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Gatchell won't yield

By Pete Lindemann,
Times Journal Staff

...I gave her my case, and she won't report on it. It's not fair to me. I did nothing wrong. I did nothing wrong."

That's part of how former Schoharie County employee Ben Gatchell began his four-minute-plus filibuster in the chambers of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors on Friday, as the sheriff and two deputies attempted to persuade him to leave.

The "her" to which Gatchell was referring was Times Journal Executive Editor HB Steadham, there to cover the board meeting.

Gatchell had visited the Times Journal office twice recently, claiming that he was unfairly treated in his position as a cleaner for the county—a position from which he resigned.

"I cleaned your building for two years," Gatchell told

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County Sheriff Ron Stevens during his time at the microphone. "Have I ever acted like this?"

Gatchell claims that in December 2023 he was asked to clean up a substance on the third floor of the courthouse. He said the substance was described to him as a "baby powder-like substance."

Gatchell says he refused to clean up the substance, which he claims was later identified as "meth"—he also claims that his supervisors knew that it was meth and withheld that information from him.

He said he was demoted from senior cleaner to cleaner, with a probationary period.

Then, according to Gatchell, he was called to a meeting with supervisors, but resigned instead, claiming that "too many people would be against him."

"This is 20 months, sir," said Gatchell about how long it's been since he left county employment, with no resolution to his complaints. "Twenty months."

Sheriff Stevens was soon joined by two deputies. At one point, Gatchell stepped toward the seated supervisors, asking "Would someone on the board stick up for me please?"

"...They sent me up to clean up methamphetamine drugs, without my knowledge. And then they retaliated against me."

"You have to request permission ahead of time," said one of the deputies. "You can't just show up...you've got to request in writing ahead of time."

Finally, it was County Attorney Mike West who stepped in.

"Okay, excuse me, Sheriff, I'm not trying to intercede, but please just move him out, into the hall, so we can get to business."

"I want to talk for five minutes," said Gatchell.

"That's not happening," said West "Out. Out! Thank you."

"That's great," said Gatchell as he was ushered out of the chamber. "That's wild."

Gatchell was then issued a ticket for disorderly conduct.

Board Chairman William Federice said on Tuesday



Ben Gatchell talks to Schoharie County Sheriff Ron Stevens.

Photo taken from SCHOPEG video

that the reaction he's received from the public after the meeting is "overwhelmingly in favor of what the county did."

He said that Gatchell has not contacted the board since.

According to Federice, Friday was the third time Gatchell has appeared before

the board.

"There is no litigation," Federice said, stating that Gatchell filed a PESH claim with the Department of Labor, not a legal suit.

A PESH claim is a formal complaint filed with the New York State Public Employee

Safety and Health Bureau.

"I'm not opposed to the young man," said Federice. "He has a right to speak."

On a Times Journal Facebook post of Gatchell's appearance in front of the Board of Supervisors—that as of Tuesday had received almost

40,000 views—Gatchell commented that he is seeking 28 years of forward pay and a lifetime of benefits.

"I have every right to it," Gatchell wrote, "and I'm not backing down."



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Beretz found guilty on all charges

By Snow Steadham,
Times Journal Staff

On Wednesday, September 17, a Schoharie County jury found Jenna Beretz guilty on one count of manslaughter, one count of concealment of a human corpse, and three counts of tampering with evidence (one count for the victim's camouflage coat, one count for shell casings, and one count for the victim's blood).

This verdict came after a six-day-long trial which investigated the events of November 25, 2023. On the night in question, Jeffrey Mickle, a neighbor of Beretz and her husband Walter Fahrenkopf (from whom she is now estranged), was shot 15 times and killed in his apart-

ment at 151 Clauverwie Road in the Town of Fulton, a property owned by Town of Fulton Supervisor Phil Skowfie and his son Irving.

Mickle's body was then relocated to a junkyard in Broome, where he was later discovered by police, wrapped in a carpet and hidden under a truck cap.

This conviction comes on the heels of Fahrenkopf pleading guilty to manslaughter and tampering with evidence, as well as the May trial of Michael Todtschinder, who was acquitted of second-degree murder and manslaughter but convicted on the lesser counts of tampering with evidence and concealment of a human corpse.

The trial for Beretz heard testimony from Todtschinder, Fahrenkopf, Mickle's girlfriend Jennifer Briggs, and many more, implicating Beretz in the aiding of Fahrenkopf and Todtschinder with the murder of Mickle as well as cleaning up of the crime scene.

The court saw interview footage where Beretz claims direct involvement with the obfuscation of evidence and lying to police, DNA analysis from the crime scene, and text messages pulled from the phones of Beretz, Fahrenkopf, and Todtschinder that were sent on the night of the murder.

While the prosecution stipulated that Beretz herself did not kill Mickle, in the



The murder in question occurred at 151 Clauverwie Road in the Town of Fulton.

state of New York, aiding in a crime and/or its cover-up constitutes "criminal liability" for the crime itself.

Mickle's daughter, Kiersten, had this to say on the verdict: "Finally we have some bit of peace, some bit of justice."

Kiersten went on to say, "I just wish the same thing could have happened for Michael [Todtschinder]'s case."

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Goble said, "I don't do this for me, I do this for them," referring to Mickle's family.

Jenna Beretz has been remanded without bail, awaiting her sentencing on November 6th at 10 a.m.



OBITUARIES



William Armlin

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William Isaac "Willy" Armlin IV, 79, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2025, at his home in Schoharie, New York, surrounded by his "girls."

Born on January 21, 1946, in Cobleskill, Willy was a lifelong resident of the Schoharie Valley. He grew up on the family farm in Franklinton and graduated from Middleburgh Central School.

With determination and just two used cars and \$150 to his name, he opened a one-bay repair shop in the garage attached to his home. In 1969, he moved the business to a larger location and co-founded A&S Garage in Schoharie.

Over the next six decades, A&S Garage thrived under Willy's leadership. Very well known throughout the region, it was hard to meet someone that did not know "Willy from A&S Garage," he earned a reputation for honesty, tireless work ethic, and generosity.

His professional legacy was shaped not only by his mechanical expertise and gift of gab but also by building enduring relationships. Most notably a partnership of more than 30 years with his brother-in-law Ronnie Smith. Their collaboration reflected deep mutual trust and respect that left a lasting mark on both the business and the community.

Family was at the heart of Willy's life. With Cheryle (Smith) Armlin, he raised four daughters, Kelly (Brian) Daugherty, Cindy (Kim) Armlin, Allison Armlin, and Darla (Bob) Robinette. Later in life, upon marrying Beatrice McHale Armlin, he welcomed her daughter Alina (Klaus) Harbers into his heart as his own. Alongside Sylvia Bordeau, he helped raise their granddaughter Nicole Ondrek ("Niki"), whom he considered to be more like a daughter. It was these girls that made up the group of six daughters Willy cherished and called to his side when he knew his time was near.

When once asked if he were disappointed with not having a son, Willy replied, "At some point I was but now I try to imagine which one of my girls would I give back to make that happen, so of course not!" That heartfelt sentiment captured the essence of who he was: a man whose love for family knew no bounds.

Willy cherished time spent with his grandchildren, Hailey and Kaitlin Daugherty, Gabrielle Armlin Parise, River Robinette, Alex Porfirio, and Allyssa (Jim Smith) Hoerz. His joy deepened with the arrival of great-grandchildren, Lily Corbett, Johnny Ondrek, Sadie Hoerz, Ian Smith, and Jacklyn Smith.

Whether teaching them how to drive, fish, riding them around on his newest toy, or enjoying build your own ice cream sundae time at Stewart's, Willy remained their steadfast protector and joyful companion.

He is also survived by sisters, Patricia Stewart and Karen Mueller; brothers, Chet and Keith Armlin; step-sib-

lings, Dawn, Noreen, Mike and Peter MacMillan; along with many nieces and nephews who adored him and countless friends who became a part of his extended family.

His loyal chocolate lab Katie remains behind as a faithful companion who rarely left his side.

Willy was predeceased in 2019 by his beloved wife and partner of over 20 years, Beatrice McHale Armlin; parents, William I. Armlin III and Helen (Mueller) Armlin; and sisters, Phyllis Crewell, Skeet Polak, Gail Smith, Laura Armlin, Clara Zahara, Kathy Waldron; and brother, Norbie MacMillan.

Outside of work and family life, Willy found joy in many passions. He loved fishing and hunting, especially when shared with those close to him. He maintained a lifelong enthusiasm for cars with a particular fondness for Fords. He raised beef cows on the side and never missed an opportunity to watch NASCAR races or cheer for the New York Mets or Green Bay Packers.

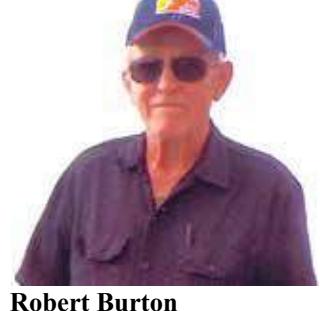
His appreciation for heavyweight boxing reflected the grit that defined him throughout life.

Willy believed deeply in empowering others to pursue their dreams. Many young people got their first taste of responsibility under his guidance at A&S Garage, not just learning about being a mechanic but about integrity and ownership. He took great pride in watching them grow and achieve their own success.

Willy maintained lifelong friendships with several of his best guys from the early days. Always smiling and ready to lend a hand or offer encouragement without hesitation or expectation of return, Willy embodied dependability in its truest form.

A visitation with Willy's family will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, October 3 at Coltrain Funeral Home, 134 River Street, Middleburgh. A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 4 at the Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow in Armlin Hill Cemetery.

Please visit www.coltrainfuneralhome.com to share online condolences with Willy's family.



Robert Burton

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Robert (Bob) P. Burton, 82, formerly of Altamont and Guilderland Center, passed away on September 19, 2025, after a long illness. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Evelyn Burton, and his sister Linda Trela.

Bob grew up in Altamont, while spending much of his childhood years in Schoharie, visiting his favorite Aunt Jane and Uncle Perry. He graduated from Guilderland High School in 1960 and went on to study at Junior College of Albany.

Bob began his career in Altamont managing A & P Supermarket before landing a job at Borden Dairy in Menands as a milk delivery driver. Shortly thereafter Borden's ceased home delivery services offering existing routes to their drivers, with that Bob embraced self-employment.

Bob would deliver milk in the mornings and drive a

school bus for Guilderland Central Schools in the afternoon and in the summer would paint the school buses. It was during this time that he met and married Barbara (McCagg) Burton of Red Hook.

Throughout the years, his milk delivery routes evolved and expanded into a full-blown entrepreneurship. Burton's Dairy served institutions, restaurants, schools, and grocery stores in multiple New York counties. His daughter worked side by side with him since she was a small child, running the milk to customers' milk boxes on their porches and later having her own route and overseeing the accounting operations of the business.

He sold the company in 2000, deciding it was time to retire. If you knew Bob, you would know that he could never retire. Shortly after retirement Bob decided to deliver baked goods for Heidelberg Bakery as well as driving school buses for Cherry Valley, Cobleskill and Sharon Springs Central School Districts, and finally delivering auto parts for Federated Auto Parts servicing the Mohawk Valley.

Bob was a lifetime member of the Guilderland Center Fire Department, playing softball for many years on their Fire Department team as their first baseman and later their pitcher. Burton's Dairy also sponsored a softball team for years, with Bob playing alongside his teammates.

He was an avid railroad enthusiast, having three large-scale train setups in his home. He enjoyed taking long rides, picnics at Fox Creek Park with his family, going for pizza at Smith's Tavern in Voorheesville on Saturday nights, watching the Indianapolis Colts and the NY Yankees, and enjoying a cold beer while doing all the things he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara, who stood by his side through all his endeavors; his daughter Anne Burton of Albany; his son Robert Burton Jr of Shartlesville PA and James (Maria) Burton of Cobleskill.

Burial will be at the Old Stone Fort Cemetery in Schoharie, NY. Services will be private at the Langan Funeral Home in Schoharie.



Sandra Butler

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Sandra J. Butler 62, formerly of Cobleskill, passed away Monday, September 15, 2025 in Palatine Bridge.

Sandra was born October 21, 1962 in Cobleskill, a daughter of Bradley Ingraham and Judy (Shmedel) Smith and graduated from the former Cobleskill High School.

She was a rural mail carrier at the Cobleskill, Warnerville, and West Fulton Post Offices. Sandra cherished spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed knitting and jigsaw puzzles.

Survivors include her mother, Judy Smith; her daughters, Kayla Butler and Crystal Butler, her five grandchildren, Ryan, Eliza, Chastity, Max, and Kaysea; her brothers, Dave, Don, Dan and Brad; and her sister, Cindy Ingraham.

She was predeceased by her father Bradley; and her

daughter, Tonya Butler.

A service will be held for family and close friends at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Sandra to the American Diabetes Association, Upstate NY chapter, PO Box 7023, Merfield, VA 22116-7023.

The Robert A. Guffin Funeral Home of Cobleskill and the Langan Funeral Home of Schoharie are assisting the Butler family. Please visit www.guffinfuneralhome.com for further information and to leave a special message for Sandra's family and friends.

Patricia Jacobsen

Patricia Ann Jacobsen of Sloansville, passed away peacefully at her home on September 12, 2025.

She was born September 1, 1956, the daughter of Karl and Frances Jacobsen.

Donations in Patricia's memory may be made to Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, 304 Howes Cave Rd., Howes Cave, NY 12092.

Patricia's family has entrusted her care to Edd Stanimer of the Johnston & Stanimer Funeral Home in Morris. Online condolences may be made at www.johnstonfh.com



Raymond Kennedy

Raymond Kennedy

Raymond E. Kennedy, Jr., of State Route 30, loving husband, father, "Old Pops" and more to his family and friends found peace from this world, the same way he lived his life, surrounded by the love of his family.

Ray was born 93 years ago on June 4, 1932 in Albany, to Erma (Springstead) and Raymond E. Kennedy, Sr. and all of the shenanigans that boys get into growing up served Ray well through all of his 93 years. He was behind every bit of fun, with a twinkle in his eye and a grin that lit up the room. It's not surprising his Irish heritage, given the tales he could spin with blarney.

He never shied away from work, working for numerous companies, people or around his home, especially looking forward to zooming across the lawns with his zero-turn, waving to admirers on Route 30, honking their horns hello as they passed.

A body in motion stays in motion, even at rest keeping his sights and senses sharp for the prize buck. Ray loved looking down the barrel and savoring the reward with his family and friends, though nothing made his eyes twinkle brighter or his heart beat happiest than his family.

Surrounded by the hustle and bustle of each new generation, instilling his fun and wisdom, he taught them about life, he taught them to love and respect others and the beauty of this world.

Loving him forever are

his wife, Winifred (Shaul) Kennedy of Middleburgh; his daughters, Marilyn "Mert" Diamond of Schoharie, Celeste (Christopher) Parslow of Schoharie, Raelyn (Marc) Mercer of Middleburgh; son: William (JoAnn) Hanson of Conesville; his grandchildren, Brian Diamond, Jason Diamond, Heather Gasner, Megan Hanson, Nathan Parslow, Kylie Parslow-Bradford, Connor Parslow-Bradford, Braedon Cronin, Riley Cronin, Alan M. Hanson, Matthew Hanson, Shyla Hanson and Dustin Hanson, Rose Mercer and Trevor Mercer; his great-grandchildren, Brianna and Lexi Diamond, Hallie and William Gasner, Malina Lambert, Kaylee Fink, Loretta Hanson, Serena Hanson, Sidney Hanson, Georgia Hanson, Kiersten and Alan Hanson; his sisters, Marilyn Kellie and Bonnie Bywater, both of Cobleskill; many nieces and nephews; along with opening his heart to many other "grandchildren-by-love."

Ray was predeceased by his son, Alan R. Hanson; and his son-in-law, Leland "Bog" Diamond.

All are invited to visit with Ray's family from noon-2 p.m. on Friday, September 26 at Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC 134 River Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122 and to the memorial service following the visitation at 2 p.m.

Ray's family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Middleburgh Fire Department, PO Box 778 Middleburgh, NY 12122.

Please visit www.coltrainfuneralhome.com to share online condolences with Ray's family.



Gloria Putnam

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Gloria Putnam, 88, of Sharon Springs passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving daughters on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Gloria (Hotaling) Putnam was born on September 16, 1937, in Sharon Springs, the daughter of Norman and Anna (Waters) Hotaling. She married Douglas Putnam on August 25, 1957. They were lifelong residents of Sharon Springs.

She worked several years at Interknitting in Cobleskill and many people would recognize her as their favorite cashier from Walmart.

