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TROY

76th Turkey Trot Raises \$20,000 *First Marriage Proposal*

Submitted by Ed Parham

On a day set aside for Capital Region families to gather and give thanks, 6,641 participants from 33 states and six nations descended upon the Collar City for the 76th running of the Troy Turkey Trot, America's 12th oldest road race.

The event, presented by Pioneer, began at 8 am, with the Capital Region's only Thanksgiving Day 10K. Tackling the traditional out and back course were more than 1,200 participants, many of whom run competitively for local track and field clubs. James Withers of Utica, NY outpaced his rivals to win the title in 30:31 and earned a \$300 first place prize in the process. The first female across the line was Karen Bertasso Hughes of Selkirk, NY, who also earned a \$300 payday with a winning time of 36:15.

More than 4,000 then toed the line on Fourth and Fulton Streets for the 5K, the Trot's featured event. Before runners embarked on the new course which crossed the scenic Green Island Bridge, Noor Khan, a 5K participant and *Continued on page 8*



A look at race participants at the 76th Troy Turkey Trot. Photo courtesy of the Troy Turkey Trot.

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Unity House Launches Children's Holiday Program

Submitted by Unity House

On Monday, November 27th, Unity House launched its annual Children's Holiday Program, and highlighted the ways families can benefit from the generosity of community members who support the program through donations of cash and gifts. At the Unity House Holiday Store, parents can select gifts, at no cost, to suit their own children's interests and needs.

The event featured Constant Louis, a stepfather whose children received gifts through the program in 2022, and Cassie Prugh, a longtime individual donor who this year will adopt 35 children by purchasing gifts for them. Both individuals talked about the importance of the program in helping children have a joyful holiday.

The Children's Holiday Program is dedicated to ensuring that the manner in which gifts are selected and presented respects the dignity of all participants. The annual program typically serves about 1,100 children who participate in Unity House's early child care programs, domestic violence services, *Continued on page 10*



Longtime donor and volunteer Cassie Pugh (far left), with (left to right) Moira Geracitano and Dave Bach of Unity House and Kevin Prunty and Joseph Castaldo of First Columbia, which is donating space for the Holiday Store.



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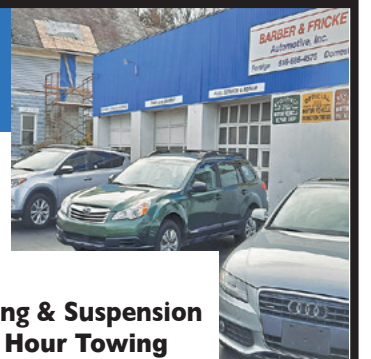
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STEPHENTOWN

Town Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The November 20th town board meeting was active with the impending Thanksgiving holiday. After a moment of silence in honor of Councilman Everett Madden, the auditing of claims, the minutes from the town board meetings, and the October 23rd budget workshop meeting were approved. The town board special meeting adopting the 2024 town budget was also approved. The board approved two public hearing minutes from October 30th about Proposed Local Law #3, the Real Property Tax Law for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers, and the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

The library reported that their teen and children's program numbers have been up. The Halloween party and story time numbers were strong, and the library has several great programs set up for December that are listed on their website.

Several different resolutions were passed during the meeting. The first resolution adopted the local law providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. Resolution 56 approved the town to request sealed bids to complete road work and maintenance of town roads. They are due with a non-collusion form by Monday, December 18th. Advertising for annual appointed positions for 2024 was approved for any positions expiring or vacant on December 31st. A request for applications for the positions is Friday, December 8th, at 11 am. Advertising for the cleaning services for town hall and offices was approved. Resumes and letters of interest are due to the Town Clerk by Monday, December 18th, at 7 pm.

The board did approve price increases at the transfer station, effective in January. Bags will be \$4 instead of \$3 in 2024. A list of the price increases will be posted this coming week and will go into effect in January. Members of the board anticipate that there will probably be an increase in bag sales in December in anticipation of the price increase. Bids will be taken for the town's F350 pick-up truck with a plow until December 18th. The minimum bid accepted will be \$12,000.

The final resolution was approving Supervisor Roder to sign a memorandum of understanding for the town to offer a solar option to residents using Power Market as the service provider. There was extensive discussion about the benefits and process for residents. The program will be geared toward individuals who need solar panels in their homes. Supervisor Roder and the board felt that the program would allow residents to have an alternative, but cautioned individuals that there is a need to read the fine print on these types of agreements. If at least ten residents sign up for this program, there could be some grant availability for the town.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, December 18th, at 7 pm, and Councilman William Jennings will conclude 13 years of service to the town.

Dear Petersburg Rescue Ambulance Family,

With a bit of sadness, please consider this my formal retirement notification, ***not to be confused with QUITTING***, as what has happened in the past. It's no longer a healthy environment, and I need now to think about me....spending time with what's left of my family and friends.

Wilma Anderson once told me that I would know when it's time.... Actually, it's over-time!!

It has been an honor to be a part of a Team, such as Petersburg Rescue Ambulance, and serve my community along with some that were just passing through. I thank the residents of Petersburg for this wonderful opportunity to be there when you needed us.

I wish only the best for each of you, and of course for the Petersburg Rescue Ambulance, which has been a huge part of my life, volunteering for close to 40 years!..... Take care, and please stay safe & healthy! I will keep you in my prayers, along with the residents of Petersburg. Have a wonderful holiday season.....with family, friends and many smiles shared!

Respectfully,
Amy Manchester

STEPHENTOWN

Holiday Potluck Dinner

The Stephentown Historical Society will hold its holiday potluck dinner on ***Sunday, December 3rd, at 2 pm***, at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road. The society will also elect officers and board members at the meeting. For the dinner, bring a main course, side dish, or dessert large enough to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Instead of a gift exchange, a monetary collection will be taken to support the Stephentown Food Pantry. All meetings are free and open to the public. For directions, please call 518-339-6485. The gift shop will be open after the dinner for anyone interested in some holiday shopping.

PETERSBURGH

Town Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The November 20th Town Board meeting was exceptionally brief but did involve some essential resolutions for residents.

The supervisor reported that sexual harassment training for all town employees must be completed at the beginning of December. She also mentioned an issue with a check and that the town's account is under manual clearance until the issue is resolved. Before adopting the budget, the tax cap report had to be submitted to the comptroller. The supervisor said the report was accepted.

The building report noted a water leak in the town hall basement that had to be repaired, as well as a highway department furnace. The insulation project for the town hall has been completed. The hope is that it will help with the operational cost.

Parks and recreation noted that the Christmas party is scheduled for December 16th, and the advertisement for the event and the information about the toy drive are now out.

According to the water district report, a malfunctioning pipe near the bridge is the cause of some concern, which ultimately led to a boil water alert. Extensive testing has been done on the water, and no bacteria has been located. The town has been working on remedying the situation.

The 2024 budget was adopted. The DuPont MDL and the 3M MDL were discussed. The board had been asked whether they wanted to opt in or out of these resolutions. Some of the payments from these items would happen in 2025, and then the remaining payments would be scattered over eight years. Calculations will not be finalized until next year. The town attorney advised opting in to the 3M settlement instead of the DuPont settlement. The board decided to agree with the attorney's advice.

The end-of-the-year meeting was scheduled for December 28th, at 6 pm. The organizational meeting for 2024 was scheduled for January 3rd, at 6 pm. The third-party water usage charge of \$500 for 15,000 gallons with an additional charge of \$15 per 1,000 gallons for non-residential was approved in a resolution.



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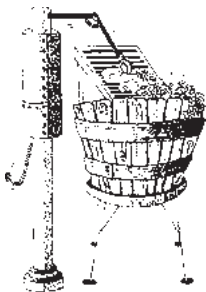
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Submitted by BCS Communications

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Eli Ehntholt
Danielle Garner
Trent Hastings
Demi Kormos
Nicholas Meyers
Greyson Sorbello
Levi Sroka
Maya Sykes-Gundlach
Dannie Young
Sophia Zinna

7th Grade

Brennan Berry
Joselyn Cummings
Lucas Demers
Gerard (Roddy) Gardell
Alaina Gardner
Chloe Hart
Liam Killeen
Owen Mendoza
Samantha Miner
Kailani Sergent
Rachel Smith
Katelyn Tiger
Luke Turesky
Abigail Wilson

8th Grade

Clara Adrion
Dederick Bolt
Luis (Louie) Gardell, Jr.
Ridley Hughes
Logan Lenyk
Markell Popov
Alyah Varela

9th Grade

Noah Bonesteel
Peyton Geerholt
Nathan Goodermote
Isabella Ovitt
Grace Pelletier

10th Grade

Anthony DeLaurentis
Kelli Gryn
Haylee Jones
Lilly Meyers
Valentina Popov
Lillian Von Schilgen
Cooper Wescott
Charlie Young

11th Grade

Madison Bell
Jayli Capasso

Lillian Gardell
Graziella Hartman
Nathanael Hendricks
Owen Lowry

12th Grade

Jake Collen
Josephine Cummings
Ashlee Evans
Lorelai Goodermote
Elizabeth Hunt
Meketa Harris
Katelyn Miller
Nikki Minkler
Rebecca Moore
Lindsey Oswald
Elaine Savaria
Joseph Schoeffel
Abigail Thela
Aidan Van Dyk
Vivian Whelan

