

Hope: Marathon's 29th



Phil Slater powers through a crowd of supporters at Marathon for a Better Life's celebration Saturday to take his Survivors Lap. More Marathon photos on page 11.

And an offer from Joshua for 30th

Story and photos By Patsy Nicosia

Hope was the word of the day Saturday at Marathon for a Better Life's 29th part-fundraiser, but mostly-celebration along the SUNY Cobleskill Track.

And by the time the last luminary burned out, volunteers for the non-profit, organized by the late Cherie Stevens to help Schoharie County residents battling cancer, were already working full steam ahead for next year's.

The event featured music, vendors, and kids' activities, but the centerpiece was the Survivors' Lap around the track.

Though Marathon President Kathy Diamond's news was nearly as big:

Inviting Joshua Project Vice President Jeff Smith to stand beside her, Ms. Diamond recounted a December coffee with its president, Pat Costello.

Joshua has begun site prep for a building of its own on land donated to it on Route 145 in East Cobleskill.

Once it's completed, Ms. Diamond said, Marathon has been invited to share that space as both organizations continue their work independently.

"We are so humbled," she said.

And worthy, Rev. Smith said.

"We all work together for the good of the community," he said.

Tapping into Marathon is easy, Ms. Diamond said:

You have to be a resident of Schoharie County in treatment for cancer and you have call them at (518) 291-9238.

The demand is great, as evidenced by Saturday's crowd of survivors, families, and Marathon supporters.

In the first quarter of '25, they've awarded \$60,000 in grants, she said, putting them on track to need to raise a quarter-million by December 31 to meet the need.

"It's all about hope and support for Schoharie County folks, Ms. Diamond told the crowd.

Your collective efforts are making a difference."



A family surveys the crowd of volunteers and supporters.



Marathon's Kathy Diamond and Joshua Project's Jeff Smith share their big news: Shared Space.



Tony Hall was honored with one of Marathon's Angel Awards for never knowing when to say no

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Schoharie County to be honored for voting

Schoharie County votes.

And Friday, it will be recognized for that by Rejoice the Votes, a non-partisan non-profit based in Tompkins County that works to encourage voting.

Schoharie County ranked first in turnout by registered voters among 33 counties in New York State with a population of 10,000-100,000 people in the November 2024 election with a 74 percent voter turnout rate.

Rejoice the Vote's "Votingest Award" will be formally presented to the Board of Supervisors Friday.

Rejoice the Vote's mission is to honor the history of voting rights in the United States and encourage a culture of voting "as a critical right and a reason for joyful celebration."

Assemblyman Chris

Tague, Senator Peter Oberacker, and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik have been invited to the award ceremony, along with Election Commissioners Ken Schweigard and Clifford Hay.

"It's an inspiring act of patriotism to see voters in Schoharie County showed up at the polls in November 2024 at such a high rate," said Assemblyman Tague.

"One of the greatest civic challenges we face in the 21st century is inspiring voters to make their voices heard and show up on Election Day.

"A turnout rate of 74 percent in Schoharie County surpassed the turnout rate nationwide, and I feel so proud to represent a community that remains engaged and active in the voting process. Celebrations are in order all around."



No Kings

More than 150 people rallied in Cobleskill's Veterans' Park Saturday, one of the "No Kings" protests held across the nation. Nearby rallies were held in Cherry Valley, Canajoharie, and Oneonta. Story, more photos on page 6.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.



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OBITUARIES



Betty Lockwood

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Betty Lockwood passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2025. She had recently celebrated her 100th birthday in February, and had been residing in San Clemente, California with her daughter, Lynette.

Betty graduated from Greenville High School and attended Oneonta State Teachers College. She began her teaching career at the one-room schoolhouse in Westerlo, and went on to develop the first special education class at Berne Knox Central in 1965.

Always an innovator, she concluded her 30 years of teaching at the Rensselaerville Primary School with an emphasis on outdoor education and cooperative learning.

Betty loved to bake, and was well-known for her cinnamon buns and pumpkin pies. She knitted beautiful sweaters, afghans, and baby blankets for all of her grand-

children, and taught weaving to friends and family.

She was a partner in Lockwood Greyhound Racing with her son, Stephen, for over 40 years. In her free time, Betty enjoyed bird-watching, wildflower identifications, and reading romance novels.

She was a devoted wife to Edward Lockwood for over 45 years until his passing in 1990. In 2000 she married George VanWie and enjoyed living in Middleburgh for over 20 years.

Betty is survived by her son, Stephen Lockwood and daughter, Lynette Malloch; her grandchildren, Quinn Pranevich, Ian, Trevor, and Nigel Malloch; and great grandchildren, Woodrow, Toby, Isla, Otto, and Indigo Malloch.

Betty lived a life full of love, compassion, and generosity. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of all those she touched over the many years.

Visiting hours will be Saturday, August 2 from 2-3pm at A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home in Greenville, followed by a service of remembrance at 3pm. Condolences may be posted at ajcunninghamfh.com.



Helen Bartolis

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Helen T. Bartolis, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2025, at the age of 93.

Born on September 30, 1931 in Farmingdale, Helen lived a life of love, kindness, and deep devotion to her family and community.

She was predeceased by her cherished husband of 60 years, Al Bartolis, with whom she built a life full of laughter, hard work, and enduring love.

Helen is survived by her five children, Eileen (Frank) Fontana of South Carolina, Dianne Rauff of West Babylon, Barbara (Ken) Czachor of Middleburgh, Al Bartolis of North Carolina, and Gary (Nelle) Bartolis of Candor; and three siblings, Marion Darling, Marie Sacco, and Victor Bonventre.

She was a proud and loving grandmother to fourteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy to

her life.

For many years, Helen was a familiar and friendly face at the Everything Shoppe in Middleburgh, where she was known for her warm spirit and genuine care for customers and coworkers alike.

She was also a dedicated member of the Gathering Place in Cobleskill, where she built lasting friendships and found great comfort in community.

Helen's memory will be forever held in the hearts. A memorial celebration of Helen's life will be held at a later date.



Robert Speidell

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Robert Milton Speidell, 78, died Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown.

He was born on May 14, 1947.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. (Takacs) Speidell of 34 years; three children, Robert and Scott Speidell, and Sherri Anne Powell. Also surviving him are his brother and sisters-in-law, Joe (Janie) Takacs, Tom Takacs, Chris (Julie) Takacs, Anne (Dave) Pawlik, John Takacs, Margaret (Mark) Maynard, George (Collen) Takacs, Claire Bevington, Joanie Takacs; and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was not only a proud Vietnam Veteran, honorably discharged after his service, but also had a passion for building model cars, working with Legos, and collecting coins.

His dedication to these hobbies showcased his creativity and attention to detail. Qualities that he also brought to his role as a deacon in his church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sharon Dutch Reformed Church, 6858 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at the Sharon Reformed Church, 6858 NY-10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm St. Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.merenessputnamfuneralhome.com.



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Joshua steps up for summer

While most people are looking to ease up in summer, Joshua Project volunteers will pick up their pace.

The faith-based organization will start its popular Summer Lunch and Backpack programs later this month to serve thousands of meals in Schoharie County.

Joshua President Pat Costello outlined plans for the two free programs to nearly 40 volunteers meeting in Cobleskill last Tuesday.

Intended at first for kids who may not get a good meal with schools out, Summer Lunch is open to all and is often a social event for many. It starts June 30.

Four longstanding sites--Middleburgh, Cobleskill, Richmondville and Central Bridge--will continue, and Sharon Springs and Schoharie will be new this summer. Schoharie will serve lunches at the Schoharie Library Tuesdays and Fridays, and the other five sites will serve every weekday.

Sandwiches, fruit, salads and beverages will be available, and grilled burgers and hot dogs will be on the menus weekly.

With the two new sites, "We're probably increasing our food by 15 or 20 percent," Mr. Costello said.

"The way things are going, maybe we'll be feeding more people than ever before."

Most sites have enough volunteers for the lunches, but Middleburgh and Cobleskill need more helpers. To sign up, visit Joshuaschoharie.org and hit the volunteer button.

Typically, Summer Lunch runs till August 22, though one or more sites may go an extra week.

The Backpack program offers weekly food packages--enough for a week or 10 days--to families in need throughout the county. So far, 171 families are lined up for Backpacks, Mr. Costello said.

United Way in the past provided \$25,000 for Backpacks but last year cut funding to \$21,000. A grant made up the difference.

Funding is down to \$15,000 this year, Mr. Costello said, but there's no grant to cover the missing funds.

"I made the executive decision that the Joshua Project will make it whole for this year," Mr. Costello said.

There are more Backpack programs now than in the past, and perhaps that's why United Way's funding is down for the Joshua Project's program, he added.

Food will arrive via truck at Middleburgh High School

each Thursday at 9am, and helpers are needed to unload the truck and sort the food, starting June 26. On Fridays, beginning the 27th, volunteers will pack the food and deliver packages to families.

To volunteer and/or be a driver, visit the Joshua Project website.

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In other news, Mr. Costello reported that there's progress on the Joshua Project's new building on Route 145 in East Cobleskill.

More than 100 tons of fill have been delivered, and stone was spread on top of the fill. Superior Housing lent a roller to pack the stone, and contractor Bob Vedder graded it.

"It was very generous," Mr. Costello said.

Nonetheless, the wet spring slowed the work.

"It's been one thing after another," Mr. Costello said. "But it's still progress. We'll get there."

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Although the Joshua Project receives funding from organizations like United Way, the organization depends on donations.

To help, send a check to the Joshua Project, PO Box 413, Middleburgh, NY 12122.

Motorcycle run Saturday fundraiser for Joshua

A motorcycle run in Schoharie this Saturday will be a fundraiser for the Joshua Project.

Organized by the Sons of Korah, the run will begin at Fox Creek Park with signup at 9am and riders taking off at 10.

Riders will travel south on Route 30 to Grand Gorge, then to Stamford and eventually back to the park.

Burgers, hot dogs, sausages, salads and beverages will be available after the run. There will be no alcohol.

Families are invited to enjoy the day at the park, where there will be raffles and 50-50s.

The cost is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples.

To sign up, visit joshuaschoharie.org or the Joshua Project Facebook page.



Celebrating the M&S Depot

Middleburgh celebrated its past Thursday with a brief ceremony at the Middleburgh & Schoharie Railroad Depot, where, thanks to the efforts of the Middleburgh Historical Society, which secured a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation, a new sign tells a bit of the 1880 Depot's history. The Historical Society has spent the past few years restoring the structure. Above, Middleburgh Village Historian Steve Lamont sits on the Depot steps before Thursday's brief ceremonies. Right, members of the Middleburgh Town and Village Boards pose in front of the new Pomeroy Foundation sign.—Photos by Patsy Nicosia.



Neighbors: 326 Main a 'mockery'

By Patsy Nicosia

What's going on at 326 Main Street, Schoharie—or really, what's not going on at 326 Main—is making a mockery out of everyone, in the eyes of neighbors Julie and Mike Langan.

326 Main is the property owned by Jeremy May and Shasta Wood, across from the Langan Funeral Home.

The Village of Schoharie has been—unsuccessfully-trying to force a clean-up there for years.

Now, the matter is in State Supreme Court, Mayor Colleen Henry told the Langans last Tuesday.

"We all get due process," she said. "The ball is rolling."

"We've been in business 42 years," Mr. Langan said. "Seven days a week...not a day goes by

that someone doesn't bring it up to us.

"You have laws in this village. This guy is making a mockery of them" with unlicensed vehicles, debris, and junk strewn around the front yard.

"It's a mockery because he was supposed to clean it up," added Ms. Langan.

Instead, she said, "a truck

backed in there the other day and he unloaded more junk. It's been 12 years. It's just a mockery."

Mayor Henry agreed, but said the village can't take matters into its own hands.

"We have to go through the court," she said.

The village has filed a lawsuit in Schoharie County Supreme Court, said Deputy Mayor Peter

Johnson.

"Papers have been served. Neither [Mr. May or Ms. Wood] have responded.

"That's why we're asking for the force of law to clean the place up at his cost or the village will go in and do it at his cost."

"What we're saying to you," added Mayor Henry, "is that this is now being done."

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Mare’s Nest

By Patsy Nicosia
I can still remember exactly where and when I saw my first-ever copy of the Times-Journal.

The where is in Thelma Ward’s Jay Street, Cobleskill kitchen; I roomed with Thelma my second year at SUNY Cobleskill after other off-campus arrangements didn’t work out so well.

The when is whatever the date would have been the Wednesday after April Fool’s Day 1980 when I saw that week’s front page photo of a giant—I mean dinosaur-sized--Canada goose soaring over Division Street in that week’s T-J.

I rolled my eyes. Seriously? They expect anyone to believe that?

Actually, no. It turned out to be part of an explanation of an April Fool’s joke run the issue before with the help of the T-J’s longtime pressman George Spencer.

I won’t say I was hooked, but I started paying attention, never knowing then that not only was I never leaving Schoharie County, but that I’d end up working for the T-J for 44 years.

That ended yesterday. My last day.

It’s time for me to do something else, to find different ways to tell Schoharie County’s stories.

First, I’m going to take a little break.

Nothing crazy, a staycation.

Maybe I’ll bike. Maybe I’ll beach.

Or sleep.

Until I get going on that to-do list.

I think the last real vacation we had was when we took the girls to the beach in North Hampton, maybe in 1997 or ’98?

Holly was so young she kept rubbing sand in her eyes. That was fun.

Natalie and Dave went out on a charter boat fishing couple of times; all Nat remembers of that is that she named her cat after the boat—the Lady Leslie Diane—but I have the photos to prove it.

Funny where your memories go, and what you’ll find there.

I’ve been cleaning out my desk here and there when I have a few minutes.

Not much to take, but I did stumble upon something I didn’t even know I was missing:

A notebook with Gloria Steinem’s autograph on the cover from her visit to SUNY Cobleskill, put together by Anne Myers in 2008.

I talked my way into the pre-talk cocktail party to get it.

Gloria—Natalie and I both call her Gloria now—graciously asked for mine.

We call her Gloria because when Nat was working for the Rockefeller Family Foundation in DC before law school?

She had to “drive” Gloria one day.

I also insisted on an introduction to “Aunt” Erica Jong from nephew Tony Daou when she was part of the Klinkhart Poetry Festival in 2019.

I did not ask for Aunt Erica’s autograph.

Or Hillary Clinton’s the few times I met her, once in Cliff Hay’s basement, Memorial Day Weekend, 2002?

Mostly because I don’t typically fan girl.

But if I’d known Hillary and I would be around together for so long (Nat and I heard her speak last October in Connecticut), maybe I would have asked.

What else have I found? A bunch of change.

Two-point border tape. Letters from my dad.

More thank you notes than I ever remember getting.

Gene and Dave Hallock “memorabilia” that I’ve already stuck in an envelope addressed to Alicia Terry.

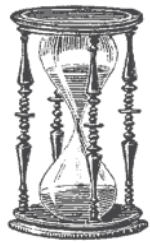
Too many packets of sugar to count—I have no idea why.

And, if it doesn’t say it all, a bottle of Wite-Out from back when it was a thing, back in the days of manual typewriters and typewriter ribbon (haven’t found any of that last one yet, but then I’m not done, either.)

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Going for a swim



Times Past

100 Years Ago June 19, 1925

RICHMONDVILLE, June 16 (Special) - Two hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan, clad in white robes, made a spectacular picture on the baseball field at Moot’s park last night, as two burning crosses lighted the sky in the first demonstration of the hooded order in Schoharie county this year.

Tiffany’s Filling Station, Delanson, N.Y. (On State Road - Esperance to Duanesburg). The popular place to shop for gasoline, oils, greases and supplies. “The Square Deal Place.”

Over two hundred babies in Schoharie county have been given thorough physical examinations as the result of work done by the state health department in conducting baby clinics in various villages throughout the county. The final clinic was held yesterday at Jefferson, making the 9th successive one to be held. Over 20 babies were examined.

Through arrangements with the New York Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, a carload of youngsters from Gotham will reach Cobleskill within the next few weeks to spend the vacation in the country as the guests of residents in this locality.

