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Concerns Over Burdett Birth Center Closure

Meeting Draws Large Crowd

Courtesy of Rensselaer County



Residents and Rensselaer County officials at the public forum held at HVCC. Photo courtesy of Rensselaer County.

Residents packed a meeting on Wednesday evening, February 27th, to voice their concerns about the proposed closure of the Burdett Birth Center at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. Burdett is the only birth center in the county, and serves residents in multiple counties.

County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the County Legislature have stated opposition to the planned closure. County officials and local leaders have said the closure will create health, safety, and quality of life issues in the county and surrounding communities.

County officials have stated they believe the proposed closure should be shelved based on the state's refusal to provide records on births in Rensselaer County, which were first requested six months ago by Mary Fran Wachunas, in

her capacity as Public Health Director.

"The failure to provide these records means the public will not know the full extent of the impact a closure of Burdett would have. That is a disservice to the public, particularly in the areas served by Burdett," said McLaughlin.

"Without these records being provided to the public, the application to close the Burdett Birth Center should be stopped. Steps should be taken to ensure these records are provided without further delay and that the public is fully informed about the real impacts of the closure," added Wachunas.

A letter stating opposition to the closure signed by a bi-partisan group of elected officials was read by Assemblyman John McDonald at the forum held at Hudson Valley Community College.

Spring Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour.

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HOOSICK FALLS

Parade Grand Marshal Announced

Submitted by Kevin O'Malley

Irish eyes are smiling on Jack Fitzsimmons, as he was announced as the Grand Marshal of the 2024 Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade. Jack is the proprietor of Barbecue Recreation on Route 22. Jack's parents, Walt and Linda Fitzsimmons, moved here in 1970 after purchasing Barbecue Recreation. Walt and Linda each worked for AMF Bowling Products before moving to Hoosick Falls. They raised 3 children: Lori, Jack, and Patricia in Hoosick Falls and all three attended Hoosick Falls Central School. Jack, now the owner, has worked at the Barbecue since he was very young, and continues to do so 7

← The 2024 Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal Jack Fitzsimmons. Photo courtesy of Kevin O'Malley.

days a week. Ancestors on his father's and mother's side are traced back to the old sod of Ireland. The Barbecue and the Fitzsimmons family are community supporters giving back to the school and many other youth organizations, and grand supporters of the Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade.

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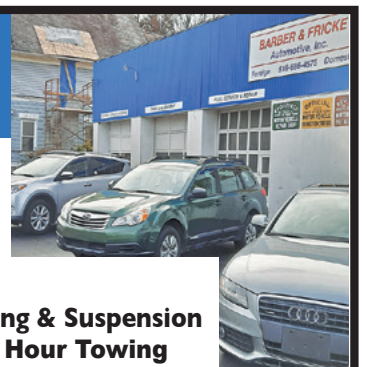
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BERLIN

Annual Food Closet Corned Beef Dinner

The Berlin Food Closet’s annual corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 16th, from 4 to 6 pm**. The cost for the take-out meal is \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. The dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, applesauce, roll, and dessert. The dinner will be available at the United Methodist Church at Berlin, 17 South Main Street. Reserve your tickets today by calling 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509.

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.

STEPHENTOWN

Community Solar Update

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 NYSEDA 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 stephentowncec@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.

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.

PETERSBURGH

Kitchen Céilí and Community Potluck

On **Saturday, March 16th**, at the Petersburg Veterans Memorial Community Center (PVMCC), 71 Main St, Kitchen Céilí will perform. Doors open at 5:30 and the show starts at 6 pm. Adult admission is \$5, and minors are free.

We are thrilled to welcome back one of our favorite bands, Kitchen Céilí, just in time to ring in St. Patrick's Day. As their name implies, the Irish/New England band aims to serve up healthy portions of spirited tunes and songs in an atmosphere of unpretentious good humor. Their repertoire includes the driving reels and lilting jigs and hornpipes one would find in an Irish pub session, as well as stately waltzes, slow airs, and old and new songs of emigrants, soldiers, lovers, lawyers, and computer programmers from both sides of the Atlantic. The band features George Wilson on fiddle, banjo, and vocals, Dora Hast on tin whistle and recorders, and Stan Scott on guitar, mandolin, banjo, and vocals.

This is also our community potluck night,



Kitchen Céilí, who will be performing at the PVMCC on Saturday, March 16th. Photo courtesy of The Fox Hollow Cafe.

though you aren’t required to bring a dish. Don’t forget to bring cash for refreshments and the 50/50 raffle. Those 21 and over can BYOB. Activities will be available for youth in our kids corner. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Thank you to Stewart’s Shops Holiday Match Grant for sponsoring youth to attend. If you are interested in being one of our 3rd Saturday performers, please email foxxhollowcafe@gmail.com.

STEPHENTOWN

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on **Saturday, March 9th, from 4 to 7 pm**, at the Fire Hall, 35 Grange Hall Rd. The fundraiser will support the ongoing activities of the department. All-you-can-eat meals are \$20 each, \$10 for children ages 6 to 10, and free for children 5 and younger. All take-out meals are \$20 each. Advance tickets are not required.

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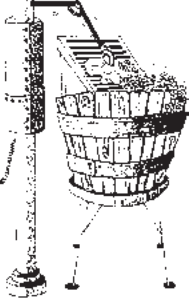
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BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Shakespeare Competition Winners

Submitted by BCS Communications



Graziella Hartman and Jayli Capasso. Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Congratulations to the winners of this year’s school-level National Shakespeare Competition: Graziella Hartman in first place and Jayli Capasso in second place. Both presented excellent performances of their chosen Shakespearean monologues and sonnets, adjudicated by advisor Mrs. Lamontagne as well as Mrs. Kabir and Ms. Marbot. Graziella will advance to the branch level competition in Albany on March 10th to represent Berlin High School in competition with many other Capital region schools.

STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Story Time
Wednesdays at 10 am

Dungeons and Dragons
Wednesdays at 5 pm

Mahjong
Thursdays at 4 pm

Art and Craft Supply Free Sale
Saturday, March 9th, from 10 am to 2 pm
Would you like to find a new home for all of your gently used materials? Do you need supplies for a new project but aren’t ready to spend money on new materials? Join us for our first Art and Craft Supply Free Sale.

Looking to donate? Drop off your gently used supplies to the library during the week of March 4th during normal business hours. Please don’t leave donations on the porches. Please make sure all donations are in good and usable condition.

Fairy House Adventure
Monday, March 11th, at 5 pm
Make and take your own natural fairy house. Come enjoy a fun time playing with sticks, pinecones, moss, bark, and more. Storyteller Mary Jo Maichack leads the fun and provides supplies. Bring more woodland or other fairy supplies to use if you wish.

Create a Pollinator Paradise Garden
Saturday, March 16th, at 11 am
This program is presented by Chris Ferrero, retired corporate marketing director, trained as a Cornell Master Gardener in New York. She regularly consults on challenges like shade gardening, deer deterrence, and pollinator gardening with native perennials and flowering shrubs, and she has designed gardens that are recognized by Pollinator Pathways and the National Wildlife Federation.