She enjoyed being a member of the Sharon Springs Ladies Auxiliary. She was known for her crocheting skills making beautiful doilies for family and friends. Her favorite days included trips to the Turning Stone Casino and working on puzzles with friends. She loved using her I-Pad to do Wordle, coloring, catching up on Facebook as well as checking the Brownsville Deer Pantry and Cornell Bird live cams.

She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia and Robert Rabuck of Delray Beach, Florida, Kristina and John Sweeney of Amsterdam, and Stephanie and Tim Ullman of Sharon Springs.

Survivors also include her nine grandchildren, Amy Singler, Clare Espino, Lydia Harvey, Nora, Michael, Margaret and Jack Sweeney, Douglas and Brett Ullman; as well as her great-grandchild Lucas Espino.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Douglas Putnam; and her sister Norma

(Hotaling) Mansheffer.

To send online condolences please visit www.ottmanfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Springs Alumni Association, PO Box 103, Sharon Springs, NY 13459.

Arrangements are under the care of the Ottman Funeral Home, 22 Church St., Cherry Valley, NY.



Susan Radick

Susan Radick

Susan Mary Radick of Preston Hollow, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, September 14, 2025 after a prolonged illness.

Born August 10, 1950 in Jamaica, Queens to Margaret (Sparrow) and William T. Brown, she was a graduate of H. Frank Carey High School and relocated upstate nearly 47 years ago after a whirlwind romance, thanks to the match-making of her aunt Catherine Whitbeck.

Susan loved to read, making her way through multiple newspapers each day. She routinely defeated her family members in the nightly Jeopardy matches, was an excellent cook, and always stayed on top of all the hottest fashions and current affairs.

She had countless jobs on Long Island, served as the Office Manager of CZR/FACTS accounting service, but above all, was a devoted wife and amazing mother.

Aside from her parents, she was predeceased by special aunts Catherine Whitbeck and Isabelle Peek Clapper and brothers-in-law Robert Kemp and Robert Lynk.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Z. Radick of Preston Hollow, whom she met on Thanksgiving 1978 and married December 30, 1978; her children, Keith W. Radick of Connecticut, Courtney S. Radick (Nicole Esposito) of Pulaski, and Zachary C.B. Radick of Preston Hollow; her grandchildren, Sofie and William Radick; her sisters, Margaret Kemp and Deborah (Robert) Stanek; sister-in-law, Nancy Radick Lynk; nieces, Victoria, Alicia, Jessica, Robin and Tamara; and nephews, Robert and Charles; along with many cousins; her friends from "the Q"; and her church family, who she greatly appreciated for their generosity with providing weekly meals in these recent years.

All are invited to visit with Susan's family from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 at Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC 134 River Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122 and to the Memorial service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 28 at the Preston Hollow Baptist Church, 3034 State Route 145, Preston Hollow, NY 12469.

Susan was one of "Jerry's Kids" and contributions in her memory may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association at www.mda.org. She also appreciated the work of the Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Co., Inc., PO Box 575, Preston Hollow, NY 12469 and contributions in her memory may be made to them as well.

Please visit www.coltrainfuneralhome.com to share online condolences with Susan's family.

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Time to make history accessible

The late historian Mark Sullivan, a close friend of mine, flew from Indiana on at least two occasions to assist in helping to organize and preserve the history of the Town of Cobleskill alongside fellow historians who also valued this resource.

The Historical Collections belonging to the Town were located in the Central Storage facility and the Historical Society Collection was in a Church closet. Volunteers inventoried the number of boxes of materials so that the Cobleskill Library, with their new expansion that included a history room, would know the volume of space required to house these in the new history room. Mark worked with the Town Supervisor and the library.

The collection, very valuable to historical researchers, had been kept out of reach of the public for at least 15 years before that. The TJ editor wrote that it was hoped it would not take another 15 years to get these historical records in a publicly accessible space. Unfortunately, Mark passed away, ending his continued advocacy for the preservation of this town's history.

This past week the United States vetoed a UN Security Council's Resolution condemning Israel's Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing of the Palestinian people...for the sixth time!

I have previously stated that our government is com-

'Our government is complicit in Israel's Genocide'

for future generations.

Now that the Central Storage Facility has had a major fire it is obviously time that the Town, Historical Society, and Library cooperate together and work to locate these resources in the library where there are staff and access advantages. As to the ownership issues mentioned to me by a library representative some time ago, collections can be put on permanent loan with the library if necessary to satisfy all parties with ownership issues.

It is time the largest town in the county places its history where its residents and other researchers can access it.

Ken Jones
Esperance

Dear Editor, Director, and Board of Directors of Gathering Place, and Board of Supervisors Schoharie County,

To the Senior Council Board of Directors, I wish to remind you that you are a governing board for the Senior Council, not just the Gathering Place. I remain dismayed at the callous indifference that you and the Director of the Senior Council have taken

towards the senior population in our county who may have limited resources such as food and transportation.

I am grateful for the County Board of Supervisors, and Christine Kraemer, Director of Public Transportation, who have stepped up to close the gap, even if temporary, to keep the busses on the road, and I do hope that arrangements can be made to accommodate the drivers' salaries and hours. It remains to be seen how this plays out with the home delivered meals program, but I suspect it will be the same.

In the meantime, it has become obvious that the Director of the Senior Council has no interest or use, in the Senior Council, which has been a stalwart in the County for many, many years, long before the Gathering Place was even a dream.

The Gathering Place would not be possible without the Senior Council, and the Board and Director of that organization needs to remember that.

Kathleen Slater
Central Bridge

The Facts Please

Terrorism scares us, illegal

drugs scare us, they both stir up a deep emotional response.

Those words are used by people in power to blind us, through our own emotions, so we don't look for the facts.

If, just for example, they kill a group of people, it is murder. But if they call them terrorists or drug dealers, even with no evidence, we respond emotionally and think well maybe it is OK.

Whether it be genocide, assassination, summarily blowing up a boat, sweeping up people in raids, denying humanitarian rights to asylum seekers, those two words somehow justify criminal acts and keep us from without demanding the facts.

When you hear the word terrorism or drugs, beware, it is likely someone is trying to distract you from the facts.

Elliott Adams
Sharon Springs

Fighting with truth, not violence

I was moved by the front page story of 9/11 on September 11th 2025. As I remember that day in 2001, I think of one of the things that has been part of my prayer and reflection for

laughed with me during game nights, and helped me improve my skills as I navigated a religious denomination that was new to me.

But it's fitting, I think, not only to be sad on this particular day, but to reflect on the decisions I've made in the last few months, because the Autumnal Equinox has lessons to teach us.

It's on this day that light and night become nearly equal in length for most of the world. I've been missing that equality in my own life—my work-life balance has been...well...terribly unbalanced.

It's on this day that the sun rises due east and sets due west, and it's time I reoriented my own internal compass to point toward what aligns most with my life goals: being close to my family and spending as much time with them as possible while working in a job I feel passionately about that also financially supports us.

And it's after this day that the hours of daylight begin to change, and the night begins to impose a rest on us that we neglected when the weather was warmer and summer activities were calling to us. The Autumnal Equinox reminds us that it's time to slow down a bit, to store up for winter, to prepare for a season where much time is spent resting, recuperating, and preparing for spring, when life returns to a renewed pace. So, too, do I need to slow, recuperate, and prepare for renewal.

I agree with Frida, that we can endure much more than we realize.

And I also recognize that the need to endure too much often just lasts for a season of our lives, and then it's time to release ourselves of whatever it is we're enduring.

To bring some balance back into our lives.

To take a breath of the fall air, appreciate the changing color of leaves, and exhale, knowing that the change can make us sad, and it can also lead us to a more balanced, dynamic, and fulfilled life.

Cheers to the Equinox!

HB Steadham
Executive Editor



When I read Janice Wilkens's Central Bridge column this week, I was deeply impacted by her opening quote from Mexican painter Frida Kahlo: "At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."

It feels like I've been enduring much more than I thought I could for about three months now—ever since I took over editorship here at the Times Journal.

See, what many folks don't know is that I have a second job—at a church in Schenectady. I was working 32 hours a week at that job when I got offered this job, and with the Times Journal office being within walking distance of my house, and being in a community I love, and offering me the chance to write regularly (which is just about my favorite thing in the world to do), I jumped at the chance. I asked the church if

I could stay on at 20 hours a week, fully intending to do both jobs.

But within six weeks I realized: being an editor in Schoharie County is more than a full-time job. To fully immerse myself in the community, to report as fairly as I can, and to put out a quality paper was going to require hours. Hours and hours.

Hours and hours and hours and hours.

And since my hometown, my county, and my community deserve nothing less than my best, it meant that, between the two jobs, I've been working from about eight in the morning until 9:30 or 10 (and sometimes later than that) at night, seven days a week.

I've lasted three months like that.

And then I told the church I just couldn't do it anymore.

I love that church. I love

the congregation. I love the job.

And I just can't do it anymore.

So, I sit here, on the Autumnal Equinox, realizing that I only have seven more days of employment at the church.

And I'm sad.

I'm sad to leave behind creating educational programming for all folks across the lifespan, from planning meditation classes for adults to hosting murder mysteries with youth to organizing workshops and conventions.

I'm sad to walk away from kids I've become close to, knowing that I probably won't get to see them grow year after year, go away to college or work, and eventually come back and establish families of their own.

I'm sad to leave my coworkers, who have supported me through health scares,



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Times Past

100 Years Ago

September 25, 1925

On account of the County Teachers' conference here next week Monday and Tuesday and the fact that it is fair week, classes in the local grade and high schools will be discontinued for the entire week, school being dismissed Friday afternoon, September 25th, until Monday morning, October 5th. A large number of the public school students will take part in the pageant to be given at the Cobleskill fair next Tuesday afternoon.

At a meeting of the community council of religious education held in the Baptist church on Monday evening of this week, reports from the pastors of the churches of the village were heard and plans were made for a community week day school to teach religion.

Official arrival of autumn was timed for the hour of 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and the last days of summer are ended. Chill winds and a biting frost accompanied the change from summer to winter which indicated that nature was in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. The temperature in Cobleskill Wednesday evening stood at 40 degrees and with yesterday morning's increased drop, the thermometer stood at well below the freezing point.

Central bridge, Sept. 24 – The moving picture committee of Wellington lodge, I.O.O.F., announced that there will be pictures during the month of October on both Tuesday and Saturday evening. The pictures shown here are of the best kind, and the price is lower than in other towns nearby. The additional night should be patronized and without doubt will be.

When here at the fair call at Rich's. He's the man who sold your father his first suit over 35 years ago and now he wants you to buy one.

85 Years Ago

September 26, 1940

The "Wilke-for-President" drive was given added impetus in Schoharie County today with the announcement of the organization of a county-wide committee to conduct the United Republican Finance campaign. Frank H. Rydor, president of the Harder Refrigerator Corporation, is chairman of the committee.

ESPERANCE – A fire believed to have started from an electric motor in the basement gutted the WGY food store on Main Street about 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Damage to the building and stock was estimated at about \$5,000 and is partially covered by insurance.

Schoharie valley churches and Sunday schools will hold a joint rally on Sunday at Schoharie, with a parade starting at 2:15 p.m. An outdoor service, conducted by pastors of the cooperating churches, will be held on the DAR hall lawn. In the event of rain, services will be held in the Com-

munity church.

Members of the American League of Schoharie County bowlers are asked to attend an organization meeting Monday night at the engine house in Schoharie. A preliminary meeting was held Tuesday night at Hotel Augustan in Cobleskill. It is expected that all bowling teams will begin playing the first week in October at the Cobleskill alleys.

Charles Way, well-known Central New York business man, has purchased the American Hotel and Sales Stable in the village of Cobleskill, formerly owned by F. J. Leedom.

45 Years Ago

September 24, 1980

About 150 students walked out of their classes at Richmondvile Central School Friday morning to protest the lack of sports and other extracurricular programs at the school. Carrying signs with the messages "we need sports" and "save our school" the students marched down Main Street, then congregated on the school grounds. The walkout lasted about two hours.

WASHINGTON – Individual states had the right to coin money from July 2, 1776, the day independence from Great Britain was declared, until the Constitution was ratified June 21, 1788.

Miss Edna Mereness hosted a dinner party Wednesday evening in honor of Sylvia Kniskern's birthday. Those attending were Alfreda Goldring, Edith Fancher, Charlotte Becker, and Irene Snyder.

The Red Devils girls tennis team for the 1980-81 season are Sue Mott, Andrea Markley, Angela Markley, Lisa Plum, Melissa Caywood, Kim English, Ann Stoffel, Debra Hileman, Lauren Bellcourt, Maureen Joyce, Tonia Heisert, Beth Harlow, and Karen Romain.

"Where the press is free and every man can read, all is safe." –Thomas Jefferson. "Newspapers are the world's mirrors. Beware of any who dislikes the newspaper." –James Ellis. (Milton V. Wright, Wright on the Line).

35 Years Ago

September 26, 1990

Community Hospital's maternity ward officially reopened last Monday. Unofficially, it reopened on Thursday, with the arrival of Matthew Christian Arnold. Matthew is the first baby born at the hospital since the maternity ward closed earlier this summer, then reopened last week.

Mankind will not only colonize the moon, but will colonize Mars as well. That's the prediction from former NASA astronaut Scott Carpenter, the keynote speaker for Cobleskill College's 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday.

Two Cobleskill residents involved in town zoning will face each other in an assessor's race in November.



This photograph is from Dave Smith of Esperance. It shows the memorial service for Williams Jennings Bryan in 1925. Rev. Foster William Taylor, who served as an aid to Bryant in the Scopes Monkey Trial is seated at right. Rev. Taylor is Dave Smith's grandfather.

Last week's old photo drew some responses. Wendy Cook wrote us, "That's Gallupville Evangelical Lutheran church in Gallupville, on Rte 443. It is still standing and is an active congregation. There is now an addition on the back."

Robert McFee, town zoning enforcement officer, is on the Democratic side of the ballot; John Dahl, who serves on the zoning board of appeals, is the Republican candidate.

MOSA has set a target date of October 1 to implement a recycling program throughout Schoharie County. Gilboa resident Stewart Mace, who serves as a Schoharie County representative to MOSA (Montgomery Otsego Schoharie Solid Waste Management Authority) told the Board of Supervisors on Friday that the authority hopes to meet that target.

Cobleskill school board members have unanimously approved buying 122 acres of land just north of the village on Route 145 for a potential future site. School Superintendent Samuel Shevat identified the parcel as the former Aker farm and said it was one of 15 sites originally studied by school district officials and one of the five sites recommended for further review.

30 Years Ago

September 27, 1995

November's race for Schoharie County judge could be a no-contest if efforts to boot Democrat Mike Breen from the ballot are successful. Claiming Democrats' nominating petition for Mr. Breen was improperly filed, attorney Tom Spargo at 4:30 p.m. Friday filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court to dump him from the ballot.

The village of Richmondvile can't supply water to Warnerville, but Price Chopper can—at least temporarily. In the latest developments in Warnerville's water crisis, the Cobleskill supermarket will deliver a truckload of drink-

ing water to the hamlet this morning.

Questions on pesticides and water dominated a hearing Wednesday on Mike Lauder's plans to rebuild and expand the abandoned Sharon Springs Golf Course. It was another chance for the public to comment on Mr. Lauder's proposal to rebuild the nine-hole course, closed in the 1970s and later abandoned.

Democrats will be hard-pressed to gain control of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors in the November election. Already in the minority, Democrats must keep control of the seven towns they have now and pick up at least one more.

Navy Captain Mark Van Dyke was promoted to his current rank on August 28 in ceremonies at the headquarters of United States Strategic Command, near Omaha, Nebraska. Captain Van Dyke is the son of Elizabeth M. Van Dyke and the late Arden A. Van Dyke of Middleburgh.

18 Years Ago

September 26, 2007

There were no takers when Reunion Power came to Richmondvile Thursday. Even the town, which took the heat for hosting the meeting with the would-be wind developers, had its skeptics: Councilman Roy Bilby wondered about the noise and fellow Councilman Larry Zaba said his mind's not made up yet.

Businessman Bob Strother is ready to lead Cobleskill's Democratic ticket in November. Democrats nominated Mr. Strother for town supervisor Thursday night. Mr. Strother will face Roger Cohn, tabbed by Republicans last month.

Joe Luz is home for good

er, ended the game with a goal but more importantly four assists for the Knights, who improved to 4-1.

Just before graduation two years ago, Schoharie High School senior Matthew Sheedy enlisted in the Marine Corps. He needed just one class to fill his graduation requirements. On Friday morning, he received his high school diploma from high school Principal Stacey Birdsell and school board president Chris Spies.