Ella Shaffer, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shafer of Llark street, is the proud possessor of a mamma doll, the prize given for perfect attendance in the kindergarten since its establishment in Cobleskill.

85 Years Ago June 20, 1940

Native Hawaiian entertainers in a festival of island songs and dances are offered by Robert Bell in his 1940 edition of “Hawaiian Follies” which come to the Park Theatre here on Wednesday, June 26th. Offerings vary from the seductive “Hula” dances to the original arrangement of the “St. Louis Blues.” Costumes are typical when Hawaii became famous for its dances.

Probably five hundred farmers, business men and their wives took part in one of the largest turn-outs at Summit on Saturday, June 8 on the occasion of the opening of the Haslun of Summit sales company’s International Truck sales room in the Summit hotel.

The frog season opened in all parts of the state on Sunday, the Conservation Department has announced. Sportsmen may take bullfrogs, green and spring frogs. The season on green and spring frogs will close on September 30 while bullfrogs may be taken through October 31.

SCHOHARIE - Mayor Warren B. Badgley was notified that the steel for the 500,000 gallon water reservoir would be shipped this week and also that there would be an erection crew here

Monday to start work. William Webster, engineer in charge, stated that the foundation ring wall had been completed and everything was in readiness for the arrival of the steel.

Thirty-seven prospective seniors will be graduating from the Middleburgh Central School in the commencement exercises, Monday, June 24. The graduating class will be comprised of 16 girls and 21 boys, the second largest class graduated from the local school.

45 Years Ago June 18, 1980

Following the most recent round of various school district elections which were held last Wednesday, results showed Cobleskill’s budget was passed by the margin of 11 votes, while Richmondville’s was blasted over 2-1, leaving the school board in a position of having to take some quick action.

Democrat Gail Shaffer of Blenheim has announced her candidacy for the 105th Assembly District seat, making the November race a replay of the 1978 campaign in which Arlington Van Dyke of Middleburgh narrowly defeated Miss Shaffer. Miss Shaffer, who made the announcement last Wednesday, said that her decision to run “wasn’t easy. Mostly I made the decision after a lot of people asked me to run again. It was not a casual decision.”

Judith Ann Karker received her BS degree cum laude in business administration on May 24 from the College of Saint Rose, Albany. Miss Karker is the daughter of Mrs. Blanche Karker and the late Murray Karker. She is also a graduate of Schoharie Central School and SUNY Cobleskill.

Cobleskill’s Mike Almy placed second in the Empire State’s Games boxing competition held Friday in Glens Falls. The field of boxers competing consisted of the Adirondack District’s finest open senior boxers, many of whom had 50 fights or better.

Recipients of the Most Valuable Player awards for their sport were: Barb Reed in track, Kathy Irving, co-winner in basketball, Mike Carmody in golf, Carol Javitz in field events, Doug Slatner in tennis, Jamie Bautochka in softball and co-winner in baseball, Kent Ray in track and field, and Mike Nevins in baseball.

35 Years Ago June 20, 1990

Tim Holmes of Cobleskill recently won national recognition for work that most dads take for granted - raising children. That, however, is what set Mr. Holmes apart from most fathers; his duties as a father aren’t taken for granted. “I guess I participate more than the average father,”

Mr. Holmes said. “But I consider that my obligation and duty.” His national recognition came in the form of the Working Mother-Del Monte New Spirit of Fatherhood Award that was presented in San Francisco earlier this month.

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors moved a few steps closer to building a new county jail on Friday. Board members authorized chairman Art Graulich of Carlisle to sign a contract with the MRB Group of Rochester to prepare conceptual design plans for the 80-bed facility.

Frustration continued for the Schoharie County Merchants on Sunday as they lost two more one-run games. The Merchants fell 9-8 and 6-5 to the Lansingburgh Brewers, dropping their record to 2-6 in the Mohawk Hudson League. Of the Merchants’ six losses, five have been by one run; the sixth was a 2-0 defeat.

Coldwell Banker Good Neighbor Realty recently honored salespeople at a luncheon held at the Bull’s Head Inn. The honored salespeople met their quotas for the month in listing, sales and referrals. Pictured were Mary Miller, manager; Dolores Shaul; Nancy Hisert; Charles Rufe, Coldwell Banker’s Northeast Regional Consultant; Marilyn Barnes and Barbara Ruland.

James R. Armlin, son of James and Debra Armlin of Breakabeen, has completed the course MOS-O311 rifleman at Camp Lejeune, NC and continued on at MCSF training center in Chesapeake, Virginia for more training in security forces. There he graduated and became a Lance Corporal. He is now stationed in Bermuda.

30 Years Ago June 21, 1995

Expecting a more than \$1 million funding shortfall, SUNY Cobleskill is looking at money-saving moves that could go as far as eliminating departments and positions. “That’s an absolute last resort,” President Kenneth Wing said Monday. “We hope it doesn’t come to that.”

The Village of Cobleskill could be making as much as \$26,000 in improvements to what’s known as the Millhouse in Golding Park. The building is rented out to the Schoharie County Mental Health Center, but has fallen into disrepair. “I think in part we’ve been absentee landlords and neglected the building,” said mayor Greg Flanagan. “I don’t want to lose them as tenants.”

Kids in Cobleskill may soon have a new place to ice skate and play basketball. Local businesses are pitching in to build a high school regulation court that can be flooded for a rink at the Youth Center at Golding Park. The court will be paved and will have a curb

so that it can be flooded. It will also have a roof to keep the snow off the rink in winter.

The fourth annual meeting of The Schoharie Land Trust was an historic occasion. The Trust’s directors accepted their first conservation easement agreement with local land owners, John and Mary Jo O’Donnell of Schoharie, protecting 49 acres of their land in the Schoharie Valley. Two other easements in Schoharie County are currently being reviewed by the Trust.

At the request of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Foreign Mission Board and the Palestinian Ministry of Health, Debra Wollaber and Cathy Rozmus visited the Gaza Strip from April 19-May 11 to work with neonatal intensive care nurses toward improving the care given to preterm and sick infants.

18 Years Ago June 20, 2007

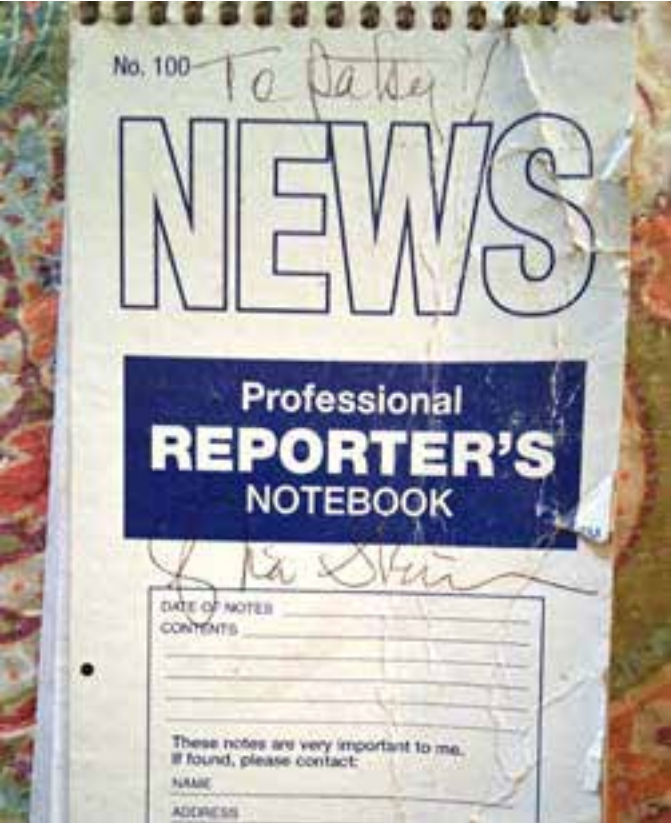
The long vacant Guilford Mills property could soon have a new owner – Schoharie County. With unpaid taxes and penalties totaling almost \$1 million, county supervisors Friday agreed to begin tax foreclosure proceedings against the owner of the Cobleskill facility, which once housed the county’s largest private employer.

Schoharie County Republicans last week nominated M. Indica Jaycox to run for re-election as county clerk. Ms. Jaycox, better known as Indy, outpolled Gary Haynes of Middleburgh by a 3-1 ratio in weighted votes at the Republican caucus last Tuesday in Schoharie.

Schoharie fifth-graders got an eyeful last Tuesday. They became the first group to visit both the Cave House and Howe Caverns, both eventually to be linked on the tourism trail. Charles Wright and Cobleskill Stone Products owner Emil Galasso purchased Howe Caverns in late April. Mr. Galasso already owned the Cave House; he plans to tie the two together as historic and scientific attractions.

Former Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School star Ryan Pierce led the Harrisburg Islanders to a hard fought 4-2 victory over the Bermuda Hogs with his first goal in his professional soccer career. In front of 1,500 avid home team fans that included his cousin, Kristina, who had flown up from Florida to see the game, and his former high school soccer coach, Scott Landry, Pierce made the night a memorable one.

Alyssa Polizzi has received the William Jackman Scholarship for the arts. The \$600 scholarship is awarded to the Cobleskill-Richmondville senior excelling in the fine arts.



You never know what you’ll find when you start cleaning out.

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Dear Editor,
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Those in the know understand what it takes to create an actual news 'paper' these days.

Besides the typesetting and circulation there needs to be content.

It seems as if this editor pulls it off single-handedly week after week, tackling the hard topics and delivering to us well meaning, respectful, truthful reporting.

I must express my appreciation to you for all of your hard work and dedication to our community.

Joanne Noone
Conesville

Ignorance could cost us

Dear Editor,
Striving for excellence is an important goal.

And so the slogan of the President, "Make America Great Again" seems perfectly reasonable.

The difficulty comes when a leader does not respect the wisdom of his constituents and puts profit above our well being.

For all of the 40 something years that I've been a nurse, I've understood that the Center for Disease Control was staffed by people who are experts in their field.

The panel that studies vaccines and recommends them for the American public devoted their lives to independent research of infectious diseases in general, and specifically immunization.

They were chosen for their expertise.

And one of the requirements was that they would have no ties to the pharmaceutical industry and so would not stand to profit from their recommendations.

Clearly the person President Trump appointed as Secretary of Health and Human Services does not understand this and so I will not judge Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as a person, but I think both he and President Trump have shown a tremendous disregard for scientific research and the American people.

This is only one example of taking actions that will do serious harm to the public before understanding the implications and long-term consequences.

I have not lost hope and I love my country.

I trust the American people to make America great again, not as an empty slogan but recognizing the values and humanity

our country was built on.
A democracy requires the participation of us all.
Cindy Campbell
Cherry Valley

Spa pantry could close

Dear Editor,
The Sharon Springs Community Food Pantry has been in operation for 40-p-lus years.

We support many families, sometimes on a weekly basis.

We are in danger of closing.

We need your help.

If you could reach out with monetary or food donations, we would be so grateful and perhaps we could stay open and continue to help our families in need.

Contact me, Pauline Brown, at (518) 284-2687.

There is no donation too small.

Pauline Brown,
Sharon Springs
Community Food Bank

Parade \$ better for vets

Dear Editor,
As a paratrooper and combat veteran, I was appalled and disgusted to find that our government, including the military, was happy to spend \$45 million taxpayer dollars to put on a self-glorifying, egotistical parade, while they claimed to support the veterans.

If they want to support the troops or veterans, they would give that money to the VA, where it is desperately needed.

If they want to support the American people, they would put it toward food or medicine for all.

That is why I planned to go to Washington with other veterans to show our opposition to the parade.

And then they ordered the National Guard into US streets.

I carried an assault rifle in Korea, Vietnam, and Japan, I know what being or-



We don't know anything about this photo, except what it says in the caption: Blenheim Sunday school picnic entering Breakabeen circa 1913.

Ken Jones of Esperance shared this information about the "old church at Janesville" photo we ran last week: "The church in the photo was the Janesville or Seward Center Methodist Church which was formed as early as 1824 and the building is gone but a cemetery remains."

Neither backs blue

Dear Editor,
I read with great interest your May 22 coverage of the local GOP's Lincoln Day Dinner.

In your article I was astounded when I read that Congresswoman Elise Stefanik referred to President Donald J. Trump as a "President who backs the blue."

Donald Trump "backs the blue?"

Unfortunately, recent events show that Elise Stefanik's words could not be farther from the truth.

We are all too familiar with the events of January 6, 2021, when a mob of about 1,500 Trump supporters stormed the Capitol building, destroyed government property, vandalized offices and ---worst of all---injured 140 law enforcement officers who were trying to defend that government building from that violent mob.

According to a report from ABC News, 1,200 participants in that riot were charged with at least

one crime, 718 pled guilty, and 460 went to prison.

Justice was done after that violent attack on our Capitol, its police and our democracy.

However, as facts show, President Trump clearly does not "back the blue."

Facts show that President Trump did not "back" those 140 police officers injured on January 6, 2021.

As one of his first actions on the first day of his second term on January 20 of this year, President Trump pardoned all of those charged with or convicted of participating in the attack on the Capitol in 2021.

On January 20, 2025, our President did not have the backs of those 140 police officers who were injured as they defended the Capitol on January 6.

Instead, the facts show that President Trump had the backs of those criminals who attacked the Capitol and injured those 140 police officers on one of the darkest days in modern American history.

John Jarvis,
Cobleskill



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Cobleskill: No Kings here

Story and photos
By Patsy Nicosia

Cobleskill—and Cherry Valley, Canajoharie, and Oneonta—joined in protests in all 50 states Saturday in coordinated “No Kings” rallies.

“No Kings” refers to criticism that President Donald Trump has overstepped the limits of Presidential power in his second term; the demonstrations were timed to coincide with U. S. Army 250th anniversary parade and President Trump’s 79th birthday.

A crowd of about 150 gathered in Veterans’ Park; many had traveled from a protest held earlier in Cherry Valley that drew about 200 people.

From Cherry Valley, some protestors traveled to Oneonta, while others headed to Cobleskill or Canajoharie.

The Cobleskill protest was organized by Zackary Smith, the grandson of the late Rev. Robert Smith, for Indivisible Schoharie County.

Rev. Smith was an activist and member of the Schoharie County Peacemakers who died in 2019.

His grandson said he organized the protest as a way to make local concerns about the Trump administration more visible.

“I’m really concerned about the power grab and the cuts—especially to Medicaid and SNAP,” Mr. Smith said. “That will be devastating. “Power comes from the



A crowd of about 150 gathered in Cobleskill’s Veterans’ Park Saturday as part of a nationwide “No Kings” protest.

people—and not from the top down.”

Ginny Kintz of Schoharie spent 11 years working in DC and said she never expected to

see today’s divisiveness.

“When I was there, Democrats, Republicans, we were all friends. We all worked together,” she said.

In Cherry Valley, the protest was part of Indivisible Cherry Valley’s efforts.

Maureen Iseman-Broeking of Roseboom

said she was there because “the Constitution is the law of the land, not a suggestion.”

Fifteen-year-old Bella Crowe of Cherry Valley carried a sign saying “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun-damental Rights” her mother, Jasmine Crowe, said her daughter has “lived most of her life in the

shadow of Trump” and does not want to be afraid.

Leslie Berliant, candidate for District 7 in the Otsego County Board of Representatives, said “Peaceful protest is an American tradition and its legality under the First Amendment is a defining aspect of our freedom and rights.”



Ginny Kintz of Schoharie snaps a photo of some of Saturday’s signs.



Zackary Smith, who organized Saturday’s rally, talks with Peacemaker Sue Spivack. Mr. Smith is the grandson of the late Rev. Bob Smith, also an activist and Peacemaker.



Cindy Campbell and Joe Sellers stand with their signs.



Above and left, an estimated 150 people lined up along Main Street in Cobleskill’s Veterans’ Park as part of nationwide “No Kings” protests that drew more than 11 million people. “No Kings” refers to criticism that President Donald Trump has overstepped the limits of Presidential power in his second term.

