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Our responsibility as a newspaper is to bring you local news. It's as simple—and as complicated—as that.

In a previous Front Porch article, Executive Editor HB Steadham discussed how publishing every arrest could be problematic, especially if the resources to follow the course of every arrest weren't available—resources like staffing.

Here at the Times Journal, we are a small but mighty team, with one full-time editor and two part-time journalists. Because we can't promise we'd be able to devote the resources necessary to cover every arrest through the dispensation of the case—to let the public know what happens from the time someone is arrested until the case is closed—we're not going to publish every arrest.

However, After much thought, input from the public, more thought, discussion among the team, and more thought,

address label

# Schoharie man arrested on charges of possessing and promoting sexual performance by a child

By Executive Editor HB Steadham and Snow Steadham, Times Journal Staff

SCHOHARIE — On Wednesday, October 1, the New York State Police announced the arrest of Jackson T. Goodman following a months-long investigation into the possession and promotion of child sexual abuse material.

Goodman, 30, was arrested at 2:21 p.m. in the Town of Cobleskill on the following charges: Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child Less than 17 Years of Age (a class D felony) and Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child Less Than 16 Years of Age (a class E felony).

The investigation began on April 15 at 7:28 a.m. after the State Police received a referral from the National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding suspicious online activity. Members of the Troop G Computer Crimes Unit, the Princetown Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant at Goodman's residence in the Town of Wright. Multiple electronic devices were seized and later forensically analyzed, revealing child sexual exploitation material.

Goodman is a 2024 graduate of SUNY Cobleskill with an associate's degree in science, emergency medical technology/technician, and had been a volunteer with the Schoharie Fire Department for 11 years.

Suzanne Rolfe, President of The Schoharie County Fire Department, released



Photo from Schoharie County Sheriff's Office

**Jackson Tyler Goodman has been arrested on two felony counts.**

a public statement on Facebook regarding his arrest: "We have been made aware of the recent arrest of one of our volunteer members. While we value the time and

dedication this volunteer has given to our community, the accusations do not align with the expectations and responsibilities of their role as a first responder... Effective immediately, the individual has been suspended from all fire department activities pending the outcome of the legal process and court system."

Goodman was also employed as a paramedic for Schoharie County, according to Administrator Bryan Best. "We are aware of the arrest of Jackson Goodman and the very serious and disturbing nature of the allegations," Best said in a statement Tuesday. "It is our understanding that the alleged criminal activity did not occur on County property, with County equipment or during work hours. Regardless of where the alleged crime took place,

Mr. Goodman is no longer employed by Schoharie County.

"As this is an ongoing legal matter, we are limited in what we can discuss, but we are cooperating fully with law enforcement and will provide them any resources that may assist their investigation into these sickening and profoundly distressing allegations."

Two years ago, Goodman ran an unsuccessful campaign as a write-in candidate for Village of Schoharie Trustee.

Goodman posted \$2,500 bail the same day as his arrest and was released.

The Times Journal will continue to follow this story and provide you with updates as they are received. Follow us on Facebook for the latest news.

# Much ado about striping

By HB Steadham, Executive Editor

SCHOHARIE — On Tuesday, September 30, the Schoharie Town Planning Board met for the final in-person public hearing about the impending Amazon "Last Mile" facility to be located off I-88's Exit 23.

Natalie O'Rourke of engineering firm McFarland Johnson boiled down the updates to the site plan:

More bathrooms have been added.

The rooftop air handling units have been moved inside.

Canopies on the north and south sides of the buildings have been reduced to about half the size, which, in part, gives more room for green space near the building (that can also be used for snow storage).

Two of these three changes signify that the visual impact of the "gateway to Schoharie," as the area off the highway has been called, has been lessened.

Except for one problem that was talked about at length: a five- to eight-foot Amazon-blue stripe at the top of the approximately 40-foot-tall, tan-colored building.

"It's no longer earth tones, not blending in," Planning Board Member Lisa Shaul said. When it was pointed out that the stripe that used to stand at six feet has now been reduced to five feet, Shaul said, "Five feet, six feet—doesn't make that much of a difference."

Discussion followed about the possibility of changing the blue to something that was in the spectrum of earth tones.

"I thought we could keep the blue," said Glendowyn Thames, Amazon's Head of Economic Development for New York. "It's in keeping with our branding. We compromised with the color of the building. To get rid of the blue would be a lot."

The building in the original proposal was to be a gray color,



Photo by HB Steadham

**Schoharie Town Planning Board Chairwoman Kathryn Saddlemire (left), attorney David C. Brennan, Secretary Judith Warner, and Board Members Lisa Durant, Dawn Johnson, Lisa Shaul, and Andrew Rowles mull over the Amazon proposal details.**

or, as most Amazon facilities are. Upon the request of the planning board to move toward earth tones, the color was changed to a light brown.

"This was a whole piece for it to be approved—with Highbridge," Shaul said. "That it had to be earth tones. Something that blends in with the valley."

After much more discussion, citizen Carl Rafun interjected: "We're worried about a stripe around a building?"

"Well, it's a blue stripe, and it doesn't fit in with Schoharie County," Planning Board Chairwoman Kathryn M. Saddlemire replied.

"I can't believe we're wasting all this time on a stripe," Rafun added. "Schools have their colors."

"Ironically, Schoharie School colors are blue," Julie Pacatte, Executive Director of Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corp (SEEC), said.

"I say as thin as possible," Board Member Andrew Rowles said. "As thin as they'll allow."

"The blue stripe blends in with the blue sky," Thames offered.

"The tan was a big win," Rowles said. "Thank you for that."

"I understand branding," Shaul said. "Schoharie also has a look that we want."

"God forbid we're a little proud of having Amazon instead of some little warehouse," Rowles said. "I'm not opposed to the stripe, personally."

"Let's move on," citizen Rafun said. "Let's move forward. Let's get this stripe thing over with."

In addition to the earth-toned building, Amazon has worked to further reduce its visual impact by lowering the profile of the building and planning landscaping that, when mature, will shield the building from view. Eventually, it was declared that the comments had been heard. But there were no promises of forthcoming changes made.

Another point of contention centered on the incoming stoplight to help mitigate traffic. According to Planning Board Member Rowles, Shane Nickle, Director of Schoharie County Planning & Community Development Services, has been a "staunch advocate" of the installation of a sidewalk from the Amazon building to the new crosswalk. "It seems silly for the crosswalk to terminate into grass," Rowles said.

"Why not put a sidewalk on the Amazon side of the road?" John Crescimanno of the Schoharie County Office of Economic Development asked. "It just seems to Shane

that it would be good site planning."

Amazon, however, did not want to encourage their employees to cross New York State Route 30A on foot, where the speed limit is 50 miles per hour—and isn't being reduced. They also didn't want to encourage the public to come onto private property. Instead, they've made sure that the shoulder will be eight feet wide as required to accommodate pedestrians and bike traffic. There will also be a "corridor" of green space where a sidewalk could be built in the future, should the warehouse ever change hands.

Amazon also displayed the results of a recent economic impact study.

As far as jobs, building the facility will require an estimated 400 construction workers, 88 of which are projected to be Schoharie County hires.

As far as taxes, even with Amazon taking advantage of Section 485-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law—which provides for a 50% reduction in taxes to be paid for qualifying new construction in the first year and going down 5% each additional year—an estimated \$13.5–14.5 million will be paid over ten years to the community through property tax, sales tax, and water/wastewater revenue. After ten

years, Amazon will then be required to pay 100% of the assessment rate, which will be about \$26 million, or 1/3 of the construction cost, as is the standard for commercial operations.

"If the property is not improved, you collect \$160,000 over the next ten years," Pacatte said. "If they [Amazon] build, you'll collect \$9.2 million in property tax over the next ten years."

The Planning Board is in the process of putting the proposal on the county website so that the public can continue to review it. The public hearing was closed for in-person comment, but left open for written comment until October 10—when the Board plans to meet again for a "workshop" or "special meeting," which will be a time for them to deliberate. While open for the public to witness, this meeting will not be open for input from the public.

It's likely that at the October 10 meeting, the Board could direct the attorney to draft a decision to be presented at the regular Planning Board Meeting on October 21.



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# OBITUARIES



June Keyser

## June Keyser

It is with profound sadness we share that June S. Keyser passed on September 27, 2025 under the thoughtful and compassionate care of Shaker Place Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Albany.

June was born on May 13, 1936 to Edith and Herbert Schmidt. She grew up on the family farm in Gallupville and loved the farm life. She graduated from Schoharie Central High School and was always proud to be an avid

supporter of the Schoharie Indians sports teams. She enjoyed her high school reunions.

June was a proud member of the Depot Lane Singers for many years where she enjoyed the music and camaradery with those who shared her love of music. Her hobbies included word jumbles, gardening, attending stock car races, visiting old cemeteries, British mysteries (written or televised), and listening to all genres of music. Previously she had been an active member of the snowmobile club.

In her younger days, she was a collector of cookbooks and architectural magazines. She would sit at the kitchen table sketching out floor plans while simultaneously choosing recipes to cook (although she acknowledged that the kitchen was not her domain). June instilled in her children the value of hard work, common sense and resilience when faced with adversity.

June had a myriad of professional pursuits. She worked for the Westheimer family's Carrot Barn, the Victory Store, later known

as the Great American. In the early 1970s she began working at the local branch of the Bank of Albany and remained through the incarnations from Fleet Bank to Bank of America; she was at the Main Street location for nearly three decades.

June loved her coworkers and formed lifelong friendships with her colleagues and customers. After her retirement from the bank, she embarked on a fulfilling second career as the Town Clerk for Schoharie from 1997-2008. She reveled in the fact that she ran unopposed for several terms, endorsed by both parties.

June married Edward W. Keyser on March 13, 1954. He predeceased her in 2013. June and Edward raised their family on a farm located on Junction Road.

Survivors include her children, Jeannine and husband Stephen Oppedisano, Carole and husband Alton Palmer and Darren and his wife Tara. June's three grandchildren are Jeremy Poder and wife Malissa, Janelle Poder and husband Mike Foley and Jessica Poder. She is also survived by three

great-grandchildren, Scott L. Poder, Cody James Poder, and Amelia Grace Poder. June was predeceased by her son Michael L. Keyser in 1976.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main Street Schoharie. The funeral prayer service will be held Saturday, October 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Old Stone Fort, Schoharie directly following.

Memorial contributions may be made in June's memory to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 111 Wells Ave., Middleburgh, NY 12122.

## Robert Honigman

Robert "Rob" Evan Honigman, 65, of Cobleskill, passed away on September 22, 2025, in New York.

Born on April 18, 1960, in Glen Cove, Rob was the son of Ted and Rita Honigman. He is survived by his daugh-



Robert Honigman

ter, Sasha Honigman; his mother, Rita Honigman; his siblings, Larry and Ann Honigman; his partner, Jessica Lavine, and her son, Jeremy Shields; and his dog Bella.

Rob grew up in the Westbrook Park neighborhood in Levittown, and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for college, where he met his first wife, Julie Diamond. They first moved to Vermont, where Rob graduated from Vermont Law School, and later to Sonoma, California, where they raised their daughter, Sasha.

In 2009, he met his partner Jessica and her son Jere-

my, and together they resided in Sonoma County, CA with their dog Bella. They moved to his final home in Cobleskill, ork in 2022.

Rob had a creative spirit and unapologetic authenticity, wit, and restless curiosity. A lover of history, research, and storytelling, he was a collector of antiques, furniture, and unique objects. He was a futurist and an advocate for the planet and its people, and for sustainability and reuse well before they were widely embraced.

As a skilled craftsman and designer, he invented the convertible Candu play chair and could build anything, from decks and bookshelves to meditation benches and cajóns. Rob's credo was to always leave something better than he'd found it.

Rob had a natural ability to make friends everywhere he went. His family, friends, and pets were his greatest joy, and his memory is a blessing in all the lives he touched. He was rich in their enduring love.

His family requests that donations be made to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation in his memory.



# Church News

Local churches have submitted the following information on their churches services.

To be included in this list, email your information to [Tjournalnews@yahoo.com](mailto:Tjournalnews@yahoo.com) with "Church services" in the subject line.

**Calvary Assembly of God**, 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill.  
www.cagcobleskill.org  
Sundays 10am.

**Calvary Chapel of the Hills**, 137 Legion Drive, Cobleskill.  
Sundays 10am and 5pm, Wednesdays 7pm.

**Christian Community Church of Faith**, 355 Route 7, Richmondville.  
Independent/non-denominational.  
Sundays 8:30am.

**Cooperstown Church of Christ**, 65 Linden Avenue,  
Cooperstown.  
Sundays 10am-11am; Sunday Worship, 11am-12pm.  
cooperstownchurchofchrist.com

**Fusion Community Church**, 375 North Grand Street, Cobleskill.  
Sundays 9 and 11am.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 890 Route 443, Gallupville.  
Sundays 9am.

**Zion St. John's Lutheran Church**, 114 Mesick Avenue, Seward.  
Sundays 9am.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, 326 Main Street, Middleburgh.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**Sharon Reformed Church**, 6858 Route 10, Sharon Springs.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**Cobleskill United Methodist Church**, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill.  
Sundays 10:15am.

**Delanson United Methodist Church**, 112 East Shore Road, Delanson.  
Sundays 9:45am.

**Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church**, 175 Main Street, Esperance.  
Sunday 11am.

**Gallupville United Methodist Church**, 120 Factory Street, Schoharie.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church**, 1148 Grovenors Corners Road, Central Bridge.  
Sundays 9am.

**Sharon Springs United Methodist Church**, Route 20, Sharon Springs.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**Warnerville United Methodist Church**, Route 7 Warnerville.  
Sundays 9am with Children's Sunday School also at 9 am.

**Middleburgh.**  
Sundays 11am; food pantry open Saturdays, 9-11 am.  
www.middleburghreformed.org.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**, 185 Main Street, Central Bridge. (518) 868-2868.  
Sundays 9am.  
BethanyCentralBridge@gmail.com

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**, 138 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill.  
Masses Saturday 5:15 pm, Sunday 8:30am, Tuesday 9am, Thursday, noon.  
stvincentdepaulcobleskillny.com.

**New Beginnings Church**, 2853 State Route 145, Schoharie.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**Schoharie Reformed Church**, 258 Main Street, Schoharie.  
Sundays 10am.

**Community Church of Howes Cave**, 128 Lester Lane, traditional church service, Sundays 10:30am.

**Schoharie United Presbyterian Church**, 314 Main Street, Schoharie.  
Sundays 10:30am.  
Food pantry Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-2pm.

**Lawyersville Reformed Church**, 109 Philip Schuyler Road at the Route 145 corner, Lawyersville.  
(518) 234-2387.  
Sundays 9am.

**Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church**, 121 Saint Christopher Place, Cobleskill.  
Traditional Anglican Holy Eucharist, Sundays 10am.

**Barnerville United Methodist Church**, 224 Shady Tree Lane, Barnerville.  
Sundays 8:30am.

**Richmondville United Methodist Church**, Main Street, Richmondville.  
Sundays 11:30am .

**Worcester United Methodist Church**, Main Street, Worcester.  
Sunday School 9am, worship Sundays 10am.  
(607) 397-9340, HRU12157@yahoo.com.

**Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 289 Main Street, Schoharie.  
Sundays 9am in-person and on Facebook Live.

**Summit Methodist Church**, Route 10, Summit.  
Sundays 10am.

**7th Day Adventist Church**, Route 10, Summit.  
Saturdays 10am.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, Main Street, Richmondville.  
Sundays 11am.

**Central Bridge Methodist Church**, 196 Church Street.  
Sundays 10:30am.

**First Baptist Church of Cobleskill**, 492 West Main Street.  
Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday worship 10am.  
Pastor Lance Howland, (518) 320-5758.

**Schoharie Valley Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 141 Church Street, Central Bridge.  
Sunday worship 10am. Sunday school 11am.  
Wednesday, youth activities 7-8:30pm during school year.

Tuesday and Wednesday, genealogical research, 6:30-8:30pm.

**Huntersland United Methodist Church**, 1355 Huntersland Road, Middleburgh.  
Sunday 11am.

**Sharon Springs United Methodist Church**, Route 20.  
Sunday 10:30am. (518) 284-2200.

**St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church**, 24 Maple Avenue, Cherry Valley.  
Sunday mass 10am. Confession is available 30 minutes before every mass. (607)

264-3779.

**Zion St. John's Lutheran Church**, Seward.  
Sunday 9am. (518) 234-3222.

**Cornerstone Baptist Church**, Route 10, Ames.  
Sundays 10am. (518) 673-3405.

**Gilboa United Methodist Church**, 199 NYS Highway 990V, Gilboa.  
Sundays 9am.

**West Fulton United Methodist Church**, 849 West Fulton Road, West Fulton.  
Worship service at 9am Sunday.

**Pilgrim Holiness Church of Middleburgh**, 2560 State Route 145, Middleburgh.  
www.nyphc.org or www.nyphc.com  
Worship Sundays, 11am, in-person and live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/nyphc](http://www.facebook.com/nyphc).

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7pm.  
The Upper Room Christian Church, 83 North Kortright Church Road, Davenport.  
Sundays 10 am. (607) 434-6558.

**Duanesburg Reformed Presbyterian Church**, 6512 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg.  
Sundays, 10am  
duanesburgchurch.org

**Christ Episcopal Church**, 132 Duanesburg Churches Road, Duanesburg.  
Sunday Service at 10am (518) 895-2383.  
www.christchurchduanesburg.org.

**Our Lady of Fatima**, 1735 Alexander Road, Delanson. (518)895-2788.  
Masses: Tuesday, 9am; Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 11am.

**Christian Church of Charleston Four Corners**, 1380 East Lykers Road, Sprakers  
Sundays 11am, Thursdays 6:30pm. (518) 922-9088.

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**, Quaker Street, Sundays, 10am.  
Call for location/Zoom link, (518) 461-6139.

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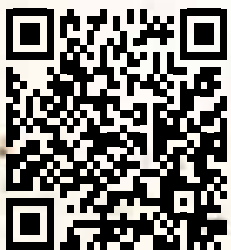
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## 'Donald Trump must be removed'

President Trump in his address to the assembled military leaders at the Marine Corps Base Quantico on September 30 claimed "the enemy within" is destroying our country like an "invading foreign enemy."

This is an obvious example of projection by the President. It is actually Donald Trump, along with the hateful, incompetent sycophants he has assembled, that are ripping our country apart as an invading enemy might.

After watching President Trump's recent address at the UN General Assembly and now his remarks to the military leaders, it seems obvious he is not competent to continue performing the duties of the Presidency.

It is time for President Trump to bow out, perhaps explaining his increasing health problems and his desire for a smooth transition of leadership. Donald Trump is not running this show, resigning in this way he could save face.

Such a decision on his part might be encouraged by initiation of an impeachment action,

a response long overdue. The remaining possibility could be implementation of the provisions of the 25th Amendment, a much more problematic option.

Finally, to this observer it seems as though the White House is serving as a sheltered workshop for Donald Trump. Vice President Vance, Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller and other members of the administration are serving as caretakers of the failing President.

For the betterment of the nation and preservation of our democracy Donald Trump must be removed as soon as possible.

**Wayne R. Stinson**  
Summit

## Bassett Healthcare Network: Shame on you for choosing profit over people

I recently called Bassett Healthcare in Cobleskill at 518-234-2555 and the call



Well, I screwed up last week.

Not just once.

A few times.

I put out a Facebook post about an arrest, after I wrote in my September 4 Front Porch column that I didn't want to publish arrests—for the reason, among others, that people can forget that a person is innocent until proven guilty and because we can't unpublish what's already out there (for more on what came of this, see page one).