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

BERLIN

Town Clerk’s New Hours
Tuesdays - 5:30 to 8 pm
Thursdays - 10 am to noon
Saturdays - 9 am to noon

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.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Story Time
Wednesdays at 11 am • For toddlers and preschoolers

Stitch Group
Fridays at 3 pm
New members are welcome.

Local Author Reading: Alan Webster
Saturday, March 16th, at 4 pm
Join the author for a reading from his book, *The Edges of Light and Darkness*. Light refreshments will be served and copies of his book will be available to purchase.

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.

PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytime
Tuesday, March 12th, at 10:30 am

Friends of Petersburg History
Wednesday, March 13th, at 4 pm

Knitters and Stitchers
Thursday afternoons

Library Passes
While the Clark Museum offers free admission through the end of March, we still have Library Passes for three-day checkouts. We have one for Hancock Shaker Village that is good until the end of April. Children 12 and under are free, but our pass is good for two adults and two youths, ages 13 to 17. They have a baby animals exhibit starting on April 13th, which is always a great outing for the children.

Our other passes are for MASS MoCA and the Bennington Museum.

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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

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:** bfil.org

Grafton: grafftoncommunitylibrary.org

Petersburgh: petersburghpubliclibrary.org

Stephentown: stephentownlibrary.org

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 stlfriends@gmail.com for registration and event information. We are buzzing with excitement and look forward to seeing you at our bee.

POESTENKILL

Who's Who in Town Hall

Join your neighbors in the first of a series of Who's Who in Poestenkill Town Hall on **Saturday, March 16th, at 10 am**, at the First Baptist Church, and on **Tuesday, March 19th, at 6 pm**, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Supervisor Tom Russell will be hosting a meet and greet with Town Clerk Sue Horton and Highway Superintendent DJ Goyer.

This is an opportunity to learn more about what services our town officials provide, and how they may assist town residents. Coffee and cookies will fuel our informal conversations.

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.

Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Elmer A. Grogan Scholarship award of \$500 for the best essay on "What Freedom Means To Me" by a graduating senior from either Berlin or Brunswick Central School Districts, including those who are home-schooled or going to private school but live within the two districts. The essay should be between 250 and 500 words. The scholarship is being given by the Carner, Etman, Smith V.F.W. Post 6340 in memory of former member Elmer A. Grogan.

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Sheriffs' Institute Summer Camp

Courtesy of the RCSO



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

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**.

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.

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Central County

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Idol 2024

Submitted by BCS Communications



Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

Congratulations to Mountaineers Xavier Lamica, Maddie Rontey, Nate Goodermote, Graziella Hartman, and Kenny Bull, the top 5 finalists who competed in Berlin Senior Idol 2024 on Friday, March 1st. It was not an easy decision for our judges Mr. Gould, Ms. Marbot, and Mr. Weaver. However, after a grueling decision, they sent forth Xavier Lamica and Graziella Hartman to the top 2. After their second round performances and a close audience vote, Graziella Hartman emerged as the winner of Berlin Idol 2024. Congratulations to Graziella and a special thank you to our guest judges, our host Tyler Lumpkin, and our 2023 winner Alaina Gardner for her special performance Friday evening.

Thank you to Ms. Eliashuk and Mrs. Gould for making the evening possible.

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- Children's Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am
- Monthly Bird Walk

March 14th, at 9:30 am
- Family Bingo and March Trivia Night

Friday, March 15th, at 6:30 pm

Come on out and enjoy an evening of family bingo. We will also have some fun trivia for March holidays. There will be some non-monetary prizes for the winners and some yummy snacks.

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Wednesday, March 13th, at 6 pm

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- Mini Musicians with Ms. Kate

Monday, March 18th, at 11 am
- Teen and Adult Craft

Thursday, March 21st, at 6 pm

Diamond art greeting cards; registration required.
- Seed Swap and Soil Testing

Wednesday, March 27th, at 6 pm
- Beginner Embroidery Eggs

Thursday, March 28th, at 6 pm

Registration required.
- 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.

GRAFTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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HOOSICK

New Assessment Values

Submitted by Sheri Cassabella

Town of Hoosick Assessor Tiffany McMahon has announced that change of assessment notices are now being mailed to all property owners within the town. Instructions will be included with each notice indicating the procedure for submitting an informal review and where to get additional information. Assessor McMahon reminds property owners to focus on the full market value estimate. If you do not agree with this estimate and can offer proof for a change, you can follow the process of submitting an informal review.

Information regarding property assessments, inventory data, and sale information is available at townofhoosick.prosgar.com.

HOOSICK FALLS

Chili and Chowder Fundraiser

Get some chili or chowder before and during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hoosick Falls on **March 16th**. The sale will be at the First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, from 11 am until 2 pm, or sold out.

Options are beef or vegetarian chili, clam chowder, potato bacon corn chowder, and Falls Diner's famous corn chowder. Prices are \$3 (8 oz) and \$5 (12 oz).

You can preorder by calling or texting Joyce at 518-258-5772.

The Chili and Chowder Fundraiser is to benefit community events hosted by the Hoosick History and Heritage committee, such as the Hoosick History and Heritage Fair on May 18th at the Hoosick Falls Armory and programs at the Bennington Battlefield.

HOOSICK FALLS

Free Tax Filing

Submitted by Dianne Hosterman

HACA, 26 John Street, will assist taxpayers for the 19th year with free income tax preparation and e-filing through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA is a free, IRS sponsored program to help low and middle-income workers have their federal and state personal income taxes prepared and filed electronically at no cost.

There will not be in person preparation inside the building. Tax preparers will meet clients at their cars in the parking lot to collect their information and documents. Upon completion and review of the returns, clients will be contacted to return to pick them up and sign the required forms to allow e-filing.

Appointments can be made online by visiting www.uniterwaygcr.org/cash or by calling HACA at 518-646-1962.

Intake/Interview form #13614 will be available in the cabinet outside to the left of the front door. Taxpayers are asked to have this form completed prior to their appointment.

The VITA presence in Hoosick Falls is provided by the Hoosick Area Church Association, the IRS, and the United Way CASH Coalition of the Greater Capital Region.

HOOSICK FALLS

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Ambulance Fund will be held **Saturday, March 9th, from 5 to 7 pm** at the Hoosac School dining hall, 14 Pine Valley Rd. Tickets will be \$15 at the door.

HOOSICK FALLS

HACA Lenten Lunch Series

Local churches will highlight Lent with the traditional lunch series to be held at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, each Wednesday from noon to 1 pm, now through March 20th. A meditation will be provided each week prior to lunch. Lunches, consisting of soup, sandwiches, and beverages, are provided by each church.