Email Pete.Lindemann@nyvtmedia.com with your history questions and/or comments.



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Looking Ahead

Dine Out for a Cause

Empire House, 136 Marion Avenue in Gilbertsville, is hosting a Dine Out for a Cause Day, with a percentage of the proceeds going to support Helios Care's hospice and palliative care programs and services. Please call 607-783-2859 for a reservation and mention you are dining out for a cause for Helios!

Every Thursday and Sunday for the month of September—25 and 28—from 4 to 10:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale in Sharon Springs

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale on Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

On Saturday, starting at noon, there will be a bag sale.

Rummage donations may be left in the back lobby any time. The church is located on Route 20, across from the school.

Dine Out for a Cause

Origins Cafe, at 558 Beaver Meadow Road in Cooperstown, is hosting a Dine Out for a Cause day on September 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support Helios Care's hospice and palliative care programs and services.

NAMI Monthly Meeting

The Schoharie County affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the nation's largest grassroots organization for people with mental illness and their families, will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 30, from 1 to 2 p.m. at 1455 State Route 7, upstairs in room 201.

Founded in 1979, NAMI's purpose is to serve as an alliance of local mutual support, advocacy, and self-help groups dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with serious mental illness. NAMI has affiliates in every state and in local communities across the country that provide support to family and friends of individuals with mental illness through affiliates across New York State. Become part of this great organization! For more information, email namischoharie@gmail.com.

Third Annual Arts Trail Driveabout

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

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

Second Annual Chili Cook-Off

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

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

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

bucks and bragging rights this year.

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.

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.

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In Brief

Exchange club of Cobleskill donates stuffed backpacks



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Bill Combs, Jr., John Dahl, and Gary Bywater (from left) brought backpacks to help CRCSD students.

Just in time for the start of the new school year, The Exchange Club of Cobleskill donated 100 backpacks stuffed with school supplies for the incoming students at Ryder Elementary School.

Cobleskill Historical Society sponsors cemetery tour

Town of Cobleskill Historian Pete Lindemann spoke at the marker for Dr. Willis Goss MacDonald—whose statue graces Veterans Memorial Centre Park—on his tour of the Cobleskill Rural Cemetery on the morning of Saturday.

Contributed photo
Historian and Times Journal Staff Pete Lindemann brought history to life in cemetery tour.



Office for the Aging hands out additional coupon booklets

Office for the Aging has more Farmers' Market Coupon Booklets to hand out to those that are 60 and older and fall under the following income guidelines: 1-person household, \$2,413/month; 2-person household, \$3,261/month; 3-person household, \$4,109/month.

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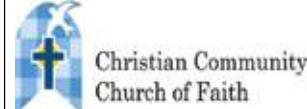
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Sports

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SUNY Cobleskill Women's Soccer

The SUNY Cobleskill women's soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision to Hilbert College in their home opener on Saturday, September 20, at the Fighting Tiger Soccer/Lacrosse Complex.

The Hawks struck early, finding the back of the net in the third minute to go up 1-0.

Cobleskill kept up the



Contributed photo

Amanda Rice of Cobleskill put in a challenge against Hilbert in the Tigers' home opener.

Despite the quick setback, the Fighting Tigers settled in and created a few half-chances going forward, but couldn't connect on the final pass in the attacking third. Sophomore goalkeeper Samantha Rotundo (New Egypt, NJ) kept Cobleskill in the match with several strong saves and timely challenges, finishing the opening half with five stops as the Tigers trailed just 1-0 at the break.

Hilbert doubled their lead in the 50th minute, capitalizing on a through ball that put them in on goal. Just eight minutes later, the momentum shifted further when Emma Grant was shown a red card, leaving the Tigers to play down a player for the remainder of the match. First-year goalkeeper Samantha Fausti (Clayton, WA) came on in the second half and recorded four saves to keep the Tigers within striking distance.

Grant registered Cobleskill's lone shot of the afternoon, while Jessica Carney (Hopkinton, NH) provided energy in the midfield and battled to disrupt Hilbert's possession throughout the game.

Hilbert finished with a 22-1 advantage in shots, including 12 on target.

SUNY Cobleskill Men's Soccer

On Thursday, September 18, the SUNY Cobleskill men's soccer team put together one of their strongest attacking performances of the season but couldn't find the finishing touch, battling to a 0-0 draw with Word of Life on Thursday evening at the Soccer/Lacrosse Complex.

The Tigers fired a season-high 23 shots, with Spencer Reisman (Youngstown) and Joshua Sanchez (Bronx) leading the way with four apiece. Reisman put two of his attempts on frame, while Sanchez tested the keeper once. Connor Fancher (Worcester) added three shots, two on target, and first-year Gavin McEnroe (Burlington Flats) and Saro Karageozian (Colonie) each tallied a shot on goal.

In net, juniors Joe Wille (Gilboa) and Adam Champlin (South Kortright) split time, with Wille playing the first half and Champlin recording one save after the break.

Cobleskill's attack generated their best chances of the season, finishing with 23 shots and 21 corner kicks while forcing the Word of Life goalkeeper into seven saves and several key interceptions. Defensively, the Tigers held firm, conceding just two total shots and only one on target.

The Tigers came close to breaking through in the opening half when Sanchez's early corner kick caused trouble in

the box, but the visitors managed to clear. In the 31st minute McEnroe fired an attempt, only for it to save. The best chance of the half came at the end of the half when Reisman led a counterattack and appeared to be in on goal, but a last-second tackle denied him, sending the teams into half-time scoreless.

Cobleskill kept up the



Contributed photo

SUNY Cobleskill's Spencer Reisman dribbles through three defenders on September 18.

pressure after the break, outshooting Word of Life 16-2 in the second half. Just six minutes in, Fancher slipped behind the defense and ripped a shot toward the near post, only to see it rattle off the woodwork. The visitors' only chance came in the 67th minute when Champlin smothered their lone shot on target. The Tigers continued to push numbers forward and create opportunities, but the decisive goal never came as the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

Then, on Saturday, September 20, the SUNY Cobleskill men's soccer team secured a thrilling 2-1 home victory over Keystone College at the Fighting Tiger Soccer/Lacrosse Complex, capped off by a late game-winner from freshman Gavin McEnroe (Burlington Flats).

The Fighting Tigers controlled the pace throughout, holding a commanding 20-4 advantage in total shots, including an 11-2 edge on goal, while also generating 12 corner kicks compared to Keystone's four.

Keystone struck first, capitalizing on a through ball to take an early 1-0 lead. Cobleskill responded quickly, however, when senior forward Spencer Reisman (Youngstown) delivered an equalizer on a free kick from 30 yards out, bending the ball around the keeper into the upper right corner to level the match at 1-1 heading into halftime.

Cobleskill continued to push in the second half, with chances from Reisman, Garrett Aikins (Morris), and defender Andrew Rimes all denied during a flurry of shots early in the half. The breakthrough came in the 85th minute when Reisman served a pinpoint cross into the box, where McEnroe rose up and buried a header to the far post for his team-leading third goal of the season, sealing the 2-1 victory.

Reisman led the attack with a goal, an assist, and a season-high nine shots, while McEnroe tallied the decisive strike. Junior forward Connor Fancher (Worcester) added four shots, three on target, and Rimes contributed two more efforts on frame. Junior goalkeeper Joe Wille (Gilboa) anchored the defense with a steady performance and one save.

Up next: The Fighting Tigers improve to 2-3-1 overall and return to action on Saturday, September 27, when they travel to Maine to face UMFarmington in North Atlantic Conference play with kickoff set for 3:30 p.m.

The Schoharie Storm Girls' Soccer

The Schoharie Storm Girls' Soccer team stomped

the Fonda-Fultonville Valley Hawks 8-1 in their September 15 home game. Even at half-time, Schoharie had a commanding lead, 5-1.

For the Storm, Evelyn Messner scored five goals, Alaina Martin scored two goals, Briana Repscher scored one goal and two assists, Tracy Baez had one assist, Skylar Griffin made two saves, and Julianna Slater made one save.

For the Valley Hawks, Mallorie Monk scored one goal and Grace Furnare made an impressive 17 saves.

On Wednesday, September 17, the Storm continued their staggering winning streak, beating the Mekeel Christian Academy Lions 10-0.

For the Storm, Evelyn Messner and Alayna Messner each scored three goals and one assist; Allie Smith, Alaina Martin, Briana Repscher, and Olivia Borst each scored one goal; Bella Repscher and Lauren Kenny each had one assist; and Julianna Slater and Skylar Griffin each made one save.

For the Lions, Grace Marshall stood out with 24 saves.

The Storm went on to score a hat trick with their third win in less than a week on Friday, September 19, when they defeated the Canajoharie-Fort



The second half opened with physical play as both teams wanted the next goal. This led to a foul inside the box and Schoharie's Smith would tally for his second goal of the game. The Storm would score one more on a set piece that bounced inside the box, where Sebastian Clemente made it 4-0, Storm. The Lions had masterful performances from Jadin Zoeller and Isaac Olupitan in the

second half.

Time ran out, and the

Schoharie Storm secured the win, 1-0. Corner kicks were 3-2 in favor of Schoharie and the turning point of the game.

every pass there was coverage, for every shot there was a save, including a few high quality saves from Canjo-Ft. Plain keeper Trent Lozier, who would end up with 10 saves on the evening to help give his team a chance against the continuous Storm attack. In doing so, Canjo-Ft. Plain created their own attacks through long balls to their speedy forward, Silas Smith. But Schoharie centerback and captain, Max Kenny, was up to each of those challenges with speed of his own.

Back and forth the teams went, both sensing a potential victory and the physical play increased accordingly. It was with just over eight minutes remaining in the contest that Schoharie's Ben Bengtson placed a corner kick in the perfect spot for Nolan Fretto to head the ball into the net for the game's only goal. Canjo-Ft. Plain would not quit, and the Schoharie defense would need to work hard to maintain the lead.

Time ran out, and the Schoharie Storm secured the win, 1-0. Corner kicks were 3-2 in favor of Schoharie and the turning point of the game.

Sharon Springs Spartans Girls' Soccer

The Sharon Springs Spartans Girls' Soccer team won 3-0 on Tuesday, September 16, over the Cherry Valley-Springfield Patriots. The Spartans' Zarie Barbic had a hat trick with assists from Yasmin Issa, Maya Korona, and Peyton Barbic.

Ava Jump had the shutout in goal.

Sharon Springs Spartans Boys' Soccer

The Cherry Valley-Springfield Patriots Boys' Soccer team defeated the Sharon Springs Spartans 3-2 on Tuesday, September 16, in a night game at Cherry Valley-Springfield. Yoni M, Heath Barrone, and Graham Barrone scored the goals for the Patriots, while Tyler Lyon of the Spartans scored two goals off two Elijah Lasky assists.

Middleburgh Knights Boys' Soccer



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Middleburgh's Liam Delaney is surrounded by Panthers in September 15's game against Mayfield.

The Middleburgh Knights boys' soccer team had a pretty good run last week.

On Monday, September 15, they faced the Mayfield Panthers at home. The Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Jakob Lloyd and Liam Delaney. Guillermo Martinez had an assist.

But by halftime the Panthers had come back to knot the score, and that's how the game ended, after 100 minutes of play, in a 2-2 tie. Goalie Robbie Narzymski had eight saves.

Last Wednesday the Knights went on the road to face the Galway Golden Eagles. Middleburgh led 3-0 at the half and ended up with a 4-1 win.

Against Galway, Martinez had two goals, Lloyd and Trey Ruise each added one.

Then on Friday, against Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons, Middleburgh got off to a rocky start. The Knights fell behind 1-0 but battled back to make it 2-1 at the half. The Knights scored two more in the second stanza, to make it a 4-1 final.

In the match Narzymski had two goals, Martinez and Ruise had one goal, and Lloyd had one assist. Lloyd hosted Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons and came away with another win, by the same 4-1 score, capping off a two-win, one-tie week.

Middleburgh boys' soccer now has a record of three wins, one loss, and one tie in the Western Athletic Conference. They are in sixth place in the 14-team WAC.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

The Times Journal Team of the Week for September 25 is the Schoharie Storm girls' soccer team.

Coached for close to 30 years by Tammy Drinon, this year's team is on fire so far; undefeated in league play and only suffering one loss of non-league play to Lake George. Last year the Storm made it all the way to semis, only falling to Stillwater...which was the team that ended up winning it all.

So what's their goal for this year?

"Win sectionals," player Alaina Martin, one of five seniors captains, said.

"Class C is loaded with talent this year," Coach Drinon warned of other teams in this year's league.

But the girls aren't daunted.

"We're really good at scoring goals," Martin said.

"We win by, like, ten points," said senior Juju Slater, another of the team's captains.

"We're really lucky because we have so many underclassmen, and every one can score," senior and captain Bri Repscher said.

In fact, eight of the 17 members of the team are underclassmen: Stacy Baez, Peyton Hahn, Chloe Porter, and Kayla Hayes are sophomores; Lauren Kenny and Ev-



Photo by HB Steadham

Coach Tammy Drinon sets the Schoharie Storm soccer girls on the path to success.

elyn Messner are freshmen; and two middle schoolers—eighth grader Bella Repscher and seventh grader Alayna Messner—round out the roster that supports juniors Skylar Griffin, Alina Dietz, Tracy Baez, and Allie Smith, and seniors Olivia Borst and Greta Schweigard (who complete the captaincy).

So, what is the Storm girls' soccer team's secret of success?

"Our bond," Martin said.

And boy, do they bond.

"Pasta dinners!" someone shouted.

"Braiding hair!" another added.

"Team sleepovers!" said a third.

"The girls have a set of songs they sing on the bus to every away game," Coach Drinon said, listing perennial

favorites like "Lean On Me" and "Buttercup."

And let's not forget the team "bear," which, apparently, is a longhorn cow this year, that goes to the best player of the game.

"The girls put in a lot of time outside the season," Coach Drinon said.

The girls have an additional secret of their success. "Coach works hard to make us better—as players and humans."

The Schoharie Storm girls' soccer team has their next home match on September 29 at 7 p.m. vs. Galway.

If you have a team you'd like to nominate for the Times Journal Team of the Week, email HB.Steadham@nyvtmedia.com.



Sports

BUMP, SET, SPIKE

SUNY Cobleskill Women's Volleyball

The SUNY Cobleskill women's volleyball team hit the road Wednesday, September 17, for a non-conference matchup against Russell Sage, where the Fighting Tigers battled through extended rallies and several late-set pushes but ultimately came up short, dropping the match 3-0 to the Gators.

Kathleen Smart (Nashville, TN) paced the Fighting Tigers with six kills and seven digs, while Baylee Kirschberg (Lindenhurst) ran the offense with 13 assists and added six digs. Emma Hinze (Altenburg, MO) turned in an efficient performance with six kills on a .500 hitting percentage to go with four digs and an ace. Audrey Davis (Hudson Falls) chipped in four kills to round out the attack.

Cobleskill's defense kept them in long rallies, finishing with a 36-34 edge in digs, but the Gators controlled the net with advantages in kills (31-19), assists (30-19), and aces (11-5).

The opening set saw Sage jump out to a 9-2 lead before Cobleskill steadied, pulling within 11-6 after a Hinze kill



Middleburgh's Caitlyn Loucks looks up for the ball as Lily Corbett moves in to help. Behind Loucks is Brianna Simmons.

off a Kirschberg set. The momentum didn't last, however, as the Gators used a 10-1 closing run to secure a 25-10 win.

In set two, Cobleskill responded with stronger play at the net. After falling behind 14-6, the Tigers used a 6-1 run highlighted by kills from Smart and Hinze and a Kirschberg ace to close the gap to 19-18. Despite the

rally, Sage strung together a late surge to take the set 25-18.

The third set followed a similar script. The Gators opened up a 10-3 lead, but the Tigers battled back behind a 3-0 run capped by a Smart kill to make it 17-14. Cobleskill later pulled within 21-18 after another Smart kill, but Sage held on for the 25-21 win to close out the match.

The Schoharie Storm Girls' Volleyball

On their Monday, September 15, home game, the Schoharie Storm Girls' Volleyball team beat the Coxsackie-Athens River Hawks three sets to one, bringing Schoharie to 3-0 in league play and 5-0 overall. The set scores were 23-25, 25-11, 25-13, 25-22.

For the Storm, Madison Spencer executed nine kills,

nine aces, and 15 service points. Ciarra Nay served for 10 points and had nine digs.

On Thursday, September 18, the Storm beat the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Cougars three sets to one (25-23, 25-11, 24-26, 25-1).

Madison Spencer had 14 kills, three aces, and 16 digs, while Ciarra Nay had nine kills, five aces, and 15 digs.

Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs Girls' Volleyball

On Tuesday, September 16, the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School girls' volleyball team beat Berne-Knox-Westerlo on their own turf, 25-15, 25-21, and 25-12. Notable performances were turned in by Joanna McCann, who had six kills, two blocks, and two aces; Molly Coppolo, who had four kills; Elise McDonald, who had four kills and seven digs; Bella Swartout, who had two kills and three aces; Rebecca Hanes, who had 13 assists and four aces; and McKenna Davis, who had eight digs.

Two days later, at a home game vs. Galway, the Golden Eagles defeated the Bulldogs, 25-10, 25-11, and 25-15. Notable performances for this game came from Molly Coppo-

lo with four kills, Joanna McCann with three kills and two aces, Shavonne Travers with two kills, Rebecca Hanes with three assists and three digs, Maddy Borkowski with three digs, and McKenna Davis with eight digs.

According to Coach Brian LaVine, "Galway has not lost a league match in three or four years. They played tenacious defense and had a relentless attack. Their sophomore outside hitter, Kiera Allen, had 14 kills. We couldn't block her or stop her. They are probably the best team we will face all season. We could compete with them, but they were the better team."

The Bulldogs will next travel to Middleburgh today, September 25, to take on the Knights.

Middleburgh Knights Girls' Volleyball

The Middleburgh girls' volleyball team beat Berne-Knox-Westerlo in four games on Thursday, September 18. Playing at home, the Knights lost their first game 28-26, then bounced back to win the next three, 25-23, 25-23, and 25-22 before the hometown crowd.



Regular-season racing moves to specials



Photo by Bittig

Connor Prokop of Middleburgh stands next to his Sportsman racer at Malta Massive Weekend on Friday.

By Ed & Betty Bittig

Racing has moved from regular-season weekly racing to specials that include two-day events culminating with Super DIRT Week at Oswego in October.

Friday and Saturday this past weekend, Malta Massive Weekend came to the Albany-Saratoga Speedway to wrap up a big 60th anniversary year for the popular dirt track that was built as an asphalt track and has been transformed into a dirt track twice during its storied history.

Racing on Friday included the DIRTcar 358 Modified Series, and Marc Johnson of Guilderland recorded his first ever DIRTcar Series victory of his career. "It's about time," Johnson said in victory lane. He took home \$4000 for the win and a pro wrestling-inspired belt given to the weekend winners. Other winners were Connor Crane, Sportsman; Chris Stalker, Street Stocks; and Josh Reome, Four Cylinders, dual cam; with Damian Ward, single cam winner.

Phelps of Baldwinsville, who finished second. Third on the podium was Anthony Perreg of Wallkill. Other winners on Saturday were Brandon Emigh, Pro Stocks, and Alex Smith, Limited Sportsman.

Sunday the Modifieds hit the track at Brookfield Speedway on the Madison County Fairgrounds, and Danny Creeden of Wurtsboro won the history-making Modified event. Other winners were Kyle Fallis, All Star Slingshots; Blake Banek, JR Slingshots; Kamrin Krause, Four Cylinder, dual cam; Jamie Warner, single cam; and Matt Richardson, Sportsman.

Coming up this weekend, Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, Fonda wraps up their season with the Montgomery County Open. Friday racing includes 358-Modifieds plus Limited Sportsman, Street Stocks, Four Cylinders, and practice for the STSS Modifieds and Sportsman. Saturday includes the STSS Mods and Sportsman plus Pro Stocks and Four Cylinders.

Connor Prokop of Middleburgh began his career in go-karts at Dodge City Speedway in Howes Cave. In recent years, he has competed at several local tracks, including Glen Ridge, Afton, Lebanon Valley, and Albany-Saratoga with wins at Utica-Rome, Accord, and Fonda. Connor's 2025 season has included a range of results, with improved performance as the year progressed. At Lebanon Valley, he recorded third- and fourth-place finishes. During Malta Massive Weekend on Friday, Connor was third fastest in time trials and took third place in his heat among 53 competitors. In the feature race, going over the cushion affected his final standing outside the top ten. He is preparing for participation at Super DIRT Week in October at Oswego Speedway.

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



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Jamie Warner of Gilboa poses with the Golden Beaver, race mascot, after his Four Cylinders win at Brookfield Speedway on Sunday.

SETTING THE PACE

On Saturday, September 20, the boys' and girls' Cobleskill-Richmondville cross country teams competed at the Broadalbin-Perth Invitational alongside 17 other schools.

The modified boys and girls team competed well on the 1.39-mile course at the invitational. The boys modified team placed sixth overall, led by seventh grader Theodore Tsamis, and the girls modified team placed fourth overall, led by seventh grader Madalein Hahl.

Modified boys place times: 11th, Theodore Tsamis 00:09:07.8; 32nd, Lucas Panares 00:10:51.7; 35th, Parker Hoose 00:10:58.2; 36th, Lee Whispell 00:11:00.3; 38th, Liam Handy 00:11:18.9; and 41st, Edgar Charbonnel 00:11:25.1.

Modified girls place

times: 2nd, Madalein Hahl 00:09:40.8; 24th, Ella Haslun 00:12:18.7; 25th, Addison Langlais 00:12:24.4; 26th, Lila Phillips 00:12:35.2; and 35th, Genesis Rodriguez 00:15:21.6.

The Bulldogs' junior varsity and varsity teams both competed well in both the boys' and the girls' teams, running on the 2.95-mile course. The girls' junior varsity team was led by 11th grader Daniela Palmer in fourth place, and the girls' varsity team was led by eighth graders Baylee Forsythe in 16th place and Gabrielle Hughes in 21st, placing the girls' varsity team fifth overall.

JV girls place times: 4th, Daniela Palmer 00:25:27.8; 9th, Celia Sanchez Mauri 00:28:48.0; 13th, Isabella Slater 00:36:13.1; and 14th,

Eleanor Gagnon 00:38:42.4.

Varsity girls place times: 16th, Baylee Forsythe 00:21:43.8; 21st, Gabrielle Hughes 00:22:20.2; 29th, Samantha Miently 00:22:58.0; 33rd, Matilda Walton 00:23:25.4; 42nd, Lilah Coons 00:25:22.1; 44th, Abigail Miller 00:25:31.2; and 63rd, Audrey Gutierrez 00:29:03.5.

The boys' varsity team was led by 11th grader Andrew Hughes in seventh place and 10th grader Evan Paliwoda in 18th.

Varsity boys place times: 7th, Andrew Hughes 00:17:23.7; 18th, Evan Paliwoda 00:18:16.7; 43rd, Brady Lampron 00:19:41.7; and 80th, Samuel Smith 00:25:14.7.

SNAP TACKLE POP

At the September 12 Cobleskill-Richmondville High School football game against Mechanicville, the Bulldogs shut out the Red Raiders, 20 to 0.

In the first quarter, Isaiah Butcher scored the first touchdown with a one-yard run. The kick by Eli Barr was no good, leading to an initial Bulldog lead of 6-0.

In the second quarter, Barr

caught a 41-yard pass from Cayden Cernauskas to score the Bulldogs' second touchdown—and this time the Barr kick was good, bringing the score to 13 for the Bulldogs, Red Raiders 0.

In the fourth quarter, Butcher scored another touchdown, this time with a 29-yard run. Barr came through a second time with a successful kick, bringing the score to the

final 20 for the Bulldogs, 0 for the Red Raiders.

Top players of the night included Cernauskas, with 166 passing yards; Butcher, with 74 rushing yards; and Barr, with 102 yards receiving.

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs will next face the Johnstown Sir Bills on September 26 at home.

TEE TIME

Last Monday, at home, the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School golf team beat Duaneburg 161-187. The medalist was CJ Warner, who shot a one-under-par 36. Other Bulldog golfers and their scores are Andy Rightmyer 47, Owen McCormack 50, Fred Sperbeck 40, Kayden Righi 46, and Tiernan Farnum 39.

With those results, the Bulldogs have already qualified three golfers for Sectionals: CJ Warner (with a qualifying score in every match), Fred Sperbeck, and Tiernan Farnum.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs won their golf match against Galway, 176-199, at the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club.

The medalist was Fred Sperbeck, who shot a 39. Other CRHS golfers and their scores are Andy Rightmyer, 48; Owen McCormack, 46; Kayden Righi, 65; Reed VanBuren, 51; and Thomas Ellis, 43.

On the girls' side, the Cobleskill-Richmondville varsity golf team is now 3-0 after beating Duaneburg last Monday.

Medalist for the match was Madeline Warner. Faith Lawton also won her match.



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Bulldog Madeline Warner gets ready to tee off in the match against Duaneburg last Monday.

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Rooted in Community: How Kelley's Farm & Garden Helps Schoharie County Grow

COBLESKILL — At Kelley's Farm & Garden, community isn't a catchphrase. It's in the lineup of local eggs and milk by the register. It's in the pet aisle, where advice comes from people who raise animals, not just read about them. It's the way Girl Scouts set up tables out front, and how Eagle Scouts walk through the doors asking for help with their next project.

For 25 years, Kelley's has quietly supported the day-to-day needs of Schoharie County, and especially its young people. That includes sponsorships for 4-H and FFA members, fundraisers for local youth sports, bake sales for churches, and countless hometown initiatives that need a spot to set up or someone willing to lend a hand. If you've raised kids in the area, you've likely benefited from Kelley's support, even if you didn't realize it.

That support is part of a much longer legacy. The business began as an Agway in the 1940s and became Kelley's in 2000, when longtime store manager Scott Kelley purchased it. Since then, it's evolved to reflect the needs of local families, many of whom run small farms or manage backyard flocks and gardens. That's why you'll find lumber for weekend projects, fencing supplies for goats, or delivery options for bulk pellet orders.

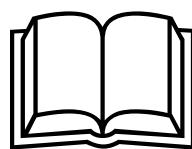
What sets Kelley's apart isn't just the inventory. It's the knowledge behind the counter. Each department is staffed by someone with first-hand experience. There's a reason customers come in with questions about calf feed or tomato blight or which tool will hold up best, and walk out with the answers.

That connection to people is what keeps Kelley's grounded. "My favorite day is Saturday," Scott Kelley said. "There's no sales memos, no ordering, no anything else. It's just the people."

The team's commitment to youth runs deep. They don't just sell feed, they encourage the care and responsibility that comes with raising animals. They don't just donate, they make space for kids to learn how to organize, sell, and connect with others. They understand that these early lessons shape stronger adults—and stronger communities.

Online ordering has made Kelley's even more accessible. Customers can now shop the website and pick up their orders in-store, making it easier for busy families to stock up and stay on schedule. That same flexibility applies to Kelley's long-standing practice of helping local vendors and producers get their products on shelves, whether it's fresh eggs, seasonal produce, or handmade goods.

After 25 years in business, Kelley's isn't just part of the landscape, it's part of the rhythm of life in Schoharie County. A place to get what you need, ask what you don't know, and support the people raising the next generation. In a world of big-box convenience, Kelley's continues to offer something different: a store that remembers your name, values your kids, and keeps its roots right here.



Eyes on Education

Cobleskill BOCES student wants to open business

ALBANY – The Plumbing Technology program launched on September 4 in the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Extension Center located in Albany. Officials with the UA Local 7, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union helped BOCES create the one-year program that is open to students in school districts located in Albany, Schoharie, and Schenectady counties, as well as the Shenendehowa Central School District in Saratoga County.

Among the 40 students enrolled in the program is Mar-



Students seek opportunities through new Capital Region BOCES plumbing program.

cus Merwin, a senior from Cobleskill who was the first student to walk in the doors of the new campus.

"I am looking forward to learning how to be a plumber, so I can open my own business," Merwin said.

The Plumbing Technology program is a comprehensive, hands-on program designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the plumbing industry. Students learn essential skills, including safety protocols, plumbing math, and blueprint reading while working with various piping materials such as plastic and

copper. The course covers key plumbing systems such as drain, waste, and vent (DWV) systems, water distribution, and much more.

For more information on the Plumbing Technology program, visit <https://www.capitalregionboces.org/career-technical-education/courses-programs/plumbing-technology/>.

Schoharie Campus teaches heavy equipment repair and operation

SCHOHARIE – Capital Region BOCES senior Devohn Boehkle cleared land on the Career and Technical Education Center–Schoharie Campus.

The Berne-Knox-Westerlo student is among about 70 students enrolled in the Heavy

repair common issues with diesel engines and heavy machines.

Boehkle is looking forward to taking his new-found skills right into the workforce. "I am most likely moving down south to work in construction with my uncle," he



BKW and BOCES senior Devohn Boehkle shows his heavy-equipment skills.

Equipment Repair and Operation program who are learning how to operate and maintain large construction-related equipment such as backhoes, dozers, front-end loaders, and excavators. Students also learn how to diagnose and

said.

As to his time at BOCES, Boehkle said "I have been able to learn a lot of things and gain a lot of experiences with heavy equipment that I wouldn't have otherwise."

Elmira College grants Key Award to Schoharie County students

ELMIRA – Elmira College recently announced this year's recipients of its annual Key Award. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. "We hope they will choose to make Elmira College their place."

Students in Schoharie County to receive this year's Key Award include David Cammer of Gilboa, Briana Repscher of Howes Cave, Nola Bohringer of Richmond-

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Nine Schoharie County high school juniors were given the Elmira College Key Award.

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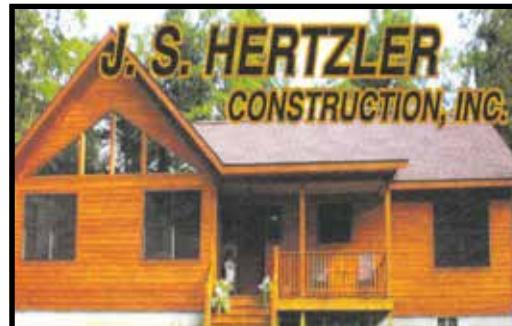
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Final call for fire chief



Members of the Cobleskill FD pay their respects to Chief Baker on Saturday.

By Pete Lindemann,
 Times Journal Staff

About 200 firefighters, first responders, family, and friends turned out Saturday at the Central Bridge Fire Department on South Main Street for a memorial ceremony for Brian Baker.

Baker, 50, who died on September 14, was a member of the Central Bridge Fire Department and Rescue Squad for 31 years, and chief for the last three.

And the ceremony was certainly fit for a chief.

It began with a bagpiper, Mackenzie Moloney of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, play-

ing "The Rowan Tree."

Then several in the audience came forward to share stories about Baker, including his son Zaiden Baker, who is also a firefighter with the Central Bridge FD.

He recalled the last thing his father said to him: "No matter what, be yourself."

"But at this moment," Zaiden said before the packed firehall, "I want to be like him."

A common theme shared by many of the speakers was how helpful Baker was. "He would drop anything, at any time, for anybody," said one.

Another said he was willing to "step up and step in."

Baker, an electrician, volunteered his time as a football and baseball coach. With him, said one speaker, "Everything was a team effort."

Audience tributes were followed by a recital of the "Fireman's Prayer," then the ceremonial ringing—three rings of the bell, three times.

Then there was a squelch from the radio of a Schoharie firefighter, and a dispatcher's voice could be heard loud and clear throughout the somber hall.

Chief Baker, she announced, "has answered his final call."

Then the fire whistle blew to end the ceremony. The

bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" as firefighters and first responders lined the walk outside the firehouse.

As they saluted, and "Going Home" echoed from the bagpipes, the flag-draped casket was placed in the hearse.

The hearse then headed out, past the giant American Flag of the Middleburgh Fire Department, then vehicles from Gallupville, Hunterstrand, Patterson Creek, Carlisle, Richmondville, Schoharie, Esperance, Quaker Street, State Fire, and, finally, another giant American flag atop the ladder truck from Cobleskill.



Firefighters salute as the casket of Central Bridge FD Chief Brian Baker is placed into the hearse.

Building project on Settles Mountain Road

by Pete Lindemann,
 Times Journal Staff

"Will we have a Donat's Brow on Settles Mountain Road?"

That's the question that Terry Hughes put to the Cobleskill Village Planning Board at its meeting on Wednesday, September 10.

Hughes was talking about a proposed building project, comparing it to the large apartment and townhouse community off Mineral Springs Road.

The Settles Mountain Road project calls for four buildings, with four residences per building, for a total of 16 units. The units would be two-bedroom residences.

The location of the project is 172 Settles Mountain Road. That address, according to online county clerk records, is owned by Dahl Realty of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

"The biggest issue I have is the water," said Hughes, concerned that the proposed wells—one per building, for a total of four—would dry up the neighbors' wells.

