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## Anti-pipeline effort grows

### Group meets Thursday in R'ville

By Patsy Nicosia

Stop the Pipeline, a citizens' group with members in Otsego, Delaware, and now Schoharie Counties, will meet Thursday at 7pm at the Richmondville Fire House to discuss efforts to halt Constitution Pipeline's plans for a 120-mile natural gas line through the region.

Meanwhile, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has extended the deadline for comments on the proposed project until November 9.

Bob Nied of Richmondville, a member of Stop the Pipeline's Steering Committee, and a director of the Center for Sustainable Rural Communities, said that though Thursday will be the first time Stop the Pipeline has met here, meetings have been going on since last spring in the nearby counties.

Thursday's topics will include an update on where the project and the FERC process stands and what steps Stop the Pipeline needs to take to stop the proposed project, Mr. Nied said.

Though everyone's welcome, Mr. Nied stressed it's not intended as a debate on the pros and cons of the project.

"It's an opportunity to participate in discussion and strategy on the most effective ways to prevent the construction of this unnecessary project, he said.

Stop the Pipeline has a website: StopThePipeline.org.

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—Bob Nied

ing Arts & Civic Center Atrium at 24 Market Street, Oneonta. Last Wednesday, Delaware County supervisors passed a resolution of support for the "positive economic impacts" of the proposed 120-mile pipeline, 17-3.

The resolution also called for access to the proposed pipeline "to establish distribution lines for the benefit of businesses, residences, and communities."

The pipeline would pass through eight Delaware County towns.

Otsego County has also passed a resolution supporting

the project, though the Board of Representatives there favor "M," which would run about 30 miles of the pipeline through that county, should FERC eventually approve it.

The resolution reads, in part, "...the pipeline will produce beneficial short-term and long-term economic benefits resulting from jobs, sales, income and property tax revenue, and from potential future residential, commercial and industrial natural gas service..."

Schoharie County's Board of Supervisors has taken no formal stand on the pipeline.

## Highway super charged in theft

By David Avitabile

A former Town of Wright highway superintendent was arrested last week on charges of stealing diesel fuel from the highway department.

Harry Beninati, 54, was arrested on charges of first-degree falsifying business records, a felony, official misconduct and petty larceny, both misdemeanors, said the Cobleskill State Police.

Mr. Beninati was arrested Thursday after turning himself in. The arrest was made after a three-month investigation.

According to police, Mr. Beninati directed town employees to stop filling out fuel logs in order to conceal the larceny.

Because the fuel logs were not completed, officials were not able to account for 8,060 gallons of fuel purchased by the town during the time Mr. Beninati was highway superintendent in 2011, police said.

Falsifying business records with the intent to commit another crime made the charge a felony, police said.

Mr. Beninati, who lives on Pickett Hill Road, was processed at the Cobleskill barracks, police said, and issued an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Wright court later that evening.

The State Police were assisted by the Schoharie County District Attorney's office.



Dwarfed by the giant American flag, Sparky the Fire Dog welcomes Main Street visitors to the Cobleskill firehouse for Fire Prevention Week on Saturday. Many area fire departments also held open houses; photos on pages 10, 16, 17 and 18—Photo by Jim Poole.

## Sharon gives up on highway pact

By Patsy Nicosia

The Town of Sharon and the Village of Sharon Springs are splitting up...

Their Shared Highway Department.

Conceived in June 2010 as a way to save money and increase efficiency, the agreement, which in effect folded the Village's Street Department into the Town's Highway Department under Highway Superintendent Bill Barbic, began with a one-year trial period.

The following July it was renewed for another three years—which should have taken it into 2014.

After months of acrimony, however, in an October 5 letter to the town, the village bowed out of the agreement, effective immediately, writing "the interests of the village are best served if the village oversees street maintenance and repair."

The village will continue to pay its share of Mr. Barbic's salary for the next 60 days; Town Supervisor Sandra Manko said that was the village's only expense for the deal, "Just \$10,000 for Bill's salary."

The October 5 letter also asked that all village trucks and equipment be returned as soon as practical and that Mr. Barbic submit an estimate of all fuel, salt, sand, and other materials purchased by and belonging to the village.

In an October 8 response, the town accepted the village's request.

The town had been prepared to accept Mr. Barbic's recommendation that it dissolve the agreement at its own meeting October 3, but held off on acting because it was short two councilmen. Ms. Manko said, and was then pre-empted by the village.

Thursday, Mayor Omer Cousineau wouldn't go into the

specifics of the village's decision, other than to say there were "a lot of reasons" behind it.

"On the advice of our attorney, I'm not at liberty to discuss it," he said.

Town Supervisor Sandra Manko, however, didn't mince words when it came to detailing the reasons behind the breakup.

Among the town's concerns Ms. Manko listed: Lack of communication, the village not providing copies of employee drug tests, the village's expectation that Mr. Barbic would handle additional responsibilities including capital projects; and no clear agreement on who is responsible for the Engleville reservoir and dam inspections.

The agreement was temporarily put "on hold" in August and a verbal one-month trial period was put into effect "because the town believes the village is not adhering to the agreement," Ms. Manko said

in an August 28 letter to the village.

In a written statement Friday, Mayor Cousineau and trustees said "the interests of the village are best served if the village oversees street maintenance and repair..."

"The [village] is thoroughly investigating options for street maintenance and repair that would afford the cost-savings achieved through Shared Services, but allow greater flexibility for new programs, enhance employee relations, and heighten responsiveness to public concerns."

Responsibility for the village streets will revert to Gary Slater, who handled the job before the shared agreement.

The village since asked the Schoharie County Department of Public Works to take on the job of plowing its streets this winter—a request that was reportedly rejected because of lack of county time and manpower.

## Motor home rolls into village house

Cobleskill Police last week arrested the driver of a motor home that traveled off Grandview Drive and struck lawn furniture, shrubs and a house.

Charged in the October 8 incident was Edward F. Mack III, 21, of Cobleskill.

Police Chief Larry Travis gave the following:

Shortly after 10pm, officers received reports of a motor home striking mail boxes in front of the Colonial Court Motel on Route 7 in the East End.

Police began searching for the vehicle and found it about a half-hour later on the lawn of 119 Grandview Drive, where

Mr. Mack was trying to get the motor home back on the road.

Officers stopped Mr. Mack and later found that the motor home had struck a bird feeder, lilac shrub and picnic table before running into the house.

"He got stuck and was trying to get back on the road," Chief Travis said, adding that the vehicle was a medium-sized motor home.

Police charged Mr. Mack with driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident, operating a motor vehicle without a license and other vehicle and traffic tickets.

He was released and is to appear in Cobleskill Town Court October 23.



## Cooking for a cause

Schoharie County ARC Cooking With Love chefs make their grand entrance into the Best Western dining room for Sunday's benefit. Thirty chefs served up their favorite dishes. From the left: Chris Stauble, Geoffrey Rightmyer, John VonAhn, and Brian Sherman. Story, more photos on page 32.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.



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# Obituaries

## Shayne Walters

Shayne Todd Walters, 49, of Esperance Road, Town of Charleston died suddenly Monday, October 8, 2012 at the Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

Mr. Walters was born January 31, 1963 in Cobleskill, a son of Alfred J. and Jean A. (Barnard) Walters.

He graduated from Fonda-Fultonville High School and began his working career as a self-employed truck driver. After living in the South for a time, he and his wife, Laurie returned to the family home in Charleston where he drove truck for Price Chopper.

His affection for draft horses brought him to begin a backwoods logging business that he operated for many years. He was an avid horseman and enjoyed training, showing and driving draft horses.

Shayne was elected Supervisor for the Town of Charleston in 2003 and was currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Montgomery County.

Mr. Walters was an accomplished musician playing mostly string instruments and also the piano. He and his wife served as music coordinators for the Randall Christian Church where he was a mem-



Shayne Walters

ber.

He was also a member of the Schoharie Valley Antique Car Club, was appointed to the board of directors of the Cobleskill Fair, served on the Montgomery County Republican Committee and was a member of the fish and wildlife conservation club for Montgomery County.

He enjoyed restoring antique motorcycles, riding motorcycles and hill-climbing along with restoring antique cars.

Survivors include his wife, Laurie Ann (Proper) Walters whom he married January 4, 1986; a son, John Foti; a daughter, Frankie Foti; his mother, Jean Walters of Charleston; one brother, Michael Loiodice of

Maryland; two nephews, Brian and Michael Loiodice; and a grandniece, Lilly Loiodice. He was predeceased by his father and a sister, Gabrielle Duffy.

Calling hours were held on Friday, October 12 at the Langan Funeral Home, Schoharie followed by a prayer and remembrance service. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Shayne Walters was held on Saturday, October 13 at the Randall Christian Church, Randall.

Burial was private. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Walters to Country Roads Animal Rescue, PO Box 196, Fultonville, NY 12072.

Further information is available at [www.langanfuneralhome.com](http://www.langanfuneralhome.com)

## Richard Farrell

Richard Farrell, a resident of the town of Sharon since 1970, died Thursday October 11, 2012 at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown after a short illness. He was 74.

Born in Danbury, Connecticut on January 10, 1938, Dick was the son of the late John and Katherine (McNulty) Farrell.

Dick owned and operated West Creek Dairy Farm in the town for 32 years. He retired and sold the farm in 2002.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Theresa (Murphy) Farrell; four daughters, Debora (Gregg) Starring of Palatine Bridge, Lisa (Jesse) Wright of Schoharie, Laura (Gary) Stringer of Sharon Springs, and Jamie (Ronald) Hunt of East Worcester; a sister, Jacolyn White of Juno, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a



Richard Farrell

son, Richard Farrell Jr in September 1959; a daughter, Donna Marie Vrooman in December 1999; and a sister, Sheila Farrell in November 2010.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, October 15, at St. Vincent de Paul RC Church, Cobleskill. Interment was in Slate Hill Cemetery, town of Sharon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marathon for a Better Life, PO Box 268, Warnerville, NY 12187.

Arrangements are by Lappeus Funeral Home, Sharon Springs.

## Jean Isherwood

Jean A. Isherwood, formerly of Schoharie, passed away unexpectedly Monday night, October 8, 2012, at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

A resident of Robinson Terrace Living Center in Stamford, she was 66.

Born July 23, 1946, in Brooklyn, Jean was a daughter of the late George and Astrid (Erikson) Corrar.

Through the years, Jean was employed as a secretary with the Far East Conference in New York City and F & J Inspections in Cobleskill. Most recently she served as a receptionist in the Emergency Department at Cobleskill Regional Hospital.

She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Jean is survived by her son, Thomas E. Ayers, Jr., of Schoenectady; one granddaughter, Cassandra Ramnauth, of Schoenectady; two great-grandchildren, Alex and Haliya Ramnauth, of Schoenectady; one brother, George Corrar of Brooklyn; and one sister, Ellen Coffey of Lakeland, Florida.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by Thomas E. Ayers, Sr., Frank J. Nash and John Isherwood, and a sister, Theresa (Corrar) Taylor.

With respect for Jean's wishes, there will be no services.

For those who wish to offer a remembrance of Jean in the form of a memorial gift, please consider donating to Robinson Terrace Living Center, Attention: Activities Department, 28652 State Highway 23, Stamford, NY 12167.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.cooperstownfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooperstownfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the guidance of the Connell, Dow & Deysenroth Funeral Home, 82 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown.

## Donald Kohnsieck

Donald John Kohnsieck, 93, of Sharon Springs, died October 8, 2012 at home.

Don was born on August 15, 1919 in Akron, Ohio to John and Almena (Frey) Kohnsieck.

Don was a decorated veteran of WWII and served as a pilot of B-24 "SHERAZADE" bombers in the 14 Air Force (Flying Tigers) during the CBI Campaign. Some of his awards were Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Don earned a Bachelors of Engineering degree from Akron University, worked for 42 years for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company as an international Technical Coordinator, was an avid wood worker, golfer and bowler.

He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Virginia Ruth



Donald Kohnsieck

Kohnsieck and his sister, Dolores Lindstrom.

Survivors include his children: Barbara Nystrom of Greenlawn, Kathryn Kohnsieck-Read of Sharon Springs, John H. Kohnsieck of Lake Worth, Florida; grandchildren: Christopher and Andrew Nystrom, Brian and Wayne Clark; great grandchildren, Keane, Thomas and Mia Clark.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or the Parkinson's Resource Organization.

To send condolences or light a candle visit: [www.ottmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.ottmanfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were entrusted to the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley.

## James Claus

James G. "Jim" Claus, 59, of Gallupville, died Saturday October 13, 2012 at his home following a period of ill health.

Jim was born June 3, 1953 in Schoenectady, a son of William G. and Marjorie J. (Klein) Claus, graduating from Schoharie High School in 1971 and later, attending SUNY at Delhi.

He worked in the building trades as an estimator for Harvest Homes and for Bellevue Builders before working for the Golub Corporation in the print shop in Rotterdam.

James enjoyed skeet shooting and other shooting sports.

Survivors include his siblings William H. Claus (Elizabeth Denning) of Somerset, Massachusetts, Martha L. Claus (Bruce Artz) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Christopher A. Claus (Katherine Catlin), of Gallupville; nieces and nephews, Santa Marie (James) Dibble, Heidi (Jeffrey) Miner, Scott (Dayle) Claus, James (Caroline) Artz and Benjamin Claus along with several grand nieces and nephews.

A calling period will be held from 6-8pm on Friday, October 19 at the Langan Funeral Home, 327 Main Street, Schoharie.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Gallupville Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jim to the Gallupville Fire Department PO Box 15, Gallupville, NY 12073, or to Scho-Wright Ambulance Service PO Box 325, Schoharie, NY 12157.

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# Schoharie eyes '13 tax cap

**By David Avitabile**  
Schoharie town officials are working to get the tax increase in next year's budget under the state imposed cap. Board members held a budget workshop Wednesday and the tax hike stood at 5.7 percent after the meeting but Supervisor Gene Milone said he has made some changes which, if approved by the board, would get the increase under the two percent cap. A public hearing will be held on the tentative budget at 8:30pm on Wednesday, October 24 in the town hall at 300 Main Street in Schoharie. A hearing on a local law to allow the town to exceed the state-imposed two percent tax cap will be held at 8pm. Several factors led to the 5.7 percent increase, Mr. Milone said.

The town lost about \$12 million in taxable assessment because of last year's flood and the board had not raised taxes for over eight years. The town, he said, was one of the first in the county to participate in the assessment relief legislation. The relief was unfunded by the state and \$32,000 had to be taken out of the town's reserve account. In addition, the town is still waiting for funds from FEMA and the state for flood damage to town property. Since the budget meeting last week, Mr. Milone said he has met with the town's bookkeeper and will recommend changes to get the proposed budget under the state tax cap. The changes are: to take \$10,000 from the town's building reserve fund; to take \$10,000 from unallocated funds since the town should be getting funds from the insurance company for the contents of the town hall; the state will aid the

town with \$11,000 for the joint youth program for one year for relief; and he will give up his supervisor's salary of \$8,900 for one year. The town, Mr. Milone said, should be in much better shape in 2014 when more flood-damaged homes are repaired. "In 2014, things should be a lot better," he said.



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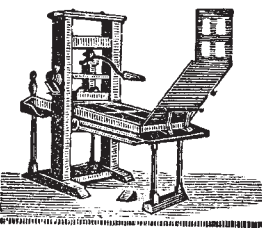
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## Opinions

### FERC I

The comment period for the proposed gas pipeline came to an abrupt halt last week. Or so we at first believed. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission extended the public platform, and that's a good thing.

The comment period continues to be intensely focused on Constitution Pipeline's planned gas line that will run from Susquehanna County in Pennsylvania to Wright in Schoharie County. Landowners and others potentially affected by the pipeline have written to FERC or have spoken at hearings in Pennsylvania, Schoharie and Afton in Chenango County. The original cutoff was last Tuesday, October 9; FERC extended the comment period to November 9 and set another hearing for October 24 in Oneonta.

The anti-pipeline folks claimed victory in FERC's extension. They contended the pipeline would run through Delaware and Broome counties, with an alternate route through Otsego County, and the three earlier hearings were too far away for residents to attend. Well, maybe. We tend to believe Bob Nied's argument that some people are just learning about the pipeline and don't have enough information to weigh in. It's difficult to fathom how people couldn't be aware of an issue that's been in the news for months, but we see this happen every week. For one reason or another, people miss the news. Thanks to FERC, they have a chance to catch up.

The extra comment month also gives those of us who haven't had our say another opportunity to do so. You know how it is: No matter how well-intentioned someone might be, it's always easier to let the other guy or gal write the letter. Or time slips by and suddenly the deadline passes. But this pipeline is a big deal, one of the biggest commercial issues here in years. It could affect property values and the environment, and no matter how much Constitution assures us about safety, we need only remember the gas line ruptures in Blenheim and Broome Center to be concerned. It's an understatement to describe this as serious stuff.

FERC did the right thing by extending the comment period. Now three weeks remain for us to do the write thing.

### FERC II

It's the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with the accent on Federal. So why are critics of the Constitution gas line beating up state Senator Jim Seward and state Assemblyman Pete Lopez?

This has come up a few times in letters to the editor, and while a letter voices the opinion of one writer, there are usually others who feel the same way. Generally, the target has been Assemblyman Lopez, but sometimes Senator Seward has come under fire, too. The complaints have been that our two reps haven't made their positions clear on the pipeline or that they haven't come out forcefully enough against it.

With all due respect to these two men, their opinions don't count much in this arena. Sure, they could speak out at a pipeline hearing, but would FERC weigh their comments more heavily than those of the guy in the street? Maybe, but maybe not.

Those railing on state officials would be better off aiming at Congressmen. It seems to us our federal representatives would have more influence with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Why not write to or call on Paul Tonko, who's Schoharie County's Congressman till the end of the year? Or buttonhole Congressman Chris Gibson or his opponent, Julian Schreiber, one of whom will be the county's Congressman next year? Another option is to contact Thomas Marino, the Pennsylvania Congressman who represents Susquehanna County, where the pipeline originates. We'd rather know where all of these people stand on the pipeline because their opinions may make a difference with FERC.

It's fine for people to lobby Senator Seward and Assemblyman Lopez on what in reality is a federal issue. A more fruitful—and eye-opening—approach would be reaching out to Congressmen and Congressional candidates.

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## Patience



### Mare's Nest

By Patsy Nicosia

There's this thing:

Unless the house is on fire or something like it, I hate being bothered when I'm in the shower.

It's not like I'm in there forever.

Five minutes from start to finish, tops.

Plus, I make sure I'm the first one up so I can be in and out before the rest of the house gets out of bed.

Yet, inevitably, I'm rinsing out the conditioner and someone's banging on the door, asking if they can come in.

No.

This morning it was Holly. "Mom, I have something to show you."

What? A last-minute permission slip? Homework? A creative pairing of sundress and leggings? That English project for Mr. Yorke?

Betting that it was that last one, I was out of the shower, dressed, and rummaging around for my reading glasses when she came back down-

stairs proudly holding the smallest of our Havahart traps. Complete with a tenant.

"I can't believe I caught something," she said. Nor could I.

We have enough Havaharts in enough different sizes to start up our own trap line; if they came in different colors, we'd have those too.

If I need two or three hands to count off all the Havaharts gathering dust in the garage and the barn, I just need one for remembering what we've ever caught in any of them:

A couple of mice and a cat. (Our cat.)

And as of this morning, one more mouse, this in a house of *nine cats*—though to be fair, the only ones who should be embarrassed are the six allowed inside.

I'm not quite sure exactly where or how Holly trapped him—at 6am I was more concerned that she didn't leave him somewhere like on the kitchen table—but I do know

that he came out of *her* room.

I don't even want to think about what he was eating in there, but "That," I told her, "is what you get for banning cats from your room."

Not that it would have helped.

I'm fairly certain this is the fellow who was scabbling in the walls of the TV room the other night when I was keeping the Siamese company, hopping to sneak out for some cat food when our backs were turned.

I don't know where or when Holly had brought in the cage and in the excitement, I forgot to ask.

"What are you going to do with him?" I asked, half-fearing the answer would be, "Keep him." (And he was *awfully* cute...)

But then I remembered Holly had tried that once before with the *other* mice she'd trapped and though they may share the same DNA as pet store mice, the similarities end

there: They'd have been happier fed to the cats than living lives of pampered domesticity.

They were miserable and so we let them go.

Which, thank goodness, was Holly's plan for mouse #3.

This, after all, was the girl who had no trouble saying goodbye to our neighbors' ponies after they escaped to Sharon Hill Garage Tuesday and then spent a couple of hours in our barn till we figured out where they lived and walked them home.

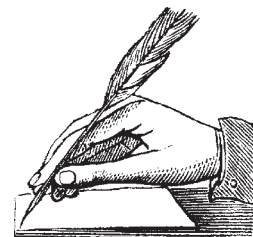
"They're cute, Mom," she admitted after we dropped them off. "Every one wants to come home to ponies. But if they stayed, next thing you know, they'd be living in my room."

She had a good point; I've raised her well.

I drew the line on taking the trap mouse to work with me and dropping him off somewhere along the way.

"Just let him go in the barn," I said.

And try to beat him back to the house.



## Letters

### Thoughts on natural gas

Dear Editor,

Construction sites are ugly.

As a graduate of SUNY at Albany I know this all too well.

Prior to SUNYA, there was the beautiful Albany Country Club, but Governor Rockefeller's vision was to create an educational system second to none.

My dad was construction manager there and he showed me one of the more appalling sites—windrows of trees 1,000's of feet long and 20 feet tall put to the torch.

There were beautiful oak, pine and elm trees over four feet in diameter that were burned because the Teamsters wouldn't allow non-union loggers on the site.

The scope of destruction was enormous, but the resulting University has seen over 100,000 students attend there in the past 45 years.

Was the destruction of the Albany Country Club justified?

Here in Schoharie County I-88 caused massive destruction and disruption including the destruction of Lester Howe's Garden of Eden farm.

Yet how many people remember what existed before I-88 came through?

