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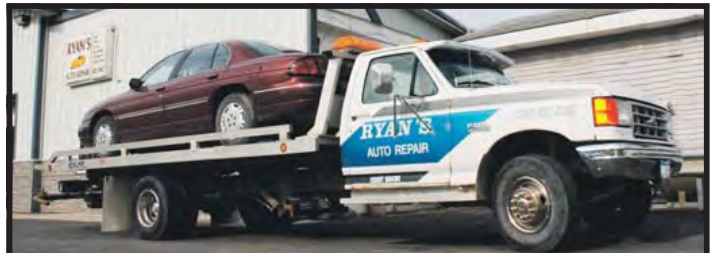
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Standing – Clarissa Kniskern (Secretary), Bruce Wright, John Leavitt, James Collins, Bridget Mayne, Lois Goblet (Vice President)



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# President's Message



**Dear Friends,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society we welcome you to the 149th edition of the Great Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

As you enter our gates to the fair you will "Experience The Magic", our theme for 2025. Once again our guidebook provides you with an unparalleled over all view in assisting in whatever day you plan to visit.

Educating and Entertaining is our goal and this year we have gone above and beyond. Harness Racing, over a 120 year tradition, opens the fair on Tuesday August 5th with post time at 12:00pm. Our other featured Grandstand events include the Famous Classic Rock Group Marshall Tucker Band along with Grand Central Station, "Parmalee" the Number One Country Group for 2024 with Big Sky Country plus all your favorites, Demo Derby's, along with Tractor and Truck pulls.

Returning by popular demand in our huge Sunshine Fair Entertainment Tent, Professional Wrestling along with everyone's favorite "Skeeter Creek", The Irish Dancers and this years new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Chubby Checker along with Pauly and The Greaseballs in a three hour Pop, Rock and Doo Wop Concert on Saturday Evening – A show that's going to have you dancing out of your seats with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Classic Country music artist Rylee Lum who has opened for such greats as the Kentucky Headhunters and Randy Hauser rounds out our Sunday afternoon featured entertainment.

Highlighting our grounds entertainment lineup is none other than the Great Wesley Williams, just off tour with The Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus who will be taking the fair to an all new height riding his unicycle over 30' high holding the Guinness World Record.

Other exciting attractions for everyone to enjoy will be The All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus under the beautiful Red, White and Blue tent. Puppy Pals – as seen on America's Got Talent, Dock Dogs, HBH Clydesdales



and Brian Ruth Master of the Chainsaw.

Agriculture plays a very important part here in Schoharie County and at The Sunshine Fair so we encourage you to visit our "Hall of Agricultural" along with our livestock and equine areas.

The Board of Directors of The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair take great pride in the many options and offerings that we have built in to this year's fair and hope that you enjoy your stay with us.

**Douglas Cater,  
President**

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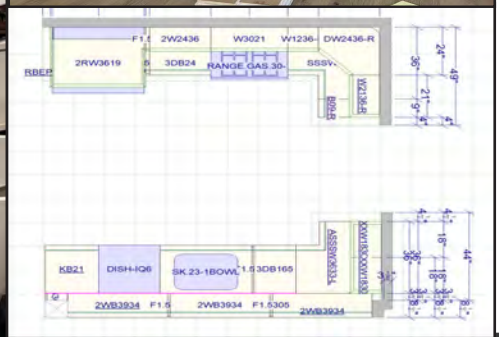
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TYPE OF TICKET	CASH PRICE	CREDIT CARD PRICE
<b>SEASON PASS SALES END ON MONDAY PRIOR TO FAIR AT 7PM</b>	\$60.00	\$62.40
<b>DAILY – TUESDAY- SENIOR 62 AND OVER RIDES INCLUDED</b>	\$10 TIL 4PM	\$10.40
<b>DAILY – TUESDAY – SENIOR 62 AND OVER</b>	\$15 AFTER 4PM	\$15.60
<b>DAILY – TUESDAY</b>	\$17	\$17.68
<b>DAILY – WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY</b>	\$20	\$20.80
<b>DAILY – FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY</b>	\$22	\$22.88
<b>CHILDREN 2 &amp; UNDER FREE RIDES AVAILABLE FOR \$5 IF TALL ENOUGH TO RIDE</b>	FREE	FREE
<b>AMERICAN HERO DAY RIDES INCLUDED</b>	FREE WITH VALID ID	FREE WITH VALID ID
<b>ADVANCE SALES</b>	SEASON AND DAILY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT EVENTBRITE SEASON TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE THROUGH PAYPAL	
<b>MIDWAY</b>	UNLIMITED MIDWAY RIDES BY DREAMLAND AMUSEMENTS TUESDAY 4PM – 11PM WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY 12NOON – 11PM AGES 3 AND UP	
ALL GRANDSTAND AND FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE		
<b>PARKING</b>	FREE PARKING ON GROUNDS WHEN AVAILABLE OVERFLOW PARKING – FOLLOW SIGNS, FREE TRAM SERVICE PROVIDED	
<b>READMISSION POLICY</b>	READMISSION WRISTBAND AND/OR TICKET REQUIRED WHEN LEAVING GROUNDS. CHECK WITH GATE PERSONNEL	
<b>TICKET POLICY</b>	NO REFUNDS, EXCHANGES OR REPLACEMENT. ALL SALES FINAL	
<b>HOURS</b>	GATES OPEN 9AM – MIDNIGHT	
<b>BUILDING HOURS</b>	OPEN AT 11AM – 10PM	
<b>WHEELCHAIRS</b>	FAIR DOES NOT PROVIDE MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS OR SCOOTERS LIMITED WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE – ON FIRST COME – FIRST SERVE BASIS NO RESERVATIONS	
<b>PET POLICY</b>	NO PETS ALLOWED – CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY, PROOF OF RABIES SHOT	
<b>POLICIES AND SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>		



# Dale M. All Memorial Bicycle Giveaway

Bicycles will be given away at the Fair  
**Thursday, August 7, 4:00 PM**  
in the Party Tent

Many local businesses, organizations, churches and individuals have donated to a pool of funds for the purchase of these bicycles. Bicycles will be purchased in 6 different sizes. Also, there will be trikes for 2–4 year olds.

### Here's how it works:

1. Tickets will be given away (one per person) from 11 AM to 3:30 PM at the Party Tent
2. Choose the size bicycle which fits you best.
3. Drop your ticket stub in the jar for your appropriate bike size.
4. At 4:00 **PM** we will draw from each jar, and **YOU** may be the winner of a new bicycle.

This is for kids **ONLY**. And “the kid” must be present to win. (We will allow parental help for the smallest bicycles. Under 13 must have parent/guardian.)

If you would like to sponsor a bike or bikes in the future, please contact the Fair Office for further details.



# Dreamland Amusements Midway 2025

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair is pleased to announce Dreamland Amusements as the midway provider for the 149th annual Sunshine Fair. Dreamland Amusements will provide the midway entertainment for thrill seekers young and old along with family style rides, games of skill and midway fare. Fair goers can expect a family friendly environment with Dreamland Amusements  
**“Your Ticket To Family Fun”**.





# EQUIPMENT ROADEO!

**Rules:**

- Must be 18 years or older to submit entry for competition. Entry forms must be submitted online or at the Fair office by AUGUST 9, 2025.
- Competitors must provide references of operator experience or work experience to compete.
- Must fill out all attached forms.

**Competition Details:**

**THE ROADEO will be a competition of equipment operators to navigate and obstacle course and tasks using construction equipment. Intended course includes using a mini excavator and skid steer, but may vary.**

- CASH prizes will be awarded.
- Competition event will take place Saturday, August 9th at 11:00 AM. Competitors are encouraged to take a trail round of the course starting at 9:00 AM prior to competition.
- Entry Forms must be submitted by August 1st in order to compete. All forms should be filled out and mailed or emailed to info@sunshinefair.org.
- Entry fee must be received prior to competition.
- There will be no late fee, no late entries will be accepted.

**Mailed submission shall be sent to:  
Cobleskill Agricultural Society  
PO Box 249  
Cobleskill, NY 12043**

**• Entry Fee will include One Day admission to the Fairgrounds for the day of the event.**

**• Any further questions contact the Fair Office at 518-234-2123 or info@sunshinefair.org**



**SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR**

**EQUIPMENT ROADEO!**

Entry Form

Competitor Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Operating Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

References:

(Provide at least 2 references of places of employment where you have operated equipment)

NAME and CONTACT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\$100 Entry Fee has been provided: YES  NO

Competitor agrees that all the information above is correct and ensures they are a competent equipment operator, aware of the safety precautions necessary when operating heavy equipment to ensure the safety of themselves and others. If during the event officials notify the competitor to stop operation of equipment, to ensure safety of others the competitor will comply and remove hands from the machine controls. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation as determined by Cobleskill Agricultural Society (CAS). If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the CAS. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CAS, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Signature of Competitor \_\_\_\_\_



## NYTPA SANCTIONED TRACTOR PULL

Tractor pulling, also known as power pulling, is a motor-sport competition that began prior to the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled by horses. Farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and seek to compare and contest against one another to see who had the most powerful animals. It wasn't until 1929 when motorized vehicles were first used, and the sport did not really become popular until the '50s and '60s. So, come see what began many years ago when farmers came out of the fields to the local fair with hopes of taking home bragging rights by pulling the heaviest weight the furthest first with horses and now tractors. These much-anticipated events bring pulling enthusiasts from all over the Northeast and beyond. It's loud but so much fun! The NYTP Sanctioned Tractor Pull is Friday, August 8th, at 6pm.