Another issue raised was the impact of increased traffic. "If you're doubling the traffic on the road, that's an impact," said Hughes.

That led to a discussion of improving the condition of Settles Mountain Road. Cobleskill Village Mayor Becky Stanton-Terk, in the audience, said repair of the road is "absolutely in the village's radar" and they have engaged Lamont Engineers to start the process.



Photo by Pete Lindemann

Terry Hughes of Settles Mountain Road in Cobleskill expressed his concerns about the proposed building project.

In the end, the Village Planning Board approved the project in a unanimous roll call vote. Board member Alan Rubin was absent.

But Hughes wasn't done. He brought his concerns to the Cobleskill Village Board meeting on Tuesday, September 16. And his main concern was still water.

Hughes told the village board members that he had asked the planning board, "What happens when our wells go dry?"

Hughes said that the planning board responded, basically, "That's not our problem," and "That's a village board problem."

Speaking to the village board, Hughes said, "I just wanted to make sure you are aware of the situation that is going on there, and we're going to continue to follow it."

The proposed building project, approved by the Cobleskill Village Planning Board, has moved on to the County Planning Commission.

Fiery crash claims two lives

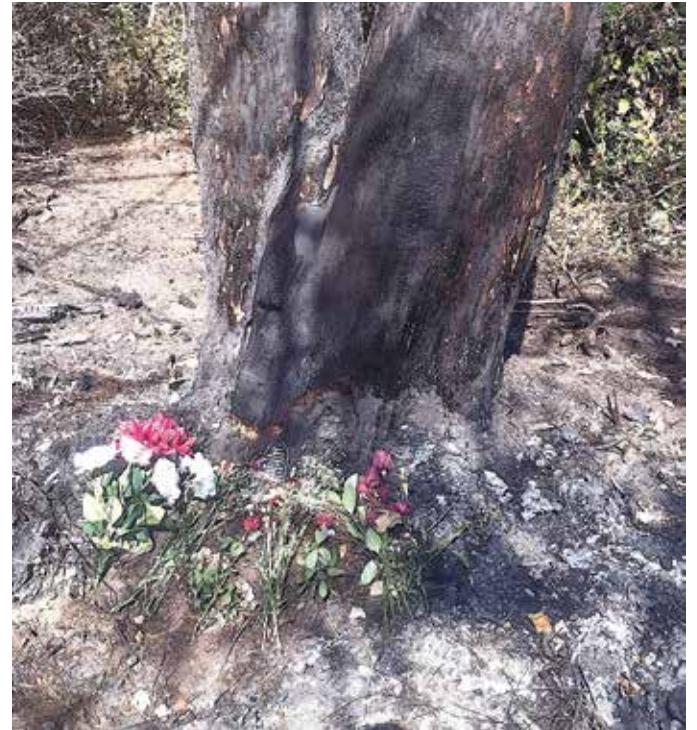
By Pete Lindemann,
 Times Journal Staff

A fiery crash in Schoharie last Sunday morning has claimed the lives of two people.

On Sunday, September 14, at about 12:56 a.m., State Police responded to a report of a one-car crash off Rickard Hill Road near the intersection with Mossy Cliff Lane.

State Police investigation determined that a vehicle being driven by Delwin C. Shaver, 59, of Kissimmee, Florida, was traveling eastbound on Rickard Hill Road when the vehicle exited the roadway and struck a tree.

The vehicle subsequently caught fire. Mr. Shaver was declared dead at the scene.



The scene of a double-fatal car crash last Sunday morning on Rickard Hill Road, near the intersection of Mossy Cliff Lane, in Schoharie.

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Government News

Schoharie Town meeting brief but full

By HB Steadham,
Executive Editor

SCHOHARIE—The Board of the Town of Schoharie met on Wednesday, September 10, for 25 minutes—but still got much accomplished.

The assessor, Erin Smith, was reappointed for a six-year term and her contract was approved unanimously.

Planning Board Chair Kathryn Saddlemire announced that there would be a public hearing Tuesday, September 16, about changes to the Highbridge project site plan, more commonly known as the Amazon distribution center. She relayed that the special use permit and original site plan had already been approved, and that the upcoming meeting involved some changes such as parking, points of entry, and a proposed stoplight at the west-bound ramp off I-88.

The Schoharie Fire Department refinance was put forth, with a mortgage of \$485,000 at an interest rate of 5.24% by the Bank of Greene County needing an approved resolution from the Board. The payments would be a 70-30 split between the town and the village, with the town providing \$29,884 each year for twenty years.

Discussion about the proposed Local Law 1 of 2025 commenced, in which Smith presented a revised income qualification for the senior citizens tax exemption law. Currently the cap for seniors to receive exemption from a percentage of town taxes is

\$25,650 per household—and it's been that way since 2021, with no allowance for cost-of-living increases.

The new law increases the income cap to \$26,500, which makes this the highest cap in the county, on par with Esperance. Some talk was exchanged about possibly making the cap even higher, but the possibility of shifting the tax burden to the rest of the town population stopped the discussion from proceeding. Town Supervisor Ben Oevering said he was “comfortable with this for now,” and said that to go higher, he’d want to see a study and contact the Office for the Aging.

Finally, Highway Superintendent Lee Foland addressed the issue of a gate and box trailer that’s blocking the right of way on Wilber Road. With this blockage, Foland said, the town can’t maintain or clean that section of Wilber Road.

Foland asked for a survey of the land to be completed so that the town could take the documentation to court in order to regain control of that section of the road. Public record shows that the land adjacent to the inaccessible section of Wilber Road is owned by Carmel O’Connell.

A roll-call vote on moving forward with a survey commenced, and all voted in favor except James Schultz, who stated that he is “against the government interfering with people’s property.

“I’ve always been against government interference,” Schultz said.

New parking rules proposed for Village of Cobleskill



A “no parking” sign on East Main Street, near the Cobleskill Fire Department. The Cobleskill Village Board has proposed a new law to clarify village-wide parking rules.

By Pete Lindemann,
Times Journal Staff

The Cobleskill Village Board proposed new village-wide parking rules at its meeting on Tuesday.

Many streets, explained Mayor Becky Stanton-Terk, are “...not listed in our code. So if you are an officer trying to enforce the ordinances, it would leave it up to interpretation, it would seem, as to whether or not someone could park on said street.”

She said they are “looking to clean that up.”

During public comment, Nancy Van Deusen of Elm Street asked, “How do you plan to enforce this? I don’t think the current one is being enforced. So how are you going to enforce this

one?”

“With our police officers,” answered Stanton-Terk.

“That we don’t have anymore?” asked Van Deusen.

“We have two right here,” said the mayor, referring to Chief Dean DeMartino—who gave a report later in the meeting—and Deputy Chief Brian Bienduga, both seated in the front row.

The proposed local law 4-2025, would amend section 148-6 of the code, “no parking at any time.”

The new streets subject to the “no parking” rules under the proposed law would be Brookside Street, both sides, entire length; Parkway Drive, both sides, entire length; Canterbury Drive, east side, entire length; Pine Street, both sides, entire length; Clinton Circle, center,

outside of park hours; Crabapple Lane, north side, entire length;

Davies Lane, north side, entire length; Everett Street, both sides, entire length; Florence Street, east side, entire length; Forster Road, both sides, entire length; Railroad Avenue, both sides, entire length;

France Lane, both sides, entire length; Grandview Drive, both sides, entire length; Hillside Avenue, west side, entire length; Josephine Lane, north side, entire length;

Merchant Place, adjacent to the curb in front of all stores that are part of the plaza; Overlook Drive, south side, entire length;

Parkway Drive, both sides, entire length; Canterbury Drive, east side, entire length; Pine Street, both sides, entire length; Clinton Circle, center,

Pleasantview Drive, north side, from Campus Drive east to bend in road; Pleasantview Drive, west side, from Josephine Lane south to bend in road; Prospect Street, both sides, entire length;

Springstead Street, both sides, entire length; St. Christopher place, both sides, from beginning of Circle east, entire length;

Timber Lane, west side, entire length; Van Deusen Drive, west side, entire length;

Veterans Drive, new—edited to reflect one side, west side, entire length; Woods Drive, both sides, entire length.

The public hearing on the proposed local law remains open.

Town of Fulton discusses homelessness; CEO still MIA

By HB Steadham,
Executive Editor

FULTON—On September 8 at the Town of Fulton Board

Meeting, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Brian Caron was absent again.

For this month there was a

CEO report available, which included updated documents for May and June and new reports for July and August.

However, these reports were not submitted in person, so last month’s questions about the condition of 151 Claverwie Road remained unanswered.

The hot topic for the evening during privilege of the floor was the approach of cold weather and how it relates to the homeless population. Citizen Joyce Hodder brought up concerns that, with winter fast approaching, the homeless community might be short on safe environments. Hodder cited an uptick in the number of families living out of campers in town, and she recognized that despite homeowners having to comply with code enforcement policies, that residents in campers have

no such authority to maintain a livable environment.

Supervisor Phil Skowfoe claimed that most people who were living out of these campers chose to do so of their own volition and would discard any help offered to them by the city. Skowfoe then proposed that the old jail in Schoharie could be a potential residential solution to this problem.

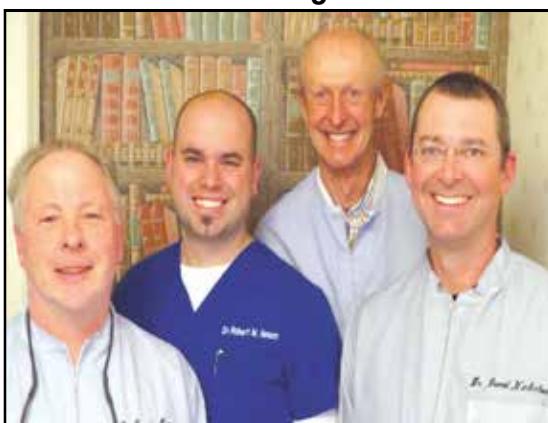
In the end, the town meeting was adjourned after a motion was proposed by Councilwoman Marcy Sammons and seconded by Councilwoman Rebecca Noxon, which passed unanimously at 7:45.

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Community News

Schoharie County Destination Farmer's Market seeks founding board members

SCHOHARIE COUNTY — Many people agree that Schoharie County needs a centrally located, easily accessible farmer's market. Since last spring, an exploratory committee has surveyed community members and local producers, held productive community meetings to discuss the results of the surveys, and the county's Agriculture Development Specialist has applied for grant funding to pursue this goal.

The next step in the process of creating a new farmer's market is the formation of a board. Local agricultural producers, vendors, and community members who are interested in participating in the formation of a farmer's market are invited to apply to serve on the farmer's market's founding board by completing a



brief application. Applications should be submitted by September 30. Applicants will be invited to participate in brief online interviews in early October.

To apply, go to <https://forms.office.com/g/QVvLwUyKWe>. If you have questions or need a hard copy of the application, please contact Caroline Myran, Schoharie County Agricultural Development Specialist, at caroline.myran@schohariecounty-ny.gov or 518-295-8785.

Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency and Schoharie County Capital Resource Corporation announce new executive director and CEO

SCHOHARIE — The Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) and Schoharie County Capital Resource Corporation (SCCRC) are pleased to announce the appointment of Trevor Bender as executive director and chief executive officer. His appointment was ratified at the August 28th meeting of the SCIDA and SCCRC.

Bender has over a decade of experience in the field of economic development, as well as public policy at the state and municipal level. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in public administration from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany and a Master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

He is joining the SCIDA and SCCRC after serving as vice president of Syndicate Strategies, where he has been a registered lobbyist or consultant for a variety of clients including economic development, housing, engineering, and more. Prior to that he was the legislative director of Park

Strategies, where he built coalitions and developed advocacy strategies through client engagement. Before that he was legislative director for several majority members of the New York State Senate.

"I'm excited to join the teams at the Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency and Schoharie County Capital Resource Corporation as we work to bring growth and development to Schoharie County in addition to supporting the wonderful businesses that make the local economy so special," Bender said. "Together we will build on current momentum to bring new business, jobs, and economic activity to Schoharie County. I look forward to working with private sector partners, local municipal leaders, community groups, and other key stakeholders to build upon the successes of the past."

Bender can be reached at director@schoharie-ida.org or 518-918-9735. Additional details on the SCIDA and SCCRC, including its mission, board of directors, programs, and incentives are available at www.schoharie-ida.com.



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Trevor Bender named executive director and CEO of two Schoharie agencies.

NYPA to host Wildlife Festival at the Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center

NORTH BLENHEIM — The New York Power Authority (NYPA) will host its annual Wildlife Festival, a community event featuring family-friendly activities, at the visitors center for the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped

Storage Power Project on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival will feature a petting zoo, multiple bounce houses, a virtual reality experience, wildlife-themed crafts, and a photo booth. Addition-

ally, an entertainment tent on site will host a bubble show, dance performances, magic, and a STEM presentation by the Dirtmeister. DJ Patrick M. DelRosario will provide live entertainment throughout the day. Food trucks and craft

vendors will also be on-site.

The Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center is housed in a restored 19th-century dairy barn and features interactive exhibits on electricity, energy use, and the operation of the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage

Power Project. The center is located at 1378 State Route 30 in North Blenheim and is open daily for guided tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Community News

Jefferson graves get clean slates



Photo by Kevin Berner

Vinnie and Amy Wilson clean an old gravestone in the Old Jefferson Cemetery.

By Pete Lindemann,
Times Journal Staff

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Historical Society (JHS) held a gravestone cleaning workshop Sunday morning, September 7, at the Old Jefferson Cemetery, just north of Main Street in Jefferson.

The workshop was originally scheduled for the day before but was postponed due to the weather forecast of steady rain and possible thunderstorms.

Ten historians learned how

to clean graves from Stacey Flanagan of Port Crane.

The priority, according to JHS President Kevin Berner, was to start with the 10 stones of Revolutionary War soldiers.

It was discovered that someone had already cleaned most of them.

So the historical cleaning crew spruced up the remaining three or four. Now all the Revolutionary War soldiers in the Old Jefferson Cemetery have clean slates.



Photo by Kevin Berner
Terry Edwards, who normally has a metal detector in his hand, got to cleaning.

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comprehensive medical care to patients ages of all ages, including preventative treatment, chronic disease and acute illness management, and care coordination. She is welcoming new patients.

Louch earned her master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica. She is board-certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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Rebecca Louch now serves as a nurse practitioner in Cobleskill.

Sharon Silver & Gold seniors learn about Helios Care's resources



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Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club participants listened attentively to a Helios Care presentation by Tammy Christman.

SHARON SPRINGS — Thirty-two senior participants at the September 12th Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club luncheon meeting at the Office for the Aging's congregate meal site at the Sharon Springs Firehouse learned a lot about hospice and palliative care resources available in Schoharie, Otsego, and Delaware Counties.

The group welcomed Tammy Christman, Director of Community Outreach and Volunteer Services at Helios Care based in Oneonta, who presented valuable information about the expert and compassionate in-home palliative and hospice care the organization provides to support area patients with serious illnesses and their families. Tammy started her career with Helios Care (formerly called Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care) in 2005.

Helios Care's services and support emphasize compassion, choices, and dignity. Sharon Silver & Gold seniors were pleasantly surprised to learn about the wide variety of resources that Christman highlighted in her presentation including volunteer opportunities, adult grief support groups, bereavement counseling for individuals and families, free "coping kits" for children and teens, and Camp Forget-Me-Not with sessions in spring, summer, and fall. Tammy also shared information about The Five Wishes document, a legal living will which helps individuals express their preferences for end-of-life care, including medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual needs.

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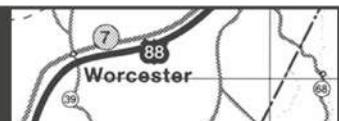
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Worcester



By Kathleen Gasperini

Welcome to fall and all of the wonderful aspects our lovely community has to offer this season. I've already seen



Photo by Kathleen Gasperini

Mums for sale in Sharon Springs.

some leaf-peepers coming up from NYC to check out the changing color of the leaves and shop for fresh apples and the last of the sweet corn.

Here's a little history on the word "fall" to express this season: According to various historical sources on the evolution of words, the old English term for this season was called "harvest." In the 1300s, the Latin word "autumnus" and French word "automne" combined into the more common term "autumn," which eventually became more popular than "harvest." Around the late 1500s, the word "fall" became more popular as people commented on the falling of the leaves.

Today, autumn and fall are still used interchangeably, but the UK usually refers to this season as the older description "autumn" while the United States, which wanted to split from the old world, preferred to adopt the "new" term "fall," just as we sprinkled in our own new traditions like trick-or-treating. Here's the kicker: When talking about September 21 and the equinox, the preferred verbiage for both the UK and USA is "Autumn Equinox." (September 21 also marks the first sunrise at the South Pole.)