Does anyone refuse to drive on I-88 because it destroyed some of Schoharie County?

Widening Route 30 through Schoharie had a significant impact on local residents.

Fracking pads are construction sites: They are ugly, but temporary and so is the truck traffic.

Reimbursing the community for any damage to the roads or water supplies must be guaranteed.

The natural gas pipelines will, inevitably, cause a sizeable impact.

I believe that I-88 was originally going to go through the Valley but was later moved to the hillside.

Natural gas pipelines bringing millions of dollars worth of

gas to consumers should be planned to provide the most benefit to consumers at the lowest environmental cost.

Building thousands of natural gas filling stations nationwide will result in thousands of construction jobs.

Pakistan already has 2.7 million vehicles powered with natural gas.

Why don't we?

Cheap natural gas means you can heat your homes much more cheaply than heating with oil. It may mean the difference between some dairy farms going bust and surviving.

It means displacing deadly, dirty coal for electrical generation.

It also provides a means for back up natural gas electrical generation making a wind economy possible; when the wind dies the gas generators take over.

We want windmills, just not in my back yard.

In suburbia, solar panels are regarded as "unsightly."

"No one" likes nuclear power.

Major hydroelectric projects have massive environmental repercussions.

Some states ban wood-burning furnaces.

If you think fracking is environmentally undesirable, just check out areas where coal mining takes place.

Natural gas could replace massive amounts of coal mining.

As a geologist concerned about the karst topography common throughout Schoharie County, it is difficult to reconcile the highly unlikely prospect of significant damage to our water supplies with the "greater good."

Should we "sacrifice" losing some temporary scenic beauty for cheap energy?

If gasoline ever hits \$6/gallon, Schoharie will be a ghost town.

If natural gas replaces massive amounts of diesel fuel wide, it could mean cheaper gasoline prices or manufacturing more Flex-Fuel vehicles like the Silverado.

Governor Cuomo is in a box.

If he ignores the policy of the Obama Administration to develop our natural gas resources, he runs the risk of damaging any national aspirations he may have. So he dithers.

Punting the fracking issue down the road shows an absence of leadership.

He should either promote it or oppose it, but like any good politician facing a difficult decision he chooses to put it off as long as possible.

We need stringent regulations before fracking begins; the natural gas won't rot in the ground and residents would get more royalties when the price rises.

What's the answer?

I don't know but Schoharie County is hurting financially. Our tax base was damaged severely by Irene and replacing the revenues generated through taxation places a sizeable financial burden on the remaining residents—not to mention the millions we must pay for the bond issue.

Construction sites are ugly but the tax burden is going to be even uglier. Properties with proven natural gas reserves beneath them will be worth more than properties without.

Richard Moody, Jr.  
Schoharie

### Pipeline not worth it

Dear Editor,

Your editorial (October 10) regarding the financial "benefits" spoken by Constitution has the right tone of skepticism.

Here in Maine the big boys touted what we would gain by their project, job-wise.

But when the work began, union labor was brought in because of a back-room deal known as a project labor agreement.

Essentially a form of blackmail, the unions agreed not to interfere with the progress of the job in return for a labor exclusive.

### TJ readers who write...

Times-Journal letters to the editor this week come from the following writers:

- Aaron Hamm, West Fulton Rod & Gun Club, Timothy Murphy 10K Committee
- Frank Madl Jr., Cobleskill
- Richard Moody Jr., Schoharie
- Davies Allan, Westport Island, Maine
- Wayne Stinson, Summit
- Joseph Sellers, Cobleskill
- Richard Ogsbury, Delanson
- Mike Shuster, Sharon Springs
- Jud Speer, Lawyersville
- Dave Parker, Worcester
- Dennis Moren, Cobleskill

The deadline for letters is noon Monday.

All letters must be signed.

Guess what we got? A huge spike in our prevailing wage rate determinations that caused good, local contractors to shy away from big jobs. And taxpayers really suffered.

Now we have it again with Central Maine Power running a new line down the center of our state. Their pitch during approval hearings was jobs, jobs, more jobs.

Turns out they all went to union contractors from out of state.

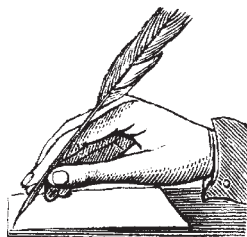
Like you, we provided hay bales and motel rooms.

Big whoop.

Davies Allan  
Westport Island, Maine

More letters on next page.





## Letters

### Transforming our area

Dear Editor,  
The Constitution Pipeline has extreme debate points on both sides.

One side talks about incredible prosperity through great jobs and clean energy, the other warns of explosions, fires, air and water contamination and maybe even death.

I would like to discuss the elephant in the room.

The Constitution Pipeline is so different than any other pipeline that has come to our area.

Why? Because the Constitution pipeline sits atop of Marcellus shale, that makes this pipeline a game changer. It can never be looked at as just a pipeline and to do so is disingenuous...a lie.

To think that a pipeline on top of shale gas is normal, one must look at any other region where there is natural gas and see how this changes the equation dramatically.

The unsafe practice of high volume horizontal fracking is why this Constitution Pipeline is no ordinary pipeline. And to argue that they are separate issues is a false argument.

It would be like trying to diet but being forced to sleep on a bed of cookies; the temptation to eat a cookie is no different than for the pipeline folks to resist the urge to frack.

Williams installs pipelines, Cabot drills and fracks. Cabot contaminated wells in Dimock Pennsylvania; the Constitution Pipeline is a joint venture between Williams and Cabot.

Look at a map of drilling activities in Bradford County Pennsylvania (125 miles away, southwest of Binghamton).

The county looks like an illustration of a human being who is suffering from chickenpox disease. They have links to these maps under "Natural Gas Information" on the front page of their county's website - bradfordcountypa.org.

This pipeline and gas extraction activity is transforming this once beautiful agricultural land into a heavy industrial zone and they are just getting started.

After looking at maps of Bradford County, I started thinking about my own experience of traveling around New York State for the past three and half years.

My wife and I started a breakfast cereal company and to introduce it to the public we discovered the farmers markets. The New York markets are a window into the great entrepreneurial spirit of New Yorkers.

We have met so many small businesses that make their living on the land. We met goat farmers who make incredible cheeses, small dairy farmers who have only 14 milking cows who produce amazing yogurt, fresh milk, super tasty cheeses, farmers of grass fed meats, pasta makers who buy local grain, producers of butter and oils, naturally raised chickens and eggs, honey, maple syrup, blueberries, apples, mushroom growers and bakers, soap makers, breweries and wineries, coffee roasters...the list goes on and on.

My point is that if any of these small scale producers were producing in Bradford County their businesses would be over. Finished because of the stigma that is associated with fracking.

Also do not let the word "small" throw you, some of these "small businesses" have accounts with Wegmans, Whole Foods Markets, Niskayuna Food Coop, Honest Weight Food Coop, and this list also goes on and on. Who wants food produced in a heavy industrial zone?

The possible contamination of water or the actual contamination makes these areas stigmatized and tainted.

We live three and a half hours from one of the largest cities in the world: New York City. There is a growing demand for more natural and local food products. Local is the new buzz and it is growing.

The Park Slope co-op in Brooklyn (the largest co-op in the nation, 15,000 members) put out a statement last year that it will not buy food or food products from farms or producers who operate near Fracking sites.

A few years ago a community supported agriculture called Corbin Hill was formed.

The idea is to bring Schoharie County-grown vegetables into New York City. I personally know farmers who make extra cash from selling through this CSA, and they tell me it really helps. What member of this CSA will still want food grown in an area that looks like Bradford County?

So the question is not about a single pipeline, it's about a major transformation of our area, because shale gas and fracking alter a landscape and there is no turning back.

Please write FERC and tell them you would like them to do an economic impact study on how much economic loss will occur if all these businesses were to fold up and move to Vermont (they banned fracking there).

FERC extended the pipeline comment period until November 9.

Also call Governor Cuomo (518) 474-8390 and let him know that we want our land and water to stay uncontaminated because the contaminated air and water is bad for business.

To demand FERC to do an economic impact study, go to ruralcommunities.org and look for "comment to FERC."

Mike Shuster  
Sharon Springs

### Confused by Swift's letter

Dear Editor,

I'm confused about the contents of a letter submitted last week by Matthew Swift, the project manager of the Constitution Pipeline Company.

In the letter, Mr. Swift addresses an important citizen concern (among several) that "the pipeline is being designed to transport natural gas overseas."

To this concern, Mr. Swift writes "That isn't true."

How then, does Mr. Swift reconcile his statement with last May's presentation to Williams/Cabot investors entitled "Opportunities to Serve" that includes "LNG [liquid natural gas] Exports" as one of those opportunities?

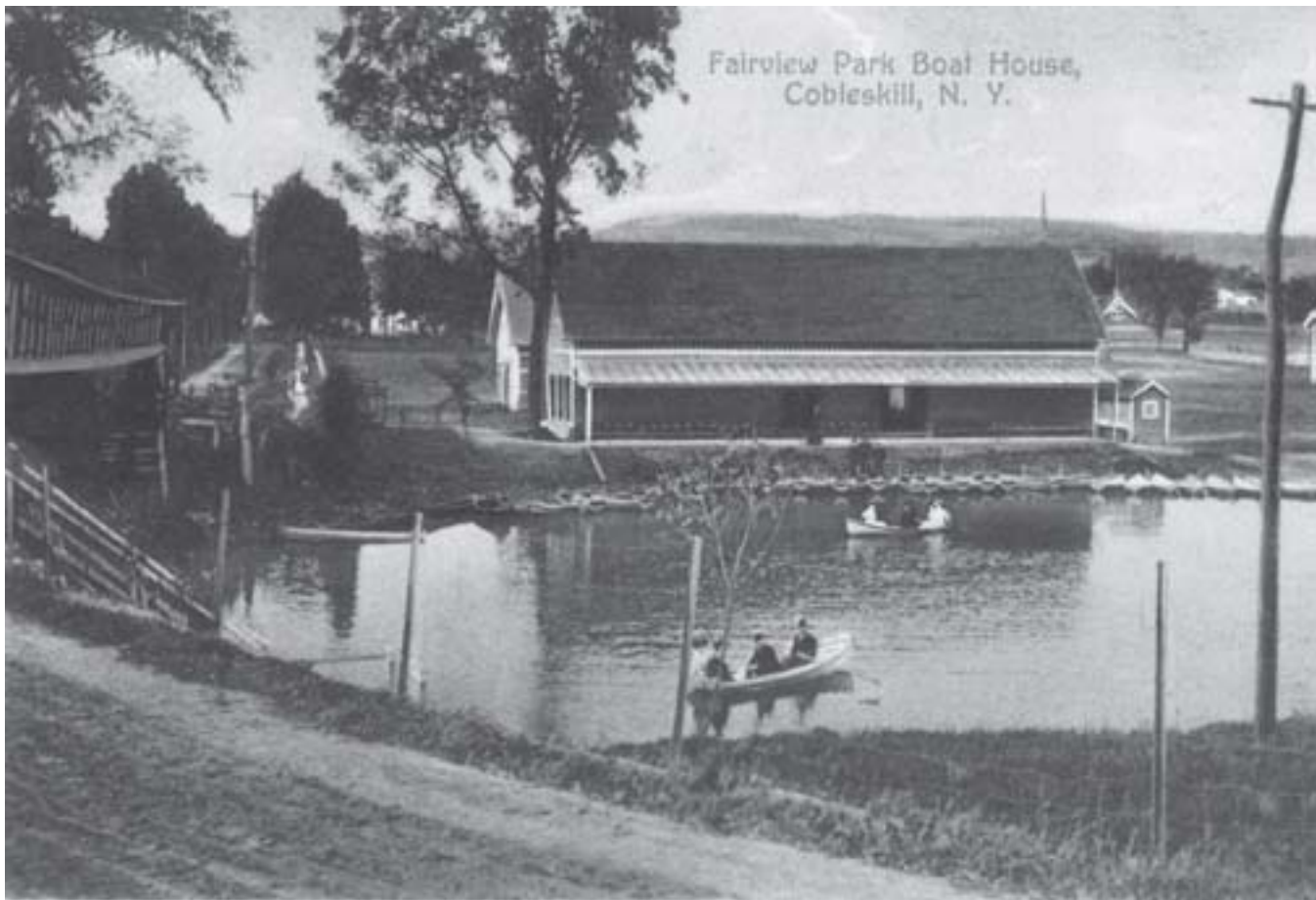
This appears to be a contradiction.

According to Mr. Swift, the pipeline is not "designed" for gas export but investors are told that export is an "opportunity."

Giving him the benefit of the doubt, perhaps Mr. Swift is unaware of the investor presentation's contents, but as Constitution's project manager, it seems to me that he has some explaining to do.

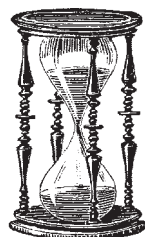
Jud Speer  
Lawyersville

More letters on next page.



This painted post card photo is labeled "Fairview Park Boat House, Cobleskill, NY." It shows the pond formed in Cobleskill Creek, the boat house on the other

bank and at the far left, the covered bridge over the creek. The postmark on the card is September, 1908.



## Times Past

### 60 Years Ago October 14, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. William Treadway are parents of a son born Sunday. Mr. Treadway is a member of the Cherry Valley Central School faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Welbert, Mrs. Lela Reed and daughter, Ruth, all of South Valley, motored to Downsville Dam Sunday.

Mrs. Harry I. Kintz and daughter, Virginia, left by plane last Tuesday to visit relatives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Minnie Terrell of Richmondville has accepted a position as secretary in the William Vedder Insurance Company.

The Brownie Troop of Carlisle recently met under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Jensen to elect officers. They are as follows: president, Carol Warner; vice president, Linda Borst; secretary, Joan Tillapaugh; treasurer, Barbara Lussier.

In a ceremony performed at St. Vincent de Paul's church in Cobleskill, Miss Lillian Jessie DeGross of Hyndsville became the bride of William Marn of Seward. Upon the couples' return from their wedding trip to Stanley, they will reside in Seward where Mr. Marn is employed on a farm.

From Morey District: Bobby, Clifton and Clinton Miller were overnight guests of Alfred Tripp.

Carl Brownell of Worcester left last week for New York City to take up an advanced course of study in the Foot Relief Methods of Dr. William M. Scholl.

Arthur Herman of Staleyville is building an addition on his house.

Balloting in the freshman class at Gilboa Central School resulted in the choice of Charles Wyckoff as president, Robert Pickett as vice president, Raymond Myers as secretary, Bonnie Brown as treasurer, Camilla Acello as reporter, Joan Marquit and Walter Micha as

student council representatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Funck of Gallupville, a son, Richard John, on October 8.

Mrs. John Hotaling had the misfortune to get her hand in the electric wringer one day last week.

Bobby Addis of Cobleskill is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Mae Wharton, in Summit.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barns of Mr. and Mrs. John Juried on Sunday in Guinea. Conesville firemen responded quickly but the fire was already beyond control.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brownell of Gilboa was celebrated Sunday. The original bridal party was in complete attendance.

Erskine Shultes of Berne was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn at The Rocks, Schoharie. Hildegard Pollin of Middleburgh has enlisted in the WAVES and will receive boot training in Bainbridge, Maryland.

### 25 Years Ago October 21, 1987

Debra L. Mabie and Mark W. Anderson, both of South Valley, were united in holy matrimony on August 22. The couple honeymooned in Bar Harbor, Maine and will reside in South Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dauley have sold their home in Howes Cave to William Terns of Richmondville.

Wendy Ingraham and Timothy Brumaghim were married September 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Richmondville. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls and are now residing in Cobleskill.

Richard and Laura Warner of Carlisle announce the birth of their son, Kyle Donovan, on October 9.

Tom and Bonita Bowes of Summit Street, Richmondville, returned Tuesday after several days on Cape Cod.

The Broome Center Garage is closed for a couple weeks while Bill and Pete take a trip to Kentucky. They are attending some horse sales and touring around in a motorized home.

Andy Skinner, John Zitko and Dick Wright of Worcester and Ralph Roland of Schenevus returned home from a ten-day moose-hunting trip in Canada.

Congratulations to David and Doris Leverett on the birth of their son, Timothy John, born October 14 at Cobleskill Hospital.

A baby shower was held this past week at the Breakabeen Grange Hall for Mrs. Helen Warner Cunningham.

Dan Mahar of Cobleskill Boy Scout Troop 5 received his Order of the Arrow hat at the recent Camporee.

Kenneth and Linda Parslow announce the birth of their daughter, Kristine Heather, on October 7.

Ada Davenport, lifelong resident of Schoharie County, celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday Monday. She was born in 1884.

### 10 Years Ago October 16, 2002

Christine Sheen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheen of Gouvernor, and Ethan Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Angell of Cobleskill, were married October 20. Mr. and Mrs. Angell are both graduates of SUNY Cobleskill and will reside in Latham.

Travis Castle, a 2002 graduate of Gilboa-Conesville High School, was chosen to receive this year's \$1,000 "Nick Iorio Memorial Scholarship."

Imer and Heather Rivenburgh of Richmondville announce the birth of their son, Logan Marcus Bailey Rivenburgh, born on September 21. He joins big sister, Desiree.

The following members of the East Worcester Explorers Club attended the Firematics competition in Oneonta on September 15: Joey Hemmes, Mindy Copper, David Duesler, Rob Harrison, John Duesler and Mike Guernsey. EW Fire Chief Bill Schafer assisted the group.

George and Florence Tryon had dinner with their next door neighbors, Bill and Mary Ann Kosek, Tuesday evening in Gallupville.

Bill and Phyllis Havlicek are back home in Warnerville after a two-week vacation at Cape Cod.

Greg and JoAnna Coons of Charlottesville announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Ruth Coons, born August 23.

Four local justices recently attended the annual conference for New York State Magistrates Association held in Alexandria Bay. Those attending were Nancy Hisert, Cobleskill; Gerald Vester, Summit; Evelyn Falsarella, Sharon Springs; and Herbert Needleman, Richmondville.

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## Obituaries

### Carol Van Evera

Carol P. Van Evera, 62, of Canajoharie, passed away on October 10, 2012 at her home with her loving family at her side after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on July 22, 1950 in Queens Village, the daughter of Charles Phillip and Edna (Schwamb) Armitstead.

She was a 1968 graduate of Cherry Valley Central School and a 1971 graduate of SUNY at Oswego.

On August 18, 1973, Carol married Bruce Allen Van Evera. She was employed by and retired from Niagara Mohawk (National Grid) after 40 years of service.

She was a lifelong member of the Freysbush Lutheran Church and attended the Reformed Church of Canajoharie. She was an avid hiker and enjoyed traveling, visiting 17 different countries.

Carol was the owner/operator of Quilt-A-Whirl and enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, and followed the craft show & antique fair circuit with Bruce for many years.

Carol had served as President of Canajoharie HUD program. Carol was a very loving and giving person who will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce A. Van Evera; daughter, Erin E. Van Evera-Welch (Dale) of Midland, Texas; son, Jacob R. Van Evera (Lydia) of Cobleskill; loving granddaughter, Olivia A. Van Evera; brothers, William (Sarah) Armitstead, Dr. Thomas (Patricia) Armitstead; sister, Ellen (James) Johnson, sister-in-law Cynthia Armitstead; loving mother, Edna Armitstead; and several aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in her journey by her father, C. Phillip Armitstead; and brother, Charles Armitstead.

At Carol's request she will be cremated and buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

A celebration of Carol's life was held at the Canajoharie Reformed Church, with Rev. Miriam Barnes officiating, on Sunday, October 14.

Memorial donations in Carol's name may be made to the Reformed Church of Canajoharie, to a church of one's choice, or to Mountain Valley Hospice.

To light a candle or sign the online guest book visit [www.ottmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.ottmanfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are entrusted to the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley.

### Frank Hill, Jr.

Frank M. Hill, Jr., 90, formerly of Pleasant View Drive, Central Bridge died Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at St. Johnsville Nursing Home where he had resided since August 2008.

Frank was born March 3, 1922 in Brooklyn, a son of Frank M. and Edna (Gregory) Hill, Sr. He graduated from Schoharie High School and later, enlisted in the US Army serving from 1942 to 1945 in the Infantry as an Artillery Gunner before his honorable discharge.

He worked at the former

Parson's Ford in Central Bridge as a mechanic and parts man for many years. He later delivered fuel oil and serviced furnaces for Duaneburg Oil Co. until his retirement many years ago.

Frank was a member of the Central Bridge Fire Department and the Fire Police, the former American Legion Post #1261, Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Fire Police Association.

Mr. Hill married Elsie (Willman) Hill on August 31, 1947. She predeceased him on March 26, 2007 as did a brother James and a sister Ida Hill-Meringer.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna (John) Schuttig of Central Bridge; three grandchildren, Dennis, Daniel and Amy; and three great-grandchildren, Denise, Katelynne and Nicole.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, October 14 at the Langan Funeral Home, Central Bridge, during which a fireman's service was offered.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 15 at the Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Central Bridge. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery, Schoharie.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Hill to the Central Bridge Fire Department, PO Box 294, or Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, PO Box 273, both in Central Bridge, NY 12035.

Further information is available at [www.langanfuneralhome.com](http://www.langanfuneralhome.com).

### Glenn Waffle

Glenn Gordon Waffle, age 65, of Morris, ended his journey and fight with cancer on October 12, 2012, with his loving family at his side.

Glenn was born in New Berlin, the son of Ralph Waffle and Marie MacLeod Waffle, of Glasgow, Scotland.

Glenn regretted not having the chance to know his mother, who passed when he was 18 months old. He was raised in South Edmeston by his grandparents, Harold and Birdella Waffle.

Glenn married Mona Moore on December 10, 1977, at the United Methodist Church in Morris. Together, in their home on Littlewood Road, they raised their "magnificent seven": Julie Marie, Sherry Lynn, Jacqueline Renee, Lisa Anne, Jeffrey Kenneth, Stephanie MacLeod and Michael Gary.