Sigh.

After quitting my job at the church in Schenectady so I could do this executive editor thing better (see September 25's Front Porch column for more information about that), I was supposed to take some time apart from folks there to help the congregation—and myself—adjust to me not being there any longer, and I showed up to an event that was made up primarily of congregation members. When I walked in, I immediately knew it was wrong and I left. But I had showed up when I really shouldn't have.

Double sigh.

And then there were the countless times I embarrassed my 13-year-old, expected my husband to do things without me actually asking him to do them, forgot to let the dogs out, and so on and so forth.

Frick-fracking, double-extra, oh-so-many sighs.

Like all good Type-A personalities, I then spiraled into shame and tried to figure out where it had all gone wrong.

On the first one, it was easy to see where I'd messed up.

When I first read about the man being arrested on charges of possessing

and promoting sexual performance by a child, it immediately struck every nerve in my body. As a former (and future, if all goes well) foster parent, any arrest involving children immediately gets my hackles up (as it should, I'm sure you'd agree). It was also at the end of my work day, and I was wanting to get home to my family, and instead of stopping, reflecting, and making a well-thought-out decision to run the story in spite of my earlier declaration that I wouldn't run arrests, I quickly wrote up a Facebook post and hit "publish."

I was tired.

In the second case—where I showed up to a gathering I really shouldn't have gone to—it was pretty obvious, with just the tiniest bit of thought, what happened there.

Over the past couple of years, I've become really close with the folks at my church. One of them in particular has become one of my best friends, and the gathering last week was a session of Dungeons and Dragons, which I find to be a ridiculous night of fun. Our little DnD group has been meeting for more than six months now, and it's about to come to a close, and I couldn't bear the idea that I was going to miss the end—and miss one of my favorite nights with friends.

I was lonely.

My family has a lot of mottos. "Anything worth having isn't easy," is probably our number one.

"If you feel like the whole world is against you, it's probably you that's the problem," is another.

"Wish in one hand, spit in the other, and see which one fills up first," is one that always makes me laugh.

But, in this case, I should've remembered this particular Steadham family motto: "H.A.L.T."

Translation: Whenever you're Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired, stop.

Take a breath.

Go to bed, if you can.

Do whatever you need to do to remove yourself, and no matter what: DON'T MAKE ANY DECISIONS.

But I didn't halt when I was feeling H.A.L.T.

I made decisions.

Bad ones.

Sigh times 1,000,000.

I ended up in migraine last week. I do that when I'm disappointed in myself.

I couldn't sleep for several nights. I do that when I'm feeling ashamed.

And I kept looking for absolution somewhere.

I took down the post. That got me more flak from quite a bit of the public, but I felt good about taking it down until I had really figured out what I wanted to do with the information (again, see page 1).

I apologized to the folks who were at DnD that night, and came clean to the ministers about what I had done.

I talked through my screw-ups with my family, and made amends where necessary.

And even though most people in these situations either said I didn't need to apologize or outright accepted my apologies, it wasn't them who needed to let me off the hook.

It was me.

See, humans make mistakes.

It's true.

We're not infallible.

And the quicker we realize none of us is perfect, the better it is not just for us, but for others.

Maybe we can have a little more patience for the dude who cuts us off in traffic.

Maybe we can be less upset when a loved one forgets our birthday.

Maybe—just maybe—instead of instantly jumping all over someone for doing something we think is wrong, we can wonder, "How can I help them right now, instead of tearing them down?" Maybe we can forgive them for making a mistake.

And maybe—just maybe—we can learn to forgive ourselves. Which, I have to say, is probably where the problem actually starts.

The 13th-century poet Rumi is credited with saying, "As long as you cannot forgive your own mistakes, you cannot forgive others."

Who might you need to forgive today?

**HB Steadham**  
Executive Editor



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

was directed to another country. I have always been more than pleased with the excellent treatment I've received at the Cobleskill clinic and especially pleased to be treated with kindness, respect, courtesy and very knowledgeable staff. The website instructs you to call the 518-234-2555 number for information. I would suggest that "DO NOT" be placed in front of "call for information" because the only thing I received from the call was extreme aggravation and hung up. The person I spoke to couldn't understand me and I couldn't understand her, partially because of my downstate NY accent, her accent and the background noise (sounded like they were at an active construction site).

Most of the time people call the clinic because they need help. Not being able to understand or be understood when you're looking for help is not very considerate to the patient or the individual trying to answer the call. If you are concerned about this I would suggest calling the complaint phone number for Bassett at 607-547-3912, you can leave your number and will receive a return call. I spoke at length to a very sympathetic person but don't have any information why this change was made.

Who is benefiting from this change in service? It doesn't seem like it's going to be the patient. It's one thing if you're calling customer service for an item of clothing, food,

equipment, etc., and get sent to an answering service out of the country but completely another when it concerns you or a loved ones health. I would really like to know why this decision was made and hope it isn't because it's so much cheaper to pay someone out of the country than right in your own neighborhood, especially when the local staff are so excellent. Is this the beginning of the patient paying more and getting less?

**Gloria Decker**  
Central Bridge

## 'We must question their motive'

I have more experience in combat and in conflict zones than I would wish on anyone and have worked to reduce conflict and disputes for decades.

There is a prevailing attitude in the US that peace can be made to happen through belligerence and threats. This hasn't and will not work. So we, we the people, need to think about war. My view of war was well summed up by General and President Eisenhower:

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life

at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron."

War is always very costly, in human and monetary cost, for the people on all sides. For the corporations, military, and media war is profit. They will drag us into war unless we reject their propaganda and refuse them their war. We must question their motive when they ballyhoo a conflict and doubt their reasoning when they start rolling out the guns.

**Elliott Adams**  
Sharon Springs

## Screen for breast cancer

The message is simple. Get screened for breast cancer when you reach age 40 and repeat as recommended. This will give you the best chance for finding breast cancer early, when it's easier to treat. General guidelines suggest that females start mammograms at age 40 and repeat at least every other year through age 74. This recommendation is also for transgender males and people who are non-binary. However, you and your health care provider can decide if you need to be screened at a younger age or more often based on your risk factors.

If you do not have insurance, the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of the Central Region is ready to help you get FREE breast cancer screenings. The CSP can also help you get screened for cervical and colorectal cancer. Screening is open to people who do not have health

insurance and who meet other program requirements. If more testing is needed, our program can pay for that too. And we will help enroll eligible people in the New York State Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program if cancer is found.

If you need breast, cervical, or colorectal cancer screening or want more information, please call the CSP at 888-345-0225.

**Jessica Whitney**  
Public Education &  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator  
Bassett Healthcare  
Network

## Support for write-in candidate

I am writing to express my support for Lynette Lawyer, CPA, who is a candidate for the office of Schoharie County Treasurer. I have had contact with Ms. Lawyer on a professional level for the past eight years. I am an employee in the Town Clerk's office and she is the accountant for the Town.

I have actually known her longer, as she has prepared my personal taxes since 2012. In addition to her skill as an accountant, I know her to be an ethical person, someone who is reliable, honest, principled, and trustworthy. For her integrity and expertise, let's elect Lynette Lawyer to the office of Schoharie County Treasurer. Please join me in voting for her on Tuesday, November 4.

**Deborah Barrett**  
Cobleskill



# Times Past

## 100 Years Ago October 9, 1925

Consolidation of the bands at Howes Cave, Richmondville and Delanson is to make a musical organization of 60 pieces. The director of the merged organization is W. R. Lawson. The bands will give concerts as separate organizations or as a consolidated company of players.

Made attractive by re-decoration and inviting by a profusion of flowers, St. Vincent de Paul church was filled Wednesday afternoon when the Right Reverend Edmund F. Gibbons, D. D., Bishop of Albany, confirmed a class of 55 at a ceremonial which evidenced the prosperity of the parish.

**RICHMONDVILLE,** October 8 – Frasier's store is a popular rendezvous for baseball fans this week, as the World Series ball games are being broadcast through a loudspeaker which is installed in the front part of the store.

**FOR SALE** – House and lot, double garage, two chicken houses, apples, pears, plums, cherries, berries, grapes. Heat, lights, city water, well water in the house. Price \$3,500. F. L. Smith.

A sectional horseshoe pitching contest will take place at the Schoharie State School of Agriculture this Saturday and will start promptly at 11 o'clock. Prof. Crittenden of the State school announces that a number of counties have already indicated that they will send contestants, and keen rivalry promises to play a big part during the day.



ICE CUTTERS FOR THE UNION HOTEL GOING TO WORK

*Jules Photography*

Here's yet another Harold Toles photo courtesy of Cliff Hay, Sr. Toles has this photo listed under the Town of Seward and describes it thusly: "Ice Cutters for the Union Hotel Going to Work. Marketed as a commercial postcard. Examination reveals persons in Sunday finery on a handcar near the Cherry Valley Branch of the D&H RR. Apparently the term Ice Cutter was a humorous colloquialism defining congeniality."

## 85 Years Ago October 10, 1940

General Electric has taken over the complete operation of WGY, it was announced recently by Robert S. Peare, manager of broadcasting and publicity for the company. Since 1931 this station has been operated by the National Broadcasting Company.

The Old Stone Fort at Schoharie continues a major attraction despite the lowering temperatures of the fall weather. The monthly visitation for September totaled 3,983 persons. Of this number, 201 were from Schoharie County, 3,231 from other counties in the state, 544 from other states and seven were from foreign countries.

At the County Fair, a first aid booth was provided for the public as in previous years. The bed was very useful and was occupied most of the time by various patients. Dressings were applied to dog bites, infections, burns, cuts, and other minor injuries. Under the grandstand the nurses had a nutritional exhibit. Many people were interested, even the men. One man replied to the question, "Are you interested in nutrition?" "Yes, 3 meals a day and 365 days a year."

New posture training is being introduced this fall at the rural and grade schools of the Cobleskill Central School district. Mimeographed sheets

of posture rules illustrated by simple figures showing how to walk, sit, stand, and play sports correctly, have been distributed by Coach Herbert L. Carlson to rural and grade school pupils.

Sketching while blindfolded was one of the features of the program presented by H. V. Nordeman, artist, for the Cobleskill Central High School students in grades 4, 5, and 6, last Friday afternoon in assembly. A girl student was picked from the audience to blindfold the artist. Using colored chalk he sketched a scene from nature.

## 45 Years Ago October 8, 1980

Ronald Reagan criticized President Jimmy Carter's economic policies as disastrous last Wednesday at a small businessmen's conference which 37 Schoharie County residents attended. County GOP Committee Chairman Forest Wollaber, Jr., organized the trip to see the Republican presidential candidate, who spoke at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Almy, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Haverly and Mr. and Mrs. Le-

roy Mackey attended the Bar-bic-Lane wedding in Cherry Valley on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Tryon of Fayetteville spent last week on a canoe trip in the Saranac region of the Adirondack Mountains. They returned home on Saturday with their children, Laura and Gregory, who had spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tryon.

In the US 100 persons die in traffic accidents to every person killed by lightning. The inside of a cucumber is often 20 degrees hotter than the surrounding air. Theodore Roosevelt was the only president of the US who was not sworn in on a Bible.

Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster of the United States. The first telegraphic communication between New York City and Chicago was established June 10, 1848. Grover Cleveland was a bachelor at the time he was elected president of the United States.

## 35 Years Ago October 10, 1990

A dozen Soviet students and three chaperones will arrive in Cobleskill next month for a two-week stay as part of an American-Soviet exchange program. The same number of Cobleskill students and chaperones will head to Gatchina, a suburb of Leningrad, in the spring to complete the exchange.

The parish of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Cobleskill reaches a turning point in its history this Sunday. After six years of planning, fundraising, and construction, parishioners will dedicate their

new church on Washington Heights, with formal ceremonies and a public open house in the afternoon.

Cobleskill celebrated a dozen successful years of operation at its senior citizen meal site Friday, with junior high school students on hand to serve the anniversary luncheon. The "inter-generational" dinner was complemented by live music from the Banjo-Aires, appearances by Senator Charles Cook and Assemblyman Paul Tonko, and the sharing of an anniversary cake.

The history of 1780 and the summer weather of 1990 repeated themselves in the Schoharie Valley over the weekend. Enjoying weather that recalled mid-July instead of early October, the event was the annual Stone Fort Days, which drew 6000 who came to sample Revolutionary War battles and lore.

A Union College English professor has written a book exploring author Henry James's vision of Italy as told through his travel essays and short stories. UMW Research Press of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has published Henry James's Italian Hours: Revelatory and Resistant Impressions by Bonney MacDonald of Cobleskill, an assistant professor of English at Union.

## 30 Years Ago October 11, 1995

An innocent error shouldn't deprive voters of a choice in the upcoming election for Schoharie County judge. That's according to a ruling last Wednesday by Supreme Court Justice Har-

old Hughes. Judge Hughes dismissed efforts to keep Mr. Breen off the November 7th ballot after challengers claimed his nominating petition had been improperly filed.

Talk of turning the Warnerville Roller Rink into an over-21 nightclub is apparently just that: Talk. A public hearing on the plan Monday was called off after Harriet Berard, planning board chair, said she'd received a message on her answering machine that the "deal didn't go through."

Habitat for Humanity of Schoharie County made history Saturday with the groundbreaking of its first home. Gary and Denise Niesz will share in the work of building what will become their Fultonham home. And Saturday they and about 35 Habitat volunteers along with other well-wishers took the first step toward construction.

It took Carl Urey of Cobleskill just 35:14 to race from Max V. Shaul State Park to Main Street, Middleburgh, Saturday and win the 3rd Timothy Murphy 10K Walk/Run for the Environment. Albert White was second with a 38:47 time followed by Steve Dickerson, third, at 39:43.

The only certain thing seems to be that the construction of the new Schoharie post office is behind schedule. The post office on North Main Street was supposed to be started in the spring and

completed by the fall but delays have left the ground by the Alley Cat Diner untouched.

## 18 Years Ago October 10, 2007

The village of Cobleskill is looking at banning butts from all its parks. Cigarette butts. A public hearing on the simply worded change to the parks law will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m.

James Seresky of Cobleskill has graduated from the NYS Park Police Academy. The academy is a six-month training program which includes classroom education and hands-on training.

Private First Class Kyle Davis graduated September 28 following 13 weeks of basic training at the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. PFC Davis is the son of Ronald and Priscilla Davis of Cobleskill. He is a 2007 graduate of Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School.

Nearly 300 supporters and fellow volunteers celebrated with Scho-Wright Ambulance members at the September 29 official ribbon-cutting ceremony of its new quarters on Main Street in Schoharie.

Schoharie County may enjoy a cut in the county tax rate for the second straight year. Planning to release the tentative 2008 budget on Monday, Treasurer Bill Cherry said preliminary figures show the cut is likely to be six percent.

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# Looking Ahead

## 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.

## Grand Oneonta Opry 2025

Country music benefit concert for Helios Care on Friday, October 10, featuring Nashville star Elijah Wise, John Thompson and the Driftwoods joined by regional artists Bill Pentzien, Ken Wilber, The Horseshoe Lounge Playboys, Jessie Kay, Al Hotaling, Jr., and Doug Decker. There will be a cash bar, fun food, and a silent auction.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with show starting at 7 p.m. Foot-hills PAC, 24 Market Street, Oneonta. Call 607-432-6773 for tickets; \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. For more information, visit HeliosCare.org/events.

## Schoharie County Arts hosts award-winning classical guitarist

Peter Fletcher, an award-winning classical guitarist, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Friday, October 10, at the Schoharie United

Presbyterian Church, located at 314 Main Street. Refreshments will also be served.

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.

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

## Seasons of Growth—Healing Grief Retreat for Adults

Gather with others who are grieving for a day of community and sharing. Art, movement, and nature will be used to explore individual and collective grief during this FREE daylong retreat on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the Highlands Center, 2641 Dunk Hill Road, Walton. Call 607-432-5525 to register by October 11th.

## 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.

## Sunday Shenanigans in Middleburgh

Every Sunday in October, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., head to 308–310 Main Street & 101 Railroad Avenue in Middleburgh for some Sunday Shenanigans! On October 12, listen to Live Music with Mike Herman; on October 19, enjoy Race Day with local driver Connor Prokop and his racecar; and on October 26, join the Monster Mash, with caramel apples and crafts for kids!

Sponsored by Forget Me Not Soda Shoppe, Four Star Realty Group, and Middleburgh Mercantile.

## Schoharie County Democrats Picnic Party

On Sunday, October 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Schoharie County Democrats are hosting their annual picnic and potluck at Wayward Lane Brewing, 225 Ward Lane in Schoharie.

Come meet the candidates: Dylan Hewitt for NY 21, Michele Frazier for Senate District 51, Suzann Kipp for County Coroner, Lynette Lawyer for County Treasurer, Brian LaVine for Cobleskill Town Council, Lisa Sigtermans for Seward Town Council, and Tina Dawson for Seward Town Council.

## Town of Fulton Republican Potluck Supper

On Thursday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m., the Town of Fulton Republicans will host a potluck supper at the West Fulton Fire Department, 807 West Fulton Road, West Fulton.

Meet your candidates and bring your praises and your gripes! They want to hear from YOU! Donations graciously accepted; RSVPs would be wonderful. Reserve your spot by emailing [fulton-townrepublican76@aol.com](mailto:fulton-townrepublican76@aol.com).

## 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.

## Authors’ Hour with M.K. Graff

On Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m., join Schoharie County Arts at The Community Library, Cobleskill, for a fascinating reading and talk on “Death in the Orchard” by acclaimed author M.K. Graff. 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!

For more information about Graff, visit <https://marnigraff.com/>. For more information about Schoharie County Arts, visit [schohariearts.com](http://schohariearts.com).

## Drive-Thru Flu Shots

On Monday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Schoharie County Department of Health will be giving free flu shots at a drive-thru clinic at the Schoharie Fire Department. Transportation is available if needed, and appointments are preferred but not required. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Liz at 518-295-8365.

## Free Grief Seminar

“Surviving the Holidays” is a free, two-hour seminar for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The seminar will provide tools to help navigate the stress and difficulties of the upcoming holidays; it will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2 to 4 p.m., at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 890 State Rt. 443, Gallupville.

Please register free for this event and also receive a free “Surviving the Holidays” guidebook by calling 518-301-5621 or visiting [www.griefshare.com/holidays](http://www.griefshare.com/holidays) to register online.

## Trick or Treat on Main Street

Cobleskill Partnership Inc. invites families, goblins, and ghouls of all ages to Trick or Treat on Main Street on Friday, October 31, from 3 to 5 p.m.

This beloved annual tradition transforms downtown Cobleskill into a festive Halloween celebration with safe, community-centered trick-or-treating at participating Main Street businesses. Many shops and organizations will be handing out candy and small treats, and costumes are strongly encouraged!

To learn more, visit <https://www.cobleskillpartnership.com>.

## Community Library Silent Auction

The Community Library in Cobleskill is having its first-ever silent auction at the Library on November 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. The silent auction will be of Library roof tiles that have been removed and painted by local artists. Proceeds go toward the new Library annex.

Follow The Community Library on Facebook for more information about this and other events.

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

# In Brief

## Middleburgh to celebrate Oktoberfest

MIDDLEBURGH – The Seventh Annual Middleburgh Oktoberfest, Schoharie County’s biggest and best party, is Saturday, October 11, from noon to 5:30 at Bill Morton Park on Baker Avenue behind the Library.

Oktoberfest is a home-grown celebration of beer, food, music, and good, old fashioned family fun. All the craft brewers in the county will be pouring their beers. The award-winning Wayward Lane will be filling your steins. Serious Brewing, Back Barn Brewing, and the Eisenadler Brauhaus are all bringing their specially brewed German Oktoberfest beers to the Festival Grounds.

