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## Dustup at the dog show

By HB Steadham,  
Executive Editor

COBLESKILL — Jessica Edgerly, a dog trainer who brought a pool for the dock diving events at the New York State Canine Expo at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds last weekend, posted four Facebook reels about her experience with the fire department filling the pool that have collectively garnered almost 30,000 views.

In her live video from the fairgrounds at about 8:30 Friday night, September 26, Edgerly said that Cobleskill Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk "came down here and shut the water off."

In a second video posted within an hour, Edgerly said that folks were asking why the mayor shut off the water.

"So what happened was," she said in the video, "we



A golden retriever jumps off the dock into the pool.

Photo by HB Steadham

were here trying to fill the thing—the pool. The mayor got in an argument with somebody that was on the board of this show and literally went after this lady—the mayor did, of Cobleskill. We were all witnesses of it. Screaming at her, actually went to go after her, and somebody had to step in between and make the mayor walk away. [...] Since the mayor is mad at the other person, that's why we now don't have water."

When reached for comment, Mayor Stanton-Terk had a different perspective on what happened. "The fire department doesn't fill pools, whether it's for humans or dogs," Stanton-Terk said. "That's the village policy. It's my understanding the water department was going to tap a hydrant and fill the pool."



An old English sheepdog wears a "man bun" so that he can see when we walks.

fire department was called in, to fill the pool with their tankers.

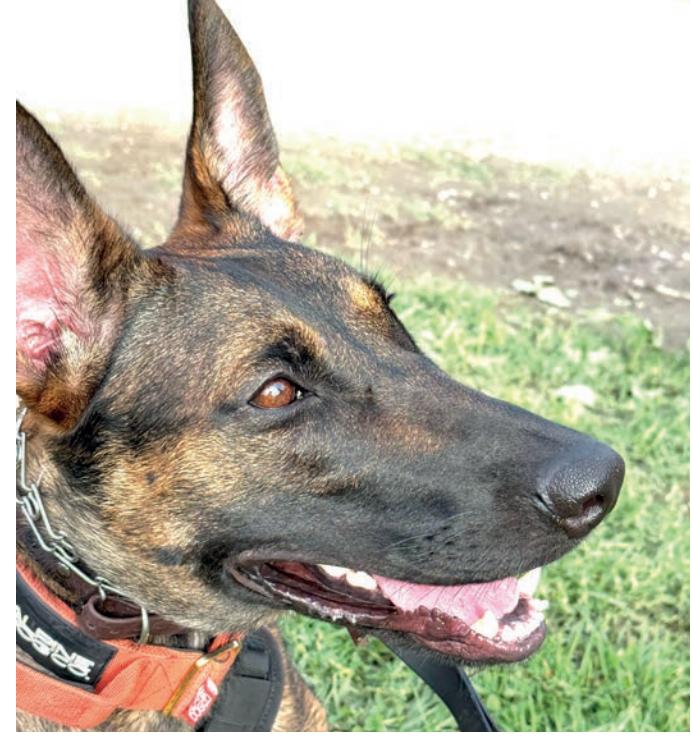
Reportedly, the hydrant was tapped, but the water was dirty—and that's when the

After she finished dinner Friday night, Stanton-Terk saw a tanker pulling out of the fairgrounds and she thought, "That's odd. So I parked and went over and saw our trucks filling the pool. I walked over and said, 'What's happening?'

"It was Lois [Goblet] and I who got in a heated discussion. She'd had a long day and I should've walked away."

Stanton-Terk went on to say that it was a problem for the fire department to be going back and forth between the fairgrounds and the firehouse, where they fill their tankers, so she pulled the squad from doing what they weren't even scheduled to be doing.

"Had our people [the water department] been there, they would have flowed the meter appropriately."



A Belgian Malinois smiled for the camera.

Photo by HB Steadham

## 'The cows aren't coming back,' but Amazon probably is

By HB Steadham,  
Executive Editor

SCHOHARIE — The September 16 Town of Schoharie Planning Board Meeting, which focused on the proposed Amazon last-stop distribution center just off I-88, was packed with planners, consultants, and members of the general public.

The hearing started with a presentation of the revised site plan, which detailed a warehouse less than half the size of the original proposal, additional entry and exit points, and sound walls made out of recycled plastic, windscreens, landscaping, and drainage measures to reduce effects on the environment compared to the previous site plan. Additionally, a 24-hour work flow projection showed that the warehouse's operational peaks would be different from this area's commuter peaks, meaning traffic should not be adversely affected.

The floor was ceded to public comment, and first up was Ashley Boreali.

"Let's be honest," Boreali said. "We all know this project is going to go in."

She went on to propose that Amazon should submit to a community host agreement—a legally binding contract between the town and

the developer, which would ensure that Amazon would have to contribute financially to the community. She suggested that since the warehouse would be in the Central Bridge water district, having Amazon fund a new firehouse could be beneficial.

Carl Rafun agreed that it would be good to have an updated firehouse, and told those assembled that he has "positive thoughts for Amazon to put a building there."

"That piece of property's just been sitting there," he said. "Let's do something with it. The town's going to benefit."

Rafun's wife Ruth agreed. "Businesses here are going to see an increase in spending money."

Bill Moller also concurred. "I think it's going to be a big plus for the community," he said of the 50-150 jobs that are planned to be created.

Then some opponents of the warehouse had their say.

"Schoharie is considering sacrificing the gateway of the town for not-great economic benefits," John Schrader said. "Amazon and all other warehouses are working to automate and reduce human workers. I ask you to take a hard look at the minimal benefits being offered to Schoharie



The meeting room at 300 Main in Schoharie was full for the Amazon public hearing.

Photo by HB Steadham

County."

Meredith Foster was concerned about the impacts on wildlife.

"I was told warehouses do not have any impact on animals," Foster said. "I've found pages and pages of impact [on the internet].

"Nobody has really thought about the impact on our national symbol, eagles," she continued. "I feel like last time I was here I was kind of pushed to the side. Once we kill these animals or push them out, we're screwed."

Diana Bell Jackson showed her support for the project: "As a resident of the community, I go on record be-

ing for Amazon to come into the community and see what development it brings."

Bill Federice, Conesville Town Supervisor and Chairman of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, was also in support. "I want to congratulate folks who represent Amazon. You folks have done it so thorough—I think every box has been checked."

"I know there are some people who are upset—especially neighbors. I get it. If we're trying to make life better for our kids, our schools, we have to do something. Consider the entire picture. I do believe we really need this."

sess at 20 to 25 million. Tax rates for school alone will be \$500–625,000 per year. For the county, it would be \$200–250,000. The Central Bridge fire district, \$60–75,000. The town, \$80–100,000."

Darlene Patterson seemed to sum up the changing public sentiment: "I've lived here all my life. I love Schoharie County, I love living out in the country, but I'm also a realist. The cows aren't coming back. We were a farming community, but I don't know how we can constantly say no to new opportunities."

An economic impact study is currently in the works, and it was reported that it should be available by October. There will be additional revisions to the site plan to update the images to more accurately reflect the proposed project, like new, more natural colors to the exterior of the building and smaller canopies over designated driveways.

Another special meeting is scheduled for September 30, in which the public is free to continue expressing concerns and/or support.

As the Times Journal goes to press on Tuesdays, please visit our website at nyvttmedia.com to read about the September 30 meeting.



# OBITUARIES



Helga Blumreiter



Irene Bray

## Helga Blumreiter

Helga Blumreiter, 96, died Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Born on March 25, 1929, in Bremen, West Germany, she was the daughter of Heinrich Sellmann and Ellie Otto Sellmann. She was a high school graduate and worked as a bookkeeper in Germany.

In January 1954, Helga immigrated to the United States with her husband, Gerhard and daughter, Barbara. They then moved to Cobleskill.

She was a homemaker and had also worked as a cashier for Sears in Rotterdam. She enjoyed oil painting. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly.

She was a member of the former German-American Club. She enjoyed working outside, gardening. She loved traveling throughout the United States and back to Germany.

Her husband, Gerhard predeceased her in 1983.

Helga is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Kenneth) Parsons of Cobleskill, Bonnie (Dr. Charles) Tramontana of Florida; granddaughter, Kelly Pacatte of Cobleskill; grandson, Ryan (Sarah) Parsons of Rural Retreat, VA; great-grandchildren, Alexandra Pacatte, Alyssa Pacatte, and Brayden Parsons.

A private graveside service will be held at Zion Rural Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.merenessputnamfuneralhome.com](http://www.merenessputnamfuneralhome.com).



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Michael Bascomb

JoAnn's daughter, Cheryl Lynn Snyder.

A celebration of life will be held noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 4 at the Eagles Club at 159 Legion Dr., Cobleskill, NY. Military honors will be held at 12:30 p.m.

Donations may be made to Marathon For A Better Life, PO Box 268, Warenville, NY 12187 or to Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, 304 Howe Cave Rd., Howes Cave, NY 12092.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.hellerskinerfh.com](http://www.hellerskinerfh.com). Arrangements are with Heller & Skinner Funeral Home, 155 Main St., Worcester.



Carole Hawkes

## Michael Bascomb

Michael L. Bascomb, 69, passed away comfortably at home on September 28, 2025.

He was born December 11, 1955 in Bermuda, the son of Harold and Marion (Rickard) Bascomb. Michael grew up in a large family in Cobleskill.

He was a United States Navy veteran, serving from 1974 to 1994. He served in the Persian Gulf War. He spent the majority of his military career out at sea. He taught firefighting at the Mass Maritime Academy as well as in Reserves. He obtained the rank of Machinist Mate.

Michael then started working at General Electric in Schenectady retiring as a HVAC Maintenance Tech.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and ice fishing, and played golf as much as he was able to, every day in retirement. He was a member of the Cobleskill Country Club and a life member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn (Manchester) Bascomb, whom he married on May 27, 2023; his son, James Bascomb and wife, Danielle Ferguson; grandchildren, Lauren J. Bascomb, Ronan M.D. Bascomb, Lily Ann Bascomb, Elle Louise Pearl Bascomb Rice, Isabella Bascomb and Alex Dilmandes; children, Nicole Strobeck, Stacey Dugger, Chris Spano, Bill Spano; grandchildren, Tylor, Ayla, Miah, Bryn, Zan, Kane, and William Jr. Spano, also Stacey, Allie and Madison Dugger; great grandchildren, Sawyer Spano and Mia Stefanacci; his siblings, Paul Bascomb, Kathleen Moore (Michael), Connie Elsensohn, Colleen Benson; many nieces and nephews; and JoAnn's daughters, Phyllis Marie Snyder and Denise Nicole Snyder and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents; first wife, Bobbi Bascomb; children, Lucy and Tony Bascomb; siblings, Robert, Louis, and Richard Bascomb; and

Miss Carole Ann Hawkes, 83, most recently of Cooperstown, passed away on September 27, 2025, at Bassett Healthcare of Cooperstown.

Carole was born on February 9, 1942, in Fort Plain, the daughter of Orson A. Hawkes and Helen B. Sickler Hawkes, both of whom predeceased her.

In 1961, she graduated from Fort Plain High School and subsequently became a licensed practical nurse.

For a good part of her career, she worked at Palatine Nursing Home as an LPN.

Before moving to Cooperstown, she had lived most of her life in the Fort Plain/ Sharon Springs area.

She enjoyed gardening, animals, and being social with friends and neighbors.

Survivors include the five Lasher children that she lived with and was part of the family, Keith Lasher, Sharon Hulbert, Fred Lasher, Loraine Lasher, and Scott Lasher.

Funeral services are entrusted to the Fort Plain Funeral Home, 34 Center Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 4, at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Dutch Reformed Cemetery, Herkimer, NY.

He was a dairy farmer in Cobleskill from 1943 until

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Richard Palmer

his retirement in 1989.

During his farming career, he received the Empire Farm Award, served as Director for and Chairman of the Eastern Artificial Insemination Committee, was a member and coach for Future Farmers of

America, and an active member of DHIA. Over the years, he received numerous farming awards for excellence in milk production. After retiring from farming, he was a bus driver for 20 years.

A faithful member of Lawyersville Reformed Church since 1952, Dick served as a deacon, elder, and head of the Men's Club. He was also deeply engaged in his community, serving as Justice of the Peace for the Town of Seward for eight years. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Planning Board for the Town of Seward and was a member of the Schoharie County Republican Committee.

Dick had many hobbies, including bowling in multiple leagues for more than forty years, going on cruises, and proudly showing his 1953 Chevy at car shows and outings with friends in the Schoharie Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

All are invited to visit with Dick's family from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, October 11 at Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC 134 River Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122 and to the Memorial service at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 12 at the Lawyersville Reformed Church, 109 Phillip Schuyler Rd, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawyersville Reformed Church, PO 421 Cobleskill, NY 12043 or Schoharie Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (SVRAACA), PO Box 411, Cobleskill NY 12043.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A heartfelt thank-you

Our family would love to thank everyone for the kindness shown to our family during the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother. From cards to flowers to monetary donations to baked goods and just kind words were appreciated. We are forever blessed to have you in our lives!

A special thank you to the staff at Cobleskill Hospital for the care given to our loved one and an extra special thank you to Jamie, Robin, Jennie, and Christine for the excellent care all the years you cared for her.

A blessed thank you to Grovener's Corners, Central Bridge Methodist and Lutheran churches as well.

God bless all of you!

The family of  
Eleanor Tilison  
Central Bridge

### TPSC: The Spaulding sisters steal the show!

Last weekend (September 20) was a crazy weekend!

In all that busyness, I forgot to send a story about "Free to Be... You And Me," this past weekend September 26, 27, & 28 at Cobleskill United Methodist Church.

I intended to write about three of our youngest performers. The Spaulding sisters and one or more of their parents have been to every rehearsal. Well, they missed one for a back-to-school night, but school comes first, even before theater. Third grader Savannah Spaulding said, "People should come see it, because it's funny." These young thespians steal the show, whenever they are onstage. Fifth grader Cheyenne Spaulding, said, "My favorite thing about being in the play is dancing and choreograph-

ing for the adults." They are truly joyful dancers. Kindergartner Audrey Spaulding said, "I think being in the play is awesome!" We think you're awesome, too!

I hope readers of the Times Journal got a chance to see the show. It was a delight, gleeful, and a timely piece of theater.

Julia Walter  
Cobleskill

**Golden Snake Oil**  
Missile defense is like the old snake oil medicines with lots of hype but no cure. Reagan sold us one—it did successfully transfer 209 million tax payer dollars to the military industry but no system was ever deployed.

There are 2 ways to look at success. Say 100 missiles are fired at us, the military industry calls it a success if they destroy 80 of them. The civilians call it a failure and tragedy when 20 missiles rain from the sky blowing up houses and killing people.

The paragon of missile defense is Israel's Iron Dome. When put to the test it sort of worked, when the missiles were coming from a known location, and at a known time, and when there was extensive US and British additional support. But missiles still rained on civilians and blew up buildings.

Now the military industry is selling the same old snake oil missile defense scam only painted gold. It will transfer from 154 billion to a trillion tax payer dollars to the military industry and it will not work.

It will violate the no-first-deployment-of-space-based-weapons agreement triggering a new arms race—more money for the military industry.

And it will destabilize the nuclear weapons use deterrent we built over 80 years.

The only missile defense that can actually work is diplomacy.

Elliott Adams  
Sharon Springs

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# Front PORCH

type associated with those words. Folks don't have to be monolithically anti-gay, or sure that everyone who doesn't believe the way they do is going to hell, or certain that those who don't fit gender and sexual "norms" are wrong.

I learned that—very often—our fears are misguided, based on assumptions that aren't always correct. That fear can cause us to act in ways that are antithetical to what we truly value; in my case, that I was closed off to my dad when I value him and our relationship.

And, upon reflection all these years later, I learned that—I think—when love is involved, we can expand our ways of thinking. We can include more folks into our circles that often feel closed to "outsiders." That we can, truly, listen and understand and act respectfully, even when we might disagree.

Of course, the hitch in that giddy-up is the "love" bit, right?

If we can listen when love is involved, what does that mean for situations when love isn't involved?

What happens when politicians get asked questions from the media that they don't like?

What happens when the neighbor flies a flag that makes us feel uncomfortable?

What happens when folks who aren't my color and aren't my religion and aren't my neighbors do something I don't understand?

I could yell at them.

I could take their flag right off their pole and put it in the trash.

I could tell them that they don't belong here, they should go back where they come from, that they're going to hell.

And, as I'm sure you know, these things do happen.

Every.  
Single.  
Day.

But they won't be happening coming from me.

Not if I can help it.

Dare I say, I intentionally try to love everyone, so that I CAN listen to them. So that I can work to understand them. So that I can treat each and every person—whether I know them or not—with respect.

I can agree that immigration should be done legally—AND I can think it's sad when deported parents are separated from their children. Those aren't mutually exclusive.

I can agree that abortion is often a terrible thing—AND I can think it should be a decision that's made between a physician and their patient, not by a blanket government law.

I can agree that folks have the right to bear arms—AND that the founding fathers couldn't have anticipated the level of technology that assault weapons have achieved.

Is this all TOO controversial?

Can we hold two unlike things to be true at the same time?

Can we listen to alternative ways of looking at things without immediately deciding a view that's different from ours is wrong?

Can we truly love each other enough to listen?

My dad can.  
And I want to, too.  
Can you?

**HB Steadham**  
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# Times Past

## 100 Years Ago October 2, 1925

Surpassing in beauty and historical reproduction the fondest hopes of the Cobleskill Fair management, the golden anniversary pageant on Tuesday was staged with great success and witnessed by a record-breaking attendance. Extending for nearly one mile, the pageant floats represented early Indian occupancy of Schoharie County, the advent of the white man and through successive eras of local history up to the present day when the Spirit of Cobleskill was pictured.

Cobleskill business places have appropriately displayed American flags along Main and Division streets during the big week.

During the judging of cattle at the Cobleskill fair on Tuesday, a Holstein bull of high tension broke away from his leader while being brought into the show ring and immediately picked a quarrel with a neighboring animal who was competing for the same prize. The two animals fought desperately to settle the matter themselves but the judge decided to put the contest over until next Wednesday.

The first meeting of the New Century club for the fall season will be held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. George D. Ryder, Prospect St. This is the best time of year. Summer is gone, autumn is here, winter is in the offing. Chill evenings drive folks indoors. The fireplace brings a cosy comfort. The radio comes back into more general use. But it is too early to be shut in. There is no better season than late September and October and no better place to live in than this vicinity.

## 85 Years Ago October 3, 1940

The new Ford cars for 1941, deluxe and super deluxe lines, with an increase in size, added beauty inside and out, and softer riding, are on display at the showrooms of the local dealers, A. L. Parsons & Sons of Central Bridge and Cobleskill Sales Company in Cobleskill.

Development of film taken from the confiscated "still" cameras seized from four Japanese by Greene County and Federal authorities disclosed that, in addition to obtaining pictures of Rip Van Winkle bridge from many angles they also had photographed groups of gasoline or fuel oil tanks believed to be located on the port of Albany.

Albany and surrounding territory will get a closeup look at Wendell L. Willkie, in about 10 days. Unlike the unscheduled touch-and-go visit he paid hundreds of cheering supporters in Schenectady Saturday night, Willkie has tentatively scheduled an address in Albany for Oct. 12 and a platform appearance in Schenectady.

SHARON – October the 17th the Willing Workers have been invited to meet at Barnerville at Mrs. Minard Goodell's.

## SHARON SPRINGS

– Every parent is especially invited to attend the first meeting of the Sharon Springs P.T.A. on Monday evening, October 7. The school band will be present to play for 15 minutes at 8:00 p.m., and all parents of band members have been invited to come especially for this meeting.

## 45 Years Ago October 1, 1980

"I feel in a way that I've let a lot of people down. A lot of people had faith in this business, but I don't know what else to do," said Thomas Restifo, president of Valley Pontiac-Buick Inc. of Cobleskill, when announcing he was closing his Main Street

T.L. Photography  
Cobleskill, N.Y.

Here's another Harold Toles photo courtesy of Cliff Hay, Sr. This one is labeled, "William D. Lawyer, the Old Broommaker of Polly Holler. He made brooms and wholesaled them for \$1.00 per dozen c. 1910. Photograph made November 1950. Does anyone remember William D. Lawyer, have one of his brooms, or remember his tasty brand of homemade wine?"

dealership. "It wasn't just a one-two-three decision," Mr. Restifo said. "It took a long time to reach it."