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Jacob Bonesteel
Alexander Cerniglia
Alicia Kiablick
Brandon Kinnon
Abriella Milianta
Christopher Perrotti-Sousis
Matthew Schaaphok

7th Grade

Daymien Bink
Emma Burdick
Ryland Crowley
Jayden MacMillen
Hanna McCray
Cody Minkler
Kiley Quetti
Karter Swanson

8th Grade

Jayden Buck
Rylee Colantonio
Riley Foss
Mackenzie Garhartt
Kyle Gryn
Summer Levin
LydiaMorgan
Sophia Neet

9th Grade

Elijah Burdick
Elliot Smith

10th Grade

Tamaz Devine
Penelope Haas
Lillian Hasbrouck

Seth Hendricks
Mackenzie Lowell
Alex Maxon
Alicia Minkler
Hope Sharpe
Cameron Van Dyk
Erika Yerdon

11th Grade

Jordan Harmon
Alexis Rifenburg

12th Grade

Matthew Goebel
Tyler Hall
Alex LaBonte
Rebecca Madsen
Ethan Saunders
Ashleigh Smerdon
Jaid Vazquez
Marissa Yerdon
Silas Nieves

Merit List

6th Grade

Lilly Bonesteel
Natalee Cruse
Alania DeClair
Olivia Gates
Jamie Halpin Jr.
Mason MacNaughton
Brave Morstad
Makayla Schongar
Kyle Sweeney
Nathan Thela

7th Grade

Savannah Hammon
Scott (Jameson)
Hawkins
Mason Homiak
Heyden Hughes
Brooklyn Labonte
Rockim Minkler
Easton Montanye
David Ovitt
Jacob Schoeffel
Myra Snyder

8th Grade

Blake Arena
Jordan Clark
Addison Dezess
Mikhael Florada
Kaylee Higareda
Lillian Howard
Grant Kernes

Christopher Roberts
Dudley Sanders
Emma Scraper
Emmett Smerdon
Tyler Webster
Braydin Yerdon
Gabriella Yerdon

9th Grade

Nicolas Bonesteel
Ava Dus
Tyler Hoffman
Allie Manchester
Jaiden Quinones
Julia Schoeffel
Ronan Whelan
Lukas Zuke

10th Grade

Celia Bautista
Alaina Bombardier
Sage Dudley
Kaylee Ferrarin
Jaylynn Harmon
Gavin Kernes
Ellen Sanders
Norah Smerdon

11th Grade

Britney Barto
Jake Bosso
Kyle Collen
Lilley DeClair
Katherine Dundas
Sophia Hart
Logan Healy
Curtis Hurd
Colin Perkins
Alexander Ploof
Anthony Ray
Karissah Torpey
Alana Zuke

12th Grade

Juliann Amuso
Jessica Bosso
Layne Chaykowski-Jewett
Jamison Curtiss
Jesse Francoeur
Mason Garhartt
Benjamin Klein
Levi (Dodge) Moffitt
Grace Mulqueen-Mabee
Trevor Nunley
Joann Prather
Spencer Sheridan

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Stitch Group

Fridays at 3 pm

New members and beginners are welcome.

Story Time

Wednesdays at 11 am

For toddlers and preschoolers. Stories, crafts, snacks, and more.

Build-A-Holiday Pal

Thursday, December 7th, at 4:30 pm

Please email director@bftl.org to register.

Santa Visits

Friday, December 15th, at 5 pm

Come see Santa and hear him read a story. Please RSVP if you plan on attending.

New Library Hours

Monday: 10 am to 2 pm

Tuesday: 2 to 6 pm

Wednesday: 1 to 5 pm

Thursday: 2 to 6 pm

Friday: 1 to 5 pm

Saturday: Temporarily Closed

Sunday: Closed

Are you interested in working at the library? Please visit bftl.org/about/staff-trustees for more details.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesdays at 5 pm

New players are now welcome to the teen-led group.

Mahjong

Thursdays at 4 pm

Players of all abilities are welcome.

Lego Club

The first and third Thursdays of the month, from 4:30 to 6 pm

Family Picture Day with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd, from 1 to 3 pm

Would you like holiday pictures of your family but it's not in your budget? Would your kids like to meet Santa but want to avoid the crowds at the mall? We will have a place set up to have professional quality photos taken of you and your family. These pictures can be taken with or without Santa who will be at the library to meet all of his friends. Please call the library at 518-733-5750 to reserve your spot.

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PETERSBURGH

Flea Market and Bake Sale

On **Saturday, December 9th, from 9 am to 3 pm**, the Petersburg Methodist Church, 12 Head of Lane, will have a flea market, bake sale, and silent auction. Lunch will be available all day. Flea market tables are \$15 to rent, and tickets for the 50/50 will be sold all day, with the drawing at 3 pm. For more info call Annie at 518-852-6576, or Darlene at 518-495-6814.



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- Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m.
- Seventh Day Baptist Church of Berlin, 41 North Main Street, Berlin, NY.
- RSVP using Facebook (find the link at our website, www.berlinsdb.org), by email (pastormatt@berlinsdb.org), or by phone (518)658-2868.

Central County

WEST SAND LAKE

2023 4-H Lohnes Award Recipient

Submitted by CCE of Rensselaer County

Kaylie Millar of West Sand Lake has been selected as the 2023 4-H Lohnes Award recipient.

As a well-rounded 4-H member, Kaylie has been involved in the Rensselaer County 4-H Program as a member of the Stablemates Club and teen representative to the countywide 4-H Program Development Committee, serving in a variety of leadership roles over the years. She is currently the Treasurer of the Stablemates Club, has spoken at the County Legislature on behalf of 4-H, and was a teen instructor at our Annual 4-H 3 Day Equine Clinic. In 2022 Kaylie earned the Champion English Rider award and was Reserve Champion for Showmanship and Western Riding at the 4-H Schaghticoke Fair Horse Show. Throughout Kaylie's 4-H career, she has been a mainstay helping and participating in many 4-H horse events, countywide Ambassador-Council-Teens Committee, and excelling in 4-H Horse Communications from the regional to state levels.

Kaylie graduated from Columbia High School in June of this year and currently is completing her freshman year at The State University of New York at New Paltz. This year, sponsorship of the Lohnes Award was provided in memory of Bob Cross, a charter club leader to the Hudson Valley 4-Hers. Thank you to the Lohnes Family who continues to honor this award in memory of Bob Lohnes who initiated this award in 1983.

For more information about this or other youth programming opportunities, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Rensselaer County or your respective Cooperative Extension Office. CCE is an equal opportunity employer and programmer.



Kaylie Millar and her horse Scooter.
Photo courtesy of CCE of Rensselaer County.

GRAFTON

Holiday Tree Lighting and Caroling

The Town of Grafton Holiday Tree Lighting and Caroling will be held **Sunday, December 3rd, from 3 to 5 pm** on the Grafton Town Green. Please bring a copy of your cookie recipe, with your name, to be shared in our 2023 Holiday Cookie Collection Booklet. Please bring some cookies to share as well. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, and caroling with the Berlin CSD chorus. Family and attendees are encouraged to bring an ornament to decorate the tree. Sponsored by the Grafton Recreation Committee.

TROY

27th Annual

Toy Drive

The 2023 Holiday Season has begun. Many children are preparing their lists and many adults have already begun our shopping. While shopping, please consider picking up an extra toy to donate to a child who may otherwise be without gifts under their tree on Christmas morning. Since 1996 DeMeo's Wine & Liquor, 501 Campbell Ave, has collected toys to donate to the children in need within our own community.

This year, the toy drive will benefit the children of Hope 7 Community Center, 520 Rawling Ave.

New and unwrapped toys may be dropped at DeMeo's Wine & Liquor until Christmas Eve.

POESTENKILL

Winter Heating Assistance

A one-time supplemental winter fuel payment assist to Poestenkill residents who are experiencing great difficulty in heating their home is available. To qualify for consideration you must be a Poestenkill resident living within the town who has applied for HEAP but been denied because your income put you above their cut-off limit.

Applications and information letters are available at the Poestenkill Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Poestenkill Baptist Church, Union Gospel Church, Poestenkill Christian Church, Poestenkill Town Hall, and the Poestenkill Library. You may download the application at

www.evangelicallutheranchurch.wordpress.com, or call 518-283-6045 to leave a request. Please include your HEAP denial letter with your application. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.

This program is coordinated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church Poestenkill (ELCP). Donations are also most gratefully accepted.

Please make your tax-deductible donation check payable to "ELCP" with "Heating Assistance" placed in the memo section, and mailed to ELCP, P.O. Box 167, Poestenkill, NY 12140.

We are Poestenkill residents caring for fellow Poestenkill residents in their time of need.

TROY

67th Annual

Holiday Greens Show

Submitted by Amanda Irwin

The Hart Cluett Museum (HCM) and the Van Rensselaer Garden Club welcome you to the 67th Annual Holiday Greens Show **now through December 3rd, from noon to 5 pm**.

