenge/. Local Library Websites:

Berlin Free Town Library:
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TROY

Drinking Water Safe
After Incident
Near Reservoir

Submitted by the Office of the Mayor

The City of Troy Department of Public Utilities (DPU) announced that Troy drinking water is safe and that all precautions were taken to protect public health after an incident in which a motor vehicle ended up in a tributary creek next to the Tomhannock Reservoir. At approximately 9:45 pm, on the night of July 24th, a single vehicular accident occurred where a car and its occupants ended up in a creek next to the Tomhannock Reservoir. Emergency personnel were able to quickly remove the vehicle from the creek water and the vehicle's occupants were accounted for. DPU immediately worked to reduce flow from the reservoir to the water plant. The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH) were contacted and an assessment determined that there is minimal threat of any contaminants getting into the drinking water supply lines. DPU is currently on-site with DEC following up with additional samples and reservoir inspections to ensure the continued safety and quality of drinking water, and will continue to test and make assessments. All precautions were and are being taken to protect public health, and DPU is confident that Troy drinking water is safe.

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Hart Cluett Museum Walking Tours

The Gilded Age in Troy

Wednesday, August 16th, from 8 to 9 am and Thursday, August 24th, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm Follow in the footsteps of the popular HBO series as we explore the many buildings and streets in the historic district that were used in filming seasons one and two of *The Gilded Age*. For more information, please visit www.hartcluett.org/events.

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

All Together Now Summer Reading Program Registration continues through mid-August. Participants can sign up in person at the library or create a READsquared account through our webpage.

Young Writers

Tuesdays and Fridays, at 9:30 am Books will be created from the stories and each participant will get a copy.

Gentle Yoga

First and third Mondays of the month, at 3:30 pm There is a fee of \$5 per person. Please register by the Friday before each class.

Adult Book Club

Third Monday of the month, at 10:30 am For more information, contact Jackie Marino at 518- 753-0442 or at jlmarino@icloud.com.

Monthly Bird Walk

Second Thursday of the month, at 9:30 am We meet at the library. If you have binoculars, please bring them. Dress accordingly for the weather.

Wonka’s “Wondershow” A World of Pure Imagination

Tuesday, August 1st, at 2:30 pm Join us at The Hoosic Valley Elementary School auditorium and meet the famously reclusive inventor of sweets. The program was created by David Engel, a family entertainer with over 25 years of experience performing across the US, Europe, and Asia. For more information, please visit www.davidengelshows.com.

Making Sculptures and Movement Games

Wednesday, August 2nd, at 9:30 am With Lili Loveday. Have fun making cool sculptures using special objects and plaster of Paris. This program is part of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program, All Together Now.

Live Action Role Play

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GRAFTON

Dr. Dolittle’s World

On Friday, July 28th, from 1 to 3 pm, in the Grafton Village Green, the Grafton Community Library, in partnership with the Petersburg Town Library, and the Town of Grafton Youth Program present: Dr. Dolittle’s World by David Engel. The renowned Dr. Dolittle helps us reconnect with what makes us all special by reminding us of our friends who live in prides, packs, swarms, schools, and flocks. This is for all ages. In the event of rain, this program will be held at Roxborough Holdings.



POESTENKILL LIBRARY

Storytime with Southpaw

Friday, July 28th, at 10:15 am

Harry Potter’s Birthday

Saturday, July 29th, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

GRAFTON

Wellness Wednesdays

Weekly wellness classes are being held on Wednesdays at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd. There will be meditation, yoga, breath work, and more. Please bring a yoga mat, towel, and water. The cost is \$12 per session.

BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Bridge Club

Mondays at 1 pm Must have basic knowledge of the game to join.

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GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Storytime and Music

Wednesdays at 10:30 am With Ms. Sarah and Ms. Mary.

Bouquet Workshop

Saturday, July 29th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm Learn the basics of creating a beautiful garden bouquet. Presented by Anna Schroeder of Schroeder Hillside Farm. \$10 fee is payable at registration. Preregistration required.

Molly Durnin Concert

Saturday, August 12th, from 6 to 8 pm Held at Roxborough Holdings on the lawn; will be in the auditorium if it rains. Food will be available for purchase.

Run for Roses 5K Run and Kids Fun Run

Sunday, August 13th, at 9 am At Grafton Lakes State Park. Register electronically by visiting www.finishright.com or www.graftoncommunitylibrary.com.

Zumba Gold

Mondays at 6 pm, beginning on September 11th Preregistration required. Held at Roxborough Holdings. Please email or call the library to preregister. Preregistration required. \$55 paid to the instructor.

For more information, or to register, email director@graftoncommunitylibrary.org, or call 518-279-0580.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Summer Concert Series

The Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series at Wood Park. All shows will be from **6 to 9 pm**.



The Bluz House Rockers, who will be performing at Wood Park on July 29th as part of the Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series. Photo courtesy of Kevin O'Malley.

The Bluz House Rockers

Saturday, July 29th

The Shannon Roy Band

Sunday, August 6th

The Downtown Horns

Saturday, August 19th

The West Side Drive Band

Saturday, August 26th

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For the latest updates, check our Facebook page: Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series.

Letter to the Editor

Written and Submitted by Joyce N. Davis

Dear Editor,

Goldie's Act (H.R. 1788) is a federal bill named in honor of Goldie, a Golden Retriever who suffered without adequate fresh food, water, or veterinary care in an Iowa puppy mill that was licensed and overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). She lived and died in a dirty cage, never having experienced human kindness. Though her death could have been prevented, the USDA, the agency required to enforce the federal law that protects animals in puppy mills, turned a blind eye, even after witnessing her suffering.

Please ask your Congressman to pass Goldie's Act (H.R. 1788), a bill that would require the USDA to uphold its duty to protect the thousands of dogs and puppies still living in cruel puppy mills. Let's make a positive difference to their lives.

The views and opinions expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect those of The Eastwick Press.

Defensive Driving Course

There will be a 6-hour defensive driving class on **August 19th, at 9 am**, at the North Hoosick Fire House, 22106 Rt. 22. Save 10% on liability and collision for the next 3 years. You do not need a license to take this course. Call Marla Nowak at 518 686-4854 to register.

HACA Back-2-School Boost Program

For the 18th year, backpacks are being filled with age-appropriate school supplies for students in grades Pre-K through 6. Requests for backpacks have been rolling in to the pantry as post COVID-19 and inflation are resulting in more people seeking assistance both for food at the pantry and other necessities for their children. Thanks to the generosity of caring people such as yourself, backpacks, paper, markers, pens, glue, tissue, rulers, pencils, pencil boxes, and many other items are being gathered and sorted by volunteers.

Summer is a difficult time for families with children when

school lunches are not available and school supplies need to be purchased. Increased numbers of visits to the food pantry are encouraged, and the backpacks certainly give the children something to be excited about.

We are grateful for your support of the HACA programs in the past, and hope you can help us once again to give help and hope in challenging times. A donation of \$30 provides a fully stocked, age-appropriate backpack. Please send donations to: HACA, PO Box #1, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. The hope mirrored in a young child's face speaks volumes of the new life made possible through a gift to HACA's Back 2 School Boost program.

BENNINGTON BATTLEFIELD

Drive-in Movie Screening

Friday, July 28th, from 8:30 to 10 pm

We will be screening a movie on the grounds of the Caretakers House, 30 Caretakers Road. The movie will be shown drive-in style outside. BYO snacks. PG, family friendly. Contact david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov for details. Free.

Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, July 30th, from noon to 1 pm

Take in the sights and smells of a soldier's camp meal. Program is canceled in the event of rain and will be held near the picnic area of the lower parking lot. Free.

"Voices of the Fallen"

Sat & Sun, August 5th & 6th, at 2:30 pm

At the Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site, Rt. 67. A theatrical and historical experience grounded in research. Some walking will be required for those wishing to attend. Tickets are \$15 and available by visiting <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=oldc>. For more information, please contact David Pitlyk at david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov or 518-860-9094.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

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Grades K-12 Tie Dye

Friday, July 28th, at 1 pm

All Together Now: Summer Reading. We will provide one t-shirt per participant. Feel free to bring any of your own items to dye. This is an outdoor program. Rain date will be Wednesday, August 2nd, at 2 pm.

Upper Hudson Library Expedition

Now through July 31st

Visit as many of our 36 unique libraries as you can in April, May, June, and July as part of the 2023 Upper Hudson

Library Expedition. To get your expedition started, pick up a map at any library.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Tuesday, August 1st, at 10 am

Bring your project to the library and hang out with other crafters. Share, create, and learn new skills.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, August 1st, at 10 am

Join us at the library for stories, rhymes, and fun! This program is geared toward pre-school children, but all ages are welcome. All participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Grades K-12

Baby Goats Hangout

Friday, August 4th, at 1 pm

All Together Now: Summer Reading. Join us at the library to hang out with baby goats. Caz Acres will be here to teach us all about goats.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Class of 1970 Picnic

Hoosick Falls Central School Class of 1970 will be holding a class picnic on **Saturday, August 5th from noon to 7 pm** at Grafton Lakes State Park. The Amphitheater Pavilion has been reserved for our gathering. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your own beverage, a dish to share, and a lawn chair. Please RSVP to Bonnie Wilson Devine at welchb2@verizon.net or Jean Davendonis Hagner at jeanhagn@msn.com by Friday, July 28th if you plan to attend so that we will have a head count.

Community Band Concerts

The 2023 concerts in Wood Park will be held **Wednesdays through August 23rd, from 7:30 to 9 pm**. Various groups offer hot dogs, lemonade, popcorn, and other favorites.

In the event of an all day rain, concerts are relocated to the skating rink on Griffin Avenue. The public is cordially invited to each concert of marches, pop tunes, and overtures. A chair or blanket should be brought for seating.

CAMBRIDGE

Historical Society Ice Cream Social

The members of the Cambridge Historical Society and Museum, 12 Broad St, are extending an invitation to their Ice Cream Social on **Saturday, August 5th, from 1 to 3 pm**, rain or shine. Live music and a short presentation on yesterday's soda fountains will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$10 per person, at the door, and seating is limited so don't delay. All funds raised go to the restoration and preservation of the Museum. A prize will be awarded for the most festively dressed period costume in attendance. You may also tour the Museum for free following the event.

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Community Film Night

Friday, July 21st, at 6:30 pm
Please visit the library website for the title.

Domino Run

Tuesday, July 25th, at 1:30 pm

Love Bug Clips

Thursday, July 27th, at 1:30 pm

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

Family Trivia Night

Friday, July 28th, at 6:30 pm
Challenge your knowledge with our Friends themed trivia night, with snacks.

Puzzlemania

Tuesday, August 1st
at 1:30 pm

Science of Collaboration

Thursday, August 4th, at 1:30 pm

Linda Worster Online

Friday, August 4th, at 6:30
Login details will be posted to the library website the afternoon of the concert.

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

by Denise Wright

While the July 19th meeting of the East Nassau Board of Trustees was lengthy, Mayor Jeff Root hoped to address several items to shorten agendas for future meetings.

Before the meeting, there was a public hearing on a minor 2-Lot Subdivision on Woodard Road. The 27.36 acres will be divided into a 23.65 parcel and a 3.71 acre. The SEQRA process and subdivision were approved.

Long-time village resident and zoning board member Gerald Tremblay was appointed as a new board member. Tremblay filled the board vacancy when Jeff Root became Mayor but had to resign from the zoning board.

Attorney Catalano reviewed a resolution for expanding residency requirements for appointed officials. The resolution was revised to allow designated employees to live within the county, but the board and committee members must be village residents. Since there has been an increase in speeding incidents, a resolution will be drawn up to lower village roads' speed limit to 25 mph. He is also attempting to attain a litigator to assist with some enforcement actions within the village and should have it finalized for the next meeting.

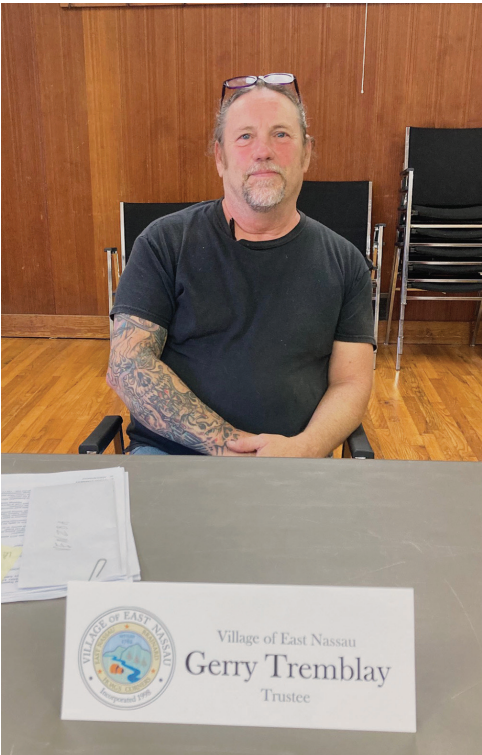
Department of Public Works Superintendent Doug Dobert reported that Chip sealing had been completed on Town Garage and Gardener Hill Roads. He wanted to thank Stephentown, Nassau, and Rensselaer County for assisting with the project. He is looking into getting a quote to repair Tsatsawassa Road.

The Climate Smart committee presented survey results for the Emergency Preparedness guide and were happy to report that the \$5,000 grant was received. The quote for the parks and gardens was reviewed and approved, which will use the grant money but also \$5000 from the village American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Another Repair Café will be at the Hoags Corners Volunteer Fire Company on September 23rd.

The village introduced Local Law No. 1 of 2023, which provides a real property tax exemption to qualifying firefighters and ambulance workers, to acknowledge the service that they provide for the village. To be eligible, individuals will need to have at least two years of service. A public hearing will be held on August 9th at 6:45 pm to discuss the issue.

Extended contracts will be put out to bid this year. The village will seek bids for maintenance and snow clearance for the 3.78 miles of village roads. The plan is to have all sealed bids due to the Town Clerk by 5 pm on August 31st. Submissions will be reviewed on September 6th at 7 pm, and then the bids will be awarded on September 13th at the next board of trustees meeting. Information will be placed on the village's website.

The next board meeting will be on August 9th at 7 pm.



Long time village resident and zoning board member Gerald Tremblay, who was appointed as a new board member at the July 19th meeting. Photo by Denise Wright.

Music in the Park Rescheduled: The New Lebanon Recreation Commission is pleased to present the Doug Banker Memorial Music In The Park Concert Series. The event will be held on **Sunday, August 6th, from noon to 4 pm**, at the Weisbuch Pavilion in Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Rd. There will be live music starting at noon, and there will be food and beverages for sale.

