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McLaughlin Delivers State of the County Address

Submitted by Rensselaer County

On Tuesday, March 12th, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin delivered his annual State of the County (SOTC) address for 2024, in the legislative chambers at 99 Troy Road in East Greenbush. McLaughlin began by leading legislators in a moment of silence for Casey Frankoski, who was killed last week in a helicopter crash while patrolling the Texas-Mexico border with the National Guard.

The SOTC was the second delivered at county offices at 99 Troy Road, a centerpiece of the Reimagine Rensselaer County Facilities project initiated by McLaughlin with support from the Legislature to modernize county facilities. Along with the county offices, the project has included renovation of the County Office Building in downtown Troy, construction of a second DMV, development of a new senior center in Troy, and more.

The 37 percent property tax reduction over the past six budgets has helped to generate investment and growth in the county, with property value growing from \$14.3 billion in 2023 to \$15.8 billion in 2024.

The county is also seeing record performance in sales tax



County Executive Steve McLaughlin delivering the 2024 State of the County Address. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

and retail activity, and has earned a series of positive independent audits, record-high bond ratings, and unprecedented earnings for interest income.

In addition, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are being used for the extension of water and sewer infrastructure in Schodack, North Greenbush, and Poestenkill.

Along with infrastructure improvements, the county is also readying a project to update the Van Rensselaer Manor nursing home, which was opened over 25 years ago.

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BERLIN CSD

CASDA Friends of Education Award

Submitted by BCS Communications



Berlin Central School District's (BCSD) Director of Transportation Mrs. Jeaneatte Alderman and Head Mechanic Mr. Rick Wagar will be honored with the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA) Friends of Education Award.

CASDA presents this award each year to recognize the selfless contributions of individuals who dedicate themselves to serving students and enriching their school communities.

Each and every day Mrs. Alderman or Mr. Wagar keep the safety of the students, staff, and community at the forefront of all their decision making, from driving the varied terrain of the district's 161 square miles at 4 am to determine road safety to making sure their buses are equipped with state of the art safety equipment such as enhanced stop arms and external cameras. *Continued on page 3*

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Taconic Valley

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Mountaineers Take Part in Coral Trade Show

Submitted by BCS Communications



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

The 17th Annual New England Frag Farmers Market was the biggest single day coral trade show in the country, and the Berlin Middle High School’s Aquatics Program was one of the participants. Held at Storrs, Connecticut, on March 2nd, the show featured over 150 exhibitors, including coral and fish vendors, aquatic equipment companies, guest speakers, and workshops. Students in Mr. Christian’s Marine Biology class, as well as his independent study students, have been growing coral and raising Moon Jel-

lyfish over the last year in preparation for the show. The students brought their coral and aquatics lab stars, the Moon Jellyfish, to trade and sell at the event. It was an enriching and exciting day for the students to explore the event and the busy university town of Storrs. Madison Lenyk, Jamison Curtiss, Elizabeth Hunt, Cole Jones, and Spencer Sheridan attended the show for the Mountaineers, while Madison Casey, Layne Chaykowski-Jewett, Seamus Faulkner, Christopher Shorter, Jaid Vazquez, Marissa Yerdon, Madison Bell, Haylee Jones, McKenzie Lowell, and Vivian Whelan participated in the project, but were unable to attend. Mr. Christian, Ms. Day, Mrs. Hunt, and the Mountaineers were able to sell or trade all of the species they brought. This in turn resulted in many new critters joining the young aquatics lab family.

BERLIN

Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

The Ladies Oriental Shrine, a not-for-profit, is having a complete lasagna dinner on *Sunday, April 7th, from 2 to 4 pm*, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Main Street. Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, please call Sharon at 518-265 6187. We support the Shriners Children’s New England to help those children in need.

BERLIN FOOD CLOSET

Easter Dinner Boxes

The Food Closet will offer Easter dinner boxes to needy families. If your family would like to reserve a dinner box, please call the Food Closet at 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509 (you can text this number also). Dinner will include turkey or ham, potatoes, yams, vegetables, rolls, and dessert. This meal is free to needy families in the Berlin and Petersburg area. Pick-up for the meal will be from *9 to 10 am on Saturday, March 23rd*.

BERLIN

Rabies Clinic

On *Saturday, April 13th*, at the Town of Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 State Rte. 22, the Town of Berlin will hold a rabies clinic. Rabies and distemper shots will be available for \$15, cash only. Cats will be seen from 9 to 10 am, and dogs will be seen from 10 to 11 am. For more information, contact Dog Control Officer Douglas Goodermote at 518-658-3308.

PETERSBURGH

Community Choir Easter Cantata

On *Sunday, March 24th, at 2 pm*, come celebrate and rejoice with the Taconic Valley Community Choir as they present “Hosanna to the King!” at Petersburg Baptist Church. This Easter Cantata is directed by Karen Webster and will be accompanied by Linda Morrison on violin, Martha von-Schilgen on violin and cello, Leslie Green on oboe, and Dan Lamontagne and Matina Patsos on percussion. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

WILLIAMSTOWN

April Break Activities

As part of the April school vacation break, the Clark Art Institute is offering children and families fun activities and opportunities. All vacation school week activities are free. **Sprouting with Seeds Art-Making Workshop** *Wednesday, April 17th, from 1 to 3 pm* Recommended for ages 5 and older. **Earth Walk with Dogs** *Friday, April 19th, at 10 am* Advance registration encouraged; capacity is limited. **Print Room Pop-Up: Dogs and Nature** *Friday, April 19th, from 11 am to 1 pm* For more information or registration, please visit clarkart.edu/events.



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Taconic Valley

BERLIN

Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Workshop

On *Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:30 am to noon*, The Stephentown Art Guild and photographer/art educator Shannon DeCelle will host a Pysanky Workshop at 17 Cherry Plain Square. Pysanky is the Slavic folk art tradition of decorating eggs using a wax-resistant dye technique similar to batik. All skill levels are welcome and participants should be at least 12 years old. Each participant will leave with a completed decorated egg. All materials are supplied. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/SAGpysanky. The workshop is \$35 per person.

STEPHENTOWN

Community Solar

Submitted by Bill Jennings

Progress continues with the Stephentown Community Solar Campaign. As of Monday, March 4th, we have at least 56 Stephentown residents who are now fully enrolled in the program. This means we are only 4 subscribers short of reaching our tier 2 goal of 60. We hope you will help us reach this goal very soon.