Nothing says fall more clearly than the Fenimore Farm (a.k.a. Farmer's Museum) Harvest Festival and upcoming events in Cooperstown, and the Sharon Springs Harvest Festival. The Fenimore Harvest Festival was September 13–14 and was a lot of fun. Personally, I love their giant Percheron horses and wagon tours. But it's worth checking out how they decorate the 1800s historic village with pumpkins and mums. Tours are given by reenactment tour guides, and it's worth a spin around the historic and colorful carousel. Harvest Festival is a unique way to spend the day, especially for families.

Coming up this weekend is another favorite, the Blacksmithing Weekend. Blacksmiths from across New York will be gathering at the Fenimore Farm to demonstrate their farrier skills, shoeing horses and explaining the traditional tools that they use. The exhibition takes place in the 1827 Field Blacksmith Shop in the Historic Village.

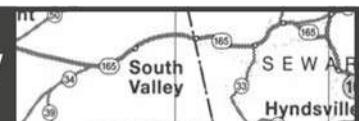
Tickets are also on sale for their ghostly Halloween Tours, "Things That Go Bump in the Night," October 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25, where they decorate the historic village and give tours in the evening by lantern. The guides tell ghostly tales, ending with Andrew Monro's theatrical reading of "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.

I went for a lovely walk through Glimmerglass State Park, and the Otsego Lake was like glass. One of the most spectacular sights this time of year is when the leaves peak in their fall colors and are reflected on the lake.

Perfect time for a hike (or sail) around the lake.

Sharon Springs Harvest Festival was super busy last weekend and loaded with a variety of activities; great

South Valley



By Carol Brodie

Quote for the week by Dr. Ben Carson: "We cannot have the land of the free without being the home of the brave."

I hadn't seen any hummingbirds for almost two weeks, so I thought they had started their long flight south to Mexico and South America. But then last Friday, September 19, as I was outside working, I sat down on the porch swing for a few minutes to rest and guess what I saw. A cute little female ruby-throated hummingbird came to the feeder to drink, just a few feet away from me. She flew off and came back a couple more times and that's the last I saw of her.

They say to leave feeders out through September and even into October for hummingbirds who may have been further north. They may stop by for a rest and a drink before they continue their long flight south for winter.

I will surely miss them. To me, hummingbirds are always the first real sign of spring when they arrive, and the first real sign of fall when they leave.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday wishes go out this week to Darcie Mabie, Chris Sorgen, John Meade, Haiden Brant, George Harragan, Nan Christman, Regina Miller, Curtis VanDewerker, Aaron Thompson, Sonny Young, and Stefanie Becker.

Anniversary wishes go to Josef and Chris Sorgen, Marvin and Destiny Oakley (celebrating 10 years), Mark and Suzanne Mabie (celebrating 40 years), Rich and

Katie Bertani (celebrating 20 years), Matt and Jekara Baran, Kris and Connie Capece, and Christopher and Adrienne Wren.

Tom and Kelly Mabie hosted a double birthday celebration at their Springfield Center home on Sunday, September 14, for their dads, Leland Mabie and Marv Mateson. Marv and his wife Karen are visiting from Florida.

Attending the celebration were Mark Anderson and Elena Sheldon and children, Hannah, Ethan, and Holly.

Family members also helped Leland celebrate at his home on the night of his birthday, Tuesday, September 16.

Helping his celebrate his 88th birthday were Mark and Debbie Anderson, Jordan Mabie of Roseboom, and Ray and Sandy Sutton of Decatur.

They enjoyed cupcakes made by Margie Landers.

Leland also received many phone calls throughout the day wishing him a happy birthday. Calls came from his grandchildren, Chris and Abby Anderson of Florida, Annie Anderson and Andrew Mack of Virginia, and Joslyn Mabie of Cobleskill, as well as many other calls.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Sincere condolences go out to the family of Gloria Putnam, 88, of Sharon Springs, who passed away on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

When I saw Gloria's photo on the funeral home website, she looked very familiar to me. Then as I read down through her obituary, I understood why. It mentioned her being a favorite cashier at Walmart, and yes, she was

one of my favorite cashiers for many years. I will miss her friendly face.

A memorial service was held at the Ottman Funeral Home, in Cherry Valley, on Monday morning, September 22.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Gloria, may be sent to the Sharon Springs Alumni Association, P.O. Box 103, Sharon Springs, New York 13459.

To read the complete obituary and send condolences to Gloria's family, visit the funeral home website: www.ottmanfuneralhome.com.

BITS AND PIECES

Charley and Joanne Brodie have returned home following a two-week camping and visiting out-of-state trip.

They left early Monday morning, September 8, to go to Four Mile Creek State Park, near Niagara Falls, where they enjoyed spending the next few days.

That Wednesday, they enjoyed taking a ride on the Maid of the Mist boat as it took them to the American Falls, on the United States side, and then to Horseshoe Falls, on the Canadian side.

Unfortunately, they had a bit of bad luck later just as they were driving back into their campsite when one of the truck tires went flat. Charley had to spend the next day getting a new tire for the truck.

They left the campsite on Friday morning, September 12, to go to Meadville, Pennsylvania, to visit Charley's sister, Mary Lou and Dave Bach, for a few days.

They attended Sunday morning worship services with Dave and Mary Lou

at their church. Then, afterwards, Charley and Joanne treated the Bachs to lunch at Hoss's Restaurant.

While there, they also had a visit one day from the Bachs' oldest son, Bryan. Their daughter, Amy Sue Bach-Dahl, along with her soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Kylan, also stopped in one day for a visit. Charley and Joanne left the Bachs on Tuesday afternoon, September 16, as they drove to Lake Erie State Park, near Brocton, New York.

They enjoyed spending the next few days there and then returned home on Saturday afternoon, September 20.

Charley said they had warm, sunny weather their entire trip.

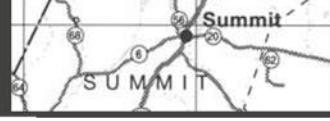
Dick and June Hansen attended their grandson Jakeb's soccer game at Charlotte Valley late Friday afternoon, September 12.

My sister, Barb Kineke, came down from Mohawk last Friday, September 19, and we went to Miller's, in Warren, for our annual trip. We bought our apples, cracked corn for winter for the birds, and a couple of beautiful mums. It was a beautiful, sunny, and warm day.

Have a great week! I hope you all are enjoying this gorgeous weather we are having. The leaves on the trees are turning quickly and already falling off some of the trees. The huge maple tree across from my house is always one of the first to start changing color, and right now, it is absolutely beautiful, all dressed in orange leaves.

Call me at 607-264-3225 or email carolbrodie@hotmail.com with any news you have to share for this area.

Summit



By Karen Cuccinello

The plants do not like this dry weather, but my chickens do. They dig little shallow holes and roll around in them, kicking the dirt/dust all over themselves. Evidently, this is how they keep themselves clean and free of parasites. "Dust bathing" seems like a weird way of cleaning. When we get the rain we need, it will slow down their digging.

It was quite chilly the other night, in the 40s.

Bumped into Dave & Christina Ullman, of Summit, at the Charlotteville General Store and had a nice chat.

Saw Judy Kramer, of Charlotteville, at the Stamford Golf Course restaurant while eating lunch with Dottie Pickett, of Gilboa, had a nice chit-chat.

Chatted with Chuck and Carolyn Melszer, of Summit, at Sharon Springs Fall Fest and Sunnycrest Markets Fest. Sharon Springs was packed with visitors, and the weather was great. I think the Sharon Springs Fest is my favorite in Schoharie County. I went to Sunnycrest Markets shortly after they opened in March when it was mostly just groceries; now it has a deli, bakery, snack bar, greenhouses, and restaurant, wow.

From Carol Lavallee, of Summit: Spirit of Zayante Gallery Tour took place on Wednesday, September 17, beginning at 12:30. Hope Morrow Glidden, who resides on Enid Road, shared her life story of becoming an artist, answered questions about some of her paintings, and told about all that goes into the work to create each one. Some paintings can take over four months to complete.

Light refreshments were served to people who visited from as far away as Gilboa to four others from our own top of the mountain town. Plans are continuing for another tour on October 15. Contact Carol Lavallee at windholh@comcast.net



Photo from John Steitz
Thank you all for a great turnout of 30 people at the Old Summit Farms program September 19.

lowmusic@gmail.com to sign up. Seating is limited.

Last year 1020 pounds of venison was donated to eight different food pantry locations throughout the county via Schoharie County Conservation Association (SCCA).

After submitting Summit columns for 15 years and giving much thought in going forward, I'm sorry to say this will be my last Summit column in the Times Journal.

September 26 – Neighborhood Harvest Gathering 5 to 8p.m. at Summit Firehouse Pavilion. Music by Yak Yak Creek; drinks and BBQ provided, bring a dish to share. Sponsored by Summit Neighbors. RSVP appreciated via Summit Neighbors Facebook messenger or 518-322-9833.

October 1 – Stamford Revolutionary War Veterans Tour at Stamford Cemetery, 2 Mt. Road, 11 a.m., by yours truly.

October 2 – Fulton Historical Society meeting 4 p.m. at Fulton Town Hall on Bear Ladder Road.

October 4 – Breakfast

Sandwiches & Raffle 8 to 11a.m. or until sold out by Summit Fire Department Support Services at the Summit Firehouse. Sandwiches bacon or sausage/egg/cheese; complimentary coffee and juice; raffle of \$100 in scratch-off tickets.

October 4 – Fall Festival at Old Stone Fort, 145 Fort Rd, Schoharie, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 4 & 18 – Town of Fulton Recycling, Saturdays, 7 a.m. to noon, 1168 Bear Ladder Road, West Fulton. October 18 includes a white goods & tire collection. They also have a recycle bin for returnable cans/bottles that benefit the Fulton Historical Society. For information call the town clerk at 518-827-6365 or email clerk@fulton-town-ny.gov.

October 5 – Chili Cook-Off, noon until sold out at the Charlotteville Schoolhouse, cup of chili \$5. For information on entering the contest, contact John Steitz of Summit Community Center Inc. at 518-287-1185. This is a fundraiser for Summit Community Center Inc.

October 10 – Charlotteville Schoolhouse Breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m. (last of the season). Breakfasts are all-you-can-eat, family-style dining, including pancakes, French toast, sausage patties, sausage gravy, homestyle potatoes, coffee, tea, and OJ with table service, not a buffet, and local maple syrup from Terrell's Sugarhouse. The Charlotteville Schoolhouse is located at 641 Charlotte Valley Road. Season-long 50/50 Raffle. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

October 11 – Timothy Murphy 10K Run/Walk Middleburgh, register online; for information, email David.Roy@ScaryLegRunners.com.

October 18 – Pork Roast Buffet, 5 to 7 p.m., Charlotteville Firehouse.

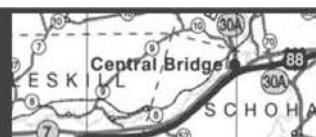
October 21 – SCOPE meeting, 7 p.m., Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club.

October 26 – Charlotteville Schoolhouse Fall Soup Buffet from noon until sold out, \$5 per 12-ounce cup.

October 28 – First planning meeting, 1 p.m. at Lasell Hall, 268 Main Street, Schoharie, for the Schoharie 250th Committee "Remember the Ladies Tea" on July 3, 2026. All are welcome.

History: September 8, 1910, Jefferson Courier – Upon a recent fishing excursion to the Bear Gulf, Geo. Shumway of Beards Hollow caught eight pickerel, the smallest of which was eighteen inches in length. One measured twenty-five and another twenty-six inches in length each of those weighing over four pounds. – Ernest Havens of Summit has purchased a Buick automobile. He was employed by C E. Nichols of Jefferson as chauffeur during the early summer.

Central Bridge



By Janice Wilkens

QUOTE

At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can. —Frida Kahlo, a Mexican painter who died in 1954 at the age of 47.

BIRTHDAY

Happy 40th birthday to our daughter Christin Genevieve (Wilkens) Bianco of Altamont on September 30.

BOOK REVIEW

By participating in the Color Our World Summer Reading Program event this summer, I earned points which, in my case, gave me the opportunity to select three free books from an entire roomful of books in the Cobleskill Library. If I'm not familiar with a title or an author, I still judge a book by its cover, so one of the books I chose was "The Dog Who Knew Too Much" by Spencer Quinn. Although this is not categorized as a young adult book, in my opinion, it is. The entire book is narrated by a dog named Chet—a dog who has teamed up with his owner, Bernie Little, as crime solvers. Having a book narrated by a dog is a "novel" idea, I admit, but I found it somewhat annoying (or maybe the right word is juvenile). Since I don't like holding onto books, I'll be donating this one.

FREE TO BE YOU AND ME

Are you familiar with the

play, the book, or the music from "Free to be You and Me" from the 1970s? The Theater Project of Schoharie County will be presenting the play on Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, at 7 p.m. with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, September 28, at the Cobleskill Methodist Church, 109 Chapel Street in Cobleskill. Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested modest donation. I'll be playing one of the "Janet" parts in Acts 1 and 2.

CBCA

The Central Bridge Civic Association met September 17 at the Lutheran Parsonage. The Farmer's Market hours have changed to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays through October. Thank you to the vendors and Earl VanWormer for organizing.

The red bench at the park was destroyed; we are looking for a metal one that can be chained into the ground.

The Fire Department has given permission to put a whiteboard of community events in the window of the old ambulance building. Thank you to Cathy Caiazzo for lettering. Contact Elaine Cooper if your organization wants to advertise.

We donated in honor of Brian Baker, fire chief, and Eleanor Tilison, long time CBBCA member—two steadfast residents.

The Halloween party will be at the Methodist Church's hall on Saturday, October 25,

1 to 3 p.m., with games, crafts, refreshments, and reverse trick-or-treat.

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS SATURDAY

Outdoor Festival Farmers Market from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Gathering Place, located at 127 Kenyon Road in Cobleskill.

Fish and Wildlife Day at Mine Kill State Park in North Blenheim. For more information, please call 518-827-6111.

TAXES

Your 2025-2026 Schoharie school tax bill can be paid by your choice of three different ways: mailing to the address shown on your bill, visiting their website at schoharieschools.org, or leaving paper checks in the drop box outside the high school office. The collection period is interest free from September 2 through October 1. Bills will accrue a 2% penalty if paid from October 2 through October 31.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bulletins for the month of October are given by Debra Stalker in memory of loved ones, and Celebrate for the month of October are given by the Luhr Family in honor of all Christians.

September 28, worship service with Pastor Jeff at 9 a.m. Serving as acolyte will be Elly Luhr, lector will be Kristy Luhr, usher will be Bruce

Huehn, and altar flowers will be provided by Jeanette Cornwell. Coin jar collection will be donated to Leatherstocking Honor Flight.

Please help replenish the food pantry as you are able. Needed items include all kinds of cereal, canned chicken, canned potatoes, paper towels, and deodorant.

Please return your annual turkey-supper help-assist form to Jeanette Cornwell so the event will run as smoothly as it has in the past. If you've signed up to clean the kitchen and dining room, please be at the church by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, to prepare for the dinner, which will take place on Thursday, October 2. Sit-down dinner and take-outs begin at 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. or until sold out. Get a great meal made by loving hands for under \$20.

Email bethanycentralbridge@gmail.com for more information.

CBMC

Would you like to be a part of a church family? Come check us out at Central Bridge Methodist Church any Sunday morning at 10:30. Our doors are always open to everyone.

Our food pantry shelves are getting empty. We can use any nonperishable food items. There is a table in the back of the church where all food items can be placed.

There is a table in the back of the church where any can tabs can be placed. The tabs are going to benefit the Ron-

ald McDonald house in Albany. Thank you to everyone who has collected the can tabs.

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

September 28, handout bulletin and greeter is R. Conklin; work sound equipment is D. Meese; ring bell is D. Hotaling; acolyte is C. Mueller; offering are L. Craft and J. Meese; offering counters are D. Meese and R. Conklin; read scripture is C. Mueller; and hymnal board is L. Craft.

LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER

October 4, Autumn Nature Journaling at the John Burroughs State Historical Site, 1415 Burroughs Memorial Road, Roxbury.

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

Events at the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project during October's Energy Awareness Month include October 11-13, Pathways Through History, and October 18, Spooktacular.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY ARTS

October 4-5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Schoharie County Arts Drive About.

October 10 at 7 p.m., classical guitar virtuoso Peter Fletcher in concert at the

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, 314 Main Street, Schoharie.