## Truck pull

The 4x4 truck pulls are filled with speed, smoke, and loud engines. On Saturday afternoon August 9th, these are the only things that can be heard over the sounds of animals and children enjoying rides. 7 classes ranging from daily drivers on the street, to all out modified pulling trucks with over a 1000 horsepower, will dig and claw their way down the 300 ft track hoping to pull the multi-ton sled the farthest! Black smoke and loud engines, what's not to enjoy about a county fair truck pull!!





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COBLESKILL, NY. FAIR GROUNDS

TOTAL CASH \$3,000.00 PURSE

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK (Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_ CAR #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

DRIVERS LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND WILL ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES AS FINAL! AND ELECT TO USE THE GROUND OR TRACK IN ITS PRESENT CONDITION! NUMBERS ARE FIRST TO REGISTER BASIS!

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE ON FAIR GROUNDS TWO (2) HOURS BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS!!**

**INSPECTIONS SHUT DOWN ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS!! GET THERE EARLY!!**

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN (16) ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA!**

**IF NOT FOLLOWED YOU WILL BE ESCORTED OFF THE PROPERTY**

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WILL BE ENTERING (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

ENTRY FEE IS \$45.00 PER VEHICLE ENTERED (\$10.00) LATE FEE, IF ENTRY IS NOT RECEIVED BY JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

ENTERED: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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2) Motor mounts must be in stock location and cannot be relocated. Must have rubber between motor and mount. No engine cradles. Transmission mounts must be stock type with rubber mount. Motor swaps are allowed.

3) Aftermarket brake and gas pedals, shifters, steering columns, pinion brakes, slider shafts and headers are permitted.

4) Front suspension and rear suspension must be factory. No leaf spring conversions. No solid suspension. Must have 2" (inches) of travel. Front bumper height cannot exceed 20 inches measured from ground to bottom center of bumper.

5) Bumpers must be an OEM bumper. No truck bumpers. No homemade or aftermarket bumpers. Bumpers may be seam-welded with a maximum of four, three-inch welds on top and four, three-inch welds on bottom. No loaded bumpers. You can hard-nose (removing bumper shock) by using 6x6 plates. You can then weld or bolt the bumper onto the vehicle. 9-wire can be wrapped around bumper and hooked to core support. 2 spots, ONE wrap only each side.

6) Frames must be stock! No plating, stuffing, shortening, tilting or seam

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## SCHOHARIE CO. SUNSHINE FAIR

### \*2025\* DEMOLITION DERBY

SUNDAY AUG. 10<sup>TH</sup> , 2025 AT 5:30 PM

COBLESKILL, NY. FAIR GROUNDS

## TOTAL CASH \$3,000.00 PURSE

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK (Please Print)

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Month/Day/Year

DRIVERS LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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4 CYL \_\_\_\_\_ 6 CYL \_\_\_\_\_ 8 CYL \_\_\_\_\_ FULL SIZE VAN \_\_\_\_\_ FULL SIZE PICK UP/ SUV,S \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST APPEARANCE THEME: \* EMERGENCY VEHICLES \***

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welding. Rear frame notching or dimpling is permitted.

7) Fix-it plates may be added with APPROVAL to PRE-RAN cars only! 4 plates max (2 per side), 4x4x1/4" max on the outside of frame only, with a 1" gap between plates. YOU MUST CALL FIRST BEFORE ADDING ANY PLATE: 443-309-9065.

8) Doors can be chained, 9-wired or welded. If welded, maximum of three (3) three-inch welds on each vertical seam only. No welds on top or bottom horizontal seams.

9) Hoods must have a hole cut in the center, 20x20" minimum. Hood can be chained, 9-wired, or bolted in 6 spots. If bolted, use angle iron no bigger than 1/4" thick and 3" long. No all-thread through the body mounts to the trunk lid or hoods!

10) Trunks can be chained, 9-wired, or bolted in 4 spots. If bolted, use angle iron no bigger than 1/4" thick and 3" long. NO all-thread. You may tuck trunk. No wedging, canoeing, or dishing of trunks allowed.

11) Factory body mounts may be

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# Motorsport Competitions at the Grandstand



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removed but body cannot be mounted directly to frame. Must have 1" puck or washers in place of factory mounts. No exceptions.

12) A dash bar and behind-seat bar may be installed or a 4-point floating safety cage consisting of dash, behind seat, driver's door and passenger-side front door only may be installed. Cage bar material must not exceed 4x4" or 2x6"

Dash bar must be 5 inches from firewall. If running a Halo bar it must go straight up and over the outside of the vehicle. Fuel tanks may be mounted to rear seat bar with a protector but must be 5 inches from rear packing tray. No part of cage can be tied into frame or floor pan of vehicle. Windshield safety bar or chain from cowl to roof is permitted. No rear window bars.

13) Tires must hold air. No solid tires, foam-filled or doubled tires. Tubes only. No bead locks or lip protectors. Valve stem protectors are permitted. Skid-loader and fork-lift tires are permitted. NO SOLID TIRES!!!

14) Factory tanks in front of rear axle can stay, BUT MUST HAVE ONLY FIVE GALLONS OF FUEL IN IT!! WE WILL BE CHECKING!! MORE THAN FIVE YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!!

Fuel tanks and electric pumps can be mounted in rear-seat area fastened to rear seat bar or floor securely. Must be steel or aluminum fuel cell or boat tank. FIVE GALLON CAPACITY

TANK ONLY!!! No plastic. Gasoline only (any octane). No methanol/alcohol. Electric pumps must have kill switch mounted within driver's reach. All fuel connections must be covered with rubber unless using steel-braided line. Tanks do not require a cover—just secure connections.

15) Aftermarket transmission coolers inside the driver's-compartment area are permitted. Must be mounted securely. ALL COOLANT SYSTEMS MUST HAVE 18–20 PSI MAX. PRESSURE CAP! NO ADDITIVES, BIODEGRADABLE ANTIFREEZE ONLY!! SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSELY INSPECTED!! NO RADIATOR PROTECTORS.

16) One battery per vehicle. Up to 1,200 cold-cranking amps. Mounted securely inside driver's compartment and covered with a rubber mat.

17) All glass, plastic, fiberglass and chrome trim MUST be removed before bringing the vehicle to the event. Remove all interior from inside the vehicle. Must be clean inside.

18) Airbag systems must be removed. Any airbag that discharges while on track will result in DQ.

19) Sunroof holes must be covered with sheet metal.

20) Car numbers must be displayed 24" in size and visible from both sides of the car.

21) Drivers must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and sign a release form.

Note: Licensed drivers under 18 must have a parent's signature on a minor release form.

22) All cars and drivers must be at the event 2 hours before the start time! Inspections end 1 hour before the start time. All drivers must wear DOT helmets and neck braces. Must wear seat belts.

23) All drivers supply their own vehicle. Additional safety regulations may be imposed due to track conditions. All rules and regulations must be observed. Driver and mechanic only in pit area.

24) ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES ARE FINAL! ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE RULES PLEASE CONTACT DONNY AT 443-309-9065.

25) All specialty vehicles (Vans, Trucks, SUV, and School Bus) see website for additional rules.

26) I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY DISRESPECT TOWARDS MY CREW OR MYSELF, YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM RUNNING ANY STONEY ROBERTS EVENTS!!!

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# Farm Toy Exhibit

Welcome to the Schoharie County Sunshine fairs Toy Tractor Display, shown in the Newly named Hall of Ag dedicated to Dale All building.

Mr. All was an officer of the fair for many years and was instrumental in starting this toy collection. As you can see it has grown considerably over the years. Most of the toys in the display belong to Mr. All and Ron VanBuren.

A lot of the toys have been loaned from local families, including the Manchester family, John Dab and others.

We have expanded our pedal tractor display, thanks to the help of the sunshine fair workers. Most of Mr. All and Mr. VanBuren's toys were purchased right here at the sunshine fair in the 1960's. Some of the machinery dealers were Jared VanWagenen International and Farmall dealer. Also Hendrickson's John Deere Dealership. The hand made toys were built by Lee Robinson of Seward.

Please enjoy the display and if you have any questions, Mr. VanBuren will be here most days.

Thank you for your support!