The Annual Holiday Greens Show is a Troy holiday tradition that transforms 13 rooms of the 1827 Federal style Hart-Cluett House into a unique showcase. The show will take place at 57-59 Second Street. The cost is \$15 for adults and free for those 16 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.hartcluett.org/2023greensshow.


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Silent Book Club

Tuesday, December 5th, at 6 pm

Lego Club

Wednesday, December 6th, at 6:30 pm

Registration greatly appreciated.

Check It Out Book Club

Thursday, December 7th, at 6 pm

We'll be discussing *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

DIY Swiftie Bracelets

Wednesday, December 13, at 6 pm

Registration greatly appreciated.

Make Your Own Book Lover Ornament

Thursday, December 14th, at 6 pm

Registration required.

Mini Musicians with Ms. Kate

Monday, December 18th, at 11 am

Registration appreciated.

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, December 19th, at 6 pm

Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 20th, at 6 pm

Teen & Adult Diamond Art Ugly Sweater Ornaments

Thursday, December 21st, at 6 pm

Registration required.

DIY Polar Animal Bookmarks

Tuesday, December 26th, drop in from 2 to 6 pm

Puppet Party

Wednesday, December 27th, from 2 to 4 pm

Make Your Own Fleece Tie Blanket

Thursday, December 28th, at 3 pm

Registration required.

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

VALLEY FALLS FREE LIBRARY

Adult Book Club

Third Monday of the month, at 10:30 am

For more information, contact Jackie Marino at 518-753-0442 or at jljmarino@icloud.com.

Monthly Bird Walk

Second Thursday of the month, at 9:30 am

Dungeons and Dragons Club

First and third Tuesdays of the month,

from 6 to 8 pm

Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am

Lego Time

Fridays, from 3 to 6 pm

Felted Christmas Ornament Class

Wednesday, December 6th, at 6:30 pm

Learn the basic techniques of needle felting while enjoying some seasonal camaraderie. This program is supported by the United Women of Faith of Johnsonville. Recommended for ages 10 and up. \$5 per person. Space is limited; please register.

Holiday Festival and Sing-Along

Friday, December 8th, from 6 to 7:30 pm

Festivities include a holiday sing-along, tree decorating, book sale, holiday shopping, refreshments, and a visit from Santa. There will also be a raffle drawing for an 18x18" cardinal pair barn quilt painted by local artist Julie Weston. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 any time before and on the 8th at the library.

To register for a class, or for more info, call 518-753-4230 or email circulation@valleyfallslibrary.org.

VALLEY FALLS

Public Open House

Submitted by Kristina Younger

The Village of Valley Falls has received funding through the New York State Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program to undertake a community-based planning effort. This effort will identify a unified vision for the village's future and identify key opportunities for public improvement projects, environmental remediation, and the redevelopment of vacant and/or underutilized sites in a manner that celebrates the village's rich history and natural resources.

On **Friday, December 8th, from 5 to 7 pm**, at the Valley Falls Community Hall, 11 Charles St, you're invited to come share you feedback on several recommended projects, from sidewalk and drainage improvements along the State Street corridor, to a new waterfront park at the site of the former Thompson Mill. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please visit, historicvalleyfalls.com.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Book Sale

Our book sale area is open whenever the library is open. We have a great selection of used books and DVDs for sale.

Food Pantry Drop-Off

Non-perishable, not expired food donations can be dropped off. Please don't leave items outside.

Lego Club at the Library

Mondays, from 3:45 to 5 pm

Bus or in-person drop-off. STEAM projects and games.

Storytime and Music

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

With Ms. Sarah and Ms. Mary.

Zumba Gold

Mondays at 6 pm

Held at Roxborough Holdings. Walk-ins welcome for \$8 per class. Please contact the library for more information.

Soap Making 102

Saturday, December 9th, from 1 to 3 pm

Learn techniques to create layers and swirls, how to incorporate fragrance, and other elements. Class size is limited; pre-registration is required.

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

BRUNSWICK

Keyes Scholarship

The scholarship committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church (CBUMC) has announced it will award \$500 to a student selected from the Tamarac High School Class of 2024. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to the CBUMC or any other church or religion to be eligible for this award.

Interested students must apply for this award no later than **March 1, 2024**. Application forms can be obtained from our website at www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com.

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

The CBUMC is located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142. For more information about the Keyes

Education Award or other church activities, please contact Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK

Town to Consider Industrial Solar Plant

Submitted by the Hoosick Falls Environmental Conservation Group

The Town of Hoosick Zoning Board of Appeals is reviewing the Special Use Permit for a 115-acre solar power plant on Pine Valley Road & Ford Road in West Hoosick. Hawthorn Solar, LLC is proposing a 20-megawatt AC solar electric generation facility with a 48,125 square-foot substation. Approximately 40 acres of trees will be cut to accommodate 5,500 solar panels. Another special use permit for a solar installation on Wilson Hill Road by Community Solar, LLC will be discussed at the Town of Hoosick Zoning Board meeting on **Monday, December 4th, at 7 pm.**

HOOSICK FALLS

Fashionistas' Christmas Decor Project

Submitted by Jessica Haynes

The Fashionistas are back at it with a Christmas decor project. As the holiday season is quickly approaching, the 4-H members went to work making a project for the Annual 4H Winter Fair, hosted at Tamarac Central School. The Fashionistas made pine cone candy cane wreaths. They started by taking donated pinecones and attaching them with wire to a frame, making sure they were the same size and shape. After securing the pinecones to the frame, some members used traditional candy cane colored red and white spray paint to achieve a more Christmas look, while others chose to keep the wreath more natural looking by using fresh holly berries. The Fashionistas had a fantastic time with this project and enjoyed showing off their hard work at the Winter Fair held on November 17th. They also volunteered at the Winter Fair evaluating other 4-H members' projects.

CAMBRIDGE CSD

Walking Program

Submitted by CCS Communications

The Cambridge Central School District walking program for community members is returning. The program will run through May 3rd, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays and snow days. Individuals will enter through the former elementary entrance in the tower. Individuals can register for the program by visiting the district office at 58 South Park St from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To register for the program, individuals will need to sign the school release form and pay a refundable \$5 deposit for a swipe card to retrieve access to the building.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call 518-677-2653, ext. 1010.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Christmas Party

The North Hoosick Fire Department will be sponsoring their Annual Kids Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 16th, at 1 pm**, at the fire station on Rt. 22. This event is open to the general public. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus is expected by 1:30 pm. Parents who bring children are asked to bring a gift for their children to open once Santa arrives. A Christmas cartoon movie will be shown on the big screen for all to enjoy. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission fee for this event.

CAMBRIDGE

A Victorian Christmas

The Cambridge Historical Society and Museum is housed in a lovely 2nd Empire frame house (1869) at 12 Broad Street in Cambridge. For those who appreciate Victorian architecture and elegance, it is a gem. Be there on **December 13th** when we raise the curtain for our Advent Window Reveal and distribute some sweet treats at 5 pm.

Then, starting at 6 pm, come inside and spend the evening with us enjoying the beautiful period furnishings and holiday decorations. Hear stories of how the family might have celebrated and participate in some of their activities. We will be making some simple tree ornaments and decorating real gingerbread men for you to take home. There will even be a holiday Crankie performance of "The Night Before Christmas," and Victorian carols played by Bliss and Robbie McIntosh.

Activities will be held on the first floor of the Museum, which is accessible to all.

There is a suggested donation of up to \$10.

CAMBRIDGE

Basket Raffle Fundraiser

The Cambridge Historical Society and Museum is still offering chances on this year's fundraiser, a beautiful basket worth \$450. Chances can be purchased at the Battenkill Bookstore, the Library, or from any board member of the Museum for \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Museum's Christmas party on the first Friday of December. Proceeds will be used to help maintain the beautiful 150-year-old plus House.

CAMBRIDGE

DAR to Meet

The Ondawa-Cambridge Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold their final meeting of this year on **Friday, December 1st, at 1 pm**, in the Cambridge Town Hall. The Good Citizen Awards to deserving students will be presented. Hostesses Mary Smith and Faith Keubler will provide refreshments. Any woman who believes she is eligible to join the DAR may call the Regent at 802-688-3454 or the Registrar at 518-677-3589. Eligibility is based on the Revolutionary War service of a direct ancestor. Meetings will resume March 1st, 2024.

CAMBRIDGE

Fuel Fund Helping Residents

Is it hard to keep your home warm in the winter? Is it hard to come up with the funds to pay your heating bills? If this is the case at your house, call the Cambridge Fuel Fund. Thanks to the generosity of those in the Cambridge area, there is no reason to be cold. The fund has been in existence since February 2015. The purpose is to donate a one-time per season \$500 supply of heating needs, such as fuel oil, propane, wood pellets, kerosene, or cut wood.

Requirements include living in the Cambridge School District, not being eligible for HEAP funds or the funds are unavailable, and if a renter, responsible for the heating supply.

For more information or to sign up, call Linda or Beverly at 518-677-3327.