For music, None the Weiser brings in the brass. Rock-and-roll band Crossfire will once again have the crowd up and dancing.

How about some food with your beer? Our vendors will be offering chicken



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**Don Guest (left) and Caleb Wiseman demonstrate their powerful stein-holding stances.**

halves, BBQ, knockwurst, and bratwurst.

Please bring the kids. We have hula hoops, jump ropes, giant Jenga and specially priced hot dogs.

New this year is the stein-holding competition. Fill a one-liter stein with beer, hold it out parallel to the ground until it feels like your arm will fall off. The last one to spill wins the prize. We will crown men’s, women’s and kids’ champions.

## Peacemakers Show Up for Worldwide Monthly Close GITMO Vigil



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**Peacemakers Susan Spivack (left), David Nidey, and Wayne Stinson show their signs in the monthly vigil.**

On Saturday, October 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, 15 Peacemakers of Schoharie County stood at Main and Union Streets in Cobleskill in solidarity with ten other October Global Close GITMO vigils worldwide, demanding the immediate closure of Guantanamo Bay Prison. They called for the release of the 15 current war on terror prisoners in circumstances that will equitably close their cases, and a total STOP to the ongoing transfer of migrants and asylum seekers by ICE to GITMO or any other detention center in the USA.

Just last week the Trump Administration transferred the last 18 migrants illegally imprisoned at GITMO to unknown destinations. US law requires that transferring any person to a nation not their

own must be sure they are not sent to a prison where they may be tortured or denied basic needs. According to Peacemakers spokesperson, Susan Spivack, “We are concerned that our democracy is imperiled when the government rounds up people while denying them their due process rights and then keeping their whereabouts secret. Every person deserves their day in a public courtroom. This means that right now, we are all, citizen and non-citizen alike, threatened with unconstitutional detention and actual disappearance.”

Peacemakers stands vigil for peace, justice, and human rights issues every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. The next monthly Close GITMO Vigil is Saturday, November 8.

## Schoharie County Historical Society holds members meeting

The Schoharie County Historical Society will hold its fall members meeting on Wednesday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the historic American Hotel in Sharon Springs.

The evening will include

an hors d’oeuvres/social hour, business meeting, and program on the historical American Hotel along with a tour.

This meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.



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**The historic American Hotel will host the Schoharie County Historical Society.**

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"I would recommend Yankee to anyone."

★★★★★  
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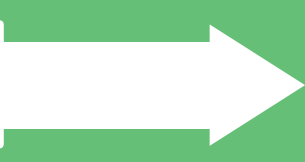
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## Arts & Entertainment

### Award-winning acoustic duo Ash & Eric in concert at the Schoharie Library

SCHOHARIE – The Schoharie Library will host “Ash & Eric in Concert” on Friday, October 17. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the concert starts at 6:30.

Ash & Eric delight audiences with their clear, soaring vocals, beautiful guitars, and the vibrant, honest, and hopeful quality of their music and stories. From thoughtful and poignant to lively and joyful, their songs express the full range of emotion and experience. “Ash & Eric’s voices blend beautifully, creating a kind of effortless warmth that pulls you in...” Greg Jones of “Ear to the Ground” said.

“Captivating modern folk that’s got plenty of soul to it,” reported “Take Effect Reviews.”

Hailing from western Massachusetts, Ash & Eric have earned a dedicated following in the emerging US folk scene, performing with folk legends like Livingston Taylor, Vance Gilbert, Heather Maloney, and Mark Erelli. Their single, “Chasing the Light,” won the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA) Quarterly Songwriting Contest in June 2024.

Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Registration is appreciated, but not required; visit <https://bit.ly/AshandEric>



Photo by Jennie Mosher, Schoharie Library

**Folk duo Ash & Eric performing last year at the Schoharie Library.**

ic2025 or call the library at 518-295-7127.

The library is located at 103 Knower Avenue, Schoharie, with handicap access at the Bridge Street entrance. The concert is free of charge and open to all ages.

For more information about Ash & Eric or to check out their music, go to <https://www.ashandericmusic.com/>

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants

Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by CREATE Council on the Arts.

### Local dad and daughter featured at Author Expo '25

ONEONTA – Dad and daughter authors Dana and Libby Cudmore will be among those featured in Author Expo 2025 on Sunday, October 12, at the Foot-hills Performing Arts Center in Oneonta.

Hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and admission is free. There will be a cash bar.

Dana Cudmore of Cobleskill is the author of books on the area’s caves and limestone quarries. His most recent is “The Cave Electrician’s Widow: The Tragedy at Howe Caverns and Dramatic Courtroom Fight for Justice” from 2024. Other popular titles include “Farming With Dynamite: The Forgotten Stone boom in Schoharie County,” 2023; and “Underground Empires: Two Centuries of Exploration, Adventures & Enterprise in

NY’s Cave Country,” 2021.

Libby Cudmore, a national award-winning author who lives in Oneonta, is the author of “Negative Girl,” a mystery-thriller published in September 2024 by Datura Books of London. The novel is distributed in the US by Random House. It is her second novel, and it follows the debut of “The Big Rewind.” Her short stories have appeared in “Alfred Hitchcock’s Mystery Magazine,” “Ellery Queen,” and “Tough.”

The annual expo celebrates the region’s literary community. Those attending have the opportunity to meet as many as 20 authors, buy signed copies of their books, and make new friends in the publishing field.

The performing arts center venue is located at 24 Market St.



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**Daughter and award-winning author Libby Cudmore writes mystery - thrillers.**



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**Father and author Dana Cudmore will be featured at Author Expo '25.**

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### Schoharie Valley Concert Band presents Fall Concert

COBLESKILL – Conductor Samantha Baldwin has scheduled the Schoharie Valley Concert Band (SVCB) Fall Concert for Sunday, October 19, at 3 p.m. at the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School Auditorium. Students will be admitted free, and the performance is open to the general public.

Conductor Baldwin’s diverse program includes four selections from “Moana,” a 2016 Walt Disney animated film blockbuster whose music was written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, the composer of “Hamilton.” The medley includes “Where are You?”, “We Know the Way,” “How Far I’ll Go,” and “You’re Welcome.”

Frank Ticheli’s arrangement of “Amazing Grace” passes the well-known John Newton 18th-century Christian hymn’s melody amongst several sections of the band. The piece is powerful, honest, and sincere.

“Sea Song” was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the 1924 British Empire Exhibition. Robert Longfield’s arrangement of Williams’s medley includes three English marches: “Princess Royal”; “Admiral Benbow”; and “Portsmouth.”

“Autumn Leaves” was written by the French composer Joseph Kosma in 1945; Alfred Reed wrote this arrangement for concert band. The lyrics for the well-known piece end with these somber words: “But I will miss you most my darling, when autumn leaves start to fall.”

“Images of Ireland” by Brian Balmages is based on three lively Irish songs. “Sweet William,” “Star of County Down,” and “The Minstrel Boy” blend authentic sounds of Ireland and feature the flute section.

“The Cave You Fear” by Michael Markowski is an



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**Schoharie Valley Concert Band Director Samantha Baldwin will conduct a program of diverse musical selections at the Fall Concert.**

up-tempo piece which features the percussion section including the tam-tam, tympani, and bongo drums.

“The Country Club

Stomp!” by JaRod Hall is a New Orleans parade-inspired crowd-pleaser. The music is a celebration of life and features a second-line groove.

For Halloween, the concert will end with “Overture to The Addams Family Musical.” It includes Vic Mizzy’s original 1964 television show theme plus three songs written for the 2011 Addams Family Broadway musical by Andrew Lippa.

The Schoharie Valley Concert Band is open to area residents including high school and college students. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:15 PM in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School band room. Rehearsals for the Saturday, December 6 Holiday Concert begin on October 23. To join the band, please contact Conductor Samantha Baldwin at [svcbconductor@gmail.com](mailto:svcbconductor@gmail.com).

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# Sports

## #SOCCERGOALS



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The Schoharie Storm's varsity girls' team after winning 10-3 against the Margaretville Central Blue Devils.

### SUNY Cobleskill Men's Soccer

The SUNY Cobleskill men's soccer team dropped a 3-1 road decision to MCLA in nonconference play on a chilly Wednesday night under the lights.

Spencer Reisman (Youngstown) led the Tigers' attack, scoring in the final minute off one of his three attempts. Gavin McEnroe (Burlington Flats) was active throughout, recording a team-high four shots with two on frame. The outside backs played well on both ends, with Rob Staubitz (East Rockaway) picking up his first assist of the season and Andrew Rimes (Walden) firing two shots on goal while holding strong defensively.

In goal, Adam Champlin (South Kortright) turned in a busy 90 minutes, finishing with nine saves against constant pressure.

The Trailblazers held a narrow statistical edge, outshooting Cobleskill 18-15 overall and 12-10 on target. Both sides finished with nine saves, while MCLA generated six corners compared to the Tigers' two.

MCLA came out strong, forcing Champlin into back-to-back saves in the opening minutes to keep the game scoreless. The Trailblazers eventually broke through in the eighth minute when Gustavo de Oliveria headed home to give the hosts a 1-0 lead into halftime. The second half opened in similar fashion, with MCLA capitalizing on a defensive miscue in the 54th minute to double

the lead.

From there, Cobleskill came alive, pushing numbers forward and firing 11 second-half shots in search of a breakthrough. Timmy Kensell (Monroe) nearly pulled one back with a dangerous strike, and Reisman had a one-on-one chance denied by the MCLA keeper. The Trailblazers added a third goal in the 89th minute, but Cobleskill responded quickly—just 28 seconds later—when Staubitz won the ball back and slipped a pass to Reisman, who calmly slotted home past the charging keeper to spoil the shutout.

Up Next: The Tigers return to action on Saturday, October 11, when they host Husson University in a North Atlantic Conference clash at 3:30 p.m. at the Cobleskill Soccer Complex.

### The Schoharie Storm Girls' Soccer

On Monday, September 29, the Schoharie Storm Girls' Soccer team brought their league record up to 8-0 by defeating the Galway Golden Eagles 3-0.

For the Storm, Evelyn Messner scored two goals and had one assist, Briana Repscher scored one goal and had one assist, Julianna Slater made one save, and Skylar Griffin made three saves.

For the Golden Eagles, Eibhleann McElhinney made 14 saves.

Next, on Friday, October 3rd, the Schoharie Storm defeated the Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Wolves 3-1.

On the Storm, Evelyn Messner scored two goals and had one assist, while Alaina Martin also made one goal. Also, Skylar Griffin made nine saves.

For the Wolves, Lily Arduini scored one goal. Julia Elwood had an assist, and Audrina Polidori made five

Evelyn Messner scored five goals and had three assists; Kayla Hayes scored one goal; Briana Repscher scored one goal and had two assists; Allie Smith scored one goal; Alayna Messner scored one goal and had one assist; and Greta Schweigard had one assist. The Storm also had one own goal. Julianna Slater made three saves, and Skylar Griffin made one save.

For the Blue Devils, River Williams scored two goals, and Mackenzie Hubbell scored one goal. Victoria Fairbairn and Livy Fronckowiak each had one assist. Kendra Balcom made a total of 14 saves.

Tonight, October 9, the Storm hosts the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs at home at 7 a.m.

### The Schoharie Storm Boys' Soccer

Coming off their first win of the season, Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons-Catholic Central (Holy Trinity) traveled to Schoharie for an important WAC matchup.

Holy Trinity came out with energy and held the Schoharie attack scoreless for the first 15 minutes of the game, setting up a few chances of their own. Then, Schoharie's Ben Bengtson placed

head of the Holy Trinity Pride goalkeeper, making the score 2-0 at the half.

Schoharie's ball control gave them a 3-0 lead when Smith scored his second on a free kick just outside the box. But the Pride would not give up, and Ella Dibacco scored on her own free kick from a similar spot at the other end of the pitch to bring them within two. Bengtson sent another cross into the box, where Cain scored his second goal and gave some breathing room, which the Storm would need.

With just over three minutes remaining, Jim DeMasi scored his first varsity goal for the Pride when he chipped the Storm goalkeeper who came off his line. Time ran out on the Pride in a well-matched game, and Schoharie won 4-2. Corners were limited in the match 2-1 in favor of the Storm.

Other notable players for the Storm included goalkeepers Alex Wray with two saves and Isaac Gagnon with one. For the Pride, Sophia Gundlach and Emma Sagendorf made four saves.

The Storm takes on the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs tonight, October 9, at 4:15 p.m. in Richmondville.



Photo by Alyssa Wayman

Middleburgh Knight Liam Delaney puts the moves on against Loudonville Christian at home on Friday.

saves.

Then, on Saturday, October 4, the Schoharie Storm walked away with yet another victory from their match with the Margaretville Central Blue Devils, 10-3.

From the Schoharie Storm,

a corner kick on the feet of RJ Smith, who, after a few moves, scored the first goal of the game.

The teams battled back and forth, when the Storm scored from Caleb Cain's shot from distance over the

### Sharon Springs Spartans Boys' Soccer

On Tuesday, September 20, Laurens/Milford Wildcats boys' soccer blanked the Sharon Springs Spartans 3-0 for a Tri-Valley League triumph at Milford Central School.

For the Wildcats, outstanding players included Wesley Olive with one goal and one assist, Aidan Mertz with one goal, a first varsity goal for George Eggleston, and Cole Williams with one assist.

For the Spartans, Michael Cashman made 14 saves in net.

On Wednesday, October 1, the Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury boys' soccer defeated Sharon Springs 8-0 for a non-league victory at Roxbury Central School.

Outstanding play for Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury included Roni Grieco with four goals, Gavin Bohringer with two goals, and Coady Ciarravin and Liam Bullock with one goal each.

On Saturday, October 4, the Sharon Springs Spartans fell to the Oppenheim-Ephratah Hawks in a night game at OESJ, 0-6. For the Hawks, Case Stowell scored two goals, one from a penalty kick. Chris Schmidtman

scored two goals, and Tyler Mussmacher and Myles Hayes scored one goal each.

Their next game will be against the Milford Central Wildcats on October 13.

### Middleburgh Knights Boys' Soccer

The Middleburgh Knights' boys' soccer fell to the Loudonville Christian Eagles in a non-league game at home on Friday, October 3. The Eagles led 3-0 at halftime.

The Knights answered early in the second half with a goal by Guillermo Martinez but couldn't tally another against the tough Loudonville Christian defense, and the game ended 3-1.

"The score was not indicative of our play," wrote Middleburgh Coach Gregg Johns. "We did a lot of very good things collectively, but unfortunately against good teams, the mistakes hurt us. I was pleased overall with our play as a team."

For Loudonville Christian, it was their ninth overall win with only two losses.

Middleburgh's overall win-loss-tie record is 4-5-3, and its league record is 4-1-3.

### Cobleskill-Richmondville Boy's Soccer

On Monday, September 29, the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs defeated the Middleburgh Knights, 5-1.

For the Bulldogs, Isaiah Hamilton scored three goals, and Tyler Gunzinger scored two.

For the Knights, JJ Narzyski got the single goal for his team.

Then, on Wednesday, October 1, the Bulldogs faced off against the Loudonville Christian Eagles, with the Bulldogs winning 2-1.

For the Bulldogs, Isaiah Hamilton scored both goals, while on the Knights, Cooper Bibighaus got their only goal of the game.

Then, on Friday, October 3, the Bulldogs won the game against the Johnstown Sir Bills, 4-2.

On the Bulldogs, Isaiah Hamilton scored two goals and had one assist, Tyler Gunzinger scored two goals, and Jared Becker had one assist.

For the Sir Bills, Noah Stock scored one goal, with Elijah Wager scoring the other.

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs' next game will be tonight, October 9, against the Schoharie Storm.

## THE REEL DEAL

On Saturday, October 4, the local fishing team of Mark Kiburz and Roy Bilby competed in the final qualifying Mohawk Valley Anglers Club tournament of the season, held on the Mohawk River out of St. Johnsville.

The river was once again tough and unwilling to give up fish. Teams zeroed or came in short of limits, including the two local anglers. They weighed in three smallmouth on a tough day, ending up in 10th place and climbing one spot in the final point standing to eighth place overall. They're qualified to fish the Championship Tournament held on the river on October 18.

Kiburz caught their final fish of the day on a lure of his own creation, and it was the team's biggest fish of the day. He is the owner of Kibz Custom Lures and is sponsored by LaBella.

Bilby is sponsored by Bass Pro Shops, Cabelas, Mercury



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Roy Bilby (left) and Mark Kiburz qualify to fish the Championship Tournament.

Outboards, Berkley, Grapevine Farms, Iron Skillet Game Seasonings, MPB Plumbing & Heating, Landis Equipment, and LaBella.

## ON TARGET

In Schoharie Pistol League "A" team results for October 1, Schoharie defeated Cobleskill-Richmondville 1051-1050 and VFW defeated West Fulton 1071-104. For the "B" team, Cobleskill-Richmondville defeated Schoharie 922-630, and VFW defeated West Fulton again, 884-439.

### "A" team

Cobleskill-Richmondville Team:	
R Hemsley	279
L VanDuesen	265
W Hensel	256
C Burton	250
Team Total	1050

### Schoharie Team:

G Mueller	280
C Shaul	259
F Haynes	258
R Stark	255
Team Total	1051

### VFW Team:

J Hitt	279
B Righi	265
G Madl	264
S Baker	263
Team Total	1071

### West Fulton Team:

H Wyckoff	283
J Traver	263
D Symons	249
G Kaelber	246
Team Total	1041

Anyone interested in joining the Schoharie County Pistol League should call Jim Hitt (VFW) at 607-538-9503, Dave Symons (West Fulton) at 518-827-5816, Fred Haynes (Schoharie) at 838-267-6882, or Henry Mulbury (Cobleskill-Richmondville) at 518-296-8491. All teams can use more shooters. All matches are fired with .22-caliber handguns.

### "B" team

Cobleskill-Richmondville Team:	
D Gustafson	246
L Prill	229
H Mulbury	228
D Lambert	219
Team Total	922

### Schoharie Team:

J Mattice	245
J Wingfield	239
E Stark	233

Team Total 630

### VFW Team:

R Schrom	242
J Hornbach	229
J Lawton	208
M Gifford	205
Team Total	884

### West Fulton Team:

P Mattice	244
G Kaelber III	195

Team Total 439



# Sports

## BUMP, SET, SPIKE

### SUNY Cobleskill Women's Volleyball

On Friday, October 3, the SUNY Cobleskill women's volleyball team opened North Atlantic Conference play on Friday night with a hard-fought battle, falling in four close sets to Thomas College by scores of 25-23, 8-25, 26-28, and 23-25.

The Tigers had a balanced attack on the night, with Audrey Davis (Hudson Falls) leading the way with 12 kills. Emma Hinze (Altenburg, Missouri) turned in a strong two-way performance with 11 kills and 14 digs, while Hallie Gasner (Middleburgh) chipped in nine kills and three blocks. Setter Baylee Kirschberg (Lindenhurst) filled the stat sheet with 16 assists, 13 digs, six kills, and two aces, while fellow setter Jade Ward (Miami, Florida) handed out a team-high 18 assists to go with eight digs. Libero Jojo Haycock (Bowie, Maryland) anchored the back row with 21 digs, and Kaleigh Capasso (Ballston Spa) added key points at the net.

Thomas finished with a slight edge in kills (43-42) and digs (84-80), while Cobleskill held the advantage in assists (39-38) and blocks (3-2). The Terriers also posted a 12-6 edge in service aces.