# HEATHER BROOKE HILL CLYDESDALES ARE COMING TO THE FAIR!

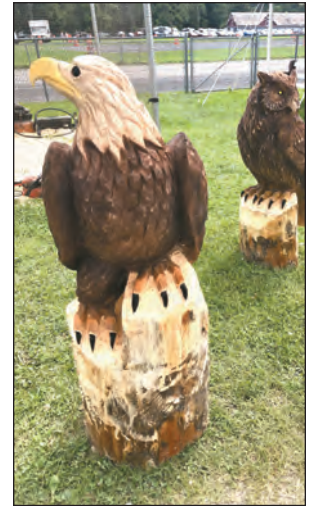
Heather Brooke Hill Clydesdales, owned and operated by John and Stephanie Leavitt, will be making a 6-day appearance at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. The "Gentle Giants", known by many, have been shown throughout New England as well as in parades, weddings and other special events. We encourage you to stop by and visit this beautiful display of horses along with their magnificent show wagons and show harness located east of the Grandstand in the horse area. Be sure to have your picture taken with one of the "Gentle Giants" or on a show wagon and ask any questions you may have regarding the draft horse world.





# MASTER CHAINSAW SCULPTURE

Masters of the Chainsaw is a limited group of the nation's top professional chain saw sculptors, dedicated to promoting and preserving the integrity of the art form and its performance. At a typical forty five-minute show, from behind protective netting, onlookers will observe an original and captivating high-energy performance. These beautiful carvings will be available for purchase at an auction where you can bid on the works. The auction is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Sunday, August 10th, in front of the Circus Museum by the Pedestrian Gate. (4% credit card surcharge)



At the age of just six years old, Wesley Williams received his first unicycle from none other than jolly old Saint Nicolas. In no time at all Wesley learned to ride the unicycle and started doing local shows. The faces and pure amazement from friends and family left Wesley wanting more and from that moment forward he was destined for show business. With much practice, Wesley became one of South Florida's premier entertainers. He would go on to perform nationally with numerous respected shows and companies before breaking into the international market.

Keeping the audience on the edge of their seat with his thrilling and charismatic presentation. Wesley Williams has been a hit in practically every type of venue around the world, from Monte-Carlo to Las Vegas, Germany to Moscow, London to Los Angeles. One success after another has led this 1st generation performer to a magnificent career leading him to perform at the most prestigious stages around the world. A high energy act loved by all and seen by millions around the globe.



Golden Buzzer on



Wesley received the highest honor of the Golden Buzzer on Tu Si Que Vales in Rome, Italy in 2020 and Got Talent España in Madrid, Spain in 2021.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HOLDER

"World's Tallest Rideable Unicycle"

31 Feet 10 Inches - December 29th, 2022 Stuttgart, Germany

Wesley had the opportunity to join Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey who was his inspiration to dream. While 34.6 is his current record, he's continuously experimenting with ways to elevate his performance.



## Have a Howling Good Time

As seen on the America's Got Talent show. Puppy Pals is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as we lead the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss! Full of surprises and laugh-out-loud canine comedy for children of all ages.



## HARNESS RACING PLAY TO WIN – THE TRADITION CONTINUES 2025

Harness Racing, known as the “Sport of Kings” returns to the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, Tuesday, August 5th, post time at noon. The Agriculture and NY State Horse Breeding Development Fund, sponsor of the NY Sire Stakes, has now guaranteed a minimum purse of \$2,000 per division for the 2- and 3-year-olds racing.

We encourage everyone to come on out and take in one of the earliest traditions of our county fair and participate in the \$875 “Pot Of Gold” giveaway. You could be one of the several lucky winners!





## Discover Heritage Village

You will be swept off your feet as you witness the many historical hands on displays and activities found in HERITAGE VILLAGE.

Laurel Dabbs will demonstrate the art of decoy carving, using traditional materials, hand tools and methods. All the different stages of making a gunning decoy, from pattern making to finish sanding, will be available as a hands-on display, along with a traditional cedar hunting boat and antique and working decoys. Educational displays from museum exhibitions will highlight the decoy's rich history, and painting tutorials will be offered each day as weather permits. Make and take projects and activities for children of all ages will be provided. Come and learn more about this most American of folk arts.

Blacksmith, Lewis Riggelman, will set up his blacksmith shop and provide a traditional demonstration producing various forged items in appropriate dress and along with his wife, Dianne, who will set up circa 1900 rope winding station and provide hands on demonstrations resulting in a 6' length, 6 or 12 strand 3 lay rope.

Paper marbler, John C. Bielik, is an itinerant artisan, instructor, and historic trade's preservationist. You will be amazed as he magically transforms plain paper with colorful and creative designs. Each one is a one of a kind. Come learn about the historic trades of papermaking, book binding, and paper marbling.

Be sure to take a stroll back in time!



# Things to See



# SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR SENIOR CITIZEN COUPONS

GOOD ONLY ON AUGUST 5TH, 2025

Make sure to visit The Country Store. Get 10% off purchase price!

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**FREE DRINK WITH**  
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**BLACK SHEEP COOKIES**  
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**\$2 Loaded Hot Dog**



**HALL'S FUDGE & TAFFY**  
**5 TAFFY FOR \$4.00**



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**\$1.00 OFF**  
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**\$2.00 OFF**  
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**ANGELA'S PIZZA**  
**\$1.00 OFF**

**1 SLICE OF PIZZA OR GIANT CHEESE STICK**



**GRAB & GO**  
**\$1.00 OFF**  
**SOFT SERVE CONE OR DISH**  
**\$1.00 POPCORN**  
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**FREE DRINK WITH**  
**ANY SANDWICH PURCHASE**



**ENJOY YOUR DAY AT THE 2025 SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR**

**"Experience The Magic"**



## Beef Cattle

Did you know New York State has nearly 12,800 cattle farms with 1.4 million cattle and calves overall, including almost 110,000 beef cows supplying nutritious, wholesome beef to consumers?

The beef industry is one of the top five agricultural sectors in New York with 92% of New York beef farms being family owned and operated. These hard-working and dedicated men and

women tend to their cattle all year in preparation for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Beef cattle exhibitors spend countless hours working with their livestock, feeding, washing and teaching calves to walk in the show ring, to present their cattle to the best of their ability on show day. Be sure to swing by the show barn to see their hard work on display!



Interested in learning more about the beef cattle industry? Stop by the cattle barns and our exhibitors would be happy to answer your questions!

## Dairy, An Important Part Of Agriculture

Dairy livestock will be on exhibit during the week of the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair beginning Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Whether you live in the country or the middle of town, the fair gives everyone the opportunity to see the many different aspects of agriculture. During the fair, the dairy barn will be full of dairy cattle and people willing to share what it takes to care for these animals. Farmers work hard every day and the fair gives them the opportunity to share this experience with the community. They do this by answering questions to better educate the community about dairy farming and all that is required.

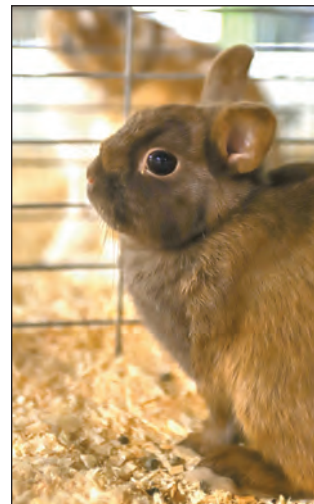
Dairy shows are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday. These shows provide exhibitors the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work and commitment they have done throughout the year. You will hear about the major characteristics that the judge is looking for in the animals to determine how to rank them during the competition. Junior exhibitors compete in Showmanship classes demonstrating how well they “fit and prepare” their animals for the show and their knowledge of showing dairy animals. Showmanship is a competition between the exhibitors, while the dairy classes are focused on the characteristics of the animals and which ones portray the best traits for the dairy breed the animal represents.

Come see the dairy cows again this year every day of the fair. Take the time to visit with your friends and neighbors, as they take time to share their lifestyle with the community.



## Rabbits

If you are looking for adorable entertainment, hop into the livestock barn to see fluffy rabbits and their owners. You will find rabbits of all colors and sizes on display at the Sunshine fair. Did you know rabbits can be trained to use a litter box or that many rabbits like to play with balls and toys? Rabbits also can be trained to walk on a leash just like a dog. The bunnies seen at the fair will be shown based on their confirmation and breed standard, fiber and cleanliness. Rabbits are raised for both their meat and hair, depending on their breed. You can stop in and watch the rabbit show, where exhibitors will hold their rabbits on a table for a judge. There will be a Rabbit Hopping Contest for all Rabbits. Rabbit owners from all over the county are always near to answer your questions about their favorite pets.





## FFA

Come visit the Schoharie County FFA in Progressland and in the Livestock Area!

FFA is a school-based agricultural education program, which promotes developing students' potential for leadership, personal growth and career success.

In Schoharie County there are currently four FFA programs with approximately 285 students actively participating.

Schoharie County FFA chapters include Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, Middleburgh High School, Schoharie High School, and Sharon Springs High School.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our her-

itage that will never change, however FFA is not just for students who want to be farmers or work in agriculture; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise to meet industry challenges by helping members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways.

During the Sunshine Fair, FFA chapters have interactive displays and demonstrations in

Progressland. Bring your family and try your hand at FFA skills competitions, including Wildlife ID, Aquacul-

ture, Veterinary science, and more, or learn more about

agriculture's role in our community through demonstrations, storybook readings, and activities for children.

A full schedule of events will be posted at our booth and don't forget to stop by the livestock barns to meet FFA members who are showing their project animals.

FFA members would be happy to answer your questions, and to share information about their project animals and their participation in the FFA program. We are looking forward to seeing you in Progressland and the livestock barns!