The historic Park Hotel in Cobleskill, which has been under the ownership of the Devanny family since 1895, will be closing permanently today. Present owner, Joseph Devanny, cited high energy costs, more than 13 licensed liquor establishments in the village, plus the "never-ending harassment" by the state as reasons for closing.

Forest Wollaber, Jr., chairman of the Schoharie County Republican Committee, has announced that Fred Lindsay of Cobleskill will serve as campaign coordinator for the Reagan-Bush campaign in Schoharie County. In addition, Mr. Wollaber announced that Albert Wohl will serve as head of the "Jews for Reagan" committee in the county.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Countermeine of Ballston Spa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bilby of Richmondville announced the marriage of their children, Rebecca Arleene and Roy Austin, on Saturday, Aug. 30, at Water of Life Fellowship, Ballston Spa. The double ring ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Richard Countermeine, with Rev. Otis Osborne assisting.

Concerned about the quality of education in Richmondville Central school's future, several parents in that district are studying the possibilities of merging with an adjacent school district.

## 35 Years Ago October 3, 1990

Schoharie County—and New York State—formally thanked Nick Iorio for his work with youth on Tuesday. The Cobleskill Mayor and former Cobleskill College dean received the Bill Bub Award, a statewide award that recognizes Mr. Iorio's long commitment to youth and youth programs.

The ceremony, with more than 100 friends, family members, associates, and officials attending, was at the college.

Pumpkins will translate into dollars for the Richmondville-Cobleskill Lions' Club once again this fall. Aided by more than 50 Cobleskill College students, the Lions harvested two fields of pumpkins on Friday as their annual fundraiser neared its finish.

St. Vincent de Paul parishioners will celebrate Mass in their new church at the dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m. This new church is the result of six years of work and sacrifice on the part of all parishioners.

Charming 1849 Center Hall Colonial located in Historic Schoharie, 5 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces. Large corner lot. Admired home, just \$135,000.

Members of MOSA, the Montgomery Otsego Schoharie Solid Waste Management Authority, have rejected a proposal to purchase the former Rubin property on Route 7 east of Cobleskill.

30 Years Ago  
October 4, 1995

Cobleskill's Wal-Mart SuperCenter will be joined by another store today, Wednes-

day: Dollar Tree. The first store in the Dollar Tree chain to open in New York State, the store will feature items for \$1 and will be open from 10 a.m.–9 p.m. daily. Dollar Tree is expected to be joined mid-month by Fashion Bug, a women's clothing store.

Schoharie County is currently under a drought warning. James Brown, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Emergency Management director Judith Cary want to alert all Schoharie County residents to the severity of the water deficit.

Junior Keller of Warnerville showed off a 3½ pound largemouth bass he caught last week at Trout Haven Lake in Richmondville. Mr. Kelly used crabs to catch the bass and several others.

With a scorching 15:51 time, 35-year-old David Twarog of Albany set the pace to win Fenimore Assets' 2nd FAM 5K Fund Run Saturday. The race was a fundraiser for Schoharie County Habitat for Humanity and is expected to donate about \$5,000 to the cause when final figures are tallied.

Middleburgh bus driver Al Shaw is retiring this month after 13 years at the district. The riders on his bus got together and signed a banner thanking him for his years of service last week.

## 18 Years Ago October 3, 2007

State and county leaders Monday blasted governor Eliot Spitzer's plan to let illegal immigrants have driver's licenses, calling the proposal a slap at New York citizens.

Gathered in front of the County Office Building in Schoharie, Senator Jim Seward, Assemblyman Pete Lopez, and others claimed they'd ask the Governor to reconsider.

Cobleskill became a center for the arts on Saturday. The theater, music, and art, all bathed in early fall sunshine, came to Union and Main streets for the third annual ArtWalk. Artists lined part of Main and Union, and Union was blocked off to traffic to create a pedestrian mall.

Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum Director of Horticulture and Operations, accepted SUNY Cobleskill's 2007 Outstanding Alumnus accolade on Saturday, September 29, before a capacity crowd in the Prentice Hall dining room.

An increase in vandalism and crime have brought about calls for the re-establishment of a police force in the Village of Middleburgh. Several business owners and residents spoke to village board members Monday about several problems this summer including broken windows and vandalism.

From October 5–22, Underworld Films, LLC will be shooting an upcoming film, "The Locals," in Rensselaerville and Middleburgh. The film is written and directed by Divine Blackman, president and CEO of UWF and is produced by Jennifer Ring, vice president of UWF.

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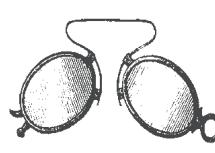
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# Looking Ahead

## Rummage and Bake Sale

The Lawyersville Reformed Church will host a rummage and bake sale on Friday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 109 Phillip Schuyler Road in Cobleskill. For more information, call 518-234-2387.

## Children of the American Revolution at Fall Harvest Fest

The Old Stone Fort Society of the Children of the American Revolution invites you to attend the Fall Harvest Fest at the Old Stone Fort. Come meet Mick and Mack and learn of their role in the American Revolution on October 4, 2025.

We are the newly formed Society of the Children of the American Revolution in Schoharie, hosted by the Schoharie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. If you are a parent of a child under the age of 22, your child may be eligible for membership, if they are lineally descended from a person who rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States.

Please visit us. If you are unable to do so, please contact Dianne Rizzo at SchoharieDar Registrar@outlook.com for further interest in the Children of the American Revolution Old Stone Fort Society.

You can also visit <https://nscar.org> for more general information about the national organization.

## Third Annual Arts Trail Driveabout

Schoharie County Arts (SCA) is busy preparing for the Schoharie County Arts Trail Driveabout, a self-guided tour of studios and other spaces where art is created, displayed, and sold. This annual event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, featuring work by dozens of local artists throughout Schoharie County and coinciding with the peak of fall foliage season.

For information, go to <https://www.schohariecountyarts.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/SchoharieCountyArtsNow>.

## Second Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Summit Community Center will hold its second annual Cook-Off on Sunday, October 5, at the Charlottesville Schoolhouse, Main Street Charlottesville.

Cash prizes will be awarded for judges' selection for first-, second-, and third-place winners. Judging starts at 11 a.m., and doors open to the public by noon.

Only 12 contestants will be allowed, so contestants should apply soon. For more information, call John at 518-287-1185. Let's see who comes away with the bucks and bragging rights this year.

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## Historic Farms of Summit Program

Town of Summit Historian Karen Cuccinello will present a program on the historic farms of the Summit area on Thursday, October 9 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building on South Grand Street.

The program at 6 p.m. is hosted by the Town of Cobleskill Historical Society, which has

returned to a monthly meeting schedule after a summer hiatus. The group announced two upcoming programs:

"What is it?" – a joint meeting with the Carlisle Historical Society on Wednesday, November 12, at Carlisle Historical Society on Crommie Road.

Society members are invited to bring an item to share or have the group identify what it is.

### Antique and Rare Bottles

— Town of Seward Historian Jeff Ullman offers the program on Monday, December 1, starting at 6 p.m. at the extension building on South Grand Street.

The programs are open to the public, and the society welcomes new members.

The Cobleskill historical society is a nonprofit, 501c(3) organization and membership donations are tax deductible. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$10 for the year for both individuals and/or families. Checks may be sent to the Town of Cobleskill Historical Society, PO Box 423, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

## Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club Meeting

The Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club will hold its next luncheon meeting on Friday, October 10, at the Office for the Aging's "Spa Ritz" meal site at the Sharon Springs Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. A hearty meal of scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, fruit, dessert, and eight ounces of 1% milk will be served at noon.

The senior club will conduct its monthly business meeting after lunch. The October gathering of seniors from the greater Sharon Springs area as well as Cherry Valley and surrounding communities will conclude with the ever-popular chance auction of varying items donated by participants.

Individuals interested in attending the October 10th Silver & Gold senior luncheon must register by calling the Spa Ritz meal site at 518-284-2883 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 3; Monday, October 6; or Wednesday, October 8.

Area seniors interested in more information about the Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club should contact Anne Lennebacker, club president, at 607-547-9055.

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For information, go to <https://www.schohariecountyarts.org> or <https://peterfletcher.com>.

## Fall Foliage Ride & Fundraiser

Red Barn Riders RC presents Little Chad's Fall Foliage Ride & Fundraiser on Saturday, October 11. 10 a.m. to noon, kickstands up 12:15 p.m. sharp. Sign up at The Milk Run, 3498 NY-145 in East Durham. Cost is a free-will donation.

Fundraiser Benefit starts at 3 p.m. at Locomotions Sports Bar, 136 Railroad Avenue in Cobleskill. DJed music, raffles, 50/50, with food and drinks available for purchase.

For more information, visit [redbarnriders.org](http://redbarnriders.org).

## Middleburgh Central School Alumni Event

The Middleburgh Central School Alumni Association will host school tours on Saturday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m.,

1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Those interested should meet in the gym lobby before one of the scheduled tour times. The original 1934 building has undergone multiple renovations and expansions to meet required standards and provide students with instruction necessary to compete in today's world. While much has changed, there are still areas of the building that will bring back special memories for MCS alumni.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the MCS Alumni Association will display school memorabilia and have alumni clothing available in the gym lobby. Donated proceeds from the event will go toward the Alumni Award given at graduation.

The next meeting of the Middleburgh Alumni Association will be November 20 in the Middleburgh Public Library at 10:15 a.m. Future plans and projects will be discussed. All MCS Alumni and friends of Middleburgh Central School are invited to attend.

## Esperance Museum Meeting and Soup & Stroll

Meet at the Esperance Museum at 123 Church Street, October 11, at 1 p.m. for the annual Soup & Stroll Historic Walking Tour. We will walk from there to view the streets of Esperance and their ties to Revolutionary War veterans and the veterans' stories, including Major General Steuben, the drill master of the Revolution, and his two aids North and Walker, who were lifelong friends. Also, a traditional militia soldier and a soldier captured by the British and Indians.

We will be accompanied by a soldier in period uniform and will finish our day sampling homemade soup at the Methodist Church Education Building Tiffany Community Room on Main Street. This is a free event, although donations are appreciated to benefit the museum.

Follow the Esperance Historical Museum on Facebook for more information.

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Schoharie County Department of Public Health is offering a rabies vaccination clinic starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds.

The clinic offers vaccinations free of charge, with donations welcome to offset expenses. Animals must be at least three months of age and in good health. Animals must be restrained; cats and ferrets must be in well-secured, sturdy containers.

To register, visit [www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic](http://www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic) or call 518-295-8365.

## Charleston Historical Society Guest Speaker

The Charleston Historical Society will be hosting "Flint Knapping—the Art of Shaping Stone Tools and Weapons by Flaking" on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. The program will feature guest speaker Barry Keegan, Primitive Skills Specialist.

Barry Keegan has taught many earth skills since 1991. Barry will demonstrate flint knapping and will bring some of his best finds of stone artifacts spanning 7,500 years and many replica stone points and knives that he learned to make over 35 years of practice, including the first point he found at age six that got him going on this path.

The program is free to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

The Charleston Historical Society's headquarters is the former First Baptist Church of Charleston, located on 390 Polin Road in the Town of Charleston.

For further information, please call 518-829-7592.

# In Brief

## Knights of Columbus presents gift card to Ryder Elementary

The local Council of the Knights of Columbus, #5419, presented a \$100 gift card to Ryder Elementary School in Cobleskill. The money will be used to assist with emergency supplies needed for students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. Becky Dostie, the



guidance counselor at Ryder, thanked the Knights on behalf of the entire Ryder family.

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Pat Kilpeck, Grand Knight, presents Becky Dostie, guidance counselor, with a \$100 gift card to assist with emergency supplies needs.

## Stewart's milk and ice cream win 17 awards at 2025 World Dairy Expo

Stewart's Shops eggnog and strawberry milk won first place in the 2025 World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin. This year's competition marked the second time in three years that Stewart's eggnog was selected as the best of the best in North America.

All counted, Stewart's won 17 awards at North America's best dairy products competi-

tion, including first place for rainbow sherbet, pistachio gelato, and lactose-free milk.

Stewart's also won second-place awards for chocolate ice cream, French vanilla ice cream, maple walnut ice cream, mango dragon fruit sherbet, and salty caramel gelato.

This competition is open to dairy producers across the

world and serves as the only competition of its kind in North America. These awards are a testament to the skill and dedication of the 21 family farms who supply our milk and the partners who are committed to producing the highest quality milk and ice cream at our plant in Greenfield, New York.

## SCS class of '65 holds 60th reunion



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Seated: Edward Westfall

Row 1: Carol Ann Wilber, Rosemary Agat, JoAnn Shadina Corigliano, Midge VanSteele Thuresson, Olivia Bruce Kosling.

Row 2: Edna Yates Chase, Tom Moser, Kathryn Saddlemire, Pamela Scribner Guest

Row 3: Warren Gordon, Jim Parks, Bill Hayes, Lee Schaeffer

The group has decided to make a September reunion an annual event for all who can attend.

## Peaceable Day Quilters to hold meeting and quilt show



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Susan Demick shows her quilt, with its woolly flannel panels and over 100 half square triangles that make it the perfect cozy autumn quilt.

If you have short news that you'd like to share, email [HB.Steadham@nyvtmedia.com](mailto:HB.Steadham@nyvtmedia.com).

If you have events that you'd like to see listed in "Looking Ahead," email [HB.Steadham@nyvtmedia.com](mailto:HB.Steadham@nyvtmedia.com).

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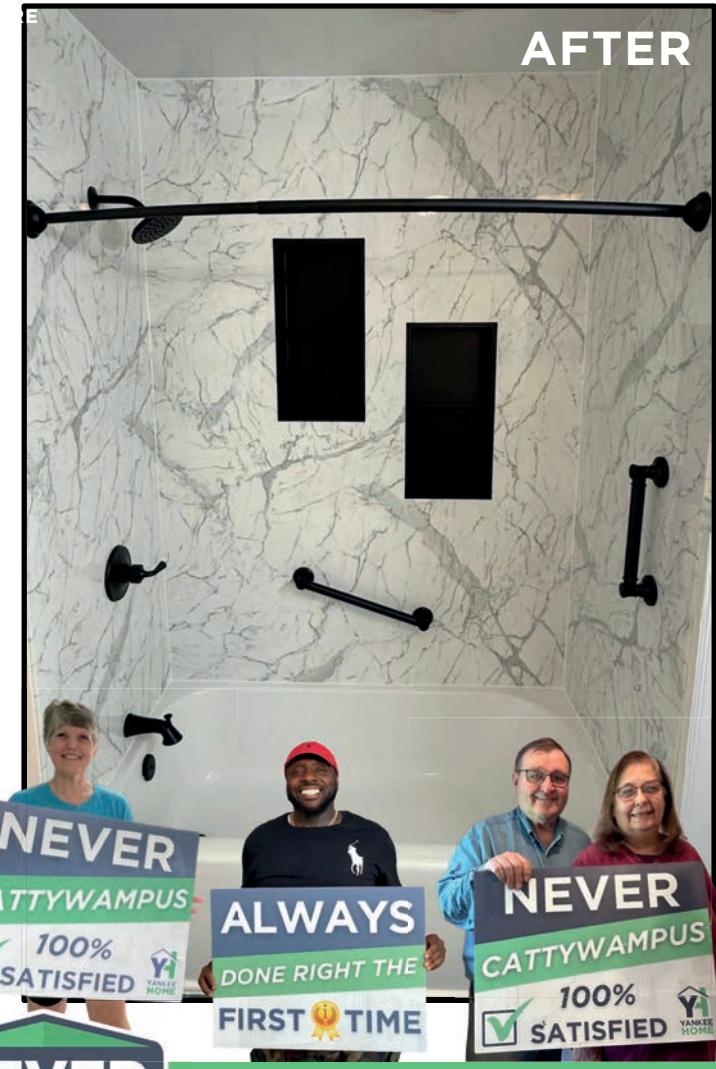
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## Arts & Entertainment

# Free walking tour explores life and murder of nightwatchman

COBLESKILL — Turning Point 1777 presents a free walking tour Saturday, October 4, at 7 p.m.

Author and historian Jeff O'Connor will recount the circumstances surrounding the November 27, 1900, murder of Cobleskill Nightwatchman Matthew Wilson. The tour will also explore how Cobleskill's turn-of-the-20th-century business district appeared.

The tour narrative is based on research for O'Connor's current book project about Wilson's murder by a gang of safe crackers. O'Connor states, "Wilson's tragic death captured the public's attention far and wide as his killers were pursued and brought to justice."

Wilson was survived by his widow Anna and daughter Mary, whose lives will also be discussed.

According to O'Connor, Officer Wilson's murder "seemed inevitable as the railroad that brought Gilded Age prosperity to Cobleskill also brought tramps looking for work and an increasingly dangerous subculture that traveled with them—flimflaming safe crackers known as Yeggmen." The Pinkerton Detective Agency eventually captured five of the six Yeggmen who were responsible for Wilson's murder. How they were brought to justice and the details of the murder brought out in their trials provide an investigative element that helps round out the narrative.

A unique angle to Wilson's story is his canine partner. "Together, they were a formidable team," states O'Connor. "Brave, effective, and very popular, they were soon looked upon as heroes. Their exploits alone would be wor-



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thy of notice."

For years, the K-9 unit of the Cobleskill Police Department was named Wilson to honor the slain officer's dog, mainly because, O'Connor says, "no one knew what Wilson called his dog. I'm happy to say his name is now known, along with much more about his life—all on the tour."

O'Connor has a deep connection to the Schoharie County historical community. He and his wife Pam team up as Turning Point 1777 to provide guided walking and driv-

ing tours in Schoharie County, authentic historic flag reproductions, and publications.

The nightwatchman tour will meet at the public parking lot at the corner of Union and Main Streets in Cobleskill, next to Mart Cleaners. No reservations are needed. Tour is about a one-mile loop, approximately 1.5 hours long. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Inquiries can be made at [colonialny@turningpoint1777.com](mailto:colonialny@turningpoint1777.com) or through [Facebook.com/turningpoint1777](https://Facebook.com/turningpoint1777).

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The free concert is sponsored by Schoharie County Arts, a nonprofit that works to promote cultural and arts-related activities, advance individual artists and organizations, and contribute to the county's cultural and economic growth.

Based out of Detroit and New York City, Fletcher's critically acclaimed recordings are featured on the Centaur Records and Towerhill Recordings labels. His newest CD is titled "Peter Fletcher in Concert."

"We're thrilled to host award-winning guitarist Peter Fletcher," said Lisa Ovitt, Schoharie County Arts Board President. "It will be a wonderful evening of music in a beautiful venue."

Fletcher has performed at Carnegie Hall and throughout the United States. He will present an audience-friendly solo concert featuring music from the Renaissance period through the 20th century.

The program will feature: Bach's "Chaconne" and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; "Prelude and Allegro" by Spanish lutenist Santiago de Murcia; "Variations on a Theme by



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Award-winning classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will play at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church.

Handel," a classical guitar piece by 19th century Italian guitarist and composer Mauro Giuliani that is based on the theme from Handel's Suite No. 5 in E major, famously known as "The Harmonious Blacksmith"; Spanish guitarist and composer Francisco Tárrega's beautiful "Capricho Araby"; and "Barcarole and Danza Pomposa" by Polish composer Alexandre Tansman.

Fletcher will also perform "Simple Gifts," a traditional Shaker hymn arranged for guitar by Christopher Parkening, and a captivating work titled "Usher Valse" by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin.

The concert will culminate with Spanish composer Isaac Albeniz's "Córdoba" and

"Leyenda" from "Cantos de España," arranged by Fletcher from piano to classical guitar.

In addition, Schoharie County Arts is hosting the third annual Schoharie County Arts Trail Driveabout, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, featuring studio tours and work by dozens of local artists.

New this year, the Cherry Valley Art Trail (<https://www.cherryvalleyarttrail.com>) is being held on the same weekend as Schoharie's, and the two organizations are cross-promoting events in the hope patrons will cross over and visit the neighboring counties.

For information, go to <https://www.schohariecountyarts.org> or <https://peterfletcher.com>.

# Helios Care brings back Grand Oneonta Opry



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John Thompson and the Driftwoods will be the house band for the Grand Oneonta Opry.

ONEONTA — Grab your boots, tip your hat, and get ready for a night to remember! The Grand Oneonta Opry Country Music Fundraiser for Hospice is back at Foothills Performing Arts Center on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m.