The first 10 subscribers qualified the Town of Stephentown for a NYSERDA tier 1 energy efficiency grant of \$5,000. This will be used for a professional Energy Audit of the Town Hall to identify the next steps needed. The next 50 subscribers, for a total of 60, will qualify the town for an additional \$10,000 in grant funds to begin to address these steps.

In addition to the 56 residents, the Town of Stephentown has signed up all 3 of its NYSEG accounts for Community Solar: the Town Hall, the Highway Garage, and the Transfer Station. Unfortunately, these municipal accounts do not count towards the tier 2 goal.

The Stephentown Clean Energy Committee has reached out to all those who initially indicated interest in subscribing but have not successfully finished the enrollment process. If just a few of these become subscribers, we will be over the top. The committee stands ready to help anyone needing assistance, or if there are questions that need to be answered.

The Campaign will continue until at least April 15th. To sign up, please go to powermarket.io/stephentown.html. There is no cost to sign up and subscribers should see about a 10% reduction in their annual NYSEG electricity bill. Questions can be directed to the Committee at stephentownceec@gmail.com. Information continues to be available at the Town Clerk's office, the Stephentown Memorial Library, the Stephentown Clean Energy Community Facebook page, and on the Town's website, townofstephentown.org.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Story Time

Wednesdays at 10 am

Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesdays at 5 pm

Mahjong

Thursdays at 4 pm

Teen Night: An Asian Experience

Friday, March 22nd, at 6 pm

This month we will be having an Asian themed night. We will be watching *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, and we will be sampling awesome asian snacks. We will also get some dinner from a local Chinese restaurant.

Jamming at the Library

Saturday, March 23rd, at 3 pm

We learned a lot from our first jam. So please, if you can, bring a couple of songs with chords and lyrics. We'll get to everyone at least once, depending on how many people show up. Please contact the library to RSVP so we know how many people we need to set up for.

Yoga for Kids

Monday, March 25, at 4:30 pm

These classes are ideal for 3 to 9 year olds. These lessons not only help kids now, but will give them tools they can draw upon for the rest of their lives. Please visit prancingponyyoga.com for more information.

Easter Party

Saturday, March 30th at 1 pm

Join us at the library for a visit from the Easter Bunny, games, crafts, and of course candy. The Easter Bunny will be escorted to the Library by the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department in one of their fire trucks. The truck will stay at the library for everyone to explore. Although registration is not necessary, it helps us prepare. Please register by going online or calling the library at 518-733-5750. Don't forget to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs in. Rain date is Friday, March 29th.

All programs at the Stephentown Library are free for all to attend. For more information or to register, please visit www.stephentownlibrary.org.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Story Time

Wednesdays at 11 am • For toddlers and preschoolers

Stitch Group

Fridays at 3 pm

New members are welcome.

Easter Arts and Crafts

Thursday, March 28th, at 4 pm

All ages are welcome.

For more information, or to register for a program, please call the library at 518-658-2231, or email director@bftl.org.

CASDA Friends of Education Awards

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It is also not unusual to find Mrs. Alderman and Mr. Wagar behind the wheel of a bus when they need to support their dedicated staff of drivers.

On most days you will find Mrs. Alderman troubleshooting runs, hiring and training staff, or communicating with drivers, students, and families. This includes planning with both the BCSD staff for extracurricular driving needs and the BNL Athletics Department to ensure all sports runs are covered.

Mrs. Alderman is also dedicated to starting Mountaineers' bus safety early. Each summer, with the support of her staff, she holds an orientation for the incoming pre-k and kindergarten students, helping to acclimate them to the bus.

Mr. Wagar works alongside his staff of mechanics, responsible for a fleet of 27 vehicles, ensuring that all receive their routine maintenance, any necessary repairs, and are ready for Department of Transportation inspections.

Mr. Wagar and his staff also give their time and expertise to help teach and demonstrate their trade to our oldest student Mountaineers. These students are considering their plans after BCSD and preparing to enter into the workforce or continue to pursue their education beyond high school. Having hands-on experience with Mr. Wagar and his team can be an invaluable part of mapping out their future plans.

This year, Mr. Wagar and his staff are hosting two Mountaineer seniors who are in the automotive program at Questar III. The students are two of many Mountaineers who have done their shadowing at the BCSD Transportation Department over the last several years. This is a highlight each year for Mr. Wagar and his staff.

The BCSD Administrators Association nominated Mrs. Alderman and Mr. Wagar this year. They will be honored at the CASDA Annual Awards and Friends of Education Celebration Dinner on April 25th at Century House in Latham.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Next week we will have a new installation of beautiful works created by a local artist. We are excited to see what she'll be bringing to hang on the walls. The art shows are typically for three months at a time, and if you are interested in exhibiting your work here, let us know, and we will put you in contact with the dedicated volunteer who takes care of the scheduling.

Storytime

Tuesday, March 26th, at 10:30 am

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Central County

GRAFTON

Bridging Political Divides

Submitted by Peter Pierson

On **Saturday, May 4th, from 10 to 11 am**, at Roxborough Holdings, 13 Babcock Lake Rd, Braver Angels will hold a one-hour workshop entitled Crossing the Continental Divide, which is designed to introduce you to the depolarizing work of Braver Angels. Braver Angels was founded in 2016 as a grass-roots initiative to help depolarize America. Braver Angels appeals to our common desire to better understand those who look at political things in different ways than we do.

This event is free and there will be simple refreshments.

We are planning a full day red/blue workshop for **Saturday, October 5th**.

For more information, or to pre-register, please contact Peter Pierson at 518-928-7663 or pperson@mac.com. You can also register at the door.

Honoring a Local Hero

Courtesy of Rensselaer County



Veterans, residents, and elected officials joining the family and friends of Joseph F. Moore to honor his service and sacrifice. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Income Tax Assistance

Hudson Valley Community College is working with the United Way of the Greater Capital Region for the second straight year to host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a national program where community members can work, for free, with IRS-certified volunteers to prepare their federal and state tax returns.

VITA will be in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Room 216, **from 1 to 3:30 pm on March 8th, and 22nd**, as well as **April 5th and 12th**.

VITA is open to all students, staff, and surrounding community members who meet eligibility requirements. You can find out more information and make an appointment (required) by visiting unitedwaygcr.org/cash/locations.

Sheriffs' Institute Summer Camp

Courtesy of the RCSO

The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for this year's New York State Sheriffs' Institute Summer Camp.

The Summer Camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who, because of economic reasons, would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. Campers must be up-to-date on immunizations and have received a medical physical after May 1st, 2023. This year's camp session runs from **Sunday, July 28th through Saturday, August 3rd**.