## Horse Shows at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair

Six consecutive days of horse shows. There are shows going all six days at the Sunshine Fair, and there is something for everyone to watch.

There will be Draft Horses on Display all week. Come and take a look.

The New York State Sire Harness Racing starts the Fair at 12.00 PM on Tuesday. This is a BIG event with lots of speed.

The Sanctioned NBHA Barrel Race Come and watch the horses and riders turn and burn.

### Donkey and Mule Show

Come watch in the Superior Housing Arena the Donkey and Mule Show. This show is growing by leaps and bounds with exhibitors and spectators both. There are three distinct divisions at the show to include Miniature Donkeys, Standard & Mammoth Donkeys, and Mules & hybrids.

We are starting the event with the very popular spectator sport of Coon Jumping! The animals compete against each other by jumping an obstacle from a standstill! This originated from when farmers would hunt Raccoons (to help keep raccoon damage to cornfields a minimum). Followed by timed obstacles, pleasure riding and driv-



ing. Spicing things up will be the Cloverleaf Barrel race, with some shown under saddle and others driving. To showcase the natural beauty and gaits of donkeys and mules, Liberty class is offered this year – so tap your toes to the music and cheer on your favorite long eared friend! Halter and Showmanship will be included in the show. Our enthusiastic exhibitors work all year long to

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come up with just the most interesting Costumes, for a special class where both Exhibitor and donkey & mules dress in theme! And because donkeys and mules just love to roll in dirt, the "First to Roll" contest wraps up the event. Good for a laugh, with vocal donkeys and exhibitors. Come have fun and watch the action!

## **The Draft Show**

Don't miss the Draft Show on Wednesday in the Superior Housing Arena. This prestigious show draws many exhibitors from all over the State. You will see Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, Shires, Grade Draft Horse, Donkeys, and Draft Ponies parading in front of the judge trying to win the Earl S. Rickard Memorial Supreme Grand Champion Draft Horse of the Fair. Many new classes have been added this year for a wide range of ages of exhibitors. The premier class is the six-horse hitch, which adds flare to the show. The show offers hitch classes for draft horses plus the draft ponies also.

## **The 4-H Gymkhana Show**

In the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena you will see 4-H Gymkhana Show. An action packed event – watch the Youth of Schoharie County race against the clock with their trusty steed! Pole bending, barrel racing and so much more! Visit the horse stables, to see the hard work these 4-H'ers put into decorating the stalls for the fair!

## **4-H Horse Show - Thursday**

The 4-H Horse Show, includes showmanship, English & Western riding and Driving classes and are offered throughout the day. Individual events include jumping and trail course events. Please cheer on the 4-H youth, as the fair showcases their yearlong work training and preparing their horses for this highlight of the summer!

## **Sunshine Show Series Open Horse Show - Friday**

The Superior Housing Arena will be the location of the Open Show on Friday! This event will start with Jumping classes – offering events for ponies and horses. Next will be the little kids ages 3 to 8 years old riding their horses and ponies in Leadline Classes. The remainder of the day includes equitation, pleasure, hunter under saddle, disciplined rail and other judged events. See if you can match the judges picks for the blue ribbon!

## **Sunshine Show Series Open Horse Show – Saturday**

The Superior Housing Arena is not only a day of big hats, big buckles, big saddles, chaps and spurs, but also for English riders and Driving enthusiasts. First up in the

morning are halter classes, where the judge determines the winner by breed type, way of going and conformation. Showmanship classes showcase the exhibitors' abilities to show off their horse in hand. Next up is driving classes for very small equines to big horses! Rounding off the day are a number of classes for both English and Western riders including equitation, pleasure, disciplined rail and many more. The growing popularity of the Ranch Horse division is also offered. Spectators will get to see lead changes and rollbacks as just some of the many maneuvers in competition. Special High Point Performance Awards are the highlight of the show, with exhibitors competing in four different classes to win the award.

## **Open Gymkhana - Saturday**

Gymkhana is the equestrian term for Games on Horseback! Located in the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena, the fastest time wins in each of the events! Flag race, Pole Bending, Cloverleaf Barrels are just some of the many events that exhibitors compete against the clock for the Blue Ribbon! All these events are timed so whoever is the fastest wins the class. The most popular events to watch are Izzy Dizzy Race and the rescue race, which will have you laughing and cheering everyone on!

## **Nationally Sanctioned Miniature Horse & Shetland Pony Show - Sunday**

Come watch the smallest horses in the world compete, along with Shetland ponies, in the Superior Housing Arena. We start the day early with performance classes including carriage driving, roadsters, and pleasure driving with classes for both miniature horses and Shetland ponies. This nationally sanctioned event offers triple points to the exhibitors by the ASPCA/AMHR, so this event is sure to draw quality horses and ponies from as far away as Virginia! After the driving, the show will proceed with obstacle classes both driving and in hand, and jumping! A miniature horse jumping you say? Why YES!!! Several specialty classes are offered, and the day wraps up with breed halter classes. Get up close and personal with breeders and owners of these wonderful miniature horses and Shetland ponies. Exhibitors welcome questions and love to share these very small equines with the public!



## Sheep

Do you enjoy a delicious lamb roast for a Sunday family dinner? Or maybe you love a warm wool sweater on a chilly winter day. Sheep farmers all over the county help to make those things possible.

They work hard all year feeding, handling and shearing their sheep to produce meat,

and wool. Once a year at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, these farmers have the opportunity to exhibit their animals and teach fairgoers all about their farm.

Depending on the breed of the sheep,

it will be raised for wool or for meat. Breeds that are typically used for wool production include Romney's, Natural Colored, Cotswold, and Scottish Black-face.

Dorsets, Suffolks, Cheviots and South-downs are widely known for their quality meat production.

To prepare for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, farmers will start by shearing off winter wool and working with the animals every day to help them become accustomed to people. In the show ring, judges look for sound skeletal struc-



ture, muscling, breed characteristic and depending on the breed, wool quality.

It is something you have to see for yourself, so stop in the sheep barn to watch a sheep being sheared or fitted and ask one of our exhibitor's questions about their sheep!

## Goats

Did you know goats are known to be one of the oldest domesticated animals, being domesticated in the Fertile Crescent roughly 10,000 years ago?

Today, there are more than 200 recognized domestic goat

breeds. There are three types of domestic goats – dairy, meat and fiber producing, all of which can be shown at the fair.

Their friendly nature makes them one of the more popular animals for children to show at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Dairy goats are judged based on their udder quality, breed characteristics and confirmation just like a dairy cow. Goat milk is commonly made into yogurt, cheese, soap, creams and many more products.

Meat goats are judged on confirmation, muscling and market readiness. Although it is a less popular meat in the United States, goat is a delicacy for many cultures.

Goat exhibitors at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair work hard to prepare their goats for the fair. Beginning in the spring, they handle their livestock daily, allowing them to become accustomed to people and being in a show collar. To see these curious little creatures, stop by the goat barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!



## Swine

Being one of the most intelligent animals on the farm, exhibitors from all over the county raise hogs for breeding and market. Did you know pigs can be taught to come when you call their name?

Did you also know that pigs have an excellent sense of smell, and use their snout to navigate the world around them?

These smart creatures are shown in a fenced in show ring and we can promise you will be thoroughly entertained as you watch their owners guide them around the open ring.

The pigs you see in the barns at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair will be judged for either market or breed quality.

The hogs judged for market will be judged based on the correctness of their skeletal structure, overall muscle and readiness to go to market. These pigs will be shown throughout summer and then be sold to market.

Breeding pigs are judged for their breeding quality and characteristics and will be brought back to the farm to produce the show pigs for next year.

Stop into the Swine Barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair to talk to an eager exhibitor and you might get to see a momma pig with a new litter of piglets!



# 2025 Sunshine Fair Program



**Tuesday August 5th, 2025**

Senior Day & Harness Racing "Play to Win Day"  
 Harness Racing Pot-of-Gold Jackpot  
 Total Prize money \$825 Plus  
 Limited Free Giveaways  
**RIDES OPEN AT 4PM TODAY**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>11 AM-7PM</b>	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
<b>DAILY</b>	"Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
<b>DAILY</b>	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
<b>DAILY</b>	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
<b>DAILY</b>	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
<b>DAILY</b>	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
<b>DAILY</b>	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Junior Poultry Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Junior Beef Show	Show Barn
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Apple Pie Contest Entries Due	Hall of Agriculture
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Harness Racing	Grandstand
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Apple Pie Contest Judging	Hall of Agriculture
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Rabbit Junior Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>2:30PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>3:00PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Donkey & Mule Show	Superior Housing Arena
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Dairy Judging	Show Barn
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>5:00 PM</b>	NBHA Barrel Race	Bruce L. Cater Show Ring
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Demolition Derby - Stoney Roberts	Grandstand
<b>6:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>6:30PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Immortal Wrestling	Party Tent Theater