Think Global: Act Locally

“Think Global: Act Locally, Living As If All Life Mattered,” a free event to inform, educate, and promote a sustainable future, will take place **Sunday, August 6th, from noon to 5 pm**, at The Inn at Shaker Mill Falls, 40 Cherry Lane. The event is sponsored by the Center for Regenerative Ecological Education and Enterprise Development (CREEED), New Lebanon's Climate Smart Task Force, and Abode Farm CSA, and subject matter will include ecological and environmental initiatives in the Hudson Valley, permaculture explained, agraforest tour, and organic gardening composting demonstrations. Healthy light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to Michael or Chuck at contact@creeed.info.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

Submitted by the Rensselaer County Legislature

The next household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal event will be held **Saturday, July 29th**, at the Town of Schodack Highway Garage, 3776 U.S. Route 20, Nassau. Participating Municipalities for this event include the towns of Schodack, Nassau, North Greenbush, Sand Lake, Poestenkill, Bethlehem, and the cities of Troy and Rensselaer.

The disposal events are a free service available to residents of the participating municipalities only. Advanced registration is required. Residents who have not pre-registered will be unable to utilize the program. Residents must visit their participating municipality's website to register. Residents without access to the internet can contact their community's municipal liaison:

Towns of Schodack, Nassau, North Greenbush, Sand Lake, Poestenkill and the City of Rensselaer

Ann Shaughnessy, Director of Rensselaer County Environmental Management Council
Email: ashaughnessy@rensco.com
Phone: 518-270-2888

City of Troy

Naomi Pitkin, Recycling Specialist
Email: naomi.pitkin@troyny.gov
Phone: 518-279-7313

Town of Bethlehem

Dan Lilkas-Rain, Recycling Coordinator
Email: drain@townofbethlehem.org
Phone: 518-439-4955, ext. 1510

HHW events will NOT be collecting electronics, tires, or shredding. These items will be collected at separate events, where offered by specific municipalities. Business owners wanting to dispose of hazardous waste may set up an appointment in advance with the vendor.



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Preventing Rabies Infections in People and Pets

Submitted by the NYS DOH

The New York State Department of Health is urging New Yorkers to take precautions to prevent rabies infections in people and pets. Rabies is a deadly disease caused by the rabies virus. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be transmitted from infected mammals to humans and other mammals. If treatment is not provided promptly after exposure to the virus, it is almost always fatal once symptoms occur.

Rabies is most commonly seen in wild animals, such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, deer, ground-hogs, coyotes, and bats. However, any mammal can be infected, including household pets like dogs and cats, and other domestic animals such as horses and livestock. The virus is transmitted by infected animals through their saliva and can infect people and animals through a bite, or if the saliva gets into the eyes, nose, mouth, or a break in the skin.

People who are exposed to rabies should wash the bite or exposure area thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately. Treatment for rabies should be administered as soon as possible after exposure. Treatment includes a dose of human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) and four doses of rabies vaccine administered over a two-week period.

Exposure to a rabid animal does not always result in rabies. If treatment is initiated promptly following a rabies exposure, rabies can be prevented. If a rabies exposure is not treated and a person develops clinical signs of rabies, the disease almost always results in death.

Rabid animals have been found in all counties in New York. Last year, the Department's Wadsworth Center Rabies Laboratory tested 5,463 wild and domestic animals for rabies.

The NYS Department of Health recommends the following precautions to avoid the risk of rabies infection:

- Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray

- dogs, or feral cats.
- Report all animal bites or contact with wild animals to the local county health department. If possible, do not let any animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies.
- Be sure pet dogs, cats, and ferrets, as well as horses and other livestock animals are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccination protects pets if they are exposed to rabid animals.
- Pets too young to be vaccinated should only be allowed outside under direct observation.
- Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.
- Teach children not to touch any animal they do not know and to tell an adult immediately if they are bitten by any animal.
- Keep property free of stored bird seed or other foods to avoid attracting wild animals. Also, feed pets indoors and cap garbage cans.
- Cover any openings to the attic, basement, porch, or garage, and cap chimneys with screens.
- Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors who are outside if wild animals enter the property.
- Individuals who find animals living in or around parts of their home should consult a nuisance wildlife control expert about removing them.
- The local health department should be contacted if a bat is found inside the house. They will advise on what to do with the bat.
- Pet owners should contact the local health department or a veterinarian if their pet has been in a fight with another animal. A rabies booster vaccination may be needed.
- Individuals who are concerned about the potential exposure to rabies without an obvious bite, for example from a bat being in a room with an unattended child or someone with a mental impairment, should contact their county health department immediately to discuss the situation.

Letter to the Editor

Submitted by Jan Firszt

Brave Americans together are unstoppable. Our country is consumed in conversations about a former president, a president's son, and weekly shootings from across the country. The establishment is winning, focused solely on getting reelected. There is no discussion about an entire generation holding on for dear life. We are holding onto the vision of the America our grandparents nurtured, America is the greatest nation ever known. Contributing to civilization from a higher vantage point of freedom and human decency than ever realized in the history of the mankind. This higher purpose made us better, stronger, and the envy of the world. We are holding onto the mantra that right is right, no matter the cost. The rewards of self-respect and image are ample to justify the sacrifice. Holding onto our work ethic, showing up, effort in and time spent will provide for our families. Holding onto the realization that advances in medicine not only lengthens life and its quality, and is not just for the wealthy or the poor. We are holding onto the promise, what unites us is far greater than that which divides. Our history confirms that when we pull one another close, despite our differences, there is no challenge we cannot overcome. History also confirms, any nation is divided from within will collapse from the weight of mistrust in fellow citizens. We are slow to ask for help, eager to share with our families, quiet in our perseverance, and hold fast to our beliefs. We need to give help in abundance, share with strangers, verbalize positive change, and embrace the diversity that makes this nation great. We are holding onto the sincere desire to leave our nation and world a better place for our children and grandchildren. We are holding to the knowledge that we are all Brave Americans individually, but brave Americans united are unstoppable.

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Protecting Children and Pets From Heat Stroke in Hot Cars

Submitted by the NYS Division of Consumer Protection

The Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is warning New Yorkers of the danger children and pets face when left in hot cars. As high temperatures are reaching record levels this summer, there is a real and severe danger when leaving children or pets unsupervised in a car even when temperatures don't feel hot. At 60 degrees outside, after just one hour a closed car can get as hot as 105 degrees. During this unprecedented hot weather, the Division recommends exercising precaution and early intervention to help prevent illness and even fatal consequences if a child or an animal is left unattended for a period of time in a hot car.

Unfortunately, multiple deaths have been reported after children and pets have been left in a hot vehicle. There is a real danger in extreme weather because heatstroke or deaths in cars occur most commonly when an adult unintentionally forgets that a child or pet, who may be quiet or sleeping in a in a rear-facing seat. Along with these incidents, children can also gain unsupervised access to parked cars and get stuck inside, especially if child safety locks are on.

Safety Tips for Children

- Never leave a child in an unattended vehicle in the warm weather, not even with the windows slightly open or down, due to the risk of heatstroke.
- If you see a child in a hot car, call 911 right away and follow their instructions. Emergency personnel are trained to respond.
- Teach children not to play in or around vehicles and to alert an adult when a friend is playing in a vehicle without supervision. Make sure children understand the dangers of trunk entrapment.
- Place something you need, like keys, a purse or bag, or your cell phone, next to your child's car seat so you will remember to check the backseat before you lock the car. Alternatively, place a stuffed toy in your child's car seat when not in use and move the toy to the front passenger seat when your child is in his/her car seat as a reminder that your child is in the vehicle.
- Use drive-through services whenever possible while driving with a child in a vehicle.