Then, on Saturday, October 4, the SUNY Cobleskill Tigers delivered a commanding performance in the afternoon, sweeping Lesley University in straight sets (25-13, 25-16, 25-18) to secure their first North Atlantic Conference win of the season.

The Tigers controlled the pace from start to finish, fueled by a strong serving effort and balanced attack. Kirschberg led the way with 13 assists, seven aces, five kills, and three digs, while Hinze posted nine kills, 12 digs, and five aces while hitting .538. Ward set the tone offensively with a match-high 17 assists, and Gasner was efficient at the net, tallying eight kills and a .500 hitting percentage. Davis added five kills, and Haycock anchored the defense with eight digs.

Cobleskill controlled every major statistical category. The Tigers held a commanding 35-16 advantage in kills. They moved the ball efficiently with 34 assists to Lesley's 15. On defense, Cobleskill held the upper hand with 33 to 26 digs over the Lynx's. From the service line, the Tigers were dominant, recording a season high 18 aces to Lesley's five. The Tigers offense was clicking on all cylinders as they posted a season high .231 hitting percentage.

The opening set saw Cobleskill race out to an early lead, fueled by sharp serving and aggressive net play. Back-to-back aces from Ward set the tone before four straight from Hinze extended the advantage to 11-3. The Tigers stayed in control behind steady passing and quick ball movement, as a pair of kills from Gasner—both set up by Kirschberg—stretched the lead to 17-7. Cobleskill continued to roll, and with the set on the line, Haycock sealed it with an ace to secure the 25-10 first-set victory.

Lesley responded early in the second, jumping out to a 4-0 lead before Cobleskill quickly regrouped. Kirschberg's back-to-back aces ignited an 8-1 run that flipped the momentum in favor of the Tigers. Strong swings from the front row kept the pressure on, including a key kill from Capasso to make it 17-13. As the Tigers pulled ahead, a well-placed swing from Jillian Kern (Lake Placid) pushed them to set point, and another powerful finish from Gasner closed it out for a 25-17 win and a

commanding 2-0 match lead.

In the third set, the Tigers continued to dominate from the service line, with Hinze and Kirschberg combining for five aces to build a 12-7 lead. Their balanced attack kept Lesley scrambling, highlighted by a strong block from Hinze that pushed the advantage to 16-9. The Lynx managed to close the gap to 19-16, but Cobleskill never lost focus. Kirschberg answered again with two straight aces, and with the crowd behind them, the Tigers sealed the sweep on a clean kill from Davis, assisted by Aidan Simister (Manchester, New Hampshire), to take the set 25-17 and the match 3-0.

### The Schoharie Storm Girls' Volleyball

On Thursday, October 2, the Galway Golden Eagles beat the Schoharie Storm 25-16, 25-13, 25-20.

Galway is now 8-0 in league play, and Schoharie is at 6-2. You can next see the Storm at home when they take on the Mayfield Panthers at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21.

### 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 Bornot.

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 Bornot reported.

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

### Cobleskill-Richmondville Varsity Girls' Volleyball

On Tuesday, September 30th, the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs faced off against the Mekeel Christian Academy Lions, but lost two sets to three. The Bulldogs won the first set, 25-23, the Lions won the next, 20-25; the third set went to the Bulldogs, 25-21, the fourth to the Lions, 17-25; and the final set gave the Lions the win, 10-15.

For the Bulldogs, Molly Coppolo got eight kills and six digs; Bella Swartout had five kills and four aces; Joanna McCann got three kills, four blocks, and three aces; Rebecca Hanes got 12 assists; and McKenna Davis had 10 digs.

The Bulldogs' next game was Wednesday, October 1, against the Mayfield Panthers, which the Bulldogs' won three sets to none; the first set was 25-13, the second 25-15, and the last was 25-19.

For the Bulldogs, Joanna McCann got seven kills and four blocks; Molly Coppolo got seven kills and 13 service points; and Elise McDonald got 14 service points, four kills, and 3 aces.

Then on Friday, October 3, the Bulldogs took on the Middleburgh Knights, with the Bulldogs winning all three sets; first set was 25-20, the second 26-24, and the third was 25-13.

For the Bulldogs, Joanna McCann got 10 kills; Molly Coppolo got eight kills, four aces, and 12 service points; Maddy Borkowski had 12 service points and two kills; Rebecca Hanes got 10 assists; and Bella Swartout got three kills.

The next game for the Bulldogs will be tonight, October 9, at Johnstown at 6 p.m.



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**CRCS Bulldogs Madailein Hahl and Ella Haslun placed in modified girls' cross country.**



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**Junior varsity cross country runners Danica Palmer and Celia Sanchez Mauri did well in Schenectady.**

## SETTING THE PACE

On Saturday, October 4, the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldog cross country teams competed at the Schenectady Grout Invitational held at Schenectady Central Park.

The boys' and girls' modified teams competed strong on the 1.7-mile course. The girls' modified team was led by seventh grader Madailein Hahl and the boys' team was led by seventh grader Theodore Tsamis.

Modified girls' places and times: Madailein Hahl, 14th, 11:25; Ella Haslun, 21st, 11:38; Lila Phillips 128th, 15:02; and Anastaisya Gallup, 136th, 15:09.

Modified boys' places and times: Theodore Tsamis, 73rd, 11:29; Lee Whispell and Parker Hoose, 103rd, 12:13; and Lucas Panarese, 115th, 12:24.

JV girls' places and times: Danica Palmer, 16th, 21:42; Celia Sanchez Mauri, 39th, 25:23; Elanor Gagnon, 58th, 30:30; Abby Smith, 32:32.



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**The girls' varsity team earned third in the Schenectady Grout Invitational.**



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**Sophomore Evan Paliwoda led the CRCS cross country varsity team to 10th place.**

The girls' junior varsity (JV) competed well on the 2.75-mile course. The girls JV team was led by eleventh grader Danica Palmer.

The boys' and girls' varsity teams also competed on the 2.75-mile course along with 18 other schools in division C. The girls' varsity team raced their way to third place in the division led by eighth grader Baylee Forsythe. The boys' team was in 10th place led by 10th grader Evan Paliwoda.

Varsity girls' place and times: Baylee Forsythe, 11th, 19:20; Samantha Mentipty, 19th, 19:58; Matilda Walton, 26th, 20:58; Lilah Coons, 29th, 21:15; Gabrielle Hughes, 36th, 21:15; Audrey Gutierrez, 40th, 21:56; and Abigail Miller, 57th, 23:15.

Varsity boys' places and times: Evan Paliwoda, 14th, 15:50; Andrew Hughes, 24th, 16:35; Brady Lampron, 46th, 17:32; Samuel Smith, 100th, 21:55; and Preston Lucero, 105th, 22:31.



## A look back at Super DIRT Week

By Ed & Betty Biittig  
Mat Williamson of St. Catherine's, Ontario, ran away and dominated the 39th Annual Outlaw 200 at Fulton Speedway on Saturday, scoring his third win in the prestigious event.

Other winners in the preliminary races on Thursday were Jacob Gureck (Novice Sportsman), Ron Marsden (Hobby Stocks), Joe Isabella (STAR Mod Lites), and Willy Easling (Four Cylinder). Fast Friday night winners were Joe Trenga (Empire Super Sprints) and Luke Horning (Pro Stocks).

Ahead of Super DIRT Week in Oswego, we reviewed its history to highlight why it's a top event in dirt track racing.

The tradition began in 1972 with the inaugural Schaefer International 100-lap event, which offered a

\$5,000 prize to the winner. The program featured an impressive roster of over 100 drivers from states including Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, as well as competitors from Canada. Buzzie Reutimann of Zephyrhills, Florida, claimed victory in the first race, which was promoted by Glen Donnelly. Over the years, the event expanded to include additional divisions and days, transforming it into an almost week-long affair.

For approximately 44 years, the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse served as the venue for this highly anticipated race within the motorsports community. In 2015, however, the State of New York removed the historic track and grandstand—an oval that had existed since 1909. Subsequently, it was an-



Photo by Biittig

**Kenny Marshall has announced his retirement following a distinguished 50-year career as head starter at numerous racetracks along the East Coast.**

nounced that the event would relocate to Oswego Speedway, an asphalt track situated north of Syracuse along Lake Ontario. A temporary clay surface was installed over the asphalt for the duration of the event and then removed afterward. The initial years at Oswego presented challenges, including inclement weather and difficulties maintaining the clay surface. Over time, both participants and spectators adapted to these changes.

Travel distances also shifted for us; while the trip to the fairgrounds was approximately two hours or 125 miles, reaching Oswego now requires two hours and 22 minutes, or about 150 miles. Notably, World Racing Group CEO Brian Carter and his team have consistently enhanced the event each year. The community continues to welcome participants warmly, and local establishments such as Wade's Diner are highly recommended.

Also, on the racing schedule this weekend is an event that began in 2006, with 14 different drivers having won the "Working Man's Race," originally held at Afton Raceway in Afton, NY.

This year, the event will return to Afton Motorsports Park and take place on Columbus Day weekend, concurrent with Super DIRT Week. This event was founded and promoted by Brett Deyo of BD Motorsports Media, LLC.

Kenny Marshall has dedicated 50 years of service to the racing community as an official head starter at various tracks spanning from New York to Florida. We extend our congratulations to Kenny, who has recently announced his retirement.

For information on both of these events check social media sites.

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

## TEE TIME

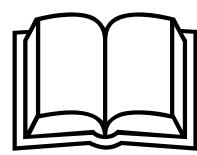
On Tuesday, September 30, the Cobleskill varsity golf team won their match against Fonda Fultonville, 13-2. CJ Warner was medalist, finishing one under par. Fred Sperbeck shot his best score of the season, shooting even par for the match. Owen McCormack qualified for sectionals in this match as well.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

Photo by Pete Lindemann

**Six senior volleyball players were honored at Middleburgh's Senior Night before September 30's home game against Loudonville Christian. From left, Cayden Danielsen, Lily Corbett, Natalie Ulmer, Brianna Simmons, Madison Randaisi, and Maria Patino. The Knights lost three games to one. Their current record is 1-6 overall and 0-4 in league play. We here at the Times Journal are rooting for you, Knights!**





# Eyes on Education

## BOCES celebrates National Careers in Construction Month

**SCHOHARIE** – Nearly 1 million workers are needed in the construction industry by the end of 2026, making now the best time in recent history for those considering making a living in construction.

For students in the Capital Region, the BOCES Career and Technical Education Center offers eight different programs from which they could lay the foundation for a great career in construction. Programs include Building Trades, Carpentry, Electrical Trades, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Heavy Equipment Repair and Operation (HERO), Plumbing Trades, Network Technology, and Welding and Metal Fabrication.

Enrollment in these programs continues to rise, with more than 400 high school students from more than 24 area school districts registered for those eight programs. This underscores a greater trend of students and their families realizing the value of skilled trades and, correspondingly, BOCES partners realizing the value of its program and students.

"The work done here at BOCES and CTE is amazing. It [...] puts students on the road to great success," said



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**Braeden All of Middleburgh graduated from BOCES's building trades program.**

Brian Williams, Executive Director, Capital Region Workforce Development Board.

More than two dozen students who took part in the National Signing Day celebration at Capital Region BOCES last school year were entering the construction industry.

Among them was Braeden All, who graduated in June from the Building Trades program. "When I first walked into this program, I wasn't sure where I was headed. Now,

I'm walking out with purpose, pride, and a clear direction. I know I'm not the only one who feels that way," said the Middleburgh alumni.

Fellow 2025 graduate Samantha Herzog echoed those sentiments. "I really enjoy all of the different activities we do and how we learn to operate so many different pieces of equipment," said the HERO program graduate from Schoharie who has joined the Laborers' 157 Union and been hired by

Murnane Building Contractors Inc. "I feel well prepared for a career thanks to BOCES."

Nearly 100 area businesses and institutions regularly collaborate with Capital Region BOCES to build the future of the construction industry in the Capital Region and beyond. Their support is crucial not only to student success, but also to the future of the construction industry.

These include partners such as Associated General Contractors of New York State, National Grid, BBL Construction Services, Finke Equipment Co., STS Steel,

Milton CAT, Abele Tractor & Equipment Co., Kamco Supply New England, and Penske Corp.

"These partnerships are critical because they allow us to stay on top of what is going on in the industry," said Nancy Liddle, Capital Region BOCES Managing Program Coordinator-Business & Community Partnerships. "They also help to place students in good jobs that help grow the regional economy and overcome national unemployment trends."

Business representatives agree.

Jeff Knox, CEO of Bill Lake Modular Home, works with students in the Building Trades program. "We need people like this in our industry. The industry is desperate for people with these skills," he said.

Scott Nadeau, an Organizer for UA Local 7, Plumbers and Steamfitters union, said, "BOCES is a valuable partner for us. They provide us with students who are interested in the trades, who want to learn and work, and who have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of the trades."

The Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is the sixth-largest BOCES in New York state and delivers more than 300 educational and administrative services to its 24 component school districts. Combined, these districts educate more than 80,000 students in Albany, Schoharie, Schenectady, and Saratoga counties of New York state. In addition, Capital Region BOCES provides several services to more than 150 school districts outside of the Capital Region. For more information, visit [www.capitalregionboces.org](http://www.capitalregionboces.org).



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**Samantha Herzog of Schoharie already was hired after graduating from BOCES.**

## Counselor with nearly three decades of service at BOCES enjoys watching students grow

**SCHOHARIE** – With 28 years of experience at Capital Region BOCES, Jen Russo knows a little about helping students forge bright futures.

"Each year at graduation, I am so proud of the positive choices and decisions our students have made for their future," Russo said. "So many have overcome obstacles to attain the skills and certifications they earn while with us."

Russo, who is counselor at the Career and Technical Education Center-Schoharie Campus, works with students to help them choose the best path to professional success, whether it's pursuing further education after high school or directly entering the workforce. She also helps the teenagers work through the daily angst of life and develop the coping and other skills needed in professional and personal settings.

"I really enjoy the growth of our students. When they visit as 16-year-olds, they are still very uncertain of what they want to do in the future. By the time they leave, they have a much clearer path."

Russo has held many jobs at BOCES including Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, during which she helped launch the PAX Good Behavior Game in several area school districts. The pro-



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**Counselor Jen Russo assists student McKenna Davis.**

gram helped young students better regulate themselves in educational settings and cut down on her visits to classrooms to help students focus and manage their behaviors.

Her path to BOCES and helping young students started with obtaining a degree in psychology and drugs and alcohol rehabilitation.

"I initially worked in a rehab setting and decided I was on the wrong side of the issue and wanted to focus on preventing it. This led me to graduate school and school counseling," she said.

Russo said attending BOCES was not an option for her during her school days, but she wishes it was.

"Career and technical education was not presented as an option for me while in high school. If it had been, I probably would have chosen Early Childhood or Culinary," she said.

Outside of BOCES, Russo follows her passion of helping youth, mentoring middle school students and volunteering with Schenectady County's "Working Group on Girls" initiative.

She was named a Woman of Achievement through the YWCA in 2012 and also volunteers to deliver lunches during the summer to youth who are food insecure.

## SUNY Delhi launches fully online criminal justice bachelor's program

**DELHI** – SUNY Delhi announces the launch of a fully online, direct-entry Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, expanding access for students seeking a four-year degree without relocating. Enrollment is now open for Spring and Fall 2026 semesters.

The new program allows students to enter directly into a four-year online bachelor's degree program without transferring in with an associate degree. Designed with flexibility in mind, the program is ideal for recent high school graduates, working professionals, and others who want to balance education with career or personal commitments.

"This new online program helps us meet our students where they are in their lives and careers, offering the flexibility they need to complete a degree and pursue or advance careers in policing, law, corrections, social services, security, and more," said Dr. Simon Purdy, Professor of Criminal Justice at SUNY Delhi. "Because our online classes are taught by the same experienced faculty as our campus program, students receive the same quality education in whichever format best suits their needs."

The online degree mirrors SUNY Delhi's existing on-campus Criminal Justice program, allowing students to study fully online or take

a combination of online and on-campus courses. The format provides students with the ability to adapt the educational experience to their individual circumstances.

Program highlights include courses taught by instructors with extensive experience in the field, such as practicing attorneys, current and former law enforcement officers, and criminal justice researchers; the option to study fully online or blend online and on-campus coursework; pathways to graduate study, including SUNY Delhi's online master's program in Criminal Justice; and exclusive 3+3 law school partnerships with Albany Law School and Western New England School of Law, enabling students to earn both a bachelor's and juris doctor degree in six years with an accelerated timeline.

"SUNY Delhi is dedicated to providing innovative academic opportunities that open doors for students from all backgrounds," said Dr. Mary Bonderoff, President of SUNY Delhi. "This new online bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice expands our reach and ensures students can pursue a high-quality SUNY Delhi education while preparing for meaningful careers that serve our communities."

SUNY Delhi also currently offers online degree pro-

grams in Veterinary Science Technology (AAS), Business and Technology Management (BBA), Criminal Justice (BS and MS), Culinary Arts Management (BBA), Event Management (BBA), Healthcare Management (BBA), Hotel and Restaurant Management (BBA), Human Resource Management (BBA), RN-to-BSN, Nursing Administration (MS), Nursing Education (MS), and Criminal Justice (MS). SUNY Delhi also offers post-graduate certificates in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education.

Online classes are available at the start of the on-campus term each fall, winter, and spring semester, and can be completed either full-time or part-time at a self-directed pace. SUNY Delhi's online students have access to extensive support services such as tutoring, library resources, discussion forums, academic advisement, and career development assistance. To learn more, please visit [www.delhi.edu/academics/online](http://www.delhi.edu/academics/online).

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# Eyes on Education

## Schoharie Valley FFA member to perform with National FFA Chorus

SCHOHARIE – Caroline Borst, a member of the Schoharie Valley FFA chapter in Schoharie, will be on stage and in the spotlight October 29 through November 1 during the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

Caroline, a junior at Schoharie High School and the daughter of John and Michele Borst, has been selected for the second year in a row to be a member of the National FFA Chorus.

The National FFA Chorus is an audition-required ensemble consisting of approximately 100 FFA members from around the United States. The chorus will perform several times throughout the National FFA Convention & Expo, adding excitement and motivation to the sessions through their music.

Caroline will join fellow chorus members in Indianapolis for rehearsals three days before the start of the convention and expo begins. “To be selected to participate in the National Chorus for a second year is a tremendous honor, said Borst. “I am so excited to reconnect with old friends and make new friends, all while celebrating all of the wonderful opportunities FFA offers.”

The National FFA Orga-



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Schoharie High School junior Caroline Borst earned a spot in the National FFA Chorus.

nization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization with more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in

the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org and on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## Local students enroll at SUNY Delhi for fall 2025

DELHI – SUNY Delhi is proud to welcome nearly 1,200 new students who enrolled for the fall 2025 semester: Ronald Cook of Cobleskill (Veterinary Science Technology), Karlee Bishop of Cobleskill (Veterinary Science Technology), Oshanea Johnson of Esperance (Accounting), Serenity White-Woods of Middleburgh (Baking and Pastry Arts Management), Holden Angell of Jefferson (Mechatronics Design), HannahJean Bogdan of Gilboa (Nursing), Naomi Robinson of Jefferson (Nursing), Hazel Densmore of Jefferson (Nursing), Sofia Falco of Mid-

dleburgh (Nursing Administration), Brielle Van Cleef of Jefferson (Adolescence Education Studies), and Augustus Mason of Jefferson (Residential Construction).

Founded in 1913, SUNY Delhi is a premier technology college in New York State, integrating hands-on, career-focused teaching and learning into each of its 60+ academic programs. SUNY Delhi offers certificates, associate degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and master’s degrees both on campus and online in diverse fields such as applied technologies, nursing, hospitality, veterinary

science, and liberal arts.