This year's show is bigger than ever, featuring a young headliner straight from Nashville, Elijah Wise, along with incredible performances by the house band John Thompson and the Driftwoods, joined by regional artists Ken

Wilber, Bill Pentzien, The Horseshoe Lounge Playboys, Jessie Kay, Al Hotaling, Jr., and Doug Decker, also serving as emcee.

Presented by Country Club Auto Group, the evening will feature a silent auction, a cash bar, and food available for purchase from Soda Jerks Diner. In addition, Helios Care will announce the 2025 Dr. Yoshiro Matsuo Compassionate Care Award winner.

All funds raised from ticket sales and the silent auction

will go directly to support the patients and families of Helios Care who are receiving hospice care, palliative care, and caregiver and grief support throughout Otsego, Delaware, and Schoharie counties.

Call Helios Care at 607-432-6773 for more information, or go on the website [helioscare.org](http://helioscare.org), click on events, and get your tickets today! Advance tickets are on sale for just \$25, or \$35 at the door if not sold out.

# Singer-Songwriter James Gordon to perform at Middleburgh Library

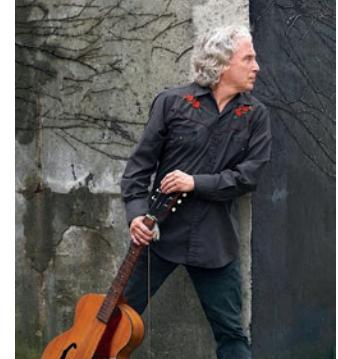
MIDDLEBURGH — As a solo singer-songwriter, and with the groundbreaking trio Tamarack, James Gordon has recorded over forty albums and toured relentlessly around the world. He's written for symphony orchestras, musical theatre, and dance works, scored films, and, for more than ten years, was heard on CBC radio as songwriter-in-residence for the "Basic Black" and "Ontario Morning" programs.

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# The Tepee celebrates 75 years of Americana

CHERRY VALLEY — Nestled in the rolling hills of Otsego County, The Tepee—an iconic roadside attraction and gift shop—marks its 75th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee celebration on Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Listed on both the national and state historic registries, The Tepee has been a beloved stop for travelers along historic US Highway 20 since 1950.

The festivities promise a full day of fun and nostalgia. Guests can relax and enjoy the view or shop the select vendors who will be on site. Bug Country Radio will broadcast live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and The Happy Haggis Dance Troupe will perform around 12:30 p.m. High on the Hog food truck will serve up delicious fare from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be giveaways and door prizes, which includes more than one chance to win a \$75 gift certificate.

And yes—there will be cake.

Founded by Ken and Iris Gurney in post-WWII America, The Tepee began as a roadside souvenir shop west of Cherry Valley. When Route 20 was rerouted in the early 1950s, the Gurneys rebuilt the

store at its current location, ensuring it remained a fixture on the nation's longest highway. Its distinctive tepee-shaped design is said to honor a Native American friend of Ken's who perished in WWII, or perhaps to evoke Iris's childhood memories of reservation life in the Midwest.

Today, The Tepee is owned by sisters Donna and Dale Latella, who purchased the store in 2000. Their mission: to create a space that locals love as much as tourists enroute to Cooperstown or Howe Caverns. Visitors from every continent—including Antarctica—have passed through its doors, drawn by its eclectic mix of handcrafted Native American goods, fair-trade imports, and classic souvenirs.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime admirer, The Tepee offers more than just shopping—it's a panoramic experience, with breathtaking views of the Mohawk Valley and Adirondack Mountains. As many guests say, "It's not just a stop on the way—it's the destination."

For more information, email [info@thetepee.biz](mailto:info@thetepee.biz) or call 607-264-3987.

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## Sports

# Cobleskill-Richmondville student hits second career home run

FORT EDWARD — Liv Abdelrahim from Cobleskill-Richmondville Central Schools plays for the local travel softball team, CR Impact. On Sunday, September 21, 2025, the team participated in the Fall Frenzy Tournament in Fort Edward, where Abdelrahim hit her second career home run.

Contributed photo.  
Liv Abdelrahim and her travel coach, Jeremiah Haslun, celebrate with the home-run ball.



## Middleburgh's Andy Graves wins again



Michael McCallion of Sharon Springs returned to Fonda this past weekend to race in the Sportsman division.

By Ed & Betty Biittig

This year the weather has been phenomenal for racing and the end of season extra distance-extra money events.

Fonda Speedway wrapped up their 2025 season with the Montgomery County Open, a two-day event that showcases the 358-Modifieds on Friday and the Short Track Super Series (STSS) for Modifieds and Sportsman on Saturday with additions to both days.

Friday's 50-lap 358 Modified race was won by Rocky Warner of Gloversville after he chased Matt Stangle for much of the event. Stangle went high in turn four and hit a rut in the track causing him to lose control and allowed Warner to take the lead in the final laps. Other winners on Friday were Tyler Peet of Lake Areil, PA, STSS Sportsman, with Camron Hotaling and Bobby Hackel, III, completing the podium. Ivan Joslin was the winner in Pro Stocks; Justin Guyle, dual cam; and Stephen Burka, single cam in the Four Cylinders.

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Saturday Matt Sheppard of Savannah took the lead on lap three of the 50-lap STSS North Region Modified event and continued to pull ahead of the remainder of the field until a lap 43 caution slowed the event. The yellow flag was when a reported torsion bar broke on the No. 93 of Danny Varin, sending him high into the air in turn three where he landed on his roof. Varin was

uninjured in the incident. As the race resumed, Sheppard continued his dominance and took the checker for his second win of the season at the Track of Champions, Fonda Speedway and his tenth overall at the track in his career. Completing the podium were Jack Lehner, second, and Bobby Hackel, III, who finished third.

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Saturday's New Yorker 50 was won by Alex Yankowski

of Covington Township, PA. The New York 25 for Sportsman was won by Payton Talbot of South New Berlin and the Street Stock event was won by Casey Cunningham of Georgetown.

Andy Graves of Middleburgh won the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series event in the Modified division and Joe Rando was the winner in Mistique; Frank Hoard, Jr., was Late Model winner.

The racing community experienced the loss of four members over the past week. Guy Madsen, sponsor and car owner, was also the grandfather of current Sportsman driver Dylan Madsen. Ray Hedger served as a car owner, fabricator, and crew chief, and was the brother of Ron Hedger, long-time racing columnist. Janice Faulkner, mother of former driver Ray Zemken, grandmother of Jessica Friesen, was a Fonda Speedway fan who supported Jessica throughout her racing career. June Keyser, mother of Carole Palmer, cofounded the Fonda Speedway Kid's Club with her late husband, Ed, and they operated it for many years; the Keyser family also managed the infield concession stand. Condolences are extended to the families and friends of these individuals.

Until next week, please send all news and/or comments to [biittig@yahoo.com](mailto:biittig@yahoo.com).

## THE REEL DEAL

This past Saturday, September 27, the local angling team of Roy Bilby and Mark Kiburz competed in the Mohawk Valley Anglers Club tournament out of Canajoharie.

Recent rains had raised the river and changed its dynamic. Remaining in the Canajoharie pool for the full eight hours, Bilby and Kiburz culled through 12 fish to weigh in a five-fish limit of smallmouth, weighing 9.83 pounds, and placed 12th overall in the event. They finished high enough to maintain their spot in the points race and remain qualified for the season-ending championship with one qualifying event remaining.

Kiburz is sponsored by LaBella and is the owner of Kib's Kustom Lures. He frequently puts fish in the boat on lures of his own design.

Bilby is sponsored by Bass Pro Shops, Cabelas, Mercury Outboards, Berkley, Grapevine Farms, Iron Skillet Game



Photo from Roy Bilby  
Roy Bilby (left) and Mark Kiburz remain qualified for the season-ending championship.

Seasonings, MPB Plumbing & Heating, Landis Equipment, and LaBella. Since 1986, Bilby has caught and released more than 38,000 bass.

## TEE TIME

### Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs vs. Schoharie Storm

Cobleskill-Richmondville bested Schoharie on the links last Monday, 165-196.

The Bulldogs beat The Storm 165-196, on the par-37 course at the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club.

Bulldog CJ Warner led the field with a 40.

His teammates Andy Rightmyer and Owen McCormack each shot a 41; Fred Sperbeck and Tiernan Farnum, 43; and Thomas Ellis, 58.

Bryson Beck led The Storm with a 44; Andrews Shreders, 48; Gideon Alescio, 50; Gordon Plank and Waylon Plank, 54; and Matthew Carter, 65.

### SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tigers

The SUNY Cobleskill men's golf team hosted SUNY Delhi on Saturday at the 6,163-yard, par-70 Cobleskill Golf and Country Club, where steady play from Benjamin Casola paced the Fighting Tigers on their home course.

Casola (Oneonta) turned in the team's top score, carding a 78 (+8) to finish seventh overall. The sophomore posted a sharp 39 on the front nine and strung together 10 pars on the day, navigating the demanding layout with consistency despite not recording a birdie.

Joshua House (Saratoga Springs) followed closely with a round of 79 (+9) to place eighth. House picked up his lone birdie on the par-four fifth hole and

battled through the back nine to stay inside the top 10.

James Longwell (Little Falls) turned in a strong front side with a 39 on his way to a 10th-place finish, while Bruno Groth (Andover, NJ) used an early birdie on the front nine to post a round of 85 (+15), placing 11th.

William Olbrich shot a 90 (+20) for 13th place, highlighted by back-to-back birdies on holes three and eight, both par fours. Rounding out the Cobleskill lineup, Isaac Walker (Roxbury) recorded a 98 (+28) for 14th overall.

**Up Next:** The Fighting Tigers head back to the course on Saturday, October 4, for the two-day Hamilton College Fall Invitational at Rome Country Club.

## SNAP TACKLE POP

On Friday night, September 26, the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs beat the Johnstown Sir Bills 38-6.

In the first quarter, Cam Jackson scored on a 35-yard pass from Cayden Cernaukas. Then, Isaiah Butcher scored a second touchdown with a 50-yard punt return. Both kicks by Eli Barr were good.

In the second quarter, Landon Yatrakis scored with a four-yard run, bringing the

score to 21-0 at the half.

Barr went on to score a 32-yard field goal in the third quarter. Then, for the Sir Bills, Max Miller scored a touchdown on a 53-yard pass from Cole Downing, making the score 24-6.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs scored two more touchdowns, Butcher with a three-yard run and Landon Yatrakis on a 35-yard fumble return. With Barr's good kicks for the extra point, Cobleskill-Richmondville finished the game with 38 points.

Outstanding players for the night included Cernaukas with 132 passing yards and one touchdown, Landon Hulslander (CRCS) with 11 carries and 82 yards, and Miller with four receptions for 84 yards and one touchdown.

The Bulldogs are now 1-0 in league play and 4-0 overall. Their next game is at Hudson on October 3.

## Delaware League standings as of Monday, September 29

### Varsity Boys Soccer (6 league games)

Gilboa Conesville/Roxbury	3-0-1	7-0-2
SKCS/Andes	2-0-1	5-2-1
Windham	3-1	6-4
HTC	2-1	6-3
Jefferson/Stamford	0-2	2-8
Charlotte Valley	0-3	2-7
Margaretville	0-3	0-10

### Varsity Girls Soccer (6 league games)

Margaretville	3-0	6-4
Charlotte Valley/Schenevus	3-0-1	7-2-1
SKCS/Andes	2-0-1	6-2-1
Stamford/Jefferson	2-1	5-4-1
HTC	1-2	2-6
Windham	0-4	2-7
Gilboa Conesville/Roxbury	0-4	2-8

### Varsity Boys Golf (7 league matches)

*HTC	7-0	9-0
SKCS/Andes	6-1	8-1
Windham	4-3	6-3
Gilboa Conesville	4-3	5-4
Roxbury	3-4	3-5
Jefferson/Stamford	2-4	2-6
Margaretville	1-6	1-7
Charlotte Valley/Schenevus	0-6	0-8



# Sports

## #SOCCERGOALS

### SUNY Cobleskill Women's Soccer

The SUNY Cobleskill women's soccer team dropped a 6-0 North Atlantic Conference decision on the road Saturday afternoon to the University of Maine at Farmington at Leib Field.

The Tigers fought to create chances, led by Emma Jo Schmidtman (Salisbury) who put a shot on target in the second half. Jessica Carney (Hopkinton, New Hampshire) and Dory Gosselin (Whitehall) also tested the Beaver backline with attempts of their own. Defensively, Amanda Rice (Cobleskill) had a strong game in the back, disrupting several UMF attacks and helping anchor the Tiger defense.

Between the posts, first-year goalkeeper Samantha Fausti (Clayton, Washington) turned in a busy shift with 13 saves across 90 minutes of action.

The Beavers controlled much of the possession and tempo, finishing with a 31-3 advantage in shots, including 19 on goal. UMF also earned 15 corner kicks to Cobleskill's two.

Cobleskill kept the game scoreless for the opening 17 minutes before UMF broke through for the eventual game-winner. The hosts doubled their lead just before halftime to take a 2-0 advantage into the break, despite several key saves from Fausti and gritty defensive work from Carney and Rice.

UMF pulled away in the second half behind a Natalie Tracey hat trick, scoring in the 48th, 63rd, and 81st minutes. The Beavers added two late tallies in the final 10 minutes to close out the 6-0 result.

### SUNY Cobleskill Men's Soccer

The SUNY Cobleskill men's soccer team dropped a 3-0 decision on the road to the University of Maine-Farmington in a physical North Atlantic Conference (NAC)



Photo by Pete Lindemann

**Middleburgh goalkeeper Robbie Narzymski, shown earlier this season, "Has shown great growth this year," said coach Johns.**

match on Saturday afternoon at Leib Field.

The Tigers were led by senior forward Spencer Reisman (Youngstown), who kept pressure on the Beavers' back line with five shots, including one on frame. Midfielder Joshua Sanchez (Bronx) battled in the middle of the park and recorded a shot on target, while Rob Staubitz (Brooklyn) also added an effort.

In net, junior goalkeeper Joe Wille (Gilboa) faced constant pressure but came up with eight saves on 11 shots, including several key interventions to keep Cobleskill in the match.

UMF held the statistical edge with 17 total shots, 11 on target, while Cobleskill finished with seven shots, two on goal. In a match that lived up to NAC physicality, the Tigers and Beavers combined for 27 fouls, with Cobleskill whistled for 14.

The Beavers struck first in the 13th minute when Animer Ibrahim capitalized on a Cobleskill miscue to tuck a shot into the corner. Cobleskill pushed for an equalizer and saw chances from Sanchez and Reisman turned away by the Farmington keeper. UMF doubled its lead late in the

half when Garrett Gendreau smashed home a loose ball off a corner kick to send the Tigers into halftime trailing 2-0.

The second half opened up with both sides throwing numbers forward. Junior defender Garrett Aikins (Morris) anchored the Cobleskill back line with several strong tackles to keep the Tigers within reach. But in the final minutes, UMF sealed the match with an insurance goal in the 89th minute to secure the 3-0 win.

The Fighting Tigers men's soccer team battled to a 1-1 draw against Lesley University in North Atlantic Conference action on Sunday afternoon at Minuteman High School.

Declan McCracken (South Kortright) provided the breakthrough for Cobleskill, scoring his second goal of the season. Reisman was active all over the pitch, creating opportunities and recording three shots, one on target. Forwards Tyler Szarek (Westmoreland) and Gavin McEnroe (Burlington Flats) each tallied two shots on goal, while center backs Aikins and Samuel Spraker (Broadalbin-Perth) anchored the defensive line with strong performances.

In goal, junior keeper Wille made three saves in 90 minutes of action.

Cobleskill generated plenty of offense, outshooting the Lynx 15-10 and holding a 7-4 edge in shots on target. The Tigers also forced six saves from the Lesley keeper and led in corners, 3-1.

The Tigers wasted little time getting on the board, striking in the 6th minute when McCracken collected a rebound off a Reisman effort and calmly placed a left-footed shot into the top right corner to give Cobleskill a 1-0 lead. Lesley found their equalizer in the 22nd minute, capitalizing on a rebound in the box to make it 1-1. Cobleskill nearly regained the lead before halftime when Spraker launched a long throw into the

penalty area, but the Lynx defense cleared the danger.

The Tigers pushed hard in the second half as they searched for a winner, keeping the Lynx on the back foot for long stretches. Szarek was denied on back-to-back chances in the 73rd minute, while McEnroe tested the keeper earlier in the half. Cobleskill's back line, anchored by Aikins, Spraker, Rob Staubitz (East Rockaway) and Andrew Rimes (Walden) dealt well with Lesley's counterattacks to keep the score level. In the closing stages, the Tigers nearly found the breakthrough when Reisman whipped in an 87th-minute corner, but no

and Skylar Griffin made two saves.

For the Falcons, Elleah Whittaker scored their only goal, with Lexi Ginter making two assists and Keira Mackey clocking five saves.

The Storm won again on Thursday, September 25, against the Mayfield Panthers, with a final score of 4-1.

Notable players for the Storm included Evelyn Messner, who scored four goals; Alayna Messner, who had two assists; Alina Dietz, who had one assist; and Skylar Griffin, who made five saves.

For the Panthers, Ava Van-Nostrand scored the team's only goal, and their goalkeeper

### Sharon Springs Spartans Boys' Soccer

The Morris Mustangs boys' soccer team defeated the Sharon Springs Spartans 14-1 for a Tri-Valley League victory on the road September 25.

For the Mustangs, Jonah Baldo scored six goals and had one assist; Ryan Murphy scored five goals and had two assists; Carter Swayer scored one goal and had six assists; Mark Johnson scored one goal and had one assist; Will Weber scored one goal; and Isaiah Jones, Ty Turner, Adrian Tarraga, and Brody Connally each had one assist.

For the Spartans, Elijah Lasky scored the only point and his first varsity goal; Tyler Lyon had one assist; and David Rorick made 14 saves in goal.

On Saturday, September 27, Sharon Springs and Canajoharie/Fort Plain battled to a 0-0 draw. Trent Lozier made seven saves for Canjo—three in overtime—to keep it tied, and Mike Cashman made 15 saves for Sharon in his first appearance in goal.

### Middleburgh Knights Boys' Soccer

The Middleburgh Knights had two tied games last week.

On Tuesday, September 23, they played at Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville, and on Thursday, September 25 it was Berne-Knox Westerlo at home. Both ended up knotted at 1-1.

The Knights are currently 3-1-3 in the league and "are showing steady improvement," wrote Coach Gregg Johns.

"Our goalkeeper, Robbie Narzymski, has shown great growth this year and has made many key saves."

"We are dealing with several injuries and our depth has been compromised, but the team keeps staying together and working out best we can be."

## BUMP, SET, SPIKE

### SUNY Cobleskill Women's Volleyball

The SUNY Cobleskill women's volleyball team went up against tough competition on Saturday at the SUNY Cortland Tri-Match, falling in straight sets to host Cortland and in a hard-fought, three-set match to Muhlenberg College inside Whitney T. Corey Gym.

#### Match One: Cortland 3, Cobleskill 0

The Tigers opened the day against regional power Cortland, dropping the match 11-25, 9-25, 19-25.

Kathleen Smart (Nashville, Tennessee) paced Cobleskill with six kills, seven digs, two assists, and an ace. Emma Hinze (Altenburg, Missouri) chipped in two kills, four digs, an assist, and an ace. Setter Baylee Kirschberg (Lindenhurst) finished with six assists, three kills, and four digs, while freshman Audrey Davis (Hudson Falls) added three kills.

Cortland controlled the stat sheet with a 34-14 edge in kills and a 14-3 advantage in aces. The Red Dragons also held the upper hand in blocks (7-0) and digs (32-23).

In the opening set, Cortland jumped out quickly before Jade Ward (Miami, Florida) delivered an ace to cut the deficit to 6-4. The Red Dragons answered with an 8-1 run that built a double-digit lead, and despite a late push by the Tigers, the hosts closed the frame 25-11. Set two was all Cortland, as Hinze notched an early ace to make it 4-3 before the Red Dragons rattled off 14 unanswered points on their way to a 25-9 win. The third set saw Cobleskill's best stretch of play, as Davis and Smart put down key kills to help the Tigers build a 16-11 lead. Cortland clawed back to tie the score at 19-19 and then used a 6-0 finishing run to seal the sweep.

#### Match Two: Muhlenberg 3, Cobleskill 0

The Tigers rebounded with a gritty performance against Muhlenberg, battling in the first two sets before falling 22-25, 24-26, 8-25.