As a child, Glenn attended a one-room schoolhouse in South Edmeston and proudly filled the role of "the only student in the fifth grade." In 1965, he graduated from New Berlin Central School.

Glenn began his career in farming at the age of eleven with his grandfather and worked on local farms until he took a position in the feed store at the I.L. Richer Company in New Berlin. His admirable work ethic helped him to become a salesman for the company and later, Sales Manager and Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Glenn became a partner/stockholder in the company in 1982 and he championed the high level of customer service that was the corner stone of the company's success.

In regards to his career, Glenn was most proud of his instrumental role in developing

Richer's business in the North Country, first with the acquisition of Lowville Feed & Grain and then with the expansion in Adams Center. His humor, fairness and integrity left him with many lifelong friends in the business.

Upon retiring, Glenn purchased Cee Jay Golf Course in Laurens, with Mona, Jeffrey and Julene Waffle; it is now known as Colonial Ridge Golf. It was Glenn's dream to run this business with sons Jeffrey and Michael. His family will dearly miss seeing him out on the course, riding the carts with his beloved dog Bunker and enjoying his well deserved retirement.

Glenn was an outdoorsman his entire life and enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf and his childhood along the Unadilla River. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Morris, Morris Central School Board of Education, the Masons, Lions Club, Jaycees, Cub Scouts, the Morris Rotary and the Butter-nut Valley Rod & Gun Club.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Mona, his children and their families: Julie Waffle and partner Sharon Kupiec; Sherry Waffle and Tim O'Conner with children Thomas and Alyx Martin, Christie and TJ O'Conner; Jacqueline Tripp and husband Roger with children Derrick and Taylor; Lisa Eklund and husband Robert with children Gina, Katiemarie and Gabrielle; Jeffrey Waffle and wife Julene with children Lincoln, Levi and Lucas; Stephanie Connally and husband Thomas with son Broden; Michael Waffle and wife Denise.

Glenn was predeceased by granddaughter, Marina Anne Eklund. He adored being a husband, father, grandfather and "Pop."

Other family members with whom Glenn spent many precious days include his dear Aunt Joyce Waffle; cousins, Gary "Pug" Waffle, Sandy Young, Teri Polak, Stacey Hurlbutt; his sister, Rose Civiok and brothers, Ed and David Waffle. John Mitchell and the "IL Richer Boys" held a special place in Glenn's heart.

Glenn asked that his thanks be expressed to the members of Colonial Ridge Golf for their love and support, Saint Peter's Cancer Care Center, the third floor nursing staff at Bassett Hospital, Chestnut Park and Catskill Area Hospice for all of their care and guidance.

Calling Hours will be held at Johnston's Funeral Home in Morris, on Thursday, October 18 from 5-9pm. A private Memorial Celebration will be held on Friday, October 19, at Colonial Ridge Golf beginning at 11am.

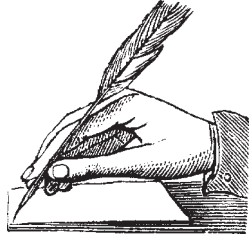
There will be a benefit golf tournament in celebration of Glenn's life at Colonial Ridge on October 27.

A private interment will be held for immediate family members at a later date.

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

Arrangements are by the Johnston Funeral Home of Morris.

Glenn's final days were shared with his wife, seven children and their families; it was a blessing and comfort that he was able to tell each he loved them. His final wishes were that you keep your families close, take care of one another and keep each other safe.



## Letters

### He tells us more

Dear Editor,

A few comments on your "Tell Us More" editorial...

I did, in fact, speak about more than "hay bales and sand" during my FERC testimony.

Unfortunately, some of my comments were inaudible because of the shouting immediately behind me telling me to "go back to Worcester," among other things.

In fact, I explained that I had discussed local economic benefits and opportunities during and after construction with Williams representatives the previous week during the open house at the Best Western.

I subsequently compared these opportunities to advertisements in the local paper (Worcester), Hometown advantage, monthly paper.

I testified that more than 40 of the businesses advertising their personal and professional services and retail business would immediately benefit and direct taxation of infrastructure, as a utility would benefit the school and town far into the future.

I know FERC heard me as they were courteously and attentively taking notes throughout.

Frankly, I think some members of the audience should feel embarrassed by their "performance."

I would also take issue with the rather cavalier opinion that "enduring public criticism" should include exposure to heckling while speaking, sign waving, constant disruptive outbursts in approval of an opinion (even in the face of the chair's gavel), and being accosted directly by "lobbyists" when attempting an informal session, etc, etc...

These behaviors are the norm for the "anti-everything's" that I have observed regardless of the forum, including town and county board meetings, DEC hearings and industry informational sessions.

Personally my skin is thick, but most conservative individuals of my mindset do not appreciate and in fact prefer to avoid this behavior.

By coincidence, a perfect example of the anti-mindset, tactics and overall obnoxious approach to commenting on opposing views appears in the "Wasted Space" letter to the editor on page 6.

The author, Debbie Krol, accuses everyone from the Times Journal to Williams, our New York State representatives and myself of "squandering resources."

"Wasting the front page," "expanding our pocketbooks," appealing to "drill baby drill," under designing pipes, welds and valuing inviting "incineration of homes and humans," "hanging tight with gas people," "hiding in the closet," etc.

This angry individual obviously has no problem slinging and hoping it sticks. Finally she portrays my fellow councilperson as "mortified she would not have a chance to speak and set the record straight."

First, she did have the same opportunity as myself to sign-up and be heard. The "this man does not represent a majority" comment implies that I was speaking for an individual or

group other than myself.

She obviously was not listening...the only reference I made to another body was stating the one perspective of my testimony as that of a town board member at budget time...trust me this "housefly" will stay as far away from her face as possible.

Dave Parker  
Worcester

### Supporting the pipeline

Dear Editor:

Being somewhat familiar with pipelines, their necessity and usefulness, I would like to express my views.

The first Tennessee pipeline in this area was installed in the early '50s and is still operating without any glitches that I know of.

My humble residence is 85 feet from the right-of-way that now has four lines running across our property.

Three are Kinder Morgan and the fourth is Iroquois Pipeline.

My family and I have a good feeling for being a small part for helping our total society to benefit from this energy source which is less polluting.

This is the most environmentally sound method of transportation of any type of fuel for mankind's use: heat, electricity, manufacturing of many goods and fertilizer to grow our crops. How about the land taxes we pay and the pipeline companies also pay taxes on that same acreage on a per foot basis.

I would like to know how many people that now have a pipeline right-of-way on their property are now resisting this proposed venture.

Richard E. Ogsbury  
Delanson

### Protecting communities

Dear Editor,

I confess that I am a late-comer to the anti-fracking movement.

Oh, I was watching and appreciated the passion of the folks who were researching, documenting, lobbying and sometimes protesting, but I reasoned that they had it covered.

Then a few weeks back I heard that two of my neighbors had been visited by surveyors from a company planning to bury a natural gas pipeline through the area. I subsequently learned that the pipeline was a 30 foot high pressure pipe and that it was going to be less than 250 feet from my home. Now I'm angry and engaged.

I attended a few meetings staged by the Constitution Pipeline Company and/or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

I've also visited the web pages of several organizations opposed to the pipeline.

I've learned to distrust Constitution Pipeline's pronouncements that their pipeline has nothing to do with gas drilling and fracking.

The pipeline has everything to do with gas drilling.

The two companies behind Constitution Pipeline, Williams and Cabot Gas, have as much as said their pipeline will facilitate drilling in the Marcellus Shale...that's us. That's all of Schoharie County they want to drill.

The Stop the Pipeline Coalition will be having a meeting this Thursday, 7pm at the Richmondville Fire House.

Be there to learn what you can do to protect our communities. Also see: [www.stopthepipeline.org](http://www.stopthepipeline.org).  
Wayne R. Stinson  
Summit

### Supervisors as children

Dear Editor,

To the Board of Supervisors, You people are acting like a bunch of kids.

I didn't do it daddy, Janey did it. I didn't do it, Joe did it.

The point is that you each know who is right, so why are you spending New York money to settle your dispute.

If any of you have something to hide, you need to fess up, and get on with business.

I think that the \$150,000 you have spent, which will most likely double, should have been spent in a thousand different ways to the benefit of your constituents.

I would hope that everyone

who is a citizen of this county remembers on Election Day.

Frank Madl Jr.  
Cobleskill

### Nice work by tree group

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Village of Cobleskill tree committee for investing their time and energy to improve the quality of life for all of us who reside in this community.

Recently, I was fortunate enough to have had an engaging conversation with one of the members of this all volunteer group, and I learned what a great job they do on a very limited budget.

In addition to planting new trees, they oversee the professional pruning and takedown of existing trees here in the village.

Their efforts do not end there, however.

Through their insight and planning, they are committed to diversifying the landscape by planting different species of trees.

This ensures that an adequate biodiversity exists, which enables our trees to better withstand infection from various pathogens that might otherwise decimate a single species.

I have lived in several towns in the northeast.

In my opinion, well-tended, tree-lined streets and byways always create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

When I see such a place, it is as if the residents are saying, "We care."

I enjoy living in and conducting business in such a community, and I am sure that many others feel the same way.

Again, my thanks to the tree committee for doing such a great job to improve the place we all call home.

Dennis Moren  
Cobleskill

### Murphy Run a success

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the West Fulton Rod & Gun Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this year's Timothy Murphy 10K Run & Walk a great success.

The support that we receive from volunteers, businesses, and organizations has been very instrumental to the West Fulton Rod & Gun Club's ability to continue holding this great community event.

A very special thank you to Middleburgh Telephone Company, New York Power Authority, Stewarts, Bohringer's Fruit Farm, Price Chopper, and the S'cary Leg Runners for their generous support and donations.

Aaron Hamm,  
West Fulton Rod &  
Gun Club,  
Timothy Murphy 10K  
Committee

### Backs Gibson for Congress

Dear Editor,

This November the voters of Schoharie County will be asked to vote for our representative from the newly drawn 19th Congressional District.

I would encourage all voters to inform themselves about the issues, to examine the records of the candidates and to cast their vote for Chris Gibson.

Congressman Gibson is a Purple Heart and Bronze Star decorated combat veteran who has represented upstate New York in Washington for the past two years. In a partisan, divided congress, Chris Gibson has stood out with his independence and ability to work with both parties to do what is best for our state and our country.

Chris Gibson serves on the Armed Services and Agriculture committees in Congress. He has received the "Friend of the Farm Bureau" award. Chris Gibson favors a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda that will help to revive our upstate economy.

Chris Gibson is working to support small rural hospitals such as Cobleskill Regional Hospital, to protect Medicare for our seniors and to bring about cost savings while protecting patient rights in our healthcare system.

I encourage all the voters of Schoharie County to vote to give their support to Congressman Chris Gibson.

Joseph Sellers  
Cobleskill

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# Police Blotter

**Saturday, October 13**  
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Catherine G. Howe, 19, of Waterford on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content more than .08 percent and other traffic tickets. She was released to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Alan M. Hanson, 29, of Middleburgh on a warrant on charges of second-degree aggravated harassment and second-degree criminal contempt. He was arraigned in Richmondville town court and released to return to court on October 16.

**Friday, October 12**  
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Zachary T. Larkin, 18, of Chester on charges of unlawful possession of marijuana. He was issued an appearance ticket and released to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Jeffrey D. Robert, 26, of Altamont on charges of DWI and other traffic tickets. He was arraigned and sent to jail in lieu of \$1,300 bail or \$3,900 bond to return to court on October 16.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Joshua A. Wissenbach, 26, of Cobleskill on charges of DWI, driving with a blood alcohol content more than .08 percent and other traf-

## Esperance man charged with robbery, assault

State Police have arrested an Esperance man they said punched and threatened a one-armed man at the Duanesburg Stewart's, taking \$30 from his wallet, before fleeing to his home and then eluding police in the woods nearby until finally turning himself.

Justin Annis, 31, of Burtonsville Road, Esperance, was charged with second-degree robbery and second-degree assault, both felonies and jailed in lieu of \$15,000 cash/\$30,000 bond bail.

He is due back in court Thursday at 4pm.

State Police gave this account of the incident:

Troopers were dispatched to the Stewart's Shop on Route 20, Duanesburg Sunday morning to investigate an argument between two customers.

When they arrived, they discovered that the victim, a 68-year-old man with one arm, had numerous bruises on his face and head.

The victim, who was intimidated by Mr. Annis, initially did not want to press charges.

Police said Mr. Annis had punched the victim numerous times and took \$30 from his wallet.

An alert customer recorded the license plate of the vehicle Mr. Annis left Stewart's in.

When troopers arrived at Mr. Annis' home, they discovered marijuana plants and marijuana.

At that point, Mr. Annis fled into a wooded area nearby.

His brother, Joseph Annis, 33, of Schenectady, was arrested for unlawfully growing marijuana and unlawful possession.

He was issued an appearance ticket for Town of Charleston court.

When a search of the woods and surrounding areas did not turn up Justin Annis, troopers secured an arrest warrant.

Throughout the day on Monday, they checked various locations and interviewed numerous family members and friends in their effort to locate him.

Monday evening, Mr. Annis turned himself in to State Police at Princetown.

He was arraigned on the charges before Duanesburg Town Justice Camille Siano-Enders and sent to Schenectady County Jail.



Justin Annis

fic tickets. He was released to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police issued a summons to Christopher J. Lanphere, 18, of Gloversville on charges of possession of alcohol by someone under 21. He is to return to court at a later date.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Howard Goldberg, 49, of Bellmore on charges of DWI, driving with a blood alcohol content more than .08 percent and other traffic tickets. He was released to return to court on October 23.

**Thursday, October 11**  
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Jacob J. Fisher, 20, of Sudus on charges of disorderly conduct. He was released to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Joseph A. Zeno, 22, of Cobleskill on charges of second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation. He was arraigned and released to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Jeremiah D. Sommers, 29, of Cobleskill on charges of drinking alcohol in a vehicle while on the highway and unlawful possession of marijuana. He was issued an appearance ticket and released to return to court on October 23.

**Wednesday, October 10**  
The Sheriff's office arrested Darren Sperbeck, 30, of Richmondville on charges of third-degree assault after he allegedly caused physical injury to another person during an incident in the Town of Richmondville. He was arraigned and released to return

**Monday, October 8**  
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Michael S. Wheeler, 49, of Schenectady on charges of second-degree aggravated

to court at a later date.

The Cobleskill State Police arrested Dewey B. Peppers, 42, of Broadalbin on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content more than .08 percent, and unlawful possession of marijuana after a traffic stop in Esperance. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to court on October 17.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Jacob V. McKersie, 21, of Warnerville on charges of second- and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation. He was arraigned and sent to jail on no bail to return to court on October 16.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Nichole L. Lampro, 23, of Richfield Springs on charges of falsely reporting an incident and making a punishable false written statement. She was released to return to court on October 23.

**Tuesday, October 9**  
The Oneonta State Police arrested Genie M. Stoesser, 52, of Jefferson on charges of unlawful possession of marijuana after a traffic stop on Route 23 in Davenport. She was issued an appearance ticket to return to court on October 23.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Lewis H. Hotaling, 27, of Cobleskill on a warrant on charges of second-degree harassment. He was arraigned and released to return to court on October 23.

**Monday, October 8**  
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Michael S. Wheeler, 49, of Schenectady on charges of second-degree aggravated

unlicensed operation and other traffic tickets. He was arraigned and sent to jail in lieu of \$250 bail or \$500 bond to return to court on October 16.

**Sunday, October 7**  
The Cobleskill State Police arrested Bryant Jeffers, 23, of Richmondville on charges of falsely reporting an incident after he allegedly told Troopers over the phone that he had taken a large quantity of pills and had just shot himself and was dying. The incident was later found to be false. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to Cobleskill court on October 23.

**Saturday, October 6**  
The Cobleskill State Police arrested Cheyanne R. Lord, 16, of East Worcester on charges of possession of a hypodermic needle after a motor vehicle accident. She was issued an appearance ticket to return to Carlisle court on October 10.

**Sunday, September 23**  
The Cobleskill State Police arrested Shawn R. Cummings, 24, of Summit on charges of driving while intoxicated and other charges after a traffic stop in the Town of Carlisle. He was issued tickets to return to court on October 10.



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# Taking stock with success

## FAM enjoys a solid year in market

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Continued faith in the stock market yielded success for Fenimore Asset Management in the past year, FAM analysts told their shareholders last Tuesday.

And that success produced not only steady growth in FAM's two longstanding mutual funds but also allowed the Cobleskill investment firm to launch a third fund.

"Over the long term, we're really bullish about stocks," said FAM Chairman Tom Putnam, referencing the company's quarter-century achievements.

The three funds served as the opening theme for FAM's annual shareholders' meeting, held at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

Working with the talking title of The Rule of 3, Mr. Putnam pointed to the frequency of threes: in storytelling, the Three Little Pigs; in comedy, the Three Stooges; and more seriously in government, Abraham Lincoln's frequent use of three points in a speech.

FAM's 3 are noteworthy, too. The FAM Value Fund is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, and the FAM Equity-Income Fund is in its 16<sup>th</sup>. Joining them last March was the FAM Small Cap Fund.

"The three funds serve different purposes," Mr. Putnam said. "All are unique but use the same principles."

Those principles include investing in high-quality, undervalued companies that demonstrate long-term growth and have exemplary leadership, Mr. Putnam said.

Steered by those guidelines, all three funds shows substantial growth over the past year.

To further drive home the threefold point, FAM gave yardsticks to the shareholders.



Fund managers and analysts for Fenimore Asset Management address the audience at FAM's annual shareholders' meeting at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School last Tuesday. From left are Marc Roberts, Paul Hogan, John Fox, FAM Chairman Tom Putnam and Anne Putnam.

The FAM Value Fund, said Co-Manager John Fox, is up 10 percent year to date.

"When Tom started it 25 years ago, there were fewer than 400 mutual funds," Mr. Fox said. "Now there are thousands. It was a terrific idea."

The FAM Value Fund started with \$1 million in 1987; assets now are at \$700 million, Mr. Fox said.

A shareholder who invested \$10,000 in 1987 would have \$114,000 now, he added.

Paul Hogan, co-manager of the FAM Equity-Income Fund, had similar good news.

The fund invests in "well-managed mid-cap companies with an ability to grow," Mr. Hogan said.

The Equity-Income Fund had a 2.9-percent gross yield

and is up 8.31 year to date.

"We're growing faster than the market," Mr. Hogan said.

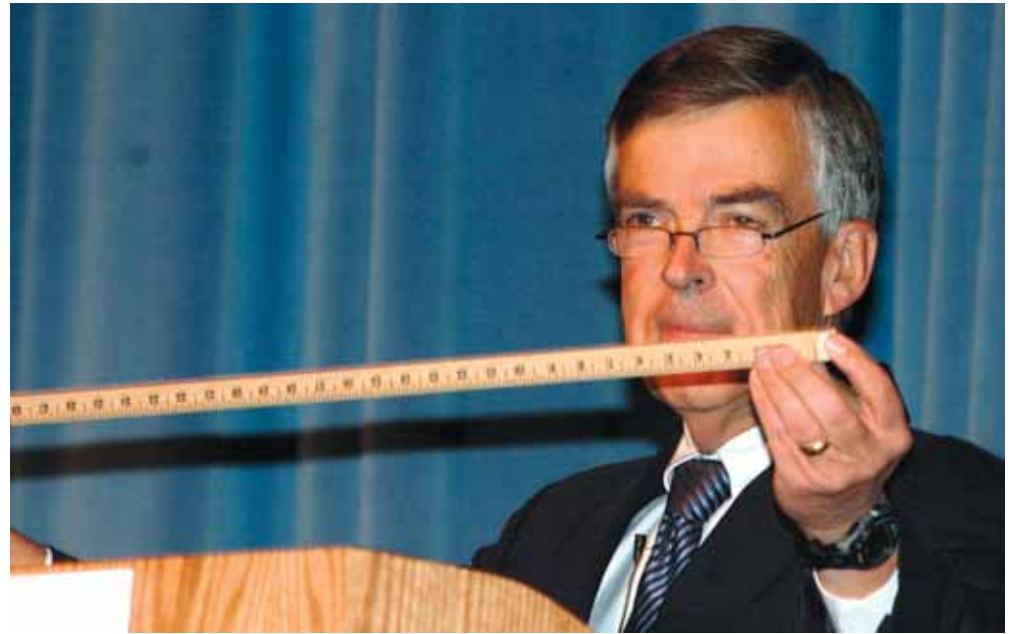
Mr. Fox and Mr. Hogan each said their funds have recovered from the 2008-09 economic meltdown.

Both funds benefit from consistency of management, said Mr. Putnam, who co-manages both funds. Mr. Fox has been at the helm 12 years; Mr. Hogan, 16.

Marc Roberts, with Mr. Putnam co-manager of the new FAM Small Cap Fund, said the fund is up 5.9 percent since its March inception.

The fund focuses on small companies, \$50 million to \$1 billion in market capitalizations.

"There isn't a lot of investment competition here, so that creates opportunities," said Mr.



Fenimore Asset Chairman Tom Putnam holds a yardstick to demonstrate The Rule of 3, indicating the investment company's three funds: The FAM Value Fund, the FAM Equity-Income Fund and the FAM Small Cap, which was launched last March.

Roberts.

The three funds thrive not only because of FAM's investment strategies but also because of the firm's long faith in the stock market, Mr. Putnam said.

Not all investors follow that path and instead make fixed-income investments, he said.

People remain skeptical because of the election coming up, the Euro crisis and the slowing of the global economy, Mr. Putnam said.

"Political uncertainty will be settled in a month or so, and the Euro crisis is being addressed," Mr. Putnam said.

"We've seen some slowdown, but whether it's a trend or not, we don't know."

Also creating uncertainty was the stock meltdown in 2008-09.

"But since then, the Dow Jones has doubled," Mr. Putnam said. "Stocks will endure."

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## Whoever wins, FAM is ready

By Jim Poole

It's not that Fenimore Asset Management analysts don't care who's elected president next month, it's just that they're prepared either way.