It is vital to recognize the symptoms of heatstroke in children. Symptoms include absence of sweat, confusion, disorientation, flushed skin, loss of alertness, unconsciousness, or rapid/shallow breathing.

Safety Tips for Pets

- Never leave a pet unattended in the car. Like children, dogs and other animals have a harder time staying cool, leaving them extremely vulnerable to heatstroke.
- A car can overheat even when the window has been left cracked an inch or two. Parking in the shade or leaving water in the vehicle won't prevent your pet from overheating, either.
- If you see a pet in a hot car, call 911 immediately.
- Recognize the symptoms of heatstroke in pets and take action if you see them. Symptoms include restlessness, heavy panting, vomiting, lethargy, and lack of appetite or coordination.

Rabies Clinic

On **Saturday, August 19th**, the Rensselaer County Department of Health will hold a rabies clinic at the Department of Public Works Central Garage, 40 Orr St, Troy. Dogs and cats are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a crate/carrier. To register, please visit the Health Department website. For more information, please call Kim Rivas at 518-270-2643.

Sports & Outdoor Activities

BERLIN-NEW LEBANON

Cross Country Community Summer Running Program

Courtesy of NLCS

The summer running program's main purpose is to provide an opportunity for runners and community members to work on their conditioning and physical endurance. For those who are members of the BNL Cross Country Team, it is a necessary component of our program and is not something that can be skipped or made up for later in the year. That being said, it is also a time for team building. We run as one and as a result these open practices are as much about strength and conditioning as they are encouraging team development. —Coach Viner

The program runs through August 13th. For running details and times, please visit <https://www.newlebanoncsd.org/news/2023-cross-country-community-summer-running-program/>.

For more information, please visit www.newlebanoncsd.org/athletics/.

DEC Upcoming Examinations

Submitted by the NYS DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for **Friday, August 11th**.

To provide broader access to the examinations, DEC is offering the examinations online. In-person examinations will not be offered.

To register for any of these exams, visit www.dec.ny.gov/permits/359.html and follow the directions provided on the website. Participants will receive an email acknowledgement of registration, and later, an additional one-time link to use to access the website on the date of the exam.

The deadline for registering to take any of these free exams is Wednesday, August 9th.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Special Licenses Unit by calling 518-402-8985 or emailing SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.

DUTCHAVEN GOLF

Submitted by Kevin Weeden

Hoosick Falls County Club Open Flight Results

Flight 1

1st - Kevin Gorman and John McLucas

2nd - Jamie Jerome and JC Jerome

3rd - JT Sawyer and Blake Elliot

Flight 2

1st - Joe Dubuke and Gary Crucetti

2nd - John Mahar and Ryan Nolan

3rd - Jim Hyde and OJ Delurey

Flight 3

1st - Chris Ryan and Ben Bushey

2nd - Peter Martin III and Kevin Weeden

3rd - Josh Brogue and Tyler Colvin

Flight 4

1st - Nick Maragos and Bobby Kohler

2nd - Doug Crossman and Tony Kasulinous

3rd - Three way tie

Flight 5

1st - Tyler Myers and Ethan Myers

2nd - Hutton Rasmus and Rem Hickey

3rd - Mit Lockrow and Mike Foster

Flight 6

1st - Mark Surdam and Michael Poulin

2nd - Jeff Gardner and Mike Bloomer

3rd - Jeff Babsob and Jon Babson

League Leaders: Due to the rain out, several matches are still being completed. Jeff Stevens and Keith Shannon have won 6 straight weeks. Peter Martin III and Kevin Weeden have not lost in 7 weeks. Leon Rosko/Eddie Powers and Chris Harrington/Gerry Harrington have 3 week winning streaks. Hopefully all the matches will be completed this week.

Week Fourteen Results: Keith Shannon had the low net score on the night with 31, including 4 pars. Garth Duclos picked up a season-best 5 pars and had a net score of 33. Dave Putnam bagged his first birdie of the year after hitting the tough hole 9 on his tee shot, and had a solid net score of 32. Jeff Stevens shot a 38 while picking up 6 pars. George Failing had a

net score of 32. Colin Delameter had a net score of 33. Skip Russell and Colin Cipperly both shot under their handicap. Leon Rosko had 5 pars, and a net score of 33.

Week 14 Closest to the Pin Winners

Hole 1 - Dale Dearstyne, 23ft 1.75in
Hole 3 - Peter Martin III, 12ft 9in
Hole 9 - Dave Putnam, 15ft 5in

BERLIN-NEW LEBANON

Fall Sports Registration

Now Open

Courtesy of BCS and NLCS Communications

Berlin-New Lebanon (BNL) athletics is excited to announce that the registration portal for Fall 2023 Sports is now open. We are again offering the convenience of online registration to BNL student-athletes through FamilyID (<https://account.familyid.com/>), which is now part of the ArbiterSports (<https://www.arbitersports.com/>) family.

Space is limited and registration will end on **August 18th**, so sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after that date unless approved by the Athletic Directors.

The following sports are being offered:

- Varsity/JV/Modified Girls Volleyball
- Varsity/JV/Modified Girls Soccer
- Varsity/JV/Modified Boys Soccer
- Varsity/Modified Cross Country

Please note that if there are any medical changes or injuries that occur to a BNL Student-Athletes between the date the medical/physical information is submitted and the start of the fall 2023 sports season, please inform the school district's nurse immediately, by calling 518-658-1500 ext. 1061 or emailing mcorsey@berlincentral.org.

Sign-ups are starting now in order to receive the numbers for each level of the program and sport. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

If you any questions, please contact Mr. Jason McFall (Berlin) at jmcfall@berlincentral.org or Mr. Corey Brown (New Lebanon) at cbrown@newlebanoncsd.org.

A video for first time registration can be found by visiting www.canva.com/.../At02KcDpULd_7FS7rsWnAA/watch.

For help or more information, contact FamilyID at support@familyid.com, 1-800-311-4060 x 3, or by visiting www.familyid.com/organizations/bnl-athletics.



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

Summer Yoga

Saturday, July 29th, from 9:30 to 10:30 am

Enjoy an hour of morning yoga on Long Pond beach with instructor Rebekah Magin. For ages 13 and over. \$5 per person.

Full Moon Fire Tower Hike

Monday, July 31st, from 8 to 10 pm

This program will give an overview of the creatures that come out after dark and give some history of the tower. For ages 10 and over. \$5 per person.

Pre-registration is required for all programs and events, unless otherwise specified. Call 518-279-1155 for more information and to register.



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Board Meetings

Tuesday, August 8th
Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District
2:30 pm, 1612 NY 7, Troy

New Lebanon Town Board
6 pm, Town Hall

Rensselaer County Legislature
6 pm, County Office Building

Wednesday, August 9th
Hoosick Falls Village Board
6 pm, Highway Garage

East Nassau Village Board
7 pm, Hoags Corners Ambulance Building

Thursday, August 10th
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, August 14th
Grafton Town Board
7 pm, Town Hall

Hoosick Town Board
7 pm, Town Offices

Thursday, August 17th
Hoosick Falls CSD Board of Education
6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria

Revitalizing the Little Hoosick Watershed Association

Submitted by Megan Myers

With the support of Rensselaer County Legislator Bruce Patire, the Rensselaer County Soil and Water Conservation District (RCSWCD), and the Homewaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited, an interest meeting has been scheduled for discussion about revitalizing the Little Hoosic Watershed Association (LHWA). This interest meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 15th, at 7 pm**, at the Berlin Fire Hall, 11 Community Ave.