In recent years, SUNY Delhi’s student-centered approach and reputation for excellence have led to record-breaking enrollment in many of its popular programs. With a commitment to high-quality education, sustainability, and community engagement, SUNY Delhi provides a supportive environment where students thrive both in and out of the classroom.

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# Around the county

## Schoharie County gets chili



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Ron Anstett of Summit (left), Harold Vroman of Charlotteville, and Wayne Stinson and Paul Turner—both of Summit—served as judges for Sunday’s chili cook-off fundraiser in Charlotteville.

By Pete Lindemann, Times Journal Staff  
CHARLOTTEVILLE — There is a Summit Community Center.

It just doesn’t have a building yet.

That’s why the members got together on Sunday at noon at the Charlotteville Schoolhouse to host a chili cook-off.

The contest was a fundraiser for the yet-to-be-built community center. After two and-a-half years of fundraising, they have \$18,000 in hand, said John Steitz, one of the organizers. That’s 30% of what they need to buy some property.

Once they have the property, Steitz explained, they’ll

be able to apply for grants for the community center building.

In the meantime, the members of the Summit Community Center have been partnering with other groups in the area for their programs—like the Charlotteville Schoolhouse.

They also have coordinated events with the Summit Fire Department, Summit Conservation Club, the old Johnson Hotel on Summit Lake, and the Maple Museum in Jefferson, said member Barbara Iwinski.

Their next event is October 19 when they will host an Autumn Fest at the Summit FD.

At Sunday’s chili cook-off,

four judges sampled 10 entries. They rated the samples one to five on the qualities of aroma, consistency, appearance, heat, and taste.

They awarded first place to Billy Coyne of Summit. Second went to Steve Kramer of Charlotteville, and third, Carolyn Zimmerman of Summit.

The People’s Choice Award—voted by everyone there—went to Allison Ryan of Albany.

The chili cook-off winners walked away from Sunday’s fundraiser with bragging rights, and the Summit Community Center got one step closer to its dream.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Carolyn Zimmerman and Tammy Silvestri-Putnam, both of Summit, serve up some chili.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Paul Turner had a remedy on hand for judging ten chili entries.

## The cows have it



Photo by Pete Lindemann

McKayla McLenithan of Cambridge waits to show Lana, her Red Angus, from Imagine That Farms. With her is Sage Schrader of Ghent.

by Pete Lindemann, Times Journal Staff  
COBLESKILL — The New York Junior Beef Producers Association held their Fall Festival at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds last weekend.

On Saturday, there was a

showmanship competition. Sunday featured a cow/calf show, breeding heifer show, best bred and owned female, prospect calf show, and market animal show.

While most of the exhibitors were from New York,

others were from Nebraska, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Alpha Gamma Rho, the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture fraternity, helped with the event.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Piper Somerville of Cass City, Michigan, waits to show Koe, a cross-bred heifer, at the Cobleskill fairgrounds. Koe, from Noel Boys Farm in Chaffee, NY, was the overall winner in Saturday’s AGR Jackpot Show, Piper said.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Justin Murphy of Oneonta gives a last-minute grooming to Poppy before the show.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Leonard Lengel of Lengel Farms in Deposit gets ready to show his Hereford Angus.

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## Oberacker runs for Congress

**By Pete Lindemann, Times Journal Staff**  
**SCHENEVUS** – Peter Oberacker is looking to go national. The state senator from Schenevus has announced he's seeking the Republican nomination in the race for United States Congress. If he gets the GOP nod, Oberacker will look to unseat Democratic Congressman Josh Riley of Ithaca. Riley is in his first year

representing New York's 19th congressional district. He won the congressional seat in 2024 after a close, hard-fought campaign against former US Representative Marc Molinaro. Molinaro now serves as administrator of the Federal Transit Administration under the US Department of Transportation. Oberacker is currently a member of the New York State Senate committees for

Agriculture, Labor, Finance, and Higher Education as well as the ranking member of the Transportation Committee and Substance Use Disorders Committee. In addition to being a sitting state senator representing Schoharie County since 2020, Oberacker volunteers with Schenevus Fire Department and EMS. In 2007, he created Form Tech Solutions, which became a "multi-million dollar business work-

ing with major companies around the world to develop and incorporate new and innovative products and then make them applicable in the ever-growing food industry" (per <https://www.peterforseenate51.com/about>). He left his position there in December of last year after 23 years as CEO. "...I want my grandchildren, and yours, to have the same opportunities we had," Oberacker said of running for

federal office. "To live in safe communities, to stay here in upstate New York, and to pursue the American Dream right here in our soil." The 19th congressional district encompasses the entirety of Broome, Tioga, Tompkins, Chenango, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, and Columbia Counties, as well as parts of Ulster and Otsego Counties. The election will take place on November 3, 2026.



Photo from Oberacker's campaign video, "Soil" **State Senator Peter Oberacker announced plans to run for US Congress.**

## TOWN OF FULTON ELECTION COVERAGE 2025

**By Executive Editor HB Steadham and Snow Steadham, Times Journal Staff**  
**FULTON** – The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, with two contested offices in the Town of Fulton: councilmember and supervisor.

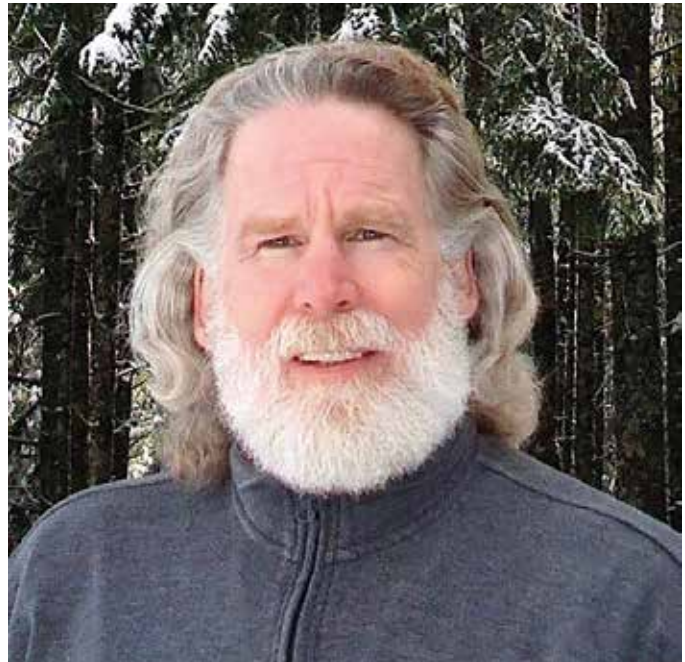
hoping that as councilman, I'll be able to keep prices down and protect property rights. I have a bachelor's in civil engineering, I've been on the planning board for four years, and I have two kids.

the Bench while commencing forward with that election run. You asked why I decided to run—Well, this trial revolving around 151 Clauverie reignited my interest. The re-emergence of past events that Mr. Skowfoe and family have attachment to presented once again that the Town of Fulton NEEDS a leader without scandal and discrepancies. The constituency is owed a representative that is not marred or brought into question. Over the years there have been many inferences and—sadly—truth to many of the claims. Unfortunately or fortunately, decidedly depending on what side of the coin you are looking, I witnessed many firsthand. Twenty-seven years is a VERY long time, and, in my opinion and the opinion if others, he needs to retire. This amount of time only leads to collusion and corruption!



Contributed photo **Maryann Pietromonaco is running for Fulton Town Supervisor.**

the Town with much needed repairs, equipment, and updates. I have experience with grant acquisitions and disaster relief aid. Town development and revisions over the years that have helped and protected our community: Years of balanced highway and general budgets and maintaining surplus; Instrumental in acquiring grants for small cities housing; Support Mittel to improve services to homeowners with faster internet; Implementation of building the new Town Highway Complex with improvements and new equipment; Implementation of renovation of old Town Hall with added Community Center; Implementation of moratorium on wind projects; Implementation of solar law to regulate solar companies; Approval of Resolution #22-2020 Pilot Agreement and pre-application fees to protect the town; Procurement of \$1.2 million grant from Bridge NY with County and Billy Jaycox for Heathen Creek improvements; Adopted Commercial Non-Permanent and Temporary Structure Reg-



Contributed photo **Robert John Crosby is running for Fulton Town Council.**

As part of the Times Journal promise to bring you news that matters, we've giving all candidates the opportunity to express themselves in their own words. Other candidates in county-wide contested offices will be featured each week leading up the election. Read, learn, and vote your conscience. Your vote matters!

**Maryann Pietromonaco (running as a Republican):**  
 First off, I have been a resident of the Town of Fulton full time since 2006. I am a mother, wife, and grandmother! I am 61 years old. Prior to my career as an NYPD officer, I was a paralegal in NYC and also worked as a project manager for a construction company on Long Island. I am a former Town Justice in the Town of Fulton. I did resign from my term five months prior to fulfillment to run against Phil (unsuccessfully) in 2013. It would have been unethical to remain on

Also in your email you asked what I can bring to the County and the Board of Supervisors—That answer is fairly simple and clear to me. I have an extensive background in public service from the streets of Brooklyn—where I have a degree from the University of Brooklyn North (an endearing term that Police Officers use that is symbolic to make reference that we worked in a very heavily serious crime ridden area, i.e., Bed-Stuy, East NY, Brownsville, amongst other areas ). This means I have a strong understanding of the DRUG problem the County as a whole is facing and some possible remedies for such. As a cop on the street, a town Justice, and my work in the Queens Court Section/Queens DA's office, I offer a unique perspective! As a rescue worker and first responder through many catastrophic events including

the 1993 bombing of the Trade Center, 2001, numerous riots, plane crashes, strikes, and storms—there, too, I have a strong understanding of what is needed for crisis management and all endeavors related to such. As a successful small business owner, management is key and there, again, strong leadership—all of which I possess. Retail and restaurant experience/ownership proves my unrelenting work ethic and devotion. My family has been in real estate for decades and I also possess knowledge in that field! There are many issues plaguing the Board of Supervisors. Besides the political polarization—they are experiencing inflation, reduced workforce issues, environmental issues like biosolids and recycling, opioids, and homelessness, just to name a few. Not to mention development and sales tax, also. We can do better! I am fiscally conservative but sociologically moderate. I believe good, common-sense approaches with adherence to the law is needed. I believe that the Board needs to be transparent, responsible, and accountable to their constituents. I am open to debate and working far above and away from party lines and believe in the hard work that improves the community, whether it be Town or County. It is the Board's duty and responsibility to work towards the betterment of the County regardless, and to answer to the constituency in an open truthful and timely manner! With life experience, college, and much training, I believe I will be a STRONG ASSET to the Board of Supervisors! P.S. I would like to formally challenge Mr. Skowfoe to an open public debate or town hall. I will be available anytime, anyplace he chooses!!

community as Supervisor and seek to continue. I am very appreciative of my wife and her constant support throughout the years. I am thankful for my family and everyone in the community that has aided this wonderful venture. With your support, I can continue to provide you with the quality ser-



Contributed photo **Philip Skowfoe, Fulton Town Supervisor, poses with his wife.**

**FULTON COUNCILMEMBER—VOTE FOR I Robert John Crosby (running as a Republican):**  
 I decided to run for the remaining two years of the open Town Council position in the Town of Fulton because I felt that I could help put a stronger influence on public safety in our community. We have a growing problem of drug use and crime in the Town of Fulton that needs to be addressed. My priorities for the Town of Fulton will be the safety of our citizens, especially the elderly and our school children. Some of my other priorities will be establishing better access to the internet and phone service. There are also numerous roads in our community that are dangerous, especially in winter, that need to be improved—hopefully with the help of county and state funds. I have written and managed extremely large budgets and supervised numerous government union employees while working for the Long Island Rail Road, where I supervised the Mechanical Division from Central Control in my position of Master Mechanic.



Contributed photo **Paul Klohe, running for Fulton Town Council, plays with one of his kids.**

**Paul Klohe (running as a Democrat):**  
 I decided to run for council because I like this town, and I don't want to be pushed out again. I lived in Ulster County five years ago, but the price made me move to Fulton. I'm

vice we are accustomed to. As a lifelong resident, family man, disabled veteran, volunteer, and public official, I pride myself on loyalty to myself, my family, and my community: Life member of the VFW, Member of the American Legion, Life member of the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club, Member of the West Fulton Rod and Gun Club, Former Scout Master of local Boy Scout Troop 58, Self-employed businessman. I am open-minded and respectful while at the service of our community. I have solid working relationships with government officials, enabling the system to work quickly and efficiently. I have a reputation as a listener and am a calm participant in finding solutions for difficult situations. I am fiscally conservative and consistent while providing

ulations Law to meet safety and regulatory requirements; Implementation of Real Property Tax Exemptions for volunteer fire and ambulance workers. Improvements in motion: working with Hydro Resource Management Committee to help with distribution of NYPA funding to support our local fire departments and EMS services; submitted a new application to Western Catskills for small cities grant to assist our community for home improvements (I already brought four grants in). I will do my best to try and see everyone. If I miss you, please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. We look forward to your continued support. Please come out and vote November 4, 2025. Respectfully, Phil Skowfoe 518-827-4896

# Economic News

## Coxsackie, Ballston Spa banks merging to create \$1.3B community bank

By Melanie Lekocevic,  
Capital Region Independent  
Media

RAVENA — The National Bank of Coxsackie and Ballston Spa National Bank have announced a “strategic merger” that will create a \$1.3 billion community bank.

The National Bank of Coxsackie has eight branches, including Faith Plaza in Ravena, Route 9W in Glenmont, Coxsackie, West Coxsackie, Athens, Cairo, Greenville, and Middleburgh.

The merger is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026, bank officials said.

Christopher Dowd, president and CEO of Ballston Spa National Bank, said the two banks have similar cultures and customers from both will benefit from the merger.

“There are various attributes about both organizations that line up well—if you look at the layout of our existing branches, the infrastructure for both organizations, I think they are quite complementary,” Dowd said.

The deal has not yet been finalized. The boards of directors from both banks voted unanimously to sign a “definite merger agreement,” which commits them to the path of combining the two companies, Dowd said. The deal is expected to be finalized in the

second quarter of 2026 and still requires the approval of bank regulators and shareholders.

### IMPACT ON CUSTOMERS

While some of the details are still being worked out, the National Bank of Coxsackie will be known as Coxsackie Bank, a division of Ballston Spa National Bank.

For the time being, there will be no impacts on customers of the National Bank of Coxsackie, the bank’s president and CEO, John Balli, said.

“Up until the legal close in second quarter of 2026, absolutely nothing changes,” Balli said. “We are both still two completely independent banks until there is a legal close. After that date, eventually our customers will integrate with their customers and start to realize better services, products, locations, etc. We will do everything possible to minimize any disruptions.”

It is unclear at this time specifically how customers will be impacted once the merger is completed — whether they will be issued new account numbers, need new checkbooks or ATM cards, and so on. Bank officials say any coming changes will be communicated ahead of time.

“There will be zero surprises and full preparation for any changes that might be coming,” Balli said.



Contributed photo

The Ballston Spa National Bank is in the process of merging with the National Bank of Coxsackie.

After the merger is complete, customers from both banks can expect a broader range of services, drawing on the strengths of each company, Dowd and Balli said.

“There are complementary services that both banks offer,” Dowd said. “For instance, Ballston Spa National Bank maintains a wealth management group offering trust and estate services, as well as investment advisory, and we will have those services available to Coxsackie customers on a go-forward basis.”

Ballston Spa customers will also benefit from services currently offered by the Coxsackie bank.

Both banks will also continue to make community involvement a cornerstone of their services, he added.

“The two organizations share similar values and cultures—the impact that we are able to have on the communities where we do business—and as a combined organization we will be able to bring more for those resources, both in terms of volunteer support as well as funds for charitable organizations,” Dowd said. “We will be able to bring that to bear on the larger market.”

### IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES AND BRANCHES

It is unknown how em-

ployees of the two banks will be impacted, or if there will be any layoffs.

“It’s too early in the process,” Dowd said. “The strategy is about building—building on the successes that both organizations have achieved over the years. Our hope is to create a model with greater scale and greater capacity that is able to deliver something greater for our customers, and we know we need a talented team, and we have the opportunity to create a talented team based on the workforce that is available from both organizations.”

There are no plans to close any bank branches, Dowd said. Once the merger is com-

plete, the two banks will be as one, and customers from each will be able to do business seamlessly with branches from the other. That means customers will have a broader network of branches in which to conduct their banking.

“For us to go from eight branches to 21 branches, it would have taken decades to do that, and it will happen in one day for our customers, so that growth is a really tremendous advantage for our customers,” Balli said.

The merger will include a 13-member board of directors, with nine coming from Ballston Spa National Bank and four from National Bank of Coxsackie. The configuration was based on the numbers, Balli said.

“That is based on the contribution of various things from National Bank of Coxsackie to the combined entity, so that was an appropriate number of board seats reflecting our contribution to assets and things like book value,” Balli said. “All those factors were taken into account. We are smaller than Ballston Spa now, so it was fair to come up with nine out of 13.”

For more information on the merger, and how customers may be impacted, visit <https://www.nbcoxsackie.com/merger.php>.

## Senator Oberacker introduces utility Ratepayer Bill of Rights



ALBANY — Schoharie’s State Senator Peter Oberacker unveiled the New York State Ratepayer Bill of Rights, a plan to hold utility companies accountable and guarantee core protections for every New Yorker.

The proposal outlines ten fundamental rights that utility customers should be guaranteed from accurate billing to fair outage compensation. It comes at a crucial time, as ratepayers across the state are grappling with rising costs, unreliable service, and growing concerns over corporate influence and foreign ownership of utility companies.

“For too long, utility companies have operated in a system that favors profits over people,” said Senator Oberacker. “This plan restores balance by putting the power back where it belongs, in the hands of the ratepayers, not boardrooms of corporate utilities or their overseas parent companies.”

Key protections in the Ratepayer Bill of Rights include mandatory public hearings and independent review before any rate increases; full transparency on billing formulas, rate structures, and executive compensation; strict penalties for overbilling, poor communication, or service failure; automatic bill credits for extended power outages; a permanent ban on political contributions from regulated utility companies to elected officials or oversight

committees; creation of a Utility Consumer Advocate Office to stand up for customer interests; financial safeguards to prevent shutoffs during extreme weather or hardship; public access to infrastructure safety reviews, including grid reliability and battery storage; a requirement that utilities maintain and modernize the power grid with independent audits; and empowering local governments and communities to have a voice in utility project siting and expansions.

According to Oberacker’s team, the Ratepayer Bill of Rights is designed to put customers first ahead of special interests, foreign investors, or unaccountable utility executives.

“Over the last year, I have heard from hundreds of constituents telling horror stories of their experiences with utility companies,” Oberacker said. “Families in my district have been hit with \$3,000 bills and unauthorized withdrawals of nearly \$1,000 without warning. It’s time New Yorkers are treated as the ones who are footing the bill and not just treated like a bottom line.”

Senator Oberacker will introduce the Ratepayer Bill of Rights as a package of bills in the upcoming legislative session and is calling for broad bipartisan support to restore trust, fairness, and transparency in how utilities serve New York’s homes and businesses.

## Price Chopper and Market 32 raise money to donate milk and food

SCHENECTADY — Earlier this year, the American Dairy Association North East teamed up with Market 32 and Price Chopper to raise funds for the joint Fill a Glass with Hope®/Fill a Plate with Promise campaigns.