The weekly schedule is as follows:

- 3/13: Community Alliance
- 3/20: Cornerstone Fellowship

HOOSICK FALLS

Fashionistas' Holiday Project

Submitted by the Fashionistas

The Fashionistas are back with another holiday-themed project. For the upcoming Easter season, we have created a fun carrot craft. Using simply a wooden board, faux greenery, and some ribbon, we produced an adorable decoration for springtime. Arranging the ribbons onto the board was a simple task, and took less than an hour. Our group had fun customizing our own carrots how we wished. Each design came out unique, and it was definitely a project we would love to do again. Photo courtesy of the Fashionistas.



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

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 home-made desserts and beverages, all for \$17. The monthly dinners are sponsored by Cornerstone East Church.

BENNINGTON

Community Health Assessment

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) has launched a comprehensive health assessment of the communities it serves, seeking feedback through a short, anonymous survey, open to all.

SVMC is encouraging residents in Bennington and Windham Counties of Vermont, eastern Rensselaer and Washington Counties of New York, and northern Berkshire County in Massachusetts to take the brief survey, now available at SVMC.org. In addition to the digital survey, SVMC will be conducting in-person community outreach to collect responses.

Conducted every three years, the Community Health Needs Assessment process allows SVMC, a member of Dartmouth Health, to understand the current health needs of its region, assess the services available to residents, and identify where and how improvements can be made.

Community leaders throughout SVMC's tristate region will also receive a Leadership Scan, requesting insight on the needs of populations these leaders work with and serve.

The health assessment will be open through early spring 2024.

For more information, please contact SVMC's Director of Marketing and Communications Kate Czaplinski at kathryn.czaplinski@svhealthcare.org or 802-447-5003.

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Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas

HOOSICK FALLS

1st Annual Winter Ball

Courtesy of Alan Bornt

The North Hoosick and Hoosick Falls Fire Departments would like to say thank you to all the people who came and supported the 1st Annual Winter Ball that was held on Saturday, February 24th. It was estimated that around 125 people attended and enjoyed the great music, food, and drinks. We would like to say thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who donated a gift, gift certificate, food, or anything at all. Thank you to the organization that runs the armory for allowing us to have this event in their building. Your support was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the members of the committee from both fire departments for putting on this great event. You all did a fantastic job. Maybe if held next year, we can increase the attendance.



A look at the 1st annual winter ball. Photo courtesy of the Hoosick Falls Fire Department.

CHENEY LIBRARY

Book Sale

Come on in and find your next great read at our mid-winter sale. Everything is 5 for \$1.

Knitting and Crochet Club

March 12th, 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 12th and 14th, at 10 am

Join us for stories, rhymes, and fun! This program is geared toward pre-school children. This week we'll be reading *Bear Needs Help* by Sarah Brannen.

Between the Covers Book Club

March 12, at 5:30 pm

Meet at the library to discuss this month's title, *The Lioness* by Chris Bohjalian.

CPR and AED Training

March 15th, at 11 am

The training will be provided by Susan Landry and is free and open to the public. The session will be approximately 3 hours long.

BUSKIRK

Celebrating 80 Years

David DeShane Sr. turns 80 years old on **Saturday, March 16th**, and you are invited to an open house birthday gathering for David. The gathering will take place from noon to 4 pm at the Buskirk Volunteer Fire Department, 2217 Buskirk-West Hoosick Road.

Get ready to have a good old fashioned visit. Bring your musical instruments in hopes of a jam session. Bring any old photos you would like to share; no gifts.

A light lunch will be provided. We the family look forward to a great time. We have been blessed to have David with us to celebrate this benchmark year.

For more information, please contact Sally DeShane-Johnston at 518-353-1517; David DeShane Jr. at 518-222-0123; Trish DeShane at 518-953-8333; or email alasallyjohnston@gmail.com or DeShanep@hoosickfallscsd.org.



HOOSICK FALLS

Cemetery Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hoosick Falls Cemetery Association will take place on **Monday, March 18th at 4:30 pm**, at the Louis Miller Museum, 166 Main Street. The meeting is open to all, but only lot owners are allowed to vote along with the sitting board.

With any questions, please contact Trustee/Treasurer Joyce Brewer at 518-686-4682.

SALEM

Woman's Club Monthly Meeting

The Salem Area Woman's Club (SAWC) will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 13th, at 1 pm**, at the Presbyterian Church. Jon and Deana Ketchum, owners of the former Shirt Factory in Salem, will present the program "New Collar Goods Come to Town." Refreshments will be provided by the committee: Lois Sheaff, Chair, Carol Brownell, Anna Dickson, Sylvia Graham, and Alberta Murn. Guests are always welcome.

HOOSICK FALLS

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 (you must bring your AARP card) 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.

Partnering with JDRF to Combat Diabetes

Submitted by Tops Friendly Markets

Tops Friendly Markets is pleased to once again partner with JDRF as they embark on their 54th year to find a cure for type 1 diabetes (T1D). This year the campaign will run through Saturday, March 16th. The goal is to raise money to help fund research into finding a cure for T1D. The paper sneaker, which was designed by a Tops associate

back in 1993 and is now widely used nationally as well as internally in JDRF fundraising campaigns, will be sold at Tops registers for a \$1 donation.

Now more than ever the onset of T1D can happen suddenly, impacting people of any age, affecting them every moment of every day, and it lasts a lifetime. Since 1993 Tops has raised over

\$14 million dollars for the cause, putting the company in the top fundraisers across national corporate partners.

Tops Friendly Markets fully believes that advocacy for those with T1D is paramount to help drive advances to both cure the disease and help keep individuals healthy until cures are found. More than 1.45 million Americans have T1D and about 2.1 million people are expected to have the disease by 2040.

Your Legislative Team

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

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.

NEW LEBANON

Natural Hazard Risks Survey

Columbia County is updating its multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, and New Lebanon is a partner. We are asking residents to complete the Natural Hazard Risks survey, intended to collect information from the public on natural hazards that have impacted each of Columbia County's jurisdictions, including extreme temperatures, flooding, fires, winds, severe winter weather, invasive species, and others that will be reviewed.
For questions, other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact Steve Powers at spowers@townofnewlebanon.com. Printed copies of the survey are available upon request.
The survey can be found by visiting surveymonkey.com/r/PVRWV2C.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

- Small Wonders Storytime**
Mondays at 10:30 am
For babies toddlers up to 35 months.
- Preschool Storytime**
Mondays at 11 am
For ages 3 to 6.
- Learn to Play Mahjong**
Saturdays at 11 am
- Crafternoon Kids: Leprechauns**
Tuesday, March 12th
- Teen Arts**
Thursday, March 14th, at 3:30 pm
Pi-day inspired cityscape painting.
- Library Board Meeting**
Thursday, March 14th, at 6 pm
- Family Movie Night**
Friday, March 15th, at 6:30 pm
We'll be watching *Migration*.
- Make It and Take It Craft for Adults**
Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 am
Needle felt beehive; please call to register.
- Oscar Film Series**
Friday, March 22nd, at 6:30 pm
We'll be watching *The Color Purple*.

Block Party
Tuesday, March 26th, at 4:30 pm
Brick building for kids/tweens/teens.