The LHWA has been dormant for several years, and this meeting notice has been mailed to former LHWA members, to their last known addresses, requesting their attendance to the meeting to help revive the LHWA. Any local citizens with an interest in the LHWA are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the role of the association, reestablish partnerships, and explore new partnerships and members that will develop interest in the health, maintenance, and water quality of the Little Hoosic River and its tributaries.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Megan Myers, District Manager of the Rensselaer County Soil and Water Conservation District, at 518-380-0384 or Megan.Myers.RenscoSWCD@gmail.com.

Classified Ads

Help Wanted – Coaches

Berlin Central School District is seeking the following Coaches for the Fall 23-24 sports season:
Modified Boys Soccer - Head Coach and Assistant Coach
Modified Girls Soccer - Assistant Coach
JV Girls Soccer: Assistant Coach
Modified X-Country: Head Coach and Assistant Coach
Varsity Girls Volleyball: Assistant Coach
JV Girls Volleyball: Assistant Coach
If interested please contact Jason McFall, Athletic Director.

Help Wanted – Petersburg

The Town of Petersburg is accepting applications for the **Water District Rent Collector**. All letters of interest or applications must be received by the Town Clerk's office townclerk@petersburgh.org. Additional information can be found at www.petersburgh.org.

Firewood

Green firewood cut, split, delivered all hardwood. Please call for price. 518-915-4040.

Seeking Standing Timber

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

Need Tech Support?

Having computer or tablet problems, weak WiFi signals, smart TV issues? HaleyX Tech can help! We also install security cameras and other smart home devices.
Give HaleyX Tech a call: 518-712-9085

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Village of East Nassau
Public Hearing on Minor Subdivision Application
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Nassau will hold a public hearing at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building, located at 19 Town Garage Road, in Hoags Corners, Village of East Nassau, on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested individuals to comment on a minor, two-lot subdivision application for lands located at 89 Woodard Road (tax map #214.-2-7) owned by John Lewis, Jr. and Joanna E. Lewis. The applicants propose to divide the existing 27.36-acre parcel on which there are 2 single-family dwellings into 2 lots of 23.65 and 3.71 acres with an existing dwelling located on each lot. A portion of the 23.65-acre lot is located on the eastern side of the Village boundary in the Town of Stephentown. A copy of the application is available for review by contacting the Village Clerk at 518-794-0289. Written comments will be accepted prior to the hearing if mailed to Village of East Nassau, P.O. Box 268, East Nassau, NY 12062, or e-mailed to public-comment@villageofeastnassau.org. For written comments to be considered by the Board, your name and home address must be included.

By Motion of the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Nassau, Diane Maguire, Village Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

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Bids can be submitted at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York until 3pm on August 11, 2023. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town of Hoosick board meeting at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York on August 14, 2023, at 7:00pm.

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 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 Town of Hoosick Board, to the lowest priced responsible bidder which has complied with the specifications. In the case where two bidders submit identical bids as to price, the Town of Hoosick Board may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Town of Hoosick Board may reject all bids and may re-advertise for new bids at their discretion.

Holli Cross
Hoosick Town Clerk

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Student Honors

James McDade of Averill Park has been named to the University of Hartford Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

Ryan Morris of Stephentown has graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in data science.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The undersigned shall receive sealed bids for delivery to the Town of Petersburg, New York:

CONTRACTS TP-2020-G, TP-2020-E, AND TP-2020-P TOWN OF PETERSBURGH, N.Y. - WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE

The project is being funded in part by a NYS EFC WIIA grant and SRF loan. The project consists of the following contracts:

TP-2020-G: Work includes, but is not limited to, partial demolition and partial removal of existing building concurrent with construction of an approximately 90sf new building expansion on new reinforced concrete slab and footings. Interior and exterior carpentry and finish work. Relocate existing concrete generator pad and install new pipe bollards.

TP-2020-E: Work includes, but is not limited to, new underground service from generator to plant, new electrical service to split GAC building and pump house, relocate GAC building power panel, temporary electrical service, installation of owner-supplied generator, and transfer switches. New SCADA system to provide necessary alarms, dial-out, and remote monitor capabilities. Soft-starts and well controls for three existing wells.

TP-2020-P: Work includes, but is not limited to, selected piping removal and installation of new Schedule 80 PVC piping, pressure relief valve, flow meter, LP gas piping, and appurtenances.

You may obtain the project Bid Specifications by contacting Jenny Connelly at Cedarwood Engineering Services, PLLC ("Cedarwood"), telephone 518-623-5500 or jconnelly@cedarwoodengineering.com. Bid documents will be released pending receipt of a \$25 refundable deposit for .pdf or a \$95 refundable deposit for paper copies. Bids will only be considered by contractors who have registered with Cedarwood.

Bids may be delivered to the Petersburg Town Hall, PO Box 130, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York 12138 during business hours: **Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesday 6:00 pm – 8:00pm, and second and fourth Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Bids will be received up until **Friday, August 25 at 12:00 noon** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read at the Petersburg Town Hall.

• **Late bids by mail, courier or in person will be refused.** The Town of Petersburg will not accept any bid or proposal which is not delivered to the Town by the date and time indicated.

• All bids must be made on the official Bid Form or an exact copy by reproduction thereof and enclosed in a sealed envelope. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent of the maximum bid price, as determined by adding the base bid and all alternatives, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

• The successful bidder will be required to furnish construction performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price.

• The Town strongly encourages all minority and woman-owned businesses and Section 3 businesses to participate in the bidding process. A **20% minority/women business enterprise (MWBE)** goal exists for the project and all contractors will be required to comply with EFC Mandatory State Revolving Fund Terms and Conditions, including Prevailing and Davis-Bacon wage rates as described in the Bid Specification.

• Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or conditional bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **Monday, August 7, 2023 at 11:00 am**, at the Petersburg Town Hall. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Owner: Town of Petersburg 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York 12138 Katie Murray, Supervisor, Tel. 518-658-3777 x12

Engineer: Cedarwood Engineering Services PLLC 625 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 Jonathan Soukup, PE – Project Manager jsoukup@cedarwoodengineering.com

Published: **Friday, July 28, 2023**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Formation of an LLC

Stephentown Sand & Gravel LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 28, 2023. 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: David L. Lobdell, 100 Valley View Rd, Stephantown, NY 12168. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

HERRINGTON ENERGY, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on April 6, 2023. 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 HERRINGTON ENERGY, LLC, 4 River Road, Johnsonville, New York 12094. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

BBP PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on March 30, 2023. 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 BBP PROPERTIES, LLC, 2306 NY-2, Grafton, New York 12082. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

POZZ CONTRACTING, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on May 11, 2023. 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 POZZ CONTRACTING, LLC, 313 Brick Church Road, Troy, New York 12180. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

RWAB PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on May 23, 2023. 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 RWAB Properties, LLC, 442 State Route 40, Troy, New York 12182. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

THE GRANDVIEW SLOPE, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on September 22, 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 THE GRANDVIEW SLOPE, LLC, 297 River Street, Troy, New York 12180. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

J. J. O'DONNELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on March 28, 2023. 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 J. J. O'DONNELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, 10 Factory Hollow Road, Valley Falls, New York 12185. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Senior News

Berlin Seniors

We will have a trip to Turning Stone Casino on August 14th. Pickup times and places to be announced. To reserve a place on the bus, please call Gerry French at 518-527-8102, or email grf12196@yahoo.com. The cost is \$5.