Catholic Charities moves to Richmondville

A bright, spacious facility in Richmondville is the new Schoharie County home for Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties.

A grand opening event, including building tours, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, was held at the facility on June 9.

The new space, located at 1445 State Route 7, is designed to expand vital services for individuals and families in the region.

The location features private offices for client consultations and counseling, a food pantry, welcoming activity rooms, and an on-site thrift shop.

Programs offered at the location include an emergency assistance program called Caring Connections; a child-at-risk response team, counseling and clinical support services; housing assistance, crime victim services, residential and non-residential domestic violence services; a dispute resolution center, aging life services, and a Nutrition Outreach and Education Program.

“This space represents more than just a building, it’s a renewed commitment to meeting people where they are,” said Executive Director Christy Houck.

“We’re excited to provide a warm, welcoming environment where individuals can find support, resources, and a sense of community.”



Catholic Charities celebrates its new Richmondville location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Hours of operation for the new facility are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30am-4pm, and Thursday, 8:30am-6:30pm; closed for lunch every day from 12:30-1:30pm.

The thrift shop, open year-round, operates Wednesday through Saturday, 10am-2:30pm.

The food pantry is open Monday through Wednesday, 9am-3pm, and Thursday, 3-6pm.

Appointments are preferred, but not necessary; walk-ins and those in an emergency situation are always welcome.

Schoharie fights to access Wilber

By Patsy Nicosia

While the situation at 325 Main Street has the Village of Schoharie pulling its hair out (see related story), the town has its own ongoing dispute with landowners on a dead end off Barton Hill Road.

Highway Superintendent Les Foland told the Town Board Wednesday that a gate and fence across Wilber Road in the town’s right of way remains there—despite a court order that both be moved.

It’s been an issue since 2017, he said, plus the town road extends beyond the gate, blocked off from maintenance.

Mr. Foland said both he and Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough were in Town Court last fall when Matias Ismael agreed to provide a survey—the first step in resolving the dispute—but that never happened, he said.

Under Town Highway Law, Mr. Foland said, all they have to do is give Mr. Ismael or his neighbor, John Garden—there’s some question over whose land, individual-

ly, the gate and the fence are on—a letter and 30 days notice.

“On day 31, I’ll go in and not charge them and move it myself,” he said.

There’s also an enclosed trailer in the right-of-way.

“Should we let the judge know he hasn’t done anything?” asked Mr. Dorrough.

Supervisor Ben Oevering said he’d rather have Town Attorney Michelle Storm determine who owns the property first and said he’ll schedule a conference call with Ms. Storm, himself, Mr. Foland, and Mr. Dorrough.

Mr. Foland said that’s not necessary; the law is already on their side.

He said he took the issue to “Highway School” and an audience of 700 other highway superintendents and they all backed his plan.

“Since 2017, we’ve been trying to get this removed,” he said.

Mr. Oevering said he’d set up the conference call in the next day or two.

Middleburgh takes over 111 Railroad

By Patsy Nicosia

The Village of Middleburgh is the not-quite-proud owner of 111 Railroad Avenue, a process that went easier than expected, Mayor Tim Knight said Thursday.

In an update at the annual Joint Village/Town meeting, Mayor Knight said Schoharie County Judge Ryan McAllister signed off on the village’s request to take over the abandoned, condemned, and tax-delinquent property on May 22.

Ownership was legally transferred to the village on May 29.

The blighted building is caved-in in places and littered with pigeon carcasses—and more. Efforts to take over and demolish—the next step—the dilapidated and dangerous building began more than a year ago; it was condemned more than 10 years ago and taxes and water and sewer bills hadn’t been paid in years, Mayor Knight said in January.

The village has hired a surveyor to inspect the one-time apartment building for asbestos, Mayor Knight said.

Plans are to turn the site into parking—but also something more.

On the advice of SEEC, Grants Committee member Trustee Bob Tinker said, the village also plans to add planters, trees, or signage so it’s not just taking away from what was once there.

“We hadn’t thought of that,” Mr. Tinker said, “but we like the idea.”

Town Supervisor John Youmans pointed out the enhancements would also keep the site from being used as a shortcut by drivers.

Also in the past year’s accomplishments for the village: Turning Railroad Avenue into a one-way street, something done with an eye to safety for the Middleburgh Fire Department.

In the town’s own old building news, Mr. Youmans shared that the closing on the old Town Hall was set for Tuesday.

Reportedly, the new owners plans to turn in into apartments, he said.

Schoharie looks to increase sewer \$

By Patsy Nicosia

Since 2021, the Village of Schoharie’s sewer system has cost \$170,000 above and beyond what it’s collecting in fees.

Unsustainable. Also unsustainable, Jesse LaVigne from RCAP Solutions told the Village Board

in a summary of a report he’s been working on since October: the condition of sewer lines, and inflow from the uncovered drying beds at the Sewer Plant, something that could cost an additional \$100,000 annually to address.

His recommendation includes increasing sewer fees

in a two-year process.

But first, Mayor Colleen Henry said, they need to take a more in-depth look at the report itself and hold a public hearing, probably not until the fall.

The problems facing Schoharie aren’t unusual, Mr. LaVigne said.

While the collection system is more than 55 years old, for a long time it wasn’t—and so required less maintenance.

Infiltration and inflow was lower, reducing the amount of sewage that needed to be treated, he said; regulations weren’t nearly so severe and so operations costs were lower.

Ironically, the village’s population loss due to Irene put less strain on the sewer plant—and lowered the cost to run it, Mr. LaVigne said.

But now that that trend has reversed, there’s more pressure on the system.

In order to stay solvent, the sewer plant needs to start generating at least \$85,000 a year, he said, something the

proposed first-year rate increases would generate.

The second year’s would help pay for repairs and improvements, though grants and loans would be required too: the cost of replacing the seven miles of pipes would run at least \$100,000 annually—for just 840 feet, a 44-year project.

Mr. LaVigne looked at a variety of rate increase options for the village’s 340 customers—sewer rates are based on water usage—before coming up with suggested increases.

As proposed, the base fee would increase from \$88.89 to \$106.67 in year one and to \$128.89 in year two.

The “flow” rate per 1,000 gallons would go from \$5.70 to \$6.84, to \$8.27 in 2026.

“The first increase gets you to level,” he told the Village Board. “The second year has to go to system projects.”

“Really, the bad guy here is time. Now, it’s going to be much more expensive to take care of the system.”

Schoharie CEO: Mike was right

By Patsy Nicosia

Mike was right. That’s what Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough told the Town of Schoharie Wednesday.

In May, Village of Cobleskill CEO Mike Piccolo said he’d been getting slammed by phone calls from people in places other than the Village of Cobleskill, likely because they’re the only ones with full-time staff to answer the phone.

Mr. Dorrough, who’s also CEO for the Towns of Rich-

mondville and Seward as well as for the Town of Root in Montgomery County, said he’s having the same problem for slightly different reasons.

His calls, he said, are from people who think the Town of Schoharie is Schoharie County and they’re coming from all over—Middleburgh, Livingstonville, Stamford, and Gilboa, to name a few.

“Mike was right,” he said. “It’s the same thing here,” even though he’s just part-time and he’s his only staff.

Central Bridge parking remains dangerous

By Patsy Nicosia

What to do about on-street parking in Central Bridge?

Because the signs prohibiting it just keep disappearing and it’s a dangerous situation.

That’s the question the Town of Schoharie struggled with Wednesday.

In April, Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough complained that the missing signs were making it difficult for members of the Central Bridge Fire Department, who have to pull out into the middle of the

Church and Main Street intersection when answering calls because they can’t see around the cars parked illegally.

Nothing’s changed, he said, and the cars were an even bigger and more dangerous problem during Central Bridge’s Memorial Day parade.

“Those cars stick out into the road,” Mr. Dorrough said. “It’s dangerous. They were asked to move them before the parade...Some did, some didn’t.”

Mr. Dorrough said he

doesn’t know whether the town can ask the sheriff’s Office to ticket the cars’ owners; technically, he pointed out, landlords need to provide adequate parking.

Supervisor Ben Oevering said he met with members of the Central Bridge Civic Association.

They’d rather see the situation resolved than tickets issued, he said.

Mr. Dorrough said there’s space behind some of the apartment buildings for parkings—or there would be, once things like

discarded couches and other junk was cleared out.

Steve Miller, who’s rehabbing the old Andersons Country Store for his catering business plans to pave his back parking lot for his tenants, he said.

“I’m told some are parking at the church or in the railroad parking lot, Mr. Dorrough added.

Mr. Oevering said he’ll get in touch with County Department of Public Works about replacing the missing “No Parking” signs as a first step.

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Schoharie DRI deadline extended, 10am Monday

By Patsy Nicosia
The deadline for submitting projects for possible Schoharie DRI funding has been extended to Monday, June 23 at 10am.

The extension is intended to give individuals businesses, organizations, and homeowners more time to submit project proposals for a piece of the \$10 million in Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant awarded to the Village of Schoharie in March.

Projects will be reviewed by the DRI Local Planning Committee with local input before being forwarded to the state for final review—and funding.

There is a match. More information and more information on the DRI is available online at VillageofSchoharieDRI.com

Winners are expected to be announced in the spring of 2026.

An open house was slated to be held yesterday, Wednesday, to answer questions about eligible projects, and the LPC

will hold its second meeting at the Village/Town Offices from 4-6pm on Tuesday, July 1 to begin the review process.

DRI matching funding is intended for transformational projects in a “compact, walkable, well-defined core.”

Eligible projects include: **Public projects** like street-scapes, parks, and public art.

New development projects and projects that rehab existing downtown buildings into things like housing or restoring historic structures

A **Small Project Fund**, typically a total of \$600,000 for 12-15 small projects like one apartment or a small commercial space.

Branding and marketing to draw residents and tourists.

The DRI money can’t be used for planning and studies, staff salaries, real estate, property acquisition, workforce training, and stand-alone parking projects.

Projects included in Schoharie’s application—they’ll have to submit applications for actual funding--were:

Mainbridge Commons, housing and medical space on the old Great American site.

Fountain Head Plaza, a plaza at the back of Main Street businesses with connections to the also-proposed **Firehouse Park** and Creek Trail.

Living Spring Street, sidewalks linking Spring Street to Main Street businesses, the pool, and County Office Building.

Crosswalks of Color, traffic-calming crosswalks using DOT-approved recycled glass materials.

Village Branding & Marketing to “position the village as a vibrant destination and community.”

LPC co-chairs are Schoharie Mayor Colleen Henry and SUNY Cobleskill President Marion Terenzio.

Other members are Colleen Quirion, Mike Langan, Mark Stolzenburgh, Steve Babbitt, Paul Conroy, Julie Pacatte, Lillian Spina-Caza, and Darlene Patterson.

4 listening sessions set for farmer’s market plans

By Patsy Nicosia
Schoharie County’s Ag Development Office and Department of Health have scheduled four listening sessions to gather input and ideas—and hopefully, volunteers too—on plans for a farmer’s market they’re hoping to get off the ground in 2026.

Everyone’s invited—farmers, members, and community members.

The sessions will be held in: **Schoharie**

Schoharie Firehouse, Thursday, July 10, 6pm.
Cobleskill

Cornell Cooperative Extension Center, South Grand Street, Tuesday, July 15, 6:30pm.

Blenheim-Gilboa
New York Power Authority Visitors Center, Route 30, Saturday, July 19, 10am.

Carlisle
Carlisle Town Hall, Thursday, July 24, 6pm.

To register, go to <https://forms.office.com/g/yUZlYe3wkn> or call Ag Development at (518) 295-87785.

The listening sessions will be a way to further get the results of Ag Development’s February-April survey out.

It will also be a way to gather people interested in becoming part of a Farmers Market Committee, said Ag Development Specialist Caroline Myran.

Once that’s in place, the committee could begin working on by-laws, picking a location,

and other behind-the-scenes work.

Members of the supervisors’ Ag Committee has already given Ms. Myran the go-ahead to apply for a Farmer’s Market Promotion Program grant to help hire a market manager and cover some of the start-up costs; the full Board of Supervisors is expected to give it their blessing Friday.

Among the survey’s highlights:

- It drew 455 responses, 102 from farmers and 353 from vendors.
- People want an in-person market with locally-or New York State-grown products.
- Most respondents prefer a Cobleskill location (48 percent), with Schoharie (32 percent) second; most want it on Saturday, with hours morning to midday.
- Shoppers want vegetables, fruits, baked goods, and honey; farmers mostly agree, though eggs top their list.

M’burgh makes JPB changes

By Patsy Nicosia
Middleburgh has a—hopefully—temporary fix to a shortage of village representatives on its Joint Planning Board.

The seven-member JPB is intended to have two members from the village, two from the town-outside-village, and three others from either the village or the town, explained Councilwoman and town liaison Sue Makely.

But with the resignation of Joanne Newsome, who’s relocating, they’re a village member short—and village members have traditionally been hard to find.

The JPB’s suggestion is to allow town residents who own property in the village to serve as village reps.

That policy could also be flipped, allowing village residents

who own property in town-outside-village to serve as town reps.

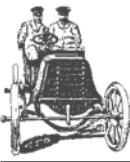
Ms. Makely explained the proposal at Thursday’s annual joint village/town meeting.

Mayor Tim Knight said he was OK with the idea, but if village residents willing to serve come forward, he wants them given priority for the village slots.

No problem, Town Board members said.

While the town and village need to advertise to fill Ms. Newsome’s spot, they already have interest from town resident, Mindy Carhart, who works in the County’s Real Property Tax Office and comes highly recommended by Ms. Makely, who formerly worked with her.

Ms. Carhart left her resume with the Town Board.



Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Büttig
Finally, this weekend local tracks got racing in the books.

At Fonda Speedway on Saturday, many of the drivers participated in a Meet & Greet prior to racing on the historic oval.

The annual Meet & Greet is always a popular night with the fans and drivers alike.

The Modified main event was won by Cody Clark of Little Falls, driving the Hoyenga Racing No. 4.

Clark also won the special M2 Metals RUSH Late Model main event of the night.

The win for Clark in Modified was his second at Fonda and the Late Model win was his first.

Other winners at Fonda were Tyler Peet (Sportsman), Nick Stone (Pro Stock), Carmon Hotaling (Limited Sportsman), Jay Ingersoll (dual cam, Four Cylinder), Wayne Russell, Jr. (single cam).

The win for Hotaling of Schoharie was his first win after only his fourth time in the car.

Montgomery County Dairy Ambassador Adelen Counterline and her court consisting of Aurora Graff, Mari Zemken, and Bella Smith, were all on hand assisting in victory lane ceremonies for the feature winners.

On Friday night at Albany-Saratoga Speedway the Sprint Cars of New England (SCoNE) were added to the program and Justin Stone of Vermont picked up his first Modified win.

Stone a third-generation driver whose father Todd and grandfather Gardner are also in the record books at the Malta oval, grabbed the lead from Brian Calabrese on a restart on lap



Laudy Hoyenga of Sloansville owner of Hoyenga Racing No. 4 Modified celebrates with driver Cody Clark after their win on Saturday at Fonda. Track photo

28 of the 35-lap event and held on to take his first checker in the division.

Other winners on Friday at the “Great Race Place” were Nick Brundige (Sportsman), Jimmy Duncan (Pro Stocks), Alex Smith, (Limited Sportsman), Chris Murray (Street Stock), and Gordon Poirier (SCoNE)

At Glen Ridge on Sunday winners were Lance Willix (Modifieds), Zach Buff (Sportsman), Bodie Marks, first win, (Limited Sportsman), Slater Baker (Pro Stocks), Jason Samrov (Street Stocks), Adam Montville (dual cam Four Cylinder) Chris Hemstreet (single cam Four Cylinder), Justin House (All Star Slingshots), Alex Cosselman (Junior Slingshots).

Local Noteables:

Jamie Warner of Gilboa won the single cam portion of the Four Cylinder event at Brookfield Speedway last Wednesday in the rescheduled event from Memorial Day.

Jim Becker of Middleburgh

won his heat at Glen Ridge on Sunday and finished eighth in the Modified main event.