This fund would not exist were it not for donations, which may be sent to Cambridge Fuel Fund, PO Box 473, Cambridge, NY 12816. Checks should be made out to Cambridge Fuel Fund. Donations are tax deductible as funds are administered by a 501(c)(3) organization.



The Fashionistas with their pine cone candy cane wreaths. Photo courtesy of Jessica Haynes.

TOWN OF HOOSICK LIONS

Christmas Tree Sale and Raffle

Make plans to get your Christmas tree on **December 2nd** from the Town of Hoosick Lions. The annual Christmas Tree sale will be in Wood Park, starting around 8 am. The Fraser firs will sell for \$55 each.

The club is also raffling a framed, signed Will Moses print titled *Christmas Eve Service*. The tickets can be purchased for \$10 each from any Lions member, at Hoosick True Value Hardware, or at the Louis Miller Museum.

The Town of Hoosick Lions is a service organization focusing on eyeglasses, hearing aids, and supporting our community in many other ways.

CHENEY LIBRARY

Book Sale News

Holiday Sale! All books are now on sale, 4 for \$1. Stock up for winter reading or gift giving.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Tuesday, December 5th, 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, December 5th, at 10 am

Join us for stories, rhymes, and fun! This program is geared toward pre-school children.

Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

BENNINGTON

2023 Putnam Awards

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) staff and leaders gathered this month to honor employees who embody the organization's values and mission.

Each year SVMC, a member of Dartmouth Health, presents one award for each of the organization's five core values: quality, empathy, stewardship, teamwork, and safety.

"I'm proud of all of our employees who embrace our core values," stated Tom Dee, president and CEO. "These awards are especially gratifying as the peers of these recipients nominated them. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and everyone at SVMC, we congratulate the Putnam Award winners."

The 2023 winners are listed below.

Quality: Jessica Winship, The Learning Tree

Winship's nomination detailed a pride and passion for her work in SVMC's child care program.

"Her passion is infectious and the result of it can be seen in her work, in her classroom management, and throughout the center," according to her nomination. "Jessica promotes an environment that promotes communication, trust, cooperation and mutual respect regardless of any differences."

Empathy: Cooie Kenyon, Entry Point

Working as the hospital's front entry attendant, Kenyon's welcoming demeanor and problem-solving skills were heralded.

"Cooie is warm, kind, and compassionate with each person she interacts with," her nomination said. "She genuinely cares for others and wants to help make their trip to the hospital as manageable as possible. You will never see her without a smile and a warm word for others."

Stewardship: Julie Case, Finance

Case was noted for her knowledge and care in managing financial matters within the system.

"Julie is my go to in Finance, she is always pleasant, knowledgeable and helpful," her nomination said. "She answers all my questions and helps me make the correct decision on finance matters."

Teamwork: Seth McClellan, Environmental Services

McClellan's colleagues shared that he is never too busy to help those in need and is usually the last one to ask for help himself.

"Seth McClellan has earned the respect and admiration of the EVS Team as well as his customers," according to his nomination. "Seth is a model employee; he is punctual, attentive, caring and driven."

Safety: Randy Bates, Security

Bates was lauded for maintaining SVMC's Boiler Plant at the highest level of safety.

"He provides routine updates to his Engineering Colleagues, goes above and beyond with our vendors to lead preventive maintenance, and regularly coaches Engineering in the principles of safe Boiler Plant Operations," his nomination said.

Staff are nominated for the annual Putnam Awards and winners are the standard bearers within the organization.



From left to right: Randy Bates, Julie Case, Jessica Winship, Cooie Kenyon, Seth McClellan, and President and CEO Tom Dee.

HOOSICK

2024 Calendars Now Available

Submitted by Joyce Brewer

The 2024 Hoosick calendar is here, taking you back in time in the Town of Hoosick. You may recognize more than a few people and places within its pages. The cover is a photograph of Brazzell's Store on Main Street.

The calendars are on sale at The Louis Miller Museum, Thorpe's Pharmacy, Hoosick Provisions, and www.hoosickhistory.com.

HOOSICK FALLS

Hall-a-Palooza Membership Drive

The Polish Hall, 12 Mechanic St, will host its 14th annual Hall-a-Palooza Membership Drive weekend **Friday, December 1st, through Sunday, December 3rd**. A Chinese auction is just one of the many things that will be taking place. Some of the items being auctioned are: a liquor and wine basket; gift certificates to restaurants, bowling, true value, Dunkin' Donuts; lottery tickets, Mary Kay cosmetics, hot sauce baskets, Ed Levin jewelry, a Lake Champlain cruise; hall memberships, and much more. On Friday, December 1st, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, or until gone, the Polish Hall will offer our popular fish fry sandwich with chips, pickle, and a sweet treat for \$10. On Sunday, December 3rd, doors open at noon and the Chinese auction drawing will take place at 4 pm. You do not need to be present to win.

CAMBRIDGE

Farm and Garden Luncheon Christmas Party

The Cambridge area branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden will meet for a luncheon Christmas party on **Thursday, December 7th, at noon** at the Falls Diner on Route 22. This is the last meeting for the year and meetings will resume on the third Thursday of the month in April 2024. Happy Holidays to everyone.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

NEW LEBANON

Holiday Gift Donation Program

Submitted by the NL Town Clerk

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the New Lebanon community, the Holiday Gift Donation Program was a huge success the last seven years. This wonderful program provides holiday gifts to children in our community at zero cost to the taxpayers. It is run 100% by volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our community members.

If you are a family in need of assistance this holiday season, and you live in New Lebanon, please contact Tistrya at the Supervisor's office at 518-794-8889, email supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com, or stop by the office Tuesdays from 9 am to 2 pm or Thursdays from noon to 5 pm. You can also fill out the form at the Town Clerk's office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm. You will need to fill out a form for each child with their clothing size, their wish list, favorite colors, etc. so when our volunteers go shopping, they can purchase items your children will love. Your family's identity is kept 100% confidential.

If you would like to volunteer (shopping, gift

wrapping, etc.) or adopt a child or family to shop for, please contact Tistrya at the contact information above. All types of toys, books, and children's items, brand new and unwrapped, are also accepted at the following drop off locations: Town Hall, New Lebanon Post Office, and Maverick's. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have us do the shopping for you (for a specific child based on their wish list), please see instructions below for a new partnership this year with a non-profit organization, making all donations now tax-deductible.

This year we are partnering with a new local nonprofit organization, the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC), a newly formed 501(c)(3) charity.

Tax-deductible donations for the holiday gift drive can be made via PayPal at [tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC](https://www.tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC), or a check can be made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mailed to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write Holiday Gift Drive in the memo section of your check.

Helping Residents Find Hope and Healing

Columbia County Mental Health has many support services at multiple locations with flexible hours. Crisis services are available daily and open access hours are **Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to 10:30 am**, at 325 Columbia St, Hudson. They can be reached by calling 518-828-9446, visiting columbiacountymhc.com.

NEW LEBANON

Open Swim

Open swim has returned to Shatford Pool at New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School on **Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 7 pm**. All swimmers must pay a one-time annual pool usage fee of \$10 per person. Families of two adults and two children in one household are \$25, and \$5 for each additional child. For more information, please contact Britt Buckenroth at bbuckenroth@newlebanoncsd.org.

NEW LEBANON

Town Receives \$500,000 Grant

The Town of New Lebanon has been awarded a \$500,000 park grant for Shatford Park, to install a new inclusive accessible playground for all, an accessible senior fitness equipment area with associated fitness walking loop, accessible loop trails of varying lengths with strategically placed benches to accommodate all users, new shade trees, as well as accessible connecting pathways leading to new and existing park amenities.

Sports & Outdoors

Turkey Trot Continued from page 1

local software engineer, proposed to his longtime girlfriend, Lisa Church, at the start line podium. Church, a Central New York native, said yes.

As the race came to an exciting conclusion, Jonathan Aziz of Colorado Springs, CO was the first male to hit the finish tape at Monument Square, with a time of 14:42. He also won a hat trick of titles from 2015-2017. Female bragging rights went to Amanda Chambers of Schenectady, NY, who finished in 17:07 and defended her 2022 win.

Earlier in the day, 600 children took part in the Grade School Mile, a fun chip-timed event for children in the 8th grade and below. Meanwhile, another group of 600 participants opted to burn off their pre-meal calories at a slower pace by tackling the Turkey Walk, a one-mile fitness walk that followed the same course as the Grade School Mile.

Trotters, many of whom were in a festive holiday mood, donned colorful costumes as part of the day's popular costume contest. Prizes were offered to best Thanksgiving day costume and most unique costume.

Thanksgiving is a time to help the less fortunate, and Trotters gave generously to the event's two charities, the Regional Food Bank of North-eastern New York and Joseph's House and Shelter. With the public's support, the event raised \$20,000 in 2023.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

Wreath Raffle

The Friends of the New Lebanon Library are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of two festive, hand-decorated wreaths. Tickets may be purchased at the library, from now until December 2nd. Winners will be drawn on December 4th.

Small Wonders Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 am
For toddlers up to 35 months.

Preschool Storytime

Mondays at 11 am
For ages 3 to 6.

Linda Worster Online

Friday, December 1st, at 6:30 pm
Login details will be posted on the library website the afternoon of the concert.