Fill a Glass With Hope® is an effort led by American Dairy Association North East to bring fresh milk to families in need. Funds are raised through grants, corporate sponsorships, and individual donations who share the passion for feeding communities.

Over \$62,000 was raised for the combined campaign, including



\$14,500 specifically for Fill a Glass with Hope®, resulting in more than 6,300 half-gallons of milk that will be distributed to local food banks across New York State.

This was the 11th year that American Dairy Association North East has partnered with Market 32/Price Chopper for a charitable milk donation program. In that time more than \$300,000 has been raised, leading to over 150,000 half-gallons—or more



than one million servings—of milk going to those in need.

## New Yorkers set to receive ‘inflation refund checks’

ALBANY — Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York State’s first-ever inflation refund checks up to \$400 are now being sent to 8.2 million households statewide.

Starting September 26th, checks will be mailed directly to eligible New Yorkers, with deliveries to continue throughout October and November. There is no need to apply, sign up, or do anything to receive a check.

Governor Hochul secured and enacted this initiative as part of her “ongoing commitment to putting money back in the pockets of New Yorkers.” Earlier this year, the governor also secured and enacted initiatives to cut taxes for the middle class to their lowest levels in

70 years, expand New York’s Child Tax Credit to up to \$1,000 per child, and ensure universal free school meals to save families around \$1,600 per child.

“Starting today, we’re sending inflation refund checks to over 8 million New Yorkers because it’s simple—this is your money and we’re putting it back in your pockets,” Governor Hochul said.

Inflation has driven the costs of everyday necessities higher, and, as a result, the State’s revenue from the collection of sales tax has also increased. Governor Hochul stated that she believes that money belongs to hardworking New York families and should be put back in their pockets as an inflation refund.

Of this initiative, Hochul’s team said, “During a time when costs are high due to inflation and the Trump Administration’s tariff policies, smaller expenses can be a hardship on families across the United States. The latest reports from the Federal Reserve show that approximately 37 percent of adults across the nation would have to borrow money or sell personal belongings to pay a \$400 emergency expense using cash or its equivalent. The inflation refund checks can offer hardworking New Yorkers a cushion for smaller expenses, providing them with a sense of relief for unexpected repairs or emergencies.”

## NYS private-sector employment down 13,300 jobs

ALBANY — According to preliminary seasonally adjusted figures released September 18th by the New York State Department of Labor, the number of private-sector jobs in New York state decreased over the month by 13,300, or 0.2%, to 8,467,100 in August 2025. The number of private sector jobs in the US was unchanged in percentage terms in August 2025.

New York State’s private sector jobs (not seasonally adjusted) increased by 117,900, or 1.4%, over the year in August 2025, greater than the 0.9% increase in the number of private sector jobs in the US.

New York State’s seasonally ad-

justed unemployment rate held constant at 4.0% in August 2025. At the same time, New York State’s labor force (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 6,700. The statewide labor force participation rate decreased from 60.9% to 60.8% in August 2025.

The number of private sector jobs in New York State is based on a payroll survey of New York businesses conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Monthly payroll employment estimates are preliminary and subject to revision as more complete data become available the following month. The BLS calculates New York State’s

unemployment rate based partly upon the results of the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) of approximately 2,800 households in the State.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for July 2025 was revised up by 1,400, from +55,500 to +56,900. At the same time, the change in total private employment was revised up by 1,000, from +11,400 to +12,400. Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.

# Government News

## All quiet on the Sharon front

By Snow Steadham, Times Journal Staff

SHARON SPRINGS – On Wednesday, October 1, the Town of Sharon met.

Supervisor Sandra Manko let the board know that the pool had been covered and winterized on September 8.

Next, town assessor Charlene Ruskowski stood to give her report. She spoke about the incorrect information in the directory found online. She wanted it to be updated to the correct dates and times that the Assessor's Office would be open, which are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Ruskowski also let everyone know that she has begun to spend time in Seward and Carlisle to be able to help them where she can. She said that she goes to Seward about every other week, and she spends a few hours a week in Carlisle.

Next, someone from the Slate Hill Cemetery spoke to the board about a new lawn mower that he would like to purchase, which was approved unanimously.

The Dog Control and Code Enforcement Officer's reports were both approved, but the Highway Superintendent wasn't present to give the Highway report.

The board then audited the bills and approved the clerk and supervisor's reports, which then led to an executive session being called to discuss contract negotiation with Sharon Solar Vista and other personnel matters.

## Time capsules, Halloween events, and swimming pools at M'burgh meeting

By Pete Lindemann, Times Journal Staff

Property taxes would remain flat for residents in the Village of Middleburgh under the proposed 2026 budget discussed at the village board meeting on Monday at the Middleburgh Library.

The proposed budget would have a total revenue of \$1,036,904 and expenditures of \$1,033,016. That leaves a surplus of \$3,888.

That surplus may be used for fire department expenses—a budget meeting with the FD is upcoming—or it may be held for future contingencies.

And not only is the village

looking ahead to 2026, it is also looking ahead to 2050. That's when a time capsule—to be buried in Memorial Park tomorrow, Friday at 3 p.m.—will be opened.

Other business included the announcement that Melanie Laraway, village clerk, will be retiring after 20 years of service on October 15. Deputy Clerk Rebecca Kelley will take her place.

Mayor Knight said that they have received five applications for the deputy clerk position and will begin interviewing candidates.

Harry Rode of Locomotion Sports Bar & Grill requested

the use of Timothy Murphy Park for a Halloween event on Saturday, November 1.

Rode said it would be an event for the community including food, music, games, and contests—"a way to bring the community together."

The use of the park for the event was unanimously passed by the board.

The board also discussed its application for a NY SWIMS grant to repair the village pool. NY SWIMS—the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming—funds such pool projects with an 80/20 state/local split.

Delaware Engineering has

estimated the repair costs for the Middleburgh Village pool to be \$1.1 to \$1.5 million, with the piping under the pool deck being the difference.

In the end, the board decided to apply for the full \$1.5 million, reasoning that with the \$400,000 difference, the village's 20% share would be \$80,000—a relatively small amount, said Superintendent of Public Works Cole Keyser, if they have to rip things up in the future to fix the pipes.

The Village has gathered letters of support for the pool project from Middleburgh Town Councilman Wes Laraway (a former lifeguard

at the pool), Middleburgh School Superintendent Mark Place, and Schoharie County Youth Bureau Director Cody Robinson-Bullock. They are waiting for another letter from Assemblyman Chris Tague.

The deadline to apply for the pool grant is October 30. "We have a really strong application," said Mayor Knight.

The board also reviewed a parking lot design for 111 Railroad Avenue. The building there was demolished in the summer. The village is planning a 10-car parking lot on the site, with four reserved for local residents.

The parking lot would be 92 feet long and 37 feet wide.

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## Community News

# Veteran and adventurer turns 100



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Alexander Lushkevich of Dorloo blows out his 100th-birthday candles.

Alexander Lushkevich turned 100 years young last week, surrounded by family and friends in a heartfelt celebration of life defined by service, adventure, and family.

Born October 1, 1925, Lushkevich wanted to do his civic duty as a US citizen to serve in World War II, but he was not accepted due to a medical condition from when he was nine years old. However, one day, he excitedly saw an advertisement in the paper that the British Embassy was looking for young peo-

ple to help with the transport of the wounded and deceased. Lushkevich inquired and was accepted. He was flown to Italy, trained for two weeks, and began a sad but honorable duty.

At the end of the war, Lushkevich was shipped to India, where he slept in tents for two months, then shipped to Burma to await transportation home. He then returned to Newark, New Jersey—to his family's delight—where he began his life anew: He received his driver's license,

attended college to become a draftsman, fell in love with and married Saveria Tavella, and moved across the country to California.

Lushkevich and Saveria started their own family out west, moved to Utah, and slowly continued their journey back east to New York, where he built his home in Dorloo and fulfilled his dream of becoming a dairy farmer.

There, he and Saveria—to whom he was married for 64 years, until her passing—raised a modest family of five children, who have cared for him in these later years of his life. He now lives with his daughter, Anna.

At age 96, Lushkevich was taken back to Italy by his family. He shared some stories of time spent in St Mark's Square, where the

Allied soldiers would gather for rest, respite, and escape from the conflicts of WWII around them. His memories flooded silently as tears formed.

At a September 27th celebration, family and friends honored Lushkevich's legacy as a veteran, farmer, cancer survivor, devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfa-

ther, with loved ones sharing memories of his life. His century-long journey stands as inspiration to all of us.

Lushkevich has accomplished many things over the years—traveling across the world and, most importantly, raising his children right here in Schoharie County. We here at the Times Journal send our well-wishes and hopes for many more tomorrows.



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Lushkevich and his five children celebrate his adventurous life.

# Cobleskill only location in Bassett to offer new muscle, joint, and tendon therapy

COBLESKILL – A regenerative and non-operative therapy for a wide variety of muscle, joint, and tendon injuries or issues is now being offered at Cobleskill Regional Hospital.

Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) injections are a treatment that is derived entirely from a patient's own blood. Blood is drawn and processed through a centrifuge machine, which separates the platelets and concentrates the plasma. The plasma is then injected into the patient's area of concern where it creates an inflammatory response, recruiting growth factors and bioactive proteins that promote and aid in the healing process.

Multiple studies and reviews have found PRP can be highly effective in decreasing pain and stiffness, improving physical function, and helping patients recover from an injury and return to their prior level of physical activity.

Cobleskill Regional Hospital is the only location within Bassett Healthcare Network to offer this service to patients.

PRP injections are at their best and most effective when they are administered by a healthcare provider who has received specialized training.

Emma Cronk, MD, CAQSM, is a double board-certified sports medicine physician who has this level of training. She is currently the only Bassett physician who will be administering this procedure.

"Your body has its own natural way of healing itself. What PRP does is kickstart that process, using your own blood," explains Dr. Cronk.

This therapy is wide-reaching in its potential applications and can be worthwhile for patients facing a number



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Kerri Rumph, RN; Emma Cronk, MD, CAQSM; and Saige Kafafian, RN stand next to the Angel system centrifuge that prepares plasma for the unique treatment.

of challenges.

PRP injections can be placed anywhere on the body and can promote the healing of many sports-related injuries like tendonitis, ligament sprains, rotator cuff tears, and

ACL tears. They can also promote the regeneration of cartilage, so they can be a worthwhile option for patients with osteoarthritis or patients who want to exhaust all nonsurgical options before undergoing

a hip or knee replacement. PRP injections are an outpatient procedure that takes approximately one hour. Many patients see results for several years.

"Typically, patients only need one injection session, which makes it a great option for people looking for efficacy. The current literature shows that only a third of people may need a second injection depending on their specific circumstances and symptoms," said Dr. Cronk.

PRP has very few contraindications (circumstances that would make a particular medical treatment inadvisable). These fall into two categories, absolute and relative, all of which Dr. Cronk goes

over at each patient's consultation to ensure they are great candidates for this procedure.

"I truly believe in PRP and what it can do for people in a non-surgical setting. It means a lot to me to have another modality I can provide to my patients here, in addition to steroids, physical therapy, and gel injections," said Dr. Cronk. "When someone has exhausted all of those options, which happens quite often in orthopedics, the next step could potentially be surgery, which is a big step. Now we have PRP here at Cobleskill Regional Hospital as a new middle step for a patient who needs relief and healing, but may not necessarily need or want surgery."

PRP injections are paid for out of pocket and are not, at this time, covered by medical insurance. A unilateral injection, administered at one location on the body, will currently cost a patient \$700. A bilateral injection, in which the same plasma is prepared but is administered in two areas of concern, currently costs \$850.

Patients interested in exploring PRP injections should speak with their primary care practitioner, who can give them a referral. The next step is a PRP consultation with Dr. Cronk to discuss what patients can expect during and after their injection(s) and anything the patient might need to do to prepare.

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# Community News

## Temporary state-wide burn ban in effect

ALBANY — Governor Kathy Hochul, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, announced a statewide burn ban in effect starting October 2 due to increased fire risk and continued dry conditions.

The ban will be in effect for 14 days—until October 15—and will be reevaluated prior to expiration.

New Yorkers can help prevent fires in communities and in the backcountry by complying with the prohibition on most outdoor fires and protect water supplies by continuing to conserve water whenever possible.

“The ongoing nice weather

is great for watching fall foliage or gathering with friends, but it also presents a higher risk for fires that put homes, businesses, and our brave first responders at risk,” Governor Hochul said. “Many regions are already in a drought watch or warning due to the dry conditions, and with the fire risk rising in some parts of the state, it is important to keep everyone safe by implementing this temporary burn ban.”

The statewide burn ban now in effect prohibits the starting of outdoor fires for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as all uncontained fires, including camp-

fires and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires. Burning garbage or leaves is already prohibited year-round in New York State and several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, “New York State is fortunate to have some of the most qualified wildland firefighters in the country protecting our forests and communities.



New Yorkers can help keep them and our resources safe by working to prevent fires in the first place. We fully support Governor Hochul’s

decision to ban outdoor fires until conditions return to safer levels and continue to encourage New Yorkers to help conserve water so that we

have an abundant supply for firefighting and other essential uses.”

The high fire danger is due in part to gusty winds and lower relative humidities forecasted during an existing prolonged dry spell. Any notable rainfall from last week was not areawide and, while wind gusts are expected to calm down, dry conditions are expected to continue for at least another week.

Since the beginning of August, Forest Rangers have responded to 64 wildland fires across the state. Fires may become serious and controlling them difficult unless attacked successfully while still small.

## Free meal and weatherization kit for those who attend workshop

SCHOHARIE — The Mohawk Valley Region Clean Energy Hub will host a no-cost Energy Education Weatherization Workshop, which will provide hands-on experience with various measures to save money and energy.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Schoharie County Office for the Aging located at 113 Park Place, Schoharie. Attendees will learn more about energy efficiency and how you can make your home more healthy, affordable, and cozy.

A free meal and free weatherization kit will be provided for all attendees who complete the class. The kits will include six surge-pro-

TECTED smart power strips, two LED light bulbs, five foam outlet gaskets, and five foam switch gaskets, window shrink and seal insulation kit, door sweep, premium rubber weather-stripping, and foam tape for windows and doors. When used together in your home, these supplies can help to seal gaps through which heat escapes, ultimately making your heating and cooling more efficient.

Attendance is limited, so registration is required for the workshop. To register, visit our website at <https://www.mohawkvalleyenergychoices.org/events>. For more information, contact Josephine Roman at [jr2449@cornell.edu](mailto:jr2449@cornell.edu) or 315-736-3394 ext. 260.

## Hawks Hill Farm tied for ninth in 2025 New York Angus registrations

NEW YORK STATE — Hawks Hill Farm, Cobleskill, tied for ninth largest in registering the most Angus beef cattle in New York with the American Angus Association during fiscal year 2025, which ended September 30, according to Mark McCully, Association chief executive officer.

Association members across the nation in 2025 registered 309,926 head of Angus cattle. “Angus breeders lead the way in innovation and genetic progress, giving their commercial cattlemen customers an advantage in the marketplace, McCully said. “The diversity of the breed means that cattlemen

across the country can find the right genetics — no matter their breeding objective.”

The American Angus Association is the nation’s largest beef breed organization, serving more than 21,000 members across the United States, Canada, and several other countries. It’s home to an extensive breed registry that grows by more than 300,000 animals each year. The Association also provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers, and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

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## USS SLATER celebrates US Navy’s 250th birthday on October 13



ALBANY — A celebration of the US Navy’s 250th birthday will be held Monday October 13, at 10:00 a.m. on the USS SLATER. The ship is located in Downtown Albany at the intersection of Broadway and Quay Street.

All are welcome as USS SLATER’s Volunteer of the Year, Tim Benner, will be honored by the Capital Region Chief Petty Officers Association. All US Navy Veterans can tour USS SLATER with no admission fee in celebration. Tours will begin

at the conclusion of the ceremony.

SLATER will be open to the public for tours of the ship and shoreside activities celebrating the milestone birthday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the activities will be making your own sailor hat, practicing Morse Code, or coloring your own ship in Dazzle Camouflage.

The Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on October 13, 1775, by authorizing

the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, authorized recognition of October 13th as the Navy’s birthday. It is intended as an internal activity for members of active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, dependents, and friends. Since 1972, each Chief of Naval Operations

has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence towards pride and professionalism in the Naval Service.”

USS SLATER is owned, maintained, and operated by the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum, a private, nonprofit, charitable organization that receives no regular government support. For more information, visit [uss-slater.org](http://uss-slater.org).

## Schoharie County residents encouraged to participate in process of CCESO’s changes

SCHOHARIE COUNTY — Attendees at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties (CCESO) annual busi-

ness meeting on October 21 will vote on the adoption of a new constitution. A slate of directors will also be voted on.

The proposed change to the association’s constitution moves the composition of the association’s board of directors from a mixture of at-large directors and directors elected from the ranks of the association’s Program Advisory Committees to a board of all at-large, directly elected directors.

CCESO’s board composition will continue to include six directors from each county and an elected official from each county. The association’s Program Advisory Committees will continue to meet with CCESO staff and board liaisons who will provide program reports to the board of directors.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. in Upper Champlin Hall at SUNY Cobleskill. Residents of Schoharie and Otsego Counties who are 18 years old or older are encouraged to participate—either in person or virtually—in this important process.

After the business meeting, participants attending in person are invited to enjoy a free reception that will feature hors d’oeuvres and refresh-

ments. Attendees can mingle and chat with CCESO’s staff, board members and Program Advisory Committee members, volunteers, and program participants. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about CCESO’s innovative educational programs and relevant outreach activities, to meet new staff members, and to win door prizes, too! RSVPs are requested, not required.

To review the proposed constitution, and the association’s current constitution, visit the annual meeting page at [www.cceschoharie-otsego.org](http://www.cceschoharie-otsego.org), visit CCESO’s offices in Cobleskill and Cooperstown, or call 518-234-4303 x111.

If you are interested in serving on CCESO’s Board of Directors, contact Executive Director Liz Callahan at [eac283@cornell.edu](mailto:eac283@cornell.edu) or 518-234-4303 x116.

To RSVP to attend the meeting in person, or to register to participate in the meeting via Zoom, visit the annual meeting page at [www.cceschoharie-otsego.org](http://www.cceschoharie-otsego.org), email [neh57@cornell.edu](mailto:neh57@cornell.edu), or call 518-234-4303 x111.

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## Worcester



**By Kathleen Gasperini**  
Full Hunter's Moon (Harvest Moon) during these rare, sunny fall days was spectacular. I can't believe the weather, but I'm not complaining about seeing the moon during clear nights. However, I have pulled my porch plants inside at night. My dahlias took a hit from frost one night last week, but some have managed to survive.



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**Hyde Hall Covered Bridge, courtesy of Hyde Hall Historic Society, celebrates 200 years.**

Worcester, Schenevus, and Westford are all decorated for Halloween. It's fun to drive around and see some of the creative lawn decorations that people are displaying these days. There's a huge pirate-ship-themed display at a house in Worcester across the street near the school, and a house on Water Street that never disappoints with giant decorations. I also love to see the homes decorated for the fall theme, including those that come up with artistic styling with pumpkins, corn husks, mums, and wreaths.

The past two weekends have been the launch of a lot of great events, and I'm not just talking about Taylor Swift's "Life of a Showgirl" album drop and listening/dancing events (yes, I'm a Swiftie...). I'm also talking about apple picking at Middlefield Orchard on Route 166 and other locations in our tri-county area. Apple-picking is a rite of passage for this season, and it is so much fun. Our area is literally loaded with the best variety of apples. Personally, my gnarled old trees planted in another time and covered with grey moss tend to scare the heck out of me. But they still seem to produce enough little orbs of tart lovelies for making pies of deliciousness.