Looking Ahead (due to rained out and rescheduled events, please check all dates on the track social media pages or websites):

Friday, June 20, Albany-Saratoga has scheduled 358 Shoot Out plus \$1,060 to win Sportsman and Pro Stocks and all other divisions.

Thursday, June 19, Lebanon Valley will run the Super DIRTcar Series event rescheduled from rained out event last year.

On Saturday, June 21, The Valley has scheduled the 20th Annual Bubba Tanner Pro Stock event plus all division.

Fonda has two Thunder on the Thruway Series event scheduled for this week, a rescheduled event on Wednesday, June 18 and Saturday, June, 21 is a Thunder on the Thruway event also.

Until next week please send all news and/or comments to biittig@yahoo.com



Tournament coordinator Pete Lindemann, right, presents Marathon board member Bruce Tryon with the money pouch from the pickleball tournament. A total of \$771 was raised. With them are the newly-crowned 2025 pickleball champions, Addy Lawson and Garrett Cole

Marathon crowns new champs

Twenty-two teams competed in the Marathon for a Better Life Third Annual Pickleball Tournament on Saturday on the SUNY College tennis courts.

The tournament was held in conjunction with the Marathon Day on the track, and all proceeds from the tournament went to the Marathon, which supports cancer patients in Schoharie County.

Among the competitors were the reigning champions for the past two years, Rich Vanderveen and Cody Robinson-Bullock, gunning for a three-peat.

But the tournament has become more competitive, having grown from 11 teams the first year, 16 last year, and now 22.

The 22 teams were divided into four pools, and played round-robin style, with each team playing every other team in their pool.

Then the top two teams from each pool—eight total—advanced to the quarterfinals of the single-elimination bracket play.

In the quarterfinals, Barb Newton and Dale Best defeated Maureen Kozak and Ron Kosier;

Addy Lawson and Garrett Cole beat Samantha Klein and Lara Hurysz.

On the other side of the bracket, Vanderveen and Robinson-Bullock bested Sean Wellman and Jason Byrne; and Mark Rathbun and Scott Kennedy beat Patrick O’Hanlon and Harsh Bhatia.

That set up the semifinal round in which Lawson and Cole beat Newton and Best; and Rathbun and Kennedy dethroned Vanderveen and Robinson-Bullock.

The finals were set: Lawson and Cole versus Rathbun and Kennedy.

Lawson and Cole prevailed, and became the 2025 pickleball champions, by a score of 11-6.

Other teams competing in the tournament were Connor Lawryer and Jordan Hayes, Andrew Bartholomew and Kira Keenan, Deb Veith and Cynthia Ritz, Cindy Makarowsky and Holli Auspelmeyer, Mary Bristol and Laurie Schacher, Anne Reed-Best and Suzy Ullman, and Jason Krouse and Logan Krouse.

Also, Luke Danielsen and

John Carrozzi, Nancy Bartholomew and Alison Smith, Ann-Marie Frank and Debra Kosier, Pat and Bruce Castka, Lee Miller and Billy Bartholomew, Addyson Hughes-Charbonneau and Shannon Hughes, and George and Bibiana Spiciarich.

The top eight teams got trophy paddles—crafted by John Boyer—and some special prizes.

Every player in the tournament got a swag bag with among other things, a pickleball, water bottle, candy, notepad and pen.

Fishing derby June 28 at Dow

The Schoharie County Conservation Association will hold its annual spring youth fishing derby on Saturday, June 28, from 8am-noon on the Cobleskill Reservoir on Dow street.

Youth under 15 are free. Prizes and trophies will be given out.

Bait will be available.

All are welcome. For more information contact Doug Handy at (518) 231-0970.

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Sports

C-R trap Team #1 at tournament

The C-R Trap Team competed on Saturday at the third annual Vic Carpenter Memorial High School Trap Tournament.

And finished first by a single shot, topping Edmeston and Sidney.

The event was attended by nine area teams, and the C-R Trap Team brought 12 athletes to the tournament.

C-R's Jacob Work finished first among the individual competitors.

The team had five of the top 10 finishers overall.

They included Jacob with a 47/50, Gunner Moyster and Andy Rightmeyer both with 44/50, Tyler Smith and Caden Yorks with 43/50.

Paula Bagley organized the tournament.

There were no fees for athletes, and athletes, coaches, and families were provided with free beverages and meals.

Overall, C-R had eight athletes score in the 40s, three in the high 30s.

The victory shows how far the team has come in a year's time, said Coach Marc Weiss.

"Through a diligent work ethic and leadership, our team vastly improved. A great deal of that leadership came from our graduating senior, Tyler Smith.

Smith set a high bar for his fellow teammates to follow, Coach Weis said, and was always willing to offer his fellow teammates tips and encouragement.

He also led by example.

Smith achieved 25 straight shots on several occasions, including at the recent State Tournament, providing a standard for the younger members of the team to follow.

At state's after the second round of 50, Work, an eighth grader, remarked how he tied with Smith with a 46/50.

Work looked up to Smith, and at Oneonta, he earned his own 25.

"Tyler's leadership helped get this team to where it is today, and we wish him well at Union College," Coach Weiss said.

"The C-R Trap is about much more than shooting clays. We look forward to adding new members in the fall."

The team's sponsor and host is the Richmondville Fish and Game Club.

Assistant Coach is Jerry Seyboth.

In their first year of competition, the C-R Trap Team, right finished first Saturday at the Vic Carpenter Memorial Tournament. From the left: Lauryn Work, Jacob Work, Gunner Work, Caden Yorks, Emma Deming, Addison Langlis. Second row: Landon Huslander, Connor Testa, Jacob Bulger, Tyler Smith, Levi Blood, and Andy Rightmeyer.



Overall top scorer Jacob Work is congratulated by Paula Bagley from the Oneonta Sports Club.



Coaches Jerry Seyboth, Marc Weiss and the C-R Trap Team accept the first place trophy from Paula Bagley of the Oneonta Sportsman Club.

Middleburgh Trap Team 8th at Bridgeport

The Middleburgh Knights Clay Target Team competed at the New York State Trap Shooting Tournament in Bridgeport on June 6, finishing eighth in the varsity team category.

The team shot four rounds of 25 shots each—the second in the pouring rain, when Connor Sells and Collin Layton both shot 25 out of 25.

Results:

Varsity male: Out of 224 competitors, Sells shot a 93 and tied for eighth place; Caleb DeLaet shot a

90, and tied for 42nd place; Ransom Echtner shot an 89 and tied for 51st; Layton shot an 84, and tied for 112th; Luke Wood shot an 83 and tied for 127th; Nick Smith shot an 81 and tied for 147th.

JV male: Out of 198 competitors, Sells shot an 89 and tied for seventh.

JV females: Elizabeth Echtner shot an 83 and tied for seventh.

Novice females: Out of 60 competitors, Kalynn Layton shot an 82 and tied for first.



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Sold! to the highest bidder

Story and photos
By Patsy Nicosia

More than 100 registered bidders packed the Cobleskill Firehouse Saturday for a shot at 28 properties on the auction block in the 2025 Schoharie County Tax Sale Auction.

The action started with a bang as two bidders battled to the end for the sale's first parcel, 3.3 acres off Route 30 in the Town of Blenheim belonging to the Howard Bartholomew Estate.

Daniel Robert of Middleburgh was the winning bidder at \$157,000.

Treasurer Marry Ann Wollaber-Bryan explained the rules and regulations before the auction got underway.

"I hope you did your homework," she told the crowd, offering some important advice:

"It's up to you to make sure your number is seen."

Staff from the Treasurer's and Real Property Tax Offices kept their eyes open for those numbers and collected the required 10 percent down payment from successful bidders.

They also took the name of the second highest bidders, in case the winning bid doesn't go through.

Successful bidders have 30 days to make full payment and can't go onto their new properties until they've made it, Ms. Wollaber-Bryan said.

This is the first year the sale was held at the firehouse; previously it had been held at the Fairgrounds.

Ms. Wollaber-Bryan said the number of registered bidders was about the same as last year's.

Three properties had been pulled from the sale catalog, including the Roseboro Hotel in the Village of Sharon Springs.



Bidders raise their numbers as the first piece of property, 3.3 acres in the Town of Blenheim, goes up for sale Saturday at the Cobleskill Firehouse.



County Treasurer Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan goes through auction rules for the 130-plus registered bidders.



A potential bidder takes another look through the sale catalog.



Bidders file into the Cobleskill Firehouse, the site for this year's back-tax auction.



It was standing-room-only in the Cobleskill Firehouse Saturday. In past years, the tax auction had been held at the Fairgrounds.



Bidders keep their eye on the front of the room as Treasurers' and Real Property Offices employees keep an eye on the bids.



A bidding number, the price of admission.

Marathon celebrates hope



Marathon for a Better Life President Kathy Diamond hugs Brenda Morrisette, one of Saturday's Angel Award winners.



Melanie Ray walks the gauntlet of Marathon supporters on her way to the SUNY Cobleskill Track for Saturday's Survivors' Lap.



Members of New Day performed the National Anthem before Saturday's formal ceremonies.



There were plenty of messages like this to share.



Rev. David Houck leads the audience in a prayer.



Michele Becker and Charlie Delorme head out on the Survivors' Lap as Ms. Becker high-fives a Marathon supporter.



A trio poses in front of a pair of super-sized angel wings.



This youngster enjoy bubbles from a bubble machine.



The front row crowd waits for Saturday's formal Marathon ceremonies to start. Most of the day, though, was about having fun.



Happenings



SCS, Schoharie DAR place flags

On Friday, the kindergarten class at Schoharie Central School celebrated Flag Day with a field trip to Lasell Hall, hosted by the Schoharie Chapter DAR. Sixth-six children placed more than 180 flags on the lawn, and then had a picnic before heading back to school for the afternoon.

BOCES wraps up 2025

More than 100 Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education Center students from the Schoharie campus received certificates of completion, honors and awards during an emotion-filled ceremony last Thursday.

As parents, friends, school and BOCES administrators cheered them on, students from the Schoharie, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Schalmont, Voorheesville, Duanesburg, Middleburgh and Sharon Springs school districts were celebrated in a ceremony at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

The ceremony marked the completion of one- and two-year programs at the school, including Building Trades, Culinary, Cosmetology, Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation, Criminal Justice, Electrical Trades, Two-Year Sequence of Health Careers and Automotive Trades Technology.

Speakers praised the graduates and their supporters for going above and beyond to secure bright futures.

Capital Region BOCES District Superintendent Lauren Gemmill praised the graduates for using their high school careers to make investments in themselves.

“You have invested in yourselves. You have learned valuable skills that will serve as a foundation for your future successes,” she said.

Matt Ward, principal of the Schoharie Career and Technical School Campus said he “marvels at the work our students have accomplished and experiences they have learned from, while at the same time, enjoying themselves.

“More than once, I heard students say what has become a familiar phrase around the building: ‘BOCES is the best part of my day.’

“You actually liked coming to school. Some of you even showed up on snow days when your home school was closed—just so you wouldn’t miss your program. You practiced skills that were more than just classwork—they were life work,” he said.

Graduates Wyatt Moss and Jeffrey Mulhern, both from Duanesburg, praised their experiences at BOCES and offered words of wisdom to their fellow graduates.

“We have developed as a family and nobody became lost in the crowd,” said Wyatt, a Criminal Justice program graduate, adding “We learned life-changing skills that will stay with us the rest of our lives.”

Jeffrey, a Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation graduate, praised everyone he encountered at CTE and credited his time at BOCES with being life-changing.

He also advocated for the work-based learning aspect of a BOCES education, saying not only should every student take advantage of it, but vowing to host students for work-based learning when he opens his own construction business.

“BOCES has given me the opportunity to spend two days a week (sometimes more) working in the field, gaining real hands-on experience,” he said.

“That’s something I think more students should take full advantage of—being out there,



BOCES graduation speaker Wyatt Moss.

getting their hands dirty, and learning what it means to show up, work hard, and learn from mistakes.

“It’s a crucial part of understanding the reality of the workforce. Work-based learning has been a key factor in my growth, and I am thankful for the chance to experience it firsthand.”

Many of the graduates are going on to college and trade schools; others are going straight into the workforce thanks to the skills they learned and the connections they made at BOCES.

Among them is Samantha Herzog, a HERO graduate from Schoharie.

“From the moment I climbed into a Bobcat at six years old, I knew I had found something special,” she said.

“That excitement turned into a passion—and thanks to the HERO program, it’s become a career path.”

Samantha has signed onto the Laborers’ 157 Union and

will work for Murnane Building Contractors Inc.

Electrical Trades graduate Gavin Knapp is attending Hudson Valley Community College this fall in pursuit of a career as a lineman.

“BOCES has given me a foot up compared to someone who has no previous experience in electrical work,” the Cobleskill-Richmondville senior said.

M’burgh Day Camp will focus on nature

Did you know that there are one billion bacteria in a teaspoon of soil?

That an octopus has three hearts?

That bees do a special dance to tell each other where the best nectar can be found?

Those are just some of the details Middleburgh’s churches will share at a Day Camp planned for August 4-8, 8:30am-noon, at Middleburgh Reformed Church, 178 River Street.

Each day will feature a different nature study topic--Birds & Mammals, Soil & Water, Plants, Insects, and People--along with daily devotions

There will be songs, activities,

special guests—some with wings, fur, or claws—lots of outdoor time, and a “Daily Feast” with fresh foods.

On Friday of the Day Camp, families will be invited to join for sharing and a Family Feast.

Registration is now open and is scheduled to close on June 30.

The suggested donation is \$10/camper, \$25/family, but scholarships are available.

The donation helps to defray the cost of tee shirts, activities, and the daily feast.

To register, contact Middleburgh Reformed Church (518) 827-5134, Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church (518) 827-3301.

Camp Forget-Me-Not will help kids with grief

Helios Care is inviting children and teens who have experienced the death of a loved

one to Camp Forget-Me-Not, happening on Thursday, July 24, at Townsend Elementary School in Walton.

This one-day camp is free for children and teens ages 6-18 living in Otsego, Delaware, or Schoharie Counties.

At Camp Forget-Me-Not, kids will make new friends, express their feelings in a safe and supportive environment, play games, do fun crafts, and learn beneficial ways to cope with grief under the guidance of Helios Care’s grief support team.

Camp will begin on Thursday, July 24 at 9am. Lunch will be provided.

A Parent & Guardian Support Group will be held at 3pm, adults can meet the Helios Care staff and find support of their own, through open discussion.

You do not need to be connected to Helios Care or have used hospice services to attend.

There is no cost to families, but registration is required.

Fill out the interest form online to reserve your child’s spot: <https://www.helioscare.org/all-events/camp-forget-me-not/>

For more information, call the Helios Bereavement Department at (607) 432-5525.

There will be two more Camp Forget-Me-Not in 2025: August 21 in Oneonta and September 27 in Cooperstown.

Barnerville UMC sets inside sale

The Barnerville UMC will hold an inside lawn sale Saturday, June 21, 9am-2pm, at Shady Tree Lane in Barnerville.

Huntersland FD seeks vendors

The Huntersland Fire Department is looking for vendors for its July 19 garage sales, 9am-3pm, rain or shine, at the Huntersland FD, 1337 Huntersland Road.

There will also be the 29th chicken BBQ, a 50-50 raffle, bake sale, and live music.

There is no charge for vendors.

Call (518) 827-6638 for more information or email rosecorigliano@yahoo.com

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Library News

Middleburgh
June 24 – 1-4pm - Mah-jong.

June 26 - 6-7:30pm- Misfit Makers - Connect with fellow crafters at this drop-in workshop for adults.

Bring your current projects, share tips, and learn from others as you enjoy an evening of creativity and unity. Explore new ideas and foster friendships in this collaborative maker space at the library.

June 28 - Dr. Best House Museum, Flower Fairy Tea.

Step into a world of magic and wonder at our Flower Fairy Tea, where imagination blooms and fairy wings flutter.

Held in the beautiful and historic Dr. Best House, this tea party is perfect for children and adults of all ages.