Hallie Gasner (Middleburgh) led the attack with seven kills, while Kirschberg turned in a strong all-around match with nine assists, 10 digs, three kills, and two aces. Setter Jade Ward (Miami, Florida) added nine assists and three digs, while Hinze posted five kills, eight digs, and four blocks at the net. Smart contributed three kills and seven digs, and Davis added four kills and two digs.

Cobleskill's serve game kept them in it, as the Tigers recorded a 10-5 edge in aces and a 5-2 advantage in blocks. Muhlenberg, however, held the advantage in kills (47-23), assists (44-23), and digs (61-43).

The opening set was tightly contested, with Hinze sparking a rally that tied the score at 11-11. Kirschberg followed with back-to-back aces to give the Tigers a 15-12 lead, but the Mules answered with a run of their own to go up 19-15. Cobleskill fought off two set points to make it 24-22, but Muhlenberg secured the final point for the 25-22 win. The second set was even more dramatic, as Cobleskill used a 7-1 stretch—highlighted by kills from Gasner and Davis—to push ahead 23-17. The Mules mounted a furious comeback, tying the score at 24-24 before closing with two straight points to steal the set 26-24. Muhlenberg carried the momentum into the third, racing out to a 12-1 run and never looking back in a 25-8 finish.

Up Next: The Tigers return home to open North Atlantic Conference play on Friday, October 3, when they

host Thomas College at 6 p.m. inside Iorio Gymnasium.

#### The Schoharie Storm Girls' Volleyball

On Thursday, September 25, in a home game, the Schoharie Storm girls' volleyball team lost to the Fonda-Fultonville Valley Hawks, 28-26, 18-25, 19-25, 25-19, and 13-15.

For the Storm, Madison Spencer had 12 kills and 36 digs; Stella Rockwell had eight kills and two aces; and Ciarra Nay had three aces, nine assists, 14 digs, and 18 service points.

For the Valley Hawks, Onaleah Egleston had 17 kills and 12 digs; Karina DaMallie had 26 assists; and Sigourney Myles had 17 digs and two aces.

The Storm is 5-1 in league play and 9-1 overall. Fonda-Fultonville sits at 4-1 in league play and 5-1 overall.

#### Middleburgh Knights Girls' Volleyball

The Middleburgh girls' volleyball team only had six players for the tournament on Saturday at Greenville High School, but they played well, all things considered, according to Knights' Coach Josh Bornt.

Playing with no subs and missing several starters, the Knights fell to Schoharie in two games, 17-25 and 17-25.

Next, they were bested by Hoosic Valley, 22-25 and 20-25.

The Knights bounced back against Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville, winning 25-21 and 25-17.

Middleburgh finished third in pool play, and their only losses were to the two teams that ended up playing for first, Coach Bornt reported.

Knight Natalie Ulmer was named to the all-tournament team.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK



Team of the Week Schoharie Storm girls' volleyball has a fan club: a group of their moms follow and cheer the team on (and take pictures like this one!).

The Times Journal Team of the Week for October 2 is the Schoharie Storm girls' volleyball team.

With a 9-1 record overall and a commanding 5-1 in league play landing them currently in second, the Storm has an uncomplicated secret to their success:

"We keep joy," senior middle blocker Hanna Peters said.

Peters is one of only two seniors on the team. Ciarra Nay, setter and one of three team captains, is the other. Additional captains are junior outside hitter Madison Spencer and junior libero Nadia Hofmann. And Hofmann knows exactly what the team's goal is:

"To win sectionals."

Last year's team lost early on in sectionals when their main hitter rolled her ankle and had to sit out. This year, however, is looking different.

"We've never started out so strong before," Coach Heather Palmatier said.

And she's been coaching Schoharie volleyball for 21 years.

As this season progressed, the team was 5-0, then 6-0, then 7-0. "We've never done that before," Palmatier said.

In fact, last weekend, the Storm won Greenville's tournament 6-0.

There's no other way to put it—this team is special.

"They have a really good work ethic

and their hearts are in the game," junior varsity coach Sherry Hahn said.

"This team all gets along," Palmatier said. "They work together. It's our biggest strength."

And that isn't by accident. The team has group study hall five days a week. Varsity players are paired with junior varsity players in a sort of big sister/little sister program.

"This crew uplifts each other on the court," Palmatier said. "We help each other get out of our own heads and our own ways."

"We're all connected through this sport we all love," junior middle blocker Caroline Borst said.

"It's a really great atmosphere this year," junior setter and right-side hitter Kaycee Dejogn said.

We're sure juniors pin hitter Sara Harrington, DS right-side Sophia Rehberg, middle blocker Stella Rockwell, outside hitter Jane Koller, and middle blocker Allison Okyay—as well as sophomores Isabelle Lalonde, libero/DS and setter Juli Attanasio—would agree.

Today, Thursday, October 2, the Storm will play their biggest rival, Galway, who has been to states 6 or 7 years in a row. They're currently 13-0. But the Storm is solid in their approach.

"They don't give up," Palmatier said.

# Churches baptize six people

By Pastor Maryellen Moore and Cathleen Berry

It was the perfect day, especially having had six inches of rain to fill the Schoharie Creek in Middleburgh—just enough for Sunday's baptisms!

On September 28th at Timothy Murphy Park, members from the United Methodist



Photos by Cathleen Berry and Erin Carney  
**Peter Gaida of Warnerville smiles after his baptism.**

Churches of Warnerville and Gallupville and Nourished of Middleburgh, under the leadership of Pastor Maryellen Moore, gathered to celebrate the baptisms of six individuals in Schoharie Creek, welcoming them and three others as members into their respective parishes. Pastor Moore offered a message about baptism and what it means.

Baptized were Karen Lewis DeGroff (Nourished), Joseph Gaida (Warnerville), Peter Gaida (Warnerville), Jacob Litchfield (Nourished), Kacie Baez (Nourished), Leland Pitt, Jr. (Nourished). New members were all of the above, plus Gary Albright, (Gallupville), Bonnie Davenport (Warnerville), and Jim Cope (Warnerville).

The weather was spectacular, but the rocks were slip-



Photos by Cathleen Berry and Erin Carney  
**New members go down to the river and pray.**

pery, so Bill Sossei IV and Leland Pitt assisted those being baptized into the creek. Geri and Tom White and Pastor Moore performed several selections of heartfelt, spiritual bluegrass music, and a potluck lunch followed the ceremonies. The day left everyone

inspired. If you are interested in joining any of the three churches or simply attending Sunday service, please contact Pastor Moore at 518.827.5126 or email her at melenamoore2323@gmail.com



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**Geri and Tom White and Pastor Maryellen Moore perform spiritual bluegrass music.**

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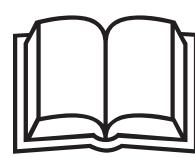
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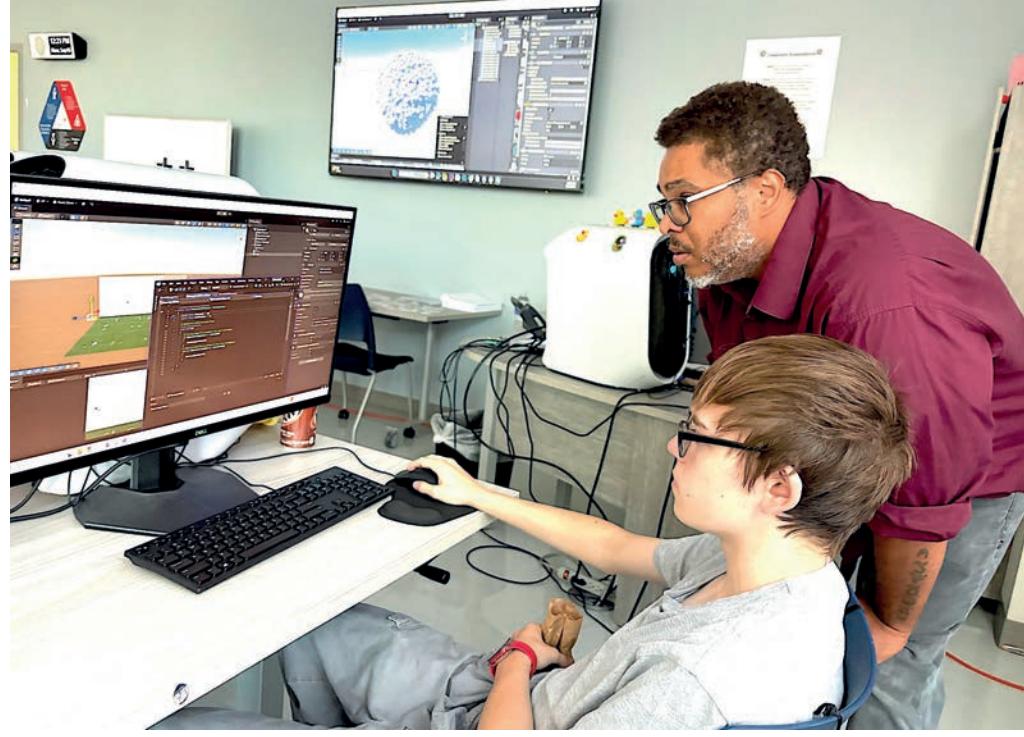


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# Eyes on Education

## Digital media education available to Schoharie County students



Aiden Freund of Schoharie learns game design skills.

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ALBANY – Web developers and digital media designers are in high demand with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasting 8% workforce growth through 2033 in those careers.

Capital Region BOCES is doing its part to meet the demand with two programs at the Career and Technical Education Center preparing students for careers in digital design and web development.

The Digital Media Design program and Game Design and Implementation program give students the basic skills needed to pursue technological careers in digital media. Both programs are two years long; Game Design and Implementation is offered at the Career and Technical Education Center-Albany Campus. The Digital Media Design program moved from the Albany Campus to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Extension Center in Albany for the 2025-26 school year. The move was necessary to allow for increased enrollment while also doubling the

classroom size.

Students in the two-year Digital Media Design program learn professional skills in industry-standard software while developing a working knowledge of design theory and practice. They also engage in the same project planning and execution processes that are consistent with industry practice and demonstrate their technical abilities through the Adobe Certified Expert program.

Meanwhile, students in the Game Design program learn fundamental game design principles, the history of games, 2D and 3D art asset creation, and programming in Unity and C#. They collaborate in teams to create a variety of analog and digital games to simulate a real-world game studio experience. Using project-based learning, students design original video games as well as create a virtual video game design company.

Both programs offer students the opportunity to do extensive project work, includ-

ing for outside clients, and many graduates find employment in the industry.

This has resulted in industry jobs, with graduates working for everything from graphic design firms to game design operations—and even renewable energy/car charging firms.

One graduate, Class of 2022 Game Design graduate William Kruk, who works in web development for Lynkwell, recently presented his work at an Amazon Web Services summit.

“Our students learn a litany of skills that prepare them for jobs across the spectrum of digital and game development,” said Teacher Darryl Nunn.

Current students praise the program as a means to building their technological skills and careers.

“I want to get into coding, and [Game Design] is a program that is allowing me to learn about and gain skills for my future,” said Aiden Freund, who attends the program from Schoharie.

## SkillsUSA: Schoharie CTE Campus leaders sworn in



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Schoharie SkillsUSA officers get sworn in.

SCHOHARIE – Students ranging from future chefs to future heavy equipment operators will lead the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education Center-Schoharie Campus SkillsUSA chapter for the 2025-26 school year.

The officers were sworn in on September 25 during a tradition-rich ceremony in front of parents and friends.

SkillsUSA officers, their program, and home school districts are as follows:

### Morning session:

President Lydia Waage, Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation (HERO), Cobleskill-Richmondville (CRCS)

Vice President Emily Gwozdz, Electrical Trades

Sharon Springs  
Media Specialist Marley Wayman, Criminal Justice, CRCS

Secretary Riley VanDenburg, Criminal Justice, Schalmont

Treasurer Alexzina Merritt, Criminal Justice, Sharon Springs

### Afternoon session:

President Corrine LiVecchi, HERO, Middleburgh

Vice President Allie Smith, HERO, Schoharie

Media Specialist Abigail Rose, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Schalmont

Secretary Caylee Faulkner, Early Childhood Education, CRCS

Treasurer Jordan Jones, Criminal Justice, Berne-Knox-Westerlo

Historian Joanna McCann, Cosmetology, CRCS  
Parliamentarian Anilah O'Brien, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Schalmont

SkillsUSA is a career and technical student organization serving more than 395,000 high school students. The organization promotes personal and professional growth and offers students the opportunity to network with industry executives and professionals at the local, regional, state and national levels and to compete in competitions. The organization also promotes giving back to the community, which locally results in collections each year for food pantries, as well as other charitable organizations.

## High school essay contest to award thousands of dollars

ALBANY – Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., invites college-bound high school seniors to participate in their annual International High School Essay Contest, an element of their annual International Achievement Week Observance.

Four college scholarships will be awarded: Fourth place will receive \$1,000; third place will receive \$2,000; second place will receive \$3,000; and first place will receive \$5,000.

The essay topic for 2025 is “In a World Powered by Artificial Intelligence, What Does it Mean to Lead with Integrity and Purpose?” The essay must be original and neither previously published



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nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length. The type-written, double-spaced essay may be submitted via postal service or emailed in Microsoft Word. Use of assistance software and/or technology (i.e., AI) in creating this original work is strictly prohibited.

The committee will be using software to detect the usage of Artificial Intelligence to assist with the essay. If the content is found to be above a 40% threshold, the essay will be disqualified.

Awards will be announced on or about July 1, 2026, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscript must be postmarked, or timestamped on the email, no later than midnight, October 31, 2025. For more information, email NuOmicronBasileus@oppf.org and NuOmicronKRS@oppf.org.

## Golding Middle School prepares to unveil new teaching mural

COBLESKILL – Golding Middle School is proud to announce a significant new project that connects students to the rich history and culture of the Haudenosaunee people through art.

A new mural, designed by artist Jay Havens, will soon be installed outside of the Golding library.

Havens, a professor at the University of Waterloo and an accomplished artist with deep ties to the Haudenosaunee community, partnered with Golding Middle School Librarian Laura Gagnon and Art Teacher Jacqueline Dinge to bring this vision to life. The project grew out of their earlier work with Havens on a community art installation at the Iroquois Indian Museum, where he has served as an artist-in-residence for various installations since 2012.

With support and collaboration from Golding’s social studies teachers, Havens also met virtually with students in grades 6–8 to explore the Haudenosaunee history and traditions rooted in our region.

The mural, titled “Clay That We Are Made Of,” incorporates powerful cultural themes that teachers will be able to reference, including wampum belts, Haudenosaunee cultural dress and contemporary figures, historic and contemporary leaders, and Woodland School of Artists.

Adding to the significance of the piece, student artwork is also featured within the mural. Several Golding students designed colorful butterflies, which are woven into the imagery, allowing students themselves to leave a creative mark on this important installation.

The mural will be printed on vinyl and will be safely installed to preserve a pre-existing mural from 1980 that also celebrated Indigenous roots. That earlier mural was designed and painted by Art Teacher William Jackman, whose work told a story of civilization through time, showing the impact of humans on the landscape. Before moving forward, Librarian Laura Gagnon reached out to alumna Regina Capobianco, one of the students who helped create the original piece. Capobianco gave her blessing for the new installation and shared the story of Jackman’s vision, helping ensure his memory and legacy remain a part of Golding’s history.



Photo by Samantha Kearney

Artist Jay Havens talks with Golding Middle School students.



Photo by Samantha Kearney

The planned mural incorporates cultural themes that teachers can reference.

The project became possible thanks to the generosity of the late Nicholas Juried, a passionate patron of the arts who supported countless local programs for libraries and museums, including the Iroquois Museum in Howes Cave.

After presenting him with the proposal, Juried generously provided the funding to bring the mural to life.

“He believed in the power of art to change lives—he was a wonderful man!” said Gagnon. “We are so grateful to Mr. Juried for everything he did as a patron of the arts and all the ways he helped our community.”

The new mural is currently

being prepared, with a hopeful unveiling set for late fall.

“This opportunity has allowed our students to work with a world-class artist,” said Gagnon. “The learning experiences gained through the process of creating and learning about the teaching mural will benefit students for decades to come.”

Together, this collaboration between Jay Havens and Golding Middle School students and staff enhances the school environment while deepening awareness, appreciation, and respect for the Haudenosaunee culture and history rooted in our community.

# A wild time at the NYPA Wildlife Festival



The Blenheim-Gilboa Visitor's Center was teeming with youthful energy.

Photo by Snow Steadham



Photo by Snow Steadham

Max the Canada Lynx enjoyed some hard-earned rest.

By Snow Steadham,  
Times Journal Staff

On Saturday, September 27th, the New York Power Authority hosted the Wildlife Festival in Blenheim-Gilboa. The festival hosted a whole variety of animals; anything from legless lizards to kangaroos. Many were available to pet, such as a large hare (that was in the same pen as a massive tortoise), ball pythons, and tegus.

They also had a number of stalls for vendors selling things like knitted hats and 3D-printed dragons. There were informational booths from SUNY Cobleskill, New York Soil and Water Conservation, and many more. There were also a bouncy castle and a massive slide for children to play with.

Tegus are lizards primarily found in Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay, though they have become incredibly popular pets due to their docile nature. One tegu at the festival was out sunbathing, free of any cage so that kids and passersby could pet him.

There was a pen from the New York Wildlife Rescue Center with a bunch of birds, one of which was a turkey vulture. Turkey vultures are an incredibly vital aspect of most of the North American ecosystem. As scavengers, their main food source is dead animals, such as the remains from other predators' meals or roadkill. Their stomachs are even able to dissolve rabies particles from the food they eat, which can often help protect other animals in the area, such as pets, contracting it from the remains.

The strangest thing there had to be the legless lizard. When asked what the difference was between a snake and a legless lizard, the handler pointed out the fact that the lizard had earholes and was able to blink, whereas snakes didn't have eyelids or visible ears. Not only that, but, as most lizards can, the legless lizard is able to remove its tail to help it escape from predators. Apparently, the tail is just about halfway down its body, evident by a horizontal line on the side of its body stopping just short of the tail.

There were also a vast number of mammals available, such as a three-banded armadillo, the only armadillo capable of curling up in a ball. There are also nine-banded armadillos, which are apparently too large to curl up, and are

An armadillo gets petted while he shows off his infamous ball-curling technique.

Photo by Snow Steadham



Photo by Snow Steadham

This tegu basks comfortably in the sun.



Photo by Snow Steadham

A legless lizard impersonated a snake.

also upsettingly dangerous, as most of them carry syphilis, so be careful not to get too close to those.

active website showing many more cute photos of him and his handler at maxcanadlynx.com.

Word on the street is that the wildlife festival will be coming back in the spring. For more information about events hosted by the New York Power Authority, visit <https://www.nypa.gov/calendar>.

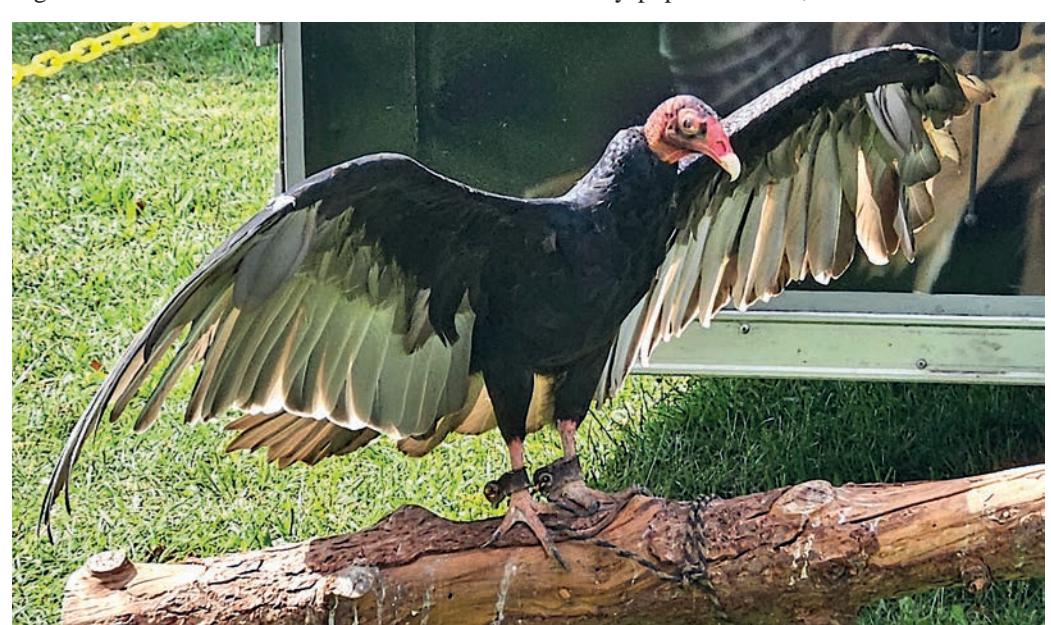


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This turkey vulture had a knack for posing for the camera.