The question about the upcoming election came from the audience of several hundred shareholders at FAM's annual meeting last Tuesday at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

In general, the public may see Republicans as more business-friendly than Democrats, but that may not hold true for the stock market, FAM Chairman Tom Putnam said.

"We've looked at studies after elections, and it's hard to find a course," he said.

Markets have gone up when Democrats won and the GOP won, and it's also gone down when either won, Mr. Putnam said.

"It depends more on the confidence people have in the economic system," he said.

Of course it does matter if President Barack Obama is re-elected or Mitt Romney unseats him, but Mr. Putnam wasn't tipping his hand.

"We'll hold back till we see who's elected," Mr. Putnam

"We like companies to which it doesn't matter who wins the election."

—Paul Hogan

said. "Depending on who, we may go in a different direction."

And even if the market sinks a bit after the election, FAM may not necessarily suffer.

"When prices go down, it's an opportunity to invest," said John Fox, co-manager of the FAM Value Fund.

Paul Hogan, co-manager of the FAM Equity-Income Fund, noted another factor that allows the company to weather political ups and downs.

"We like companies that don't rely on government," Mr. Hogan said. "We like companies to which it doesn't matter who wins the election."

"We concentrate on things like that because it's much easier to figure out."

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Several students from Middleburgh Central School helped out planting trees in the floodway of the Schoharie Creek Saturday morning. Among the MCS students were Ryan Whittaker, Aleesha LeRuzic, Sunny Dickerson, Tyler Leggett, Destiny Trombley, Brian Nelson, and Katie McAvoy-Pindar. --Photos by David Avitabile.

## Tree plantings give new life for floodway

More than 50 volunteers planted about 1,000 trees and shrubs along the floodway of the Schoharie Creek next to Route 30 in Blenheim Saturday morning. Most of the plantings were in the area cleared by the flood about a quarter mile north of the old covered bridge site.

The new trees and shrubs will help against erosion as the roots hold the ground in case of future flooding, said Meredith Taylor of the Catskill

Center. The trees also provide good cover against invasive species.

The planting was a joint effort between the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership, Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation, the DOT, and DEC, and also attracted volunteers from SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Oneonta, students from Middleburgh and Schoharie and members of the Schoharie River Center.



Erick and Patty Christian of Delmar work together to plant trees Saturday morning.



Allison Lent of Big Indian plants a tree along Route 30 in Blenheim Saturday morning.



Garrett Berdan of Middleburgh moved a wheelbarrow full of fertilizer to wherever it was needed Saturday morning in Blenheim.

## Future uncertain for tri-town assessor's unit

The future of the Schoharie, Wright and Esperance tri-town assessing unit is up in the air after a sometimes contentious meeting Thursday evening.

A meeting between the three town boards had not been held for more than two years but a meeting was requested to discuss the higher assessments for many properties in the Town of Wright.

After listening to Wright residents air their complaints and assessor Steven Rubeor explain how and why he made the changes, Wright Supervisor Bill Goblet said he will talk with board members about what they want to do.

The three towns formed the

tri-town assessing unit under one assessor several years ago in an effort to save money and have similar assessments in the three major towns in the Schoharie school district.

Mr. Goblet said he is not happy with the recent re-assessments in his town and the decisions by the assessor.

"The CAP (the tri-town assessing unit) has cost us a lot of money and doing us no good," he said at Thursday's meeting before 20 residents in the Schoharie town hall. Most of the residents were from the Town of Wright.

The main sticking point is that assessor Steve Rubeor said he wanted to correct several underassessments in the Town

of Wright this year. He ended up changing about 360 in the town. Wright officials claimed that the changes may have been made to make up for the assessment losses in the towns of Schoharie and Esperance because of the flood. Mr. Rubeor and Schoharie town board members deny this claim.

Mr. Rubeor worked hard, Mr. Goblet said, but he reassessed "one third of one town and it's a mess."

Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone said if the Wright town board members vote to leave the unit, he hopes they let the other boards know soon.

"If your intent is to leave the CAP," he said, "You're welcome to it. No one here will stop you..."

"The ball's in your court." Schoharie Councilman Richard Sherman noted that a few years ago, it was Schoharie board members who spoke about leaving the assessing unit.

He is not encouraging Wright to leave the CAP, but added, "I have no problem if that's what you want to do. There will be no animosity."

Mr. Goblet agreed that if Wright stays in the unit, the three towns should meet at least every six months. Mr. Milone and Esperance Supervisor Earl VanWormer agreed.

"Had we been having CAP meetings, we would have known" about the changes, Mr. Milone said.

## Wright residents blast assessor on increases

By David Avitabile

Complaints, accusations, explanations and debate filled the air at a long and sometimes heated meeting of the Wright, Esperance and Schoharie town boards last week on more than 360 assessments changes in one of the towns.

The main cause for the meeting of the three boards was to discuss the reassessments of about 360 properties in the Town of Wright by assessor Steven Rubeor.

Mr. Rubeor, the assessor for all three towns, said he wanted to correct several underassessments in the Town of Wright this year.

He ended up changing about 360 in the town. Wright officials claimed that the changes may have been made to make up for the assessment losses in the towns of Schoharie and Esperance because of the 2011 flood.

Mr. Rubeor and Schoharie town board members have denied this claim.

Wright residents have been unfairly hurt, Wright Supervisor Bill Goblet said.

"The way Steve did this, people are getting killed there," he said.

He knows of one farmer whose entire tax bill went from \$4,700 to \$6,300 just for school taxes.

"It's driving him off his place."

Mr. Goblet and other residents at the meeting agreed that some people were under-assessed in Wright and updates were needed, but the way they were done was wrong.

"There was no question some assessments had to be raised but the way it was done and the impact on some people, it's terrible," Mr. Goblet said.

Mr. Rubeor worked hard but the reassessments have "taken a bad situation and made it a terrible situation," he said.

"Those who were increased this year will be paying dearly this year and next year and until this mess is cleaned up."

Mr. Rubeor said he wanted to address the underassessments at one time in a revaluation of all three towns but that has been delayed twice, the last time by the 2011 flood.

"This year," Mr. Rubeor told about 20 residents and 11 boards members, "I thought, 'I can't put this off anymore,' found the underassessments and raised them up."

He said the data collection has been done in all three towns and all properties should be reevaluated by next May so everyone will "have a level playing field."

It would have been better to have left the assessments at their current rate and then make the changes all at once, Wright residents and officials said.

"It was best to leave the old (tax) rolls," Mr. Goblet said. "All this has done is create chaos. The results are not good."

Wright resident Bernie Sisson said there are many properties in the town that are still underassessed.

If all the properties were reassessed at the same time, he would not have had a problem, Mr. Sisson said, but that was not the case.

"360 of us feel we got screwed," he said.

"The inequities exist in all the towns," he said. "All the inequities should have been corrected."

Mr. Sisson said other under-assessed homes were missed and he showed Mr. Rubeor many of those properties.

Mr. Rubeor said low assessments in Esperance and Schoharie were rare but were endemic in Wright.

"I don't quite believe that one," said Dave Westfall, a former chairman of the Wright board of assessment review.

Mr. Sisson said he showed Mr. Rubeor many of those underassessed properties.

"I missed a few but I didn't miss many," he said.

"Wright picked up the assessment of the other two towns," Mr. Sisson said.

"Why did 361 people have to pick up this amount?...If you look at your neighbors and they're paying less, there's a problem."

Some Wright residents have wondered if the changes in as-

"All this has done is create chaos. The results are not good!"

—Bill Goblet, Wright Supervisor

sessments are in response to last year's flood which forced the assessor to drop the value on many flood-damaged properties in the towns of Esperance and Schoharie.

Wright Councilman Ed Thornton exchanged words with Mr. Rubeor on this allegation.

Mr. Thornton said he talked with Mr. Rubeor shortly after last year's flood.

Mr. Rubeor agreed, Mr. Thornton said, that the Town of Schoharie had lost about \$12 million in assessments because of the flooding "and it has to be made up somewhere."

Mr. Thornton asked Mr. Rubeor, "Am I right or am I wrong?"

Mr. Rubeor replied, "You're wrong."

Mr. Thornton answered, "You're a liar."

Later in the meeting, Mr. Thornton said his school taxes doubled this year.

"You were paying less than your fair share," Mr. Rubeor said.

Schoharie Councilman Alan Tavenner again said Thursday that the changes were not made because of the flood, though he added that in hindsight, the changes should have been made next year when all the assessments were updated.

The assessor said the assessments are based on the market values of the properties.

He said two properties of those that he increased have recently been sold and the selling price was within three percent of his new assessment.

"The market has borne out what I did," he said.

There were no sales that made him feel he made a mistake.

"I think I've been very close."

He said he used market values and sale prices to come up with his new assessments.

"The proof is in the pudding," Mr. Rubeor said.

Mr. VanWormer stuck up for Mr. Rubeor's effort.

"This man's job was monumental" after the flood, he said, noting that many assessments on flood-damaged homes had to be changed.

About 150 homes in Esperance were damaged, Mr. VanWormer said, many completely destroyed.

The remaining residents in the town have to pay more taxes to make up for those damaged properties, he said.

Mr. Westfall noted that market prices continue to come down.

The problem with underassessments in Wright is not new, said Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone.

"This has been an ongoing problem," he said.

He read letters from a county official from 2008 stating that several properties in the Town of Wright were assessed as vacant land when there were buildings on them.

"This is not a new problem."

Those property owners who have a problem with their new assessment (about 100 were challenged in Wright) can grieve to the town's board of assessment review.

In Schoharie and Esperance in the past, the BARs would typically deny the grievance and ask the assessor to look at the lower assessments that were used as comparisons.

In Wright, Mr. Rubeor and Schoharie officials said, the grievance was typically upheld and the assessment was lowered.

John McMichael, the chairman of the Wright BAR, said he doubted if the board dismissed the assessment number more than once.

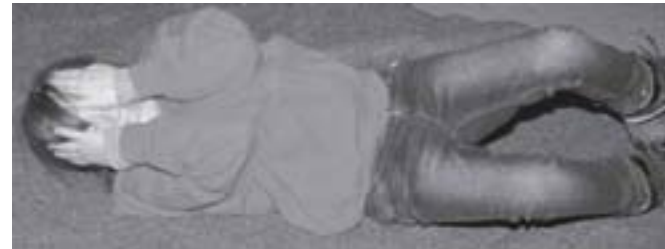
Usually there was a compromise between the assessor's figure and the property owner's, he said.





Students wait for the sound of the fire alarm in the fire safety trailer in Esperance Thursday morning as part of fire prevention week.

# Fire safety lessons for SCS students



Second grader Alyssa Peek practices "stop, drop and roll" at the Esperance fire house.



Keith Cross of the Gallupville Fire Department helps second grader Yazmin Goodrich aim a hose outside the Esperance fire house Thursday morning.

Schoharie elementary school students traveled to the Esperance fire house to learn about fire prevention last week.

Members of the Gallupville, Schoharie, Central Bridge and Esperance fire departments spoke to the students about fire safety, what to do in case of a fire, how to prevent a fire, "stop, drop and roll," and what tools firefighters use. The theme of this year's fire prevention week was to know two ways to get out of any room in your house in case of a fire.



Bob Klingbeil of the Central Bridge Fire Department and Michelle Kindt of the Esperance Department hand out hats to students at the Esperance fire house.



Middleburgh elementary school students learned all about fire safety last week from firefighters. The students learned how to prevent fires, what to do if there is one, how firefighters battle blazes and what tools firefighters use.

Second grader Patrick Lusk, above, was one of the many students who got a chance to aim a fire hose with the help of Middleburgh Fire Department members Robert Burton and Brandon Morell. Below, Mr. Burton helps Tyler Lloyd aim a water cannon while John Shaw, bottom right, showed the students the tools used by firefighters.—Photos by David Avitabile.



Central Bridge Fire Chief Scott Johnson talks to Brittany VanWormer and Dylan Pierce with a firefighter's jacket.



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The flood-damaged businesses in Schoharie are returning slowly but surely. The latest business to return is M&S Car Wash on Depot Lane. A ribbon cutting was held for the renovated four-bay care wash on Friday afternoon. One of the bays is still full of items damaged in last year's flood.

Pictured are, from left, Sarah Blood of the county planning office, Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone, Alaina Sholtes, Seth Sholtes, Diana Bell Jackson of the Schoharie Promotional Association, Jill Sholtes, owner Reed Sholtes, Schoharie Mayor John Borst, former owner Gerald Sholtes, Georgia Van Dyke of the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, Assemblyman Pete Lopez, and Griffin Sholtes.

Reed Sholtes said all the controls in the car wash had to be replaced.—Photo by David Avitabile.

## Back in business in Schoharie

# A haunting good time set for M'burgh library

By David Avitabile

In addition to having a wide selection of books, magazines and movies, the Middleburgh library will be featuring a spooky time for Halloween this year.

The library will be turned into a "Haunted Library" for two nights next week as a benefit.

The Haunted Library will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 8 to 10pm and on Sunday, October 28 from 7 to 9pm.

There is a charge for individuals or families. Money raised will benefit the library and the Mohawk Valley Library System.

Most of the library will be decorated for the nights, said Sena Monaco, a library trustee member.

There will be a children's room for younger children and those "faint of heart," Ms. Monaco said, but most of the rest of the library, even the bookshelves, will be for those 13 and older.

"We've kind of rated it at PG-13," she said. "It's going to be scary."

Many local businesses are getting involved in the event, she said. Hubie's and Smith's Chiropractic are participating and more may join.

"People are really getting into this," Ms. Monaco said. There have also been donations from local businesses.

Students from Wes Laraway's Schoharie County History class will be helping and Mr. Laraway will be hosting a haunted tour of the cemetery on Friday, October 26. The proceeds from that tour

will benefit the library.

This is the first haunted house at the library and Ms. Monaco said it could be held again in the future, if it is successful.

Cider and donuts will be served as refreshments.

Mr. Laraway said he will begin his Haunted Historical Tour of the cemetery by lantern light at about 6pm on October 26.

It will be a tasteful historical tour suitable for all ages, he said. There will be no theatrics or disrespectful behavior tolerated.

The tour will be limited to 100 tickets. Advance tickets will be available at the library and some may be available on the evening of the tour.

Mr. Laraway said those attending should not park in the cemetery and should park

above the cemetery on Llama Lane. The tour will begin at dusk in the Color Section of the cemetery.

Those attending should dress appropriately for the weather, including good shoes, he said.

The tour will be held regardless of the weather and it should take about two hours.

Bring a lantern or good flashlight.

# Scabies reported at M'burgh elementary

A case of scabies has been diagnosed at Middleburgh elementary school, district officials said.

Letters have gone home to parents about the disease and information has been posted on the district's website. Scabies, according to the state health department website, is a fairly common infectious disease of the skin caused by a mite. Scabies mites burrow into the skin producing pimple-like irritations or burrows.

The disease, according to district officials, is easily treated by use of a prescription cream or lotion. It is spread by direct skin-to-skin contact.

A letter sent home informed parents that their child may have been exposed to scabies.

The most prominent symptom of the disease is intense itching, particularly at night.

The areas of the skin most affected include between the fingers, around the wrists, elbows, around the waist, the back of the neck and back, officials said.

The treatment for scabies should be repeated again in five to seven days.

If parents suspect their child has scabies, they should wash and machine dry all clothes, towels, sheets, and blankets used in the prior two weeks, officials said. They should vacuum all carpets and upholstered furniture thoroughly and stuffed animals should be bagged for two weeks.

Those who have had skin contact with an infected person should be treated.

Symptoms will appear from four to six weeks in people who have not previously been exposed to scabies infestations. People who have had a previ-

ous bout with the disease may show symptoms within one to four days after a re-exposure.

## Valley Briefs

The Schoharie school board meetings for October, November and December will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. There will be only one meeting in December.

The meetings begin at 7pm and are held in the classroom across from the high school library.

## Leaf pickup in M'burgh

Middleburgh village street crews will be collecting bagged leaves and small bundles of tied brush on Mondays through November 30. The leaves must be in biodegradable bags. The bags and bundles should be placed near the curb.

# Mayors talking shared services

By Jim Poole

Middleburgh Mayor Matthew Avitabile is reaching out to his counterparts in other villages to explore shared services.

Although Mayor Avitabile is looking at getting police coverage for Middleburgh, he's also open to other topics.

Mayor Avitabile and Deputy Mayor Thomas Gruning met with Cobleskill Mayor Mark Galasso two weeks ago, reviewing Cobleskill's town-village sharing and discussing cooperation between the two villages.

"I think there's a real opportunity for inter-municipal cooperation, with budgets being cut across the state and Albany pushing consolidation," Mayor Avitabile said.

The meeting had no special agenda, he said, adding that "it was a real opportunity to see where services overlap."

Mayor Galasso agreed. He told Mayor Avitabile about the joint town-village highway department that eventually became a town department and other town-village sharing.

"It's the concept of how to provide the same or better services for less money," Mayor Galasso said.

"There are things we can try. Let's face it. Both Middleburgh and Cobleskill are facing tough times."

Mayor Avitabile and Mr. Gruning raised the possibility of contracting with Cobleskill for police protection.

Middleburgh contracts with the Schoharie County Sheriff's

Office for coverage now and is renegotiating that deal. In talking with Cobleskill, Mayor Avitabile said he's just looking at other options.

However, having Cobleskill police cover Middleburgh isn't an option right now, Mayor Galasso said.

Cobleskill would have to add another officer to the 11-man force, and the village can't afford that now, he said.

Once Cobleskill gains more revenue from the water and sewer lines running to Howe Caverns, adding an officer may be possible, he said.

Mayor Avitabile plans to talk with Schoharie Mayor John Borst about sharing and police coverage, but a police contract isn't possible, Mayor Borst said on Monday.

Like Cobleskill, Schoharie would have to hire another officer and can't afford to do so, Mayor Borst said.

Also, the increased liability could boost insurance costs, he added.

But instead of contracting for police service, Middleburgh and Schoharie could hire a joint chief, Mayor Borst said.

That, too, would be in the future, he said, as Schoharie continues to deal with flood recovery.

Still, both Mayor Galasso and Mayor Borst indicated a willingness to continue talking with Mayor Avitabile.

"I'm all in favor of working with Middleburgh," Mayor Borst said. "I'm certainly willing to talk."

# SCS sees addition to DL classes

By David Avitabile

Distance learning classes at Schoharie Central School are evolving to meet the changing needs of today's students.

SCS currently hosts four classes and receives three others in the distance learning classroom across from the high school library.

The school hosts classes in accounting, business law and two in veterinary science. The district receives courses in advanced placement European history and AP psychology, and Spanish.

The most populous classes are veterinary science with 18 students. In all, 41 students are enrolled in the DL classes at SCS.

Different courses are available through the many schools in the DL consortium. The local consortium offers 59 classes and the expanded one offers 20 more.

During the summer, the DL program offers two skills development courses in math and English for middle level students.

The summer program also offers seven Regents review

classes which are repeated several times per day.

Important DL classes are ones which allow for students to make up incomplete or failed course credit; "blended" courses, courses (electives only) of independent study and credit by exams.

The make-up classes are important to help keep students in school and prevent dropouts.

At least eight students took the credit recovery courses during the summer, said high school Principal Stacey DeLaney.

It has been a tremendous success, she said.

"We would have lost kids if they dropped out," she said.

Students are able to regain credits they have failed without falling behind, officials said.

The building principal is ultimately responsible, under education law, for course credit approval.

Superintendent Brian Sherman noted that since BOCES pays the cost for DL classes, some DL teaching positions are fully funded at no cost to the district.



## Parents go back to school

It was back to school for parents last week at Middleburgh elementary school at the annual open house.

Susan Maxwell, Clint Whitt and Jamie Skowfoe drew pictures of themselves for their children to identify in Vicki Hoerz' third grade class.—Photo by David Avitabile.

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## South Valley



**By Carol Brodie**

We've had frost predictions a couple of times in the past few weeks but no frost until last Friday night. We woke on Saturday morning, October 13, to find we'd had a very heavy killing frost overnight when the temperature had dropped to 20 degrees.

I had a big, beautiful late-blooming sunflower in the backyard that was just starting to open up and blossom but the frost killed it. The rest of the leaves are falling quickly from the trees now. We were fortunate though that we didn't get any frost in September as we have in past years.

I did get everything out of our garden with the earlier frost predictions. All except for the beets, that is, and they are fine underground, but plan to can them this week. I did get more tomatoes and pears canned last week and also more applesauce in the freezer.

### Expression of sympathy

An expression of sympathy goes to the family of Constance "Connie" Laymon, 46, who died at her Colonie home on Friday, September 21, 2012. Connie was from the Cherry Valley area, and back in 1984, she suffered a serious spinal cord injury when she fell down the Falls outside of the village.

A celebration of remembrance was held for Connie at the New Comer Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie on Saturday, September 29, with calling hours preceding the service.

An expression of sympathy also goes to the family of Carol Phyllis (Armitstead) Van Evera, 62, of Canajoharie, who died on Wednesday, October 10, after a brief battle with cancer.

A celebration of Carol's life was held at the Canajoharie Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon, October 14. At her

request, she was cremated and will be buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery at the convenience of her family.

### Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthday wishes go out this week to Vernie Proper, Robert Gridley, Dillon Rickard who will be 10 years old, David McCarthy, Bennie Hoke, and Autumn Tripp.

Anniversary wishes go to Dick and June Hansen and Bob and Betty Norton.

### Wedding congratulations

Congratulations to Dustin Graig and Amy Thomas who were married at the Best Western, in Cobleskill, on Friday, October 5. They had a lovely pool-side wedding with a fall scene. A reception was also held there following the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Ron Fralick, of Cherry Valley. After the reception, they also enjoyed twilight bowling there at the Best Western.

Family members from Georgia, Arizona, and Texas flew in for the wedding.

The newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon in the Poconos.

The groom is the son of Ed and Bonnie Graig, of Pleasant Brook. The bride is the daughter of Mark Thomas, of Milford-Oneonta area, and Tom and Lori Edson, of Milford.