Grafton Merrymakers

October 14th a fall foliage trip is planned to Cooperstown, including a 12-mile train journey on the Milford track along the Susquehanna River. Light refreshments are available for purchase or bring your own lunch, snacks, and beverage. The cost is \$25. For trips, checks can be made payable to the Grafton Merrymakers, and reservations can be made by calling Cathy Goyer at 518-279-3231. Merrymakers dues are \$3 annually.

Grafton Senior Center

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, is open Mondays from 9 am to noon and Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.

August 8th - Senior meeting at 11 am, birthday celebration and trivia game at 12:30 pm, hair, manis/pedis by appointment only

August 9th - Legal aid by appointment only

August 17th - Northern tier picnic at St. Stanislaw Polish Hall, Hoosick Falls, from 10 am to 2:30 pm

Chair yoga is held Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 am. Cornhole Thursdays at 10:30 am. Lunches are served Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. Call 518-279-3413 to be added to the events or lunch list.

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

Card group daily at 10 am. Exercise group Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Corn hole Fridays at 10 am, bingo at 1 pm most Fridays. Grab and go meals Monday through Friday, from 11:30 am to noon. Congregate meals are served Monday through Friday at noon. Gym and library open daily. Van transportation available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For more information, contact the center at 518-686-7561. On Wednesday, August 9th, there will be a bus trip to the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA for a lobster luncheon and show. Cost of the trip is \$99, and includes bus trip, prime rib or double lobster lunch, Elvis music, a stop at the bridge of flowers, and ice cream. The bus departs at 8:30 am from Tops, and returns at 6:30 pm. Please call the center at 518-686-7561 to reserve your seat.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

We had a very nice turn out for our cold meal luncheon on July 21st. We want to thank Edie Beach and her brothers David and Wesley Jansson for the lovely birthday cake they donated to celebrate everyone's birthday.

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet at 1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, at the New Lebanon firehouse. New members are always welcome. You do not need to be a resident of New Lebanon to join. Membership is just \$10 a year. On August 26th we are going to Silver Birches for a fall train ride and lunch. Stephantown pickup is at 8 am, as is the Catholic Church in New Lebanon, if that is where you are catching the bus. The bus is now full and the trip is closed for signups. We will go to the Log Cabin in October for Octoberfest.

If you'd like to attend, please email lebanon-seniorcitizens@gmail.com or call the number below. All bus trips are open to New Lebanon residents *Continued on page 13*

PUBLIC NOTICES

Independent HR Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/23. 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, 2701 Doelner Circle, Castleton on Hudson, NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. **All Around Lawn & Home Services, LLC.** Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) was on June 26, 2023. The county within the state in which the office of the business will be located is Rensselaer County, 518 Tate Road, Eagle Bridge, NY 12057. The Secretary of State NY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 518 Tate Road, Eagle Bridge, NY 12057. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: **Shordeli LLC** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/11/2023. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 92 23rd St. Troy, NY 12180. Principal business address: 92 23rd St. Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: **3 Bricks Deep, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/5/2023. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 3 Bricks Deep, LLC, 10 Conway Court, Troy, New York 12180. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

Chelsea's Krafty Corner LLC. Filed with SSNY on 5/02/23. 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, 46 2nd Street, Hoosick Falls NY 12090. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU
ROAD MAINTENANCE - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board of the Village of East Nassau invites sealed proposals for a two-year contract commencing in October 2023 for the repair and maintenance, including snow clearing, of Village roads as more fully described in the Invitation for Bids available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office by appointment (518-794-0289) or online at villageofeastnassau.org. Bidders may submit proposals for repair/maintenance and snow clearing, or for repair/maintenance only, or for snow clearing only, or for all three options.

All such sealed proposals must be received by the Village Clerk at the Village Offices, 19 Town Garage Road, PO Box 268, East Nassau NY 12062, on or before 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Village Offices. All proposals shall include the bid form provided in the Invitation for Bids and such other informations described in the Invitation for Bids be enclosed in a sealed envelope together with the completed non-collusion certificate.

The Village Board reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical noncompliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to rebid the project.

By motion of the Village Board.
Diane Maguire, Village Clerk
Village of East Nassau

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COLUMBIA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Amber and Justus Kempthorne for a Site Plan Review located at State Route 20 Unit # 2-106 New Lebanon, NY. The Public Hearing will take place on August 16th at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22 Road, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.
More information is available by contacting the Planning/Zoning Clerk at PZclerk@townofnewlebanon.com
By: Samantha Long Planning/Zoning Clerk
Town of New Lebanon, NY (July 20, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District is accepting sealed bids on a surplussed 2009 Chevy Tahoe. Interested parties are requested to contact Board Chairman Shaun Blair at 518-894-6144 or Richard Hunt at 518-428-9295 for additional information or to request a viewing. A minimum bid for this sale has been set at \$4,000. The sealed bids are to be opened on Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 7:00pm.
The Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids. This vehicle is being sold "As Is". Bids must be sent to Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District, PO Box 122, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 to be received by August 15, 2023. Envelope with bid must be in a second envelope marked "Sealed Bid 2009 Chevy Tahoe".
Janet Davendonis
Secretary/Treasurer
Hoosick Falls Joint Fire District

Legal Notice
Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District #1

The Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 16h day of August: at 7:00pm; at the Fire Hall 11 Community Avenue, Berlin NY 12022. By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners
Jennifer Burhans
Chairman

Notice of Formation of an LLC
Taborton Harvest LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 24, 2023. 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: Justin Adamo, 53 Windmill Way, Sand Lake, NY, 12153. This LLC was formed for any legal purpose.

OSWALD TRUCKING & EXCAVATION, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on June 15, 2023. 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 OSWALD TRUCKING & EXCAVATION, LLC, 121 Button Road, Melrose, New York 12121. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

BRIZZELL FAMILY FARM, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on December 23, 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 BRIZZELL FAMILY FARM, LLC, 2418 Philips Road, Castleton, New York 12033. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Senior News

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You'll need to be a member to join us for non bus related events. For more information, call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.
We will be collecting school supplies for the backpack program at our August 4th and 18th meetings. You can find a list of needed items on the New Lebanon schools website.

Stephentown Seniors
Regular meetings are on 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.

Church Directory

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. www.allsaintshoosick.org
CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY invites you to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 9 am or virtually on YouTube at Center Brunswick UMC. Jubilation Station for youth and adults is Sunday at 10:15, youth group at 4:30. Choir is on Tuesday and Bible study on Thursday. Contact b.bowen.carr@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list. Follow us at centerbrunswickumc.company. All are welcome, Pastor Joel Holcomb.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8:30 am. Celebrant Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 81631484770, password 272813.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor RJ Snyder. Sunday Worship 9:30 am. Sunday Prayer 8:45 am. Both of these services are in person. Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube and the Church Website (Berlinfbc.com).

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOOSICK FALLS – 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Sunday morning worship in person at 10 am. Audio of services available on our website firstbaptistchurchhf.com. All are welcome.

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH – Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick, NY 12180. Indoor services at 10:30 am. Also available on Facebook and YouTube. Masks are optional. gileadlutheran.org, 518-279-9270.

GRAFTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 11 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. Sunday School at 9:30 am, Sunday fellowship coffee at 10:20 am, Sunday worship at 10:45 am. Tuesday am women's bible study (call Chris at 518-279-1467 for information). Wednesday bible study at 6:30 pm. Thursday breakfast from 9 to 11 pm.