New Lebanon Book Group

Sunday, December 3rd, at 11 am
Greek Lessons by Han Kang.

Community Holiday Potluck and Concert

Friday, December 8th, from 6 to 8 pm

Library Board Meeting

Thursday, December 14th, at 6 pm

Healthcare Consortium

Thursday, December 21st, at 1 pm
Meet with a Healthcare Navigator for help signing up for affordable health coverage.

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

NEW LEBANON

Health & Wellness Day

On **Sunday, December 10th, from 11 am to 3 pm**, at the LVPA, Route 20/Shaker Rd, the Quality of Life Committee brings you the first annual New Lebanon Health & Wellness Day. There will be no charge for vendors or visitors. Vendors will be given a table spot and chair. Please let us know if you have any special needs and we will do our best to accommodate. Feel free to give out samples or sell products. Email newlebevents@gmail.com if interested. Can't make the date? We can arrange to distribute your brochure for you. Tables will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Reserve yours by December 1st.

NEW LEBANON

KISS Program

The Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe (KISS) program, sponsored by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, will be taking place from **now through Friday, December 8th**. Documents that should be shredded include those containing your account numbers, passwords, PINs, date of birth, social security number, etc. Documents can be brought to New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 9 am to 5 pm.



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Sports & Outdoor Activities

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fall Fitness Medal Recipients

Submitted by BCS Communications



Physical Education teachers Mrs. Sausville and Mr. Sauer would like to announce the Berlin Elementary Mountaineers who received fitness medals for their outstanding performance in Berlin Elementary School’s physical education running unit this fall. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten	Third Grade
1st: Leo Deschaine	1st: Michael Zinna
2nd: Xyler Thomas	2nd: Ryan Sausville
3rd: George LaMountain	3rd: Dale Hunt
First Grade	Fourth Grade
1st: Daniel Buzerack	1st: Gavin Churc
2nd: Shane Church	2nd: Hadlee Masterson
Second Grade	3rd: Aurora Dawes
1st: Ryder Patridge	Fifth Grade
2nd: Ivy Kennedy	1st: Daniel Hart
3rd: Madelyn Bonesteel	2nd: Otis Corbett
	3rd: Charlie Sausville

NEW LEBANON CSD WRESTLING

Courtesy of NLCS

New Lebanon Community Education is offering an instructional wrestling program for beginners in grades 1 through 6 to learn the sport of wrestling. The emphasis is on having fun while developing strength, endurance, and flexibility for young athletes.

Wrestling will be held in the New Lebanon Jr/ Sr High School Gymnasium from 5 to 6 pm on **Tuesdays, December 5th and 12th and January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.**

In the event of inclement weather, additional days will be added in February. The cost is \$25 per participant. Please fill out the form for each child participant.

With any questions please contact Glenn Giumarra at ggiumarra@newlebanoncsd.org.

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

3rd Annual

Luminary Walk

Grafton Lakes State Park will host our third annual Luminary Walk on **Friday, December 8th from 5 to 8:30 pm**. The weather might be frightful, but up at Grafton, we will be enjoying the brisk air, good company, and a trail lit by luminary lanterns.

Come as a couple or bring out the whole family. The self-led approximately half-mile trail is perfect for a romantic stroll, mesmerizing the kids, or anything in-between. Enjoy the sounds of the holidays, drink a cup of hot chocolate, and warm yourself by the fire. Dogs comfortable with crowds are welcome, but must be contained on a six-foot leash.

The experience is \$5 per person, cash only. Ages 2 and under are free. No registration is required. Help us reduce our plastic waste and bring your own mug for hot chocolate.

Grafton Lakes State Park is located off Route 2, twelve miles east of Troy. Please use the park’s main entrance on Grafton Lakes State Park Way and follow signs to the Welcome Center. There is no parking fee for this event. For more information, please call the park at 518-279-1155.

Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

HOOSICK FALLS

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Mag-Way	5-0
Lebowski Rug Co.	4-1
The Jabronis	4-1
Gallup Inn	4-1
Bistro 42	3-2
Farmers Tires	2-3
Wack'em & Stack'em	1-4
Boner's	1-4
Chico's Bail Bonds	1-4
Lou's Plumbing	0-5

High Games

Gary Bingham	288 279 780
Chris Pelletier	298 279 771
Sam Colliano	299 287 759
Tyler Colvin	280 239 743
Dyllan Fletcher	265 239 726
Ron Caron	278 224 714
Corey Wysocki	254 236 714
Mike Weeden	278 226 705
Josh Magisano	248 223 694
Matt Brownell	257 224 679

Team Standings

Wallomsac Metal Recycling	197-133
Piece on Earth	181-149
Modern Game Pro Shop	176-154
RGI Insurance	173-157
Snooter Scraps	163-167
Lo-Ridge Farm	162.5-167.5
Wack'em & Stack'em Sports	157.5-172.5
Barbecue Recreation	152.5-177.5
Dave Clark Excavating	150.5-179.5
Huntin' Time	137-193

High Games

Joshua Sweet	299
Scott Reinhart	279
Kris Keebler	263
Dave Clark	259
Timothy Marbot	257
Preston Oakes	256
Ryan Leary	248
Colin Cipperly	247
Timothy McCart	246
Max Taylor Jr.	244

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Rensselaer County

518 Backs Their Blue Delivers Holiday Treats

Courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office



Members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office and 518 Backs Their Blue. Photo courtesy of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office.

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office would like to thank 518 Backs Their Blue for delivering some Thanksgiving treats to the Highway Patrol and Jail. 518 Backs Their Blue continuously shows their support for the Law Enforcement

Community, and we could not be more grateful for their generosity. The pies and snacks will go a long way for the deputies and correctional officers who are unable to spend the holiday with their families.

\$5 Million to Support Animal Shelters

Submitted by the Office of Governor Kathy Hochul

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced \$5 million is available to support animal shelters and humane societies in making critical infrastructure upgrades at New York's animal shelters. Funded projects will enhance animal care at shelters and ultimately help to ensure increased adoptions for New York's dogs and cats. Administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM), the program pro-

vides matching grants to shelters and humane societies to offset the costs associated with capital projects such as renovating dog kennels, improving medical facilities, and building more efficient shelters to reduce overall operational costs. AGM selects grant recipients based on a need assessment, detailed project description, and reasonableness of cost. Applications are due by 4 pm on January 29th, 2024.

For Your Health: One Easy Change

Written and Submitted by Claudia Kavenagh

You have probably read about the environmental issues associated with plastic drinking straws, including harm to sea life. Maybe you try to avoid using them, for health reasons as well as environmental ones. Some restaurants are now offering paper straws as an alternative. But did you know that studies have found that most paper straws contain even more PFAS and other 'forever chemicals' than the plastic ones? Whether it is made of plastic or paper, you might be drinking the chemicals along with your beverage – not to mention that when thrown in the trash the plastic components of the millions of straws used in the United States every day contribute to the contamination of our drinking water and soil. Other alternatives, such as bamboo and so-called biodegradable plastics often have similar issues.

Here is one easy change you can make to minimize risk:

Some people need straws in order to drink liquids and that is of primary importance. But if that's not you, do you really need a straw to enjoy your beverage? If not, a safer course for your health and the environment is to go straw-free. And consider urging your favorite restaurant to always ask if a patron wants one before providing a straw.

Unity House Children's Holiday Continued from page 1

supported housing, and emergency assistance programs.

For information about enrolling an eligible child in the program, or helping with donations of cash, toys, clothing, or other necessities, please call Unity House at 518-274-2607 ext. 4133 or email events@unityhouseny.org.

Create a Watershed Superhero Contest

Submitted by the NYS DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) have announced the annual Create a Watershed Superhero poster contest for middle school students. The Create a Watershed Superhero poster theme challenges middle school students to create their own superhero to inspire environmental stewardship.

Since 2004, the annual poster contest has encouraged thousands of middle school students across New York State to learn about their role in protecting their local watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard water resources now and

for future generations. This is the third year of the superhero poster contest theme. Previous themes include We All Live in a Watershed, Conserve and Protect our Watersheds, and The Importance of Wastewater Treatment. To participate in the 2023-24 school year contest, New York State teachers, schools, and clubs are advised to visit DEC's website for more information.

Posters will be accepted through January 12th, 2024. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2025 Annual Calendar.

The poster contest helps raise community awareness of the importance of natural resources and the DEC programs that help manage sources of water pollution and improve water quality. Many lakes and rivers are managed through watershed programs that plan and initiate activities to protect and restore water quality. DEC funds projects to conserve water and protect water quality through statewide grant funding opportunities through the Water Quality Improvement Program and upcoming Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act funding.



A look at last year's winning poster. Photo courtesy of the NYS DEC.

Visit the DECInfo Locator to see if an area is covered by a Clean Watershed Plan under the Environmental Monitoring layer category. To learn more about positive actions New Yorkers can take to protect New York's waters, visit DEC's Keep Water Clean and Water Quality Management pages for more information.