Enjoy charming tea-time treats like dainty finger sandwiches and sweet confections. Embark on a whimsical scavenger hunt through the museum grounds.

Seating is limited for each time slot: 11am, 1pm, and 3pm.

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../flower-fairy-tea-tickets>.

Schoharie.
Quilts In Bloom Quilt Show: Colorful handmade quilts courtesy of the Schoharie Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild and friends are on display until June 24.

June 19 in honor of Juneteenth. The library will be closed on Thursday, June 19 in honor of Juneteenth.

Summer Reading Signup: Read, learn, enjoy, and win prizes. <https://bit.ly/SRPsignup2025>

Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities.

Writers' Group (Virtual): Mondays at 7pm. <https://bit.ly/WritersGroupSHO>

For the Love of Books: Tuesday, June 24, 5:30pm.

Pride Art Night: Thursday, June 26, 6-8pm. Get creative with our art/craft materials, enjoy social time and light refreshments as we celebrate Pride Month. Signup: <https://bit.ly/PrideArt25>

Goat Yoga Fundraiser: Tuesday, July 1, 7pm. Schoharie Yoga Barn's Nichole McBride and Cotton Hill Creamery's Goats come together for Goat Yoga on the lawn under the tents.

Fundraiser for Schoharie Library. \$20 per person. Registration required <https://bit.ly/SHOGoatYoga>

Discovery Tuesday: Reptile Adventure. July 8 with sessions at 10am and 11am. All other Discovery Tuesdays are at 10am through

August 12. Registration optional: <https://bit.ly/DiscTuesArtWed2025>

Art Wednesday: Block Printing with Casey Beal for ages 12 and up. July 9 at 1:30pm. Carve a design in a printing block, ink it, print on fabric. Library staff will offer a simpler program for younger children. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/DiscTuesArtWed2025> Check the library website/Facebook page for a full Art Wednesday schedule.

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of The Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by CREATE Council on the Arts.

Sharon
The Sharon Springs Free Library invites everyone to celebrate our new outdoor pavilion in honor of our library's previous board member, Pam Luby, and kick off our Summer Reading Program: Color Our World, Monday, July 7 from 2-6pm.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, free hot dogs, and time to explore our beautiful new outdoor space.

While you're here, sign up for the Summer Reading Program and get ready for a season full of imagination, color, and community.

Our Board of Trustees Meeting will be held Thursday, June 26 at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Our library will be closed, Friday, June 27 and Friday, July 4.

Cobleskill
Thursday, June 19 the Library is closed in recognition of Juneteenth.

Reminder that our digital library is always open with Libby. The library Wi-Fi is always available on our property.

The Library's Local History Room is open by appointment or on Fridays from 10am-1pm.

We have limited information on genealogy and recommend if you are looking for family history, please visit the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie which is also by appointment.

You can access Ancestry.com on our public computers.

The Community Library invites non-profit, social service organizations to set up a table in the Pine Room and share information about programs, services, and benefits available to members of our community. No cost, no appointment necessary.

This month's schedule includes:

Tuesday, June 24 from 2-4pm--Planned Parenthood – Survivor Support Services

Tuesday, June 24 at 6 pm, the Short Fiction Workshop.

This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

Wednesday weekly Story Time at 10:30am.

Thursday, June 26 at 10:30am Library Board of Trustees will be holding a special board meeting.

Thursday, June 26 at 2pm Senior Planet: Intro to Booking Vacation Stays Online.

Register at <https://forms.gle/ANRDzXMeJv8Bw7qr8>

Saturday, June 28 at 11 Wiggle Worms Play and Explore. Stop by the library for some age-appropriate play and discovery time with sensory toys and activity stations. For babies and toddlers ages 3-24 months and their caregivers.

Tuesday, July 1 and 15 at 5pm Teen Dungeons and Dragons Come play D&D at the library with other teens and tweens.

No experience needed. New players will have the chance to create a character when they arrive. Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18). Snacks provided.

Tuesday, July 1 and 15 at 6pm Adult D&D Club: Join our Adult Gaming group on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for board games, card games, and D&D.

Friday, July 4 the Library is closed in celebration of Independence Day.

Worcester-Schenevus

Thanks to everyone who came to the Strawberry Festival. We sold 500 strawberry shortcakes.

Summer Reading Program has started.

Pick up your reading logs and start reading for prizes-adult and children incentives.

Coming events: Reptile Show, Art Journaling, Creative Acting class for kids.

Pick up a brochure at the library.

Exercise class Mondays and Thursdays 9am.

Yoga on Fridays at 10 am. Story Hours Wednesdays at 10am.

Crochet Circle at 3pm on Wednesdays. Free coffee. Beginners welcome, with some supplies.

Library Used Bookshop: Fridays noon-4 pm; Saturdays 10am - 3pm.

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Arts & Entertainment

Jefferson History Day back with displays, more

The Jefferson Historical Society has announced the return of History Day this Saturday, June 21, from 10am-2pm at the Maple Museum, 221 Creamery Street.

This free event is open to the public and will feature tables and displays from historical societies across Schoharie, Delaware, and Otsego Counties.

In addition to the main event, two other historic sites in Jefferson will also be open during these hours:

- The Nicholas J. Juried Museum of Jefferson History, Judd Hall, 163 Main Street.

- The Fuller District One-Room Schoolhouse, 695 North Harpersfield Road.

Following History Day, at 2:15pm, Shannon Finn of Danforth Farm will give a special presentation in the Maple Museum.

She will share the history and techniques of butter-making in her family, which spans generations.

Ms. Finn's great-great-grandmother, Martha Danforth, produced award-winning butter in 1893, earning honors



Shannon Finn and her son Gus with Martha Danforth's rocking butter churn.

at the Columbian World Exposition in Chicago.

The original rocking butter churn used by Martha is on display in the Judd Hall Museum.

Today, Ms. Finn continues the family legacy, producing premium butter from her Jersey herd under the Cowbella brand.

Klinkhart Arts expands Summer Concert Series

Kinkhart Hall Arts Center is announcing the return—and expansion—of its Summer Concert Series for 2025.

This year's lineup brings more music than ever before, with free, family-friendly concerts every Wednesday night from July 2-August 13 in Chalybeate Park in Sharon Springs.

Featuring an eclectic mix of swing, blues, bluegrass, Latin, Dixieland, and rock, the series showcases some of the region's most exciting and crowd-pleasing performers.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, settle in under the summer sky, and enjoy an evening of unforgettable live music.

2025 Summer Concert Schedule:

July 2 – Burnt Hills Melody Makers.

A night of timeless swing and big band classics from one of the Capital Region's favorite ensembles.

July 9 – CV6.
Cherry Valley's own rock and roll powerhouse brings energy,

edge, and local pride to the stage.

July 16--Stompin' On Second Street.

A five-piece Dixieland band performing a vibrant mix of traditional jazz tunes.

They've released one live album.

July 23--Annie and the Hedonists, a talented band whose rich, expressive vocals and vintage sound will transport you to the golden era of blues and roots music.

July 30 --Double Barreled.

Upstate New York's hometown boys deliver high-octane country-rock and boot-stomping fun.

August 6 – Lucia & Levi.

A heartfelt evening with this dynamic duo, known for their tight harmonies and acoustic soul.

August 13 – The Upstate Bluegrass Band.

The series wraps up with a lively, foot-stomping finale fea-

turing a fan-favorite bluegrass crew.

New this year, all concerts begin at 6pm.

Beer and wine from Eisenadler Brewery will be available for purchase as well as food from Linda's Cookies.

Concerts will proceed rain or shine unless otherwise announced.

Weather updates and additional details can be found at klinkharthall.org and on Klinkhart Hall's social media channels.

"This year, we're especially proud to extend the series into August," said Maureen Lodes, chair of Klinkhart Hall Arts Center.

"The concert series has become a true summer tradition in Sharon Springs, and we're thrilled to offer even more opportunities to connect through music, outdoors, and community."

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Community Library Friends donate

The Friends of The Community Library have donated \$3,000 to help the library finance its 2025 Summer Reading Program. These funds were generated by the Friends' previous used book sales and annual Basket Raffle.

Donor applications for this

year's Basket Raffle are available now at the Community Library on Union Street in Cobleskill.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the library beginning September 2. The winning tickets will be drawn at 1pm on Saturday, September 20, as the concluding

highlight of the Friends' annual indoor/outdoor book sale.

Above, from the left: Kim Walchko, vice president, Friends of The Community Library, presents the check to Library Director Kim Zimmer, and Rebecca Leggieri, president, library Board of Directors.

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Gilboa-Conesville



By Dorothy Pickett
What a tribute and honor it was for the Army's 250th Birthday parade and fireworks on television Saturday evening.
It really opened one's eyes to see such huge equipment that I am sure some of us had never seen before.
All of those in the Army deserve a sincere thank you for what they do to keep our country safe.

Hearing the Star-Spangled Banner and then Lee Greenwood singing "God Bless the USA" reminds us that we need to be so grateful to be living in a free country.
Yes, at times we may complain but then we quickly look around at other countries and how they are living, it makes us even more grateful. I thank God every day, I pray our country will always remain safe as all our military forces keep watch over us.

Mark your calendar. The Annual Fourth of July Parade kicks off at 849 Flat Creek Road here in Gilboa at noon. Line up at the church at 11:30am.
Decorate your bike, tractors, cars, floats, four wheelers or whatever you would want to decorate for this great parade.

Free hot dogs at the church with a Hymn Sing inside to follow. You must make it a point to join in the Hymn Sing and watch Kathy at the piano along with her amazing voice.
You can park along the route up Flat Creek Road, turning down the Back Road and then a right onto the Back Road Spur and back to the church.

Unfortunately, some of South Gilboa Road remains closed to traffic. The County DPW are working to open this road up ASAP. You need to be patient as the washouts will take time to repair. There is limited access to this road.

I want to wish Jim Manon a very happy belated Birthday. His birthday was June 9.

However, the celebration took place on June 7. His wife Nora tells me it was a beautiful birthday with a BBQ party.

Approximately fifty friends and family with some coming all the way from Florida.

The rain had ended earlier. Just in case, they had a tent on the grounds.

A beautiful cake adorned the table and not only that, but the food was also excellent.

During the celebrations, a phone call came in with sad news that his niece had died in her sleep that morning.

Nora said sometimes with laughter, comes tears.

Jim, please know you are wished a happy birthday. Please know you also have our sincere condolences for your loss.

Diane, Chuck and I mowed the lawn Thursday afternoon. I had weed-whacked the day before.

After they left, I drove my Gator up to the church and weed-whacked, filled some holes, loaded

some stones, leaves and branches in the back of the Gator and headed home.

After getting everything cleaned out of the Gator I drove my tractor back up and mowed the lawn.

On the way home I stopped for a short visit with my neighbors. Dan was by his tractor and I asked if he needed help to mow. He let me know he was fine. He was putting in a new battery.

Friday afternoon I met up with seven correspondents who write their columns along with myself in the Times Journal at Tagua Nut Restaurant in Cobleskill.

What a great time we had except learning that Editor and long-time friend Patsy Nicosia will be leaving the TJ this coming Wednesday.

I had known she was leaving as when I started out, I was not sure if I had closed my garage door. I was only a short distance away.

Coming down the road I could see a car in my driveway. There was Patsy writing a note. She then gave me the sad news. One cannot imagine that she has been with the paper for forty-four years.

What an accomplishment.
Yes, the door was closed.

Arriving at Tagua Nut, while enjoying lunch and good conversations Bruce Tryon came to our table.

Bruce is affiliated with the new owners of the TJ. He let us know that he was having lunch with Mark Vinciguerra, the new owner, and his VP Warren Dews.

He asked if they could visit with us. Six women and one gentleman had lots of questions for all three of them.

After they left we all decided we would meet up again in late August. Leaving there I stopped at the Treasure Barn on Rte. 30 outside of Middleburgh.

Saturday, Ted and I attended the open house at the Gilboa Museum.

It was a first time visit for Ted. He thoroughly enjoyed it.

If you have not been there you must make it a point to stop by. Marianne Neuber has the most beautiful Pin Hole photography and lovely artful Quilts. I believe you can view the display through July 20.

It is also the 20th Anniversary of the Museum. One wall is filled with wonderful memories of my friend Nicholas Juried.

The museum is open to the public weekends from noon to 4pm. Then after a visit there you can drive down the road to Rockland Cider for some great music while sipping on many varieties of homemade cider.

Sunday after church I decided to head to Tracy's Café for a quick cup of coffee.

As I was driving on Wyckoff Road a huge bald eagle flew up from the side of the road. I had to stop and watch it as it flew over my car.

It had something in its mouth. What a beauty it was.

Then back at home Sunday while looking out the window I

watched the tiniest, cute as a button, baby fawn following its mother down over the lawn, crossing the road and then into the woods.

I have to believe that little bugger was born in my big hay field. I cannot wait to watch for her mom bring her around again sometime.

If you are driving down Flat Creek Road keep in mind there may be more crossing to the other side.

The Conesville Historical Society have planned a trip via the historic Ulster & Delaware Railroad and museum alongside the Esopus Creek on Monday July 21.

The RSVP was to be June 15 however if there are still openings for this trip call/text Kim at 607-435-3258.

Prayer Concerns: Tom and Gale Miner's son-in-law who is very ill. Tim Scudders son and others who may be ill at this writing.

Birthdays: June 21 Jim McCarthy (former NYPA Blenheim/Gilboa Manager) now residing in Wilmington NC, June 22 Erin O'Hara Myer (Minnesota formerly from Prattsville), June 23 my Sister Barbara Carney 90th birthday (Mahwah NJ), Patricia Smith and Dylan Weidner.

Anniversaries: June 27 Dr. Joe and Kim Weidner.

Upcoming Events:
June 20, 3-7pm Rockland Cider opens, Saturday, June 21 Yoga 11am-12 noon then Live Music from Blues Maneuver 3-5pm. Food truck "Wake N Baked UP" available.

Sunday June 22, Line Dancing 1-3pm then from 3-6pm Live Music from Dani Dae Duo.

June 21, 4pm the Gilboa Museum will be presenting a movie called "the General" a film by Busser Keaton. This is a great comedy. The film will be preceded with a talk by Tom Fries the director of the Schoharie Train Museum.

June 21, History Day at the Maple Museum in Jefferson 10am-2pm and then at 2:15pm Shannon Finn will present a Butter Talk.

June 24, 6pm Conesville Historical Society presents Dede Terns, who will be speaking on Karl Stryker Hero of Twilight Inn Fire.

June 26 Stamford Baccalaureate 7pm at the Stamford Baptist Church.

July 19, 8am-11:30am Schoharie County Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day located at 2805 Rte. 7 Howes Cave. For more information call 518-295-8447.

Sunday Worship Services:
Gilboa Methodist: 9:00am located on 990V

Flat Creek Baptist: Flat Creek Road, 9:30am Sunday school, 10:30am worship service with coffee and fellowship following the service.

Conesville United Methodist Chapel: First and Third Sunday of the month 4:00pm, Route 990V.

Worcester



By Karen Butler Hyde Hall

Regency Soirée, June 21, 6-0 pm. Step into a Jane Austen fantasy at Hyde Hall's Regency Soirée with dancing, games, and a lavish dinner in historic surroundings—period attire encouraged.

Dmitri Kasterine Photography Exhibition: Here and There. Exhibition runs through June. Free with the purchase of tour admission. Reservations required. Poetry Barn, July 5, 6-8pm. Share your voice at Hyde Hall's Poetry Open Mic Night in the cozy woodshed, with readings, wine, and poetry under the stars. Free Community Event.

Worcester Schenevus Library

Earlier this year the Worcester-Schenevus Library acquired a community cookbook entitled The Nonpareil Cook Book Contributed by the Ladies of Worcester and Vicinity which was published in Worcester in 1897.

Along with advertisements for numerous local businesses, this cookbook contains over 200 recipes for breads, cakes, cookies, pies, puddings, ice cream, pickles, soups, candies, and entrees.