**Thursday August 7th, 2025**

Young American Day  
 Bicycle Give-Away Day  
**RIDES OPEN AT NOON**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>11 AM-7PM</b>	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
<b>DAILY</b>	"Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
<b>DAILY</b>	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
<b>DAILY</b>	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
<b>DAILY</b>	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
<b>DAILY</b>	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
<b>DAILY</b>	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Junior Dept. Horse Shows	Both Horse Rings
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Junior Goat Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>11:00-3:30PM</b>	Bicycle Giveaway Tickets Given Out	Party Tent Theater
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Ugliest Cake Contest Entries Due	Hall of Agriculture
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Junior Sheep Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Rabbit Hopping Contest	Show Barn
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>2:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>3:00PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Bicycle Giveaway	Party Tent Theater
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Junior Swine Show	Show Barn
<b>6:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>6:30PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Kiddie Tractor Pull	East of the Hall of Ag
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Big Sky Country	Grandstand
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Parmalee	Grandstand

**Wednesday August 6th, 2025**

Festival of Horses Day

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>11:00 AM-7:00 PM</b>	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
<b>DAILY</b>	"Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
<b>DAILY</b>	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
<b>DAILY</b>	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
<b>DAILY</b>	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
<b>DAILY</b>	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
<b>DAILY</b>	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
<b>9:00 AM</b>	4H Dairy showmanship & Junior & Sr. Animals	Show Barn
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Draft Horse Show - Halter Classes	Superior Housing Arena
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sheep Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Draft Horse Show - Performance Classes	Superior Housing Arena
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>2:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>3:00PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Gymkhana Junior Show	Bruce L. Cater Show Ring
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Beef Show Open Classes	Show Barn
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Pony Pull	East of the Grandstand
<b>6:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Grand Central Station	Grandstand
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Marshall Tucker Band	Grandstand

**Friday August 8th, 2025**

Tractor Pulling Day

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>11:00 AM-7:00 PM</b>	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
<b>DAILY</b>	"Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
<b>DAILY</b>	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
<b>DAILY</b>	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
<b>DAILY</b>	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
<b>DAILY</b>	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
<b>DAILY</b>	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	East End of the Grandstand
<b>DAILY</b>	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Open Horse Show	Superior Housing Arena
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Dairy Open Show	Show Barn
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Beautiful Child Contest 1-2 yr olds, 2 yr 1 month - 3 yr olds, 3 yr 1 month - 4 yr olds	Party Tent Theater
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>1:00 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>3:00 PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Rabbit Open Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>4:00 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Swine Open Classes	Show Barn
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Ugliest Cake Contest Winner Announced	Hall of Agriculture
<b>6:00 PM</b>	NYTPA Tractor Pull	Grandstand
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
<b>6:30 PM</b>	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Skeeter Creek	Party Tent Theater

# 2025 Sunshine Fair Program

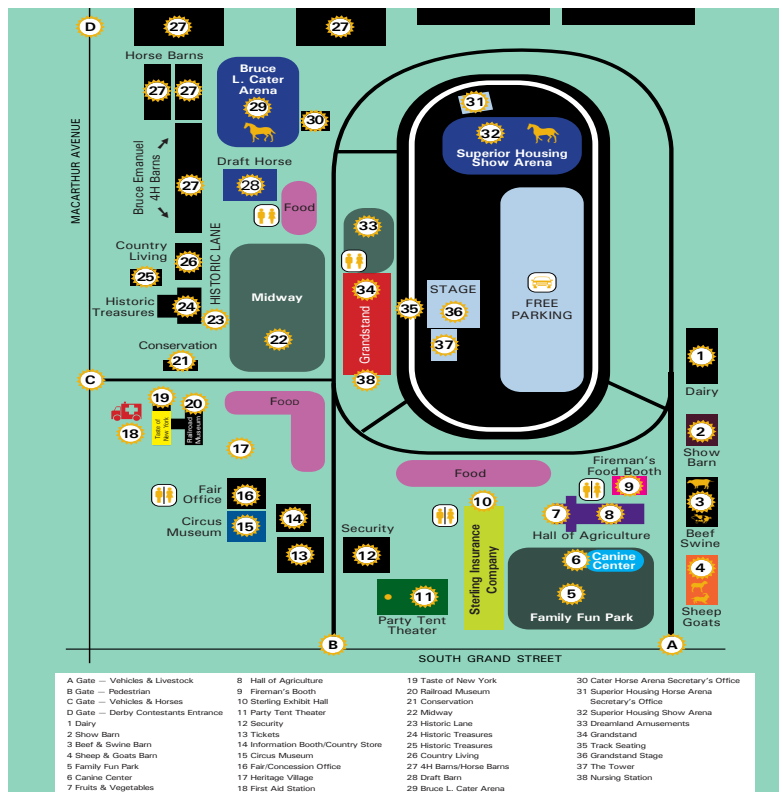


**Saturday August 9th, 2025**  
 American Hero Day  
 RIDES OPEN AT NOON

**Sunday August 10th, 2025**  
 Super 8 Motel Day

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11:00 AM-7:00 PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
DAILY	"Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth" Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
8:30 AM	Open Horse Show	Superior Housing Arena
9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ABOVE	Meat & Fiber Goat Show Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
9:00 AM	Jr. Dept Dog Show	Show Barn
9:30AM	Gymkhana Horse Show	Bruce L. Catter Show Ring
11:00 AM	Equipment Roadeo	Grandstand
11:00 AM	Little Britches Showmanship	Show Barn
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles Contest Entries	Hall of Agriculture
11:00 AM	Irish Dancers	Party Tent Theater
11:30 AM	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
12:00 PM	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
12:30 PM	Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles Contest Judging	Hall of Agriculture
1:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
1:00 PM	Irish Dancers	Party Tent Theater
2:00 PM	All Animal Costume Parade	Show Barn
2:00 PM	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
2:00 PM	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
3:00 PM	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
3:00 PM	Junior Dept Auction	Pole Barn

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9:00 AM	Out of Field Tractor Pull	Grandstand
10:00 AM	Livestock Award Ceremony	Dairy Barn
10:00 AM	Faith Bible Church Service	Party Tent Theater
12:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
1:00 PM	Hay Bale Toss	Show Barn
1:00 PM	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
1:00 PM	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
2:00 PM	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
2:00 PM	Rylee Lum Band (Classic Country)	Party Tent Theater
3:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
3:00 PM	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
3:30 PM	Chainsaw Sculpture Auction, Master of the Chainsaw Carvings	Pedestrian (Main) Gate Entrance
4:00 PM	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus	Family Fun Park
4:00 PM	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand
5:00 PM	Puppy Pals	East End of the Grandstand
5:30 PM	Demolition Derby Championship	Grandstand
6:00 PM	All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Circus	Family Fun Park
6:30 PM	The One Wheel Wonder	East End of the Grandstand





## 4-H Grows Here

Ask any Schoharie County 4-H member and they will tell you the highlight of the 4-H year is the opportunity to show their project at this county fair. Items displayed in the Junior Department area in Progressland are as diverse as the membership itself. Throughout the week, you will see a wide array of baked goods, sewing projects, flowers, artwork, photography, crafts and vegetables that represent a small part of Schoharie County 4-H activities. Generations

of fairgoers continue to enjoy attending our animal shows that highlight the results of hours of practice, patience and skill of our youth with the various animals as they compete for awards in the show ring. Please check the schedule for the Junior Department horse, dairy, beef, goat, sheep, rabbit, poultry, swine and dog shows and cheer on the youth as they strive for excellence! 4-H is the Youth Development



Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties. 4-H is a national and international youth program that serves youth in Schoharie County through clubs, workshops, clinics, trips, special events, camps and the After-school Program. Be on the lookout for the iconic 4-H Clover and near it you will find a very enthusiastic 4-H exhibitor. Enjoy your visit to the Sunshine Fair!

## COUNTRY LIVING BUILDING EXHIBITS

There are plenty of things to see and do at a country fair. Besides all the different farm animals and equipment to look at, there are many buildings to visit. One of those buildings is the Country Living Building. It may not be the largest building on our fairgrounds but it does contain the most individual exhibits. Located behind the Grandstand between Historic Treasures Museum and the horse barns you will certainly "Experience The Magic" as you view articles hand made by men, women and children in Schoharie County and surrounding areas. There are all kinds of arts and crafts

including sewing, painting, crocheting, knitting, quilting, photography, weaving and much more. You will also find a section of baked goods. Everything here is brought in for competition. There is a large section of antique items. Many of these items are family heirlooms and are brought in for competition with like items. This building also contains a large school work exhibit. These things are made by children from Schoharie County.

As well as all the above displays we have demonstrations going on throughout the day. Two of our demonstrators are local gals Sharon Krup-



penbacher and Susan Carver. Sharon will be weaving on her large barn frame loom. She will also have other smaller looms for people to look at and try. Sharon and Susan will be spinning with different types of fibers. There will also be other demonstrations going on throughout the day. Please stop in, say hello and take a look at all our beautiful displays.

## Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers and More

During your visit to the Sunshine Fair, be sure to stop by the Hall of Agriculture to see the fruits and vegetables department.

Come in and see the fruits, vegetables, flowers and home canned foods all grown by our local gardeners. You may see something you have never seen before. Even if you are not a gardener yourself, you can appreciate the time and energy put into growing award winning produce and flowers.