A look at a past New York Sheriffs' Institute Summer Camp. Photo courtesy of The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office.

Detailed information about the camp may be found at www.sheriffsinstitute.org.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office at 518-266-1903. Qualified campers will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Deadline for submission is March 29th.

Rensselaer County has vowed to never forget the service and sacrifice of our veterans and families. On Monday, March 11th, veterans joined with residents, elected officials, and friends and family to honor the life and service of the late Joseph F. Moore of East Greenbush, an Army veteran of World War II.

Joseph's family moved to East Greenbush in the 1920s, and he joined the Army in 1944. He landed in Europe and took part in heavy fighting in France. He earned several awards and commendations for brave and valuable service. After the end of the war, he returned home and worked for BF Goodrich. He and his wife Ethel were parents of four daughters and a son and eight grandchildren. Sadly, he passed away in 1985.

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Central County

BERLIN CSD

Dramateers Present: School of Rock

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Dramateers present: *School of Rock the Musical*. Performances will take place **March 22nd at 7 pm, March 23rd at 7 pm, and March 24th at 2pm**. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children under 2 years old. Please note that this musical is rated PG-13 due to mature language and content. This show is not suitable for all audiences.

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March Madness Tournament of Books

Submitted by BCS Communications

During the month of March at Berlin Elementary School (BES), students in grades K through 2 will participate in the second annual March Madness Tournament of Books to celebrate National Reading Month. The book tournament is modeled after March Madness in college basketball. Each week students will listen to two read alouds in their classroom and vote on which they liked more. The winning books advance until there is a champion. Find a list of the books on the district's website at berlincentral.org. If you would like to read these books at home with your Mountaineers, check your local libraries, one of our district's best resources.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Berlin Central School District (BCSD) Literacy Coach and organizer Mrs. Glickman by emailing her at aglickman@berlincentral.org.

For more information about BCSD community libraries, please visit their websites:

- Berlin:** bftl.org
Grafton: grafftoncommunitylibrary.org
Petersburgh: petersburghpubliclibrary.org
Stephentown: stephentownlibrary.org



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Silent Book Club
Tuesday, March 26th, at 6 pm

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

Electronics Recycling Event

Submitted by Rensselaer County

On **Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:30 am to 1 pm**, at the Rensselaer County East Greenbush Office Building, 99 Troy Road, the Rensselaer County Legislature and Environmental Management Council will sponsor an electronics recycling event. The event will be held in the parking lot. Accepted items include, but are not limited to, audio/visual, cell phones, printers, copiers, video game systems, wiring, and cables. Items not accepted include, but are not limited to, dishwashers, refrigerators, cleaning products, paint, tires, and fluorescent lamps and lightbulbs. For more information, please call ProTea recycling at 518-874-1001.

BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April Program

On **Friday, April 29th at 7 pm**, at the Brunswick Historical Society, 605 Brunswick Rd in Eagle Mills, there will be a program on 400 years of documenting major events and institutions in Rensselaer County.

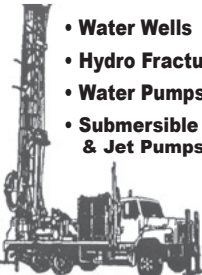
Join Kathy Sheehan, Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian, and director of the Hart Cluett Museum, for this illustrated talk about the major anniversaries coming up in the next 5 years that had a direct impact on the lives of Rensselaer County residents. From the American Revolution, and Lafayette's grand tour, to the founding of our county and town historical societies, we will explore how Rensselaer County celebrated those events and how we will be commemorating these important milestones as these anniversaries approach.

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SAND LAKE TOWN LIBRARY

Spelling Bee

If you love word games, join the fun at the Sand Lake Town Library Friends' second Spelling Bee. We heard from many people that we should do it again, so we are: **Friday, March 22nd, at 7 pm** at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts. Teams of two will compete in a written round, and finalists in an oral round. We are challenging local boards, businesses, clubs, community workers, politicians, restaurants, and other groups to compete.

Spelling words will be selected with adults in mind so team up with someone from your hive to participate or just come to watch. High schoolers may form teams, but one member must be 18 or older. Children ages 10 to 13 can be on a team with an adult age 18 or over. Children under age 10 may attend, but cannot participate. Email stlfrinds@gmail.com for registration and event information. We are buzzing with excitement and look forward to seeing you at our bee.

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Grafton's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23rd, at 11 am
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Solar Eclipse Watch
Monday, April 8th, from 2 to 5 pm
The peak will be around 3:30 pm. All ages welcome. Special glasses provided by Grafton Library. There will be light refreshments.

Get Started with Libby
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HOOSICK FALLS

2024 Parade and Festival a Great Success

Courtesy of Rensselaer County



A great Rensselaer County tradition, the annual Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Festival took place on Saturday, March 16th. The community party after the parade featured Irish music and dance and brought out many to celebrate the holiday. Here we see 2024 parade Grand Marshal Jack Fitzsimmons enjoying the festivities. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Pie Sale

On **Friday, March 29th**, the Hoosick Grange will be having a pie sale from 9 am to noon. Pies must be pre-ordered, and can be regular or gluten-free. Available flavors are apple, blueberry, raspberry, cherry, lemon meringue, pumpkin, peach, and strawberry rhubarb for \$15 each. Pecan and mincemeat are available for \$20 each. Please call 203-648-8750 to order.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

March Dinner

The Cambridge Food Pantry March fundraising dinner will be held **Saturday, March 23rd, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**, at 59 South Park St. The menu for the eat-in or take-out dinner will be old-fashioned shepherd's pie with lots of meat, vegetables, and gravy, just like Mom used to make it. To top it off, there will be a choice of delicious homemade desserts and beverages, all for \$17. The monthly dinners are sponsored by Cornerstone East Church.

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March 26th, at 10 am
Bring your project to the library and hang out with other crafters. Share, create, and learn new skills.

Preschool Story Time

March 26th and 28th, at 10 am
Join us for stories, rhymes, and fun! This program is geared toward pre-school children. This week we'll be reading *The Easter Bunny's Assistant* by Jan Thomas.

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 26th, at 6:30 pm
The meeting is open to the public.

AARP Defensive Driving Course

Rensselaer County's Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church St, will host an AARP Defensive Driving Course on **Thursday, April 4th, from 9 am to 3:30 pm**. Residents 60 and over can refresh their driving skills and may be eligible for a reduction in auto insurance. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited and materials need to be ordered. The cost is \$25 for AARP members and \$30 for non-members. Checks are preferred and should be made out to AARP. Participants should sign in at 8:45 am. Bring a bag lunch or sign up for lunch at the center for \$3. To reserve your place, please call 518-686-7561.