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Patagonian mara stand at well over a foot tall.

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## 49th annual Fall Antique Show had something for everyone



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Mary Barkman's display of old porcelain dolls, which she repurposes to creature her "oddities."

**By Jim and Mara Kerr**  
 A picture-perfect autumn weekend arrived in Schoharie, NY for the 49th Annual "Fall Antiques in Schoharie" antique show presented by

the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association (SCHA). And with it came 55+ diverse Antique Dealers and Heritage Crafters offering their wares. Over 1,200 shoppers joined



More than 1,200 shoppers came out for the Antique Show.

Contributed photo



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Bryan Salisbury of Esperance displays his custom knives at the antique show in Schoharie on Saturday.



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Bryan Salisbury, the blacksmith, offered onsite demonstrations throughout the day. From Esperance, Salisbury was among the finalists on an episode of *Forged in Fire* during season 8.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Jim Loudon—artist, writer, and historian—of Oneonta chats with Andy Jacek of Fultonham at the antique show.



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Souvenir China and Glass items, many from Albany, were included among the offerings that Ann VanDervort of Delmar brought to the show.

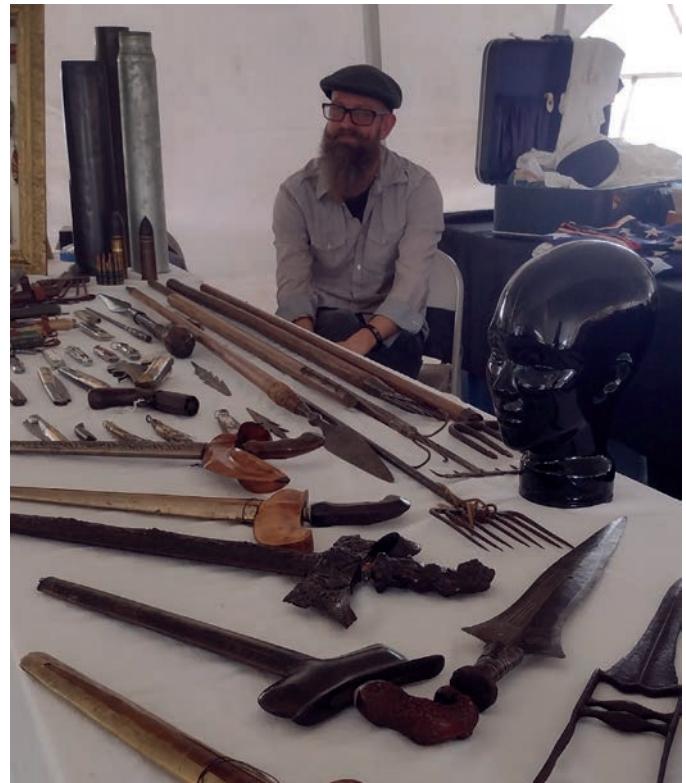


Photo by Pete Lindemann

Chris Wilkinson of Cobleskill describes his items as an "eclectic mix," including fish spears, eel spears, and a black powder pepperbox pistol.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Mary Barkman of Catskill, who describes her wares as "macabre curiosities," was at the Fall Antique Show Saturday.

the festivities throughout the two-day event on September 27-28.

House Museum and the Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum, both properties operated by the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association.

Held at the Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum complex, the buildings and surrounding grounds were bustling with excitement. The ever-popular "Country Kitchen" offered homemade food throughout the weekend including soups, sandwiches, and, of course, pies and cakes! A nearby tented dining area gave shoppers a chance to rest their feet and refuel before heading out for additional shopping time.

Proceeds from the Show support the 1743 Palatine

SCHA's "Spring Antiques in Schoharie" antique show is scheduled for April 11 and 12, 2026, which will be held at the Schoharie Central School. For more information about SCHA sponsored antique shows and activities contact Show Manager, Ruth Anne Wilkinson, at 518-231-7241 or email [scha@midtel.net](mailto:scha@midtel.net). You can also visit [www.schoharieheritage.org](http://www.schoharieheritage.org) for more information about SCHA.



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# Government News

## Cobleskill Village looking at lighted signs

by Pete Lindemann,  
Times Journal Staff

The Village of Cobleskill proposed a new local law relating to signs at its board meeting on September 16. The move recognizes that businesses want internally lit signs.

The new law would allow internally lit signs in the general business district and gateway—think McDonald's and Taco Bell—but not in the central business district.

The central business district includes Main Street from Grand to Center and also areas north and south of Main, including parts of Union, Lark, South Grand, and all of Division and Center Street.

The proposed law was



A proposed law on signs would allow internally lit signs in certain areas of the Village of Cobleskill.

opened to public hearing at the meeting and will be held open for "a month, maybe two," said Mayor Becky Stanton-Terk. "There is no rush to make these changes."

## Schoharie County supervisors won't settle



The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors met September 19.

By HB Steadham,  
Executive Editor

committee report at the September 19 Schoharie Board of Supervisors meeting, Summit Town Supervisor Harold Vroman recommend-

ed creating a deputy director of transportation services, approving a \$150 tuition reimbursement for a health department employee, allowing the department of social services to hold a bake sale to benefit a county employee who'd been diagnosed with cancer...and then mentioned something about a \$1500 litigation settlement.

While the first three recommendations were unanimously approved, that last point of business was saved for executive session, which is not open to the public and often involves personnel matters.

When the supervisors returned after said executive session, Vroman moved for a settlement agreement in the amount of \$1500. Gilboa Town Supervisor Alicia Terry seconded the motion, "for the purpose of discussion," of which there was none.

The motion failed unanimously.

Then County Attorney Mike West suggested that a motion be made that, moving forward, Schoharie County will agree to no settlements in any cases relating to workplace violence.

Blenheim Supervisor Don Airey made that motion and Seward Supervisor Earlin Rosa seconded it.

The motion passed unanimously.

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## Sharon Springs holds monthly village meeting

By Snow Steadham,  
Times Journal Staff

### SHARON SPRINGS

The Village of Sharon Springs's Board of Trustees meeting on September 18 was called to order by Mayor Denise Kelly at 6 p.m.

Once the meeting began, everyone listened to a presentation from Jennifer Hill, a representative of Tobacco Free Communities: Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties (TFC-DOS). The presentation ran through the many harmful effects of smoking and vaping, especially the effects of tobacco advertising on children and young adults. The board said they would look into the process of creating smoke/vape-free public spaces.

Next was the Mayor Report, which detailed the potential application for a grant for work to water systems to help deal with the byproducts of disinfection. The board will apply when they are able to do so without adding to the town's debt.

The board also announced that Sharon Springs would be the host of the Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting at the American Hotel on September 24.

Next was the Code Enforcement Officer's Report. In the report, they listed that they are working with the local Stewart's to install a grease



Downtown Sharon Springs welcomed visitors to another successful Harvest Fest.

trap, which wasn't included in the new building and seemed to add to grease build-up in the sewer lines.

After the report, the privilege of the floor was opened, with Ann Adams bringing up concerns of traffic on Beechwood Road, asking if it was able to take tractor-trailers or delivery vehicles. Kelly said they would have to have a traffic study, which she said was out of the board's hands.

After that was the bill audit, which was followed by an approval of the minutes for the meeting on August 21. The board then went into an executive session to discuss staffing for the Department of Public Works. When the executive session ended and the board returned, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously at 6:55 p.m.

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# Community News

## Cobleskill Police Department evolves with the times

By Snow Steadham,  
Times Journal Staff

When asked about the new technologies cropping up around town, the Cobleskill Police Department invited the Times Journal for a chat about ongoing updates to the strategies and methods to ensure community safety.

Deputy Chief of Police Brian Bienduga and Chief of Police Dean DeMartino explained how the department was moving forward with proven crime-reduction strategies, such as implementing policies for "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," or CPTED.

Bienduga explained that CPTED is a crime-prevention approach that incorporates design techniques that reduce crime and the fear of crime, such as through the proper placement of trees, buildings, and playgrounds to hinder opportunities for crime to occur in public parks. The goal is to maintain a level of open-air design to improve visibility across parks, such as the ongoing construction to Iorio Park.

The department has also begun to employ the "Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety" (DDACTS), which is the mapping of accidents and crime locations with a heat map, showing areas that have a higher rate of crashes, so that the department can deploy traffic enforcement resources, which can reduce the frequency of crime and crashes.

Bienduga went on to talk about the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center, which enables fast, efficient, and relevant information pertaining to stolen cars, persons of



Photo by Snow Steadham

The village police department is working to utilize best modern practices.

interest, and last known locations of suspects, which can all be accessed from the Mobile Data Terminals available in all police vehicles. This, in conjunction with the implementation of mobile plate readers, can alert officers in the field of any suspicious activity with immediate noti-

fications. The plate readers are monitoring at all times from the police vehicles, and can take photos of signs, plates, and passing cars, which, in a matter of seconds, can turn a distorted and blurry license plate into legible and clear images

of the plate, along with other relevant information. Not only can the officers in the field use this readily available information, but everything is shared with the department's computers, giving immediate access to important communication between stationed officers and the department.

The department is actively working on installing new, up-to-date software to aid in this lightning-fast information sharing with the Motorola Flex Computer-Assisted Dispatch project, which they hope will be completed in November of this year. The project would assist in

the dispatch of officers to the field with accurate, relevant information about ongoing situations, which would help officers maintain personal and community safety.

On top of all of these efforts, the department is maintaining a strong, transparent relationship with the community. The department members make every effort to stop into little league games, meet with the schools, meet business owners, and conduct walking beats. DeMartino feels that if they maintain a face-to-face connection with members of the community that they are sworn to protect that people will feel more comfortable working with the police and sharing information with them.

The department is also attempting to use resources such as Rehabilitation Support Services Inc. to assist the homeless population in the area to obtain food and housing. They know that arresting those in need doesn't end the problem, so they are looking at supporting everyone in the community who needs help.

The department is also planning for the upcoming national "coffee with a cop" campaign, where police officers will be available to sit down and chat with anyone interested on October 1. Stewart's has reached out to the department as a corporate sponsor, and the Stewart's off of exit 22 on I-88 will be the host of this event.

The methods to ensure safety both for the department and for the community are ever-evolving, and the Cobleskill Police Department is determined to evolve with them.

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# Community News

## Historic Marker to honor Schoharie Cannon

SCHOHARIE – The Schoharie County Historical Society and Old Stone Fort Museum, in partnership with Schoharie Central School, will unveil a new historic marker commemorating the Schoharie Cannon on Wednesday, October 8, at 1:15 p.m.

The Schoharie Cannon was one of the replica guns added to the USS Constitution during her 1907 restoration. After being removed during a later restoration, the cannon was brought to Schoharie in 1928 and has remained an important part of the community's history ever since.

"We are so excited to honor this iconic Schoharie landmark and the history it represents," said Mary Johnson, Director of the Old Stone Fort Museum.



Contributed photo  
The Schoharie Cannon from the USS Constitution will receive an historic marker.

The ceremony will take place on the front lawn of Schoharie Central School, where the cannon is located. The event is open to the public and will bring together community members, students, and local partners to recognize this piece of both regional and national history.

For more information, call 518-295-7192 or email [mary.johnson@schohariecounty-ny.gov](mailto:mary.johnson@schohariecounty-ny.gov).

## Schoharie Valley Garden Club's September GOTM

SCHOHARIE – The Schoharie Valley Garden Club's Garden of the Month (GOTM) for September will actually qualify as the "BEST" for two months.

One only has to see it to know why.

Sally Benacquista on Bridge Street in Schoharie has managed to create an extensive garden of beautiful fall plantings. It has chrysanthemums in a diversity of color and size, hostas, cornstalks, pumpkins, wild grasses, bears, and scarecrows—to mention just a few.

To see it is to believe it!

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween!

To learn more about or to join the Schoharie Valley Garden Club, call Sue at 518-231-0785 or Helen at 518-810-3094.



Contributed photo  
Sally Benacquista's garden is full of fall!

## SCS class of 1975 raises over \$26,000 for SCS Booster Club



Over 70 people attended the SCS class of 1975 reunion.



Contributed photo  
The welcome table memorialized classmates and offered an opportunity for donations.

Club at 518-526-2963.

The Schoharie Central School (SCS) class of 1975 held its 50th-year reunion celebration in August with over 70 people attending.

One classmate, who wishes to remain anonymous, thought it would be a good idea to raise some money to benefit their Alma Mater, and offered to match up to \$2,500 in donations. The fundraising challenge was dubbed "\$50 for 50 Years," and the Schoharie Central School Booster Club was selected as the beneficiary.

The fundraiser then took on a life of its own when another anonymous classmate matched the \$2,500 initial offer, and classmate Richard Vrooman contributed \$20,000. After some discussion, Mr. Vrooman consented to allow the recognition of his contribution publicly.

Contributions came from both classmates and non-classmates and at this point totals \$26,810.

The SCS Booster Club is administered by Nick and Heather Fretto and does a variety of things to support SCS students. Some past activities of the club include a high school semiformal dance, concession sales at school events, support of team-building exercises, assistance in the purchase of a high-jump mat, assistance in purchasing athlete warmups for less fortunate athletes, two \$300 senior scholarships each year, assistance with school pictures, funding for referees and officials at tournaments and meets, and the purchase of trophies for the Kyle Sharpe Soccer Tournament and medals for the Steve Hoard Invitational every year.

The Class of 1975 wishes to thank all of those who donated and would encourage future classes to consider similar support for the students of SCS. Contributions are still welcome and can be made by calling or texting Heather Fretto of the SCS Booster

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## County comes together to support veterans



By HB Steadham,  
Executive Editor

SCHOHARIE – In the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors meeting on September 19, Seward Town Supervisor Earlin Rosa said he'd received a phone call from a veteran wanting to know why the county wasn't providing transportation to the upcoming Honor Flight.

For about 15 years, Schoharie County has been driving veterans to Leatherstocking Honor Flight, which provides free opportunities to celebrate and honor veterans. However, the upcoming cancellation of the Senior Council's transportation contract with Schoharie County left all involved parties in a pickle.

Without the operating license currently held by the Senior Council, Schoharie County isn't able to drive veterans out of the county in buses. The county transportation department is working on getting that license, but, unfortunately for Leatherstocking, it won't be soon enough.

Christine Kraemer, Director of Schoharie County Transportation, further clarified that they do have some vans that could be used—vans aren't prohibited from leaving the county without the operator.

ing license, like buses are—but because the county has a contract transporting SUNY Cobleskill students to Albany that day, they don't have enough drivers.

"Anybody wanna drive?" Kraemer asked those assembled.

Meg Parsons, director of the county's Office for the Aging, was first to volunteer: "I have funding to help older adults," she said. "I think I can bridge that gap."

Rosa also stepped up to the plate, volunteering to drive the veterans himself.

Carlisle Town Supervisor John Leavitt was next, saying that he had a van he could use to take the five veterans who'd signed up for the event.

Fulton Town Supervisor Phil Skowfie offered to donate a bus and a driver, but without the operating license, the county couldn't accept. Leavitt's offer was gratefully accepted instead.

Greg Furlong of Leatherstocking said, "I just want to thank the board for stepping up—and the individuals. The Honor Flight is not just a small group of people honoring veterans. It takes a whole community.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful thing."



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## Worcester



**By Kathleen Gasperini**  
October is one of the most beautiful times of the year in our area. Despite the drought, then rain, and back into drought, the changing leaves are still gorgeous. Tourists from downstate are visiting and 'tis the season for fall festivals, Halloween decorations, and apple picking.

The annual Schoharie Fall Festival is this weekend, October 4, at the Old Stone Fort, a favorite especially for people into textile arts and local artisan showcases. The ever-popular Quilt Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by Kathleen Gasperini

**Maryland Historical Society's building is getting a face-lift.**

in the museum. These quilts are absolutely magical. Each has a specific theme and intention, and it's wonderful to read about each one and why they were created. The field near the historic Dutch Barn will also have craft vendors, so make sure to cruise around the grounds and see what's shaping the artistic vision these days. There are also loads of food trucks and a day full of music with bands like The Hilltown Ramblers, Northern Borne, and Black Mountain Symphony.

Other events I want to highlight include a big flea market on Saturday, October 4, at the Tri-Valley Marketplace on Main Street (former NAPA building) in Worcester and a Flea Market & Car Show at the Cooperstown Cheese Company, October 12. I have seen so many vintage cars and trucks driving in packs down Route 7. Last weekend, there were groups of 10-12 at a time. I'm not sure if they were headed to the car show for set-up, but they are quite spectacular.

The Harley-Davidson motorcycle tourists are cruising through these days, too. You can hear them a mile away, and they are quite impressive. The obvious care these riders showcase with their fabulous bikes is quite notable. Route 7 and various roads through our area are listed among the top fall scenic drives in New York state, so it's no wonder we've had quite a few drive through.

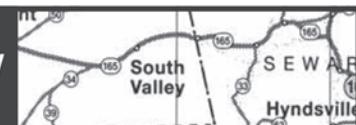
In Schenevus, next to the post office and a few buildings down from the Chief Schenevus café, the Town of Maryland Historical Society is updating their "new" historic building at 99 Main Street. Quite a bit of work has been done, and it's looking sharp in the butter-yellow and blue tones. According to the latest update, Shawn Glavin has helped make repairs and removed an old door. A fresh coat of paint has been added on the lower section of the building, thanks to Charlene Rubino and Rich Westcott. Rich also made arrangements for a lift that can be used for scraping and painting the upper portion of the front of the building. For anyone interested in the Town of Maryland

Historical Society, which includes members from many locations, including those who have moved outside of the area, let them know. They are quite active. There will be building clean-up and upper portion scraping and painting this week of September 29 to October 3.

Also, the Historical Society is hosting a "Chinese Auction" on Saturday, October 4th. This group is known for hosting excellent auctions with a variety of items, and it's their main fundraiser of the year. The big item is a special golf package silent

bid.

## South Valley

**By Carol Brodie**

Quote for the week by the late Charlie Kirk: "You can tell a lot about a person by how they react when someone dies."

We had three days of much-needed rain last week, with much of it coming on Thursday when it rained all day long, with heavy downpours at times.

Fortunately, we only had rain that Thursday, whereas the hamlet of Hazel, in the northern Sullivan County town of Rockland, had a tornado touch down briefly.

The Catskills and the Hudson Valley area received heavy thunderstorms that day, and the tornado struck early that afternoon without much warning, bringing down power lines.

Years ago, it was almost unheard of to have a tornado in New York state, but they are starting to be more frequent more. This tornado in Hazel is the seventh one to hit New York state this year!

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Birthday wishes go out this week to Vicki Cooper, Donald Fancher, Travis Graig (who turns 30 years old), Mitchell VanBuren, Paul Ackermann, Sawyer Roberts, Dillon Hatch, Justin Gray, Michael Kineke, Joey Thompson, Dick Allen, and Wyatt Utter (who will be 15).

Belated birthday wishes go out to Marilyn Dufresne, of Worcester, who celebrated her birthday last Saturday, September 27. Marilyn, I hope you enjoyed a wonderful birthday!

Those of you who know Marilyn know that she was the Worcester correspondent for the Times Journal for 30 years.

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auction. For more information, contact George "Buddy" Beams, President, gbeams@stny.rr.com.

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Please feel free to send me any news and information Kathleen@SnowLovers.org. Thank you!

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Kelly Thompson (celebrating 25 years), Dominic and Jennifer Pasqualino, and Earl and Donna VanHorn (celebrating 25 years).

**BITS AND PIECES**

I received a nice phone call early last week from Arlene Bywater, of Worcester, as she called to ask if I would mention Marilyn's birthday in my column. Unfortunately, I had already emailed my column to the paper, but a belated wish is better than none.

It was nice getting to know Arlene as we visited and I want to thank her again for her compliments on my column. As we talked, I realized what a small world it is after all.