The fruits and vegetables area in the

Hall of Ag is also the home of our local farm displays. Barber's, Schoharie Valley Farms and the Farmers Market are just a few of the farms you will see represented in the Hall of Ag. Each of these farms take time to come and set up informative and alluring displays showcasing the rich agricultural heritage that is Schoharie County.

It is easy to display your flowers, vegetables and home canned goods at the fair. Contact the fair office 518-234-2123 or Department Superintendent



Matthew Gregory 607-643-3914 with any questions you may have. Who knows there may be a blue ribbon in your future!!!



## FIBER ARTS GALLERY

Visit the Fiber Arts Gallery, located in the Hall of Agriculture, and experience an abundance of local talent in all things fiber related. We will be exhibiting beautiful handspun yarns, knit garments, woven, crocheted, wet felted and needle felted items. Come visit with the talented artists who join us in the Gallery offering daily demonstrations and the opportunity for hands-on learning. You can try spinning, weaving, felting and more! If you have been wondering how to start your journey in the wonderful world of wool fiber you can come hang out with the people who are doing it! Our volunteers are so generous with their time and knowledge you will be

captivated by their enthusiasm and expertise when it comes to wool fiber.

When you visit our display area in the Hall of Agriculture, you will also have the opportunity to talk with growers and producers who raise fiber animals including sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits. Those of us with farms love to share stories about animals that supply our fleeces. Learn how a raw fleece is transformed into yarn or felt and come feel the different fibers and experience the textures in the various animal breeds.

We hope you will participate in “The People’s Choice Award” and vote for your favorite item in our Gallery. It will be hard to choose for sure!



Would you like to learn how to enter your fiber arts in the fair? We can help you with that too. We have samples of the entry forms and would love to have you join us.

We invite you to come visit us in the Hall of Agriculture at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!

## Historic Treasures Building

The Historic Treasures Exhibit offers a window into the past with a vast collection of displays illustrating the life, ingenuity and inventions of our Schoharie County forefathers.

The museum includes a “barn” full of agricultural tools that in their time were very welcomed inventions as they saved time and labor working with livestock, and crops such as hops. You will see a threshing machine, the forerunner of today’s combine, and a 1936 Farmall tractor. Other displays

include: shop tools, milking equipment, an outhouse, and an ice house.

Another building holds items from homes and businesses, including clothes from the 1930’s & 40’s, vintage sewing machines, a model one-room school, a general store, and a tribute to local veterans. To name a few!

Spend a while walking through the history of Schoharie County. Please visit the Historic Treasures building located behind the Grandstand.



## The Country Store

Be sure to check out our new Country Store with a new logo and merchandise. You will find sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, as well as new products featuring the sunshine fair. Stop by and see us at our new location.





## The Schoharie County Model Railroad Association

### 50th Anniversary

There is such a rich history of railroading in Cobleskill and much of Schoharie County! We are honored to display, share, and teach this heritage to our visitors at the Sunshine Fair every year. For 50 YEARS, we at the Schoharie County Model Railroad Association have dedicated ourselves to preserving the legacy of railroading, both real and model, through our displays.

We look forward every year to seeing both new and familiar faces who come back every year to see the progress



and look for the new additions to the scenery and memorabilia. BIG things coming soon!

We've put a lot of time and effort this spring working on laying new track and started the literal "groundwork" for the mountains and scenery! Cobleskill-in-Miniature is coming along nicely and should be VERY recognizable to those familiar with our town. Many more new scenic ele-

ments are in the works as well including the Howes Cave quarry and even the flavor of the Oneonta yard.

In addition to this, we have big plans in the works to celebrate our upcoming 50th Anniversary, so stay tuned and check in with us any Thursday evening to learn more about the club and joining in the fun!

*John Bollentin - President*

## The Youth Bureau

The Youth Bureau is excited to have a table at the fair to share with the public, all of the fun programs, advocacy projects, and facilitate teambuilding games with the fair goers. Our Youth Bureau team is comprised of 3 full time staff and 8 Summer staff to offer a diverse range of outdoor recreation programs, multi-agency collaborations, and promoting positive youth development throughout Schoharie County. If you are planning to go to the fair, please make sure to stop by to learn more about the Youth Bureau from our awesome team!!



## Taste Of NY Building

We are excited to be back once again for our 5th year featuring some of the great NY produced wines, beers, ciders and spirits.

Stop in and be sure to try the ever popular slushies! It's a great spot to relax and meet up with a friend or two. Complimentary tasting will be available.





## Big Sky Country

Big Sky Country is a high energy modern country band that takes great pride in its musicianship, professionalism, and putting on a great show. Formed in 2013, Big Sky Country has since established itself as one of the premier country bands in New York. BSC released their first debut album, *Long Time Comin'*, in September 2024, featuring 15 songs written and produced by BSC. BSC's expansive and ever growing song repertoire features their own originals and music from: Carrie Underwood, Morgan Wallen, Miranda Lambert, Luke Combs, Shania Twain, Zach Top, Lainey Wilson, Jackson Dean, Eric Church, Ella Laingley and everything in between. Featuring the powerhouse lead vocals of Chris Dukes and Ashley Gardner, the band has the versatility to cover music from all of the best artists in country music, as they keep fans up on their feet. Brad Gardner (Guitar) brings the rhythm each night, along with boot scootin moves that fans have grown to love. Mike Lemme (Lead Guitar & Producer) showcases his rippin guitar skills while covering all of the best guitar players Nashville has to offer. Chris Dukes, as well as vocals, adds a sweet harmony layer to the guitars. Rikk Anderson, long time music veteran, adds a skillful country element that only a steel guitar can bring to a band. The heart beat of the band comes from



Eric Baumes (Bass), who's been laying down the foundation from day one. Driving this energetic group, is BSC drummer, Bobby Angilletta, who's unmatched rhythm skills round out this unique group. This top level musicianship is combined with five part harmonies that has distinguished BSC from the pack. Big Sky Country is a band that needs to be seen by any music fan, they will not be disappointed. Big Sky Country has shared the stage with Jake Owen, Eli Young Band, Craig Morgan, Raelynn, Lee Brice, Craig Campbell, and Clare Dunn among others.

You can download any of BSC's original music on all listening platforms!

## CHUBBY CHECKER

### Chubby Checker – King of The Twist

In 2 minutes and 42 seconds, Chubby Checker revolutionized popular culture and changed the music business forever. When he appeared on *American Bandstand* in 1960 and performed "The Twist," it was the dawn of a new era in Rock & Roll.

He stands alone as a one-of-a-kind rock icon, who has had 36 hit records, is the only artist to have a single go to #1 twice, and, according to *Billboard*, has the #1 single for the entire decade of the '60s as well as the first #1 song of all time.

Chubby was awarded the first Platinum Single, the first Rock Grammy, and has sold an astounding 250,000,000 records over the years. That's why Dick Clark has said:

"The three most important things that ever happened in the music industry are Elvis Presley, The Beatles, and Chubby Checker."

Every time Chubby steps onto a stage, he demonstrates charisma and a unique quality that can never be equaled. Chubby Checker is the most exciting performer out there—and he only gets better with time.





# Crossfire

“Crossfire is a band based in Upstate NY, with a long time presence in Schoharie County. We play a high-octane, very danceable, mix of everything from rock, country, blues to even a few disco songs.”

Be sure to stop by Saturday August 9th in the Party Tent starting immediately after Chubby Checker’s performance.



# Grand Central Station

Grand Central Station is an exclusive, full-service entertainment band specializing in live music in New York’s Capital Region. Engaged couples, event planners, and industry professionals all turn to Grand Central Station for the highest caliber of entertainment.

Grand Central Station is the preferred choice for the most discerning wedding clients. Having also performed for special events and celebrity clients and dignitaries, Grand Central Station embodies the right level of sophistication and flare for the most high-end events.

Knowing that every client and every crowd is uniquely different, Grand Central Station custom designs the music for each event. We work closely with each client to discover their favorite music styles, preferred artists, and songs. The band then diligently rehearses and prepares all requested

songs to perfection!

Grand Central Station prefers a high-energy dance experience. Reading the crowd is essential, and it’s our goal to get every guest on the dance floor! We combine an eclectic mix of classic hits and current top 40 radio favorites to appeal to every guest regardless of their musical taste, age or style.

We realize the importance of bringing elegance and balance to each event. We NEVER blast music that is so loud that guests are left feeling uncomfortable. We adjust our energy as guests are seated so that they can enjoy their conversation and resume dancing after dinner. For events that are designed with only dancing in mind, the band brings a non-stop, high-energy experience for the full event to the point of rave-like experiences. We love performing an encore song for our crowds that are chanting



for more music!

We can customize a specific package to fit your needs, style, size, and budget. Whether an event is planned for 50 guests or 5000 guests, we make certain to have the right music to wow the crowd.

We understand the importance of excellence and flawless execution. It is the attention to detail, artistry, and refinement that sets the standard. It is always our aim to exceed all expectations as we set our sights on being the best for every client. We are always honored to be the top-selected, preferred band in Upstate New York.

# Dogs Dogs Dogs

Come visit the Canine Center at the Sunshine Fair. Meet the members of the Schoharie County Kennel Club and their furry companions. Learn more about the positive reinforcement training methods as you watch daily demonstrations including agility, rally, scent work, tricks and obedience.