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

NEW LEBANON

Community Center and Free Store Hours

The open hours for the community center and free store will now be Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm, and Saturdays from 4:30 to 8 pm. The free store will also be open Wednesdays from noon to 5 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 2 pm.
During hours that just the free store is open, we ask that you enter directly into the free store, which is the door to the left of the main entrance, to avoid other private events that might be going on in the main room. Donations for the free store can be dropped at the free store or the Town Hall during open hours, Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, except for Tuesday, which is 9 am to 2 pm.

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:
Keys to Financial Freedom
Wednesday, March 20th, at 6 pm
Investment Basics
Wednesday, April 10th, at 6 pm
What's Special About an IRA
Wednesday, April 24th, at 6 pm

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.

Tech Labs on Zoom

Presented by the Columbia County Libraries Association
Computer Security and Scams
Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:45 pm
Learn about cyber security and how you can protect yourself from hackers and online scams, avoid falling prey to viruses and phishing emails, manage your passwords, secure your data, and understand security attacks.
AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Chat GPT
Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:45 pm
In this lab, find out why the world is talking about AI and learn how to use it. Already using Chat-GPT? Find out how to write better prompts.

Labs are free for all ages. Email columbiacountylibraries@gmail.com to register. For more information, please visit columbiacountylibraries.org.

Rensselaer County

\$500 Scholarship

Submitted the the RCCA

The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance will again be giving out a \$500 scholarship to a senior attending a public school in Rensselaer County who will be attending college to pursue a career in environmental, conservation, or related fields. Applicants should contact their school guidance office for details.

Annual Tree Sale

Submitted by the RCSWCD

On **April 19th and 20th, from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Hoosick Falls ice skating rink (across from 9 Griffin Ave), Rensselaer County Soil and Water presents its annual tree sale. Ordering is made easy through our convenient online platform at renscoplants.square.site. Explore our diverse selection of bareroot trees, reaching heights of up to 12 feet, which are perfect for adding natural beauty and shade to your property. But that's not all – we're also offering a fantastic array of shrubs, fruits, habitat boxes, and rain barrels to suit all your landscaping needs. Our dedicated team will be on-site to assist you and ensure a smooth transaction.
Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting your green journey, Rensselaer County Soil and Water's tree sale is your opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment while enhancing your outdoor space. For more information, please call 518-271-1740.

Fishing License Raffle

Submitted by the RensCo Conservation Alliance

The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance is holding a benefit raffle for a lifetime New York State fishing license. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held **Thursday, April 18th**. For tickets or more information, please call 518- 821-9372.

Inaugural Trap Championship

Submitted by the RCCA

The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance (RCCA) has coordinated the 1st Annual Rensselaer County School Trap Championship, sponsored by the County Executive's office and the County Legislature. The event will be held on **Saturday, April 27th, at 9 am**, at the Nassau Sportman's Club. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be available after the tournament at cost for participants and the public. Trophies will be awarded by Steve McLaughlin for the best team, best male and female shooter, and best coach/parent team. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and door prizes.

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Sports & Outdoor Activities

Brush Burning Prohibition
Starts March 16th

Submitted by the NYS DEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning begins March 16th and runs through May 14th. Since 2009, the DEC has enforced the annual brush burning ban to help prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

This winter season did not provide typical snow cover across much of New York State, leaving dormant vegetation from last year’s growing season exposed where it is susceptible to the daily fluctuation of spring weather. The DEC is advocating extra vigilance before the burn ban goes into effect, as Forest Rangers and local firefighters have already responded to early fires in multiple counties. These fires were caused by debris burning with wind carrying the fire to grassy and wooded areas.

Since the ban was established, the eight-year annual average number of spring fires decreased by 42.6 percent, from 2,649 in 2009 to 1,521 in 2018. Warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall’s debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are designated fire towns, in which open burning is prohibited year-round. To find out whether a municipality is a designated fire town or to obtain a permit, contact the appropriate DEC regional office. A list of regional offices is available on DEC’s website.

Forest Rangers, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs), and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the state’s open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense.

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Invasive Species Issues on the Rensselaer Plateau

Thursday, March 21st, at 7 pm
Via Zoom; with Addison Kubik and Mitchell O’Neill.

Spring Amphibian Walk

Saturday, March 23rd, from 10 am to noon
With Jeff Briggs and Camille Warner
at the Poestenkill Community Forest, Averill Park.

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, March 27th, from 7 to 8 pm
Via Zoom; with RPA staff.

HOOSICK FALLS

Barbecue Recreation
League Bowling

Team Standings

The Jabronis	18-7
Lou's Plumbing	18-7
Boner's	17-8
Gallup Inn	16-9
Lebowski Rug Co.	14-11
Mag-Way	12-13
Wack'em & Stack'em	8-17
Chico's Bail Bonds	8-17
Bistro 42	7-18
Farmers Tires	7-18

High Scores

Justin Wilson	259	257	771
Corey Wysocki	269	247	759
Josh Magisano	259	237	732
Mitch Andrew	258	240	711
Brad Colvin	266	219	699
Bryan Callahan	256	225	697
Mike Weeden	265	216	691
Ryan Shumway	258	254	691
Matt Brownell	247	230	687
Chris Pelletier	246	233	688

Team Standings

Barbecue Recreation	183-117
Wallomsac Metal Recycling	171.5-128.5
RGI Insurance	170-130
Modern Game Pro Shop	156.5-143.5
Lo-Ridge Farm	147-153
Piece on Earth	147-153
Dave Clark Excavating	145-155
Snooter Scraps	140-160
Wack'em & Stack'em Sports	120.5-179.5
Huntin' Time	119.5-180.5

High Scores

Matthew Beck	268
Timothy McCart	268
Thomas Mongeon	265
David Felion	259
Edward Legg Jr.	258
Ryan Bedford	254
Joshua McCart	250
Timothy Marbot	248
Dan Davis	247
Preston Oakes	246

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.

St. Patrick's Day Clover Planting

Saturday, March 16th, from 11 am to noon
This program will provide information about clovers and how they are associated with St. Patrick’s Day, as well as how to take care of a clover plant. All potting materials will be provided, and you’ll be given instructions on how to successfully plant the seeds. This event is free, and for all ages.

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.

Guided Hikes

Thursdays in March, at 11 am
The guided hikes will be a mix of easy, moderate, or challenging depending on each week’s planned route. We strongly encourage participants bring water, snacks, sturdy footwear, appropriate clothing for the weather, and ice traction devices. This event is free, and for all ages.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of any resident of the Hoosick Falls Central School District that will have a child attending a private or parochial school for the 2024-2025 school year that a Transportation Request form **must** be received by the School District no later than April 8, 2024. Transportation will not be provided should a request be received after April 8, 2024. Requests for transportation will be approved on the basis of District policy concerning distance and other requirements. Forms are available at the Hoosick Falls Central School District Office. If further information is needed, please call the School District at (518) 686-7012.