She mentioned to me how she clips the South Valley column out of her paper each week and mails it to Linda Biggar, who lives in Glendale, Arizona. I was taken aback, and I asked her if this is the same Linda Biggar that had lived up out of Pleasant Brook and attended Cherry Valley school. She said indeed it is. Like I said, it's a small world!

She said Linda calls her every Sunday afternoon, and she told Arlene that the weekend of September 20-21 was a very busy one, with lots of people and lots of traffic as thousands of folks were in the city to attend Charlie Kirk's memorial service.

The memorial service was held there in Glendale at the State Farm Stadium on Sunday, September 21, with over 100,000 people attending. I watched a lot of it online, as it streamed live and lasted for hours, starting with various musicians singing before many people throughout the afternoon took to the podium to remember and honor Charlie.

I was really touched by one of the first speakers, Rebecca Dunn, who told the story of her and her husband meeting Charlie when he was just starting Turning Point

USA. Her husband had just recently passed away, and she mentioned that Charlie was scheduled to speak at his funeral, and instead there she was speaking at Charlie's funeral.

As the service neared the end, Vice President JD Vance offered up a wonderful tribute to Charlie, followed by Charlie's wife Erika speaking, with President Donald Trump being the last speaker at the service.

It was a very emotional moment when Erika proclaimed that she forgives her husband's killer. There were a lot of tears in the audience as people stood to applaud her as she said, "I forgive him because it was what Christ did, and it's what Charlie would do." Then she followed with, "The answer to hate is not hate. The answer we know from the gospel is love and always love. Love for our enemies and love for those who persecute us."

I went up to visit my neighbors, the Candrevas, last Monday evening, September 22, and took them a fresh baked warm dish of apple crisp.

Last Wednesday, September 24, I went to Cobleskill shopping with my brother Charley. I enjoyed a nice visit with Dave and Debbie Cross in Walmart and also saw Carl and Peggy Ullman there as well.

**CHURCH NEWS**

The First Christian Church of South Valley had a well-received and informative meeting in September when they were visited by Skip Pullen of Village Missions who gave them updates of their work.

Village Missions places missionary pastors in rural areas and we, at South Valley, are on the list to receive a new pastor when one becomes available.

Skip also showed some slides, and one was of a map of the United States with a

percentage of people for each state who attend church.

For New York State, it was just 12%. Some states were as low as 7% and even in the Bible-belt states, the percentage was not over 27%.

When we wonder what could be going wrong in the world, one just needs to ask, what are the other 88%, 93%, and 73% of the people doing on a Sunday morning?

With churches closing in small towns all around us, the First Christian Church of South Valley opens their doors for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. Currently, we are being served by Interim Pastor Dan Lockwood, who, along with Pastor Al Tompkins and Pastor Jay Richmond, are part of Prayer Renewal Ministries.

They serve churches in the area who need temporary leadership and fill-in pastors. They are a tremendous help to us, and they were also at the September meeting.

(Thank you to Rosey McCarthy for sharing the previous church writeup with me, as well as the upcoming events at the church.)

Upcoming events at the church include a Hymn Sing night, which is planned for Friday, October 24, at 7 p.m. with Gail Mabie playing your favorite hymns that you may not have sung in a long time.

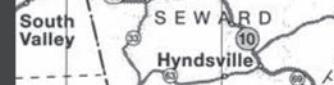
Gail will play all your requests, and all are welcome for a night of fun, music, and fellowship.

Then at the Sunday morning service on October 26, we will have special guest speaker David Hansen, as he shares a message of inspiration. David is the former director of Tri-State Family Christian Center and pastor of the Gathering in Port Jervis, New York.

The church doors are open. Come join us.

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

## Seward

**By Dana Cudmore**  
**Farmers' Market October Events**

Seward's twice-monthly Farmers and Artisans' Market wraps up its season with two October sales and events.

In addition to the dozen or more outdoor vendors available at the corner of Lowe Road and Route 10, shoppers and visitors can expect the local Jeep Club on Wednesday, October 8, and dog trainer Ashley Pierce and the Sharon Pathfinders' Snowmobile Club on October 22. Live music is also planned.

Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. on both days.

**Town Board Meeting Ahead**

The Seward Town Board meets Monday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. at town offices on Lowe Road. As usual, the meeting is just ahead of the TJ correspondents' deadline, so I'll try to follow up the following paper.

Meetings are open to the public and time is usually set aside for public comments and questions. Private, off-the-record meetings by officials are sometimes called to discuss legal or confidential personnel matters.

**October in the Cave Country**

The first Howe Caverns corporation was formally incorporated on October 11, 1927. This is the organization that developed the "modern" cave seen today, raising the equivalent of about \$4 million in today's money to ready the cave for the public.

John Gebhard, Jr., a self-educated naturalist who became one of the first curators of the New York State Museum, was born in Schoharie on October 22, 1802. He explored many of

the area's caves and amassed a huge collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils from the area. Many became part of the museum's early public displays and are still held in the state's archives.

Both items are excerpts from "Underground Empires: Two Centuries of Exploration, Adventure & Enterprise in NY's Cave Country."



A millstone used to grind grain into flour at a historic mill in Seward is now on display at the town offices on Lowe Road. The water-powered Rice's Mill was located near the intersection of Bush Road and West Creek Road, not far from Hyndsville. The millstone had been tucked away for decades at the town barn and recently placed on exhibit as part of the town's "micro-project initiative."

**The Bus Comes Tuesdays**

Schoharie County Public Transportation's Route 10 bus service from Cobleskill to Sharon runs every Tuesday, including to/from the Seward area—if reservations are made by noon the day before. The number to call is 518-234-0952.

The Seward-Sharon-Cobleskill route is SCPT's "Route 5 Demand Response" service.

Pick-ups on Tuesdays start in the Seward area at 7:30 a.m.

"The bus will pick you up at your home and bring you to Cobleskill for shopping, medical appointments, and other errands," said Lora Newell, the business manager at SCPT.

The service provides shuttle service to riders between multiple stops, including Walmart and Price Chopper.

At noon, the bus starts its return trip, departing from Cobleskill after giving passengers

Seward business either online or in person.

The phone number at the town office is 518-234-2292. You can send questions and concerns about town business to Seward officials 24/7 at Town.seward.clerk@seward-town-ny.gov.

Town Clerk Brenda Southworth holds office hours at the town building on Lowe Road on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Times Journal is a legal paper for the Town of Seward. Important public notices will appear in that section of the paper.

**It Ain't News**

Both Mark Twain and Will Rogers are reported to have coined the axiom, "It ain't news until it's in the newspaper."

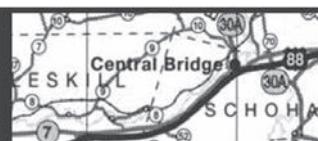
That was more true before the age of digital media, but readers in and around the Seward area should still share their news, events, and/or social items—milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations here. To have your news them included in this column, email dcmedia@aol.com. You can also reach out to me at my website/blog, www.howecaverns-tales.com.

The deadline is Sunday before the Thursday of publication.

Readers' feedback is also welcome, as are suggestions.

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## Central Bridge



By Janice Wilkens

### QUOTE

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." — Robert Frost, 1874-1963, was an American poet, which I hope all of you remember having heard of him while studying poetry in English class in school.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our daughter Christin Bianco was the guest of honor at her birthday dinner at Druther's Brewing Company in Schenectady on Sunday. Many people attended to help her celebrate her 40th birthday, including her husband Matt; their children Tre', Veronika, and Juliana; her father, Chris Wilkens; her parents-in-law Anthony and Sharon Bianco; her brother Ben; her sister-in-law Cait; her nephew Aiden Wilkens; two of her nieces, Charlotte Wilkens and Alena Hahn; friends Eric and Cindy and their children Sierra, Ryleigh, and Tessa; Trudy and her husband Ricky; and Amanda Borthwick-Rodriguez and her husband Tony and their daughter Anna. I was not able to attend the event, since it overlapped my final performance in the play "Free to Be...You and Me," followed by a wonderfully fun cast party with lots of food and games at the Warnerville home of our director.

### BOOK REVIEW

My latest read was "The Hazel Wood" by Melissa Albert. I find it hard to describe this book without ruining it



Contributed photo  
Libby Hammecker (left, "Vickie"), Janice Wilkens ("Janet"), and Leslie Rigley Lambert ("William") in the scene "It's All Right to Cry" during "Free to Be...You and Me" at the Cobleskill United Methodist Church.

for you, since it didn't turn out at all as I thought or hoped it would. Gauged for young adult readers, this story was well written and thought provoking.

### THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

Friday, October 3 — opening reception of Gilboa Barns and Farms art show featuring local artists at the Gilboa Museum, 122 Stryker Road, Gilboa, 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 4 — 3rd annual Schoharie County Fall Festival at the Old Stone Fort, 10 a.m.

Outdoor Festival Farmers Market from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Gathering Place,

located at 127 Kenyon Road in Cobleskill.

Autumn Nature Journaling at the John Burroughs State Historical Site, 1415 Burroughs Memorial Road, Roxbury.

October 4-5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Schoharie County Arts Third Annual Driveabout (featuring Gilboa Museum's Barns and Farms art show).

### CBCA

Reminder that the new hours for the Farmers Market have changed to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and continue through the end of this month. The annual Halloween party will be at the Methodist Church on Saturday, October

25, 1 to 3 p.m. with games, crafts, refreshments, and reverse trick or treating.

### BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 2, annual turkey supper and quilt raffle. Sit-down dinner and take-outs begin at 4:30 p.m. and go to 6 p.m. or until sold out. Get a great meal made by loving hands for less than \$20.

October 5, worship service with Pastor Jeff at 9 a.m. Serving as acolyte will be Abby Caiazzo, lector will be Mark VanDerwerken, altar flowers will be provided by Sandy Deems, usher will be Phil Rogers, and music will be provided by Cathy Caiazzo and the choir.

There will be a reception in the side room after church.

Tuesday, October 7, Busy Bee Crafters meet at 10 a.m. in the parsonage.

Wednesday, October 8, Ladies Auxiliary meets at 10 a.m. in the church.

Email: [bethanycentralbridge@gmail.com](mailto:bethanycentralbridge@gmail.com)

### CBMC

Central Bridge Methodist Church and Caye Perrotti invite you to join them any Sunday morning at 10:30. Their doors are always open, and everyone is welcome.

The Administrative Board and Trustee meeting has been changed to October 9 at 5 p.m.

There is a basket in the back of the church for any nonperishable food items for the food pantry.

We are still collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house in Albany. All tabs can be placed in the jar on the back table of church.

Sunday, October 5, will be World Communion Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

If you have an emergency or would like to speak to Caye Perrotti, please call 518-868-4226. Please speak slowly and loudly and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Events at the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project during October's Energy Awareness Month:

October 11-13, Pathways Through History

October 18, Spooktacular

### SCHOHARIE COUNTY ARTS

October 10 at 7 p.m. — Classical Guitar Virtuoso Pe-

ter Fletcher in Concert at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, 314 Main Street, Schoharie.

October 26 at 2 p.m. — Author's Hour with M. K. Graff, award-winning mystery writer at the Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill. [www.schohariecountyarts.org](http://www.schohariecountyarts.org).

### SOUP'S ON

October 11, Soup and a Stroll in Esperance with "Esperance Street Names and Their Connection to Revolutionary War Veterans" by Ken Jones, Historian.

### HIKE

October 24, Haunted Hike at 161 Mine Kill State Park, North Blenheim.

### CENTRAL BRIDGE POST OFFICE HOURS

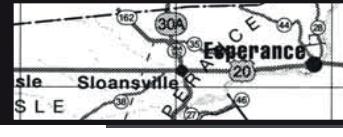
The lobby is open from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. On Saturdays, it opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 11 a.m. The retail window is open Mondays through Fridays beginning at 8 a.m. and going until noon.

Then it reopens at 1 p.m. and closes at 3 p.m. On Saturdays, it is open from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

### GOT NEWS?

If you have community events or any news to share, please send a message with the subject line, "Central Bridge News" to [Wwilkenjan@aol.com](mailto:Wwilkenjan@aol.com) or call 518-868-2790 no later than 6 p.m. on Sunday to meet next week's deadline.

## Esperance



By Linda Feuz

**Profound prose for pondering people:** What singer has had a Billboard No.1 hit in each of the last four decades? Mariah Carey. Did you know that guitar icon Slash's mom was a designer for John Lennon, Ringo Starr, David Bowie, Linda Ronstadt, and The Pointer Sisters?

Hey! It's not too late to experience the yearly fest of a feast that the Central Bridge Lutherans band together and provide for the community—the annual Turkey Dinner. Today, 4:30 to 6 p.m. 868-2868. It's most likely too late to call in a drive-through order, but you can dine in...unless you're reading your TJ after dinner at home with your feet propped up and a cup of coffee at your side. In that case, you've missed it this year, but it is always the first Thursday in October, so put the date on the fridge until you get your 2026 calendar. Put it in your phone calendar...genius idea. My apologies for not expounding on this sublime event before today...my very bad.

**Our favorite yoga instructor is back**—Venus is leading chair yoga at the Elks Lodge, upstairs, at 6:30 p.m.

on Wednesday nights. Come and join in...and r-e-l-a-x.

**Esperance Historical Museum and Library**—Email address to make contact is [esperancehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:esperancehistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Stay in the loop on events on the Facebook Event Page.

Here comes our annual Soup and Stroll! From EHS President Ken Jones, "Meeting at the Esperance Museum at 123 Church Street, October 11, at 1 p.m. for our annual Soup & Stroll Historic Walking Tour, we will walk from there to view the streets of Esperance and their ties to Revolutionary War Veterans and the Veterans' stories including Maj. Gen. Steuben, the drill master of the Revolution and his two aides, North & Walker, who were lifelong friends. Also, a traditional Militia soldier and a soldier captured by the British & Indians. We will be accompanied by a soldier in period uniform and will finish our day sampling homemade soups at the Methodist Church Tiffany Community Room on Main Street. This is a free event although donations are appreciated to benefit the museum. Registration is required for free tickets

click: [SoupnStroll2025.eventbrite.com](http://SoupnStroll2025.eventbrite.com)." (Side note from this columnist; perhaps Ken and his crew will be able to unravel the mystery of one of our streets—is it Compton or is it Cumpston?)

**Landis Arboretum Activities**—Access the website for more information at [landisarboretum.org](http://landisarboretum.org). Coming events: October 10th — Fall Walk through Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve at 1 p.m. at Ann Lee Pond. October 12th — Second Annual Landis Big Sit Bird Watch at 6 a.m. (yep, in the early morning!) at the Meeting House deck. Also on October 12th — Can I Eat This? at 1 p.m. at the Meeting House. Just strolling through the grounds as the leaves show brilliant hues is a magnificent venture.

**Our Post Office** window hours are Monday through Friday from 7:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. Local 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

from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her email is [esperancetownclerk@outlook.com](mailto:esperancetownclerk@outlook.com). Town Justice Tom Slater conducts court on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. at 1216 Hwy Rte. 30A in Sloansville. The court office phone is 518-868-5165 and the email address is [EsperanceTownCourt@nycourts.gov](mailto:EsperanceTownCourt@nycourts.gov). Town Board meets on the third Thursday at 104 Charleston Street, starting at 7 p.m.

**Village of Esperance**—Village phone: 518-875-9044 at the office on Church Street. Village Clerk Michelle Parks's office hours are on Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m. or by appointment. The Village Board meets on the second Monday at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall at 113 Church Street.

**Esperance Methodist**

**Church**—Service is at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning in the sanctuary. Verelyn Robertson has begun a card-sending campaign, providing words of encouragement to folks in need of a little cheer. Each week she'll choose a different recipient, so if you are aware of someone needing some fellowship contact, give her a call at 518-875-

6604. Faith Adventure Club classes meet at 10:45 a.m. and enrollment is open to all children ages five and up.

We're excited to launch Mosaic Youth Group: Suddenly Sunday, open to all youth in grades 6 to 12! The group will meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, rotating locations: once in Cobleskill and once in Esperance. (On Cobleskill weeks, car pools will leave ESUMC at 3:30 p.m.) The church website is [www.esperancesloansvilleumc.org](http://www.esperancesloansvilleumc.org). Pastor Alisyn's email: [pastoralisyn@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralisyn@gmail.com).

**Presbyterian Church** (the Stone Church on Church Street)—Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

**Schoharie Valley Gospel Church** at 133 Sprakers Road in Sloansville holds services at 10:30 a.m.

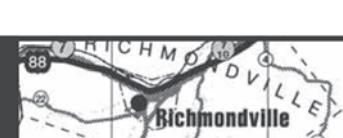
**Schoharie Reformed Church** service is at 10 a.m. Sunday School is in session, convening after being together with family during the first part of our worship service in the sanctuary. The kiddos leave to go to the community room for their special lessons after hearing a children's message during the sanctuary

service.

**On a personal note**, we had a stately elm tree in our backyard for 25 years...it died this year, and its trunk and branches have gone on to heat the Smith homestead and shop. Thanks to Dave and Jeremy, who got the benefit of warmth from all the work in cutting it to firewood-sized chunks to keeping them warm through the cold winter months; they left the yard immaculately cleaned up. We're grateful. Same situation at the barn—dead elm, helpful neighbors, double warmth, grateful friends. On a totally separate marvel, I got to view Saturn in the night sky on Sunday night September 21st...and then welcomed in Fall on Monday the 21st. God is good. I reported the wrong dates for Irene Bray's calling hours and burial service...the correct date is Friday, October 3rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Langan Funeral Home, with burial at the Sloansville Valley Cemetery on Saturday, October 4th, at 11a.m.

Hug the special people you love whenever you get the chance. Contact me anytime at 518-875-6443 or e-mail to [lfeuz27@gmail.com](mailto:lfeuz27@gmail.com).

## Richmondville



By Ann Lape

Hi, readers.

Have you noticed an increase in long-legged insects lately? Daddy long-legs and crane flies are both large, harmless, and fragile insects. They are non-aggressive and non-venomous. Both species are a benefit to humans, because they eat other insects.

**October 5** — Blessing of the Animals at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, located at 138 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill, will take place at 2

p.m. in the church parking lot. All are invited to bring pets of any kind for this special blessing in honor and memory of St. Francis of Assisi.

**October 6** — Full Harvest Moon. This moon's orbit is at its closest point to Earth, which will make the moon appear bigger and brighter, with a golden color known as a Super Moon.

**October 7** — Richmondville Volunteer Fire Department will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the

firehouse. Fire Prevention Week will be from October 5th through the 11th. This event is held nationally on the week that October 9th falls and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire. President Calvin Coolidge first signed prevention week into law a hundred years ago, in 1925.

This year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety," which is about lithium-ion batteries, found in many electronics in our homes. To prevent battery-related fires,

learn how to buy, charge, and recycle these batteries safely.

**October 8** — The Ecumenical Bible Study group meets each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon in the Richmondville United Methodist Church. All faiths are welcome to attend.

**October 9** — Town of Richmondville monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the RICHMONDVILLE FIREHOUSE for this month's meeting only. The magistrates, who rotate from town

to town, are using the Town Office that evening for Richmondville's turn to host their meeting.

**October 17** — Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Richmondville Cemetery Association, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Richmondville Firehouse, located at 288 Main Street. Eat-in or take-out meals. All proceeds go to support the Richmondville Cemetery Association.

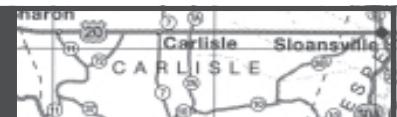
Village of Richmondville leaf and brush pick-up

through November 7th. This pick-up is once a week at the Village DPW's convenience. Please have your leaves in paper bags (available at the Village office) and brush bundled and tied in four-foot lengths. Both can then be placed curbside, and the Department of Public Works will pick-up.

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.

## Carlisle



### By Chris Keefer

Greetings, Carlisle, and welcome to fall! The leaves on our maples started turning glorious colors last week, like all the foliage in the greater Carlisle area. This annual display of nature's fireworks is one of the many reasons why our communities are a wonderful place to live and to visit.

**Historical Society:** The Carlisle Historical Society invites all to our October program "1939 Cobleskill," on Wednesday, October 8. We have a video made by the Exchange Club in that year of Cobleskill's people, places, cars, shops, and livelihoods. It's a silent film, but lots of fun to watch and to identify the folks in the movie. Program starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 541 Crommie Road, and we serve legendary refreshments afterward. It would be great to have current Exchange Club members join us.