This is a Force Free venue: No shock collars and, No Prong collars.



# Iona Troupe Irish Step Dancers

Iona Troupe brings the best of Irish tradition to the modern stage. They spin energetic choreographies to traditional, and sometimes, not so traditional music. Comprised of everyday people from all walks of life, the

troupe brings to life the ancient magic of Irish dance in a multi-generational troupe. From the primal rhythms of their treble reels to the lilting joy of their jigs, to the tranquil peace of their slip jigs, it is the group's good

pleasure to suspend the discord of a hectic, modern life with an infusion of ageless art and form, and best of all, tradition! They are sure to bring a smile to your face, a tap to your foot and inspire passion in your soul.

## Parmalee

As the most-played group/band on Country Radio in 2023, Parmalee is one of Country Music's most successful acts with four #1 singles, multiple platinum records, and more than 1 Billion on-demand streams. Comprised of brothers Matt and Scott Thomas (lead vocals/guitar and drums, respectively), Cousin Barry Knox (bass), and life-long friend Josh McSwain (guitar/keyboards),

the North Carolina natives first topped the charts with "Carolina," followed by their PLATINUM-certified No. 1 single with Blanco Brown, "Just the Way." They followed with "Take My Name," which was Billboard's Most Played Country Song of 2022. They recently scored their third consecutive #1 single with "Girl In Mine," which is Billboard's 8th Most Played Country Song of 2023.



Those three #1's and 15 other tracks are available on their new album For You 2.

**For more information, visit: [www.parmaleemusic.com](http://www.parmaleemusic.com).**

## Dock Dogs

New to the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Canine Area is Dock Diving Dogs with Central K9 Performance Dogs. In addition to daily performances, there will be opportunity for the public to bring their dog to try dock diving.

We will work with you to see if your dog may have an interest in dock diving.

### Rules:

Your dog must know how to swim.

We encourage a life vest

No dogs will be left unattended in vehicles or the canine area.

No shock, No e-collars and No prong collars.

When you register, you must upload a current rabies certificate.

You must pay for the Try It when you register.

You will have to pay to enter the fairgrounds separately.

Cost is \$10 for 5 minutes.

We will cap the entries at 10 teams per hour.

### Dock Dog Try It

Wednesday, August 6 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm [Register Here](#)

Friday, August 8 from 6:00 pm -7:00pm [Register Here](#)

Sunday, August 10 from 1:00 pm -2:00 pm [Register Here](#)

## SKEETER CREEK

Skeeter Creek has been bringing the party to Country music fans in Upstate New York since 2002. Known as the "hardest working, most entertaining band" in the region, SK continues to set attendance records. Skeeter Creek was nominated for 4 awards at the 2005 Northeast Country Music Association awards: Bluegrass band of the Year, Vocal group of the Year, Instrumental band of the Year, and the Sunrise award.

They were the winners of the 2004 Colgate Country Showdown in the Albany, New York region, winners of the 2005 and 2006 Froggy 100.7 Country Shoot-out, and most recently named at the top of the 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Metroland Magazine Readers Poll for Country Band of the Year, and 2013, 2014, 2015 Cover Band of the Year (all genres). They have also won the North Country Music Awards in



2014-2015 for Entertainers of the Year, Band of the Year, Male Vocalist (Dave Ahl), Female Vocalist (Renee Lussier-Ahl), and Musician of the Year (Dominic Paratore). Make sure you check out this great band on Friday, August 8, at 8 pm. in the Party Tent



# Marshall Tucker Band

**Doug Gray** – lead vocals

**B.B. Borden** – drums

**Ryan Ware** – bass / vocals

**Marcus James Henderson** – keyboards / saxophone / flute / vocals

**Chris Hicks** – guitar / vocals

**Rick Willis** – guitar / vocals

When you wake up and want to put a smile on your face, you think of the songs that always manage to reach down and touch your soul the moment you hear the first note. The Marshall Tucker Band is one such group that continues to have a profound level of impact on successive generations of listeners who've been "Searchin' for a Rainbow" and found it perfectly represented by this tried-and-true Southern institution over the decades.

"I've been in tune with how music can make you feel, right from when I was first in the crib," explains lead vocalist and bandleader Doug Gray, who's been fronting the MTB since the very beginning. "I was born with that. And I realized it early on, back when I was a little kid and my mom and dad encouraged me to get up there and sing whatever song came on the jukebox. It got to the point where people were listening to me more than what was on the jukebox! There's a certain gift I found I could share, whether I was in front of five people or 20,000 people. I was blessed with that ability and I'm thankful I can share with others."

The Marshall Tucker Band came together as a young, hungry, and quite driven six-piece outfit in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1972, having duly baptized themselves with the name of a blind piano tuner after they found it inscribed on a key to their original rehearsal space — and they've been in tune with tearing it up on live stages both big and small all across the globe ever since. Plus, the band's mighty music catalog, consisting of more than 20 studio albums and a score of live releases, has racked up multi-platinum album sales many times over. A typically rich MTB setlist is bubbling over with a healthy dose of hits like the heartfelt singalong "Heard It in a Love Song," the insistent pleading of "Can't You See" (the signature tune of MTB's late co-founding lead guitarist and then-principal songwriter Toy Caldwell), the testifying "Fire on the Mountain," the wanderlust gallop of "Long Hard Ride," and the explosive testimony of "Ramblin,'" to name but a few.

Indeed, the secret ingredient to the ongoing success of The Marshall Tucker Band's influence can be seen and felt far and wide throughout many mainstream digital outlets (Netflix, Amazon, etc.). In essence, it's this inimitable down-home sonic style that helped make the MTB the first truly



progressive Southern band to grace this nation's airwaves — the proof of which can be found within the grooves and ever-shifting gears of "Take the Highway," the first song on their self-titled April 1973 debut album on Capricorn Records, The Marshall Tucker Band. "We had the commonality of having all grown up together in Spartanburg," explains Gray about his original MTB bandmates, guitar wizard Toy Caldwell and his brother, bassist Tommy Caldwell, alongside rhythm guitarist George McCorkle, drummer Paul T. Riddle, and flautist/saxophonist Jerry Eubanks. "The framework for Marshall Tucker's music is more like a spaceship than a house," Gray continues, "because you can look out of a lot of windows and see a variety of things that show where we've been and what we've done, and how we've travelled through time to bring those experiences out in all of our songs." The Marshall Tucker Band's influence can be felt far and wide through many respected contemporaries and the artists who've followed the path forged by their collective footsteps and footstomps. "MTB helped originate and personify what was to become known as Southern rock, and I was privileged to watch it all come together in the '70s, night after night," said the legendary late Charlie Daniels. "In fact, The Charlie Daniels Band has played more dates with The Marshall Tucker Band over the past years than any other band we've ever worked with. Even after all these years — after the tragedies, the miles, the personnel changes, and the many developments in the music business." Daniels added that he never got tired of seeing his MTB brothers on the road: "Whenever Doug Gray walks into my dressing room with that big ol' smile of his and then we hug each other and sit and talk for a while, the evening is complete."

"I remember seeing Marshall Tucker and The Outlaws play together in Jacksonville many years ago, when I was just a kid," recalls Lynyrd Skynyrd lead singer Johnny Van Zant. "And I heard them all over the radio back then too. They

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were just so cool and so unique that I fell in love with the band, and I also fell in love with the music. Having them open for us on all those dates was like a dream come true, and they're still as good as I've ever seen them. It brought back a lot of memories for me, because I really looked up to those guys when I was first starting out."

Ed Roland, the lead vocalist and chief songwriter for Collective Soul, adds

"The Marshall Tucker Band had a big influence on me and they still do."

Roland, who's lived the majority of his life in and around Atlanta, also proudly points out that his band's biggest hit, "Shine," owes a clear debt to the musical structure of "Can't You See," and he'll often start off by singing the opening line to that song — "I'm gonna take a freight train" — whenever

Collective Soul performs "Shine" live. "We don't want to stray from what we grew up listening to," Roland continues. "I think that's something important for people to hear.

It's just who we are, and I don't think we should run from it. Hopefully, people see that southern connection to the bands we love like Marshall Tucker in our music."

Doug Gray sees no end to the road that lies ahead for The Marshall Tucker Band, whose legacy is being carried forward by the man himself and his current bandmates, drummer B.B. Borden (Mother's Finest, The Outlaws), bassist/vocalist Ryan Ware, keyboardist/saxophonist/flautist/vocalist Marcus James Henderson, guitarist/vocalist Chris Hicks, and guitarist/vocalist Rick Willis. "You know, I think it was Toy Caldwell's dad who said, 'There's more to gray hair than old bones,' and we still have a lot of stories yet to tell," Gray concludes. "People ask me all the time what I'm gonna do when I turn 80, and I always say, 'The same thing that we're continuing to do now.' We're road warriors, there's no doubt about that — and I don't intend to slow down." May the MTB wagon train continue running like the wind on a long hard ride for many more years to come. One thing we absolutely know for sure: If you heard it in a Marshall Tucker Band song, it certainly can't be wrong.