Lions' Annual Penny Hunt

Submitted by Joyce Brewer

The annual Penny Hunt, which the Lions have been hosting since 1960, is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd, at 1 pm**, in Wood Memorial Park. The rain date is the following Saturday, March 30th. This fun family event is great for all kids. Kids up to age 9 can participate in the penny hunt portion of the day and the older ones can take their chances with the egg toss. Rumor has it the Easter Bunny may come hopping through, and he does love to have his photo taken with kids of all ages.

The Town of Hoosick Lions Club is a service organization that focuses on eyesight and hearing for youth and adults. The Town of Hoosick club has been in existence since 1960 and we are always welcoming new members. We are proud to be part of

the Lions Club International, the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.



The Easter Bunny with penny hunt participants from 2023.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

NEW LEBANON

Pancake Breakfast

On *Saturday, March 23rd, from 8:30 to 11:30 am*, at the old New Lebanon Fire Station, 523 US Rt. 20, there will be a pancake breakfast sponsored by American Legion Post 1236. The menu will include pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, hash brown potatoes, coffee, tea, and orange juice. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and free for those under 6 years old.

NEW LEBANON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Financial Education Series

The New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School, 14665 Route 22, will be holding a free financial education series. The following programs will held in the high school library:

Investment Basics

Wednesday, April 10th, at 6 pm

What's Special About an IRA

Wednesday, April 24th, at 6 pm

Submissions Deadline:

2 pm Mondays

Send news to news@eastwickpress.com

NEW LEBANON

KISS Program

The Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe (KISS) program, sponsored by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, will be taking place from *Monday, March 11th through Friday, March 22nd*. 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.

EAST NASSAU

Town Board Highlights

by Denise Wright

The March 13th meeting of the East Nassau Board of Trustees began after public hearings on the tentative 2024 budget and the village speed reduction on all 3.4 miles of village roads.

After the board approved the treasurer's report and meeting minutes, village attorney Catalano reported that the code enforcement officer is working on a situation on Durham Hollow Road and has developed a rough draft on the accessory structure issue update in the land use law. He plans to have a copy to share at the next meeting.

He reviewed the resolution of Local Law #2 of 2024, which will reduce the village speed limit to 25 mph. Catalano stated that New York State approved a law allowing municipalities lower than 30 mph limits. Mayor Root mentioned that this law was instituted because of the increased speeding problem throughout the village.

The Narrow Bridge signs for Tsatsawassa Lake Road have been received, and the 25 mph village speed limit signs are ready to be placed on all village roads. Doug Dobert has received two quotes for road work on Tsatsawassa Lake Road. At this point, the two quotes are between \$36,000 and \$40,000. The plan is to get one more quote since the job averages over \$35,000. Dobert hopes to present more information at the April meeting.

The volunteer who offered to paint the Bell Tower hopes the project will be completed this year since the weather was so challenging last year. Elections are all set for April 19th, and will run from noon to 9 pm at the Hoags Corners Volunteer Ambulance Building. The East Nassau Board of Trustees election is one of the few competitive races in the county. Mayor Root has contacted the County Bureau of Public Safety about plantings for the Brainard Radio Tower. The hope is to have some spring plantings.

The Climate Smart committee will be working on a heat emissions guide and members will be taking a Beyonds Plastics course in hopes of learning ways to reduce plastic

use in the village. They have asked to be placed on an upcoming agenda to describe their work.

The 2024-2025 budget was reviewed and adopted. It consists of a Village Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of \$1.84, which is an increase from the \$1.82 in the 2023-2024 budget.

The final item presented was a review of the Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Apparently, the plan must be reviewed every five years, and a planning group must be formed. The plan is the foundation of a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repetitive damage. FEMA grants are affected by this program, so it will be vital for the village to be a part of this planning group.

The organizational meeting has been planned for April 1st, at 6:30 pm, with the regular board meeting at 7 pm.



Mayor Jeff Root and Public Works Superintendent Doug Dobert display new signs that will be seen around the village. Photo by Denise Wright.

EAST NASSAU

Medical Equipment for Residents

The East Nassau Senior Advocacy Committee, Inc. provides free durable medical equipment for residents to borrow or keep. Please call 518-712-9836 and leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you. You can also email nancy@ensac12062.org.

Donations are also accepted if you have durable medical equipment you don't need anymore.

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Sports & Outdoors

HOOSICK FALLS

Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Lou's Plumbing	27-8
The Jabronis	23-12
Gallup Inn	21-14
Lebowski Rug Co.	19-16
Mag-Way	18-17
Boner's	18-17
Chico's Bail Bonds	17-18
Wack'em & Stack'em	13-22
Farmers Tires	12-23
Bistro 42	7-28

High Games

Matt Brownell	279 246 761
William Nash	300 234 749
Tyler Colvin	268 257 749

Team Standings

Barbecue Recreation	214.5-145.5
RGI Insurance	200.5-159.5
Wallomsac Metal Recycling	199-161
Modern Game Pro Shop	194-166
Piece on Earth	190-170
Lo-Ridge Farm	186.5-173.5
Dave Clark Excavating	177.5-182.5
Snooter Scraps	160-200
Wack'em & Stack'em Sports	139.5-220.5
Huntin' Time	138.5-221.5

High Games

Owynn Arnold	300
Joshua Sweet	268
Matthew Beck	260

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

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

Full Moon Hike

Friday, March 22nd, from 7 to 8 pm

Join us as we hike through the park and talk about all things nighttime, like nocturnal animals and what goes on outside while we sleep. This event is free, and for those 6 years of age and older.

Backyard Birding

Saturday, March 30th, from 9 to 11 am

Binoculars and field guides will be provided while we practice IDing from the bird feeders at the Welcome Center. Afterwards, we'll go on a short hike and practice using the Merlin app to identify birds by sound. This program is for adults, but children who have the patience and passion for birdwatching are also welcome. This event is free, and for those 12 years of age and older.

Trout Day

Thursday, April 4th, from 10 am to 12:30 pm

The DEC will be providing trout at noon, and Grafton will be providing activities. Please park in the Rabbit Run parking lot.

Come on your own or bring out the whole family — Trout Day is the perfect event for all ages. Enjoy trout-shaped treats, crafts, and educational booths highlighting the wonders of trout.

The cost is \$3 cash per person, ages 5 and under enter free. Following the event will be an opportunity for children under the age of 16 to learn to fish. Those 16 and over must have a valid NYS fishing license to participate.