October 26 at 2 p.m. — Author's Hour with M. K. Graff, award-winning mystery writer at the Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill.

For more information, visit schohariecountyarts.org.

SOUP'S ON

October 11, soup and a stroll in Esperance with Esperance street names and their connection to Revolutionary War veterans by Ken Jones, historian.

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 re-opens 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 Wwilkensjan@aol.com or call 518-868-2790 no later than 6 p.m. on Sunday to meet next week's deadline.

Jefferson



By Bonnie C. Dailey

Fall colors are starting to sparkle up here in the hills. Not every tree is spectacular, but some are breathtaking. Hope you can find time to visit a pumpkin patch, sip a cup of hot mulled cider, and enjoy these glorious fall days!

This week's Revolutionary War patriot from Jefferson is Jesse Atwood (23 May 1752–14 Oct 1836). Born in Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, Jesse and his younger brother Asa Atwood both joined the patriot cause early in the Revolutionary War. Asa joined the first Connecticut Battalion in 1776, serving under Col. G.S. Siliman. They engaged in the Battle of Brooklyn on Long Island in September of 1776, where Asa was fatally wounded.

Jesse Atwood filed his pension application in 1832 when he was 80 years old, living in Jefferson. In it, he stated that he volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War four separate times and served for a combined total of nearly three years. Notably, he served at Boston, White Plains, and Saratoga. Atwood first enlisted for one year at age 22 on May 20, 1775. He served at Boston and Dorchester Point in Col. William Shepherd's 18th Massachusetts Regiment under Capt. Wareham Parks, Lieut. John Shepard, and Ensign Fally. The hills of Dorchester Heights have a commanding view of Boston Harbor. In the winter of 1775-76, General Henry Knox and his men brought 60 tons of artillery over frozen terrain from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston. Washington mounted cannons from Ticonderoga on Dorchester Heights in March 1776. The sight of cannons trained down on the city and threatening British ships in the harbor caused British General Howe to withdraw from Boston.

In his application, Jesse Atwood went on to say that they marched to New London on the last of February or first of March, 1776, and took ship to New York. He



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Stephanie Ruquet welcomed folks to Jefferson Historical Society's Silent Auction.

was discharged when his term expired. He enlisted again, almost immediately, for a term of six months. This second enlistment was in Col. Samuel Brewer's 12th Mass. Regiment, Capt. Shaddock's Company. Jesse stated that during this enlistment he was called out at the Battle of White Plains (October 28, 1776). After his second enlistment expired in November of 1776, he returned home to Woodbury. He volunteered a third time in September 1777, serving for two months in Capt. Elijah Shipman's Company, Col. Cook's Regiment, at the Battle of Saratoga (Atwood describes it as the "taking of Burgoyne and surrender of the British"). He stated that he saw Benedict Arnold when he entered the fort.

Jesse returned to Woodbury again after his third enlistment, and in March 1778 he married 19-year-old Rachel Minor. Their first child, a son, was born in March 1779. They named their son Asa, after Jesse's younger brother

NY. She survived Jesse by four years. Rachel is buried in Lockport near their son Asa.

So, here are some things that have been going on in Jefferson, as well as events that are coming up. Last weekend the Jefferson Historical Society (JHS) held a silent auction and sale at Judd Hall. Some wonderful items were purchased, and a good time was had by all. A 1964 Jefferson Central School (JCS) grad visited the museum, jogging memories and generating lots of laughter. JHS also hosted a Cabaret Night on Friday evening in the Maple Museum, with music by Those Darn Cats. The cabaret atmosphere was created with the soft lighting of tea lights on round, cabaret-style tables, while people listened to the music.

This Saturday, September 27, from 9 to 11 a.m., Jefferson's Food Pantry will be open. The Pantry is located downstairs in the George Danforth Community Center (1333 Main Street). The Food Bank distributes food on the last Saturday of each month.

"The Spirit of the Community" art show will take place at Judd Hall (163 Main Street) in Jefferson on October 4-5 as

part of that weekend's Schoharie County Arts Driveabout. Come see works by local artists!

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.

On Friday, September 26, seniors will carpool from the Senior Center to Schoharie Valley Farms for lunch! Come join them. They plan to leave at 10:30 Friday morning. Join the group and carpool from 1333 Main Street (downstairs behind the George Danforth Community Center).

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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week for a \$5 fee. If you plan to visit the center for lunch, please make reservations the morning of the day before. You can call the

Jefferson Senior Center site at 607-652-9075 to make a reservation.

Their final trip of the year, an Otsego Lake Boat tour, is planned for October 10. Watch the Jefferson Senior Center Facebook page for details or come for lunch and hear all about it!

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

Jefferson Central School will hold a book fair at the school all day Monday, September 29, with Family Book Fair Night from 5 to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the JCS Library and Student Senate. SUNY Cobleskill College Info Day for 11th and 12th grades will take place on September 29 as well.

Carlisle



By Chris Keefer

Greetings, Carlisle. Not complaining about this lovely stretch of weather, unless it is to add my pleas to the weather gods for a good, three-day soaker.

Historical Society: The Carlisle Historical Society is running our annual membership drive through December 2025. Annual membership is \$10 per family/individual. Memberships allow us to fund quality programs and to purchase archival materials to preserve Carlisle history.

Bird Report: I vowed to have a better bird list for you this week. Here's what I spotted throughout Carlisle: American Goldfinch, Gray

Catbirds, Chipping Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Brown Creeper, Black-capped Chickadees, marauding Blue Jays, Wild Turkey, Turkey Vultures, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle, Northern Cardinal, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Red-bellied Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Crow, Common Raven, Canada Geese, Killdeer, and Great Blue Heron. Birding is still best in the morning. Let us know what you've seen.

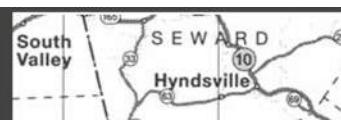
Upcoming Events: The Town Board will meet on Wednesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public. Our Town Planning Board meets on Tuesday, October 9,

at the same time, same place.

Historical Society will present "1939 Cobleskill," a silent home movie made by Cobleskill's Exchange Club at that time showing people and places in and around Cobleskill. The program will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. We will serve stunningly good refreshments afterward.

Got News? Send news of good birds, upcoming events, happy thoughts, birthdays, good places to eat, hike or explore, anniversaries and other celebrations, gardening news, and items of interest to carlisle.news12031@gmail.com or call 518-339-3664. Have a great week.

Seward



By Dana Cudmore

Town of Seward officials continue to wait on hoped-for grants to help fund the town's \$1 million upgrade to the sewer system, cited by state environmental officials for releasing higher than allowed amounts of ammonia into a nearby creek. The sewer system serves about 40 connections in the Seward hamlet.

At the town board's September 8 meeting, officials said they were hopeful, but not expecting, to have an answer on funding in November at the earliest, and possibly as late as January of next year.

Two Seward residents were presented with "certificates of appreciation" for their work on improvements to the town office on Lowe Road. The projects, costing under \$1,000, were completed under the town's "microproject" initiative from earlier this year.

Receiving certificates were board member William Toohey and Ken King for their work on the new sign and parking bollards at the town office.

In other matters, officials paid the town's bills for the month. Specifically, \$25,905 for highway department spending, which included around \$15,000 for crushed stone, an expense covered by state CHIPs reimbursement; \$3,130 in general town expenses; and \$12,078 as the final quarterly payment for 2025 to the Village of Cobleskill for fire protection ser-

vices.

Recycling on Saturday

The Seward recycling center at the town office and barn on Lowe Road is open Saturday, September 27, 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.

Sharon Town Board to Meet

The Sharon Town Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the town building at 129 Main Street. Town board meetings are open to the public except for board discussions of personnel and/or legal matters. Time is typically set aside for public remarks.

Sharon Town Clerk Melissa Olsen holds office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. The phone number at the town office is 518-284-3010. The clerk's email address is olsenmeliss110@gmail.com

Library Board Meets Tonight

The board of trustees of the Sharon Springs Free Library will meet tonight, September 25, at 7 p.m. at the library, 129 Main St., in the village.

The meeting is open to the public.



Contributed photo
Kevin Berner, standing, offers a program on bats at the Cave House Museum of Mining and Geology in Howes Cave last Sunday. Berner, the vice president of the museum's board of directors, is an expert on the area's wildlife, both above and below ground. The program closed out the museum's summer season.

Senior Meals Served in Cobleskill and Sharon

Seniors can sign up for noontime meals at the senior centers in Cobleskill and Sharon Springs.

The Cobleskill "grab and go" meal site is located at The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Road, Cobleskill.

The meal site in Sharon Springs is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Beachwood Road firehouse/community center, Route 10, in the village.

Those planning to visit either center for lunch are asked to make reservations the morning of the day before.

Esperance



By Linda Feuz

Profound prose for pondering people: The average American will eat 35,000 cookies in a lifetime. Seriously? Someone took the time to calculate that figure? It is so wrong. That's easily accomplished in ten years, especially if the cookies are Nestle Toll House original recipe...or chocolate jumbos!

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. Here comes our annual Soup and Stroll! From EHS President Ken Jones, "Meeting at the Esperance Museum at 123 Church Street, October 11, at 1 p.m. for our annual Soup & Stroll Historic Walking Tour, we will walk from there to view the streets of Esperance and their ties to Revolutionary War Veterans and the Veterans' stories including Maj. Gen. Steuben, the drill master of the Revolution and his two aides, North & Walker, who were lifelong friends. Also, a traditional Militia soldier and a soldier captured by the British & Indians. We will be accompanied by a soldier in period uniform and will finish our day sampling homemade soups at the Methodist Church Tiffany Community Room on Main Street. This is a free event although donations are appreciated to benefit the museum. Registration is required; for free tickets click: <https://SoupnStroll2025.eventbrite.com>." (Side note from this columnist; perhaps Ken and his crew will be able to unravel the mystery of one of our streets—is it Compton or is it Cumpston?)

Duanesburg Historical Society: Frank Coppolo presented "The D & H Railroad in Duanesburg and the Watchmen for the Day in Delanson" at their meeting on September 15, and it was a fascinating program about his ancestor's journey as an immigrant who worked for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad at the crossing on Route 395. With

photos of original buildings and stories connected to all things railroad, there was a lot to learn and view. My take-away revelation came when I learned that Delanson was the name of the hamlet created from the D & H railroad—"DEL" from Delaware, "AN" from and, and "SON" from Hudson. DELANSON. Genius!

Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve at 1 p.m. at Ann Lee Pond, October 12th – Second Annual Landis Big Sit Bird Watch at 6 a.m. (yep, in the early morning!) at the Meeting House deck. Also on October 12th – Can I Eat This? at 1 p.m. at the Meeting House. Just strolling through the grounds as the leaves show brilliant hues is a magnificent venture.

Our Post Office window hours are 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 is 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@nycourts.gov. Town Board meets on the third Thursday at 104 Charleston Street, starting at 7 p.m.

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

Esperance Methodist Church: Service is at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning and is back 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 Ad-

venture Club classes began again on Sunday, September 21, at 10:45 a.m. and enrollment is open to all children ages five and up. The church website is <https://www.esperancesloansvilleumc.org>. Pastor Alisyn's email is pastoralisyn@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Church (the Stone Church on Church Street): Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and begin again soon.

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

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

On a personal note, it is with regret that I learned that Pat Jacobsen of Sloansville has passed after enduring ALS for too long. Thoughts of peace and comfort to her brothers Chris and Mike at this transition in their lives. Pat had requested no service be held. Just this morning, before sending this epistle off to the Times Journal before deadline, I learned that Irene Bray from Bray Road in Sloansville has passed with her family at her side.

Such a musical, smiling embodiment of pleasant personality was she, and she will be missed by many, as is her late husband Joe, who we shared many a great conversation with while he ruled Bray Road. May peace and comfort be with her entire family. Calling hours are Friday, October 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Langan Funeral Home in Schoharie, with graveside burial on Saturday, October 3, at the Sloansville Valley Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Hug the special people you love whenever you get the chance.

Contact me anytime at 518-875-6443 or e-mail to lfeuz27@gmail.com.

Call the Cobleskill site at 518-234-3692 or the Schoharie County Office for the Aging (OFA) at 518-295-2001 to reserve for the Sharon Springs center. The OFA, which runs the program, notes the meal is intended to provide one-third of the recommended daily nutrition allowances.

Information about SCPT and their other route schedules can also be found online, www.ridescpt.com.

Don't Forget the Food Pantry

A reminder: The Sharon Springs Community Food Pantry continues to need

nonperishable food items, some personal hygiene products, and, of course, cash or donations by check.

The group's Facebook page, Community Food Pantry – Sharon Springs, offers a list of the types of donations the group is seeking. Additional information is available by calling Pauline Brown at 518-284-2687.

Staffed by volunteers, the pantry is open Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are being sought to work during those hours.

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.

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."

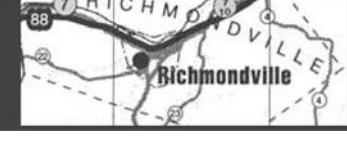
That was more true before the age of digital media, but readers in and around the Seward area should still share their news, events, and/or social items—milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations here. To have your news included in this column, email demedia@aol.com. You can also reach out to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

The deadline is Sunday before the Thursday of publication.

Readers' feedback is also welcome, as are suggestions.

You can support local journalism by subscribing to the Times Journal. Go online to nyvtmedia.com or call 518-234-2515. It's a great medium to advertise in as well—I do it myself.

Richmondville



By Ann Lape

Hi, readers.

Our hummingbirds have left for this year. In August, the male Ruby-throated Hummingbirds leave first, following the Atlantic Flyway. Then, in September, the females and juvenile birds leave. They fly alone, and relatively low, stopping frequently during the day to feed on nectar.

Reaching the Gulf of Mexico, the hummingbirds will fuel up and make a nighttime, nonstop, 500-mile flight across the water. This trip takes roughly 18 to 22 hours. They will winter in Mexico and Central America and return to us next May.

September 27 – St. Paul's Emergency Food Pantry will be open from 9 a.m. until noon. The pantry is located at 265 Main Street in Richmondville. Clients are asked to provide valid photo ID and current proof of residence. If you have any questions, contact the church at 518-294-6656. This Food Pantry serves Richmondville, Warnerville, and Summit.

September 27 – Jubilee Farms will be having their First Annual Wine and Alpacas gathering from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Join them in meeting the alpacas, taking photos, and tasting wine. The farm is located across from Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, at 1336 State Route 7. For more information, call 914-475-5260, or go online at JubileeFarmsNY.com.

October 1 – Richmondville Senior Citizens will be meeting at the firehouse at noon for their monthly luncheon. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. Guest speaker will be Annie Breglia, sharing her experience of traveling with her son on a trip to Africa. All are welcome to attend.

October 1 – Richmondville Fish and Game Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at their property, located on 811 High View Road. They are currently having a raffle with the following prizes:

1st – American Ruger 308 rifle with scope; 2nd – Mossberg 500 12-gauge shotgun; 3rd – \$500 Gift Certificate to Bass Pro; 4th – Johnny Morris Carbon Light Baitcast Rod and Reel; 5th – one-year club membership. Tickets are available from any member, or call John Hornauer at 518-294-8834.

The Richmondville Fish and Game Club now has lighted, open-trap night every Tuesday, starting at 5 p.m. The public is welcome. **October 1** – Richmondville Promotional and Beautification Society monthly meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Neary Municipal Building.

October 5 – Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, located at 138 Washington Avenue, in Cobleskill. All parishioners and friends of all faiths are encouraged to bring their pets of every kind for the blessing.

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

Have a great week, everyone.





Library News

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY, COBLESKILL

September is Library Card signup Month. Stop in and get your FREE card. You will need to bring identification and a piece of mail with your current address.

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

Paws for Reading – Join our favorite therapy dogs 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. Tuesday, September 30, with either Stevie or Lily (dogs); and 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, September 25 and October 9, 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, September 25, at 4:30 p.m., **Engineering Challenge** with Schoharie Mohawk Institute Science and Technology. Open to grades 4-8. Registration is required.

Thursday, September 25, 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.

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, September 30, at 6 p.m., **Teen Craft: Bottle Cap Jewelry**. Make your own personalized jewelry with bottle caps! Teens and tweens can design their own keychains, necklaces, or bracelets made with bottle caps and beads. Add your own flair to the bottle caps with art or symbols you enjoy. Open to middle and high schoolers. Register to request specific images.

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.

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

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

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

Tabling Tuesday – The Community Library invites non-profit, social service organizations to set up a table in the Pine Room and share information about programs, services, and benefits available to members of our community. No cost, no appointment necessary. On Tuesday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., stop by the library to meet with Christiana Okezi, a law associate in the **Immigration Department of the Hiscock Legal Aid Society**, with questions about immigration law and the services offered by this Syracuse-based law office.

