



HEBRON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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The Hebron Preservation Society is pleased to present a program about the progress of a new farming venture in Hebron. Iris Rogers will educate the community about the year-old business, Homestead Hemp. She is the eighth generation of the Rogers family to live on the family farm known as "The Old Homestead". Her hope is to revitalize the farm. Until last year, the land had not been farmed by the family since the 1960s.



Homestead Hemp is part of New York State's Industrial Hemp Pilot program. Last year, Rogers had to apply to be approved to grow and sell hemp. This year's hemp crop was planted from seedlings provided by the Caster Sustainability Group out of Binghamton. They will research how the plants fare in Washington County's climate. For the first two years, Caster will process the hemp and sell it. At the end of the first two years, Iris hopes to sell a variety of hemp products including hemp flour, which is an alternative to flours containing gluten, and hemp oil. She is hoping to purchase processing equipment so they can sell hemp products produced on-site.

Rogers will discuss her experience in growing hemp for the past two seasons. She will also address questions about CBD. Included will be how to buy it, what to look out for, ingesting versus topical, and dosage advice. Iris will explain the difference between hemp and marijuana. Her goal is to educate the public. She will also talk about the potential of hemp and how the business relates to the Hebron/Salem area. She is very excited to bring this new crop to Washington County. Rogers is also happy to have the opportunity to bring the community up to date on the business since her talk in 2018.

Last year Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell introduced a bill asking for hemp to be legalized. Rogers feels it won't be long.

The talk will be given Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m. at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church East at 6559 State Rte. 22 (7 miles north of Salem, 10 miles south of Granville, 6 miles east of West Hebron). The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (518) 854-3102.