No pre-registration is required. This event is wheelchair accessible.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law section 501)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel, which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll for the Town of Petersburg, which will be filed on or before May 1, 2024.

The information may be reviewed by appointment in the Assessor's office at the Petersburg Town Hall on Route 2. An appointment may be made to review the assessment information by calling the Assessor's office at (518) 658-3777, ext 16 on Tuesdays from 1:30 pm ot 4:30 pm.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2024
Craig Surprise Assessor

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The information may be reviewed by appointment in the Assessor's office at the Grafton Town Hall on Route 2. An appointment may be made to review the assessment information by calling the Assessor's office at (518)279-3565, ext 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

Dated 11th day of March, 2024
Craig Surprise Assessor

Please take notice, The Town Board of the Town of Hoosick is accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, and lifeguards for the 2024 Pool Season. Applications are available at townofhoosick.org or in the Town Clerk's office.

Submissions Deadline: 2 pm Mondays
Send news to news@eastwickpress.com
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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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:

TOWN OF HOOSICK RENYOLDS GILCHRIST MEMORIAL BUILDING ROOF BID

Bids can be submitted at the Town Clerk's Office at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York until 3pm on April 8, 2024. 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 April 8, 2024, 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

Village Board of Trustees VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS

24 Main Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 commencing at 6 p.m. at the Hoosick Falls Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, for the purposes of introducing Proposed Local Law C of 2024, a local law authorizing property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c, with any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees. Please note: this proposed local law only provides the ability to override the tax cap; it does not guarantee it. Further notices regarding the upcoming 24-25 Budget Season will be coming soon.

DATED: March 13th, 2024
Hoosick Falls, New York
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS
By: Olivia Schneider, Village Clerk

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF 360 Upstate LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The name of the limited liability company is: 360 Upstate LLC, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State November 9, 2023. The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Washington. The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served on him or her is 31 Notre Dame Street, Hudson Falls, New York 12839.

Wonder Oral Wellness LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/24. 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, P.O. BOX 336 Rensselaer, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT
INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

In accordance with Section 501 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor for the Town of Brunswick has available for review assessment inventory and valuation data. An appointment to review this information can be made by calling Julie Irick, Sole Assessor for the Town of Brunswick at (518) 279-3461 X106 between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM.

Julie Irick, SCA
Sole Assessor

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LAKESHORE DREAMS LLC

On 2/16/24, Art. of Org. of Lakeshore Dreams 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 post office address within NY State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon the LLC is the LLC, 34 Lake Shore Dr, Wynantskill, NY 12198. The purpose of the LLC is for any lawful business purpose or purposes.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the limited liability company is **SURREAL SOUND, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 28, 2024. The office of the Company is to be located in Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 28 Cole Lane, Troy, NY 12180. The purpose of the business of the Company is any lawful purpose.

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Senior News

Grafton Merrymakers

Wednesday, April 10th is the first meeting of the new year. We're welcoming new members 55 and over from Grafton and surrounding towns to join us. We want your input planning the 2024 bus trips. The first bus trip has already been planned. Come find out the destination, details, and be one of the first to sign up. Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm, with the meeting to discuss trips and fund raiser ideas starting at 6:15 pm. Our meeting location is the Everett Wagar Center.

We want to thank the Town of Grafton for their continued support of the Grafton Merrymakers.

Grafton Senior Center

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to noon, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm.
3/26: Crafts with Justine at 10 am, \$5 per person, signup sheet on the table, come make a bunny wreath
3/27: Senior Feud competition, Grafton vs Hoosick Seniors, at 12:30 pm
3/28: Bingo fun at 12:30 pm

Daily seated exercise will be held at 9:30 am. Chair yoga is held Mondays and Fridays from 10 to 11 am. Strings and things is held Thursdays at 10 am. Cardio drumming is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 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. Please call by 10 am day of to reserve meals.

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

3/22: Spring planting of flower seed starters at 12:30 pm
3/27: Senior Feud competition, Grafton vs Hoosick Seniors, at 12:30 pm
3/29: Easter egg bingo at 12:30 pm

Upcoming bus trips include: Rail & Sail on June 5th, Wine, Dine & Shine on August 7th, and Magic of Manilow on November 13th. These trips are open to all seniors, and there must be a minimum of 40 people for all trips, otherwise they have to be canceled. Seniors can call 518-686-7561 or sign up at the center during normal hours.

The center is open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. Card group meets at 10 am Monday through Friday. The gym is open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday, with exercise group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet at 1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, in the

former New Lebanon fire station, 523 US Route 20. Annual dues are \$15, and no dues are required if you are over 80 years of age. If school is closed due to weather there will be no meeting. New members are always welcome.

We will be having an Italian potluck at our April 19th meeting. If you are planning to attend, please use the email address below to let us know what you can bring. We have begun taking reservations for upcoming trips, which include: Isles of Shoals/Foster Clambake on June 27th, Newport Playhouse and Cabaret on August 12th, and Lake George Dinner Theatre & Mohican Lakefront Cruise on September 19th. Please contact the email address below to reserve your spot. Please note that there are 38 spots available for each trip, and spots are not officially reserved until the trip is paid in full.

If you would like to join, please email Donna Moshimer at LebanonSeniorCitizens@gmail.com with your address. If you have any questions please call Mary Defreest 518-733-0009 or William Shannon at 518-938-1039.

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.

Senior Menu

3/22: Crabmeat salad w/lettuce, homemade potato salad, pickled beet salad, white bread, yogurt
3/25: Cheeseburger, tater tots, carrot coins, round roll, fresh fruit
3/26: Pork rib w/Korean BBQ sauce, garlic sesame noodles, broccoli florets, biscuit, peanut butter crackers
3/27: Italian style sausage and peppers, pasta w/sauce, Malibu blend, Italian bread, Italian ice
3/28: Sliced roast beef cold plate w/lettuce and mayo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese w/pine-apple, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit
3/29: Stuffed shells w/Alfredo sauce, cut corn, cut green beans, pineapple cup

Church News

Lent and Easter Services

Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick's Church,
17 South Park St,
Cambridge, Fridays
during Lent at 5 pm

Immaculate Conception
Church, 73 Main St,
Hoosick Falls, Fridays
during Lent at 3 pm

Holy Thursday

Holy Cross Church,
249 N. Main St, Salem,
March 28th, at 6 pm,
with a Potluck Dinner
to follow

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross,
Holy Cross Church,
249 N. Main St, Salem,
March 29th, at noon