**Zoning Board of Appeals
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
336 Town Office Road
Troy, New York 12180**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Robert Patton for an area variance in connection with the construction of a 12-foot by 24-foot shed on property located at 24 Oxford Circle. The application requests an area variance for the rear yard setback. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: March 4, 2024
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

TOWN OF GRAFTON, NY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please Take Notice: The Town of Grafton NY Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Grafton Town Hall located at 2379 NY Rt. 2 in the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer and State of NY to consider the following:

6:50 PM: Stephen and Tara Porcelli / John and Robin Borchers - Two lot sub-division; Fox Hollow Rd.

Martha Goss
Grafton Planning Board Chairwoman

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Zoning Board of Appeals
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
336 Town Office Road
Troy, New York 12180**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the area variance application submitted by Anusa Masambo for property located on a vacant lot on Greene Street (Tax Map No. 90.20-8-15). The applicant seeks to build a single-family home on the property, which will not meet the requirements for a structure in an R-9 residential zoning district due to the property being a substandard lot. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: March 4, 2024
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

**Zoning Board of Appeals
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Michael Covey for an area variance in connection with the construction of a 16-foot by 84-foot greenhouse on property located at 25 Old State Route 142. The application requests an area variance for a front yard setback. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: March 4, 2024
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

**Zoning Board of Appeals
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
336 Town Office Road
Troy, New York 12180**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Brunswick at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, concerning the application submitted by Justin Haas for two area variances in connection with the construction of self-storage units on property located at the corner of NYS Route 7 and Carroll's Grove Road. The application requests two area variances with regard to property line setbacks. Copies of the application are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the Public Hearing.

DATED: March 4, 2024
Brunswick, New York

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

By: Ann Clemente, Chairperson

TROY 15-17 2ND ST. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/19/24. 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 156 Rensselaer 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 Stephentown has available for review assessment inventory and valuation data. An appointment to review this information can be made by calling Jennifer VanDeusen, Assessor for the Town of Stephentown at 518-733-9195 Ext 1 between the hours of 6pm-9pm on Wednesdays or 8am-11am on Saturdays.

VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS ELECTION
MARCH 19, 2024

ONE polling place for all districts will be at the:

Ann Bornt Municipal Building
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Polls are open from noon to 9 pm.

Names and addresses of the candidates, offices, and term nominated for as follows:

Deborah Alter
Hoosick Falls NY 12090
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Village Trustee
2 yr term

Megan Walraed
Hoosick Falls NY 12090
Village Trustee
2 yr term

Judy VanDerKar
Deputy Village Clerk

February 27, 2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the replacement of the roof on the Office Building at Hoosac Meadows Public Housing Complex located at One Hoosac Meadows Way (Just off Route 22) Hoosick Falls, NY will be received by the Town of Hoosick Housing Authority at One Wood Park Lane until 4 pm March 21st, 2024 when they will be opened and read at our monthly Board of Commissioners meeting.

One bid is being requested:

Roof replacement for one building Main Office/Community Room (and replacing deteriorated boards as necessary), removal of existing shingles, and disposal.

All prospective bidders must meet with Jim Bettis to receive exact specifications. Please contact Jim Bettis or Patrice Zedalis with any questions at 518/686-5408 and to receive bid specifications.

For bids to be considered, all bids must be received in a sealed envelope and include: total bid cost, and proof of liability and Workmen's Compensation insurance for the submitting contractor. Any bid that does not meet the above requirements will not be considered. The Town of Hoosick Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

The Authority hereby notifies all bidders that disadvantaged, minority and women-owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this notice and there will be no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, disability or marital status in the award of this contract.

Please contact Patrice Zedalis, Executive Director, with any questions pertaining to the proposal at 518/686-5408. You may submit you proposal to:

Town of Hoosick Housing Authority
P.O. Box 149

Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Submission deadline is March 21st, 2024 at 4 pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU
PUBLIC NOTICE - BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding the Tentative Budget for the Village of East Nassau for the fiscal year June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building located at 19 Town Garage Road, East Nassau. The Tentative Budget has set the salaries for elected officials as: Mayor at \$2,000 and Trustees at \$750. You are encouraged to attend the hearing or comment on the budget via email to clerk@villageofeastnassau.org or by mail to Village Clerk, PO Box 268, East Nassau, NY 12062 and all comments will be read and considered at the hearing. For more information, please check the Village website at villageofeastnassau.org or contact the Clerk at 518-794-0289. The Tentative Budget is available on the website under Budget Information. The regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting will take place at 7:00 PM after the close of the budget hearing.

By Order of the Village Board of East Nassau
Diane Maguire, Village Clerk

TOWN OF HOOSICK
80 Church Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

WINTER SAND

Bids can be submitted at the Clerk's Office at 80 Church St. Hoosick Falls, New York until 3 P.M. March 11, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Board meeting at 80 Church Street Hoosick Falls on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 25, 2024 Paul G. Hoag
Supt. of Highways

Restaurante La Coco LLC

Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Department of State on November 30, 2023. Office location: Rensselaer County. Principal business location: 3301 6th Ave., Troy, NY 12180. The Secretary of State is designated the LLC's agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail a copy of such process to: 3301 6th Ave., Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: any lawful act.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law
Village of East Nassau

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of East Nassau has introduced and proposed for adoption Local Law No. 2 of 2024, which will establish the speed limit of 25 miles per hour on all Village Roads pursuant to the authority granted to the Village Board under Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1643.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of East Nassau will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 on **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:45 pm** at the Village Meeting Hall located in the Hoags Corners Ambulance building at 19 Town Garage Road, East Nassau, NY, at which time and place all those wishing to comment on the proposed Local Law will have an opportunity to be heard. Written comments will also be accepted at that time and place. A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review at the Village Offices by appointment (contact Village Clerk at 518-794-0289) or on the Village website: villageofeastnassau.org.

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

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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PUBLIC NOTICES

KLT Sustainable Solutions, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization filed with the Department
of State of New York on January 18, 2024. Office
location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State
of New York State is designated as agent of LLC
upon whom process against it may be served.
Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process
to KLT Sustainable Solutions, LLC, 933 Ford Road,
Melrose, New York 12121. No reported agent.
Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose:
All legal purposes.

PROP HOLD CO. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the
SSNY on 1/19/24. 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 156
Rensselaer 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY. NAME: **I W Designs, LLC**. Articles of
organization were filed with the Secretary of State
of New York (SSNY) on 1/17/2024. Office location:
Rensselaer County. SSNY has been designated
as agent of the LLC upon whom process against
it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the
process to the LLC, 302 4th Avenue, Troy, NY
12182-3309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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.

MOHAWK POINT APARTMENTS, LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization filed with the Department
of State of New York on January 23, 2024. Office
location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State
of New York State is designated as agent of LLC
upon whom process against it may be served. Sec-
retary of State may mail a copy of any process to
MOHAWK POINT APARTMENTS, LLC, 451 Plank
Road, Troy, New York 12182. No reported agent.
Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose:
All legal purposes.