The biggest event to note in our area is the Bicentennial Celebration of Hyde Hall Covered Bridge in Glimmerglass State Park in Cooperstown October 11. Free for all, the celebration includes many events, plus music, food, and drinks. Believe it or not, the Hyde Hall covered bridge is the oldest in America. The bridge was built in 1825 and is 53 feet long with rare horizontal siding. It was built to give access to the Hyde Hall estate of George Clarke. Some of the notable visitors who crossed the bridge to visit Hyde Hall Estate include Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Samuel F.B. Morse, and Juliette Gordon Low.

According to historic records, about 14,000 covered bridges have been built in America since the first one over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia in 1805 (destroyed by fire in 1850). Many bridges were removed because they exceeded their useful life, while others were replaced because of the demands of modern traffic. Today, about 650 historic covered bridges remain.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend, along with Senator Pete Oberacker, my neighbor in Schenevus, among other leaders in our county, to say a few words in celebration about this historic event. The Cooperstown High School band will play some tunes, and you can expect a unique classic car show. The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but camping is still open all weekend if you're interested.

As long as you're there, I'd suggest taking a nice hike

through Glimmerglass State Park like I did last week. The fall colors are in their full glory and it's just gorgeous, especially as they are reflected on Otsego Lake.

Hyde Hall will also be hosting weekend events called "Hyde & Shriek!" through Halloween. They are candlelit ghost tours with guides dressed in costume telling stories about the Hall

over two centuries. I can attest that this is one of the best historic scary tours of the season around here. I've done it almost every year. In the daytime, however, check out the museum and the tales of the Clarke family, why they built this mansion, and the family members who survived the sinking of the Titanic.

As a reminder, October 11 is also the launch of the Fenimore Farmer's Museum historic village ghostly Halloween Tours, "Things That Go Bump in the Night." They are evening tours by lantern whereby the reenactment tour guides tell tales, ending with Andrew Monro's theatrical reading of "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe. Spooky fun.

This past week, if you were driving down Route 7 through Schenevus, you may have noticed the big lift in front of the building next to the post office. The Town of Maryland Historical Society is updating their "new" historic building at 99 Main Street and now working on the top portion of the front of the building. Quite a bit of work has been done, and it's looking sharp in the butter-yellow and blue tones. A fresh coat of paint has been added on the lower section of the building, thanks to Charlene Rubino and Rich Westcott. Rich was also the one who made arrangements for the lift for scraping and painting the upper portion of the front of the building.

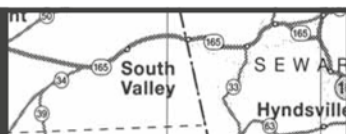
As a reminder, take a cruise up Elk Creek Valley to Willy's Farm in Westford. I think this weekend, it's free cider. The little red signs leading the way are all over the place. Each weekend, there are various events, but you can just have a seat at the picnic tables and absorb the beautiful fall colors and pumpkin patch. Families love the corn maze, which I do every year, and I swear, it is crazy and exciting. The wagon rides offer a leisurely tour.

This past weekend, there were a lot more people as Willy's seems to be in full swing, with more pumpkins and things for sale in the big barn. I got my weekly fill and decided on buying some locally made jam and sharp cheddar cheese. The fall leaves are still in their prime, but they will probably start to fade after this weekend, so take some time to check them out. Driving up Elk Creek Valley is definitely worth it for the colors and landscape.

Finally, October 11 is the National Society of DAR 135th Anniversary. This marks the NSDAR's National Day of Service and encourages everyone to volunteer in your community or for causes that you care about on Saturday. It's also a wonderful way to give back and meet new people.

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

## South Valley



**By Carol Brodie**

Quote for the week by former President Ronald Reagan: "What I'd really like is to go down in history as the president who made Americans believe in themselves again."

Wow! The weather lately has been amazing. Here it is October already and we have not yet had a frost, not even a light one.

I don't think I ever remember an October with temperatures in the 80s. Most of the temperatures the past couple of weeks have been in the low to high 70s, but last Saturday, October 4, we hit a high of 80 degrees. Then on Sunday, it peaked at 83 degrees. I absolutely love this weather.

Inside my house, however, it is a different situation, where it ranges from 58 to 62 degrees. I open the house windows to let the heat in but it doesn't seem to help much. I go outside as much as possible to enjoy the warmth and sunshine.

This weather has been great for getting the harvest from my garden taken care of. I finished with my tomatoes and canned seven pints of tomatoes and onions to make soup this winter. I also canned five pints of pickled beets and four pints of sweet pickle relish.

My carrots I've been eating fresh out of the garden and still have a few more there, as well as my onions.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday wishes go out this week to Ruthie Lotridge (who turns 90 years old), Bob Lundgren, Jr., Lonetta Mould, Barb Hoag, Florence Webster (who will be 95 years old), Jessica Jaycox, Cindy Weigel-Powers, Jeanne Winkler, Judy Schneegas, Brian Schermerhorn, Aydan Schultz (who will be 21), and Kevin Mabie.

Anniversary wishes go to Richard and Mary Hansen, Derek and Andrea Prill, Jon

and Jill Thompson, John and Martha Cole, Jon and Rachel Harvey (celebrating 15 years), and Chase and Autumn Plassters.

Jax Whiteman of Westford, celebrated his 10th birthday at the home of his grandparents, Dick and June Hansen, on Sunday, September 28, with family members attending.

Jax is a big Vikings fan so that was the theme of his party. His Aunt Jane decorated the cake with a Vikings print.

Those attending were his mom JoAnn Hansen; his brother Jakob Whiteman; Joe and Jane Dent and son William of Oneonta; their daughter Abby Dent, who was home from Hamburg for the weekend; Mary Hansen of Oneonta; and his great-aunt Carol French, of Medina, Minnesota.

His Uncle Richard Hansen, of Oneonta, and daughter, Olivia, were unable to attend as they were in Buffalo looking for an apartment for Olivia as she starts work soon.

#### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Sincere condolences go out to Gerry Olsen in the sudden passing of his wife, Marlena Skidmore Olsen, 69, of Seward, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Marlena and Gerry were married a year ago in August of 2024 at the Fusion Community Church in Cobleskill. They recently celebrated their first anniversary.

Calling hours will be held at the Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, in Cobleskill, on Tuesday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a funeral service.

Interment will take place in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

As requested by the family, if you wish to make a donation in memory of Marlena, please send it to the Fusion Community Church, 375

North Grand Street, Suite 3, Cobleskill, New York 12043.

#### WEDDING NEWS

My great-nephew, Conner Dahl, and Kylan Sherman were joined in marriage at a 3 p.m. ceremony on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

The ceremony took place at the First Baptist Church in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, with a reception following.

Conner is the son of Craig and Amy Sue Dahl, of Saegertown, Pennsylvania, and Kylan is from Missouri.

Following a short honeymoon in Ohio, due to their work schedules, they are making their home in Cambridge Springs. They plan to take a longer honeymoon at a later date.

#### BITS AND PIECES

I went shopping in Cobleskill with my brother Charley last Friday, October 3. I ran into Cindy Harrington in Walmart and enjoyed a nice visit with her. Then Charley came along and also visited with her for a bit.

Then awhile later, I had a brief visit with Evie in Price Chopper.

Freddie Kersman, of Decatur, phoned me one day last week and he wants everyone to know that after 23 years of suffering with foot ulcers and open sores, he's completely healed now. He's been discharged from both the Bassett Wound Care Center and At Home Care.

#### CHURCH NEWS

Upcoming events at the South Valley First Christian 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, there will be a 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.

Regular Sunday morning services include Sunday school at 9:45 and morning worship hour at 11.

The church doors are open to all. Come and join in the fellowship.

#### FUNDRAISER BENEFIT

A benefit fundraiser is being planned for Kaylia, a 31-year-old wife and mother of three small children, from Amsterdam, New York.

Kaylia was recently diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer and she is facing chemotherapy, radiation, a double mastectomy, reconstructive surgery, and HER2 injections.

Your support, as well as your prayers, will help Kaylia and her family through this unimaginable time. Every donation and every moment of kindness makes a difference.

The benefit is being held on Sunday, November 9, at 1 p.m. at the Concordia Club, 138 Concordia Club Road, Gloversville, New York 12078.

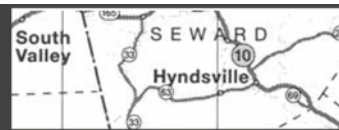
Please contact Melissa Hoyt at 518-774-6872 with any questions.

Tickets will be sold at the door, \$15 per couple, \$10 per person, and children 10 years old and under for free.

A Go Fund Me account has also been set up to help with Kaylia's medical expenses. Anyone wishing to help this young mother can visit the website: <https://gofund.me/553e77da4>.

Anyone with news for this area can reach me at 607-264-3225 or email [carolbrodie@hotmail.com](mailto:carolbrodie@hotmail.com)

## Seward



**By Dana Cudmore**

Changes to the Seward-Sharon Bus Route Schoharie County Public Transportation announced changes this week to the route that has been serving the Seward and Sharon areas every Tuesday.

Officials said the bus, which includes "demand-response" pickups, will run every other Tuesday starting October 14.

The route has also been lengthened. From Cobleskill, the bus now runs north on Route 145 to Lawyersville and continues to Route 20 to the Sharon crossroad. From there it heads west on Route 20 to the Village of Sharon Springs, turning south on Route 10 for pickups in the Seward-Hyndsville areas before returning to Cobleskill.

Riders are picked up at their homes and brought to Cobleskill for shopping, medical appointments, and other errands. Once there, the bus provides shuttle service to riders between multiple stops, including Walmart and Price Chopper.

After about three hours in the Cobleskill area, they start the return trip.

Reservations for pickup must be by noon the day before. The number to call is 518-234-0952.

Information about SCPT and their other route schedules can also be found online, [www.ridescpt.com](http://www.ridescpt.com).

#### Mark Your Calendar

The Sharon Pathfinders' Snowmobile Club and dog trainer Ashley Pierce join as many as 15 vendors at the last of the scheduled farmers and artisans' markets in Seward on Wednesday, October 22.

Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Route 10 and Lowe Road.

#### Author Expo 2025

Expo 2025" on Sunday, October 12, at the Foothills Performing Arts Center, Oneonta.

Visitors can meet and greet as many as 20 authors from around the region. Each will be signing copies of their works. Hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

#### Recycling on Saturday

The Seward recycling center at the town office and barn on Lowe Road is open Saturday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to noon. Say "hello" to Rocco, the center's attendant, who is always available to help.

Recycling bins are available on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

#### Curious About Seward Government?

Residents and others can always keep track of Town of 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@sewardtown-ny.gov](mailto:Town.seward.clerk@sewardtown-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 [dcmcdia@aol.com](mailto:dcmcdia@aol.com). You can also reach out to me at my website/blog, [www.howecavernstales.com](http://www.howecavernstales.com).

The deadline is Sunday before the Thursday of publication.

Readers' feedback is also welcome, as are suggestions.

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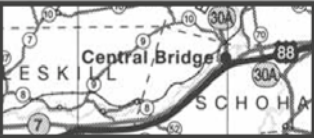
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## Central Bridge



By Janice Wilkens

### QUOTE

“Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.” –Dalai Lama.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our youngest grandchild, Charlotte Wilkens, was the guest of honor at her outdoor birthday party at her home in Delmar on Sunday. Helping her celebrate her third birthday were her parents, Ben and Cait; her big brother Aiden; her Uncle Paul Hahn; three of Charlotte’s aunts, Megan, Christin, and Jillian; six cousins, Alena and Pauly Hahn, Juliana Bianco, Carsten, Hannah and Rowan Yaiser; all of her grandparents, Mike Dole, Joe and Linda Wilkinson, Chris and Janice Wilkens; and a few friends, too.

### FUN WEEKEND

On Thursday, I helped out with the annual turkey supper at the Bethany Lutheran Church. There are always tasks or errands for us helpers to do and it was so much fun seeing people you know come to enjoy the good meal the Ladies Auxiliary put on every year. There were 350 meals sold.

On Friday, Chris and I went to the Gilboa Museum for the Barns and Farms art exhibit reception. Chris entered two of his oil paintings in the show and they look lovely displayed on the walls among the other works of art in the exhibit.

With so many events happening this weekend, we chose to go to the Old Stone Fort for the third annual Schoharie County Fall Festival. Our daughter Christin and her husband Matt from Altamont joined us, as well as my brother Peter Andersson from Middleburgh. My intent was to participate in the Schoharie County Arts Trail Driveabout, but before I knew it, it was 4 p.m. My only stop was the Schoharie Mercantile on Main Street since it was actually open until 5 p.m.

Finally, on Sunday, after worship service in the Bethany Lutheran Church, we wrapped up the weekend with a sweet celebration for Dorothy (Lawyer) and William Morales wishing the newlywed couple all the love and luck in their future. Then Chris and I headed over to Delmar to celebrate our little granddaughter’s third birthday.

### BCBA

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. Monthly meeting will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 15. 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.



Photo by Janice Wilkens

Schoharie Mercantile was the ninth “open studio” on the Schoharie County Arts Third Annual Arts Trail Driveabout.

### THIS WEEKEND’S EVENTS

October 10 at 7 p.m. – Classical Guitar Virtuoso Peter Fletcher in Concert at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, 314 Main Street, Schoharie.

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

October 11–13 – Pathways Through History at the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project.

### BLÉNHEIM-GILBOA POWER PROJECT

Saturday, October 18 – Spooktacular.

### HAUNTED HIKE

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

### AUTHOR’S HOUR

Sunday, 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, schoharie-countyarts.org.

### BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 12 – Holy Communion worship service with Pastor Jeff at 9 a.m. Serving as acolyte will be Venus Louise, lector will be Dorothy Morales, usher will be Mark VanDerwerken, and communion bread will be provided by Pauline Putman.

Monday, October 13 – Food pantry open from 10 a.m. until noon.

Wednesday, October 15 – Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. in the church.

Email: bethanycentral-bridge@gmail.com.

### CBMC

Central Bridge Methodist Church welcomes everybody on Sunday mornings at 10:30. The services are very informative and creative. Come and see what it’s all about.

The food pantry at the Bethany Lutheran Church is in need of many nonperishable food items. There is a basket in the back of the church where all the food items can be placed.

The tabs on cans continue to be collected for the Ronald McDonald house in Albany. The tabs can be placed in a basket on the table as you

come into the sanctuary.

The next Administrative Board and Trustee meeting will be November 3 at 5 .pm. All are welcome.

Looking ahead, Saturday, November 8, will be the annual Christmas bazaar. If you have any questions, you can call 518-868-4226.

Saturday, November 15 will be the annual roast beef dinner. The dinner is family style. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have an emergency, need to speak to someone, or just have questions about the church, please call 518-868-4226. Please speak loudly and slowly and someone will get to you as soon as possible.

### 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 and closes at 11 a.m. The retail window is open Mondays through Fridays beginning at 8 a.m. until noon, then reopens at 1 and closes at 3 p.m. On Saturdays, it is open from 8 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 Wwilkens-jan@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: Maya Angelou once said, “This is a wonderful day, I’ve never seen this one before!” Can that not be truly exclaimed every day lately? I am outside basking in this God-painted vista of exquisite fall foliage that’s enhanced by the warmth of the sun and the gentle breezes at every chance I can take...and We. Are. Blessed. Beyond belief.

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. Stay in the loop on events on the Facebook Event Page.

It’s almost here—our annual Soup and Stroll is only two days away! From EHS President Ken Jones, “Meeting at the Esperance Museum at 123 Church Street, Oct. 11, at 1 PM 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: <https://SoupnStroll2025.eventbrite.com>”.

At last count, there are six different homemade soups to choose from, including some vegetarian delectables... PLUS chocolate jumbles and cream-cheese-frosted pumpkin cookies available to end

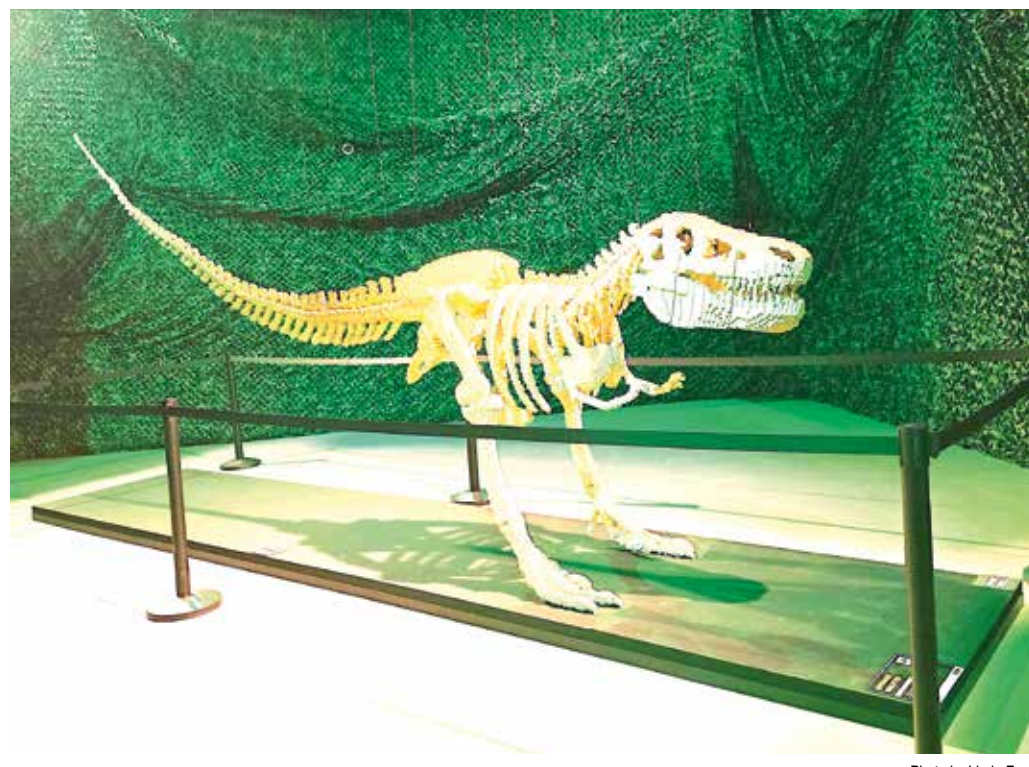


Photo by Linda Feuz

The Tyrannosaurus rex made of Legos is on display at the Schenectady Armory.

your excursion into Esperance history on a sweet note.

So far, it looks like the weather will be a pleasant 65 degrees and sunny, perfect for a sidewalk stroll...but it’s weather. It can change faster than a westerly breeze.

Plan to come early and check out our Barn Sale Encore at the carriage house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are STILL some awesome treasures on display, just waiting to go home with you...it’s all by donation that benefits the museum.

Good news! The Board has agreed to install a new, far more efficient furnace for the main building and a ductless heat/cool unit for the library, providing just the right temps to keep our artifacts (and toes!) properly protected. So, yes, those donations are very welcomed.

Landis Arboretum Activities—Access the website for more information at landisarboratum.org. Coming events: October 10 – Fall Walk through Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve at 1 p.m. at Ann Lee Pond. October 12 – Second Annual Landis Big Sit Bird Watch at 6 a.m. (yep, in the early morning!) at the

Meeting House deck. Also on October 12 – “Can I Eat This?” at 1 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Just strolling through the grounds is forest-bathing at its best. In the words of my not-so-poetic life partner, “You walk awhile and rest a bit...this helps you get the most of it.” So fitting. So true. And, actually, it’s quite poetic, don’t you think?