Way of the Cross,
Immaculate Conception
Church, 73 Main St,

Hoosick Falls, March
29th, at noon

Good Friday Service,
St. Patrick's Church,
17 South Park St,
Cambridge, at 6 pm

Easter Vigil

Immaculate Conception
Church, 73 Main St,
Hoosick Falls, Saturday,
March 30th, at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Mass
Holy Cross Church,
249 N. Main St Salem,
at 8:15 pm

Immaculate Conception
Church, 73 Main St,
Hoosick Falls, at 10 am

St. Patrick's Church,
17 South Park St,
Cambridge, 11:30 am

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: **Herrington's BBQ LLC**. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 8, 2024. Office location: Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 3625 State Route 67, Buskirk, New York 12028. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: **Sunny Valley Solar LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 03/15/2024. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 319 Longwoods Rd, Johnsonville, NY 12094. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Church News

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Gilead Lutheran Church

This month’s Gilead’s Body & Soul Pantry meal will be held on Thursday, March 28th. The meal will be chicken and biscuit, with peas and carrots, and dessert. We will be evaluating our take-out policy after this month’s meal. As the cost of food creeps up, and the cost of take-out containers has increased, we may have to limit take-outs.

Gilead Lutheran Church will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. Doors will open at 10:30 am, and you can enjoy activities, cookies, and drinks before you start your search. The egg hunt will begin at 11 am. We welcome all our hunters ages 12 and under. We encourage you to bring a basket to put your eggs in. Gilead is located at the intersection of Routes 7 & 278 in Brunswick.

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Hoosick Falls Immaculate Conception Church

Join us for fish fry or homemade macaroni & cheese dinners on Fridays through March 22nd, from 5 to 7 pm, at Immaculate Conception Church. Fish fry dinner includes haddock, French fries, coleslaw, and dessert for \$15. Macaroni & cheese dinner includes dessert for \$5. Beverages are available for purchase. Meals are eat-in or take-out.

Hope United Methodist Church

Holy Week schedule at Hope United Methodist Church, 566 Brunswick Rd, Brunswick: **Palm Sunday** – March 24th, at 10:30 am

Holy Thursday – March 28th, at 6 pm

Reservations required by calling 518-663-0149.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Communion – Sunday, March 31st, at 6:30 am

Easter Sunday Worship – Sunday, March 31st, at 10:30 am

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 (closed April 3rd and 6th). We have a great selection of adult and children’s seasonal clothing, vintage, jewelry, shoes, linens, toys, puzzles, books, and much more.

North Chatham United Methodist Church

The North Chatham United Methodist Church will be having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th, at 9 am. Kids 9 and under are welcome to join us. On Good Friday, March 29th, we will have a 6 pm worship service. On Easter Sunday we have our regular worship at 11 am, and adult Sunday School at 9:45 am. Services are available on Zoom by visiting northchathammethodistchurch.org. For more information, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website.

Petersburg Baptist Church

The Taconic Community Choir has begun rehearsals for our annual Easter Concert; all singers are invited to join. Our choir practices will be on Sundays at 1 pm at the Petersburg Baptist Church. The Easter Concert will be held on Sunday, March 24th, at 2 pm at the church.

Sand Lake Baptist Church

Holy week service schedule at Sand Lake Baptist Church, 2960 NY 43, Averill Park, is as follows:

Palm Sunday Service – March 24th, at 11 am

Upper Room Service – March 28th, at 7 pm

Good Friday Service – March 29th, at 7 pm

Sunrise Service – March 31st, at 7 am

Easter Service – March 31st, at 11 am • A free breakfast will be served following the Sunrise Service. All are welcome to attend.

Stephentown Federated Church

The church is located at 1513 Garfield Road, and can be reached by calling 518-733-5813. Pastor Chris Garrison invites all to join us for the following services during the Lenten Season:

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 23rd at 9:30 am • A service of Hymns & Lessons. The choir will be singing with the Front Pew Band.

Easter Sunday Services – March 31st at 6:30 am for a Sunrise Service in Garfield Cemetery on Garfield Road, and/or in the Sanctuary for our Easter service at 9:30 am. A continental breakfast follows the Sunrise Service in Pierce Hall.

Zion’s United Church of Christ

On Saturday, May 4th, Zion’s United Church of Christ, 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, will be having a free to the community concert featuring the Algonquin middle school band and a spaghetti dinner. The concert starts at 4 pm, followed by dinner at 5 pm. For reservations, which are recommended, please call Diane Hoffman at 674-2746 or Tracy Mohan at 669-4494.

Obituaries

Isabel J. Krebs

Stephentown - Isabel Joan Krebs of Stephentown, NY passed away at the age of 89 on March 13th, 2024 in East Greenbush, NY. Isabel was born on March 19th, 1934 in Davao City in the Philippines, to Edwin and Helen Cogan who were British citizens.

In December of 1941, Isabel and her parents were captured by the Japanese Army and placed in the Santo Tomas Internment Camp in the Philippine capital of Manila.

The family survived incredibly harsh conditions for over three years before being liberated by the U.S. Army in February of 1945. Afterwards, Isabel and her parents immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago. Isabel attended Northwestern University and later the University of Chicago where she received a master’s degree in education. She went on to a long career in education, teaching english, social studies, and Latin.

Isabel married Neil Krebs in 1970 and gave birth to a son, John, in 1972. Isabel lived in multiple towns in the Albany, NY suburbs before moving to Marion, MA and then Guilford, CT where she retired from teaching in 1997. She then moved to Stephentown where she raised chickens, ducks, llamas, and alpacas on a farm that has been in her family for the past 260 years. Isabel was known for her kindness and love of animals and will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

Isabel is survived by her husband Neil, her son John, daughter-in-law Amy, and grandchildren Jacob and Sarina. Isabel did not want a funeral and requested that a celebration of life be held by her friends and family. The celebration is planned for July 21st, 2024 at the family farm in Stephentown. Condolence book and memorial page at parkerbrosmemorial.com.



Emmajane B. Cottrell

Hoosick Falls - Emmajane B. Cottrell died on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024; she was 101. She was born July 24th, 1922 to Howard and Lucy Babcock of Grafton, NY, where she was raised with her two older siblings, Raymond and Esther. In October 1944 she married Sherman Cottrell and relocated to his family dairy farm in Hoosick Falls. Emmajane was a wonderful wife, loving mother, and impeccable homemaker. She loved to cook and took pride in keeping her home and yard neat and organized. Emmajane’s best friend was her sister Esther (Tilley) and the two families were inseparable as the kids grew up in the 60’s and 70’s. Her Christian faith was of the upmost importance to her and she was a lifelong member of the Hoosick Falls Baptist Church. There throughout the years she helped prepare many meals, worked on mission projects, and served on several boards and committees. She was an avid reader and would get through a book in no time. Her favorite book was the Bible and she read it every day. Emmajane loved to knit, crochet, and later in life began to paint. In the fall of 2022 she was recognized at the Louis Miller Museum with a celebration honoring her many years of painting.