Meetings

- Monday, March 11th**
Grafton Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Hoosick Town Board, 7 pm, Town Offices
- Tuesday, March 12th**
Rensselaer County Soil & Water Conservation District, 2:30 pm, 1612 NY 7, Troy
Rensselaer County Legislature, 6 pm, County Office Building
- Wednesday, March 13th**
Hoosick Falls Village Board, 6 pm, Highway Garage
East Nassau Village Board, 7 pm, Hoags Corners Ambulance Building
- Thursday, March 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, March 18th**
Stephentown Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
Petersburgh Town Board, 7 pm, Town Hall
- Tuesday, March 19th**
Berlin CSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:15 pm, Middle/High School Cafeteria
- Thursday, March 21st**
Hoosick Falls CSD Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria

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.
3/12: Senior group meeting at 10 am; Eat smart with tasting at 11 am; Hair by Rachel by appointment only; music by John Hill at 12:30
3/13: Legal Aid by appointment only
3/14: Planting seed starters at 12:30 pm
3/19: Eat Smart at 11; Monthly birthday celebration with trivia at 12:30 pm
3/21: The Price is Right (Grafton Senior Style) at 12:30 pm
3/26: Crafts with Justine at 10 am, \$5 per person, signup sheet on the table
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 will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 10 am, beginning March 14th. 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
3/8: Mystery/variety Bingo at 12:30 pm
3/13: Town of Hoosick Senior/Center meeting at 11 am; Music by John Hall at 12:30 pm
3/15: Everything Green bingo at 12:30 pm
3/20: Bus trip to Syracuse with a guided tour of the Erie Canal Museum and city, then a buffet meal and gambling at Vernon Downs. The bus leaves at 7 am and returns at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$35, and must be paid in full by March 15th. Sign up by March 8th by calling 518-686-7561 or stopping in to the Center M-F from 9 am to 3 pm. There must be at least 40 participants for the trip to happen, so sign up soon!
3/20: Eat Smart demo with tasting at 11 am; Monthly birthday celebration with trivia at 12:30 pm
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
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. 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.
Sign-ups are being taken for our St. Patrick's Day Lunch at 17 Cherry Plain Square. It will start at our normal meeting time of 1 pm. If you would like to attend please contact Linda Moshimer at 518-794-8169. She will need to know if you are having corned beef or ordering off the menu. The club will pay \$15 of your total bill, and you will pay the remaining balance.

Petersburgh Sunshine Seniors
Please join us for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 12th. Doors open at 4 pm for bingo, with a St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage dinner at 5 pm, followed by a meeting to discuss trips, fund raising, and normal business at 6 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert for the common table. For further information, please call Barbara Holms at 518-658-0306.

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
3/8: Creamy macaroni and cheese, Italian bread, zucchini and tomatoes, yogurt
3/11: Veal marsala, butter garlic noodles, Brussels sprouts, whole wheat bread, strawberry applesauce
3/12: Baked chicken breast w/gravy, fluffy mashed potatoes, buttered wax beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit
3/13: Low sodium hot dog w/mustard, seasoned sauerkraut, Bush's vegetarian beans, hot dog roll, granola bar
3/14: Sliced corned beef, seasoned cabbage, red potatoes, rye bread, St. Patrick's dessert
3/15: Butter crumb cod w/tartar sauce, parslid rice, candied carrots, tropical fruit cup
3/18: Swiss steak w/tomato gravy, baked potato, Harvard beets, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit
3/19: Crustless turkey pot pie, diced potatoes, peas and carrots, biscuit, mandarin orange cup
3/20: Chef's choice
3/21: Chicken patty parmesan, ziti w/sauce, buttered wax beans, Italian bread, fresh fruit
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/pineapple, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit
3/29: Stuffed shells w/Alfredo sauce, cut corn, cut green beans, pineapple cup

Student Honor

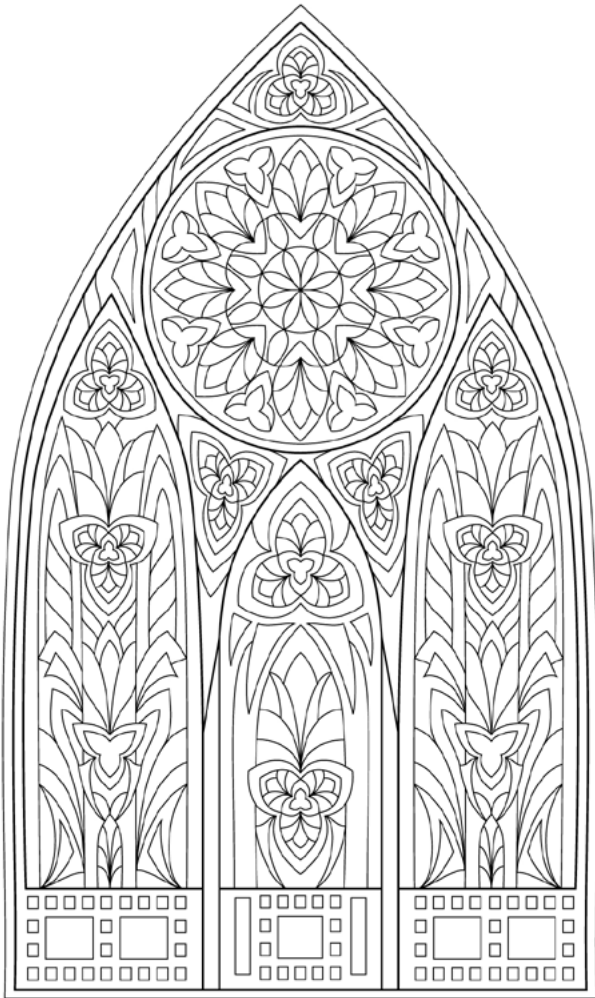
Samantha Carlson of Poestenkill has been awarded the University of Albany Dean's Letter of Commendation for the Fall 2023 Semester.

Announcement Pricing

- Obituaries – \$100
Wedding Announcements – \$50
Engagements – \$50
Birth Announcements – \$50
Thank You Notices – Priced by size
Please send to ads@eastwickpress.com

Church Directory

Church News



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. www.allsaintshoosick.org

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY invites you to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 9 am or virtually on YouTube at Center Brunswick UMC. Jubilation Station for youth and adults is Sunday at 10:15, youth group at 4:30. Choir is on Tuesday and Bible study on Thursday. Contact b.bowen.carr@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list. Follow us at centerbrunswickumc.company. All are welcome, Pastor Joel Holcomb.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOOSICK FALLS – 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, Pastor Hector Meza. Worship Service at 10:00 am each Sunday, in person or an audio of service is available on our website at firstbaptistchurchhf.com. Sunday School for ages 4–12 is held during the Worship Service. For more information you may call the church office at 518-686-5779.

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Now open for indoor masses Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 am and Sundays at 8:30 am.

THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 4274 Route 203, North Chatham, NY 12132. Adult Bible Study at 9:45 am and worship at 11 am. All are welcome. Our Clothing Barn is open from 9:30-12:30 every Saturday morning, through the end of October. If you can't make it in person our worship services are available on Zoom; please visit northchathammethodistchurch.org for details. For more information please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW – 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 11 am. The Food Pantry is open on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Pastor Fr. Tom Morette.

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

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

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Welcomes all to their Sunday morning service at 11 am. The church is handicapped accessible and those choosing to view from home may tune to our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcG-w9XngFRFe7iMLm9Tk5A>, or search United Methodist Church at Berlin NY. Past services are also available for view. Minister Katelyn Bradwell.

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

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

Grafton Baptist Church

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

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church (HFCAC), 484 Hill Road, will host GriefShare, a 13-week grief support group. Meetings will take place on Tuesdays, March 12th through June 4th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the church.

A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where others understand the difficult emotions you are experiencing. You'll discover what to expect in the days and months ahead and what is normal in grief. You'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 for registration to cover the cost of the book. Scholarships are available. For more details and to register for a group, visit griefshare.org/findagroup, or contact Gail Smith at 518-390-4986.

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.

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.

Pittstown United Methodist Church

On Saturday, March 9th, there will be a Winter Warm-Up Soup Competition at the Pittstown United Methodist Church Hall, 45 Old Route 7, Valley Falls. Tasting time is from noon to 2 pm, with set up time at 10 am. To enter your soup, please contact Carolyn at 518-663-8253; there is no soup entry fee. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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

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Obituaries

Sylvia E. Leibensperger

Sylvia Ellen (Pendleton) Leibensperger, 98, passed away on February 17th, 2024 in Johnston, RI. She was born on January 1st, 1926 on a farm in Hermon, ME, to Walter Pendleton and Iva (Miller) Pendleton. She graduated from Hermon Pond School, a one-room school



house, in 1939, followed by Hermon High School in 1943, and the University of Maine, Orono in 1947. She worked as a teacher and counselor at the Bradley Home for Children in Riverside, RI and then as a Field Director for the Girl Scouts, first in Fall River, MA and then in Bergen County, NJ. In 1956 she married Howard Leibensperger, who was to be her beloved husband of 66 years. They raised their three daughters in Suffern and Monsey, NY. In 1977 Sylvia and Howard moved to Stephentown, NY, where Sylvia worked as the Librarian of the Stephentown Memorial Library, and where she and Howard were active in the Stephentown Historical Society.

Sylvia cherished rural life and the beauty of nature. She loved animals and owned cats, dogs, chickens, fish, and parakeets. She converted much of her yard to natural habitat and kept bird houses and bird feeders. She was an avid gardener and produced an extensive variety of vegetables on a large plot at her home in Stephentown. Sylvia and Howard traveled and camped all over North America, from the Gaspé Peninsula to Alaska. Sylvia was physically active throughout her life through walking, skiing, and working around the house and yard. She was an excellent cook.

Sylvia held a strong set of New Englander values. She was a believer in self-sufficiency and reduce, reuse, recycle long before the term was coined. She raised her daughters to be studious and fun-loving, and was proud of their academic achievements in art and science. Her dry wit was sharp but always kind, and she welcomed her daughters' partners into the family.

Sylvia particularly cherished her memories of her rural childhood: swimming in Hermon Pond, watching the circus train go by, and using a horse for farm work.

Sylvia was predeceased by her husband Howard and her sister Roseanne Gray of Hermon, ME. She is survived by her daughters Laura Leibensperger (James Ventola) of Arlington, MA; Kathryn (Luke) Dillon of West Cape May, NJ; and Roslyn Leibensperger (Ronald Pitt) of Barrington, RI. She also leaves her nieces Cynthia (Roy) Little of Carmel, ME; Nancy (Brent) Delong of Hermon, ME; and Susan (David) Correll of North Ridgeville, OH.

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served following the Sunrise Service. All are welcome to attend.

Zion's United Church of Christ

On Saturday, April 6th, 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.

Allen C. Bentley Jr.

Berlin - Allen C. Bentley, Sr., 80, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at his daughter Jean's home in Petersburg. He was born in Berlin on November 6th, 1943, the son of the late Jesse and Dorothy (Yerton) Bentley.

Allen was raised in Berlin and was a graduate of Berlin Central School. He was employed as a factory worker for many years. Most recently, he was a school bus driver for the Berlin Central School District for over 20 years before retiring in 2007.

He loved hunting, fishing, and his animals. Above all, his family was the center of his life.

He is the beloved father of Jean M. (Paul) Hammond of Petersburg, Laura Losaw (Bill Eastman) of Shaftsbury, VT, Allen C. (Daphney) Bentley, Jr. of Reddington, PA, Todd (late Kelli) Bentley of Bennington, VT, and the late David Bentley; proud grandfather of Jessica (Paul) Virtue, Joseph (Diane) Crandall, Jr., Andrew (Michelle) Crandall, William and Angelica Losaw, Todd Bentley, Courtney LaCross, Melody Bentley, David Bentley, Jr., Jordon Bentley and nine great-grandchildren; and brother of the late Richard and Rodger Bentley and Sandra Wescott. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Petersburg Rescue Squad, PO Box 164, Petersburg, NY 12138.

Arrangements are by the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home in Petersburg. Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



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Irma M. Hammersmith

Petersburgh - Irma M. Hammersmith, 93, of Berlin passed peacefully on Thursday morning, February 29th, 2024. Born on Berlin Mountain on September 9th, 1930, Irma was the daughter of the late Albert and Elsie (Maxon) Yerden, and wife for 66 years to the late Joseph P. Hammersmith.



In the mid-1940s, Irma was employed at the shirt factory in Berlin and later worked at W. J. Cowee winding floral picks. In 1949 Irma and Joe built their house on the top of Berlin Mountain on a parcel of land that was given to them by Irma's parents. They were married in December 1950.

When their daughter was born, Irma decided to leave her job and focus on being a homemaker. For many years as a homemaker, she also made wreaths and roping during the holiday season that were enjoyed by many in the Berlin area. Irma loved working in her flower gardens, reading, doing sudoku puzzles, and most of all spending time with her family. She also enjoyed watching and feeding all the wild animals and birds that were seen on her property.

Irma is survived by her loving daughter, Lois (Brian Clark) Whitman, her special niece, Sally Smith (Cathy Russell), her foster son, Joseph Rock, and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Hammersmith, her grandson Christopher Whitman, two sisters, and one brother: Doris Teal, Luella Osterhout, and Elmer Yerden.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at Brookside Cemetery in Poestenkill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Mohawk Hudson Human Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, NY 12204 (mohawkhumane.org/tributes).

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Clarence W. Wentworth

Stephentown - Clarence "Pete" Weston Wentworth passed from this life on March 1st, 2024 at the age of 86.

Born in Winchendon, MA, he was son of the late Clarence and Eva Laura "Toini" (Peltola) Wentworth. He grew up in Winchendon and graduated from the Murdock High School where he was a star of the baseball team. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Clarence was employed for many years by the General Electric Company in Pittsfield as a designer/draftsman.