### Bits and pieces

Bonnie Graig and her friend and co-worker, Gaffney Armitstead, enjoyed spending ten days in Ireland in late September. Bonnie says they saw the Cliff of Moher, the Blarney Castle, and other interesting sites. They even kissed the Blarney Stone.

Their tour guide told them they sure picked the right time to come as it was the best weather they had had there in three months. Throughout July and August, he said they had 60 days straight of rain.

The ladies enjoyed a wonder-

ful time and Bonnie says she arrived home about a week before her son Dustin's wedding, which was pretty much all planned and taken care of before she left for the trip.

Marion Holmes reports there were only six people at the Roseboom Senior Citizen Club meeting and luncheon at the Roseboom Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 3.

She says their November luncheon will be held at the Red Apple in Cobleskill.

The ladies of the South Valley Women's Club held their meeting at the Community Hall on Thursday, October 4.

They are still looking for a way to get the outside of the Hall painted, but that undoubtedly will be held off until spring now. They were not approved for the prisoners to do the painting because of the distance being too far away. They were told they can only travel 50 miles and the Hall is 74 miles away from Utica. Many years ago when the painting was done, the prisoners came from Camp Summit.

Jackie Hadden, club president, says they did very well with their turkey dinner in September as they served over 120 people.

The next dinner, pot roast, will be held this Saturday, October 20, from 5-7pm at the Community Hall. This is the annual benefit dinner where proceeds go to a needy family or organization. The ladies will make a final decision at their next meeting, but it was already decided that a portion of the proceeds would go to the South Valley Food Pantry.

Jackie says they are undecided yet where the November 1 meeting will be held, but it will probably be at the home of one of the members.

Charley Brodie and his daughter, Jaime Cooper, drove to Brooklyn, Maryland, on Friday, October 5, to visit his oldest daughter, Rachel and Jonathan Harvey, and little Gabriel for the weekend. On Saturday, Charley, Jaime, Rachel, and Gabriel enjoyed attending the Bowie International Festival. Charley and Jaime returned home late Sunday night.

Following regular morning worship services at the Little Falls First Baptist Church on Sunday, October 7, Elliot Brodie attended "Soup De Jour" in the church fellowship hall that afternoon.

Leland and Pat Mabie and Mark and Debbie Anderson and daughter, Annie, were dinner guests of Tom and Kelly Mabie and family one evening last week as they celebrated Kevin Mabie's birthday.

Frank Brodie attended the Schoharie County Maple Festival meeting at the Cooperative Extension offices in Cobleskill on Tuesday night, October 8. Approximately seven members attended the meeting.

Charley Brodie rode along with Joanne Thompson as she took Thelma Coleman to the Albany Airport on Tuesday, October 9. Before going to the airport, Thelma treated them to dinner at the Golden Corral.

Charley was over to visit Dad and me on Wednesday afternoon, October 10.

You can reach me at (607) 264-3225 with any news you wish to share for this area. Have a great week.

## Gilboa



**By Dorothy Pickett**

After a heavy frost hit Flat Creek Friday night by Saturday morning the sun was shining brightly and the temperature started climbing from the low 20's to the 40's by 11:30am.

We had four visitors at the feeders early Saturday morning.

Four of the biggest, fattest raccoons were happily enjoying the seed.

One laid in the crotch of the tree holding onto the sunflower feeder. He was like a vacuum cleaner and just woofed it all down. The other three were eating seed on the ground.

The big feeder was opened at the top and the seed was gone.

Having just filled them Friday morning I guess I should have known better than to leave them out.

I am glad I put all the mums in the garage for the night and covered up the rose bushes. The roses have bloomed very late this year and they have been absolutely stunning.

Although not fully recovered yet, Vern is feeling better these days after a severe bout of vertigo. Thanks to all of you for your beautiful get well cards. They brought a smile to his face even though he was not feeling the best.

### Birthday greetings

October 19, Lester Parker; 20, Nate Spillane. Both of you, enjoy your special day.

Wednesday night the Gilboa Town Board met for a special meeting to review the town budget and any other business that came before the board.

Norma Coney's cousin Dave Semon and his love Kathy

Jensen from Freeport, Maine stayed with Norma and Denny for a week's visit.

Dave is a builder and when he visits he occasionally helps Norma and Denny who have been restoring their home on Guinea Road.

The men did some more work on the kitchen. Sunday Norma and Denny took them to the Gilboa Museum to view the new fossils and exhibits. They greatly enjoyed that.

Norma said as they pulled into the museum a bald eagle flew over the car which was about 10 feet above them. What a site that was.

Thanks go to Connie Ruehle for volunteering and keeping the Museum open on Columbus Day.

After visiting the Museum they took a walk along Stryker Road. Nora says they were all amazed by the flood damage, and yet they were more impressed by our beautiful museum and its fossils.

Before Dave and Kathy left for home they loaded up on potted Hostas and several clumps of daylilies from the Coney's gardens.

Sunday afternoon our daughter Debbie drove up from Binghamton. Diane and Chuck came over from Grand Gorge and we all enjoyed dinner at our house in honor of Debbie's birthday.

We ended dinner with a birthday cake for dessert.

After dinner the girls helped us put all the deck furniture away for the winter. The only thing left to do is to store the awning up against the house.

We hope to get that accom-

plished this week. It could not have been a better day as it was warm and sunny.

Lou and Rosemary arrived back home in Weeki Wachee after enjoying five beautiful days in upstate New York. As they drove down the street from the airport in their backyard was a welcoming committee. Mama pig and her babies.

The next morning Lou checked the backyard and it was all dug up as was the front yard from the Armadillo.

Needless to say they had a lot of yard work to do. The next afternoon it was off to the gator pond and there crossing the road in front of their car was a Rattlesnake.

That one got away but the next one did not. Henry the Gopher decided to show up so Harmon and Jake were sent out to take care of him. As they past the Gator Pond a few days later they saw Gary the Gator with his friend Mikey D. So now the boys are back once more. Lou says the weather has cooled off some what.

It goes down in the 60's at night and it seems so good. They are still swimming in the eighty-two degree pool everyday.

### Upcoming events

October 17, 7pm Chuck D'Imperio will do a presentation at the Gilboa Historical Society meeting.

October 18, noon, Conesville Mountain Top Seniors covered dish lunch. Please bring a dish to pass.

October 23, 9am Conesville Mountain Top Seniors Breakfast at Vern's Restaurant in Davenport.

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## Richmondville



**By Rebecca Bilby**

### Empty Bowls

The second annual Empty Bowls will take place at the Cobleskill Best Western. Proceeds will go to support Schoharie County Food Pantries and the Butterfly Cafe.

The Studio for Art and Craft, Main St. Cobleskill has bowls to be painted and donated for \$5.

On Sunday, November 18 beginning at 11am and continuing until 2pm, local restaurants will have soup lunch and a bowl of your choice to buy. For more information call 296-8122.

### Richmondville United Methodist Church

Sunday October 21 the Richmondville United Methodist Church morning worship will be conducted by Rev. Zaccaro beginning at 11am.

Sunday, October 28, beginning at 11am the morning worship will be "Woven and Spun," an exciting five member contemporary praise team from Syracuse New York. A light lunch will be served following the service.

The Richmondville United Methodist Women are selling birthday calendars. If anyone would like to order one and/or have names printed, contact Joan Warner at 294-7191. Calendars are \$5 each, 15 cents per name.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Sylvia Letteron, director of music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, was honored at a reception following the morning worship on Sunday October 14. Mrs. Letteron has served as director of music at St. Paul's

for the past 25 years.

The weekly adult Bible study Class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church meets every Thursday at 10:30am at the Church. All are invited.

The annual smorgasbord and harvest sale of St. Paul's Lutheran Church is Saturday, October 20. The harvest sale will begin at 3:30 and continue until 6:30pm.

The Smorgasbord will be available 4:30-6:30. Take-outs are available. Children under the age of 5 are free.

Children and adults of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will gather for study Sunday, October 21 beginning 9:30 am

The congregation and friends of St. Paul's will gather for a service of Holy Communion Sunday, October 21 beginning at 11am.

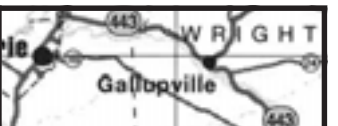
A fellowship time will precede the worship service.

The Rev. Jonathan Litzner Pastor of St. Paul's may be contacted anytime at 212-7576.

There will be pumpkin carving at the fire house on Saturday, October 20 from 10am-noon. Pumpkins and carving tools will be supplied. Refreshments will be served

Anyone with Richmondville news, contact Rebecca Bilby at rabilly4@yahoo.com.

## Gallupville



**By Kirsten Sanchirico**

The Gallupville Volunteer Fire Department annual turkey supper is this weekend Saturday, October 20 at the fire house.

The Canasta Club played on October 9 at Cathy Bogardus' house.

Players present were Jackie Diegel, Ramona Tryon, Kay Butt, Liz Tobiassen, Carol McMichael, Bev. Bradt, Cindy Dolon, Dottie Ottman, Laura Westfall and Ruth Snyder.

The winners were Ramona Tryon, Liz Tobiassen, Bev Bradt, Dottie Ottman and Ruth Snyder. The next game will be played at Jackie Diegel's.

Shirley Sturn from the Town of Wright sends out a thank you to everyone for their prayers and visits throughout her re-

covery following knee surgery.

Happy birthday in October to Cassie Warbach, Warren Burton, John Andrew Sanchirico, Bannon Moore, Jessica Jennings, Heather Alterwisher, Al Schagor, Susan, Treis, Rosemary MacEsler, Samuel Kendle, Kevin Townsend, Jack Gaydusk III, Gary Albright, Ernst Boedner, Kate Hahn, Graham Savio, Ray Schafer, Jim Cole, Cecelia Sanchirico, Calvin Keyser, Vicki Kendle, Rhia Warbach, Vicki Kendle, John Gurr, Valarie Kendle, Tina Chapman, Angelina Adamovich.

Happy anniversary in October to Jean and Alex Luniewski; Joyce and Michael Calban and Sam and Gail Skinner.

The Town of Wright Town Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Town Municipal Building.

To submit items to be included in these columns call Kirsten at 872-7031 or mail to: PO Box 133, Gallupville NY 12073.

To have a local event posted on the Gallupville Welcome Sign call 872-7031 or email sanchirico2002@yahoo.com.

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## Worcester



**By Sarah Schrom**

I am happy to report that I am home and doing well after my back surgery.

Thank you very much for the phone calls, cards, and well wishes. I truly appreciate them.

My poor husband had to write the column up for me this past week as I dictated it by phone.

My iPad decided to die on me when I needed it most and the hospital didn't exactly offer free computers for patient use.

Fortunately, I was able to at least get the column in on time with the help of my husband. I have to make up for it this week though now that I am home.

I guess we must be having an Indian Summer now.

Of course it comes right after a hard freeze that abruptly ended our growing season here and killed off the last of my garden. It seems like the weather just can't make up its mind.

My children informed me that they saw a few snowflakes in Worcester this past Friday, so enjoy this warm snap while it lasts because winter is just around the corner.

There will be a flu shot clinic on November 14 from 4-6pm at the Worcester American Legion on North Church Street.

Seniors, please bring your Medicare card with you as there will be no charge.

For anyone who does not have Medicare, the charge is \$25, but you will receive a receipt to send to your insurance company for reimbursement. The minimum age requirement is 19.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Otsego County Public Health Nurse Service.

Sue Miller will be presenting, "The Cherry Valley Massacre," as the October presentation at the Worcester Historical Society, held on Thursday, October 25, at 7pm at the Historical Society on 144 Main Street in Worcester. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Friends of the Worcester Free Library are planning a celebratory open house to honor National Friends of the Library Week on Saturday, October 27.

Everyone is invited to come to the library from noon-2pm.

Refreshments of cider, coffee and home baked treats will be available. Come in to meet the

new WFL Librarian, Donna Jo Cody, and to catch up on all the good things happening at your local Library.

The Friends will be sponsoring a raffle for a new eReader (first prize), a \$20 gift certificate to the Green Toad Book Store (second prize) and a library tote bag (third prize).

Visit the library during regular hours from October 23-27 to get a free raffle ticket (one per person per day).

The drawing is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday, October 27 and you do not have to be present to win.

There will also be a raffle of 12 inflatable globes available to children visiting the Library.

Attention Worcester, East Worcester, Schenevus, Decatur, and Westford Residents...A Christmas time arts and crafts sales opportunity to sell your locally hand-made arts, crafts, or baked goods to Christmastime shoppers and travelers is being offered in the Route 7 window displays and retail space. The cost is a donation to local food banks or a financial donation to a local fire department.

The sign-up deadline is Thursday, November 1.

To sign up, call Erin or Jacqui at (607) 397-8259, Monday through Friday, 9am-noon.

St. Joseph's is having a rummage sale on Saturday, October 20 from 9am-3pm. Drop-off is in their shed.

Anyone who is interested in helping set up, contact Cheryl Jory at (607) 638-5613.

The first annual cake competition/auction will be held on Sunday, October 21, at noon. Contact Lucy Fernandez at (607) 638-5486.

CPR Certification Class for ages 18 and older is being held on Saturday, October 27, from noon-4pm. If you have a valid CPR card, send a copy to the rectory.

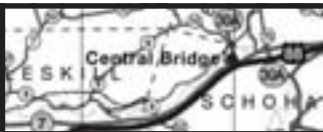
Volunteers are needed to help clean the church. Call Chris Gartung to volunteer at (607) 397-8131.

Reconciliation is held the first Saturday of every month from 3-3:30. Contact Cheryl Jory at (607) 638-5613 to register for Faith Formation.

Contact me if you would like something added to this column.

I can be reached by phone at (607) 878-9035 or email at brightstarfarm09@aol.com. Have a wonderful week.

## Central Bridge



**By Janice Wilkens**

**Birthdays**  
Best wishes to all celebrating anniversaries this week.

Happy birthday to Caye Perrotti, Doris Luniewski, Cheryl Mead and Renee Stalker on October 18, Bill Stewart on October 19, Rachel Karker, Linda Klingbeil, Nick Lindecke, Courtney Rutherford and our grandson Tre' Christian turning nine years old on October 20, Samantha Pol-

lard on October 21, Carolyn McBain and Greta Ann Schweigard turning four years old on October 22 and Richard Sweet and Dave Zehrhuhs on October 23.

On Saturday morning I drove Chris to the Schenectady Amtrak station, where he got on the train to visit his friend Mike and his mother Ada Genta in New York City.

It must be nearly 20 years since he has done that. While

## Broome



**By Ruth Yung**

After we had that killing frost we have had some nice days to be able to work outside here and there.

Finally I have received all my new lily bulbs, and Sunday was able to get all but five planted. I should be able to get those in tomorrow.

The new bed is down at the end of the lawn, and I picked colors that I thought would catch one's eye as they go by.

It was unbelievable how fast those weeds grew. Had to rake them out as they are so small it is difficult to pull them.

The colors in that bed will be strawberry red, buff peach, a double pink, bright orange, dusty pink, a yellow green, in the spaces along the front deck I put a black red, bright yellow with a black center, and a deep orange, then to fill the spots where I had dug the bulbs for our son, Joe, I have put all fragrant ones with pink, a pink/lavender, a medium pink and a black/red.

I had bought one of those bulb hole diggers that work with the drill. That sure is nice, saved a lot of time and wear on the back. With the large bulbs I just made two holes together. These bulbs come from Washington State.

Wayne's plans to get the garlic planted went to pot, so soon as I get the rest of the bulbs planted, I will start with making the rows for the garlic.

The rains and showers have put a stop to the plans a lot of folks had.

I've got two pounds of garlic to plant. That is quite a few cloves, believe me. I still have two flower beds to clear and treat for winter, as well as the shrub berry bushes, Jostaberry, gooseberry, and current.

It is hard to squeeze that work in when one has to go here and there to either see the doctors or have some kind of tests done.

Our schnauzer, Nikkie, has been having the worst bad breath, plus I cannot get his teeth so they look decent by brushing and such. So Monday is a trip to vet for blood work, then if that is okay, tooth surgery on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Nikkie will be 13 Christmas Day, so he is getting up there in his years.

He acts well, and continues to steal somebody else's food if he can. He does sleep a tad more, but we do also. In human years, he would be 91, that's getting on up there.

Folks, I don't know what I did last week, but I had a column done and thought I had sent it in. It was getting late, so I am thinking I didn't do something right.

One item I can think of is that the white goods and tire day will be this Saturday, 8-11am and tires are limited to five, with no cost. They must be off the rims, and you may bring an extra maximum of five at \$5 each.

The town board meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm as usual with a public hearing on the budget set at 7:15pm. Planning Board is the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. All meetings

he was away, I managed to purge a lot of things I no longer need and filled three 13 gallon garbage bags.

I can only hope I don't have to wait another 20 years to do another "clean sweep."

On Sunday morning I baked an apple pie (I make the best pie crust) and put a beef stew in the crockpot which I brought to Rotterdam to share with Christin, Matt, Tre' and Erica after I picked Chris up in the evening.

**United Methodist Church**

Friday, October 19 Soup and Sandwich Supper for a minimum charge will be served from 5-6:30pm. Café Bridge follows beginning at 6:30 featuring a variety of acoustical music and great desserts.

Interested in performing? Contact Roger Shafer at 868-2589 or Dee Meese at 231-0993. Everyone is invited.

Come and worship with us every Sunday at 11am. Laity Sunday will be celebrated on October 21.

Anyone who enjoys the coffee klatch services and Café Bridge will benefit from our new card tables. This purchase will enhance these activities and avoid everyone transporting their own tables from home each time.

An "Adopt a Card table" effort is underway to cover the cost. Please see Pastor Brenda if you are interested being part of this program.

Shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse are again being collected. This program provides Christmas gifts to children in remote areas and can include small items of clothing, toys, and personal items for the child. Donations for shipping the shoe boxes are also needed. For specific information, contact Lavina Mulbury.

United Methodist Women's group is sponsoring a project to support the Orphan Village in Lesoto, South Africa. Items requested include new clothes, blankets, flannel throws and vegetable seeds.

There are approximately 100 children in this orphanage and various donations help the village to be self-sufficient. This is an annual project for the UMW and the entire church is asked to participate this year.

A suitcase is in the sanctuary for the collection of items.

All are welcome to join our Wednesday morning Bible study group at 10:30am in the pastor's office. Call Pastor Brenda Tompkins for further information.

Choir rehearsals are scheduled for 10:15am on Sunday mornings. Choir will sing on the fourth Sunday of each month. Anyone who enjoys singing is encouraged to join.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

Wednesday, October 17, worship service at 2pm with Sacrament of Holy Communion, intinction.

Thursday, October 18 Foot-hills Conference Ministerium at St. Mark's St. John's in Canajoharie.

October 21, fellowship half hour at 9:30am with Linda Klingbeil as hostess, Sunday school and worship at 10am with Pastor Steffen A. Zehrhuhs.

Serving as ushers, Denny Tilison and Walt Mau.

Collections from the coin jar will be donated to the Schoharie Fire Department. Confirmation class at 11am. Special offering during October will be for Operation Christmas Child.

Reformation Sunday on October 28 - receive new church members and recognize long-term members with reception.

2012 sign up sheets are in the back of the church for bulletins, CELEBRATE (\$20 a month for each) bread for Holy Communion, fellowship half hour and altar flowers.

**Halloween**

The Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center will host "Halloween Event" on October 27. For more information, call (800) 724-0309.

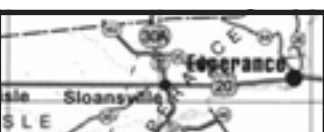
**Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors' Center**

The Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors' Center will host "Energy Awareness Month" on October 1-31. For more information, call (800) 724-0309.

**Got News?**

You can read about your news in this space. Write to me with your news or community events addressed to 3693 State Route 7, Howes Cave, drop it by or e-mail with the subject of "Central Bridge news" to Wwilkinsjan@aol.com.

## Esperance



**By Patty Gordon Fagan**

Happy birthday to our daughter, Darcy Fagan Leyton, on October 18.

Calling all Ghosts and Gobins to the Duanesburg Area Community Center's Haunted Cove. Enjoy an evening of scary costumes, face painting, prizes and games while Clear Choice DJ Service spins your favorite tunes.

The event will be October 26 from 6:30-8:30pm for ages 8-12 (Ages 5-7 are welcome with parental supervision). There is a slight charge.

Once again this year Schoharie Valley Gospel Church and Cornerstone Christian Academy will be helping Operation Christmas Child by putting together shoe box gifts on Friday, October 26.

If you would like to help or donate items, please call the church office at 868-2268.

Small, non-breakable, new items are needed, especially toothpaste, soap and small toys for boys.

Also, keep in mind the monthly community dinner at the church which will be on Saturday, October 27.

There will not be a dinner in November and December due to the holidays.

The church is located on Sprakers Road in Sloansville. P.S. A thank you for all those who made their rummage sale a great success! Part of the proceeds will help a family in the area recovering from a car accident.

Saturday, October 27 from 7-8:30pm, Halloween Owl Prowl at the Landis Arboretum. Join us for our annual prowling of the Arboretum's woods listening for owls.

We'll start in the meeting house with a talk on owls and their behavior.

Then it's into the woods to listen for and look at owls, including, hopefully, the great-horned, the Eastern Screech or the barred.

In celebration of their newly released book "Remembering the Town of Duanesburg" volume 3, and in recognition of their community's authors, the Duanesburg Historical Society invites us to Meet the Authors at the Quaker Street Library

on October 20 from 1-3pm.

This special event is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

News from the Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church:

On Sunday mornings at 11am during church worship, they offer Superkid Academy Sunday School.

At 9:30am, they offer two adult Sunday School programs. In Tiffany Hall is a Bible study led by Ken Jones. In the upstairs lobby outside the sanctuary is a study using videos of study of the Holy Land with Ray Vanderlaan.

On Thursday mornings at 10:30am at Vicky Stoodley's home is a Bible study of the Gospel of Mark.