Emmajane is survived by her two son James (and Jeannie) of Pownal, VT, and Peter of Manchester, VT. She was a grandmother to 7: Kate (Patire), Jim, William, Bradley, Nickie, Kate, and Sam and great grandmother to 3: Maya, Sophie and Kyla.

There will be a service in her memory at the First Baptist Church in Hoosick Falls on Friday, March 22nd, at 11 am, followed by a reception at the church hall immediately after. Any donations can be made in her name to The First Baptist Church of Hoosick Falls. Arrangements are under the care of the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, NY.

Military Honor

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



Thank you for sending your announcements to share with the community. Please send announcements to news@eastwickpress.com.

Community Calendar

March 22, Friday

Spelling Bee, 7 pm, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, teams of two (at least one adult) compete in written round, finalists in oral round, info/register: sltlfriends@gmail.com

March 22 – 24, Friday – Sunday

School of Rock the Musical, 7 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, adults \$10, students \$5, Berlin Middle/High School, rated PG-13

The Addams Family, 7 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, adults \$10, students \$5, CCS at Hubbard Hall, Cambridge

March 23, Saturday

American Legion Post 1236 Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 – 11:30 am, adults \$12, kids \$6, under 6 free, New Lebanon Fire Station, 523 Rte. 20

Pysanky Egg Workshop, 10:30 am – noon, \$35, Stephentown Art Guild at 17 Cherry Plain Square, ages 12+, materials provided, register: tinyurl.com/SAGpysanky

HF Lions Club Penny Hunt, 1 pm, Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, egg toss for older kids, Easter Bunny, rain date 3/30

Cambridge Food Pantry Shepherd’s Pie Dinner, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, \$17, 59 South Park St, eat-in or take-out fundraiser

March 24, Sunday

“Hosanna to the King!” Choir Concert, 2 pm, Petersburg Baptist Church, Taconic Valley Community Choir presents Easter Cantata, refreshments following

March 29, Friday

Hoosick Grange Pie Sale, 9 am – noon, \$15/\$20 depending on flavor, gluten-free available, pre-order required: 203-648-8750

Contact news@eastwickpress.com to alert us about any events that we should add to our calendar. Thank you for your involvement!

April 4, Thursday

AARP Defensive Driving Course, 9 am – 3:30 pm, \$25 AARP members/\$30 non-members, Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church St, pre-registration required: 518-686-7561

Trout Day, 10 am – 12:30 pm, \$3 (5 & under free), Grafton Lakes State Park, park in Rabbit Run parking lot, treats, crafts, booths, learn to fish

April 7, Sunday

Lasagna Dinner, 2 – 4 pm, \$15, Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Main St, Berlin, proceeds benefits Shriners Children’s New England, info: Sharon at 518-265-6187

April 10, Wednesday

“Investment Basics” Workshop, 6 pm, New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School library, 14665 Route 22

April 13, Saturday

Rabies Clinic, cats 9 – 10 am, dogs 10 – 11 am, \$15 (cash only), Berlin Municipal Complex, 17563 Rte. 22, info: Douglas Goodermote at 518-658-3308

April 17, Wednesday

Sprouting with Seeds Art-Making Workshop, 1 – 3 pm, free, Clark Art Institute, for ages 5+, register: clarkart.edu/events

April 18, Thursday

NYS Lifetime Fishing License Raffle, \$5, purchase/info: 518-821-9372

Last week’s crossword solution:

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Last week’s sudoku solution:

3	6	2	7	1	4	5	9	8
8	5	9	2	6	3	4	7	1
7	4	1	8	5	9	2	6	3
9	8	4	6	7	5	1	3	2
1	7	3	9	4	2	6	8	5
5	2	6	1	3	8	7	4	9
4	3	8	5	2	6	9	1	7
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Crossword

Crossword Theme:

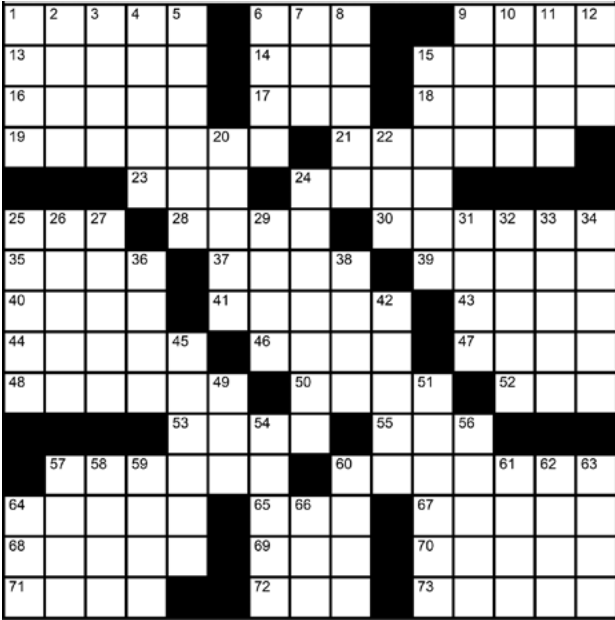
Finish The Lyrics

ACROSS

- 1. Swell up
- 6. Pendulum's path
- 9. Type of salmon
- 13. *Steve Miller Band: “I want to fly like an _____”
- 14. Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
- 15. Popular winter boot brand
- 16. Ohio city
- 17. Lodge
- 18. Squirrel away
- 19. *Glenn Frey: “The pressure’s high just to stay alive ‘cause _____ is on”
- 21. *John Travolta in “Grease”: “I got _____, they're multiplyin'”
- 23. Automated teller
- 24. Clarified butter
- 25. Bad-mouth, slangily
- 28. Stag
- 30. Tartans
- 35. “I'm _____ you!”
- 37. Commies
- 39. Monocot’s alternative
- 40. Road’s edge