Annual County Toy Drive

Submitted by Rensselaer County

The 27th annual county toy drive kicked off at the county offices at 99 Troy Road in East Greenbush. The toy drive runs **through December 20th**, with donation locations across the county. Every year, residents give and give and give to ensure kids have a great Christmas, and we are excited to get started this year.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS INSTALLATION OF BULLET PROOF DOORS FOR TOWN OFFICES TOWN OF NEW LEBANON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking sealed bids for THE INSTALLATION OF BULLET PROOF DOORS FOR TOWN OFFICES at 14755 State Route 22.

Please include in your bid all parts and labor costs for full installation of the DOORS. Please use prevailing wage labor for all bids.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and picked up in the Town Clerk's Office on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am – 5pm. You can also request Bidding Documents be emailed to you by emailing townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

Bids MUST be in a SEALED, PLAIN WHITE ENVELOPE (no logo); marked "BULLET PROOF DOORS INSTALLATION;" include a NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION and received in the Office of the Town Clerk at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, no later than 4:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023. The bids will be opened at the Office of the Town Clerk at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8th. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/20/2023

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 8 of 2023 TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on December 12th, 2023 at 7:20 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 8 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023. Introductory Local Law No. 8 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023 is a local law to amend Chapter 205 of the Town Code of the Town of New Lebanon, entitled "Zoning."

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

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

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
11/20/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice to Bidders

Snow Plowing, Sanding, Snow Bank Removal Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc. (LVPA) is accepting bids for Snow Plowing, Sanding, and Snow Bank Removal at its Fire Stations located at 523 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY and 944 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY. The bidder agrees to perform the services listed below and be available as needed 24 hours a day 7 days a week (24/7) to keep the stations driveways, parking areas and entry ways clear of snow to enable members to respond to the station and to respond apparatus in a safe manner per Chief and President. Snow plowing shall be 3 inches of snow, sanding when needed and snow bank removal on request. Bids will be opened on November 21, 2022. Contract shall be in effect from December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 the qualified bidder shall 1. Install turf markers and repair any damage at the end of the season. 2. Clear all surfaces including but not limited to driveways, parking areas, all sidewalks and entry ways located around the building. 3. Snow shall be removed as needed but not allowing more than three (3) inches to accumulate between removal. 4. Within 24 hours of the end of the storm the contractor agrees to clear all areas of snow. 5. If personnel are on a call, personal will remove their vehicles upon returning to stations and contractor can remove snow. 6. If personnel are at station when contractor is removing snow, they will move their vehicles. 7. All bids must contain a copy of the contractors liability with a limit of at least \$300,000 of insurance naming LVPA as additional insured. All bids must be received by December 4 2024 The LVPA has the right to accept or refuse any and all bids.

All bids to be sent to:
LVPA SNOW PLOWING
Attention: President
PO Box 162
New Lebanon, NY 12125

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, **EARTH AND ELEMENTS PUBLISHING, LLC** whose principal business location is in Rensselaer County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on November 14, 2023. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o The LLC, 313 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville, New York 12094. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Please take notice that the annual election of the Berlin Fire District #1 will take place on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023, between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Berlin Fire Hall, located at 11 Community Avenue, Berlin, NY.; For the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner. One (1) commissioner will serve a five (5) year term; commencing January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2028.

All duly registered residents of the Berlin Fire District #1 shall be eligible to vote. Such residents shall be registered at the Rensselaer County Board of Elections on or before twenty-three (23) days prior to the election as provided by Town Law 175-a (2a) and shall have resided within the Berlin Fire District #1 for a minimum of thirty days prior to the election date.

All individuals, with the exception of the incumbents, shall make their candidacy known to the Secretary of the Commissioners, in writing, at least twenty (20) days prior to the election. Letters can be mailed to the Berlin Fire District #1, Box 409 Berlin NY or to the Secretary at 292 Potter Hill RD Petersburg, NY 12138.

By order of the Berlin Board of Fire Commissioners
Jennifer Burhans; Chair

Notice of Formation of **Dalbex Audio, LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on October 19, 2023. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o PO Box 190, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Las Residential Rentals LLC. Filed 6/6/23. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 81 Robin Ln, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Notice of formation of **GMALIA, LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/8/23. Office in Rensselaer Co. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1937 Brookview Rd, Castleton, NY 12033. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LYSHA B CREATIVE LLC. Filed 3/16/23. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Alysha Branch, 102 Project Rd, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

PLASTI-CUT SOLUTIONS, LLC. Filed: 8/24/23. Office: RENSSELAER Co. Org. in VERMONT: 04/25/2012. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to its principal office: 376 Hill Rd, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy Of State Vermont Secretary Of State, 128 State St, Montpelier, VT 05633. Purpose: General.

On 10/12/23, Art. of Org. of **The Joy Recovery Project, LLC** were filed with the SSSNY. The office of the NY LLC is located in Rensselaer County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and the address within NY State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon it is, The Joy Recovery Project, LLC, 108 2nd St, FL 1, Troy, NY 12180. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful purpose.

2182 5 LLC. Filed 9/20/23. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Alessandra Delacruz, 45 Troutman St, Unit 3b, Bklyn, NY 12180. Purpose: General.

Argot Property Group LLC Filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2023. The company office is in Rensselaer county NY. SSNY is Designated Agent of LLC upon whom process to 531 East Street, Unit 772, Rensselaer, NY 12144. Company Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION SEEKING AMENDMENT
OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York, regarding a Petition submitted by Matopato, LLC seeking an amendment of the Brunswick Zoning Law to amend the zoning district classification of property located at 291 Oakwood Avenue, Parcel No. 80.00-2-2.12, from Industrial Light (IND-L) to Business (B-15).

Copies of the Petition and supporting documents are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

All interested persons in this matter will have an opportunity to be heard at that time and place.
DATED: November 27, 2023
Brunswick, New York

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK TOWN BOARD
By: Philip H. Herrington, Supervisor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 9 of 2023
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on December 12th, 2023 at 7:25 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 9 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023. Introductory Local Law No. 9 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023 is a local law to amend Chapter 45 of the Town Code of the Town of New Lebanon, entitled "Records."

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

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

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
11/20/2023

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **At The Barn Enterprize LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/09/2023. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services INC. 54 State Street, STE 804, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PETERSBURGH PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please take notice that the Petersburg Planning Board regular monthly meeting scheduled for December 25, 2023, is rescheduled to Wednesday, December 20, 2023, due to the Christmas Day Holiday. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM at the Petersburg Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburg, New York.

John Domian, Chair
Petersburgh Planning Board

Shredder Bush Hogging LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/12/23. Office: Rensselaer County. Jeff Kahabka designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 107 S Linden Mechanicville, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, a proposed local law which would enact a four (4) month extension of a moratorium on the filing, acceptance, review, or determination of any land use application pertaining to commercial solar collector systems in the Town of Brunswick. Such moratorium was enacted through Brunswick Local Law No. 9 of 2022.

A complete copy of Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2023 is available for inspection at the Town of Brunswick Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Troy, New York, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK TOWN BOARD
By: Philip H. Herrington, Supervisor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BERLIN
DECEMBER 14, 2023
7 PM
AT THE TOWN HALL

The Town Board of the Town of Berlin will be holding a public hearing on the proposed resolution to establish an Ambulance Taxing Authority. The Town has successfully funded and started an Ambulance Service that has been approved by the controlling authority and awarded its Permanent Municipal Certificate of Need to operate.

Currently the ambulance funding has been added to the Towns budget. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to establish the service as its own taxing authority just as Berlin Fire District is. Establishing this Authority would add a full accounting of the service to the Towns Annual Budget. This proposal would be to fund at the current rate of \$60,000 which would equate to \$1.45 per thousand of accessed value of a property. To put it in perspective the current billing for the Berlin Fire District is \$4.90 per thousand of accessed value.

Since the formation of the Ambulance service Taconic Valley Ambulance has grown from the three EMTs and one driver to eight EMTs and nine drivers, with another four individuals who have committed to training as EMTs. Taconic Valley Ambulance is a nonprofit volunteer organization which is under contract with the Town of Berlin. The Town owns two used ambulances and provides housing for both as well as squad room.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Jaeger
Supervisor
Town of Berlin

PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICES TO BE FILLED
VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU 2024 ELECTIONS

A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following offices for the Village of East Nassau will need to be filled: Village Mayor, with a term of office of two (2) years and the Board of Trustees, two (2) positions, each with a term of office of two (2) years. Village elections will be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from Noon to 9:00 PM** at the Hoags Corners Ambulance House, 19 Town Garage Road, East Nassau.

Interested parties should contact the Village Clerk at PO Box 268, East Nassau, NY 12062; phone (518) 794-0289 (leave message) or email clerk@villageofeastnassau.org.

Beginning Sunday, November 19, 2023 the Village Clerk will be accepting absentee ballot applications.

Diane Maguire, Village Clerk
www.villageofeastnassau.org

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board is seeking persons interested in serving in the possible vacancies on January 1st, 2024 for the following positions:

Planning Board (1 position available - 7 year term – expires 12/31/2030): The Planning Board is a seven year term and the Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The primary responsibilities of the Planning Board are to review and approve subdivision plats, site plans and certain special use permits. Questions should be directed to Cissy Hernandez at 794-8884.