He very much enjoyed watching the NY Yankees and listening to Country Western music.

He was the husband of Priscilla (Palmer) Wentworth for 63 years. He is survived by his children, Douglas (Sue), Heather, Philip, and Lynn; and his grandchildren Zachary and Jessica.

Friends are invited to visit with Clarence's family on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 from 11 am until 12:30 pm, at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY Route 43 Stephentown, NY. A prayer service will conclude the visiting and interment will immediately follow in Stephentown Cemetery.

Contributions, if desired, may be made to the charity of one's choice in memory of Clarence Wentworth. Condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.



Community Calendar

March 9, Saturday
Stephentown Vol. FD Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 4 – 7 pm, adults \$20, ages 6 – 10 \$10, 5 & under free, Fire Hall, 35 Grange Hall Rd, all-you-can-eat or take-out

HF Rescue Squad Spaghetti Dinner, 5 – 7 pm, \$15, Hoosac School dining hall, 14 Pine Valley Rd, Hoosick Falls, benefits Ambulance Fund

Irish Dance Ceili, 6 – 8 pm, free, Cambridge Central School Auditorium, learn basic traditional Irish Step Dance along to the Tune Jam Band, no experience necessary

March 10, Sunday
Farm Day Out, noon – 3 pm, Matt’s Maple Madness Sugar Operation, 25 Quaker Rd, Johnsonville, tours & tractor rides, education & displays, maple sugar products & local ag vendors, info: CCERC at 518-272-4210 or mbg242@cornell.edu

March 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday
The Addams Family, 7 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun, adults \$10, students \$5, CCS at Hubbard Hall, Cambridge

March 16, Saturday
Who’s Who in Poestenkill Town Hall, 10 am, First Baptist Church, meet and greet with refreshments

Chili & Chowder Fundraiser, 11 am – 2 pm (or sold out), 8 oz \$3, 12 oz \$5, First Baptist Church, 80 Main St, Hoosick Falls, supports community events hosted by Hoosick History & Heritage Committee, preorder: Joyce at 518-258-5772

St. Patrick’s Parade & Irish Festival, 1 pm parade starts from Wood Park, Hoosick Falls, festival at Hoosick Armory & other area locations, contact Kevin O’Malley at 518-894-5034 or hoosickkid@gmail.com for info/to enter parade

Berlin Food Closet Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 4 – 6 pm, adults \$17, minors \$8, United Methodist Church, 17 South Main St, reservations: 518-658-2942 or 518-795-0509

Kitchen Céilí Performance, doors 5:30, show 6 pm, \$5 (minors free), PVMCC, 71 Main St, Petersburg, community potluck, refreshments for sale, 50/50 raffle, kids’ corner, 21+ BYOB

March 17, Sunday
Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

March 19, Tuesday
Organ Concert, noon, free, Proctors GE Theatre, Schenectady, Lonnie Kulick & Ben Reavis play spring themed concert, info: atproctors.org/event/organ-concert-series-2023-2024

Who’s Who in Poestenkill Town Hall, 6 pm, Evangelical Lutheran Church, meet and greet with refreshments

March 20, Wednesday
“Keys to Financial Freedom” Presentation, 6 pm, free, New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School library, 14665 Route 22

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

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Thank you for your involvement!

Crossword

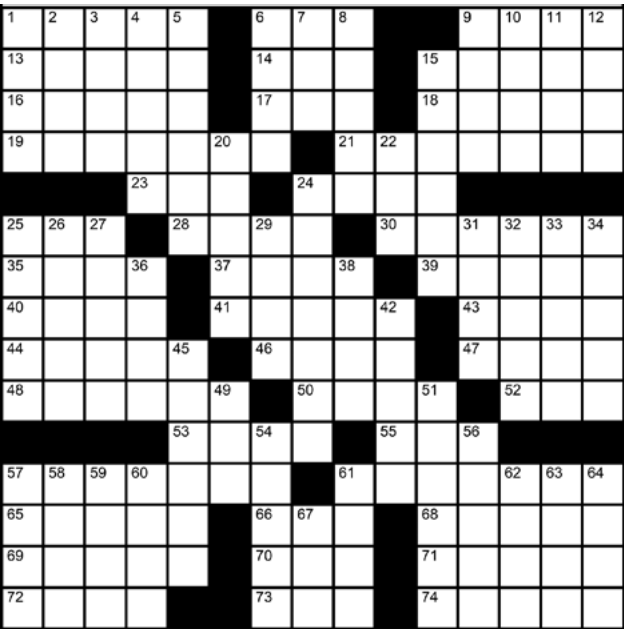
Crossword Theme:
March Madness

ACROSS

1. Window addition?
6. Huge software company
9. Spill the beans
13. Watcher
14. Acronym, abbr.
15. Words to live by
16. Ocean-dwelling ____ ray
17. Polynesian necklace
18. “Once upon a midnight dreary” bird
19. *Fill-in-the-blanks, March Madness style
21. *“One ____ Moment”
23. Like jalapeño
24. Give off
25. Bean counter?
28. *Dominate opponent, slangily
30. *____-elimination tournament
35. Bricklayers’ carrier
37. Wood sorrels
39. Jeweler’s unit
40. Alight, past tense

DOWN

1. Brush alternative
2. Culture-growing turf
3. Long forearm bone
4. Satyr
5. City in Poland
6. *Delta Center location: ____ Lake City
7. Hole-in-one
8. Type of polyhedron
9. Raisin’s breakfast companion
10. Denim innovator
11. Port in Yemen
12. Toker’s pipe
15. Professional reviewer
20. Not pathos
22. Not hers
24. Shoulder rank display
25. Winnowing leftovers
26. Chicken in Mexico
27. Farewell in Paris
29. *School with most NCAA basketball titles



41. Swings around
43. Spice Girl
44. Bubonic plague carriers
46. Away from wind
47. D’Artagnan’s sword
48. *Elite Eight, or the ____ round of tournament
50. Bono’s bandmate, with The
52. Make a mistake
53. Landlord’s due
55. Small lump
57. *State Farm Stadium state
61. *Not pro
65. Chocolate substitute
66. Hot temper
68. Derived from oats
69. Cuckoo
70. Sir George Ivan Morrison’s stage name
71. Baby at a recital
72. Have supper
73. Young newt
74. Many affirmatives

31. Back of the neck
32. Search blindly
33. Lightsaber beam
34. Olden days anesthetic
36. *____ player
38. Garden starter
42. D.S., in sheet music
45. Dance club light
49. Female chicken
51. Speech at a funeral
54. Lacking guile
56. What speakers do
57. LSD, e.g.
58. Indian princess
59. Turkmenistan’s neighbor



Sudoku

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

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:

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

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A photograph of a rock surface covered in numerous small, dark, circular structures, likely fossilized eggs or small organisms, arranged in a somewhat regular pattern. The structures are densely packed in some areas and more sparse in others, with some larger, more irregular shapes interspersed among the smaller ones. The rock surface is light-colored and shows some texture and shading.

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