Our Post Office window hours are Mondays through Fridays 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. 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@ny-

courts.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 mornings 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. 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 6–12! The group will meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, rotating locations: once in

Cobleskill and once in Esperance. (On Cobleskill weeks, carpools will leave ESUMC at 3:30.) The church website is <https://www.esperancesloansvilleumc.org>. Pastor Alisyn’s email: pastoralisyn@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Church (the Stone Church on Church Street)—Sunday services are at 9:30a.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. On October 26, our Sunday School will “take to the stage” to lead our worship service. Won’t you come and join us as we celebrate with our young people? As if this weren’t fun enough, we will have an outdoor presence in front of the church on Halloween to hand out treats, and maybe pop some corn for all to enjoy, so plan to bring your kiddos by to enjoy with us.

On a personal note, the old Schenectady Armory, across from Schenectady County Community College downtown, is once again host to another fantastic art show, “The Art of the Brick.” Though it sounds quite mundane, this feast for the eyes and mind is nothing but spectacular creations crafted all from...wait for it...Legos. Yep.

Attorney-turned-artist Nathan Sawaya let go of the corporate world of business to fulfill his passion for artistic creation with Legos. Not just buildings, vehicles, and the

normal projects of Lego builders—we’re talking full-sized people, recreations of famous paintings by well-known masters, clever tongue-in-cheek parodies of life, and so much more, including a Tyrannosaurus rex dinosaur that’s in a room all by itself (and created using 90,000-plus pieces of plastic product!).

The show is on site until January 2026, perhaps creating a crafty diversion for the kids (and adults!) during school breaks. I’m guessing you can Google it to get more information—I get notified through Fever productions. There’s a fee to be paid online, you have to reserve your date and time, and you should know that the producers do not take cash, even in the gift area that you go through to exit the show space.

My only, truly, only disappointment was not being able to purchase a shirt, due to a glitch in the merchandising end that found me handing over my choice to the clerk who was removing armfuls of shirts to the backroom to be reassigned prices for some new-fangled program. Seems like that was a task that should have occurred before the opening of the day’s business, but in all fairness, the same fella that was checking people into the front entrance was also the same guy having to clear the shirt stock from the racks to remove them to the back room in the gift area...good thing it was all one big, open area for him to negotiate.

Hug the special people you love whenever you get the chance. Contact me anytime at 518-875-6443 or email lfeuz27@gmail.com.

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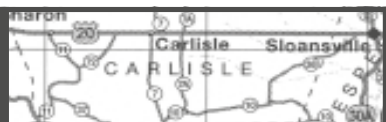
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## Carlisle



By Chris Keefer

Greetings, Carlisle. Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions this week. Many happy returns.

**Helping of History:** I came across a 1957 "Farm Journal" a few weeks ago. The magazine has 158 pages, is in great shape, and is filled with color photos and illustrations that depict a glamorous farm lifestyle 68 years ago. Articles include "Migrants in our Midst," "Is Remodeling Your Answer?" and "How to Keep Flies off Cows." There were lots of ads for tools, cars, equipment, over-the-counter medicines (Pepto-Bismol and Nervine) and cigarettes. The magazine cost 20 cents. I'm putting it on display in the historian's office at the Town Hall. Is there a contemporary magazine like "Farm Journal" these days?

**School Day Off:** No

school on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day.

**CHS News:** I'll have the October 8 Carlisle Historical Society program recap next week, but please join us next month for our very popular What's It Night, Wednesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Town Hall. We'll have the Town of Cobleskill Historical Society joining us with their own what's-its.

BTW, the Town of Cobleskill Historical Society will host Karen Cuccinello at their monthly meeting tonight, October 9, at the Cooperative Extension Building in Cobleskill at 6 p.m. Karen will present "Old Farms in Summit."

**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 (9/3 and October 1) but also on November 3 at



Photo by Chris Keefer

Woolly bears are all over the place these days.

7:00 PM to apply."

**EMTs and drivers are urgently needed.** "If you've seen our ambulance go by on the way to a call, you may have noticed the phrase 'Neighbor Helping Neighbor'

proudly displayed on the side. The Carlisle VFD is 100% volunteer, with no paid officers, members or staff—just neighbors helping neighbors."

Now, the Carlisle Rescue Squad is desperately seeking

neighbors from the community to step up to keep the ambulance in service. The Carlisle Fire Department Rescue Squad is at a critical point of staffing the rig. Volunteers are needed to keep the ambulance on the road and responding to calls. For information on how you can make a positive impact on your community, stop in the fire hall Monday nights at 7 p.m. or email carlislechief2011@yahoo.com.

**Good Birds:** Sue H. said she saw what she thought was a flock of snow geese. When she described them as "flying really high, sounding different than Canada geese and having a flickering snowy look as they flew," it gave us all we needed to know to make a positive ID for snow geese. They fly much higher than Canada geese, have a much more musical baying quality to their honking, and their wing beats flash white as they

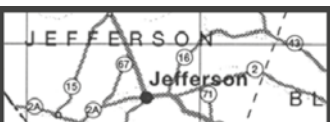
fly. Nice bird!

Other interesting birds spotted recently are eastern bluebirds, palm warblers, white-throated and song sparrows, and a few eastern meadowlarks.

**Woolly Bears:** It's everyone's favorite caterpillar! No, they don't turn into monarch butterflies and they don't really predict the severity of the winter by the variations in their orange to black stripe ratio. But they are harmless and cute and all over the place these days. They will overwinter as caterpillars and emerge next spring to complete their life cycle.

**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 Dailey

The night air has turned chilly, a pumpkin pie is in the oven, and daylight savings time will end soon. As Robert Frost wrote in his 1913 poem "October":

O HUSHED October morning mild,

Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;

To-morrow's wind, if it be wild,

Should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;

To-morrow they may form and go.

O hushed October morning mild,

Begin the hours of this day slow,

**This week's Revolutionary War patriot from Jefferson is Abijah Beard (1757-1841).** Abijah was born in Stratford, Connecticut, on February 3, 1757. At age 11, he moved to Waterbury, Connecticut (which later became Watertown). At age 13, he went to Derby, Connecticut, to learn the Blacksmith trade.

Five years later, at age 18 in June 1775, he enlisted as a private in the Connecticut line of the Continental Army. During the years 1775-1782, Abijah served 32 months as a private in Connecticut regiments. He fought in the Battles of White Plains, Trenton, and Princeton, and served at Boston, New London, and Planck's Point.

In his 1833 pension application, Abijah declared that he first enlisted in a detach-

ment commanded by Major Thompson under Lieutenant Commandant Charles Whittlesey of Derby, Connecticut. They marched immediately for Boston in June 1775.

He re-enlisted for one year on December 27, 1775, under the same lieutenant, this time under Commander William Hull of Colonel Webb's regiment. He continued in this regiment until after the Battle of Trenton. Abijah stated that after the Hessians were taken at Trenton, General Sullivan rode up and said "Boys, you have had a Merry Christmas and if you will stay six weeks longer, you shall have a Happy New Year." Abijah promptly re-enlisted for another six weeks in exchange for a bounty of ten paper dollars.

On 20 February 1777, having "been in the army one year and eight months without losing a day or being absent or sick," he was discharged.

Abijah enlisted a fourth time in the summer of 1777, for only one month. His company, under Captain Smith, went to New London and Groton, Connecticut. He was discharged there after having served his term. In 1778 or '79, he was drafted into Captain Joseph Guernsey's company at Watertown and served for one month at Milford, Connecticut, after which he was again discharged.

About the end of May or beginning of June 1782, Abijah enlisted for the fifth



Photo by Bonnie Dailey

Jefferson Revolutionary War patriot Abijah Beard is buried in the North Harpersfield cemetery.

time, for a term of one year in a grenadier company commanded by Captain Munson under Colonel Gray at the Highlands. He said that they marched immediately to Planck's Point in Westchester County on the east bank of the Hudson River. Later his unit retired to winter quarters at the Highlands, where in December 1782 or January 1783 he received his final discharge. The "Preliminaries of Peace" had been signed and his services were no longer required.

After the war, Abijah returned home to Watertown, Connecticut. He married Hannah Judd, a daughter of Stephen Judd of Waterbury, Connecticut. Her brothers Stephen and Freeman Judd were two of Jefferson's founders. In the winter of 1789, Abijah moved with

Hannah and their family from Connecticut to Harpersfield, New York. He owned a farm at the top of Middlebrook Hill near Jefferson and worked as a blacksmith while he and Hannah raised their sons William and Daniel. Abijah is considered one of the founders of Harpersfield. He passed away on July 26, 1841. Abijah and Hannah are buried together in the North Harpersfield Cemetery.

Jefferson has been a very busy town of late! Last weekend the Jefferson Historical Society sponsored an art show as part of the Schoharie County Arts Drive-about. Several local artists exhibited their paintings, and many visitors came to view the art. Certificates of appreciation and gift certificates will go to the artists.

The Schoharie Coun-

ty Department of Health will sponsor "Vax Day" at Jefferson's Senior Center on Tuesday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. 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. Lunch is served regularly at the senior center at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 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. Their final trip of the year, an Otsego Lake Boat tour, will take place on October 10. Come for lunch and hear all about it!

On Thursday, October 16, at 7 p.m., Jefferson's Town Board will hold its October Board Meeting in Jefferson's Town Hall at 677 N Harpersfield Road. 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.

On Sunday, October 26, at 3 p.m., "Dear Mama and Papa" will be performed at Judd Hall (163 Main Street) in Jefferson. The

dramatic presentation is from letters to and from Carl Skidmore, a Jefferson soldier who served at the front during WW I. Members of the cast will be wearing 1918-period clothing, and they will read from letters written by Carl, his parents, and others. The event is free of charge. Everyone is invited to come see it. Some personal articles that belonged to Carl are on display in the museum upstairs, along with a WW I uniform.

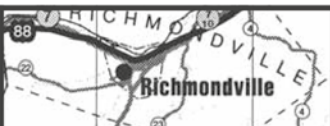
**Jefferson Central School's website** Central School's website current information on activities at the school. You can visit the website at www.jeffersoncs.org.

The **Jefferson Food Bank** distributes food on the last Saturday of each month. Plan to visit them on October 25 downstairs in the George Danforth Community Center (1333 Main Street). Donations of food or \$\$ to assist are appreciated.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in the Fellowship Room of the Methodist Church on Main Street in Jefferson on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m.

**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.

## Richmondville



By Ann Lape

Hi, readers. Schoharie County Public Transportation will be closed Monday, October 13, in observance of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day. The Richmondville On Demand Route 5 Bus runs each Thursday starting at 7:30 a.m. by picking you up at your home and traveling to multiple stops in Cobleskill. They depart Cobleskill at noon to bring you back home. This gives pas-

sengers approximately three hours to run errands, stopping at several places, including Price Chopper and Walmart. Reservations need to be made by noon on the previous day, Wednesday, by calling 518-234-0952 or online at www.ridescpt.com.

**October 9** – Town of Richmondville monthly meeting will be in the RICHMONDVILLE FIREHOUSE at 6 p.m. This is a change of location for this month only.

**October 11** – Scrap Metal Day at the Town of Richmondville Highway Department located at 121 Municipal Lane. If you need assistance or have questions, call Jimmy at 518-701-4049.

**October 14** – Richmondville Volunteer Emergency Squad will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Squad building located at 388 Main Street.

**October 17** – Richmondville Cemetery Association

will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner, eat in or take out, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Richmondville Firehouse located at 288 Main Street. This is their major fundraiser for the year, and all money received will go to supporting this organization.

**October 18** – Richmondville Historical Society will be having their monthly meeting at 3 p.m. in the Neary Municipal Building on Main Street. Members and non-members

welcome.

**October 18** – Christian Community Church of Faith will be serving their Annual Fall Chicken and Biscuit Supper, Drive Thru Pickup, from 4 to 6 p.m. (or sold out) at the Lawyersville Reformed Church located on 109 Phillip Schuyler Road (Route 145), Cobleskill.

**Turkey hunting season** runs from October 18th through the 31st. Hunting is allowed from sunrise to sunset

with the limit of one bird of either sex. Any turkey taken must be reported within seven days via the DECALS Online Harvest Reporting System or calling 1-866-426-3778.

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.

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# Library News

## THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, COBLESKILL

**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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Tuesdays, 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 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.

Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., **Mahjong** meets in the library. New players are welcome. If you have your 2025 card, please bring it with you. A SCHOOL sponsored program.

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.

Thursday, October 16, at 6 p.m., **The Journey of the Norwegian Sloop "Restauration."** On July 4, 2025, a replica of a 19th-century sailing ship named "Restauration" set sail from Stavanger, Norway, bound for New York. This Atlantic crossing celebrates the 200th anniversary of a historic journey bringing 53 Norwegian immigrants to America. The ship's doctor, **Aslak Bratveit, was a foreign exchange student at Cobleskill Central School in 1969-1970**. Dr. Bratveit will be at our library to discuss the ship, the journey, and the history of Norwegian immigration to the United States. To learn more, visit the ship's website at <https://www.restauration.no/en> and see a map tracking the ship's voyage across the Atlantic.

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!

Tuesday, October 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 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, 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!

Tuesday, October 28, at 6 p.m., **Teen Halloween**. Celebrate spooky season with a party at the library! Make crafts, play games, eat candy, and hang out with other teens. Costumes encouraged! Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11–18).

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.Communitylibrarycobleskill.org](http://www.Communitylibrarycobleskill.org)

**Library ENews:** <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews>

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

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

**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

**10/13 – Columbus Day** – The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

**10/14 – 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.

**10/14 – 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.

**10/15 – 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!

**10/16 – 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.

**10/16 – 6 to 7 p.m. – Misfit Makers** – Connect with fellow crafters at this drop-in workshop for adults. Bring your current projects, share tips, and learn from others as you enjoy an evening of creativity and unity. Explore new ideas and foster friendships in this collaborative maker space at the library! No registration required.

**10/17 – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner & A Movie** – "The Life of Chuck" (R) – Join us for a delightful evening of food and film! Kick back with pizza and drinks—courtesy of the library—while we screen the film, "The Life of Chuck," based on the novella written by Stephen King. Please bring a dessert or snack to share with your fellow moviegoers. It's the perfect way to enjoy a community night out with family and friends! A life-affirming, genre-bending story about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz. Registration is required and space is limited.

**The Middleburgh Library Annual Basket Raffle fundraiser** is starting. Do you have a business you would like to advertise, something you do from home, or as a little extra on the side? We welcome you to showcase your products by donating a basket of your products along with your business card—or anyone can donate an item to be included in a basket. We do have a small supply of baskets if you need one.

**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

**Library contact information:** 518-295-7127; [www.schohariefree.org](http://www.schohariefree.org).

**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.

**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.

**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, Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. Learn and practice exercises to improve your balance. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/Balance2025SHO> or email [jmosher@mvlis.info](mailto:jmosher@mvlis.info).

**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. Welcome to our version of the "Fast & Furious" car movies. We will build a cardboard racetrack that your car must navigate without falling off. Do you have the nerves to do it? Geared toward grades 4–6; other ages welcome.

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

**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 on 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>.

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## SHARON SPRINGS FREE LIBRARY

If you or someone you know is interested in leading the library into its next chapter as Library Director, please visit our website for more information: <https://shsfree.lib.mvls.info/employment/>.

Our library will be closed Monday, October 13, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day.

Adult Book Discussion will be reading "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. Regular print, large print, and audiobook copies are now available for checkout. Join us for the discussion on Friday, October 17, at 6 p.m.

Our Annual Board of Trustees meeting will be held Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## WORCESTER-SCHENEVUS LIBRARY

**Art exhibit:** Women Artists of Worcester. Antoinette Basso, Adelaida Bauer Daldegan, Judith Ellers, Judith Jaquith, Lilian Miccio, Lois Petty, and Roberta vonHahmann. Through November 30th.

**Worcester Writers monthly meeting:** October 24 at noon. Discussions led by local author Chris Keefer. We welcome new writers.

**Free soil tests by the Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative.** Pick up the instructions on how to take samples and a registration form at the library. Last date to submit is October 18.

**Gelli Plate Printing Class** taught by Toni Basso. Three Saturdays, October 11, 18, and 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Strawberry Hall. Limited to six students, ages 18 and up. A \$25 fee includes supplies, which participants can keep. Registration is required. See a video about this technique on the library Facebook page.

**The Great Give Back Day.** We are collecting donations for Superheroes Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter in Oneonta. Last day to drop donations is Saturday, October 18.

**Exercise class** Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**Yoga** on Fridays at 10 a.m.

**StoryTime Wednesdays** at 10 a.m.

**Crochet Circle** Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. Knitters and other crafters are invited. Free coffee!

**Library Used Bookshop:** All Nora Roberts books on sale for 50 cents—Fridays noon to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catskill Coffee Cakes for sale now in front on Saturdays. Coffee sales go to the bookshop.

**Contact us** at 607-397-7309 or visit [worcesterfree.org](http://worcesterfree.org).

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# Spotlight on DAY TRIPPIN'

# Travel...back in time



A magical duo play haunting music.

Photo by HB Steadham



Folks of all sorts browse the main thoroughfare.

Photo by HB Steadham



The Steadham family outside the New York Renaissance Faire entrance. From left: Snow, Rory, Xander, HB, and Dave.

Photo by HB Steadham



Even with 17 different stages, visitors crowded in to see performances.

Photo by HB Steadham



Your fearless Times Journal editor sits upon her woody faerie throne.

Photo by HB Steadham

**By HB Steadham, Executive Editor**

TUXEDO – I personally blame Disney. For a lot of things. It was 1959’s “Sleeping Beauty” that made me want to wear a poufy dress and a tiara.

It was 1963’s “Sword in the Stone” that delighted me with magic and wizards and dragons.

It was 1985’s “The Black Cauldron” that tempted me to go on a quest—and I found a yearly one that I’m obsessed with: The Renaissance Faire.

Where I can wear a poufy dress and mingle with wizards and experience magic in all its forms.

I’ve been to Ren Faires in Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, and now in my new home: New York.

The New York Renaissance Faire—originally called the New York Renaissance Festival—started in 1978 in Tuxedo, where it is held to this day. The 30+-acre faire-ground is home to 17 different performance areas, more than 125 vendors, and numerous permanent structures that look like they were drawn by none other than Walt’s animators.

The Faire typically runs for eight weekends—from mid-August to the first weekend in October—and is a stylized trip back in time to when Elizabeth I was queen of all England, fairies romped through forests, and knights competed for the hands of fair maidens.

I tend to think of Ren Faires in three parts: food, fun, and frivolity.

For food, picture whole turkey legs, mead, and hummus (did you know it dates back to the 13th century?).

For fun, think of jugglers tossing fire batons, musicians playing stringed instruments and wood pipes, and dancers weaving ribbons in complicated patterns.

For frivolity? Think of everything else. Competing at archery and axe-throwing; shopping at apothecaries and artists; and goggling at the wide array of folks dressed in everything from modern-day garb to correctly detailed Renaissance wear to Star Trek officers who act like they’ve stumbled onto a new planet of ye olden times. There are even rides and pub crawls to keep you entertained.

This was our third year going to Tuxedo, which is about a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Schoharie County.

But next year?

Maybe we’ll hit the Ren Faire in East Aurora in July. Or in Sterling in July/August. Or in Norwich in August. Or the New York Faerie Festival in Harpersville in June. Or—I just learned this!—at the Windfall Dutch Barn in Fort Plain in August! Hope to see you there.



The permanent structures looked straight out of a Disney film.

Photo by HB Steadham



Hair braiding is one of the many ways to feel part of the time period.

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A working blacksmith crafts his wares.

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