Zoning Board of Appeals (1 position available - 5 year term – expires 12/31/2028): The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm when needed. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears appeals from any order, requirement, decision, interpretation, or determination made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and reviews applications for use variances, area variances, and certain special use permits.

Conservation Advisory Council (4 positions available - 2 year term each – expires 12/31/2025): The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) advises in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

Ethics Board Member (1 position available - 5 year term – expires 12/31/2028): Applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Upon the written request of any Town Officer or employee, the Board of Ethics may render a written advisory opinion with respect to the interpretation or application of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics or of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. The Board of Ethics has the power and duty to conduct any investigation necessary to carry out the provisions of the Town of New Lebanon's Code of Ethics.

Recreation Commission Member (1 position available - 7 year term – expires 12/31/2030) and (1 position available – to finish a 7 year term – expires 12/31/2024): Please specify which position you are applying for. Recreation Commission members must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. The Recreation Commission is vested with the authority to establish, equip, operate, and maintain playground and community programs and facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that unless otherwise specified, all applicants must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Persons interested in serving in any of these positions are to submit a letter of interest to the New Lebanon Town Clerk. Letters may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com. Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18th, 2023. If multiple letters of interest are received for any of the positions, interviews will be held at a special meeting at the town hall on Thursday, December 21st, 2023 at 1:00pm. If that day/time does not work for any applicant, an alternative time can be scheduled.

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/20/2023

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the Town Board will be held at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 in New Lebanon on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1:00pm to hold interviews if needed for several board and committee appointments.

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
11/20/2023

2 ASHLAND LLC. Filed 7/15/23. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Chaz Hathaway, 2154 Se 130th Ave, Unit B, Portland, OR 97233. Purpose: General.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF HOOSICK HOUSING AUTHORITY
SNOWPLOWING BID

The Town of Hoosick Housing Authority will accept bids for snowplowing. All bids should be submitted to the Housing Authority Office at P.O. Box 149 Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 on or before December 14th, 2023. The successful bidder will plow the Hoosac Meadows, Wood Park and Woodbridge complexes after each snow fall of 3", or as needed, clearing the parking lots for the safety of our tenants. The lots also need to be sanded &/or salted. Hoosac Meadows is to be plowed by 6:30 am, Wood Park and Woodbridge complexes by 7:30am, and as needed. The bidder should also submit an hourly rate for snow removal as needed by the Housing Authority.

All bidders must submit price per plow per lot per plow and per sand and copy of current certificate of insurance. (Liability and Workmen's Comp must be submitted with bid.

All sealed bids will be opened at the Housing Authority's meeting at 4:00 pm December 14th, 2023. All details are available by calling Patrice Zedalis, Executive Director 518-686-5408.

BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, INC.
ON THE PROPOSED FINANCING BY
BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY, NO. 1, INC.
OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK,
RENSSELAER COUNTY, N.Y.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Brunswick Fire Company, No. 1, Inc. of the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, N.Y. located at 566 Hoosick Rd, Troy, NY 12180 will meet on Monday, December 11th at 6:45pm at the Brunswick Fire Company No. 1, for the purpose of holding a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on a proposal that the Issuer enter into a Contract in order to finance certain equipment. In addition, the public hearing will be simultaneously accessible by dialing 415-655-0001 and entering access code 25560693982 and password 59593377. The equipment to be financed consists of (1) Sutphen Custom Pumper Fire Truck, VIN 1S9A1BND6P1003134 and will be located at 566 Hoosick Rd, Troy N.Y. 12180.

To finance the costs of such equipment and pay costs and expense incidental to the financing, the issuer proposes to enter into a loan contract in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$722,000.00. The issuer will be required to pay all taxes on the equipment. The Contract payments due are pursuant to the loan Contract will be secured by a security interest in the equipment.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or phone as stated above, or may file written comments with the Brunswick Fire Company No. 1, Inc. of the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, N.Y. prior to the date of hearing set forth theretofore.

Dated: November 22nd, 2023

By Order of Brunswick Fire Company, No. 1, Inc. of The Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, N.Y.

John A. Mainello III, Treasurer

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Zoning Board of appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Richard Van Deusen for an Area Variance located at 88 French Hill Rd New Lebanon, NY. The Public Hearing will take place on December 5th 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

Senior News

Grafton Senior Center

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, is open Mondays from 9 am to noon and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm.
December 5th - Getting ready for the season, decorating, and games
December 6th - Legal aid by appointment only
December 7th - Merryoke—karaoke with a Christmas twist—at 12:30 pm
December 12th - Senior group meeting at 10 am; eat smart at 11 am

Indoor Walking with Justine's Movement of Hope on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:30 am. Chair yoga is held Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 am. Lunches and grab-and-go meals are served Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. Congregate meals are eat-in or take-out. Suggested price for meals is \$3 for ages 60 and up, and \$5 for all others. Call 518-279-3413 to be added to the events or lunch list.

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

December 1st - Variety bingo
December 5th & 6th - Crafts with Julie; \$5 sign up on table
December 6th - Hoosick senior meeting at 11 am; ornament bingo at 12:30 pm
December 8th - Singalong with the Sentimental Jazz Trio at 12:30 pm
December 13th - Eat smart demo at 11 am; monthly birthday celebration at 12:30 pm
December 15th - Winter bingo at 12:30 pm
December 20th - Holiday reindeer games at 11 am; gift exchange fun at 12:30 pm
December 22nd - Special Christmas music program by John Hill at 12:30 pm

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Contact: Email news@eastwickpress.com or ads@eastwickpress.com, or call 518-203-7574 on Monday & Tuesday 11 am – 5 pm.

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December 25th - Center closed for Christmas
December 29th - Happy New Year celebration at 12:30 pm
January 1st - Center closed for New Year's Day

Lebanon Valley Seniors

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.

For more information, or to sign up for trips, call Mary DeFreest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com.

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.

December Senior Menu

1st: Chicken patty w/white country gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, spinach, corn bread, tropical fruit
4th: Sloppy Joe, cut corn, peas, and onions, round roll, sherbet
5th: Alfredo ravioli, buttered wax beans, Normandy blend, Italian bread, fruit cup
6th: BBQ pork ribs, mashed sweet potatoes, spinach, sweet glazed biscuit, cinnamon applesauce
7th: Baked chicken breast w/rosemary gravy, con-fetti rice, candied carrots, dinner roll, fresh fruit
8th: L/s hot dog w/mustard, seasoned sauerkraut, Bush's vegetarian beans, hot dog roll, granola bar
11th: Lemon garlic cod w/tartar, red potatoes, broccoli florets, yogurt
12th: Italian style sausage and peppers, penne pasta w/sauce, Italian blend, Italian bread, fresh fruit
13th: Chicken tenders w/honey mustard, sweet potato tots, cut green beans, strawberry applesauce
14th: Swiss steak, buttery mashed potatoes, peas and onions, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit

Meetings

Monday, December 11th
Grafton Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Offices

Tuesday, December 12th
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, December 13th
Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage
East Nassau Village Board, 7 pm, Hoags Corners Ambulance Building

Thursday, December 14th
Brunswick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Berlin Town Board, 7:30 pm, Municipal Complex
Nassau Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Schodack Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Poestenkill Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Monday, December 18th
Stephentown Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall

Tuesday, December 19th
Berlin CSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:15 pm, Middle High School Cafeteria

Thursday, December 21st
Hoosick Falls CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria

Church News

Cambridge Churches

On December 9th, from 10 am to noon, at the Cambridge American Legion, 2106 NY 22, a collection of Cambridge area churches will host a birthday party for Jesus. The entrance fee will be a baby gift, which will be donated to the Alpha Pregnancy Care Center in Bennington.

For ideas please refer to their wish list on the their Amazon link, <https://a.co/433c47T>. No gift is too big or too small. For more information, please call Nancy at 518-677-3898.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Hoosick Falls Immaculate Conception Church

On December 1st, Hoosick Falls Immaculate Conception Church presents Christmas Melodies. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show starts at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. They can be purchased at the rectory and Thorpe's Pharmacy. There will be a cash bar and light fare available.

Johnsonville Methodist Church

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. We have a great selection of adult and children's seasonal clothing, vintage, jewelry, shoes, linens, toys, puzzles, and much more.

North Chatham United Methodist Church

On Saturday, December 2nd, the North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, will host a Holiday Bazaar from 10 am to 3 pm, sponsored by the United Women of Faith of the North Chatham and Grace (Nassau) United Methodist Churches. There will be a nice variety of vendors and this is a great chance to do some Christmas shopping locally. Lunch and a bake sale will be available, and all proceeds will go to mission projects. For more information on the North Chatham UMC, please call 518-766-3535 or visit northchathammethodistchurch.org. For more information on the Grace UMC, please call 518-766-9628.

Petersburg Baptist Church

Rehearsals have begun for a Christmas concert by the Community Christmas Choir. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 6 pm, at the Petersburg Baptist Church. Rehearsals will be held Sundays at 1 pm at the same location. All singers are invited to join the choir.