For most every recipe, the contributor is listed and the surnames of many of those contributors are shared by people living in the vicinity today.

To re-introduce this cookbook to the community, a cooking workshop will be held in the Strawberry Hall kitchen on Saturday, August 2 from 9:30am-2pm.

Participants in this hands-on workshop will use The Nonpareil Cook Book to prepare and then savor a lunch consisting of a variety of baked goods and savory dishes using techniques and ingredients common in the late 1800s.

Experience what locals - and perhaps your relatives - would have eaten and how it was prepared well over a century ago, and discover a true taste of the past.

The workshop is limited to eight participants and is intended for ages 15 and up.

The instructor, historic cook Pamela Cooley, has demonstrated and given workshops at Hanford Mills, Genesee Country Village, the Farmers' Museum, and Newlin Mills Museum.

In addition, she has lectured on culinary history topics in this country and in Canada.

She lives in East Worcester and is retired from the New York State Archives.

Community Cookbooks have been in existence as a method of raising funds since Civil War days.

Today these cookbooks have become a valuable resource for those looking into the culture, economy, traditional values, and genealogy of the communities they document.

But more importantly, they reflect the foodways of a given time and location and are a repository of the beloved dishes of their contributors.

Strawberry Festival
As always, scrumptious

and filled with people and things to do, even though chilly and rainy: a book giveaway, arts and crafts, a petting zoo, a bouncy house, plants, cakes and pies, quilts, gift baskets, music, and on and on.

The festival is a long-standing tradition in Worcester, known for its strawberry shortcake and yard sales.

Many ladies made short work of handing out chicken and strawberry shortcake, keeping the long lines of hungry neighbors happy and full.

And I almost met Kathleen Gasperini who had been hosting the DAR booth until right before I got there—she'll be our new Worcester correspondent. We're in good hands all around. I had to leave a bit early as I had a march in Oneonta to get to.

My Creative Acting Class for youngsters begins this week at Strawberry Hall.

I'm excited. We'll work on imagination, voice, body, expression, taking direction, listening, working well with others, becoming characters, learning lines—a lot to stick into an hour's fun. I'll let you know how it's going next week.

South Worcester

Save the date: Sunday July 13, 3-5pm-ish. South Worcester Community Dance. No experience needed. All dances taught and guided.

Join the band, dance, simply be present. Potluck dinner afterward. This will be the third year for this really fun gathering. Please come to this free community event.

OCCA

Connect with OCCA. Throughout the year, you'll find the Otsego County Conservation Association out in the community—at festivals, markets, and local events—sharing our mission and meeting new faces.

Stop by our table to learn more about upcoming projects, programs, and ways to get involved.

Our staff, board members, and volunteers are always excited to talk about the work we're doing to protect and preserve the environment here in Otsego County. occainfo.org

Composting Workshop, Saturday, June 21, 2025, 9-11am. Join Mohican Farm Manager Devin Merkley for an informative discussion about the Mohican compost system and learn how to apply these concepts to your backyard compost pile.

The Mohican facility composts all the food waste from the Otesaga and the Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home on a weekly basis, diverting thousands of pounds of food waste.

The program will happen on Saturday, June 21 at 9am at Mohican Farm (7207 State Route 80, Cooperstown). occainfo.org to sign up.

Summer Foraging Walk with AC Stauble. Sunday, June 22, 2-4pm. Experience the magic of summer through the lens of a seasoned forager.

OCCA invites you to join herbalist and farmer AC Stauble of Cohosh Creek Herb Farm and Sanctuary for an immersive foraging walk through her diverse and ecologically rich farm.

Participants will take a garden walk and woods walk with a focus on native plants and wild edibles.

Whether you're a budding herbalist, an outdoor enthusiast, or simply curious about the edible and medicinal plants growing all around you, this walk promises to be both educational and inspiring.

Come prepared for a sensory-rich journey that reconnects you with the natural world.

AC Stauble-Hill is an herb farmer, herbalist, product maker, educator and podcaster. She has been studying and growing herbs since 2012 and will continue to be a lifelong student of Nature.

She is based on a small herb farm and homestead in West Edmeston, called Cohosh Creek Herb Farm & Sanctuary, where she grows hundreds of varieties of medicinal herbs, fruits, trees and fungi with the help of her husband, Isaac.

Using her homegrown herbs, AC creates small batch, hand-made herbal remedies like skin soothing salves, tinctures, teas and more under the brand, Traveling Herb Farmer which you can check out at TravelingHerbFarmer.com and in person on Saturdays at the Cooperstown Farmers Market.

AC loves sharing the things she's learned over the years with others, especially in hands on, engaging ways. She teaches classes and hosts interns and is opening the doors to her own herb school.

The Actaea Academy this year. Actaea will hold an in-person, nine-day retreat in the Adirondacks at the stunning Bark Eater Inn Retreat Center which will cover many essential elements of herbalism and aromatherapy for a Herbal Summer School.

The Actaea Institute also offers an online Sunday School held live on-line every Sunday from September 2025 to May 2026.

Learn more at Actaea.org. She's the co-host of the Plant Cuning Podcast where she and her husband Isaac Hill interview some of the most interesting and inspiring herbalists, gardeners, astrologers, healers, and occultists of our time.

You can listen to it on most podcast apps and YouTube under Plant Cuning. They also host an in-person conference, The Plant Cuning Conference which will be held again in July of 2026 and an online Summit on July 12th, 2025. occainfo.org to sign up.

Stamford

We went to the Presbyterian Church in Stamford this afternoon to hear the always fabulous Fenimore Chamber Orchestra give us their Summer is a Cumin in concert.

We have heard this amazing chamber orchestra many times at the Episcopal Church in Cooperstown, but Stamford is a bit closer to home for us, and we almost always go to the Friends of Music concerts there and are never disappointed.

Ticket prices are low, musical quality is high, the church has lovely acoustics, and the vibe is neighborhood-friendly. friendsmusic.org for their upcoming concerts. Well worth it.

Stay well, send news: kg-butler7@gmail.com

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Summit



By Karen Cuccinello
So, it seems we have lawn mowing/laundry hanging days maybe two days per week. Luckily, the weather was very nice for listening to the Yak Yak Creek band and eating strawberry shortcake at the West Fulton town green last Friday.

Thank you to Summit Neighbors for sponsoring a paving brick, in Schoharie Chapter DAR Patriot Walkway, with some of the Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Summit.

The Museum of the History of Charlottesville, The Anonymous Arts Museum and the historic Charlottesville Church (1830-32) will be open on Sundays noon-3pm from Father's Day, June 15 through August 31.

The Museums are located at 606 and 610 Charlotte Valley Road.

Admission is free. For further information call (607) 397-8606. This is their 40th year of operation.

If you visit a veteran's gravestone in Summit and I did not happen to get an American flag by their stone please let me know at karen[at]mid-tel.net or 518-287-1945.

Strawberry picking season is upon us.

I wish we could still pick strawberries at Bohringer's. Might drive all the way out to Middlefield Orchard to pick.

Had a lovely luncheon with most of the other TJ correspondents last week.

Happy Birthday to John Steitz, of Summit, who turned 90.



June 19- Summit town board meeting 7pm.

June 21 - Summit Community Center will hold the Tenth Summit Fishing Derby at Route 10, Summit Lake from 10am-noon.

Registration starts at 9am. Prizes will be awarded right after. Age groups 5-9 and 10-15. All contestants must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own pole or use one of ours. No plugs or lures, we provide the worms. (It was canceled on the 7th cause of the downpour)

June 21- Music at The Hall at Panther Creek Arts by Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna 7:30pm, 1468 Sawyer Hollow Road, West Fulton.

June 21 & 22 - Annual Civil War Reenactment, 144 Volunteer Infantry Regiment at the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA) 9am-4pm.

Please join us in celebrating the return of the 144th New York State Volunteers as they form together once more to recognize, remember and reenact two battles of the Civil War.



Summit Neighbors sponsored a brick at the Schoharie Chapter DAR's Patriot Walkway, above, honoring some of the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Summit.

June 22 - Stamford Farmer & Artisan Market 1-4pm at Mama Maria's Restaurant 26817 State Highway 23, Stamford.

June 21 - The Jefferson Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of History Day from 10am-2pm. at the Maple Museum (221 Creamery Street, Jefferson). This free event is open to the public and will feature tables and displays from historical societies across Schoharie, Delaware, and Otsego counties.

June 26 - C-RCS Kindergarten graduation.

June 27 - 4th Friday Street Fest in Middleburgh 5:30-



The Yak Yak Creek band performed in West Fulton last Friday.

8:30pm.

July 2- Tour of Revolutionary War Veterans at Stamford Cemetery, 2 Mountain Ave., Stamford, 6:30pm, rain or shine.

By Stamford Village Historian Karen Cuccinello.

July 7-11- Art in the Green at the Maple Museum, 10am-4pm, make a dragon puppet, Free for all ages, 221 Creamery St., Jefferson.

July 11 - Fulton Historical Society gathering at the West Fulton Town Green to visit the schoolhouse 5-7pm.

July 12 Jefferson Heritage Day on the Green in Jefferson. All day event. Parade starts at 11am.

July 19 - Charlotteville Fire Department Annual Chicken BBQ and Lawn Sale-Lawn Sale at 10am and BBQ 11am.

July 19 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection event

8-11:30am at the Schoharie Transfer Station. 2805 State Route 7, Cobleskill.

July 20 - Charlottesville Schoolhouse Breakfast 8-11am. Breakfasts are all-you-can-eat, family style dining including: pancakes, French toast, eggs made to order, sausage patties, sausage gravy, home-style potatoes, coffee, tea, and OJ with table service, not a buffet, and local maple syrup from Terrell's Sugarhouse.

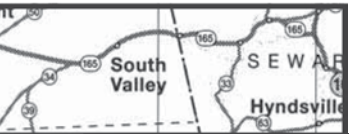
The Charlottesville Schoolhouse is located at 641 Charlotte Valley Road. Season-long 50/50 Raffle. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

History

June 2, 1898 Jefferson Courier-Eminence - Our new merchant Mr. Tinklepaugh, is having quite a seige with the measles, but is improving, we are happy to note. - Harmon Mattice overseer of the poor

for the town of Blenheim, was in town last week, to look after the support of Mrs. Frederick Ham, whose husband has disappeared. They lived on the Blenheim side of this village last year, and moved to Yankee St. this spring. - David Fancher again started for his labors at the Pavillian boarding house, Sharon Springs on the 24 inst. George Burnett accompanied him as assistant. The Pavillian is one of the most high-toned and fashionable boarding houses at Sharon, and will accommodate over 600 guests. - Rev. Lewis, of the Reformed church, preached an able Memorial sermon last Sabbath morning, that had the right kind of a ring. Every anti-pension-soldier-hater should have heard it. Mr. Lewis had four brothers in the Union army, one of which suffered the horrors of Andersonville and other Rebel prisons.

South Valley



By Carol Brodie

Quote for the week by Chuck Norris: "A lot of times people look at the negative side of what they feel they can't do. I always look on the positive side of what I can do."

Some of my garden is starting to grow a bit. The carrots, beets, and onions are just showing. My green beans, a few of them anyway, are up out of the ground about an inch. I think the rest of the seeds washed away with the heavy rain like the squash and peas did.

We need some more sunshine now so things will start growing better.

I have stopped feeding the birds for the time being.

No, not because of the bears, but because there are way too many gray and red squirrels, along with chipmunks, gobbling all the food down.

They are a regular nuisance, and the chipmunks even dig in my plants on the front porch and plant sunflower seeds in them.

So, I'm missing watching all my summer birds, and the orioles never did come this year like usual.

At least I can enjoy the hummingbirds out the front living room window.

I had to take my hummingbird feeder on the back deck down because the red squirrels were constantly swinging on it trying to drink out of it and spilling the liquid all over the floor. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday wishes go out this week to Tommy Laymon, Fritz Becker, Luke Thompson, John Henson, Alexiona Houk, Brielle Seeley, Jakeb Whiteman who will be 14 years old, Stephanie Mabie-Wimmer, Stacy Mabie, Betty Norton, Nancy Prill, Emma-Zoe Harvey, and Mason Myers.

Anniversary wishes go to John and Stacy Mabie and Hank and Colleen Sheldon. BITS AND PIECES

I phoned Phyllis VanDewerker, of Longs, South Carolina, last week to wish her a happy birthday and we en-

joyed a nice long visit.

She shared with me that she was here in New York the first weekend of June to attend her grandson Cody VanDewerker's wedding. She said it was a very nice wedding but was outside and rather chilly that day.

While here, she stayed with her son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Rachel VanDewerker, in her former Westford home that she sold to them when she moved.

She said she also enjoyed going to her former church, Schenevus First Baptist, that Sunday where she not only enjoyed hearing Pastor Johnson's message, but also was able to visit with friends there.

Charley and Joanne Brodie left on Wednesday, June 4, for Cumberland Bay State Park to go camping for a few days. The park is up near Plattsburgh, at the end of Lake Champlain.

Charley said it was nice and the only rain they had was on Thursday night.

They went out for a late afternoon dinner at Texas Roadhouse on Saturday, June 7, to celebrate their anniversary.

Then on Sunday, June 8, they left Cumberland Bay and went to Coles Creek, below Massena, to camp.

They took a drive on Wednesday to check out three or four other campgrounds as possibilities for next year.

One of these was Burnham Point, where Charley and his late wife Debbie went on their honeymoon back in 1970.

After a week and a half, they drove back home on Friday, June 13.

Michael "Mr. Scribbles" Sparring, of Perry, visited me late Friday afternoon, June 13. It was great to see him, as I usually only see him each year at the Fonda Fair.

He had phoned that morning to get directions and see if he could stop in. He had plans to attend an art show that night in Oneonta where a friend of his was displaying his artwork.

The free sale at the South Valley First Christian Church on Saturday, June 14, went

well. The first hour or two, they had a lot of folks come out, but then it tapered off a bit. The rest of the day was a steady flow of people and they got rid of a lot of items.

Following Sunday morning worship service at the Schenevus First Baptist Church, Charley and Joanne Brodie went out to the Cobleskill Diner to celebrate Father's Day on June 15. ROSEBOOM CAFE

The Roseboom Cafe is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week from 8am - 2pm. There is an all-day breakfast with the lunch menu starting at 11am. TIMES PAST

This is from my June 15, 2005 column from 20 years ago: "Elliot and Luella Brodie, Frank and Carol attended the National Cancer Survivors Day chicken barbecue at the Bassett Clinic in Cooperstown on Sunday afternoon, June 5.

There was a good turnout for this free event, hosted by Bassett Healthcare, for cancer survivors and their families. Frank, by the way, is doing very well. He had four more treatments throughout May and is waiting for results from his last CT scan.

Pastor Bill (Wilson) is on the go again, traveling. This trip was a bit further than usual however, as he flew to San Antonio, Texas, to attend a surprise 80th birthday celebration for Carl J. Dykman on June 11. Carl's wife, Teri, has been planning the Open House to honor her husband, not only for his 80th birthday, but also for his volunteerism all across America as the two of them have traveled extensively over the years, including having traveled 3,000 miles already in 2005.

Pastor Bill reports that the surprise event was held at the Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio, and many of the Dykman's friends and relatives were in attendance.

You can reach me at 607-264-3225 or email carolbrodie@hotmail.com with any news for this area.

Esperance



By Linda Feuz

Monumental celebrations are in order for two of our community residents; Evelyn Hewett has just celebrated here 102nd birthday - amazing life - Evie, we wish you well and celebrate with you. Esther Brown, who still resides in her Main Street home, is 98 this year, a testament to strong-minded, independent women everywhere.

Profound prose for pondering people- Here it is, the age-old question, just for fun; which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Esperance Historical Society and Museum- The museum's open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm. Come take a stroll around the displays and see what history looks like for our community.

There's a video that relays our history, narrated by the deep, velvety voice of Bert Mayne that's a great introduction to what you'll see as you take in bits and pieces of Esperance past...also a great rainy-day way to chase away cabin fever.