**News from Our Lady of Fatima Church in Delanson**

There are a few seats left on the Our Lady of Fatima bus trip to the Auriesville Shrine scheduled for Sunday, October 21 to coincide with the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha.

This has been opened to neighboring communities. If you want a seat, you must contact Angela Caraher at 875-6577 as soon as possible. Bus leaves from the Church parking lot at 10:30am and returns at 5:30pm. Bring a lunch. They must have your payment to hold your seat.

Thoroughly enjoyed our weekend.

Celebrated Jay's birthday with family. Weather hasn't been wonderful, but as we all know, it is going to get worse before it gets better.

Always hate to see the end of the growing season. Have so many more things I want to preserve, and never seem to get them all done.

Looks like we will have a few "warmer days," so I guess we will all have to put our summer things away and prepare for the weather ahead.

News? Call me at 875-6713; send to Patty Gordon Fagan, 115 Mountain Road, Esperance, 12066 or e-mail me at paf11@juno.com.

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## Sharon Springs



**By Cindy Oppici**

Hi! I don't know what happened last week, I sent my article but they were unable to open it. You have to love technology, it's great when it is working and bad when it isn't.

All in all the weather hasn't been too bad; I am still hoping for an Indian summer.

I hope a lot of you were able to attend the open house at the fire department, but if you weren't make sure to still think about all the safety issues this time of year and to implement procedures in case of fire and to make sure that your heating systems are working properly.

Enjoy your week and let me know if there is anything that you would like me to print in my article. 518-657-1478.

### School news

I hope you adults are taking advantage of volleyball on Sundays in the old gym, 7-9pm.

Morning program held on days 2 and 6 starting at 8:30pm, either in the old gym or the auditorium depending on what they have going on that morning.

All community members are welcome to attend, just make sure to stop off at the front desk and get a visitor's pass.

The fourth grade classes will be on a field trip to the Iroquois Museum today, October 17. This should be both a fun and educational trip for these students.

The girl's and boy's varsity soccer teams will play at Fort Plain on Wednesday, October 17. The games will begin at 4:15pm.

On Friday, October 19, the girl's varsity will play at Canajoharie at 4:15pm and the boy's varsity will play at Canajoharie at 7pm.

This is also picture day for soccer, so don't forget; they will do this right after school.

On Saturday, October 20 the boy's and girl's modified will play Middleburgh at home starting at 10am. On Monday, October 22, the boy's and girl's modified will travel to St. Johnsville; the boy's modified

will play at 5pm and the girl's modified will play at 6:30pm.

The annual Harvest Pork Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 18. They will begin serving at 5pm in the old gym. Sit down and take-outs will be available.

Make sure to dress up nice for picture day! School pictures will be taken on Friday, October 19. Students should have packets that they have brought home with all the prices and packages available. Pictures are a memory that is worth purchasing and they also make great gifts.

On Wednesday, October 24 students that are in the Music Department will be taking a trip to Proctor's Theatre. These students will be gone all day.

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 24-26. It will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 8am until 3pm; Friday from 8am until 2:30pm.

There will also be a family event on Thursday from 3-4:30pm for anyone that would like to come and purchase items.

There will be books, educational materials, and other fun items. It won't be long before the holidays begin and now is a great time to start purchasing those gifts. Books and other reading materials are a great gift for those readers on your list.

There is academic help available for all students Monday through Friday in the library from 3-4pm. There will be a teacher available to help students and they will also have access to the computers and the Internet.

With the first part of the school year half over this is the time to get the help you may need before you get behind.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, October 29 in the school library beginning at 7:30pm. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

**Sharon Springs free library** Story Time is held at the li-

brary the first and third Friday of the month at 10am. There are stories, songs, nursery rhymes and crafts for preschoolers. Parents or caregivers are asked to be active participants and enjoy the time as well.

Free downloads of eBooks are now available through the Mohawk Valley Library System libraries.

All you need is a library card and a device to download them. Go to <http://mvls.lib.overdrive.com> to get started.

The library currently has a pre-loaded NOOK available for adult patrons to borrow.

If any students are interested in getting homework help at the library then can call 284-3126.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday for the week of October 18 through October 24: Rob Paige, Pam Whittaker, Phyllis Edwards, Tiffany VanArsdale, Nancy Pfau, Aniyah Blanchard - 18<sup>th</sup>; John Judd, George Fletcher, Wayde Whittaker, Jonathan Neale - 20<sup>th</sup>; Maureen Lodes, Kenyon R. Parsons, Karen All - 21<sup>st</sup>; Sandra Manko, Joan Fitzpatrick, Matthew Islip, Kerry O'Connor - 22<sup>nd</sup>; David Becker, Paul Larkin, Darienne Roberts - 23<sup>rd</sup>; Jason Leppig, Daniel Schilde, Jeffrey Johnson, John C. Wolfe, Carl Seegers, Stephen Crewell - 24<sup>th</sup>. Have a super fun-filled day with family and friends!

### Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to Vernon and Dayle Kennedy on October 18; Carl and Helen Roberts on October 19; Kevin and Ardyth Kutzschner and Tim and Joleen Cechnicki on October 20; James R. and Christina Hazzard on October 21; Daryl and Linda Bartlett and Richard and Bobbi Jo Kendle on October 22.

### Community news

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church will be holding a Rummage Sale on October 19-20 from 9am until 2pm on Friday and 9am until noon on Saturday. There will be a bag sale on Saturday from noon until 2pm. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday.

## Summit



**By Karen Cuccinello**

Some snow and a morning in the 20's, burr, winter here we come. But then of course the temperatures were in the mid 60's the next day, crazy.

I met Peter Martin, of Fly Creek, at our Old Summit Cemetery clean up back in May. He said he was related to the Peter O'Dell family and had some memorabilia of his to give to me as town historian. Well, he did call and I met him in Sharon Springs the other day.

He gave me Peter L. O'Dell's Loving Cup (it's a very large trophy cup) that was presented to him by the Working Lodge Jefferson Masons in 1926 after his 60 years affiliation with the organization and a unique cane that was presented to him in 1918 (perhaps for his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday).

He also gave me a picture of the Peter's from about 1933 when the younger Peter was about 10 years old.

Peter O'Dell died in 1935 so ended up being a Mason for almost 70 years.

I had read a few articles about him receiving the cup as the testimonial took place at the Lakeview House in Summit.

I never thought in a million years that I would ever actually see the cup.

Andrew "AJ" and Matthew Jackson, Mackenzie Bamberger, and Bryin Cuccinello of Cub Scout Pack 15 had a great time at the Otchodela Camporee in Cooperstown last Saturday.

Thanks to Fran Jackson for bringing Bryin with her boys.

We had planned to eat at the Warnerville Methodist Church for their turkey dinner but ended up on an ambulance call and had to get the dinner-to-go. Very good dinner! While ordering the dinner I had a brief chat with Reverend Zaccaro.

The Show & Tell and Taste event that took place in Stamford last Sunday went very well. About 30 people attended and brought interesting artifacts. People tried to figure out what some of the artifacts were but some are still unknown as to their intended use.

My favorite was the bone grinder that Ingrid Zeman of Jefferson brought in. After an animal like a bull was slaughtered they used to grind up the bones to use as fertilizer. No one in the audience could guess what it was and even the owner was not sure if the grinding took place with cooked or raw bones.

October 17 - SCARSA - CME at the Charlottesville Firehouse at 7pm. Topic: How to handle a possible rape situation. All rescue squad members invited.

October 18 - Summit Town Board meeting at 7pm.

October 19 - C-RCS Girls Varsity and JV Soccer and JV/Varsity Volleyball versus Voorheesville at 6:30 and 4:30pm.

October 19 (Rain date October 22) - 7<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey

Trot at C-RCS Radez school at 12:30. All family members of students are welcome. This event also sponsors a food drive to help fill local food pantries, so please bring a food item if you attend.

October 19 - Savvy Seniors: Free Lunch and Learn Series - What's an Audiologist? Can You Hear Me Now? From 11:30am-1pm at Cobleskill Regional Hospital. Call 518-254-3318 to make reservations.

October 20 - Summit Farmers Market at the Firehouse Pavilion 8-11am. Last Saturday was oh so cold but three vendors were there.

October 20 - Summit Methodist Church Food Pantry is open from 10-11am.

October 21 - Schoharie Jeep Club Breakfast at Sharon Springs Firehouse from 8am until gone. All you can eat.

October 22 - C-RCS girls and boys modified volleyball versus Voorheesville at 4:30pm, boys modified football versus Canajoharie at 4:30pm and girls modified soccer versus Voorheesville at 4:30pm.

October 26 - Sharon Springs is hosting its first ever Zombie walk! Zombies report at 7:30pm to the American Hotel then the Lantern Ghost Tour begins at 8pm. Contact Heidi Meka at the American Hotel to reserve your spot 284-2105.

Schoharie County Historical Society annual meeting and volunteer appreciation reception at 6:30pm in the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church.

October 27 - Halloween Costume Party at Gilboa-Blenheim Power Authority 12-2pm.

October 27 - Halloween Talent Show/Costume Party at Robinson Terrace in Stamford from 1:30-4pm. If you would like to be in the talent show contact [knoxzhima@yahoo.com](mailto:knoxzhima@yahoo.com) before October 20.

October 28 - Kids Halloween Party at the Summit Firehouse from 2-4pm.

October 29 - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Challenge Re-Certification class will be held at the Warnerville United Methodist Church at 7pm due to the generosity of the church allowing SCARSA to use their church hall.

October 30 - Schoharie County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in Albany, NY will be holding a Winter SKYWARN training class (weather spotters) at the MOSA Administrative Building, 2783 State Route 7, Cobleskill 7-9pm. This class is for beginners or anybody that has a general interest in weather. The class is free and open to everyone (no age requirements or previous training). We cover the basics of winter weather hazards, winter weather terminology, etc., while training you on how to report winter weather to the National Weather Service. Help keep your community, your family and yourself safe when winter weather strikes. To register, sign up at <http://www.nws.gov>

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### Jefferson

The Jefferson Historical Society has a 2013 fundraiser calendar available.

October 17 - Jefferson Girls Modified Soccer versus Hunter-Tannersville at 4:15pm.

October 19 - Jefferson Superintendents Conference, No school for students K-12.

### Fulton

The Town of Fulton passed Local Law No. 1-2012 to impose a moratorium on Heavy Industrial Uses.

October 24 - Middleburgh Board of Education meeting 7pm in the HS/MS Library.

### Charlotteville

October 18 - C-VCS Boys Modified Soccer versus Schenevus at 4:15pm and Elementary Science fair at 6pm.

October 19 - C-VCS Superintendents Conference Day.

October 19-21 - The play "Once Upon a Time in New Jersey" at C-VCS, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and the 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.

October 20 - C-VCS Boys Modified Soccer versus Windham-Ashland-Jewett at 10am.

October 21 - Charlotteville Schoolhouse breakfast from 8:30-11am. This is the last schoolhouse breakfast of the year.

## Warnerville



**By Violet O'Dell**

**Warnerville United Methodist Church**

Sunday service for October 21 begins at 9:30am with Lay Leader Maxine Christman.

A very appreciative thank you goes to every one person who helped to make Warnerville's turkey supper a success.

### October birthdays

Erik VanDycke, Jill Watson, Mary Mags Watson, Elizabeth Garreau, Sheena Gorton, John O'Dell and Donna O'Dell.

### October anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gorton, Jr. celebrating 23 years together.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clapper also celebrate their anniversary this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Garreau also celebrating their anniversary.

### Get well wishes

Get well wishes go out to Wilma Petersen who injured herself by falling down.

Get well wishes go out to Elsie Rogers who has also fallen down injuring herself and to Dorothy Garreau, who was taken to Cooperstown Hospital on Friday, October 12 by ambulance for abdominal pain.

### Thank you

Lonnie O'Dell wishes to thank everyone who helped work on the church roof, steeple, kitchen repairs and painting the kitchen.

Thank you to Sue Stevens who made curtains for the kitchen windows. All your work was greatly appreciated.

On November 3, the Warnerville United Methodist Women will be holding its annual holiday/fall bazaar.

There will be a bake sale, a craft sale and luncheon.

### Welcome

The Warnerville Church welcomes SCARSA to their church hall for classes and training. We hope this plan works out for everyone.

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With help from his son Colton, Tim Sisson works on the roof of a dugout at Cobleskill's Little League field on Saturday. The Sissons were among several who were volunteering to rehab the field and dugouts.

## New look for diamond

### Volunteers tackle Little League field

Cobleskill's Little League field is getting a makeover for next season.

Volunteers Saturday were continuing work on new dugouts, while SUNY Cobleskill turf students were revamping the infield. The college students earned course credit for the work.

Funds for materials came from the league's own fundraising efforts, according to spokesman Steve Winegard, who added that they still need help.

"Our ultimate goal is to replace the batting cage," Mr. Winegard said. "We have goals. We just need the money."

Anyone who would like to contribute can contact Mr. Winegard or Andre Nadeau.



Students from SUNY Cobleskill's turf classes work on Cobleskill's Little League field on Saturday. They were helping out as part of their course work.

## C-R okays sectional policy

By Jim Poole

Not every Cobleskill-Richmondville athletic team will be eligible to play in sectional playoffs any more.

The school board Monday night adopted a policy requiring teams to have a regular season record "near or above" an even win-loss mark before advancing to playoffs.

Athletic Director Dale Wotherspoon wrote the policy. He sought to keep teams with poor records from advancing to sectionals, where they'd likely lose badly in a first game.

Those game trips, Coach Wotherspoon said in an interview last week, cost as much as \$500 for a bus, driver and fuel.

He said Monday night that he wanted the policy "firm but flexible" to allow for unusual circumstances for a team un-

der .500.

Examples might be a team whose star player missed the first half of a season or a team that's very competitive in the difficult Colonial Council.

Board member Russ Smith, a former C-R cross country coach, spoke against the policy. He argued that in many cases, teams with poor records should have the right to advance to playoffs.

Team coaches and players should decide, he added.

"This is high school," responded board member Melissa Bartlett. "It's no longer Little League and everybody gets a participation trophy. You win games, you go to sectionals. It's a privilege."

"If everyone goes, it's nothing."

But Mr. Smith pointed to in-

**"This is high school. It's no longer Little League and everybody gets a participation trophy. You win games, you go to sectionals."**

—Melissa Bartlett

stances where poor teams did play surprisingly well.

"You're killing Cinderella," Mr. Smith said, referring to a poor team that finds magic in playoffs.

"You rarely see a 3-20 team do that," answered Coach Wotherspoon. "Usually a team like that is close to .500, and this policy allows for that."

Endorsing the policy, board member Jeff Foote said the "near" .500 clause eliminates a

1-17 team from advancing but still leaves the door open for a team closer to .500.

Still objecting, Mr. Smith said the present system was working.

"It sounds like you're fixing something that doesn't need fixing," he said.

Only Mr. Smith voted against the policy. Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Foote, President Bruce Tryon, Steve Philbrick, Dan Schulte and Maureen Nicholas voted in favor.

## Spa seeks solutions for water

By Patsy Nicosia

Representatives from the Village of Sharon Springs sat down with experts and old-timers Friday to try to find some answers to its water problem.

Because water in the reservoir is so discolored and thick with organic matter that it's overloading the filters—an apparent consequence of the dry summer—the village switched to its deep water well a few weeks ago.

Though the well water is safe, it's extremely hard and is in effect scouring out the inside of the pipes, leaving rust deposits on laundry and turning drinking water yellow and even black.

Deputy Mayor Doug Plummer and Trustee Margi Neary along with Water Superintendent Pete Andrews, employee Gary Slater, Schoharie County Department of Health's Carl Christman, former Mayor Elliott Adams, and former superintendent George Slater hashed out causes—and possible solutions—to the on-again, off-again problem.

Mr. Plummer pointed out the problem is especially hard to take this year, when the village has switched to water meters and people don't want to let their water run to clear it.

"The fact that it comes and goes catches us all off guard," he said. "You can't blame people [for being upset] when their water is chocolate-colored. It's a little unnerving—even if it's safe to drink."

"There are just certain times of year you can't use the reservoir," George Slater said.

But at the same time, he suggested some maintenance practices—including flushing

the raw water line and valves below the reservoir a couple of times a year—that have been forgotten since he retired.

The consensus was that the longer the well is used over time, the harder it gets, leaving Mr. Adams to point out the obvious: The village needs to find a way to limit the time it's on the well.

George Slater said he used to blend water from the reservoir and the pond that the village also uses as a water supply; adding pipes so they could blend the water before it before it's filtered is one idea the group came up with as a relatively easy and inexpensive first step.

How did Mr. Slater know when he had the blend right? "When the phone stopped ringing," he said to laughter.

Another possible solution is running the existing filters in a series so the water is filtered twice.

"That's a good idea," Mr. Christman said, "especially if it gets you through the tough times."

The group also discussed the possibility of dredging the reservoir to remove an estimated five-foot or more of "gunk", but that's likely to be extremely expensive; Mr. Adams suggested they keep it in mind as a more long-term solution and one they may want to start setting aside money for.

Also likely to be too expensive—even if it worked—would be "softening" the well water, and along with the cost of dredging, the village agreed to get a figure on what it would cost.

"We don't want to be here next year," Mr. Plummer said. "We need to take care of this for once and for all."

## Sharon public to speak on school's future

By Patsy Nicosia

Sharon Springs Central School wants to know where it's going.

To that end, it's putting together a community meeting for Thursday, November 29, at 7pm and everyone's invited.

The meeting comes at the instigation of school board member Paul Larkin, who suggested it as a way to help "steer" the district in a time of declining enrollment statewide.

"Where are we headed? What do you need more of? Less? Those are the kinds of questions we should be asking," Mr. Larkin said.

Richfield Springs held a similar meeting earlier this year, he said, one that was facilitated by

BOCES.

"We don't want that," he said, suggesting board President Jim MacFadden for the role at Sharon's meeting.

"Everything run by BOCES ends up smelling of merger. It should be a topic here—but not the only topic. This should be wide open...Let's see what people have to say."

Board members and a small audience tossed around ideas for getting a strong turnout at the meeting.

Refreshments and kids' activities were suggested as possible "draws;" the school will also reach out to community groups and leaders and to students as well.

"We may end up just as we are," said Mr. Larkin. "But if we don't ask, we won't know."



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## High marks for Spa iPads

By Patsy Nicosia

If you want to know how the iPads are working out, ask the kids.

That's what the Sharon Springs Board of Education did Monday.

And the kids' consensus? Frustrating at times and there's a steep learning curve, but on the whole, well.

SSCS kicked off the school year by handing out iPad3s to all 150 7-12 students.

The tablets are intended to, in part, replace textbooks; teachers and students are also using them to do things like creating video projects and for online research.

A group of seniors were at Monday's school board meeting to get permission for their class trip.

When they were done, school board members turned the tables and asked them how the iPads were working out.

By far, the biggest com-

plaints were over My Big Campus, a social networking site that lets teachers post assignments and topics for online classroom discussions.

My Big Campus puts more responsibility on students' shoulders, suggested teacher Sally Lauzon, who pointed out most colleges rely on similar networks.

All the seniors knew was that they don't like it.

More frustrating, they said, is when the browser—which lets them online—won't load or freezes.

Business Manager Tony DiPace said that problem is a consequence of filtering the browser—not the browser itself—and the school is moving to a different browser, which will still have to be filtered.

Senior Tanner Brown pointed out most textbooks need Flash, a program that adds animation, to load—something that can't be used on

iPads.

"We understand that there are glitches to be worked out," he said, "especially since it's the first year."

Rachel Green, who attends VoTech, said the iPads make it much easier to stay in touch with her SSCS teachers because she can email them with questions instead of interrupting their classroom time.

Teacher Jennifer Field said even with the frustrations, the project's having a very positive impact; she's working with a teacher in Canajoharie to bring their eighth-grade classes together online.

"I can honestly say I'm doing my best to try to integrate it into my classroom," she said. "And I'm not the most tech-savvy person. Teachers and staff, we're all very much open to trying this new thing."

Caroline Bade, an aide, said the iPads have had one unexpected benefit.

"It's amazing how kids, teachers, and staff are working together on this," she said, "helping each other out. Whenever there's a problem, there's someone to say, 'Here, let me help you with that.'"

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# R'ville FD serves up a fine day

Richmondville firefighters welcomed the community with a full breakfast for Fire Prevention Week Saturday.

After department volunteers cooked and served breakfast, they held an open house, offering give-aways and activities for kids and information about preventing fires for adults.

They also had fire truck rides around the village, and kids and parents received first-class treatment.



Emma Litzner is loaded down with goodies from Richmondville's open house.



Representing generations of firefighters, Gary Rightmyer and his grandson, Andrew Rightmyer, take a walk through the Richmondville Firehouse during the department's open house for Fire Prevention Week Saturday. Firefighters put on a community breakfast and also welcomed visitors to tour the firehouse.



Kids have a blast on top of one of Richmondville's trucks.



Bill Lape takes a tray of bacon out of the oven for the fire department's community breakfast.



Firefighter Tuffy Swartout helps youngsters off one of the fire trucks.

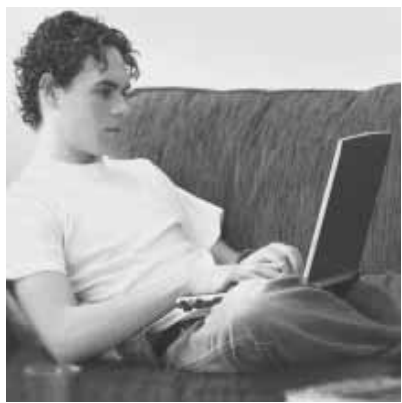
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## Promote fun, prevent fires

### Cobleskill FD hosts annual open house

The Cobleskill Fire Department mixed fun and fire safety at an open house Saturday. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the event on a perfect fall day. Held in observance of Fire Prevention Week, the open



Plastic fire helmets and balloons were among the give-aways at Cobleskill.