HOOSICK FALLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH – 484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls NY. Rev. Jonathan Youngmann. Contemporary Worship Service at 10 am each Sunday, in person and livestream on YouTube or FB. Check out our website at HoosickFallsCAC.org. Sunday School, youth, and young adult services take a hiatus during the summer. Adult Prayer Tuesday at 7 pm. For more info, call the church office at 518-686-3269.

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Church News

Obituaries

Eagle Bridge United Methodist Church

The Eagle Bridge United Methodist Church will hold tag sales at the church every Wednesday and the first Saturday of the month through October, from 10 am to 1 pm. Donations of clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated. Please no furniture or large items.

Gilead's Body and Soul Pantry

Pantry hours are 3 to 5 pm on the last Thursday of the month.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church

The Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church, 484 Hill Road, begins Sunday worship service at 10 am (instead of 10:30 am) during July and August. Sunday school, youth, and young adult groups also take a hiatus during the summer. You can also catch us livestreaming on YouTube or our Facebook page. For more information, please call 518-686-3269.

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.

North Chatham United Methodist Church

The Clothing Barn at the North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Rt. 203, hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, every Saturday through the end of October. For more information, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website, northchathammethodistchurch.org.

Our Lady of the Snow

During the months of July and August, the Grafton Area Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Snow will be open Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

Zion's United Church of Christ of Taborton

Join us on Saturday, August 5th, at Zion's United Church of Christ of Taborton, 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, for our 114th annual summer festival and chicken barbecue. Booths will be open from 11 am to 8 pm and music by Cannonball Express with Gloria & Punky will be from 5 to 8 pm. Games for both kids and adults include the fishpond, ring toss, milk bottles, duck float, and dart booths. Enjoy our fair food, fancy booth, and local crafters. Also, visit the raffle table with prizes from many local businesses. Taborton Treasures offers our version of a large yard sale and there will be an auction in the early afternoon. The chicken barbecue will be \$15, and will be served from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. For reservations, call Diane Hoffman at 674-2746 or text 518-649-5141.

Church Directory

Continued from page 13 HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 566 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY, 12180. In person service every Sunday at 10:30 am. The service is also on Facebook, search Hope United Methodist Church, Troy, NY. Every Sunday at 4 pm, at the church, there is a prayer gathering led by Pastor David Martin. For information call 518-279-1403 or email hopeumc-troy@gmail.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Masses: Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 10 am. Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter Tkocz. Faith formation for kindergarten through eighth grade is March 3rd, March 26th, and May 7th, from 11 am to 12:15 pm. Visit our website at www.icchoosickfalls.com for high school and adult faith formation programs, and much more.

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

THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 4274 Route 203, North Chatham, NY 12132. Worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, through Labor Day. After that we will

return to our regular schedule of Adult Bible Study at 9:45 am and worship at 11 am. All are welcome. Our Clothing Barn is open from 9:30-12:30 every Saturday morning, through the end of October. If you can't make it in person our worship services are available on Zoom; please visit northchatham-methodistchurch.org for details. For more information on the North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website.

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

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

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 41 North Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship on Saturdays at 10:30 am (either in person or live streamed at youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch). Youth group for grades 3–12 Wednesdays at 7 pm. Pastor Matthew Olson. →

Roberta A. Breese

Roberta Ann Breese (Shaw), 86, passed away at home with her daughters by her side on July 20th, 2023. She was born on March 10th, 1937, in Hoosick Falls, NY.

Roberta worked at several local businesses throughout her lifetime, but her most enjoyable love was being a teachers' aid at Hoosick Falls Central School. She found great fulfillment in caring for and guiding young minds.

Roberta was a member of Saint Luke's in Cambridge, NY, and she and Bob spent many hours volunteering at Christ the King in Greenwich, NY. She found solace and strength in her faith. She was a member of the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad, American Legion Auxiliary, Hoosick Falls Kiwanis, and in her earlier years a Girl Scout Cookie mom.

In her free time, Roberta enjoyed knitting, reading, traveling to train shows with Bob, and spending time with her grandchildren. She looked forward to her Wednesdays with Kathy Yurewitch and the girls creating special memories and sharing laughter. Special thanks to Lori Speanburg for taking her to all the Sunday Services.

Roberta is survived by her daughters, Mariea (Cramer) Rousseau (Brian), Lisa Cramer (David Harrison), daughter-in-law Lynn Cramer, Grandchildren Matthew Rousseau (Leslie), Nathan Rousseau (Sarah), Tyler, Zachary, Garrett Johnson, of Rhode Island. Daniel, Alexis Cramer, and great-grandchildren Ben, Vera, Eno, and Bernadette. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Breese and son Gary Cramer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 11 am from the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 am until the start of the services. Contributions in memory of Roberta can be made to the Cheney Library, as she had a deep love for reading, or to Rensselaer Community Hospice, through Mahar Funeral Home.

Roberta Ann Breese will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched. May she rest in peace.



Richard T. Smith

Richard Tilden Smith passed away June 23rd, 2023 after an extended illness. He was born February 9th, 1937 in New York City.

He was predeceased by his parents Gladys and Harold Smith, and brothers Thomas and Peter.

Richard is survived by his wife Milli Smith, daughter Denise (Thomas), son Jeffrey (Tricia), and 3 grandchildren Daniel, Emma, and Jack.

He was active in the Naval Reserve, graduating from Adelphi University and was activated by the Navy serving on the U.S.S. Harris during the Cuban Crisis. Afterwards, he worked for Philips Medical North America supervising the installation of medical x-ray equipment in hospitals across Upstate NY. The family moved to Stephentown in 1989.

He volunteered at Red Cross and Tanglewood for over 25 years. At his request there was no showing. Interment will be privately at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Stephentown Fire Department.



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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Welcomes all to their Sunday morning service at 11 am. The church is handicapped accessible and those choosing to view from home may tune to our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcGw9XngFR-Fe7iMLm9Tk5A>, or search United

Methodist Church at Berlin NY. Past services are also available for view. Minister Katelyn Bradwell.

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

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am. Sunday school starts in the church 10 am the second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday Service speaker Val Gray.

Community Calendar

Puzzles

July 28, Friday

Dr. Dolittle's World, 1 – 3 pm, free, Grafton Village Green (Roxborough Holdings if raining), David Engel presents program for all ages

Drive-in Movie Screening, 8:30 – 10 pm, free, grounds of Caretakers House, 30 Caretakers Rd, Hoosick Falls, PG & family friendly, BYO snacks, info: david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov

July 29, Saturday

The Bluz House Rockers, 6 – 9 pm, free, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, info: Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series Facebook page

July 30, Sunday

Battle of Bennington Camp Cooking Demonstration, noon – 1pm, free, Bennington Battlefield lower parking lot picnic area, canceled if raining

August 2, Wednesday

Youth Food Preservation Workshop, 6 pm, 4-H members \$10, non-members \$15, ages 8+, Troy Senior Center, 1520 6th Ave, making dilly beans, pre-registration required: Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu

“From the Gates of Hell to Home; Evacuation of the Wounded,” 6:30 pm, free, Stephentown Fire Hall, 25 Grange Hall Rd, Veterans of Stephentown present speaker Lt. Col. Diana Clark (Ret)

Hoosick Falls Community Band Concert, 7:30 – 9 pm, free, Wood Park (rain location: skating rink on Griffin Ave), refreshments for sale, bring seating