In other museum business, the Board of Directors met last week to discuss topics of all-things-museum-connected, and one of the topics is bringing and conserving heat into all areas of its building, important to the preservation of all of the artifacts.

It's an old, historic building, which means the cost to insulate and heat is high, really high. Research is being done to find the best and most efficient way to protect this important historic gem in our community.

Short of winning a lottery, the Board grapples with covering the costs of this crucial need.

Landis Arboretum activities- On June 25, there will be a Star Party, weather permitting, at 9pm in the Meeting House field.

July 2 is the next drum circle, gathering at 6:30pm at the Peace Garden pavilion. On Sunday, June 29, bring your kids to a Pond Exploration event at 2pm, gathering at the Meeting House.

Our Post Office window hours are Monday-Friday from 7:15am-11:15am and 12:15pm-2:15pm. Saturdays, 9-11am. Phone number is (518)875-6731.

Little Free Library is located at the village park by the basketball court. Take a book - leave a book.

Town of Esperance- Office phone: (518)875-6109. Clerk's hours are Tuesdays, 7:30-11am and 2:30-7pm and Fridays, 7am-3pm. Her email is esperancetownclerk@outlook.com.

look.com.

Town Justice Tom Slater conducts court on Wednesdays at 6pm at 1216 Hwy Rte. 30A in Sloansville.

The court office phone is (518) 868-5165 and the email address is EsperanceTownCourt@nycourts.gov.

Town Board meets on the third Thursday at 104 Charleston Street 7pm.

Village of Esperance- Village phone: (518) 875-9044 at the office on Church Street.

Village Clerk Michelle Parks' office hours are on Thursdays, 2-6pm or by appointment. The Village Board meets on the second Monday at 7pm in the Village Hall at 113 Church Street.

Have you paid your taxes yet, due this month?

Esperance Methodist Church- Service is at 11am on Sunday and is meeting in the sanctuary. Faith Adventure Club, is at 10:45am and is open to all children who are in kindergarten and older.

The church website is <https://www.esperancesloansvilleumc.org/> Choir Rehearsal is on Tuesdays at 6pm, open to all who would like to join.

Any questions, please see Amber. "Out-of-Office" hours for Pastor Alisyn holds are on Mondays at the Quaker Street Library (133 Bull Street Delanson). Drop by from 10am-noon for a prayer, a break, or to just chat.

Appointments to meet with Pastor Alisyn privately can be made by emailing pastoralisyn@gmail.com

Presbyterian Church (the Stone Church on Church Street)- Sunday services are at 9:30am. Schoharie Valley Gospel Church at 133 Sprakers Road in Sloansville holds services at 10:30am.

Schoharie Reformed Church service is at 10am. It's time to get your kiddos signed up for Day Camp, scheduled for July 14-18. More info will be available next week.

On a personal note, Father's Day at our home was a fun afternoon with Wesley. Dad's sporting a new t-shirt, enjoying a huge bouquet of flowers - yep, you heard it here, flowers, and we teamed together to install a ten-by-twenty-foot pop-up gazebo on our deck for outdoor enjoyment throughout the summer.

After enjoying a simple supper of strip steaks, baked potatoes, and maple-bacon-glazed brussels sprouts, son headed back to Syracuse and Dad was a happy camper.

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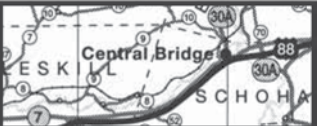
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Central Bridge



By Janice Wilkens
Quote for the Week by Laozi, the Chinese philosopher and writer, born in 571 BC: “Those who understand others are clever, those who understand themselves are wise.”

Luncheon
Now that I’m retired, I was finally available to join the other Times Journal correspondents for a lunch get together on Friday.

Linda Feuz, the writer for Esperance, extended the invitation and eight of us were able to attend the luncheon held at the Tagua Nut Cafe in Cobleskill.

To our surprise, Advertising Sales Executive for the Times Journal, Bruce Tryon, happened to be meeting with the new Times Journal owners, Mark Vinciguerra, President and Warren Dews, Visionary and Publisher at the same place and time, so we were all introduced and finally able to put faces to the names.

Celebrating Father’s Day

On Father’s Day, Chris and I went to the Methodist Church together and he, along with all of the other fathers in church, were given a nice card with a gift card tucked inside to Dairy Carnival in Sloansville from our church family.

In the afternoon, son Ben and his family came from Albany to wish Chris a happy Father’s Day and daughter Christin invited us to dinner at her house in Altamont.

Gifts for Chris included a new pair of slippers, pajamas and 12-year-old Juiliana picked out a straw hat for her grandfather.

Summer
The calendar indicates that summer will finally arrive on Friday, June 20.

Book Club
The Cobleskill Gathering Place book club read and discussed The German Midwife by Mandy Robotham at their meeting last week.

The book club takes a summer break, but if you are a member of the Gathering Place and would like to join the club, we’ll see you in September to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garbus.

If you aren’t already a member and you are at least 50 years old, stop by 127 Kenyon Road in Cobleskill along Route 7 and fill out an application, pay a minimal yearly fee and be prepared for having loads of fun, meeting new friends and finding out where all of your old friends have been hanging out.

Joshua Project Lunch
The Summer Lunch program will once again be serving lunch at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Church Street Monday through Friday every week beginning June 30 through August 22 for anyone who would like to partake.

Bethany Lutheran Church
June 22, Acolytes and altar flowers will not be needed when we worship outside this summer.

Please bring a lawn chair for outdoor worship service including Holy Communion at 9am with Pastor Jeff.

Serving as lector will be Shirley Lawyer and usher will be Fred LaTulipe and Holy Communion bread provided

by Sandy Deems.

Coin jar collection will be donated to DW Jenkins, Central Bridge Fire Department. Bible study after church.

Collections for school supplies for local students will continue through the end of August. Needed items include insulated lunch bags, scientific calculators, multi-subject notebooks and markers.

Email: bethanycentralbridge@gmail.com

Looking ahead, June 29, worship service with Anne Cinquemani, SAM. Tuesday, July 1, Busy Bee Crafters meet at 10am in the parsonage.

CBMC
Central Bridge Methodist Church has a service every Sunday at 10:30am. Our doors are always open and everyone is welcome.

For the months of July and August, if it is too hot in the church, service will be held in the church hall, which has air conditioning.

No meetings will be held during the months of July and August.

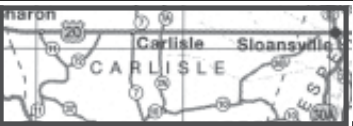
The food pantry is still in need of any non-perishable items.

If you need to get a hold of someone in the church, please call 518-868-4226. Please speak loud and slowly and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Got News?

If you have community events or anything to share, please send a message with the subject line, «Central Bridge news» to Wwilkinsjan@aol.com or call 518-868-2790 no later than 6pm on Sunday.

Carlisle



By Chris Keefer
Greetings, Carlisle. Is it summer yet? I’m confused when the calendar says June 15 and I’m looking to fire up my wood stove to keep warm. Also, I wouldn’t want to be a sunglasses salesman this year.

TJ Correspondents Lunch: I was privileged to sit down for a meal at the Tagua Nut in Cobleskill last Friday with the other correspondents who write news of their towns for the Times Journal.

The like-minded conversation was wonderful. It was really great to meet new writers and put faces to the names, as well as to reacquaint myself with those who have been writing for a long time.

We were joined by the new owner of the paper Mark Vinciguerra, Warren Dews, Jr., Vice President of Capital Region Independent Media and Bruce Tryon. We hope to continue this tradition annually.

We also learned that our chief story writer and editor, Patsy Nicosia is stepping away from the TJ. I want to wish Patsy the best of luck with her future plans, her hobbies that are so similar to mine and her next great adventure.

Thanks so much for all your hard work and support for me and my colleagues over the years, Patsy. You will be missed.

Travels: I attended the Schoharie Library Victorian Tea and Quilts in Bloom event and display on Friday.

The library artfully showcases the cre-

ations of the Schoharie Valley Piecemakers and other local quilters.

The collection is representative of the quilters’ talents and artistic ideas, and all the handmade pieces are works of art: wall hangings, banners, table runners, and large and small traditional quilts.

In addition to the fabric creations, the Schoharie Valley Garden Club has enhanced the displays with coordinated fresh floral bouquets.

Charming, colorful and imaginative flower arrangements are curated throughout the library. This is a treasure hunt of visual and olfactory fun. Please be sure to check it out this month.

The show is open June 5-24.

The Richfield Springs Friendship Craft Festival on Saturday was fantastic for the number of vendors and their unique crafts, creations and food products.

I was there with signed copies of my novels, and the organization of the event alone will get me back next year. This craft festival is worth visiting.

I also spent last Thursday on a trip to Lake George with a friend from Flat Creek. We visited another friend, had a lovely lunch and chatted all day.

CHS News: The Carlisle Historical Society had a good crowd for the final spring 2025 program.

We hosted Tim and Laura Huggett who vol-

unteer on Mercy Ships, bringing life-changing medical and surgical procedures to the poorest nations in the world.

They told us of the Mercy Ship mission and their personal experiences. CHS has made a donation to Mercy Ship.org as a result of this inspirational presentation.

The next CHS program will be on September 10th at the Carlisle Town Hall. The annual membership drive will begin at that time.

Please consider supporting Carlisle’s Historical Society and be sure to support the other local Historical Societies in our county this summer.

Howes Cave Road Closure: I saw a sign indicating Co. Rt. 9 (Caverns Road) would be closed starting June 25th. I’m not sure if that means the entire road, or just a section, or if it means June 25th only or for a longer duration. Be careful when driving in that area.

Just Grads: Congratulations to all the Cobleskill-Richmondville seniors who graduate this summer! Best wishes in all your future endeavors. Please let us know your plans for your future. Carlisle is proud of you.

Got news? Send birthday greetings, announcements of anniversaries and happy events, community events, boasts and praise, and reports of good birds to carlisle.news12031@gmail.com, or call 518.339.3664. Have a great week.

Sharon Springs



Silver & Gold Seniors Learn Lots About Lavender

Thirty Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club members learned lots about lavender at their recent luncheon meeting at the Office for the Aging’s “Spa Ritz” meal site at the Sharon Springs Firehouse.

The senior club welcomed Maria Lange from Slate Hill Lavender Farm and Sharon Sprigs who shared information about growing and using lavender.

Lavender is a fragrant perennial herb renowned for its aromatic flowers and leaves.

Since 2016 Maria and her husband Mike have operated a small artisan farm at 342 Slate Hill Road in Sharon Springs.

They grow several types of lavender and flowers for drying and host seasonal u-pick lavender days and special events.

Additionally, Maria is the owner/designer of the Sharon Sprigs retail shop at 200 Main Street in Sharon Springs which includes dried florals and lavender products from their farm.

Seniors learned that lavender flower spikes can be used for dried flower arrangements and wreaths while lavender flowers and buds can be used for potpourri and scented sachets.

Maria and Mike have also partnered with some local businesses to create an array



Maria Lange from Slate Hill Lavender Farm and Sharon Sprigs shares information about growing and using lavender with members of the Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club.

of lavender-flavored products including vinegar, honey, jelly, shortbread and tea which incorporate the lavender grown at their farm.

Maria invited the seniors to visit the lavender farm this season to cut lavender, walk the field, take in the beautiful view, learn more about growing lavender and shop their lavender barn.

While the Slate Hill Lavender Farm had a soft opening Father’s Day weekend,

the lavender plants need a bit more time before they’re ready for folks to cut their own bouquets.

U-pick opportunities should be available the weekend of June 21 and 22 through July.

The public is also invited to visit the farm on August 23 and 24 as Slate Hill Lavender Farm will be participating in the 13th annual Family Farm Days in Schoharie, Otsego and Delaware Counties.

Richmondville



By Ann Lape

Hi readers.
Our Summer Solstice will be June 20.

It’s the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. For our latitude, that means 15 hours and 10 minutes of daylight.

Sunset doesn’t change much for two-three before and after the Solstice, only a minute every three days.

By mid-August you’ll begin to notice the days starting to get shorter.

Plans for the Joshua Summer Lunch Program for Richmondville are underway.

The site will remain at the Richmondville United Methodist Church Hall and begins June 30.

The different area churches each take a day to prepare and serve lunch, free of cost, to anyone of any age needing lunch and company.

Lunch is served from noon-1pm, Monday through Friday. Anyone wanting to help serve, contact your

church or Beverly Lockwood at 518-294-8853.

An Ecumenical Bible Study group meets every Wednesday, 10am-noon, at the Richmondville United Methodist Church.

It includes all faiths and is led by pastors of the local churches. All welcome.

I stopped at the new thrift store, where the former thrift shop was, in Warnerville

called Odd’s & End’s Thrift Store.

It’s very well set up with a variety of useful items. They are located at 1532 NY Route 7.

If anyone has news they would like to share in this column, feel free to contact me, Ann Lape, 518-813-2826.

Have a great week everyone.

Jefferson



By Diane Dubshinski

Get your best parade outfit on and join us at the school at 10:30am on July 12 for the most special Town of Jefferson event.

Heritage Day is just around the corner for you to start the special day.

Also, any and all fire departments are welcome to meet at the Jefferson Central School to march in the parade. No reservations needed, just come share the day at the parade with us.

Helping hands are needed and we are spreading the word about Art on the Green 2025.

From July 7 thru July 11 Art on the Green will be preparing to make dragon puppets to use to march in the parade on Heritage Day.

To help complete this large order, feel free to come on down and participate in the art of creating these spectacular dragons.

From July 7-11, come for an hour or come and stay for

the day. Your help will be appreciated.

Contact MarthaHacklin@gmail.com if you have questions.

Jefferson Central School had the second vote of the school budget this week.

Although as of this writing, the results were not known, we do hope that whether you were for or against the budget, you still got out to vote.

FYI, as I was reminded this weekend, last year’s vote passed by one vote. Will you make a difference of being that vote, always vote as it does count.

As we close for this week and as she retires, we would like to thank the Times Journal editor, Patsy Nicosia for her many years of service.

Opportunity will be knocking at her door, we are sure of that. Best of luck, Patsy.

Have a safe week and contact me with any articles you may have. Thanks.

Dubshinski@gmail.com

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By Dana Cudmore

The Town Board and organizers of a “Farmer’s and Artisans’ Market” continued June 9 to finalize plans for what was decided to be bi-weekly sales this summer.

It was decided then that the market, on town property at the corner of Route 10 and Lowe Road, will be open every other Wednesday, starting July 2.

The other dates for that month will be July 16 and 30. The market will continue that schedule until October 22.

Town of Seward board members endorsed plans presented by Angela Clapper of Hyndsville at their May meeting and appointed Wendy Rosa as the board’s liaison to the effort.

Ms. Clapper said she has identified as many as 50 potential vendors exclusively from the Town of Seward, including farms, producers of maple syrups and honey, as well as jewelry and pottery makers.

About eight have signed to take part so far.

Potential vendors are encouraged to call Ms. Clapper at 518-337-3722 for details. Vendors will need to supply

their own table and/or tent and provide proof of insurance.

In other June 9 business, the board paid the month’s bills, specifically \$53,912 for highway department expenses, which included crushed stone for the year’s CHIPs-reimbursable road improvements; \$2,029 as the third installment on the town’s fire contract with village of Richmondville, and \$4,163 in general fund expenses.

Recycling on Saturday

The Seward recycling center at the town office and barn on Lowe Road is open Saturday, June 21, from 8am to noon.

Recycling bins are available on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Grab ‘n Go Lunch for Seniors

Seniors can sign up for noontime meals at the senior centers in Cobleskill and Sharon Springs.

The Cobleskill “grab and go” meal site is located at The Gathering Place on Kenyon Road.

The meal site in Sharon Springs is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday in the Beachwood Road firehouse/community center, Route 10,

in the village.

Those planning to visit either center for lunch are asked to make reservations the morning of the day before.

Call the Cobleskill site at (518) 234-3692 or the Schoharie County Office for the Aging at (518) 295-2001 to reserve for the Sharon Springs center.

The OFA, which runs the program notes the meal is intended to provide one-third of the recommended daily nutrition allowances.