Cobleskill firefighter Nick Tino uses a fire extinguisher to quell a stove-top fire in a demonstration of what not to do with such a blaze. The proper way is to put the top on the pot, smothering the fire. The demonstration was one of several at the Cobleskill Fire Department's open house for Fire Prevention Week on Saturday.

house featured games and activities for kids and information about preventing fires for adults.

There were also demonstrations showing how to put out a stove-top fire and how quickly fires can spread in a home.

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Firefighter Andrew Tator explains a demonstration about stove-top fires to visitors at the firehouse.



Eilene Fisher pours apple cider for visitors.



Firefighter Tyrone Mitchell helps Lindsey Mickle direct the hose at a make-believe fire.



Cobleskill Fire Department President Bill Johnson visits with Fiona Wilkinson, left, and Elisabeth Barbolt in the firehouse.



Alex Mohrlock, left, and Jack Reynolds race to boots with water in a game in the parking lot.



Jacob McAdams checks out some of the brochures available in the Cobleskill Firehouse.



Ethan Spivak pretends to take a spin in the Mack Attack Jr.





# Social Journal



## Engaged

Mark and Terri Tessier of Sharon Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephenie Tessier to TJ Bodukos, son of Thomas Bodukos of Sharon Springs.

Ms. Tessier will be graduating in June, 2013. After that she plans to open her own day care.

Mr. Bodukos is a graduate of Sharon Springs Central School and is employed at Wal-Mart.

A July 2013 wedding is planned.



Christopher Cornwell

## Cornwell new GPI/G-P VP

GPI/Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., an engineering, planning and construction engineering/management firm in Albany, announces that Schoharie County resident Christopher Cornwell, PE, LEED-AP has been promoted to assistant vice president.

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## G-C's Class of 1957, '58

Gilboa-Conesville's Class of 1957 held their 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion on September 16 at Vern's Restaurant in Davenport. Some members of the class of '58 joined them.

Above, the Class of '57, front row: Sonia (Plankenhorn) Coyle, Muriel (Brainerd) Kilmer, June (Freeman) Rohl, Donna (Proudman) Petley. Second row: Larry Becker, Leslie Buel, FloraDel (Hallock) Hubbard, Peter Rossi, Dorothy (Bucchioni) Pickett, Juergen Braren.

Below, the Class of '58: Ron Fancher, Ingrid (Bendston) Saez, Lorraine (Brainerd) Robinson, Virginia (Moseman) Kennedy, Martin VanBuren, Herman Forsell.





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### Miss Linda's Best Lemon Torte

*As seen in Hometown Cooking 2009*

**Ingredients:**  
 2 cups flour  
 2 sticks of margarine, softened  
 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 3 pkg. instant lemon pudding  
 3 1/2 cups milk  
 1-8oz. Cool Whip



**Instructions:**  
 Mix together flour and margarine, spread into a 9x13 dish and bake at 350 degrees for about 25-35 minutes, let cool. Beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy, spread on top of cool crust. Mix pudding and milk, beat until thick. Spread on top of cream cheese mixture. Top off with Cool Whip. Let chill for at least 4 hours.

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## Looking Ahead

### Cave House curator to talk to Cobleskill HS

The Cobleskill Historical Society will host Richard Nethaway, honorary curator at the Cave House Museum of Mining and Geology, Wednesday, October 17, 7:15pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, Cobleskill. All are welcome. Free.

### Bethany slates 2pm service

The monthly afternoon worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge, will be Wednesday, October 17, at 2pm. A canned food offering for the community food bank is

appreciated. All welcome.

### Chuck D'Imperio next in Gilboa

The Gilboa Historical Society will meet Wednesday, October 17, at the Gilboa Town Hall at 7pm for a program by Chuck D'Imperio, "Upstate New York in 100 Words or Less." All are welcome. Refreshments.

### Sharon Springs Class of '14 sets roast pork dinner

The Sharon Springs Central School Class of 2014 will hold a roast pork dinner with all the fixings Thursday, October 18, 5-7pm, in the old gym. Tickets are available from any member of the Class of 2014 or at the door.

### Soup, sandwich supper in CB

The Central Bridge Methodist Church will hold a homemade soup and sandwich supper on Friday, October 19, 5-6:30pm. Stay for Café Bridge and enjoy an evening of acoustical music and desert, 6:30-9:30pm.

### Harvest Bazaar, smorgasbord at St. Paul's, R'ville

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, will hold its annual Harvest Bazaar and smorgasbord Saturday, October 20. The bazaar, beginning at 3:30pm, will offer locally-grown fresh and preserved foods as well as homemade breads, relish and desserts. Needlework will also be offered for sale. The smorgasbord will run 4:40-6:30pm. Kids five and under free.

### N. Comfort in benefit concert for Spirit of Hope


The vocal quarter Northern Comfort will perform Saturday, October 20, 7pm, at the United Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Cobleskill, featuring locals Bob Davis, Jack Gosselev, Wayne Regels, and Ron Cline. Free. Refreshments. A freewill offering will be taken for Spirit of Hope.

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Wesley Willoughby goes to work decorating mini-pumpkins.

# Spa FD lessons in safety



A pair of search and rescue dogs made plenty of new friends at the Sharon Springs Fire Department's open house Saturday.



Kathleen Brandt talks Sam Messler, right, through CPR at Saturday's Sharon Springs Fire Department and Rescue Squad Fire Prevention Week open house.



Sharon's fire trucks were out in full force at Saturday's open house. There were also plenty of kids' activities and refreshments.

Photos by Patsy Nicosia

## Chili, soup at St. Mark's ELC

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middleburgh, will hold a chili and soup supper Saturday, October 20, 4-7pm. All you can eat.

## Pancake b'fast in Barnerville

There will be a pancake breakfast at the Barnerville UMC Saturday, October 20, 7:30-10am. All you can eat by donation.

## SCCAP directors meet Monday

Schoharie County Community Action Program's Board of Directors will have their monthly meeting Monday, October 22, 5pm, in the SCCAP board room.

The public is welcome to attend.

## Esperance Elks slate 17th annual Haunted House

The Esperance Elks will hold their 17th annual Haunted House Saturday, October 27, 5:30-9pm.

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Dominick Snyder heads into the fire house for more fun after a ride on the department's ATV.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## SV Concert Band gets ready for 33rd season

The Schoharie Valley Concert Band (SVCB) will start its 33rd season with two performances.

The first is on Friday, October 19 at 7:30pm in the Schoharie High School Auditorium with the repeat performances Saturday, October 20 at 7:30pm in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School Auditorium.

Both performances are open to the public with no admission charge for students.

The fall concerts have two featured artists.

Charles Reader will be the guest conductor on two pieces, Jack Stamp's "Pastime, a Salute to Baseball" which was written in 1999 is a fast-paced, modernistic tribute to Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire's pursuit of the major league home run record.

In contrast, "Salvation is Created" by Tschesnokoff is a soulful, majestic piece with a beautiful melody.

Mr. Reader is an adjunct professor at the College of St. Rose, where he teaches percussion education and directs both the Percussion Ensemble and Campus Band. He is completing his doctorate in Wind Conducting at Ball State University and received his BA and MA from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

Mr. Reader previously taught high school band for 10 years and was a multiple-year winner of the Who's Who Among High School Teachers award.

One of his bands performed for President and Mrs. Clinton at the New York State Democratic Convention.

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Brian Swanhall is the second featured artist.

His talent will be showcased as the trumpet soloist on Charles Koff's "La Virgen de la Macarena," a piece with a Latin beat and several powerful trumpet cadenzas.

Swanhall received his BA from Mansfield University and his MA in Music Education from The College of St. Rose. He taught band and chorus in Jefferson from 1982-1985 and in Richmondville starting in 1988.

Following the school merger, he became the high school band director for Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School starting in 1993.

From 1985-1987, SFC Swanhall served in the US Army as a musician at Fort Devins, Massachusetts and toured in New England and New York with the Stage and Concert Band.

After leaving active duty he transferred to the New York Army National Guard where he



Charles Reader



SFC Brian Swanhall

now serves as High Brass group leader and assistant conductor of the 42nd ID Band.

He has played in the concert band, stage band, ceremonial band, brass quintet, and the jazz combo.

In addition to trumpet he plays French horn in the concert band and lead alto saxophone in the stage band.

SFC Swanhall has an extensive military education and has received numerous awards and decorations for his military service.

He also volunteered with Task Force 53 in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

Military veterans and their families will be asked to stand when Conductor Martin Zavadiil leads the "Armed Services Salute," which includes melodies from "The Caisson Song," "Semper Paratus," "The Marine Hymn," "The US Air Force," and "Anchors Away."

Percy Grainger's "Shepherds' Hey" English Morris Dance" also was written for military band.

"Symphony in F Minor No. 4" by Tchaikovsky is the major classical work in the program. "Fuego del Alma" by Carl Strommen is a lively Latin inspired piece commissioned by Wantagh HS Festival Band in 2011. "Strike Up the Band" by George and Ira Gershwin and "On the Mall March" by Edwin Goldman will round out the program, which should be a real crowd-pleaser.

The Schoharie Valley Concert Band is open to all area residents including high school and college students.

Rehearsals for the band's Christmas Concert series will resume on October 25 from 7 to 9:30pm.

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays, usually at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

For information on how to join the band, contact Ed Truax at 925-0745.



## Pieces of history at Show and Tell

Ingrid Zeman of Jefferson displays a "bone grinder" during the October 14 "Show and Tell—and Taste" program sponsored by the Route 10 Corridor Historians and held at the Great Room at Robinson Terrace.

The program included artifacts from historical societies from Summit, Jefferson, Stamford and Hobart, and a few displayed by visitors. The bone grinder was used to prepare bones to be used for poultry feed and for fertilizer. It proved to be a puzzler for those present. —Photo by C. Schoen

## Worcester Library Friends slate October 27 open house

The Friends of the Worcester Free Library are planning a celebratory open house to honor National Friends of the Library Week on Saturday, October 27.

Everyone is invited. The event will run from noon until 2pm.

Refreshments of cider, coffee and home baked treats will be available and new librarian Donna Jo Cody will be on hand.

The Friends will be sponsoring a raffle for a new eReader (first prize), a \$20 gift certificate to the Green Toad Book Store (second prize) and a library tote bag (third prize).

Visit the Library during regular hours from October 23-27 to get a free raffle ticket (one per person per day).

The drawing is scheduled

for 2pm on the 27th and you do not have to be present to win.

There will also be a raffle of 12 inflatable globes available to children visiting the library.

Apples will be available in the Library during Friends week.

The Friends work to bring attention to library services and facilities, to promote community interest in the Library and to support and enhance needs of the library.

Funds allowing the Friends group to support these efforts come from the annual fund drive, which started October 1, and from the library book sale on Worcester Day in June.

The group participates in other local activities including the Rotary Pumpkin Festival and the Rotary Block Party as well as the Schenevus and Worcester School Holiday Bazaars.

The Friends are currently funding the purchase of a book drop-box for patrons to use to return books during off hours.

In the past they've been able to supply a laptop, shredder, laminator, financial assistance to start the On-Line-Library participation, matching funds for the Gates and Libri Foundation Grants, promotional items used for the National Library Week celebration in April, funding assistance for programs such as the Mars Program and the recent CNY Magic Show at the Theatre, magazine display racks and processing costs for donated books.

The Worcester Free Library is located at 168 Main Street in Worcester. Hours are: Tuesday and Saturday 9am-2pm; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1-6pm. (607)397-7390.

## Arts Council to present Potak play November 2

On Friday, November 2, Schoharie County Arts Council will present "My Sky Blue," a new play by Schoharie County-based playwright Philip Potak.

The full-length play will be presented in Reader's Theater format in the auditorium of the Child Development Center on Lark Street in Cobleskill.

The performance will start at 7:30pm. Suggested admission donation.

"My Sky Blue" is a five character play that takes place in the modest suburban home of Jim and Lynn Warwick.

In the basement apartment lives Tycho Thomas, a simple spiritual man who is a janitor at the school where Mr. Warwick teaches.

Mr. Warwick's best friend from the Korean war is Mark Clayton, a reporter and cynic.

Act I takes place in 1962 and Act 2 takes place in 1978 when daughter Sara is in college.

The play is concerned with the differences between faith and religion, friendship and obligation and open and closed mindedness.

Mr. Potak has written plays that have been performed Off and Off, Off Broadway in Manhattan, and by professional and amateur theater groups regionally and throughout the country.

He has presented readings of his plays for Arts Council audiences.

He lives in Jefferson with his wife, Donna.

## Gallupville Fire Department Annual Turkey Supper

Sat., Oct. 20

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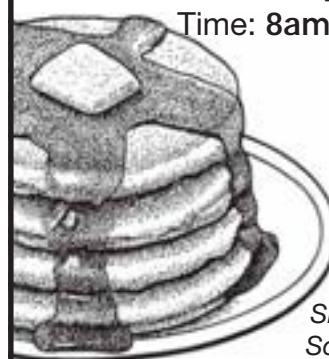
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## Library News

### Cobleskill

The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill. Wednesday, October 17: Preschool story hour with Noelle 9:30-10:30am. Ages 3-6. Books, stories, songs and a craft.

Thursday, October 18: Memoir Writing Workshop 6:7:30pm. The second of a series of three (October 25). These workshops will allow adults to explore and develop their writing talents by illuminating the stories hidden within favorite keepsakes.

Facilitated by Mary Cuffe-Perez, an award-winning author of fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry.

Friday, October 19: Chat N Chew 1-2pm. Adult book discussion. Meets the first and third Friday of every month. Come and join the director to share what you've been reading. No required reading, refreshments served. New members welcome.

Saturday, October 20: Let's Build! 11-12:30pm. Kids of all ages - Come and join your friends and build with your Legos.

### New fiction at Community Library

The Community Library announces the following new fiction books:

"Bared to You," S. Day; "Beautiful Mystery," L. Penny; "Black Dahlia and White Rose," J. Oates; "Blinding Knife," B. Weeks; "Bones are Forever," K. Reichs; "Breed," C. Novak; "Bridesmaid," B. Lewis; "Dancing Dogs," J. Katz; "Delusion in Death," J. Robb; "Fallen Masters," J. Edward.

"Gone Girl," G. Flynn; "Hiss and Hers," M.C. Beaton; "Hologram for the King," D. Eggers; "Hostage," E. Wiesel; "Last to Die," T. Gerritsen; "Low Pressure," S. Brown; "May We All Be Forgiven," A. Holmes; "Mirrored World," D. Dean; "Outrage," A. Indridason.

"People of Forever are Not Afraid," S. Boianjiu; "Robert Lundum's The Janus Reprisal," J. Freveletti; "SaN Miguel," T. Boyle; "Seven Days," D. Meyer; "Severe Clear," S. Woods; "Slow Apocalypse," J. Varley; "Sunless Sea," A. Perry; "Sutton," J. Moehringer; "Telegraph Avenue," M. Chabon; "Tiger's Claw," D. Brown; "Time Keeper," M. Albom.

"Tombs," C. Cussler; "Trojan Horse," M. Russinovich; "Unfaithful Queen," C. Erickson; "Wanted Man," L. Child; "Winter of the World," K. Follett; "Yellow Birds," K. Powers; "Zoo," J. Patterson.

### Middleburgh

October 23 - 10:45am - Drop-in Storytime. Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance, and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

October 24 - 1pm - Wednesday Matinee - "A Separation" (PG-13). A married couple are faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran and look after a deteriorating parent who has Alzheimer's disease. Free popcorn.

October 25 - 7pm - Knitting Circle. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

October 27 - 8-10pm and October 28 - 7-9pm - Haunted Li-

brary. We're turning the library into a Haunted House this year for Halloween. This super scary event is rated PG-13 although there will be special room for younger children and the faint of heart. Suggested donation.

October 30 - 7pm - In Concert - Dick Hensold. He is a full-time free-lance musician specializing in early music; traditional music of Scotland, Ireland and Northumberland; Nordic folk music, and Cambodian traditional music. He performs on various types of bagpipes and other instruments. Tickets are available at the door. Donation.

Thanksgiving Dinner in a Basket Raffle - Everything you need to make dinner for at least 8 people. From turkey to pie. Tickets available at the Middleburgh Library. Drawing is November 1.

For more information, see our new website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info).

December 2 - 7am-9pm - Library Bus Trip to NYC. Our Wade Tour bus will be arriving at the Metropolitan Museum of Art or be dropped off at Bryant Park (just outside of Times Square) for a day of shopping. Cost for the trip is \$49. Registration and money must be received by November 2 to hold your spot.

Call the library at 827-5142 to register or register online.

### Schoharie

Monday Night Needlers meet at 7pm for company while working on projects.

Bring a chair pillow if you need to; no new upholstered furniture yet. All the yarn we use for charity knitting was lost in Irene, so if you have any to donate, please do.

Big news this week is the lower workroom cabinetry has been installed. Josiah Schmid is working on this project for the Congressional Youth Award, with help from his father Peter. After the countertop is delivered, then they can finish plumbing the sink, etc.

Next time you stop in, say hello to our Experience Works participant, Linda Lown. She will be with us for about three months while preparing to re-enter the job market.

### Worcester

"Teen Read Week" is October 16-20. We want to increase and improve our collection, so all teens who come in and check out your favorite author, make a book suggestion or tell us what your interests are will get a free treat.

Also for teens: "Create your own Music Video" on October 19 from 4-5:30pm. Bring 10-15 digital photos of a specific topic to be uploaded and we'll show you how to make an "Animoto" video. Limited space so please sign-up.

"National Friends of the Library Week" is October 23-27. Come into the library and receive a free raffle to win an eReader, \$20 book gift certificate or a library tote bag. Meet the friends at their open house on Saturday, October 27 from noon-2pm.

Refreshments served and the prize drawings at 2pm. You need not be present to win.

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# OCCA seeks green partners for award

The Otsego County Conservation Association is working to identify and recruit stakeholders from Otsego and Schoharie counties for the Mohawk Valley Region Cleaner, Greener Communities Program.

"The recent award of the \$1 million Cleaner, Greener Communities grant to the Mohawk Valley Region is a great step toward bringing our local communities and our region as a whole closer to a sustainable and energy-efficient future," said OCCA Executive Director Darla Youngs.

The Cleaner, Greener Communities Program funding comes from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and is intended to empower regions to create more sustainable development and encourage smart growth practices. Sustainable communities adopt smart growth practices to:

- Use renewable energy to become more energy independent;
- Control sprawl to reduce housing and transportation costs;

- Invest in public transit systems to serve more people and minimize pollution;
- Build stores, schools, and workplaces near neighborhoods to reduce vehicle miles traveled;

- Attract businesses to neighborhoods to create jobs, and keep dollars local;
- Make walking and bicycling easy to foster healthy lifestyles;
- Reuse developed land to improve economic potential;
- Adopt clean technologies to grow our 21<sup>st</sup> century economy;
- Conserve resources to strengthen the natural environment;
- Reduce greenhouse gases to improve and protect our environment.

The first phase of the program is creating a sustainability plan to outline the region's vision, goals, and objectives for a sustainable future. It will identify infrastructure and policy improvements that can be made at the regional level which will have the greatest impact on reducing air pollution and carbon emissions and will increase energy efficiency and renewable energy

development.

The sustainability plan will align with the strategic plan of the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council.

Through the second phase of the program, up to \$90 million will be available statewide on a competitive basis to implement projects that support the goals of each region's sustainability plans.

Projects identified during the planning process must create opportunities that provide the greatest opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and deploy renewable energy, while improving the economic and environmental health of the Mohawk Valley Region's communities.

Cleaner, Greener Communities stakeholders include regional entities (municipal and economic development agencies, non-profit organizations, business associations and colleges / universities) and individuals, and are encouraged to be part of the planning process.

The planning process requires formation of working groups whose members will have expert knowledge or key perspective in areas including: economic development, transportation, land use and livable communities, and energy.

Those wishing to be added to the Cleaner, Greener Communities stakeholder list on behalf of Otsego and Schoharie counties, and/or who would like further details on the working groups, should contact OCCA Program Director Travis Sauerwald as soon as possible at [programdirector@occainfo.org](mailto:programdirector@occainfo.org) or (607)282-4087.

The Cleaner, Greener Communities Program grant was awarded by NYSERDA to Otsego County on behalf of the Mohawk Valley Region - Fulton, Herkimer, Oneida, Otsego, Montgomery and Schoharie counties.

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## Are driving assistance gadgets worth the cost?

As auto manufacturers continue to include the latest gadgets and newest safety features in their vehicles, some would-be vehicle buyers wonder if these gadgets are worth the extra cost. Today, many vehicles come with options such as backup cameras and parking aides.

**Backup Cameras**  
Some people cannot live without a rear camera in their vehicle, while others consider such a feature an unnecessary expense. There are many advantages to backup cameras. Buyers concerned about the cost of a backup camera should

keep in mind that this option can be installed aftermarket, and some are sold as do-it-yourself kits.  
Backup cameras are primarily mounted in the rear of the car near the license plate holder. Some also may be tied to additional reverse lighting to provide extra illumination when backing up at night.  
The purpose of the backup camera is to provide an unobstructed view of what is behind the vehicle when driving in reverse. Sport utility vehicles and light trucks have higher profiles and large blind spots in the rear, which makes backing up

tricky.  
According to the organization Keep Kids Safe, SUVs may pose a very real and deadly hazard to children, as do minivans and large pickup trucks, because they have poor rear visibility and large blind spots, which can make it more likely for someone to back his or her vehicle over a child.  
Although drivers must still pay attention when going in reverse, the backup camera offers an added measure of safety to ensure there is nothing behind the car or no small child darting by.  
Backup cameras also can be

advantageous in urban areas or if you need to park in a tight garage or lot. The backup camera can alert you to how close you are to other vehicles or barriers.  
Those who want to save money may want to invest in a backup alert instead of a camera. This sensor will sound when you've closed in on an obstacle behind the vehicle.  
**Parking assist**  
Some cars and trucks are now coming off of the factory line with an option to assist with parking. Intelligent Parking Assist System, or IPAS (also known as the Advanced Parking Guidance System, or APGS, in some Toyota and Lexus models), is a system that involves the use of cameras and sensors to easily park a car with minimal effort from the driver.  
There are many things first-time drivers are nervous about when taking their road tests. Parking tops the list of the tested skills that are problematic for new drivers. Parking even causes many students to fail the road test portion of their drivers' licensing exams.