August 5, Saturday

Hiroshima Nagasaki Day Walk & Commemoration Ceremony, walk starts 6:30 pm, from Grafton Town Square to Grafton Peace Pagoda, ceremony starts 8 pm at Peace Pagoda, 87 Crandall Rd, Petersburg

HFCS Class of 1970 Picnic, noon – 7 pm, free, Grafton Lakes State Park Amphitheater Pavilion, burgers & dogs provided, bring beverage, dish to share, and lawn chair, RSVP to Bonnie Wilson Devine (welchb2@verizon.net) or Jean Davendonis Hagner (jeanhagn@msn.com) by 7/28

Cambridge Historical Society Ice Cream Social

1 – 3 pm, \$10, Cambridge Historical Society and Museum, 12 Broad St, live music, presentation, prize for most festive period costume, tour museum, proceeds support restoration/preservation

August 5 & 6, Sat & Sun

“Voices of the Fallen,” 2:30, 4, & 6:40 pm, \$15, Bennington Battlefield Historic Site, Rt. 67, theatrical & historical experience grounded in research, some walking required, tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=olde>, info: David Pitlyk at david.pitlyk@parks.ny.gov or 518-860-9094

August 6, Sunday

Stephentown New Residents Welcome Reception, 11 am – 1 pm, free, Stephentown Memorial Library, bagel brunch, learn about local resources, tour library, make connections, bring cup of favorite fruit for community fruit salad

Doug Banker Memorial Music In The Park (Rescheduled), noon – 4 pm, free, Weisbuch Pavilion in Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Rd, New Lebanon, food & beverages for sale

“Think Global: Act Locally, Living As If All Life Mattered,” noon – 4 pm, free, The Inn at Shaker Mill Falls, 40 Cherry Lane, Canaan, presentations, tours, demonstrations, RSVP to Michael or Chuck at contact@creed.info

Birds of Prey from Robinson's Wildlife Lectures, 1 pm, free, Stephentown Memorial Library (following welcome reception)

Stephentown Historical Society Program & Meeting, 2 pm, free, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, collector Wally Stock presents about early recording history, directions: 518-339-6485

The Shannon Roy Band, 6 – 9 pm, free, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, info: Hoosick Falls Summer Concert Series Facebook page

August 8, Tuesday

Kathleen Edwards Concert, 6 pm, free, Clark Art Institute Reflecting Pool area, bring picnic & seating, info: clarkart.edu/events

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Crossword Theme:

On The Road

ACROSS

- 1. More down in the dumps
- 6. Will Ferrell's 2003 Christmas character
- 9. Century Gothic, e.g.
- 13. Twisted cotton thread
- 14. Greek "t"
- 15. Biblical mount
- 16. Dessert sandwiches
- 17. Barley bristle
- 18. Pungent edible bulb
- 19. *Shared ride
- 21. *Yellow Brick Road traveller
- 23. Member of the Benevolent Order
- 24. Sword handle
- 25. The little one "stops to tie his shoe"
- 28. AI "fodder"
- 30. *Gas station option
- 35. Thailand money
- 37. Phone cam images
- 39. Fill with happy spirit
- 40. Bora _____
- 41. Vexed
- 43. Uncontrolled swerve
- 44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
- 46. Genesis twin
- 47. "The Odyssey," e.g.
- 48. Hooray!

DOWN

- 1. Cold War's Warsaw Pact, e.g.
- 2. Turkish money
- 3. One on drugs
- 4. Run off to Vegas?
- 5. Sold on eBay, usually
- 6. Short for "and elsewhere"
- 7. Hammurabi's code, e.g.
- 8. Plural of fundus
- 9. Porto _____, Italy
- 10. Got this!
- 11. Sodium hydroxide

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- 50. Speaking platform
- 52. Campfire residue
- 53. What sailors are to captain
- 55. Lawyers' org.
- 57. *Jack of "On the Road" fame
- 61. *Refreshment break
- 65. Live sign for radio, 2 words

- 66. Shakespearean "fuss"
- 68. Bar order, with "the"
- 69. Ownership document
- 70. Mitt Romney's title, abbr.
- 71. Christmas Eve visitor
- 72. Keats' works, e.g.
- 73. *Major road, abbr.
- 74. *Certain number of cylinders

- 12. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
- 15. Foray
- 20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
- 22. Like one of the Testaments
- 24. Fine-toothed metal cutter
- 25. *Famous road from Beatles crossing
- 26. Actress Watts
- 27. Minute parasite
- 29. *Spare one
- 31. "If all _____ fails"

- 32. Sarpa _____, coral reef fish
- 33. Tiny purses
- 34. Olden day phlebotomy instrument
- 36. Waterproof canvas
- 38. Clothing line
- 42. UAE's most populous city
- 45. Close the fastener, e.g.
- 49. Epoch
- 51. Between 90 and 180 degrees
- 54. E-wallet's content
- 56. Very, in music

- 57. Japanese zither
- 58. Author Bagnold
- 59. Goes with interest
- 60. Great masters' medium, pl.
- 61. *Hoofed "express" traveler
- 62. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" actress Lola
- 63. Solemn promise
- 64. Surveyor's map
- 67. Morning drops

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Geo P. Loses in Cow Court

Wednesday, November 1, 1854:
Today I and John F. only tended to some chores for both is unwell.
Thursday: This forenoon Geo P. and John F. tended to dividing their sheep and John F. got his oxen out of the Rodgers barn, they had got to the corn for the door was left open by some one. This afternoon John F. unwell. Today some of my family sewed some to John Merrils wife sewing bee.
Friday: This forenoon John F. drew two loads, that is 55 bushels of car-rots that John Merrils raised to the halves, and then John F. went to Jonathan Harrington vendue up on the Wheeler farm.
Monday: Today Geo P. carried a fat hog to Capt. Tanner and today John F. drew in two loads of turnips of 59 bushels, they were pulled and in heaps.
Tuesday: Quite rainy. I do not tend to any chores for I am quite lame. John went to A.P. Rollo to Mr. Davises and paid two dollars for a dog puppy.
Thursday: I walked to Michael Lindsay's but his wife could not come and help us pull turnips. This afternoon John Merrils and Edward Manning butchered a cow for Geo P. at my house. I had one fore quarter, which pays for the one I let Geo P. have a year past. Today old Mr. Lindsay called and John F. paid him 25 dollars cash for his son Thomas work and 15 dol remains unpaid.
Friday: I remain quite lame, and John F. pulled and cut turnips. Geo P. went to Pittsfield with two quarters beef and tub butter. He got five dollars per hundred for his beef and 25 cts per pound for butter.
Wednesday: Geo P. and wife and wife's sister returned from Lenox and Geo P. fetched me two bushels of lime from Lenox and I paid 64 cts for the lime and he paid me 20 dollars for the eighty pounds of butter he carried to market to Pittsfield.
Thursday: I went to Lebanon with my horse and wagon, I called to Doctor Bates and paid him 16 cts for a vial of eye wash and then left word to Capt. Tanner to have him come next Monday and skin my three hogs.
Monday: I carried turnips into the cellar and in the afternoon I was taken lame for my breach was worse. Today Geo P. went to Berlin to Squ Taylor Green's, he found that said Green had given judgement against him of eight dollars and lost on the suit of Daniel Millard concerning dogging his cow, and today Russel Palmer butchered six pigs for Geo P.

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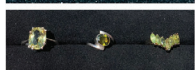
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