Got News?

Readers who have news, events, or social items—milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. —from communities in and around the Town of Seward, you can email me at dcmedia@aol.com to have them included in this column. You can also reach out to me at my website/blog, www.howecavernstales.com.

Readers’ feedback is also welcome, as are suggestions.

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Church News

Local churches have submitted the following information on their churches services.

To be included in this list, email your information to Tjournalnews@yahoo.com with “Church services” in the subject line.

Calvary Assembly of God, 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill. www.cagcobleskill.org Sundays 10am.

Calvary Chapel of the Hills, 137 Legion Drive, Cobleskill. Sundays 10am and 5pm, Wednesdays 7pm.

Christian Community Church of Faith, 355 Route 7, Richmondville. Independent/non-denominational. Sundays 8:30am.

Fusion Community Church, 375 North Grand Street, Cobleskill. Sundays 9 and 11am.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, 890 Route 443, Gallupville. Sundays 9am.

Zion St. John’s Lutheran Church, 114 Mesick Avenue, Seward. Sundays 9am.

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 326 Main Street, Middleburgh. Sundays 10:30am.

Sharon Reformed Church, 6858 Route 10, Sharon Springs. Sundays 10:30am.

Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill. Sundays 10:15am.

Delanson United Methodist Church, 112 East Shore Road, Delanson. Sundays 9:45am.

Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church, 175 Main Street, Esperance. Sunday 11am.

Gallupville United Methodist Church, 120 Factory Street, Schoharie. Sundays 10:30am.

Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church, 1148 Groves Corners Road, Central Bridge. Sundays 9am.

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church, Route 20, Sharon Springs. Sundays 10:30am.

Warnerville United Methodist Church, Route 7 Warnerville. Sundays 9am with Children’s Sunday School also at 9 am.

Nourished at Middleburgh, 281 Main Street, Middleburgh. Sundays noon.

Pastor Mel Moore, (518)827-5126, Melenamoore2323@gmail.com.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Middleburgh. Mass Saturday 5:45pm, Sundays 9am.

Middleburgh Reformed Church, 178 River Street, Middleburgh. Sundays 11am; food pantry open Saturdays, 9-11 am.

www.middleburghreformed.org.

Bethany Lutheran Church, 185 Main Street, Central Bridge. (518) 868-2868. Sundays 9am. BethanyCentralBridge@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 138 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill. Masses Saturday 5:15 pm, Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday 9am, Thursday, noon. stvincentdepaulcobleskillny.com.

New Beginnings Church, 2853 State Route 145, Schoharie. Sundays 10:30am.

Schoharie Reformed Church, 258 Main Street, Schoharie. Sundays 10am.

Community Church of Howes Cave, 128 Lester Lane, traditional church service, Sundays 10:30am.

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, 314 Main Street, Schoharie. Sundays 10:30am. Food pantry Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-2pm.

Lawyersville Reformed Church, 109 Philip Schuyler Road at the Route 145 corner, Lawyersville. (518) 234-2387. Sundays 9am.

Saint Christopher’s Episcopal Church, 121 Saint Christopher Place, Cobleskill. Traditional Anglican Holy Eucharist, Sundays 10am.

Barnerville United Methodist Church, 224 Shady Tree Lane, Barnerville. Sundays 8:30am.

Richmondville United Methodist Church, Main Street, Richmondville. Sundays 11:30am.

Worcester United Methodist Church, Main Street, Worcester. Sunday School 9am, worship Sundays 10am. (607) 397-9340, HRU12157@yahoo.com.

Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, 289 Main Street, Schoharie. Sundays 9am in-person and on Facebook Live.

Summit Methodist Church, Route 10. Sundays 10am.

7th Day Adventist Church, Route 10, Summit. Saturdays 10am.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Main Street, Richmondville. Sundays 11am.

Central Bridge Methodist Church, 196 Church Street. Sundays 10:30am.

First Baptist Church of Cobleskill, 492 West Main Street. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday worship 10am. Pastor Lance Howland, (518) 320-5758.

Schoharie Valley Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 141 Church Street,

Central Bridge. Sunday worship 10am. Sunday school 11am. Wednesday, youth activities 7-8:30pm during school year. Tuesday and Wednesday, genealogical research, 6:30-8:30pm.

Huntersland United Methodist Church, 1355 Huntersland Road, Middleburgh. Sunday 11am.

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church, Route 20. Sunday 10:30am. (518) 284-2200.

St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church, 24 Maple Avenue, Cherry Valley. Sunday mass 10am. Confession is available 30 minutes before every mass. (607) 264-3779.

Zion St. John’s Lutheran Church, Seward. Sunday 9am. (518) 234-3222.

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Route 10, Ames, Sundays 10am. (518) 673 3405.

Gilboa United Methodist Church, 199 NYS Highway 990V, Gilboa. Sundays 9am.

West Fulton United Methodist Church, 849 West Fulton Road, West Fulton. Worship service at 9am Sunday.

Pilgrim Holiness Church of Middleburgh, 2560 State Route 145, Middleburgh. www.nyphc.org or www.nyphc.com Worship Sundays, 11am, in-person and live-streamed at www.facebook.com/nyphc. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7pm.

The Upper Room Christian Church, 83 North Kortright Church Road, Davenport. Sundays 10 am. (607) 434-6558.

Duanesburg Reformed Presbyterian Church, 6512 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg. Sundays, 10am duanesburgchurch.org

Christ Episcopal Church, 132 Duanesburg Churches Road, Duanesburg. Sunday Service at 10am (518) 895-2383. www.christchurchduanesburg.org.

Our Lady of Fatima, 1735 Alexander Road, Delanson. (518)895-2788. Masses: Tuesday, 9am; Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 11am.

Christian Church of Charleston Four Corners, 1380 East Lykers Road, Sprakers. Sundays 11am, Thursdays 6:30pm. (518) 922-9088.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Quaker Street, Sundays, 10am. Call for location/Zoom link, (518) 461-6139. Email changes and updates to this listing to tjournalnews@yahoo.com with “Church news” in the subject line.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOWN AND DIRTY BURGERS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/01/25. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 150 Grovenors Corners Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6Jun19c5

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE VILLAGE OF COBLESKILL, Plaintiff, - against- JOHN V.S., ARDEN L. NORTON, SR., ARDEN L. NORTON, JR., JAMES T., MARGARET E., JOSEPH L. NORTON, and their respective heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, and assigns, and all persons claiming under them or any of them, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #20", the last twenty names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the owners, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TAKE NOTICE that the object of this action and the relief sought is as follows: Object of the Action: Plaintiff commenced this action to quiet title to real property located at 103 High Street, Village of Cobleskill, County of Schoharie, New York, designated as Tax Map No. 56.17-4-7 (the "Subject Property"). Plaintiff alleges that it has acquired title to the Subject Property through adverse possession, operation of law, and/or equitable doctrines, and seeks to resolve uncertainty regarding title arising from unrecorded deeds and contracts referenced in a survey map filed January 8, 2002 as Map #4228. Relief Sought: TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Plaintiff, Village of Cobleskill, respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order: A. Declaring that the Village of Cobleskill has acquired title to the Subject Property through adverse possession, operation of law,

and/or equitable doctrines; B. Barring the Defendants from all claim(s) to an estate, interest, or any sort of right in the Subject Property described herein in accordance with Real Property and Proceedings Law Article 15; C. Declaring that any claims which the Defendants may have or may have claimed to have to the Subject Property are without validity and of no force and effect; D. Directing the Schoharie County Clerk to record the judgment of this Court and to reflect in the real property records the sole fee interest of the Village of Cobleskill in the Subject Property; E. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you for the relief sought herein and the amounts set forth in the complaint. The basis of venue designated is the location of the real property pursuant to CPLR § 507. DATED: April 7, 2024 INDEX NO. 2025-185 RECEIVED NYSCEF: 04/07/2025 MONACO COOPER LAMMIE & CARR, PLLC By: MICHELLE A. STORM, ESQ. AHMAD H. SERAJ, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Village of Cobleskill 1881 Western Ave., Suite 200 Albany, NY 12203 Phone: (518) 855-3535 4Jun19c5

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LLC: CYPRUS FARM, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 01/21/2025. Office Location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to CYPRUS FARM LLC, PO BOX 965, MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 6Jul3c5

P E R M I S S I V E REFERENDUM JUNE 2025 RESOLUTION OF THE WEST FULTON FIRE DISTRICT Whereas, the District has a need to purchase various equipment for apparatus; Whereas, sufficient Reserve Funds have been saved in a capital reserve Fund which may be utilized to purchase equipment; Whereas, spending funds in a capital reserve requires the resolution to be subject to permissive referendum; NOW THEREFORE, upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, and subject to a Permissive Referendum, the Fire Commissioners of the West Fulton Fire District RESOLVE as follows: 1. There is hereby declared a need to purchase a pumper/tanker utilizing funds from an appropriate capital reserve fund; 2. The District shall purchase the apparatus utilizing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund; up to \$98,500 (ninety-eight thousand five hundred dollars) for the payment of the pumper/tanker 1998 International 2674 KME body, pumper/tanker water capacity 2,500 gallons with VIN # 1HTGLAHT8WH485527, and appropriate equipment. The withdrawal may be taken in one or more amounts; 3. No funds may be withdrawn until the passage of 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of the abstract of this resolution;

4. The Secretary is hereby directed to place such abstract of the resolution upon the Town's signboard immediately, and must remain there for at least 15 days; 5. The Secretary is hereby directed to place such abstract in the newspaper having general circulation in this District. This Resolution was approved by a majority of the Commissioners, on the 12th day of June 2025. Moved by Commissioner Milano; seconded by Commissioner Miracola. Commissioner Milano--yes; Commissioner Miracola--yes; Commissioner Hanks--yes; Commissioner Schaffer not present. Jun19c5

NOTICE OF TOWN CAUCUS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS is hereby called to be held in and for the Town of Cobleskill, NY 12043, at the Community Library, 110 Union Street in said Town on the 2nd day of July, 2025 at 6:30 o'clock pm for the purpose of nominating candidates for Town offices to be voted for at the General Election to be held November 4, 2025 and for the transaction of such business as may regularly and legally come before said caucus. All enrolled Democrats of said town are invited and requested to attend and take part in said caucus. 2Jun26c5

The Town of Fulton is seeking a new Alternate Planning Board Member to serve on the local Planning Board. Meetings are held at the Town Hall on third Monday of each month at 7PM. Send a letter of interest to Clerk@FultonTown-ny.gov or Town of Fulton, 1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY, 12194. Questions, call 518-827-6365. Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Skowfice, Town of Fulton Clerk

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Schoharie County NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 448 HUBBARD REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/15/25. Office in Schoharie Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21218 39 Ave., Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 448 Hubbard Rd., Gilboa, NY 12076.

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Schoharie County LEGAL NOTICE Village of Cobleskill PUBLIC HEARING to Discuss Community and Economic Development and Infrastructure Needs and Project Ideas The Village of Cobleskill Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM** at the Cobleskill Firehouse, 610 East Main St., Cobleskill, NY 12043. The Hearing is for the purpose of recording public comments on the Village's community and economic development and infrastructure needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding applications for the 2025 Fiscal Year, including a possible CDBG Infrastructure Grant in the amount of between \$750,000 and \$1 million to support needed water, sewer, and/or stormwater infrastructure projects benefitting various neighborhoods and the entire community. Any possible CDBG projects being considered are not expected to result in displacement of any residents.

The CDBG Program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and it is expected to make available to eligible local governments approximately \$20 to \$25 million in FY 2025 CDBG funding for affordable housing, economic development, municipal infrastructure, public facilities, and other project planning activities, with the principal purpose of funding projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons.

The Public Hearing will provide information about the CDBG Program and allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or provide technical assistance to develop alternate project proposals. Comments on the CDBG Program and any proposed infrastructure, public facility, and housing or other potential project ideas will be received at this time. Actual application materials discussed or prepared after the Hearing date will be made available to the public to the greatest extent feasible. The Hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart 1 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The location of the Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, such as those with hearing impairments, or those in need of language translation from English, or any other special needs, those individuals should contact the Village Clerk's Office at (518) 234-3891 in advance of the Hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to the Village Clerk's Office at 378 Mineral Springs Road, Second Floor, Cobleskill, NY 12043, or by Email at clerk@cobleskill.org until 4:00 PM on Friday, July 10, 2025.

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The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 11th day of June, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Middleburgh Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the District Clerk of the Middleburgh Central School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 11, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$484,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$484,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:	Acquisition of school buses
Maximum Estimated Cost:	\$484,000
Period of probable usefulness:	Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$484,000

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BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 11, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,100,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND SITES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$8,100,000, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSES, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:	Reconstruction, renovation and improvements to various District buildings, facilities and sites, acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and the payment of incidental costs related thereto
Maximum Estimated Cost:	\$8,100,000
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T-J writers share lunch, stories

Offer heartfelt tribute, best wishes to departing editor

By Linda Feuz
The Times-Journal correspondents met for lunch last Friday to share time and get to know each other better.

It was at this lunch at Tagua Nut in Cobleskill, that all in attendance learned that Patsy Nicosia was stepping away from her long-time career at the Times-Journal, and therefore stepping away as our guiding presence/boss/mentor.

We offer our absolute best wishes (is there anything more than “absolute”?) for her future endeavors, and individually contribute our thoughts, as follows:

Chris Keefer, Carlisle: I want to wish Patsy the best of luck with her future plans, her hobbies that are so similar to mine, and her next great adventure.

Thanks so much for all your hard work and support for me and my colleagues over the years, Patsy. You will be missed.

Janice Wilkens, Central Bridge: Dear Patsy, the T-J will never be the same without you.

I will miss reading your Mare’s Nest.



T-J correspondents, gathering for lunch Friday, left to right: Ann Lape, Richmondville; Linda Feuz, Esperance; Diane Dubshinski, Jefferson; Chris Keefer, Carlisle; Dottie Pickett, Gilboa/Conesville; Dana Cudmore, Seward; Janice Wilkens, Central Bridge. Missing because she took the photo was Karen Cuccinello, covering all things Summit.

Wishing you the best of luck.

Carol Brodie, South Valley: I will miss Patsy and my interactions with her during my time of writing the South Valley correspondence column for approximately 30 years.

I know she enjoys the

birds as much as I do because many times as I mentioned different birds in my column, she would email me back mentioning birds she saw.

This was especially true when I would see bluebirds in the spring and I always enjoyed her email about how she was seeing them as well.

It was great working with Patsy over the years. I will miss her but I wish her well in her next endeavor.

Patsy, we can always keep in touch by email.

Dottie Pickett, Gilboa/Conesville: Patsy, It is with a heavy heart to know that as of Wednesday, June 18 after 44 years at the Times Journal you are leaving.

You have been my T-J correspondence guide for over 30 years.

Knowing you has been such a pleasure. Not only have you guided me in writing my column, but you have also been a wonderful friend, a guiding light will never stop.

I must tell you, every week when the Times-Journal arrived, my late husband Vern would sit down in his recliner, then turn first to your captivating stories from the “Mare’s Nest”.

He would chuckle and I knew just what was happening.

When he finished reading it, he would turn to my col-

umn. So, you see, Patsy, you always came first on his list.

You were quick to spot an error or enter something in my writing I forgot to add.

When we met up at events, we spotted each other and quickly filled each other in with so many sentimental discussions and happenings.

Your amazing knowledge, writing and timeless work for those 44 years will never be forgotten.

Thank you so much. I wish you the best of the best in whatever your future holds.

I know those who get to know you will find a true and loving friendship exactly like I have. I will always

hold it in my heart.

Linda Feuz, Esperance: I have so enjoyed our connection over the years, whether it was through the T-J’s work, chatting briefly at Sharon Springs Village Board meetings, or out in the field.

Your Mare’s Nest was the second item I searched for in the paper, because being a cemeterian, the obituaries always came first.

We are so much alike, and more so after it was discovered that we have a mutual affinity for pumpkin pie.

Kindred spirits are we, and always will be. Blessings and good fortune to you, Patsy.

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