—Mike Mettler, *this ol' MTB chronologist*

## Rylee Lum

Music came very early to Rylee. He grew up listening to his Grandfather and three great uncles performing country music in their band "The Lum Brothers". His Grandfather made his mark as the lead singer for the band. As a result, country music was born in Rylee's blood.

Rylee was 12 when he was presented with the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame Horizon Award. He first performed at Tooties on Broadway and was invited back to perform with one of their house bands, as well as other locations like Rippy's and Honky Tonk Central during CMA Fest 2019. He has been a guest performer at Music City Bar & Grill with the Music City Playboys. Also in 2019, Rylee traveled to Arkansas to be an opening act for the Kentucky Head Hunters. Rylee served as an opening act for Randy Houser at "Frog Fest 31" in Rome, NY in June of 2020. Rylee went back to Nashville and recorded his first 5 song EP of all original songs. Rylee continues to write his own music and his current band of professional musicians have all lived and played in Nashville at various times.



His influences are Merle Haggard, George Strait, Alan Jackson and other legends of real country music.

Rylee was nominated for the 2023 USA Male Country Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year by the International Singer Song Writer Association. He also holds nominations as 2023 Up Coming Star-Male, Male Shining Star, Male Country Voice of The Year and for his original work, "Drinkin' My Blues Away", as Country Song of The Year. On July 1st, 2023, Rylee had the honor of opening for Maddie & Tae at The Southern Tier Music Festival.

Rylee continued to write original songs in 2024 as well as played various venues such as The Roadhouse 23, Meadowvale campgrounds, Richfield Springs Park, Crosstown Tavern, Worcester Fish and Game Club.

Rylee was voted Fans Favorite artist at the Southern Tier Music Fest.

In 2025 so far, Rylee has played at Locomotions, Nellie's, K's Inn, The Brackel, Crosstown Tavern and T's Hitchin Post. He will be playing at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Sunday August 10th in the Party Tent from 2:00-3:30pm. Be sure to stop by and see his performance.



# Pony Pull

Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Wednesday August 6, 2025. Mini Horse Pull 2 classes, one 36 inch and one 40 inch class. It will be a 10 foot elimination Pull, as we add more weight with three hitches in a 5 minute time limit. These mini horses are conditioned and trained on a daily routine and in top health to compete at this level. This is a no touch sport. For any questions or entries please contact Jennifer Austin 860-608-3077



# The All New Big Top Super Circus

Step Right Up – Step Right Up- It’s show time under the All New Red, White and Blue – Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus.

Under the direction of managing director Alexander Murcia, who’s parents come from a combined 16 generations of circus performers. You will witness exciting thrill acts, high wire performances, acrobatic acts, clowns along with so much more.

As Alex stated it’s an unconventional way of life but he wouldn’t change it and he loves performing throughout the cities and towns all across the country.

Make sure to catch this exciting new circus with two performances daily Tuesday thru Thursday and three performances Friday thru Sunday. – And May All Your Days Be Circus Days!



Immortal Championship Wrestling returns to the Schoharie County Sunshine on opening night, Tuesday August 5th at 8PM! Featuring WWE HOFer Teddy Long, Short Sleeve Sampson, Cobleskill’s own Garrett Holiday, the ICW HOF Class of 2025, & much more!

**FURY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH**  
**SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR OPENING NIGHT**  
**113 SUNSHINE DRIVE, COBLESKILL | START 8:00PM**  
**IMMORTALWRESTLING.COM**

HALL OF FAME  
TEDDY LONG



## Thirteenth Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles Contest 2025

It is believed that the Chocolate Jumble (Jumbo) Cookie is a native of Schoharie County.

This contest, being held at the Hall of Agriculture on Saturday, August 9th, has been gaining both in participation and popularity. The contest also invites youth participation with a separate category just for them!

You are also invited to come and watch the judging.

### Who Was Aggie Scott?

Agnes "Aggie" Scott who lived in Mineral Springs loved to cook & bake. For over 30 years she was the Cook/Manager at Ryder School until her retirement in 1986. She was a volunteer at Cobleskill Regional Hospital from the time of its beginning in the early 1950s and worked in the coffee shop. Aggie had many different kinds of cookie cutters including a "ground hog" which she loved to use to make cookies for "ground hog day". It had been hand-made for her while she worked at the Ryder School. She was an exhibitor and volunteer at the fair most recently with Historic Treasures. We offer the Chocolate Jumbles Cookie Contest each year as a tribute to Aggie and her many, many years of being "Cobleskill's Volunteer".

### Who makes the best Schoharie County Chocolate Jumble????

Hall of Agriculture

Date: Saturday, August 9th

Coordinator: Cindy McClure

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

No pre-entry required.

Cookies plus \$5 is your ticket to Fair (one person; this day only).

Enter at Hall of Ag 11a.m. – Noon.

2 categories Adult and Junior

- Adult with a hole or without a hole.
- Junior with a hole or without a hole.

The cookies can be frosted or not.

Six cookies, covered, on paper plate with recipe attached (without name or address).

Names will be taken separately and numbers assigned.

Judging criteria:

- Overall appearance/impression
- Taste
- Texture

Judges decisions are final.

Winner will be announced upon completion of judging.

Prizes mailed after Fair.

## APPLE PIE CONTEST 2025

**Hall of Agriculture**

**Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**Coordinator: TBD**

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

- No pre-entry required.
- Pie plus \$5 is your ticket to Fair (one person; this day only).
- Enter at Hall of Agriculture 11 a.m. – Noon. Judging starts at 12:30.

### NO LATE ENTRIES!

- Please use non-returnable 8 or 9 inch pan of any material.
- Two crust pie.
- Home-made crust.
- Home-made filling.
- Pie must be Apple only – no other fruit(s).
- Recipe (crust and filling) on a 3 x 5" card without name or address MUST accompany pie.
- Names will be taken separately and numbers assigned.
- Judging criteria:
  1. Overall appearance/impression
  2. Crust
  3. Filling
  4. Taste
- Judges decisions are final.
- Winners will be announced upon completion of judging.
- Prizes mailed after Fair.

## Beautiful Child Contest

All children are beautiful! Why not enter your child in the "Beautiful Child" contest in the Party Tent Theater on Friday, August 8th at 10:00 am for 1-2 year olds, 2 year 1 month – 3 year olds, 3 year 1 month – 4 year olds. Registration will take place one half hour before the contest. Judging will be on looks, personality, and dress. All contestants will receive a participation ribbon. A rosette and prize will be awarded to first place in each category and age group.





## KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL 2025

The kiddie tractor pull has been an annual event at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair since 1988. The pedal tractor pull works on the same principle as the “big tractor pulls” except the power comes from the “legs of babes”!

A “mini” weight sled is hooked to a pedal tractor and each child pedals to pull the sled down the track until they make a full pull or run out of power on a 30’ track. A full pull entitles the child to another chance, with weight added to the sled, until a winner is determined. There are 5 different “classes” based on the child’s weight. The child with the longest distance in each weight class wins. Weight classes are 30-40 lbs, 41-50 lbs, 51-60 lbs, 61-70 lbs, and 71-80 lbs.

The child is weighed as he or she signs up for this event to determine the appropriate weight group. The pedal tractors are provided and every child receives a ribbon. There is no fee to enter, so come and participate or watch the fun on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00pm east of the Hall of Agriculture.

## Hay Bale Toss

The annual hay bale toss gives everyone, regardless of age, size or strength, the chance to show off their best techniques for throwing a bale of hay the farthest. There are two different sized bales to choose from, a “mini” bale and a “regular” sized bale. Each participant is given two chances to toss a bale of hay and the farthest measurement is entered in the competition. Many different techniques and styles have been demonstrated in the past. Come try your techniques to see how far you can toss a bale of hay and enjoy a little friendly competition in the annual hay bale toss.



The annual hay bale toss will be held on Sunday, August 10th at 1:00 pm in the show barn.



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## UGLIEST CAKE CONTEST 2025

**Hall of Agriculture**  
**Thursday, August 7th & Friday August 8th**  
**Coordinator: Michelle Radliff**

Here’s a fun little contest for everybody because the public gets to judge the baker’s handiwork!

**Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10**

No pre-entry required.

Entries must be in Hall of Agriculture by 11 a.m. Thursday, August 7th. (You may not enter on Friday, August 8th)

Cake plus \$5 is your ticket to the Fair (one person – this day only).

Prizes awarded on appearance ONLY by popular vote of people attending the Fair.

Use any theme or topic.

Make sure it’s a real cake (we will check).

Maximum size: 12 inch base (sq, round, etc.).

Voting stops at 5 p.m. Friday, August 8th with winners announced at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Agriculture.

Prizes mailed after Fair.

# Sunshine Fair's Barn Quilts



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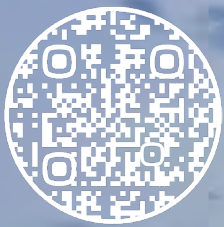
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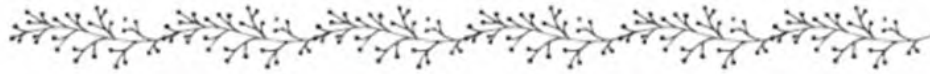


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