Seventh Day Baptist Church of Berlin

The Berlin Homeschool Co-op will be holding a four-week winter session on Fridays, January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, from 9 am to noon, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Berlin, 41 N Main St. Classes are for grades K-12. Classes offered include structured table games, lego building, weird science, and trt (K-5); functional sewing, woodworking, and weird science (grades 6-8). There is no cost for this session. If you would like more information or a registration form, contact Pastor Matt Olson at 518-658-2868 or pastormatt@berlinsdb.org.

Stephentown Federated Church Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 17th, at 4 pm

Join with the community to speak to the shadows and welcome the light in this season. Each year, the days grow shorter and nights longer until the solstice reverses the trend. Speaking to the shadows means being honest about the darkness that fills our days. Participants have the opportunity to bring refreshments or desserts to share at

the end of the service, and/or a poem or song to share with the community to welcome the light during the service. Think of it as a service with an open mic and potluck afterwards. No obligation to bring anything to attend.

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th, at 7:30 pm

We'll meet for our regular Sunday service in the morning at 9:30 am, then meet again to sing the songs of the season and hear the Christmas story. Invite your friends and family. Join us for

a candlelight service of lessons, carols, choir, and candles. Stephentown Federated Church is located at 1513 Garfield Road.

Baptist Cemetery, Center Berlin

First Baptist Church of Berlin is now accepting donations to repair the stone wall along the front of the cemetery on Route 22. If you are interested in helping with this project, donations can be sent to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 313, Berlin, NY 12022, with a note indicating it is for the cemetery.



The wall along the front of the Baptist Cemetery in Berlin. Photo courtesy of Berlin First Baptist Church.

Obituary

Everett D. Madden

Stephentown - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Everett Daniel Madden, 81, who passed in the comfort of his home on November 19th, 2023 with his family, and wife of 42 years, Tammy, by his side. Everett was born May 9th, 1942 to Lawrence & Betsey (Swarthout) Madden.

A lifelong resident and current Town Councilman of Stephentown, Everett grew up on the family farm that his grandparents established on Madden Road. After graduating from Berlin Central School in 1960, Everett worked at Fuller Brush Company and sold encyclopedias to put himself through college at State University College at Buffalo. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in education, he taught industrial arts at Lansingburgh High School. In his younger years, Everett enjoyed operating ham radios and was a member of the Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club. He also flew with the North Adams Flying Club until 1977.

In 1974, Everett opened Madden's Corner Shell, later known as Madden's Service Center where he served the community for 44 years before retiring in 2018. As a businessman Everett greeted everyone with a "Howdy." He was selfless, humble, and well respected. He loved the challenge behind repairing cars and the art of untangling wrecks with the tow truck.



Everett found great joy in gardening, canning, making cider and wine, hunting, and fishing. He enjoyed a yearly hunting trip to the Straight Run camp in PA with the guys. He was an avid reader and knew a little bit about everything and could fix most anything. He had many unique sayings that his family calls "Evy-isms" and he could tell a story like none other. The town of Stephentown has lost a pillar in the community.

Everett was predeceased by his parents and his brother Henry Madden. He is survived by his wife Tammy, his children Heather (Jim) Klauck, Eric (Jayme) Madden, Danielle (Jeremiah) Hughes, and Cynthia (Michael) Carter; and his five grandchildren, Olivia, Christopher, Daniel, Makayla, and Mason. In addition, he is survived by his mother-in-law Caroline White, several brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Stephentown Emergency Food Pantry (PO Box 387) or the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department (PO Box 208).

Private family services will be held. Relatives and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of life on December 29th, 2023, at 2 pm, at the Stephentown Fire Hall. Condolence book and memorial page at parkerbrosmemorial.com.

Community Calendar

November 30 – December 3, Thursday – Sunday

Holiday Greens Show, noon – 5 pm, adults \$15, 16 & under free, Hart-Cluett House, 57-59 Second St, Troy, this year celebrates bicentennial of poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” info/tickets: hartcluett.org/2023greensshow

December 2, Saturday

Lions Christmas Tree Sale & Raffle, 8 am, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, Fraser firs \$55, raffle tickets for signed print of Will Moses’ *Christmas Eve Service* \$10

Sand Lake Kiwanis Club 75th Anniversary Bash, 5:30 pm, \$60, Burden Lake Country Club, Averill Park, dinner & entertainment by Donnie Elvis, info/tickets: Kiwanis President Wayne Gendron at 518-698-9623

Hubbard Hall Holiday Concert & Community Celebration, 7:30 pm, adults \$15, students 18 & under \$5, Hubbard Hall Mainstage, Cambridge, featuring Shannon They and The Troupe and Hubbard Hall/CCS Drama Club, info/tickets: hubbardhall.org

December 3, Sunday

Troy Victorian Stroll, 11 am – 5 pm, downtown Troy, info: 518-274-7020 or victorianstroll.com

Historical Society Holiday Potluck Dinner, 2 pm, free, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, bring main course/side dish/dessert to share, monetary donations support Stephentown Food Pantry, gift shop open, directions: 518-339-6485

Holiday Tree Lighting & Caroling, 3 – 5 pm, free, Grafton Town Green, refreshments & caroling with Berlin CSD chorus, bring ornament for tree, cookies & copy of recipe for 2023 Holiday Cookie Collection Booklet

December 8, Friday

Valley Falls Public Open House, 5 – 7 pm, Valley Falls Community Hall, 11 Charles St, comment on recommended community projects, info: historicvalleyfalls.com

Luminary Walk, 5 – 8:30 pm, \$5 (ages 2 & under free), Grafton Lakes State Park, self-led 1/2 mile trail, hot chocolate & fire

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December 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday

Frozen Jr., 6:30 pm Fri & Sat, 1 pm Sun, free, Hoosick Falls High School, presented by Hoosick Falls Drama Club

December 9, Saturday

Flea Market, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction, 9 am – 3 pm, Petersburg Methodist Church, 12 Head of Lane, lunch food, 50/50 raffle, table: \$15, info: Annie at 518-852-6576 or Darlene at 518-495-6814

BMHS Holiday Fest, 10 am – 3 pm, Berlin Middle High School, \$25 for vendor space, signup/info: berlincentral.org

December 10, Sunday

New Lebanon Health & Wellness Day, 11 am – 3 pm, free (vendors & visitors), LVPA, Rt 20/Shaker Rd, vendors reserve table by 12/1: newlebevents@gmail.com

Còige Concert, 6 pm, adults \$25/ students \$10, Hubbard Hall, 25 E Main St, Cambridge, Celtic traditional music, info/tickets: hubbardhall.org

December 13, Wednesday

A Victorian Christmas, 5 pm, suggested donation up to \$10, Cambridge Historical Society and Museum, 12 Broad St, Advent Window Reveal & sweet treats at 5 pm, performances & crafts at 6 pm

December 16, Saturday

Kids Christmas Party, 1 pm, free, North Hoosick Fire Station, Rt. 22, Santa & Mrs. Claus (parents please bring gift for children to open), movie, refreshments

Hubbard Hall Winter Dance Showcase, 2 pm, free (seating limited), Cambridge Central School Auditorium, featuring ballet, jazz, hip hop, & Irish step students

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Puzzles

Crossword Theme:

Math 101

ACROSS

- Loaded up
- Tube in old TV
- Pouches
- Tequila source
- Stick in water
- Jig's French cousin
- TV's "Secretary"
- Money in Myanmar
- Photoshop maker
- *Result of multiplication
- *Whole number
- *Say 2+2 is 5, e.g.
- Arctic floater
- Dashboard acronym
- Fountain serving
- Spanky or Alfalfa
- Short for "hurry up"
- Live bait
- Turn upside down
- Cassette contents
- Retire from military, for short
- Jason's vessel
- Sicker
- "Sight for ___ eyes"
- Puppy cry
- Denver option, at a diner
- Apartment
- Green turtle's domain

DOWN

- "I lift my ___ beside the golden door"
- Petri dish gel
- Carpenter's groove
- Dodge, as in tax bill
- Takes exception to
- Native Egyptian, in Roman times
- *Line with one endpoint
- Path in the woods
- Left or right, e.g.
- Awestruck
- *Three-dimensional figure with 6 square faces
- Palm reader, e.g.
- Cake with filling
- Three people?
- Neither here ___ there
- Subcontract (2 words)

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- Final
- Personal trainer's place of employment
- *Venn
- *Point in 2.5
- Barrel racing meet
- Gobbled up
- On the rocks (2 words)
- *Fields Medal to a mathematician, e.g.
- Sports official, for short
- 8 of something
- Like Gulf Stream
- Big bang maker
- Required things
- No-win situation
- Wisconsin neighbor
- Jewish month of Purim
- Disease-causing organism
- Clever
- Indoor allergy cause
- Crushed it, as in a test
- "___ Make a Deal"
- *X
- *1:2, e.g.
- Sacred song
- Canada's favorite tree?
- "Nobody ___ It Better"
- Fix a cat
- First discovered asteroid
- *Measured in degrees
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Banana remnant
- Between dawn and noon
- Brown shade
- Retread, past tense
- Non-alcoholic brew
- Rockefeller or Bezos
- Like today's phone
- Kind of pie

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