**Town Biz:** This is posted at the Town Hall: The Town

of Carlisle is hiring a Board of Assessment Review Member. Please attend the Town Board meeting on September 3 and October 1, but also on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. to apply.

**Shout Out:** To Dawn M., who I met at the Canjo Street Fair. She picked up a copy of my chapbook "Battle in the Bathroom," then took the time to write to say how much she enjoyed it. Thanks for the news, Dawn! Great to hear from you.

**School Vacation:** CRCS will observe Columbus Day on Monday, October 13. All school buildings are closed for that day. Enjoy the long weekend.

**Birding Report:** Sue H. reports a flock of Eastern Bluebirds in her yard a few days ago. She said they may have been attracted to the sound of the waterfall in her water garden. That's a definite possibility, especially in light of our pre-recent rainfall, drought conditions. We have



Maple trees vibrantly introducing fall.

Contributed photo

had a cement birdbath with a dripping water jug over it all summer, as small, safe water pools have dried up. The sound of the falling water attracted all sorts of birds for us. Enjoy those bluebirds, Sue!

We haven't had hummingbirds in a few weeks, so those feeders can come down, but it's not quite time to get started with the winter bird feeding routines. It's too warm, in my opinion, and there is plenty to eat in the wild. I'll save my sunflower seeds for the end of the month.

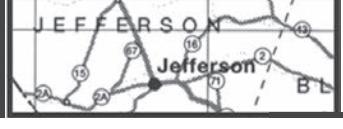
**Supermoon:** We are expecting a supermoon on October 7. What is a supermoon? A supermoon is an astronomical phenomenon that occurs when a full moon coincides with the moon's closest approach to the Earth, known as perigee. This phenomenon makes the moon appear slightly larger and brighter than usual. I remember a supermoon a few years back that rose right over the

hill, and when I crested the hill, the moon was so large and bright, I nearly hit the brakes! I'm looking forward to this one. Where is there a good place to view the supermoon in Carlisle?

**Farmers Market:** The Central Bridge Farmers Market (Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.), Festival Farmers Market (Saturdays 10 a.m.), and the Seward Farm and Artisan Market (various dates 4 p.m.) will all be open in October. Fall crops are plentiful, so buy local and support your farmers and neighbors. Don't forget Broadwells on Mickle Road in Carlisle. I can't go by their place without an irresistible, magnetic pull to turn in and buy a peach hand pie!

**Got News?** Send news of birthday greetings, announcements about town, good news, happy thoughts, travels and visits, and good birds to carlisle.news12031@gmail.com or call 518-339-3664. Have a great week.

## Jefferson



### By Bonnie C. Dailey

The holiday season is almost upon us! Ghosts, goblins, witches, and pumpkins can be found all over town, and the smell of simmering spiced cider makes this my favorite time of year.

This week's Revolutionary War patriot from Jefferson is David Lyman Bailey (1757-1839). Born in Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, to David Bayley and Eunice Brown, David enlisted in Stonington in the spring of 1777 for three years' service.

In his 1832 sworn declaration supporting his application for a pension, David stated that he served as a private under Captain Amos Stanton in Col. Henry Sherbourne's Regiment in the Connecticut line of the Continental Army. His assigned duty was to serve as a waiter to Captain Stanton. Nevertheless, Bailey marched to Danbury, Connecticut, a few days after it was burned (in April 1777), helped build the forts at West Point, and was quartered there during the winter of 1777.

In August of 1779 he marched to Rhode Island under the command of General Sullivan. He participated in the Battle of Rhode Island later that month and was taken prisoner by Hessians. David stated that he was "particularly examined" as a prisoner by Robert Pigot, the British officer in command of Rhode Island. After being detained as a prisoner about two or three months, he was exchanged. David then imme-

diately rejoined his company and regiment in Rhode Island and was quartered at Bristol for much of the winter of 1779. Bailey stated that he was marched to Morristown, New Jersey, in late 1779 or early 1780, where he helped build, and was quartered in, huts built for the Army. He remained there until the spring of 1780 when he was discharged, having faithfully served his three-year term of enlistment.

David filed a supplemental declaration in support of his pension application in 1833, adding that he also served in the Connecticut militia under Captain Halsey for three months from late 1776 to early 1777. He was stationed in Providence, Rhode Island, where he kept guard for much of that winter and then marched to New London, where he was discharged. In David's supplemental application, he mentions that he and several other soldiers were inoculated for smallpox in 1777 after marching to Groton, Connecticut. He names numerous individuals who can testify to his service, as well as to his integrity and veracity.

From the considerable number of individuals he references in support of his application, it seems that the War Department either could not locate records of his service or was reluctant to grant him a pension. Perhaps both were true. Despite having applied for a pension in 1818 (those papers were apparently lost), and again in 1832, supplemented by an addition-



Contributed photo

A portrait of General Robert Pigot, a British officer in the Revolutionary War.

al filing in 1833, David did not receive a pension during his lifetime. A payment was made, in arrears, to his widow Eunice.

According to her widow's pension application, Eunice and David were married on March 1, 1783, in Brattleboro, Vermont. The couple had at least four children, Cornelius, Olive, David, Lucy, and possibly one other son who died before reaching

adulthood. David stated in his declaration that he moved to Jefferson in 1806 after having lived in several places after the war, including Hartland, Vermont, Shavertown, New York, and Rensselaerville, New York. Eunice finally began to receive her widow's pension in 1848.

In 1857, at age 96, Eunice was awarded 160 acres of Bounty Land for her husband's Revolutionary War

service. Their combined pension application, W 18552, is 76 pages long. David and Eunice are buried together in Beechwood Cemetery on Blenheim Hill Road in Jefferson.

Many of us remember Mildred Bailey, Jefferson's Town Historian and Schoharie County Historian. Although Mildred's maiden name was Lewis, her husband, Howard Bailey, was a 2nd great grandson of Revolutionary war patriot David L. Bailey and his wife Eunice Ward.

Now, back to 2025! Things have been fairly quiet in Jefferson this week, as the rain kept us all inside most of the time. Events are coming up, though. Here's a preview:

#### Senior Center

The final trip of the year, an Otsego Lake Boat tour, is planned for October 10. Check the Facebook page for details or come for lunch and hear all about it! The Senior Center is open, and lunch is served regularly there at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week for a \$5 fee. If you plan to visit the center for lunch, please make reservations the morning of the day before. You can call the Jefferson Senior Center site at 607-652-9075 to make a reservation. Coffee and goodies are always on hand, and seniors can meet and socialize during those hours. The Senior Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the senior center, 1333 Main Street (downstairs in the George Danforth Community Center).

The Jefferson Historical Society

"The Spirit of the Community" art show will take

place at Judd Hall (163 Main Street) in Jefferson on October 4 and 5 as part of the weekend's Schoharie County Arts Driveabout. Come see works by local artists! On Sunday, October 26, WWI soldier Carl Skidmore's letters home to his family from the European front, and to Carl from his family here, will be read in a dramatic presentation at 3 p.m. at Judd Hall. Some of Carl's possessions can be seen on display upstairs at Judd Hall after the presentation.

**Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing**

Jefferson's Town Board will hold its October Board Meeting in Jefferson's Town Hall at 677 N. Harpersfield Road on Thursday, October 16, at 7 p.m. The meeting will conclude a public hearing concerning the Town of Jefferson Solar Energy Facility Law, regarding regulation of commercial and private solar energy. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

**Methodist Church**

Jefferson's Abundant Source Thrift Shop is open on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 and Saturday afternoons from noon to 3. The Thrift Shop is in the George Danforth Community Center.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

meets in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church on Main Street in Jefferson Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m.

**Jefferson's Food Bank**

distributes food from 9 to 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the Food Pantry, which is also located downstairs in the George Danforth Community Center (1333 Main Street). Donations of food or cash are always appreciated.

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# Library News

## THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, COBLESKILL

Thank you to all supporters of The Friends of the Library Basket Raffle and Book Sale! The Friends presented the Library with a \$4000 check. These fundraisers help to support the Library's summer reading program, polar bear reading, tiny art, puzzle race, museum passes, battle of the books, and so much more.

On Thursday, October 2, at 6 p.m., **Libby** for Overdrive. Are you interested in using your device to download books, audiobooks, and magazines? Are you currently downloading but paying for your books? Library Director Kim Zimmer will introduce you to the Libby App on the Overdrive platform and demonstrate how you can **get your books, audiobooks, and magazines for free**. All you need is your library card. Participants should bring their laptop, tablet, kindle/Fire, phone, power cords, Amazon passwords, and their library card.

Fridays, **learn or relearn how to play the card game Bridge** from 10 a.m. to noon in the program room. No experience necessary. A SCHOOL sponsored program.

The Library's Local History Room is open by appointment or on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Friday, October 3, at noon: **Fan Favorites Book Club**. Join us on the first Friday of every month for our casual conversation about the books, tv series, and movies we love. No assigned readings, just a chance to meet people, talk about things you love, and perhaps pick up a few suggestions on things that will become your new favorite obsession.

Saturday, October 4, at 10 a.m.: the **Friends of the Library Meeting** in the Library. Friends are holding monthly meetings. Learn more about the next fundraiser on November 14. Interested in joining and learning more about upcoming fundraisers to support the Library and how you can help? Want to join The Friends? Visit <https://communitylibrarycableskill.org/friends/> or email [friendscommunitylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendscommunitylibrary@gmail.com) for more information.

**Tabling Tuesdays** – The Community Library invites nonprofit, 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. On Tuesday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., stop by the library to meet with Christiana Okezi, a law associate in the **Immigration Department of the Hiscock Legal Aid Society**, with questions about immigration law and the services offered by this Syracuse-based law office.

Tuesdays, join your neighbors and make new friends during the **Tuesday Knitters group!** You can find them in the program room at 1 p.m. Bring your own supplies and learn something new while you chat, listen, or just get in your zone.

**Paws for Reading** – Join our favorite therapy dogs and cat for reading and cuddles! This is a great, relaxed opportunity for kids to practice their reading with a friendly face. All ages welcome. No registration necessary. 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, October 7, 14, and 21, with either Stevie or Lily (dogs); Wednesdays with Athena (cat); and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, October 9 and 23, with Nico (dog). \*\*Please note: Paws for Reading programs may have to be cancelled or rescheduled at short notice, according to therapy animal and handler availability. We recommend calling ahead on Paws for Reading days to check program status.

Tuesdays, October 7 and 21, at 5 p.m., **Teen Dungeons & 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.

Tuesdays, October 7 and 21, at 6 p.m., **Adult Dungeons & Dragons Club**. Join our Adult Gaming group on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for board games, card games, and D&D.

Wednesday weekly **Story Time with Ms. Courtney** at 10:30 a.m. Young children and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for fun stories, songs, and early literacy activities. No registration necessary.

The Library will be **closing at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8**, for staff to attend the Mohawk Valley Library System Annual Meeting.

Thursday, October 9, at 1 p.m., the **Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting**. Meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, October 9, at 4 p.m., **All Ages Craft Buffet**. Each month we bring out our arts & crafts supplies and invite you to come in and make something wonderful. Painting, drawing, origami, knitting, beadwork, embroidery, you name it. We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity.

Tuesday, October 14, at 4 p.m., **Kids Lego Club**. Come build LEGO at the library! Try one of our themed building challenges, or build something that inspires you. We've got the LEGO, just bring your imagination! Open to kids in grades K–8.

Tuesday, October 14, at 6 p.m., **Teen Anime Club**. Hang out with anime at the library! Each month we watch a couple of anime episodes, make an easy craft, and eat snacks. Open to grades 6–12 (ages 11–18).

Tuesday, October 14 and 28, at 6 p.m., the **Short Fiction Workshop**. Adult Services Librarian Don LaPlant is back to run this monthly writing workshop for teens and adults' featuring 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, October 15, at 6 p.m., **The Erie Canal at 200**. The Erie Canal is celebrating its bicentennial in 2025 and we invite you join us for a special presentation by the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. This program outlines the story of the canal and how it has been heralded in pop culture, folklore, and the history books. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the canal and its role in New York's history and economy.

Friday, October 17, at 11 a.m., **Day Writers**. This new program is for folks seeking a creative outlet where they can write for fun and self-reflection and share their work with others. Moderator Don LaPlant will provide a few prompts and exercises and let writers respond in whatever way they'd like, whether it's poetry, short fiction, a political rant, nature writing, a personal memory from childhood, or some new literary hybrid no one's ever tried before. Participants can choose to share the works with the group, but our focus will be on personal enrichment rather than things like grammar, criticism, or a concern with getting published. Open to adults with any level of writing experience or training.

Saturday, October 18, **All Ages Pumpkin Painting Party**. Get in the fall spirit with some pumpkin painting! We'll have paints, brushes, and smocks to make a fun Halloween decoration. Participants are welcome to bring their own pumpkins or paint one of our limited number of small pumpkins. Paint your pumpkin like a scary creature, a book character (our favorite!), or anything else you like. Kids, teens, and adults welcome!

Wednesday, October 22, at 6 p.m., **Needle Felted Jack-O-**

**Lanterns**. This workshop will introduce adult beginners (18+) to the ancient craft of needle felting with a fun, simple project making a 2-D or 3-D jack-o'-lantern for Halloween. We'll provide all the supplies and instruction you need to create your own original decorative creation to take home. (More experienced needle felters are welcome to join the fun, but we're focusing this time on this one project. Our Fuzzy Belly Felting Club will begin again in November.) Registration required.

Thursday, October 23, at 1 p.m., **Senior Planet—Outdoor Adventure Apps**. Did you know that your smartphone can enhance your outdoor experiences? This lecture introduces popular outdoor apps for all kinds of wilderness adventures from hiking and biking to camping and fishing. You'll learn about useful app features such as GPS navigation, nature ID, real-time updates and more. We'll also cover considerations for choosing apps and best practices regarding data and privacy. An AARP program for adults.

Thursday, October 23, at 6 p.m., **Trivia Night!** Assemble a team and join us for our monthly trivia contest covering a range of general knowledge categories.

**Reminder to artists** that your Library Friends Slate is due on Friday, October 24, by 2 p.m!

Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m., the Library will host the **Schoharie County Arts Authors' Hour** with award-winning mystery author M.K. Graff. Join us for a fascinating reading and talk on "Death in the Orchard." Set in Schoharie, this Trudy Genova mystery features family intrigue, a cold case, and a killer hidden in the midst of a close-knit community. "Death in the Orchard" won first place in the Mystery & Mayhem Award from Chanticleer International Book Awards!

Thursday, October 30, at 6 p.m., **Game Explorers**. This new program for adults and teens (16+) will introduce one tabletop game (e.g., board, card, dice, role-playing games) each session. We'll teach participants the setup, rules, and strategies first, then play a few games as a group. Learn new games, meet new people, and have fun. The game for September 2025 is the award-winning game Codenames from the Czech Republic.

**Library of Things** – Did you know the library has museum passes, fishing poles, binoculars, Blu-ray player, and board games that you can borrow with your library card?

**Educate Station** – Free access to worksheets, activities, and learning plans with your library card. The site has practical and easy to use online resources for parents, guardians and educators working with students in grades K–5.

**Plastic Donation Box** – So far, your donations have helped to secure a bench for all of the Cobleskill-Richmondville school buildings, the Warnerville warming center, and the Cobleskill Methodist Church. The Library is next! Help us collect plastic to turn into a bench. You can drop your household plastic in the donation box in the library's vestibule to reach our 1,000-pound goal. No dirty or crinkly plastic.

**The Community Library Information:**

**Location:** 110 Union St, Cobleskill, across from the Post Office.

**Curbside Pickup:** Give us a call at 518-234-7897 to schedule a pickup.

**Returns:** Silver bin at the end of the ramp or inside in the return box.

**Website:** [www.Communitylibrarycableskill.org](http://www.Communitylibrarycableskill.org)

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**Facebook:** [thecommunitylibrarycableskill](https://www.facebook.com/thecommunitylibrarycableskill)

**Instagram:** [commlibcableskill](https://www.instagram.com/commlibcableskill)

**Event Calendar with age-appropriate programs:** <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents>

**Library Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## MIDDLEBURGH LIBRARY

**10/1 – Tickets available for Hogwarts Halloween** – Free tickets for our Hogwarts Halloween event became available on Wednesday, October 1. The link will be on our Facebook page and on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](https://www.middleburghlibrary.info). Tickets are limited and go quickly! Hogwarts Halloween takes place on Saturday, October 25, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m.

**10/4 – 2 p.m. – Vegan Cooking by the Book** – Join us for a vegan culinary adventure! Discover the joys of plant-based cooking with Vegan Bowl Attack, a cookbook that features over 100 easy-to-follow recipes for creating delicious, nutritious, and satisfying vegan meals.

Registration for this event is available online or in person at the library circulation desk. Drop by the library to browse through the Vegan Bowl Attack cookbook, and select your favorite recipe (or a few, if you can't decide) to prepare and share. We will provide you with copies of the recipes you choose.

On the day of the event, bring your homemade vegan dish to the library and join fellow participants for a fun potluck. Sample a variety of creative, plant-based dishes, and exchange ideas, tips, and experiences with other vegan enthusiasts. Discover new flavor combinations and explore the limitless possibilities of vegan cooking.

Whether you're experienced with vegan cooking or just beginning your journey into plant-based eating, this event is the perfect opportunity to expand your culinary horizons and indulge in delicious vegan creations.

**10/5 – 4 p.m. – Not So Quiet Concert** – James Gordon. As a solo singer-songwriter, and with the ground-breaking trio Tamarrack, James Gordon has recorded over forty albums and toured relentlessly around the world. He's written for symphony orchestras, musical theatre and dance works, scored films, and for more than ten years was heard on CBC radio as songwriter-in-residence for the "Basic Black" and "Ontario Morning" programs. There is a suggested donation of \$15. Space is limited, so reservations are required—call 518-827-4953.

**10/7 – 10:45 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime** – Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones ages 0–5 and their caregivers! We will read books, sing songs, and watch a short film based on our weekly theme. No registration is required.

**10/7 – 1 to 4 p.m. – Mahjong** – Join the ladies for games of Mahjong. If you don't know how to play, they will help you. Men are welcome, also.

**10/8 – noon to 12:45 p.m. – Chair Yoga**. New session! Improve your strength, flexibility, and mobility in Lucianna's Chair Yoga class! Lucianna says that a chair is an amazing tool that offers support for your body, but that's not all. A chair can also make things a little challenging, in a good way! Her unique sequences combine an array of movements and stretches that will have you learning something new every class. The exercises that you'll practice with Lucianna can also be done at home. Whether you join her for one class or all of them, you will see an improvement in the strength, flexibility, and mobility of both your body and mind. Registration is required. Reserve a spot today!

**10/8 – 2 to 3:30 p.m. – Digital Literacy: Internet Basics**. Learn internet basics with Mary Carrier of the Mohawk Valley

Library System. Registration requested but not required.

**10/9 – 4:30 p.m. – Second Thursday Stem with SMIST**. Join Walt Silva and the Schenectady Mohawk Initiative for Science and Technology (SMIST) in this fun STEM program geared towards kids in 4th through 6th grades. Registration is required.

**10/9 – 6 to 6:45 p.m. – Slow Flow Yoga with Lucianna** – Move with ease and intention in this grounding, gentle flow practice. We'll explore fluid movements that support mobility, build strength, and invite spaciousness into the body. A mindful pace allows time to connect with breath, soften tension, and tune in to the wisdom within. Perfect for all levels seeking a nurturing and supportive practice. Please note: bring a yoga mat and blanket. This class is for adults and older teens. Registration required.

**Be sure to check our calendar** on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

## SCHOHARIE FREE LIBRARY

**Schoharie Library Hours:** Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Storytime with Yvonne**: Fridays at 10 a.m. Stories, songs, fun activities!

**Writers' Group (Virtual)**: Mondays at 7 p.m.; <https://bit.ly/WritersGroupSHO>.

**Weekly balance classes** with Dr. Nicole Camporese PT, DPT, start Wednesday, October 8, 1:30 p.m. Learn and practice exercises to improve your balance. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/Balance-2025SHO> or email [jmosher@mvls.info](mailto:jmosher@mvls.info).

**Homeschool Hangout**: Wednesdays, October 8 and 22, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join other homeschooling families on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays to play, craft, and explore! No registration required.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**: Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

**Creative Connection**: Thursday, October 9, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a project and chat with other crafters, or use the library's supplies to make something. Monthly, second Thursdays.