DOWN

- 1. *The Go-Go’s: “They got the _____”
- 2. 100,000, in India
- 3. Cameron Diaz’ Fiona, e.g.
- 4. Hula dancer’s hello
- 5. These are held to be true
- 6. Miners’ passage
- 7. *Tainted Love: “Once I ran to you, now I _____”
- 8. “Lord of the Flies” shell
- 9. Like the other side of the pillow?
- 10. Certain kind of exam
- 11. Not his
- 12. Antiquated
- 15. Protection from a sword
- 20. To death, in French (2 words)
- 22. _____ B vaccine
- 24. Manna from heaven
- 25. *Bon Jovi: “Tommy used to work on the _____”



- 41. Living room centerpiece?
- 43. Prefix meaning “left”
- 44. Deadly snake
- 46. Sasquatch's cousin
- 47. Court petitioner
- 48. Blood infection
- 50. Indian flatbread
- 52. Opposite of post-
- 53. Sound of impact
- 55. *Duran Duran: “Her name is _____, and she dances on the sand”
- 57. *The Beatles: “Take a sad song and make it _____”
- 60. *Elvis: “We’re caught in a trap, I can't _____”
- 64. Relating to a mode
- 65. Scrooge's exclamation
- 67. Memory failure
- 68. Bouquet thrower
- 69. Number of candles on a cake
- 70. Musketeers’ weapons
- 71. Picnic invaders
- 72. “Just kidding!”
- 73. Did, archaic

Sudoku

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

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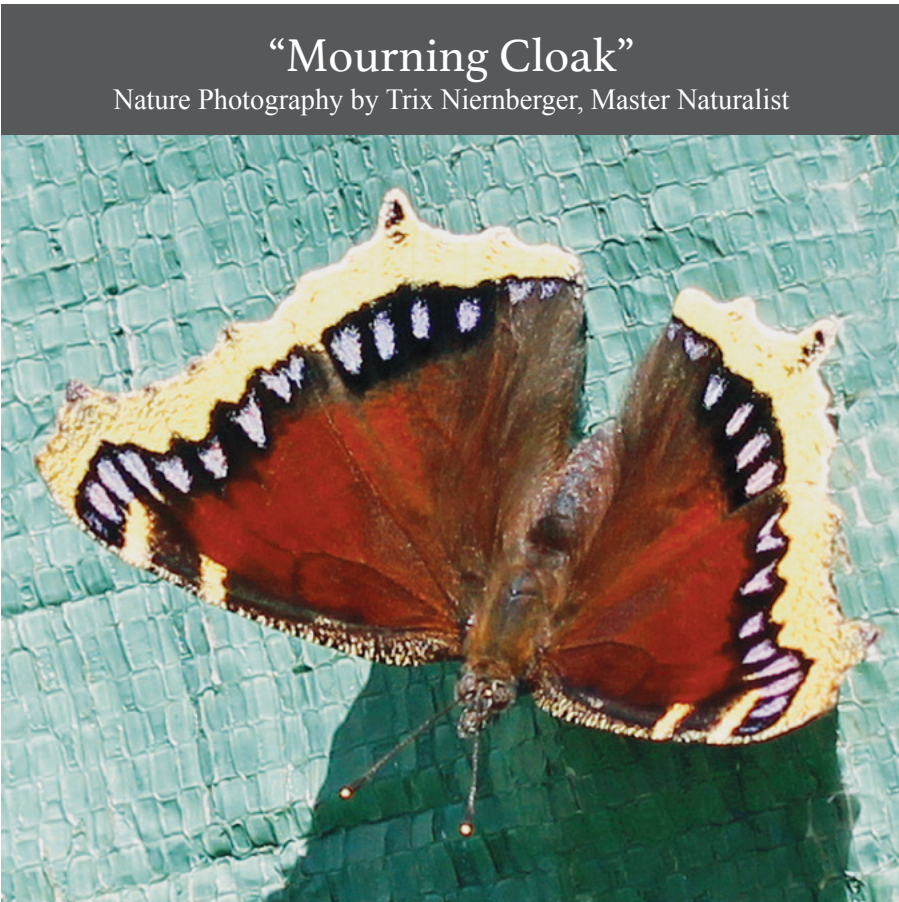
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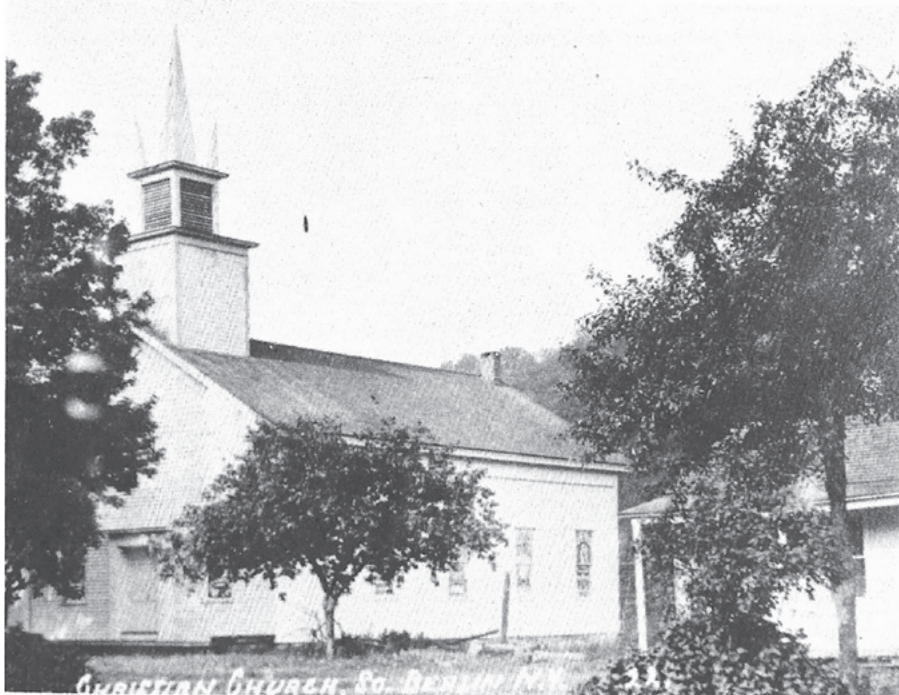


On March 14th, I saw a male Mourning Cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*) resting on an oak tree in the woods of Petersburg. The Mourning Cloak is a large (up to four-inch wingspan) native butterfly that has a lifespan of 11 to 12 months, which is a long life for a butterfly. The adults hibernate during winter and are one of the first butterflies to surface in the spring when they begin their mating season. I didn't get a clear photo of that butterfly, but here is another male that visited in July. Enjoy Spring!

Berlin of Yesteryear

by Katherine Wells, William T. Reynolds and Jean Carr

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