Tuesdays, October 7 and 21, at 5 p.m., **Teen Dungeons & Dragons**. Come play D&D at the library with other teens and tweens! No experience needed. New players will have the chance to create a character when they arrive. Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18). Snacks provided.

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

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

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

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

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 – The Library is helping Cobleskill-Richmondville Schools to collect plastic to turn into a bench. You can drop your household plastic in the donation box in the library's vestibule to help them reach their goal of 1,000 pounds. No dirty or crinkly plastic like the plastic bouquets come wrapped in.

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

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

9/25 – 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 is required.

9/26 – 5:20 p.m. – Dinner & A Movie – "Superman" (PG 13)

– Kick back with pizza and drinks—courtesy of the library—while we screen the new Superman movie starring David Corenswet. 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!

Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth, justice, and the human way, he soon finds himself in a world that views these as old-fashioned. Registration is required and space is limited.

9/29 – 6:00 p.m. – Fall Floral Craft Workshop with Wendy Valente

– Join Wendy Valente in this fun workshop creating fall florals for your home. We'll use dollar-store wooden crates, small pumpkins, fall leaves and flowers, and paint and ribbon to create something really beautiful. All materials are provided and the class is free. Registration is required and space is limited.

9/30 – 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.

9/30 – 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.

9/30 – 5:30 to 8 p.m. – Block Printing Workshop with local artist Casey Beal

– Join local artist Casey Beal for a relaxing evening of block printing! Through the use of Speedy Carve Blocks and ink pads, participants will design, carve, and print their very own stamp on paper to create cards. This technique is a great way to produce unique holiday cards, note cards, and gift tags. The class will cover all the basics for beginners, but any experience level is welcome. Casey will walk you through all the steps, with samples and plenty of support along the way. All materials are included, and registration is required. Please come with some printed image ideas or sketches ready to go. This event is made possible in part with funding from Schoharie County Arts.

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

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

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

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

Be sure to check our calendar on our website at www.midleburghlibrary.info for future programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

SCHOHARIE FREE LIBRARY

Schoharie Library Hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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

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

S.C.H.O.O.L.: Hiking the Long Path: A Presentation to Plan Your Hike. Today, Thursday, September 25, 4:30 p.m. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Hiking9-25-25> or <http://www.cobyschool.com/>.

S.C.H.O.O.L.: Digital Literacy: Computer Basics w/ Mary Carrier. Wednesday, October 1, 2 p.m. To register, go to <http://www.cobyschool.com/>.

Learning to Draw from Nature with Casey Beal*: Wednesday, October 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Learn to draw from nature around the outside of the library and/or with natural materials provided by instructor Casey Beal. The program is suitable for ages 8-adult. Class is full; there's a waiting list. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/NatureArt2025>.

Weekly balance classes with Dr. Nicole Camporese PT, DPT, start Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.; RSVP at <https://bit.ly/Balance2025SHO> or email jmosher@mvls.info.

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

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

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

Concert with contemporary folk duo Ash & Eric* on Friday, October 17. Doors open 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>.

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/Printmaking-Nov2025>.

<https://bit.ly/AshandEric2025>.

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

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

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!

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

Library contact information: 518-295-7127; www.schoharielibrary.org.

SHARON SPRINGS FREE LIBRARY

Dear Friends and Community Members,

I will be stepping down from my role as director here at the Sharon Springs Free Library, effective December 31st. Thank you to our wonderful patrons, volunteers, and neighbors for your support, encouragement, and friendship during my time here. If you or someone you know is interested in leading the library into its next chapter, please visit our website for more information: <https://shsfree.lib.mvls.info/employment/>.

Best,

Meghan Keaney

Join us for **Children's Story Time** with Mrs. Fralick every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Our **monthly Board of Trustees meeting** will be held Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

WORCESTER-SCHENEVUS LIBRARY

Art at the Library: Charles Dalton III, Paintings, Mixed Media. Through September.

Art History for Absolute Beginners. Wednesdays at noon beginning September 24. During each hour-long class, we'll cover five topics. In the first class we'll learn about Olmec Colossal Heads, Egyptian Ushabti, the Isle of Lewis Chessmen, the Ishtar Gate, and the Angkor Wat Temple. Note: this class is meant to be a brief introduction to each topic, not an in-depth examination. Please sign up at the library.

Sign up for our **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'll be collecting donations for Superheroes Human Society, a no-kill animal shelter in Oneonta. They provide pet adoption, fostering, low-cost spaying/neutering, pet food pantry, vaccinations, and temporary hardship boarding. Supplies needed are cat and dog food, kitty litter, chew toys, cleaners, etc. See the full list at the Superheroes website. Last day to drop donations is Saturday, October 18.

LEGAL & CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF SUMMONS

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

NYC ID **County** **Municipality** **Type** **Tax Lot ID** **Acres (+/-)**
10048 Schoharie Conesville SAP 202-2-11 (part of) 17.50 ac.

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

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

SCHOHARIE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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Town Of Schoharie
Planning Board
P.O. Box 544, 300 Main
Street
Schoharie, NY 12157
(518) 295-6570 Fax (518)
295-7599
The Planning Board of the
Town of Schoharie will
hold a special meeting on
Tuesday, September 30,
2025 at 7:00 PM at the
Schoharie Town Hall, 300
Main Street, Schoharie,
NY. Primarily held to review
the proposed amendments
to the Highbridge Special
Use Permit and Site Plan,
any other business may be
conducted.

Kathryn Saddlemire,
Chairman
Town of Schoharie Planning
Board

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

LEGAL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
The Town of Carlisle Town
Board will hold a Public
Hearing at the regular
meeting on Wednesday,
October 1, 2025 at 7:15
p.m. at the Carlisle Town
Hall, 541 Crommie Road
in the Town of Carlisle. The
purpose of this hearing is
to discuss proposed Local
Law 1-2025, Commercial
Wind Energy, Solar Energy,
and Battery Energy Storage
Systems Moratorium.
Anyone interested is
encouraged to attend the
meeting.
By order of the Town of
Carlisle Town Board.

Stacy Bruyette, Town Clerk.

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PUBLIC SALES
Public sales to be held at
Handy Storage, MacArthur
Ave., Cobleskill, NY, on
Saturday, September 27th,
2025, at 10:00 AM. The
contents of Mr. Robert
Jackson, Unit No. 27,
Mr. Donald Lawton, Unit
No. 32, and Ms. Margo
Kyes, Unit No. 34, will
be sold due to past due
balances. Updates or
cancellations will be posted
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**THE TOWN OF
FULTON TOWN
BOARD WILL HOLD
A 2026 TENTATIVE
BUDGET WORK-
SHOP ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2025**
at 5:30pm at the
Town Hall located at
1168 Bear Ladder
Road, West Fulton,
NY and any other
business that may
come before the town
board. Respectfully
Submitted, Dawn
Skowfie, Town Clerk

**THE TOWN OF
SUMMIT PLANNING
BOARD WILL HOLD
A PUBLIC HEARING
ON MONDAY, OC-
TOBER 6, 2025** at
7:15pm at the
Summit Town Hall, with
regard to the applica-
tion of Lescek Fam-
ily Revocable Trust to
subdivide a 83.61
acre lot from 148.60
acres. The property
is located on Lang
Road. Summit tax
map designation 124-
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would like to be
heard may attend the
hearing or may submit
comments in
writing to the Sum-
mit Planning Board
prior to the hearing.
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call me at (518)827-
7181 if you have any
questions. John
Meaney, Chair

SUMMONS

Supreme Court of New York, Schoharie County, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD A. SMITH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (NORTHERN DISTRICT - NEW YORK) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants, Index No. EF20250212. Mortgaged Premises: 777 State Route 10 Jefferson, NY 12093 Section: 169 Block: 1 Lot: 15 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended verified complaint. Commencement of this lawsuit does not affect your rights as set forth in the validation notice. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: June 23, 2025. TERENZI & CONFUSIONE, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Alexander S. Terenzi 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 304 Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 812-0800 The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage covering: 679 Bruce Porn Road a/k/a Porn Road, Stamford, NY 12167 JUDGMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$61,720.29 plus interest.

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

New York State law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT** You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS** YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

A&A MAIN LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/25/2025. Office: Schoharie County, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 294 MAIN ST, SCHOHARIE, NY 13157. Purpose: Any Lawful

The Village office building located at 129 Main Street in Richmondvile, NY 12149 is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact the Village Clerk by email at clerk@vossny.com or by telephone at (518) 284-2625, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Board by mail at P.O. Box 217, Richmondvile, NY 12149 or by email at clerk@vossny.com. Written comments must be received by the date of the public hearing.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

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SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York State Secretary on State on **August 8, 2025**.

The office location: **Schoharie County**.

The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is **c/o LLC, 115 Beechwood Road, Sharon Springs, New York 13459**.

The Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Dated: August 18, 2025

SCHOHARIE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice
There will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Bridge Fire District to approve the Proposed Budget for 2026 on Wednesday September 24, 2025 at the Central Bridge Fire House, 137 South Main Street, Central Bridge, NY 12035 beginning at 8 pm. By Order of the Commissioners Catherine Caiazzo Secretary

SCHOHARIE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Carlisle is hiring a Board of Assessment Review Member. Please attend the Town Board meeting on: September 3, 2025, October 1, 2025 or November 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carlisle Town Hall, 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

Superior Storage will sell at Public Auction all the personal property stored by: Andrea Lorenzo in storage unit #W524 at 11:00 am on Friday, October 10th, 2025, at the premises of Superior Storage 1362 State Route 7 Richmondvile, NY 12149. Karen Dolen/Eric Dolen, as agent for Superior Storage.

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Spotlight on NONPROFITS

Community Action Program helps resources go further

By HB Steadham,
Executive Editor

COBLESKILL — On September 28, 1965, the Schoharie County Community Action Program (SCCAP) was incorporated as a result of President Johnson's "War on Poverty" and the subsequent Economic Opportunity Act.

In the early days, "folks in the grassroots community were awesome," SCCAP Executive Director Jeannette Spaulding said. "They were out in their trucks, driving around. Meals on Wheels had its initial beginning in SCCAP. It grew beyond what SCCAP could manage and expanded into a county service."

HeadStart, according to Spaulding, was another program that began with SCCAP before branching out on its own.

NEIGHBORHOOD AIDS GO TO WORK IN SCHOHARIE COUNTY

Paul F. Nichols, Director for Schoharie County CAP has announced the employment of four Neighborhood Aides as of September 2nd. The aides will survey the county to obtain pertinent information concerning the underprivileged. This will include interviewing low-income families, school personnel, township supervisors and social case workers.

The main objective of the SCCAP is to break the cycle of poverty in this county. In order to do this most effectively, programs are being planned to meet specific needs of the people involved.

The aides are: Mrs. Ethel Benninger, Schoharie; Mrs. Mable Cramer, Cobleskill; James Lovejoy, Carlisle, and Arthur Clay, Cobleskill.

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A historic newspaper article introduced newly hired SCCAP aides.

Now, 60 years later, SCCAP is still doing everything it can to empower the community, one person at a time.

"We're unique as a community action program in some ways," SCCAP Executive Director Jeannette Spaulding said. "We're all about helping people's resources go further."

opportunities for childcare providers, guidance for parents to find quality childcare, and information about public policy updates regarding childcare.

Foland also heads the family support and resource center, which provides support for struggling families. From helping families assess their own needs to



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In the '60s, organizers of the Schoharie County Community Action Program drove around the county to help those in need.

building skills necessary for families to be emotionally healthy to accompanying parents to court and school meetings, the family support and resource center is unique in the community action world in that it's not necessarily income-based.

SCCAP's WIC program—which assists Women, Infants, and Children—is led by Jackie LaLonde. While lots of people seem to be familiar with the assistance those benefiting from WIC receive to buy groceries, WIC also provides breastfeeding support, nutrition education, and referrals to other services.

The parent and child connections center, led by Rhonda Wilty, provides trained supervisors to facilitate supervised visitation, giving non-residential/custodial parents a chance to meet with their child(ren) in an atmosphere that is focused on building parent-child bonds.

The community services department is headed by Melissa Pawlak. Under the community services umbrella, SCCAP works to help those in need with housing, rental, and utility assistance. They provide employment services such as career coaching, computer training, résumé building, and job search support. And they host one of the 17 food pantries that are located in Schoharie County.

Creative connections for youth is led by Youth Development Coordinator Marissa Karker, who works to "expand the boundaries of the child's world to include fun experiences that can encourage positive choices, promote self-esteem, and foster academic achievements." To that end, SCCAP partners with other community organizations to provide opportunities for kids to attend camp, take art or music or horseback

riding lessons, to enroll in jiu jitsu and/or taekwondo classes, and to access essentials for back-to-school.

"You can be the kid that goes in with new sneakers, too," Spaulding said of the initiative that helps to level the playing field for students.

iciency, and access safe and healthy appliances and utilities.

"Making a home more energy efficient helps make individuals' incomes go further," Spaulding continued.

But it's not only about the economic situations of

The community services department helps prevent homelessness, which can cause many problems for towns and villages. The energy services department helps improve the local housing stock and generates income for local businesses where weatherization materials are purchased. And the improved health and development of today's youth supported by the childcare resource and referral center, family support and resource center, WIC, parent and child connections center, and creative connections for youth mean that tomorrow's adults might very well have less reliance on social services and the already-overburdened medical system.

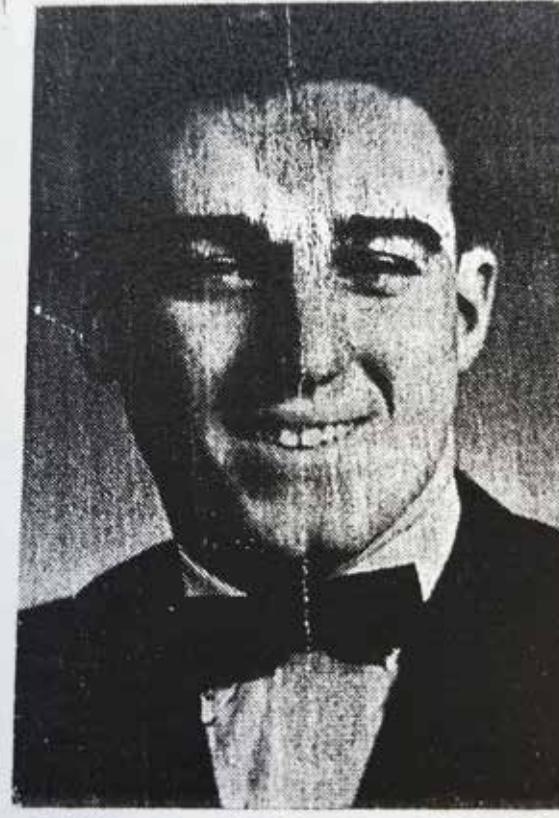
"I think one of the most challenging things in all my years," Spaulding says of working at SCCAP, "is that there are people who don't know what SCCAP does. If you've not been in need of services that are income-based, you've likely not been taking advantage of us."

"What I feel is most important for people to know about us or the 'takeaway' is we understand that life happens. Any one of us can find ourselves in the position of needing extra support: losing a job, experiencing a health impact, having a change in family dynamics, and just simply lacking enough supports—financial and social/emotional—to get through a challenging time in life."

"We get this; many of us have been there and know the importance of reaching out for help and how difficult that can be. This, I believe, is our greatest strength and defines how we deliver our services."

To donate to SCCAP, or to get more information about their services, visit sccapinc.org or call 518-234-2568 (toll free: 866-849-2402).

Director Of County Community Action Program



PAUL F. NICHOLS of Herkimer has assumed the position of Director of the Schoharie County Community Action Program with offices in the Municipal Building, Richmondville.

Mr. Nichols was previously Neighborhood Youth Corps Director in Utica, following several years as teacher.

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The first director of SCCAP was Paul F. Nichols.

Lastly, the energy services department, led by Kelly Pitt, is a "truly proven program," Spaulding said. The department helps residents improve ventilation, increase energy-efficiency.

individuals.

"There is a greater benefit of taking care of individuals who struggle financially on the greater community," Spaulding explained.

On September 17, 1965, the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the Schoharie County Community Action Program Corp. to develop, organize and supervise community action programs within Schoharie County under the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The organizational meeting was held on October 8th at which time Harry Donagh, Schoharie, was elected president; Harold Vroman, Cobleskill, vice-president, and Mrs. Joan Greene, Cobleskill, secretary.

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An early announcement named the founding president, vice president, and secretary.

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