**Block Printing w/Maeve McCool**\*, Wednesdays, October 15 and 29, 4 p.m.; create a design, carve it into a soft block, apply ink, and make your own unique prints. Best for ages 10 and up. <https://bit.ly/PrintOct2025>.

**Concert with contemporary folk duo Ash & Eric**\* on Friday, October 17. Doors open at 6 p.m., music at 6:30. Enjoy Ash & Eric's soaring voices, beautiful harmonies, and lively guitars as they perform original songs and some old favorites. Refreshments will be served. RSVP appreciated, but not required: <https://bit.ly/AshandEric2025>.

**STEM Program**: Tuesday, October 21, 4:30 p.m. Fun with the Schoharie Mohawk Initiative for Science and Technology. Build something and learn about how it works! Geared toward grades 4–6; other ages welcome.

**Crazy Quilting w/Betty Fikes Pillsbury**\*, Saturdays, October 25, November 8 & 22, 10 a.m. Make a quilt block of gorgeous fabrics, and embellish with embroidery and beads. Betty Fikes Pillsbury is an award-winning crazy quilter and an outstanding teacher—don't miss this opportunity! For ages 16 and up. <https://bit.ly/crazyquilt25>.

**For the Love of Books**: Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. The NO-pressure, NO-assigned-reading book group! Come visit with other book lovers and grow your To Be Read (TBR) pile. We meet once a month and share our favorite reads.

Dance or Treat: Friday, October 31, 4 to 6 p.m. Put on your costume and join us on the porch for a few dance moves before selecting a treat and heading down the street!

**An Evening with Local Authors**: Friday, November 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Listen to local authors read excerpts from their work and browse their books in a variety of genres. Enjoy refreshments as you chat with writers and book lovers. From children's books to YA fantasy to adult nonfiction, mystery, thrillers, and more, there's something for everyone!

**Printmaking with Amy Silberkleit**\*: Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrange designs from a variety of materials, apply ink, and create a unique monoprint. Come for the morning or stay all day. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/PrintmakingNov2025>.

**\*These projects are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a grant 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.**

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## SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a Real Property A&D Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM. The Public Hearing will be held via Conference Call. Call-in #: 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299.

REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of the acquisition by the City of New York of Fee Simple (Fee) interests in property through the Streamside Acquisition Program (SAP), on the following real estate in the County of Schoharie for the purposes of preserving and preventing the contamination or pollution of the New York City water supply system.

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A copy of the Mayor's Preliminary Certificate of Adoption and a map of the real estate interests to be acquired are available for public inspection upon request. Please call 914-749-5410.

In order to access the Public Hearing and testify, please call 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299 no later than 9:55 AM. If you need further accommodations, please let us know at least five business days in advance of the Public Hearing via e-mail at DisabilityAffairs@mocs.nyc.gov.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF SUMMONS

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE**  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE ULSTER SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, -against- MARY ANN WOLLABER-BRYAN AS LIMITED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DONNELLY a/k/a JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, KATHLEEN MILLER AS POSSIBLE HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DONNELLY a/k/a JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, CAROL JENSEN AS POSSIBLE HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DONNELLY a/k/a JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, JOSEPH JENSEN AS POSSIBLE HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DONNELLY a/k/a JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DONNELLY a/k/a JOSEPH C. DONNELLY, if living and if they be dead, any and all persons who may claim as devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors in interest of the said defendants, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INDEX NO. 2025-134 Plaintiff designates SCHOHARIE County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the situs of the real property. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended verified complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended verified complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended verified complaint. Commencement of this lawsuit does not affect your rights as set forth in the validation notice. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: June 23, 2025. TERENZI & CONFUSIONE, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff BY: Alexander S. Terenzi 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 304, Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 812-0800 The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage covering: 679 Bruce Pore Road a/k/a Pore Road, Stamford, NY 12167 JUDGMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$61,720.29 plus interest

**HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE** New York State law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT** You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1(800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>.

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Superior Storage will sell at Public Auction all the personal property stored by: Ashley Raggi in storage unit #R134 at 11:30 am on Friday, October 10th, 2025, at the premises of Superior Storage 441 Main Street Richmondville, NY 12149. Karen Dolen/Eric Dolen, as agent for Superior Storage.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY  
NOTICE OF  
FORMATION OF A  
LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
KAVH Consulting LLC. Filed 8/20/25. Cty: Schoharie. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 380 Cape Horn Rd, Stamford, NY 12167. Purp: any lawful.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Public Hearing Joint Planning Board for the Village of Sharon Springs and the Town of Sharon

The Joint Planning Board for the Village of Sharon Springs and the Town of Sharon will conduct a public hearing on October 15, 2025 at 6:45 pm at the Village office building, located at 129 Main Street in Sharon Springs, New York.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the application from Hoshino Resorts New York, LLC seeking site plan approval for the development of a mineral spa resort on lands owned and controlled by the applicant, including lands with frontage on Main Street within the Hoshino Resorts Planned Development District, comprised of approximately fifty (50) acres, in the Village of Sharon Springs (tax map nos. 5.14-2-1 and 5.9-1-5) and adjacent lands, comprised of approximately seven (7) acres, located within zones RA and OS in the Town of Sharon with frontage along Beechwood Road (tax map nos. 5.-2-25 and 5.-2-1). Copies of the project application materials and the full environmental assessment form are available through the Village Clerk's Office. The Village Clerk may be contacted by email at [clerk@vossny.com](mailto:clerk@vossny.com) or by telephone at (518) 284-2625.

The Village office building located at 129 Main Street in Sharon Springs is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact the Village Clerk by email at [clerk@vossny.com](mailto:clerk@vossny.com) or by telephone at (518) 284-2625, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Board by mail at P.O. Box 217, Sharon Springs, New York 13459 or by email at [clerk@vossny.com](mailto:clerk@vossny.com). Written comments must be received by the date of the public hearing.

### SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

RUN XIN BLOOMWELL LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/27/2025. Office: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 149 BRIDGE ST, SCHOHARIE, NY 12157. Purpose: Any lawful

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Upstate Trailer and RV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/13/25. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Bess Slater: 5133 State Route 10 Cobleskill NY 12043. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Cricket Ridge Services LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/24/25. Off. in Schoharie Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served & shall mail process to the LLC, 122 Gospel Ln, Schoharie, NY 12157. Any lawful purpose.

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

### SUMMONS

Supreme Court of New York, Schoharie County.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff -against-

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND

DISTRIBUTEES OF THE

ESTATE OF RICHARD

A. SMITH; UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA

(NORTHERN DISTRICT

- NEW YORK) O/B/O

INTERNAL REVENUE

SERVICE; NEW YORK

STATE DEPARTMENT OF

TAXATION AND FINANCE;

"JOHN DOE" AND "JANE

DOE" said names being

fictitious, it being the

intention of Plaintiff to

designate any and all

occupants of premises

being foreclosed herein.

Defendants Index No.

EF20252012. Mortgaged

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Section: 169 Block: 1 Lot:

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within thirty (30) days after

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any other manner than by

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within sixty (60) days of

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answer, judgment will be

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for the relief demanded in

the Complaint. NOTICE OF

NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

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above captioned action is

to foreclose on a mortgage

to secure \$115,893.00 and

interest, recorded in the

Schoharie County Clerk's

Office on July 3, 2009 in

Book 1378, on Page

114, Document Number

505978, covering the

premises known as 777

State Route 10, Jefferson,

NY 12093. The relief

sought herein is a final

judgment directing sale of

the premises described

above to satisfy the debt

secured by the mortgage

described above. Plaintiff

designates Schoharie

County as the place of

trial. Venue is based upon

the County in which the

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against you and filing the

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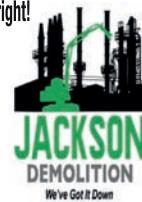
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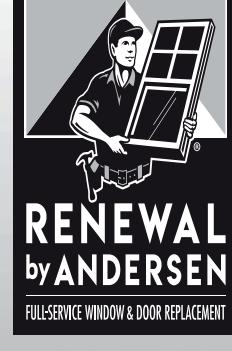
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# Spotlight on HISTORY

## Schoharie County's haunted history

By Pete Lindemann,  
Times Journal Staff

I don't believe in ghosts. But I do appreciate a good ghost story—especially those grounded in real history.

For example, take the **haunting of the Bull's Head Inn** in Cobleskill by the ghost of the woman who used to live there, Grace Steacy.

The story goes that Steacy was a teetotaler. After her death in 1964, her home, built in 1802 as an inn, was reopened as the Bull's Head Inn, which had a bar located smack-dab where her bedroom used to be.

This was just too much for the abstinent ghost to stand, so it is said that Steacy's spirit—dressed in white—haunts the Bull's Head Inn to this day, throwing napkins and silverware at drinkers at the bar.

So, let's do a fact check. Grace Steacy did live at what is now the Bull's Head Inn. And she was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. There is a newspaper account of a meeting of the WCTU at 2 Park Place—her address.

She died in 1964, and her former home was converted back to an inn—the Bull's Head.

But as far as Steacy's ghost bombarding imbibers in her old bedroom? You'll just have to have a drink at the bar at the Bull's Head, keep your eyes peeled, and be ready to duck.

Then there's the story of the **Esperance Witch**.

The following history was written by Ken Jones, Esperance historian, and published in the Schoharie County Historical Review, spring-summer 1993:

"The traditional story is that a Frenchman settled opposite



A stuffed Timothy Murphy sits outside the Middleburgh Library reading "Folklore from the Schoharie Hills" by Emelyn Elizabeth Gardner.

the widow's house and shot her.

Different versions suggest she was shot through a window or while she was in bed or cooking with two small children on the floor playing beside her.

Then they took her, put a stake through her heart and buried her on the opposite side of the creek to keep her spirit from crossing the water and revenging her death.

Another story has her buried beneath pine or willow trees on the Conover Road so that the roots would keep her from rising from the grave.

This story has been passed down from generation to generation."

While we don't know exactly where the Esperance Witch was buried, you can visit the grave of the local silversmith who fashioned the silver bullet, Storrs Messinger, 1799-1887, in the Esperance Cemetery on Burtonsville Road.

In my book, "Rambles in

to be reburied in Middleburgh Cemetery.

His body was described as being in a good state of preservation.

The story goes that the people of Middleburgh wanted to make sure the hero Murphy was not taken to the Old Stone Fort Cemetery and claimed by Schoharie.

You can visit Timothy Murphy's impressive monument, dedicated in 1910, at the Middleburgh Cemetery.

Next is **David Williams**, also of Revolutionary War fame, one of the three captors of the traitor Major Andre in 1780.

Williams has a tall memorial in the front dooryard of the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie. The memorial marks his final resting place—third and final, to be exact.

Williams moved to Liv-



The Esperance Witch would "take off her apron, lay it on the creek, and pole herself across. She would later pick up the apron dry and put it back on," wrote Ken Jones.

ingstonville, Town of Broome, Schoharie County, in 1806. Upon his death in 1831, he was buried in a quiet place at the foot of the mountain in Livingstonville where he had lived.

There he rested in peace.

Then came the nation's centennial in 1876, and amidst the frenzy of patriotism, there was a movement to have Williams's remains dug up and buried in nearby Rensselaerville.

Then there was a push to instead have him reburied at the Old Stone Fort.

This prompted the people of Rensselaerville to dig up his remains, and "hide them away in a trench under a tree by the roadside where they could not well be discovered," according to Marcus D. Raymond, in his 1903 paper "David Williams and the Capture of Andre."

"At last," writes Raymond, "after some delay, a peaceable arrangement was effected, and Schoharie carried off the poor much abused remains in triumph."

The remains of David Williams were removed to the Old Stone Fort on July 19, 1876, for his third, and final burial, "...escorted by a large procession headed by the American flag and amid martial music."

So finally, after resting in peace for nearly half a century, then enduring two disinterments, the remains of David Williams—the incorruptible patriot and captor of Major Andre—were laid to rest and, God willing, will so remain.

Let us hope that there is no paroxysm of patriotism around our nation's semiquincentennial next year that calls for any disturbance of his remains, keeping in mind the epitaph on the gravestone of William Shakespeare:

"Blessed be the man that spares these stones, and cursed be he that moves my bones."

A similar fate befell the remains of **Judge John M. Brown** of Carlisle, author of one of the first histories of our county, "A Brief Sketch of the First Settlement of the County of Schoharie by the Germans," 1823.

William Roscoe, also of Carlisle and who also wrote a much longer history of Schoharie County in 1882, writes:

"On the 4th of July, 1879, the remains of Judge Brown and wife were re-interred in the Carlisle cemetery in the presence of many hundred people..."

ple...

"Thirty-eight young ladies representing the States of the Union...paid homage to the patriots by casting evergreens and flowers in the graves..."

"The bones of the Judge were found, nearly entire, after a period of forty-one years interment. The brain was well preserved and was very large and weighty."

William Roscoe was born in 1837 and died in 1929. In 1927, he and his son Fitch recalled the original burial site of Judge Brown, according to Roland O. Bouck, in his "Our Visit with the Historian Roscoe," published in the Schoharie County Historical Review, fall 1956:

"A farmer had enclosed the plot and turned in his pigs. Fitch told us how they dug up the bodies, put the bones on a lumber wagon and brought the

explain.

"However, it soon appeared that this was only a stock threat, inherited from ancestors, with whom it had been far from meaningless.

"Since the hostility proved more intriguing than alarming, I remained in order to learn more of people who entertained such quaint notions.

"Eventually, by playing with children, by participating in local funerals, picnics, sales, dances, games, riddling contests, and whatever else came along, I succeeded in allaying suspicions to the extent that I was sometimes treated to 'high cake' and 'methiglum,' a liquor made chiefly from fermented 'wild honey'."

The result of Gardner's persistence is her 1937 book "Folklore from the Schoharie Hills."

In a chapter titled "Witchcraft," Gardner wrote about women in southern Schoharie County "reputed to be versed in black magic," who had died long ago:

"There was Granny Garlock, given to bewitching churning so that the butter would not come;

Witch Lehman, who had more butter to sell than her cows could possibly produce;

Witch Philter, who forced an able-bodied young woman to creep on all fours like a baby;

Bert Striker's wife, who pinched children black and

would not turn to butter."

Gardner's book is chockfull of such stories. Let's hear just two more—both from "A.H."—from the chapter "Ghost Stories."

"George Roe, a widower, about December, or near then, was going to get married to a widow. While they stood before the minister his first wife appeared and slapped his face, and told him he couldn't get married. Then she disappeared. Well, he is still single."

"Mrs. George Roe, who lived just above here, was a witch when she was living, and now that she is dead is a ghost."

Jack Wayman and his wife were at the Roe place sometime before she died and heard her tell Mr. Roe that she would haunt him after she was dead, in everything he did.

She said she would be in every picture that he would have taken. She meant if she was dead or alive.

She died a year ago last March, and the next September Pearl Roe, Rose Roe, Golda Bradley, and I went down to George Roe's to take some pictures.

George and his son were grinding a scythe, and I wanted their picture while they were working.

There was no one in front of the camera when I took the picture except the two men working at the grindstone.

But as you will see from the picture, there is a tall figure in back of the men. This picture is

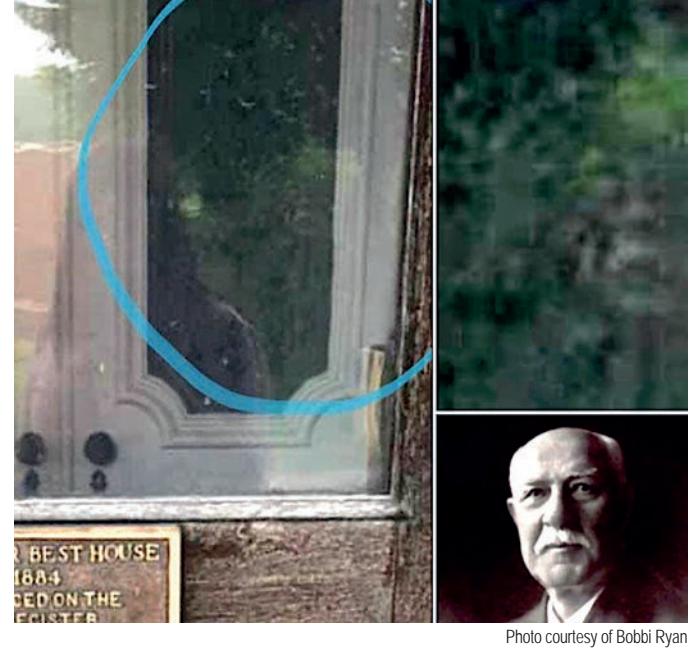


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This 2022 photograph was taken by a visitor to the Best House. She had gotten there early, and the volunteers had not yet arrived. The alarm was engaged and nobody was in the museum, according to Bobbi Ryan of the Best House. Ryan wrote that it appears to be Dr. Christopher Best, the founding doctor.

blue, and did her husband's ploughing by magic while he slept;

Granny Cobb who tortured young girls in distressing ways;

Witch Schermerhorn, whose hands were 'shot up' so that they were bent and twisted out of shape—a condition which came from the injuries generally believed to have been received when she had assumed the forms of partridges, cats, and other creatures.

The most interesting witch of all was Granny Cole, who was found with her body lying half out of her old brown skin while her soul was off witching.

The witch doctor was summoned and gave her such severe treatments that on the morning following his visit, when her neighbors went into her house, they found her dead."

Later in the same chapter, Gardner relates the story of one "M.J.B."

"A neighbor woman of ours got so out of patience because her butter wouldn't come that she took the churn full of cream and dashed the whole thing into the fireplace.

"A little while afterwards the woman heard that Granny Garlock was found burned to death sitting in her chair before her fire. Then the neighbor knew that Granny had bewitched the cream so that it

a good likeness of Mrs. George Roe, and it has been on exhibition some time for others to examine.

They all say it is Mrs. George Roe."

This example of dead people showing up in photographs is a good segue to our final subject, the **Dr. Best House** in Middleburgh.

Built in 1884, the Dr. Best House was home to two generations of physicians. Today it contains, according to the Visit Schoharie County website, "thousands of bottles, automotive memorabilia, clothing and quilts, to name a few as well as the fully stocked period kitchen and state-of-the-art medical equipment."

And apparitions.

I visited the Best House last week, and Bobbi Ryan, director of special events and outreach, shared some photographs with me. The photos are of living people that are now dead.

And they were also dead when the photos were taken.

Take a look at the photographs, and judge for yourself.

So, as we move into the Halloween season, keep your wits about you, and your eyes peeled, and let me know if you see anything strange out there that could be added to the next installment of Schoharie County's haunted history.



Photo courtesy of Bobbi Ryan

This photograph, inside the Best House, was taken about 1993, for insurance purposes. "Some people see a Civil War soldier in uniform," wrote Bobbi Ryan of the Best House. "Other people think it's Dr. Christopher Best because it looks like the apparition is wearing an apron or a long coat...I believe it's a woman and with that height I would guess it would be Ursula, Dr. Christopher Best's second wife. She was very tall and slender."

the Village on the Duanesburg side of the Creek with his family.

Soon after this, the husband died and the widow was left to care for her children in her own frugal French way.

Soon gossips spread word that she was a witch.

Witnesses said they had seen her take off her apron, lay it on the creek, and pole herself across. She would later pick up the apron dry and put it back on.

Other stories told of dying cattle and sick children that were blamed on her. The witch was also supposed to have caused the death of a Mr. McDuffie.

When he was drawing a log for the new school building he suffered a crushed leg that had to be amputated, which eventually led to his demise.

Sour milk and even a storm were blamed on her presence.

The Towns' folk met in a solemn conclave to decide her fate. Some say they met in the 1824 stone church, others say it was at the 1814 schoolhouse.

Nevertheless, a silver bullet was made from a silver spoon by Storrs Messinger, the local silversmith. The men went to

Photo from Hart, Charles Henry, 1847-1918. Browne's Life Masks of Great Americans. [New York: Printed at the De Vinne Press for Doubleday and McClure Company, 1899]

David Williams of Livingstonville—one of the captors of the traitor Major Andre—sat for this life mask in 1829. Two years later he died, was buried, rested in peace for 45 years, then was buried two more times.

unfruitful search for ballads, they charged me with being a 'guvment spy,' and sought to rid themselves of my unwelcome presence by announcing that they had no place for somebody they 'didn't know nothin' about.'

"When this inhospitable suggestion failed of the results they desired, they resorted to threats of 'the black bottle'—containing poison or something, which they refused to