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Initial development of a parking assistance system can be traced back to the start of the 21st century and was pioneered by Toyota engineers for the Prius Hybrid sold in Japan.  
Eventually, many car manufacturers started introducing their own versions of parking assistance.  
Nowadays, many IPAS features involve little to no involvement from the driver. Onboard computers rely on cameras and sonar sensors to calculate the size of the parking spot and proximity to other parked cars and obstacles.  
The correct turning radius is then identified, and the vehicle does all the work. The driver may need only to verify that the parking space that appears on screen is adequate and make any adjustments accordingly before the automation begins.  
While the parking assist technology is worth it to drivers who struggle when parking, there is no major research to indicate that this technology is essential to preventing accidents.  
Drivers who can competently park their vehicles might want to forgo a parking assist option to save money.  
Many new technologies have been introduced into the automotive market, and drivers must decide if these options are a worthy investment.

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## Stay safe on winter roads

Snowy weather can be a time for fun, especially for avid skiers or children who relish spending days off from school tossing snowballs and building snow forts. Many adults, however, do not look forward to the snow as much as youngsters do. Snow can be hazardous when driving, but putting snow tires on a vehicle can improve vehicle safety.

According to information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, roughly 115 people die every day in vehicle crashes in the United States.

Each winter, snowfall compounds treacherous road conditions, increasing the risk of accidents.

It is important to know how to drive when weather conditions are dangerous. It is also wise to outfit a vehicle to reduce its risk of slipping and sliding on icy, snowy roads. Here are some tips to follow.

- Limit time spent driving in the snow. Avoid driving during snowstorms or directly after whenever possible. Snow not only makes roads slick, but falling flakes can impair a driver's visibility and reduce his or her response time. Try to wait until snow-clearing teams have salted, plowed and sanded roads before venturing out.

- Be sure you can see

clearly. Clear off the snow from the windshield, side mirrors and windows so it does not compromise your view.

Also, top off the windshield fluid so you will be able to clear snow and salt kick-up from your windshield.

Look for a washer fluid that has an antifreeze component, otherwise, your washer jets and wiper blades could be rendered useless.

- Drive slowly. Reduce your speed when driving in inclement weather. It can be more difficult to stop or maneuver around a potential obstacle when conditions are less than ideal. Traveling at a high speed will increase the risk of accidents.

- Leave enough room between you and other motorists. Tailgating is responsible for many accidents, even when

there is no snow on the ground.

In inclement weather, it can take longer to slow or stop the car after pressing on the brakes. Having an additional space between your car and the one in front of you helps you avoid a collision.

- Be aware of black ice. Black ice gets its name from its veritable invisibility. It is so thin and hard to spot, it just looks like the black asphalt of the road.

- Black ice tends to form in areas that have had snow or ice melt, which then refreezes at night when temperatures drop. Be extra cautious on turns and on highway exit and entrance ramps, where black ice frequently forms.

- Steer your car into the skid. Remain calm and do not panic and jam on the brakes if your car starts to skid. Slamming on the brakes will only exacerbate the skid.

Rather, take your foot off the accelerator, allowing the car to naturally slow down as you turn your wheels into the direction the car is skidding. This should help right the car and get you back on track.

- Invest in snow tires. Those who live in especially snowy climates and do a lot of driving would be wise to purchase snow tires. Snow tires, also called winter tires, have special tread patterns that offer better traction in snow and ice.

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# On the quilt Barn Trail

## Brunns' Seward barn welcomes colorful addition

Story and photos  
By Patsy Nicosia

With the autumn leaves the perfect background palette, the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail celebrated the hanging of its second quilt block Sunday on a 1850 post and beam barn owned and lovingly maintained by Judy and Michael Brunn of Seward.

The SCQBT is being established to bring visual art and tourism to Schoharie County and to help preserve historic structures like the Brunn's barn, which sits on Franklin Belling Road—once Route 145—between Cobleskill and Sharon.

More than 3,500 quilt barns exist nationwide.

The SCQBT will include 40 blocks once it's completed and the project will include a brochure identifying the block name, location, sponsor, and who painted it.

"We're about halfway there," said Sharon Aitchison of Cobleskill, who's involved in the project.

"There's been a lot of interest. What I especially love about it is the geographic spread of it already. Everyone wants to get on board."

The first block hangs on Betty Pillsbury's purple barn on Coon's Road in Huntersland.

Sunday, Anne Hallock of Gilboa was at the Brunn's celebration, quilt pattern book in hand, with an application for her quilt block.

The Brunns worked together on their block and enlisted the help of neighbors and friends, including Seward Supervisor Carl Barbic, when it came time to hang it.

Though Ms. Brunn is the quilter and selected the colors for the traditional Harvest Star quilt block, it was Mr. Brunn who did the painting.

Together, they've also created two other smaller seasonal blocks for other barns on their



Judy Brunn, left, admires the quilt block on her Franklin Belling Road, Seward barn, part of the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail, at an unveiling Sunday.

farm.

"One thing led to another," Mr. Brunn said with a laugh.

It also led to him putting a fresh coat of paint on the rest of the farm's barns while he was at it.

"I think that's a really nice piece of the whole project," added Ms. Brunn. "It draws attention to old barns like ours. It helps people appreciate them again."

Mr. Brunn ran a Dairy of Distinction on the farm until

late 2005 and now keeps a small herd of Herefords.

Ms. Brunn taught in the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District and has quilted since retiring in 2003.

She is a member of the Peaceable Day Quilt Guild, Cobleskill, and was recently inducted into the Catskill Mountain Quilter's Hall of Fame.

Benjamin Moore donated the paint for the 8'-by-8' quilt square.



Judy and Michael Brunn pose proudly in front of their barn and quilt block.

### Brueck donates quilts, runner in Schoharie Recovery fundraiser

Schoharie Recovery has initiated another fundraiser to assist with administrative costs while simultaneously reminding everyone that their work continues after Hurricane Irene.

Three hand-knitted quilts and one holiday table runner have been donated for the cause by Karen Brueck of Cobleskill.

The quilts can be viewed at Wellington's Herbs and Spices, Rickard Hill,

Schoharie.

Tickets can be purchased at the Apple Barrel, The Carrot Barn, and Wellington's.

Drawing for these prizes will be on Tuesday, November 20.

Winners will be notified by phone.

Ms. Brueck is a retired math teacher from Sharon Springs Central School.

She is known for her many fundraising efforts throughout Schoharie County.



Michael Brunn explains the process of designing, painting, and then finally hanging the quilt block to Fred Barnes and other friends Sunday.



Above and then below: Michael Brunn gets help from Marge and Don Griffin in positioning the quilt block for hanging, and Denis and Mason O'Meara help another friend move the first panel into place before securing it.--Submitted photos.



### A heart's worth...

Pieces from the Heart X, held Friday and Saturday at the Cobleskill United Methodist Church,

Cobleskill, featured nearly 1,000 quilts and honored Susan Reed of Schoharie, below left.--Photos by Patsy Nicosia.





## C-R back to winning ways



Maggie Tryon scores a goal for Cobleskill-Richmondville early in the first half Monday. Tryon ended up with three goals in the 11-2 win over Fonda. Morgan Loder, now the highest-ever top scorer for both the C-R girls and boys, had four goals for the winners.

### C-R cross-country headed back to SPAC

On Saturday, October 13, the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School's cross country teams competed in the Burnt Hills Invitational at SPAC.

The course is a 3.04 mile race over the trails in Saratoga State Park.

This is the same course that the teams will compete on for the league championship and sectional titles over the following two weeks.

The boys' JV team was incomplete, so they could not place as a team, but they all ran well.

Andrew Hartnett was the first finisher for C-R placing 61 out of 131 runners.

The girls' JV team was also incomplete, but they also ran well, with Katelyn Storey as the first C-R finisher placing 67 out of 183 runners.

The boys' varsity team placed 10th out of 21 teams.

Jonathon DiCesare was the first finisher for C-R placing 25 out of 146 runners.

Following DiCesare was Jonathan Richards in 53rd, Warren Mau in 57th, Joe Baron in 60th, and Brett Hotaling in 67th place.

The girls' varsity team placed 6 out of 15 teams.

Kim Brizzee finished first for C-R, placing 9 out of 109 runners with a time of 19:38.

Rounding out the top five scorers were Jordon Fogel in 23rd, Dahlia Sheehan-Yassin in 26th, Jenevieve Broadwell in 33rd, and Denise Davis in 58th place.

The C-R cross country team will be returning again to SPAC this Friday to compete at the Greenwich Invitational.

#### Story and photos By Patsy Nicosia

Cobleskill-Richmondville's girls soccer blew away Fonda at home Monday with an 11-2 win.

C-R divided its goals nearly evenly between the two halves; both of Fonda's goals came in the second period.

Morgan Loder had four goals for the Bulldogs; Maggie Tryon added in three.

Tryon and Loder and Kate Billington each had two assists. Hannah Almy, Islay DeCesare, and Hannah Loder each had single assists.

Erica Tracy and Kristen Kruglak combined for four saves at goal.

The win followed another C-R victory, 5-1, Thursday over Watervliet.

Loder had three goals in that win; Billington and Almy had one each.

Almy also had two assists. Loder's goals brought her season total to 34, setting a new record for both girls and boys.

The win boosted the Bulldogs' record to 9-5.

"It's been a tough season so far as to our expectations," said C-R Coach John Quimby, "but the girls have handled it well. You can't control injuries and sickness or referee calls."

C-R's hardest stretch of competition couldn't have come at a worst time, he said: 10 days when both Loder and Tracy

were hurt and six girls were out with strep throat.

"It's too bad," Coach Quimby said, "because they've worked so hard all year."

"We've refocused our goals now on Sectionals. We're just going to have fun and see what

happens. We can still be very dangerous."

C-R was to play at home last night, Tuesday, travels to Schalmont today, Wednesday, and will mark Senior Night with a 6pm game Friday back home.



Kate Billington moves the ball around this Fonda defender Monday. C-R has three more games this week.



The Bulldogs celebrate a goal on their way to another win Monday. The girls' record now stands at 9-5.

## Bulldogs rally to tie Lansingburgh

#### Story and photos by Jim Poole

Cobleskill-Richmondville's boys' soccer team rebounded from a loss to Albany Academy to tie Lansingburgh last week.

The Bulldogs played Academy evenly for a half before losing 8-1 on Tuesday, then rallied in the second half to tie the Knights 4-4 in a homecoming game on Saturday.

A goal by Zach Haskin late in the first half tied soccer power Academy 1-1 before the Cadets poured it on in the second half.

"We played a very good first half," Bulldog Coach Randy Garber said. "We really had them on the ropes in the first half."

But the Cadets came out and scored early and often in the second half.

"They came out on fire. We couldn't stop anyone," Coach Garber said.

"Eight different players scored for them. It wasn't just one guy."

Lansingburgh had the Bulldogs in trouble Saturday before they recovered to tie.

C-R was down 4-2 with 11 minutes to play when Dan Kozak punched in one goal.

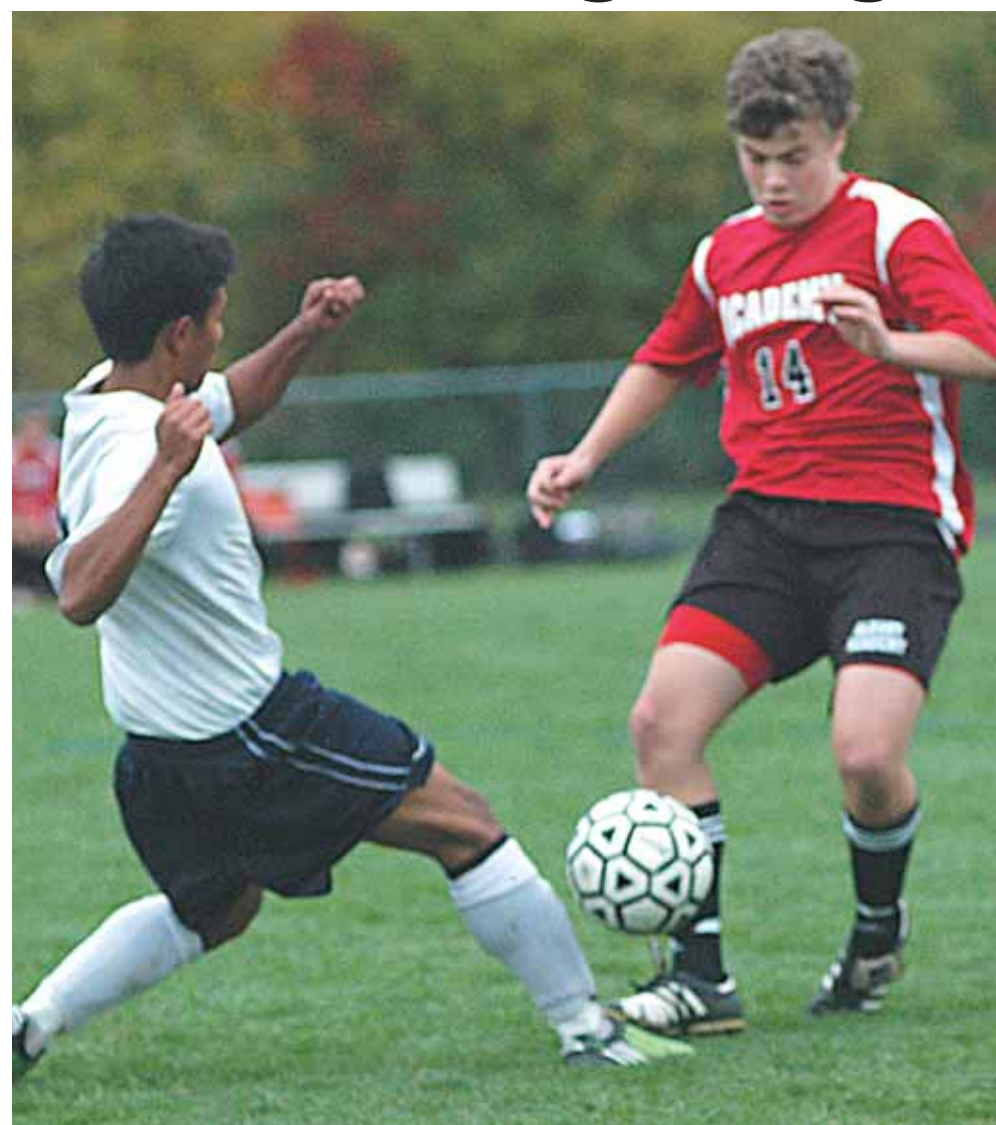
And, with 40 seconds left, Nick Bird scored for the tie.

Pat Willey and Elis Pasamonte scored the Bulldogs' earlier goals.

"We played really well," Coach Garber said. "Our guys never quit."

"And Lansingburgh's a decent team. They're in second place in the other division. This is probably the best full game we've played all year."

The Bulldogs close out the regular season by hosting Schalmont today, Wednesday, at 6:30pm, and travel to Voorheesville on Friday.



Above, Cobleskill-Richmondville's Eli Pasamonte, left, battles an Albany Academy player for the ball in first-half action last Tuesday. The Bulldogs suffered an 8-1 loss.

Left, Bulldog Dan Kozak, 3, collides with an Albany Academy player during C-R's loss to the Cadets last Tuesday.



# C-R volleyball runs winning streak to 4

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Cobleskill-Richmondville ran its winning streak to four last week by topping Albany Academy and Watervliet in Colonial Council matches.

In taking both matches in four games, the Bulldogs are 6-7.

"We're just playing better as a team right now," Coach Brian LaVine said.

C-R beat Academy 25-16, 19-25, 25-22, 25-17 last Tuesday.

Amelia Buter was 20 for 21 serving, with five aces and 15 points. Alaina Thaxter had five aces and served for 15 points, and McKayla Sossei served for 14 points.

"There was a lot of production in those three rotations," Coach LaVine said.

Sossei had three kills, and Butler had two. Vanessa Brand had five assists.

On defense, Thaxter and Courtney Mahar had nine digs apiece.

On Thursday, C-R beat Watervliet 25-19, 16-25, 25-18, 25-16.

The Bulldogs lost to the Cannoners the first time the teams met earlier this season.

"I think we've figured out where everyone can help," Coach LaVine said. "We're getting great defense from a couple of kids, great offense from a

couple of kids and points on serve from a couple of kids.

"Everyone's found how they can contribute."

Sossei was 12 for 12 serving, and Taylor Brooker was 10 for 10. Thaxter served for 16 points, and Brand, for 13.

Sossei had nine kills, Thaxter added seven, and Butler had five.

"One thing that's different now is that we're really starting to attack instead of laying back and waiting for the other team to make mistakes," Coach LaVine said.

"This was our best hitting game."

Brand had 11 assists, and Bekah Lent added five.

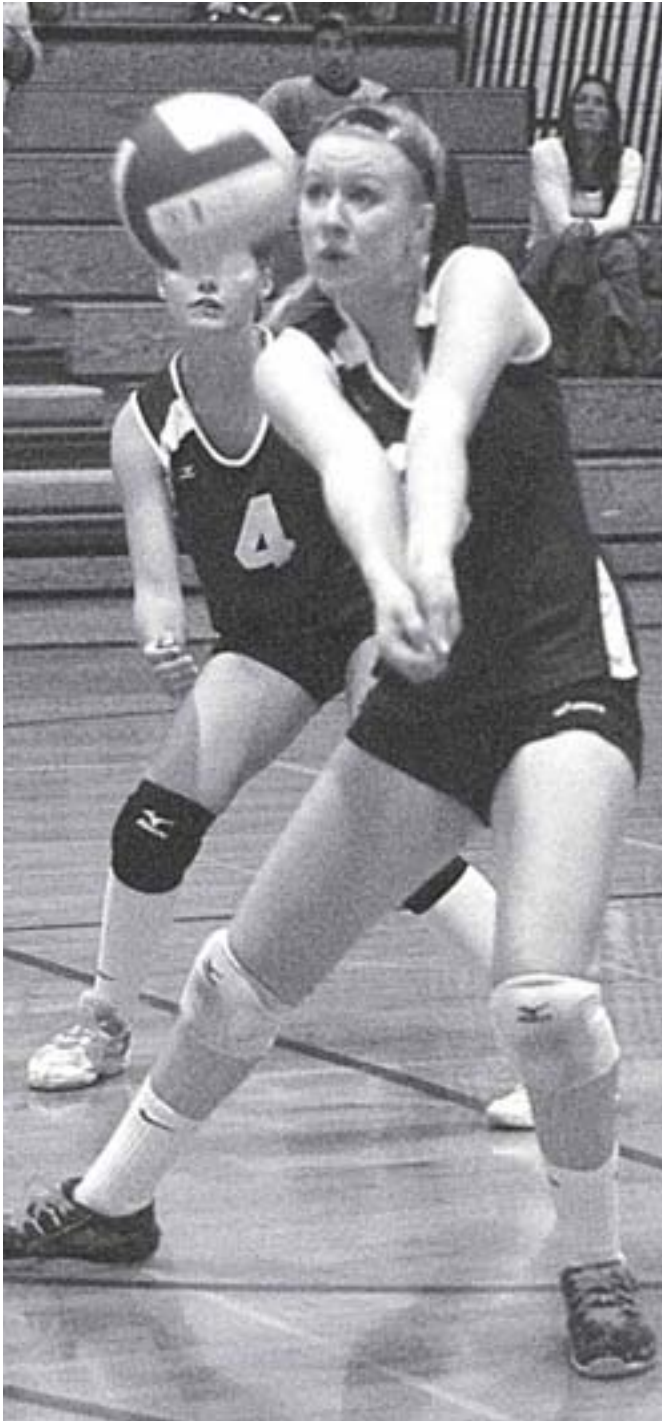
On defense, Thaxter had five blocks, and Brooker had four.

Although the Bulldogs are attacking better and playing more as a team, they're also improving in other areas, Coach LaVine said.

"We're not making as many mistakes," he said. "We're not getting beat by making mistakes."

"Early in the season, we scored lots of points, but we gave up lots of points, too. We're not doing that so much now."

The Bulldogs visit Schalmont today, Wednesday, and host Voorheesville to end the regular season on Friday.



Bulldog Alaina Thaxter pounds the ball back at Watervliet during C-R's four-game win over the Cannoners on Thursday. Teammate Amelia Buter is in the foreground.

Cobleskill-Richmondville's McKayla Sossei stops a Watervliet shot as teammate Alaina Thaxter, 4, moves in to help during the Bulldogs' match against the Cannoners on Thursday.

## Pistol League scores & standings

Schoharie County Pistol League scores and standings as of October 10 follow.

### Team results

#### Match 1

Cobleskill-Richmondville: L. VanDeusen, 289; P. Kwiatkowski, 277; C. Rose, 265; B. Mayne (tie), 247; H. Mulbury (tie), 247.

VFW: J. Hitt, 290; C. Christman, 287; G. Madl, 230; C. Cooper, 203.

West Fulton: H. Wycoff, 285; M. Shaul, 271; D. Symons, 268; D. Viele (tie), 264; D. Shaul (tie), 264.

Schoharie: F. Haynes, 253; R. Bates, 224; D. Potter, 219; P. Gizzi, 218.

Team scores for Match 1: Cobleskill-Richmondville defeated VFW, 1078-1010. West Fulton defeated Schoharie, 1088-914.

#### Match 2

Cobleskill-Richmondville: L. VanDeusen, 283; P. Kwiatkowski, 268; C. Rose, 262;

T. Magil, 250.

VFW: C. Christman, 285; J. Hitt, 281; G. Madl, 246; B. Righi, 228.

West Fulton: H. Wycoff, 292; M. Shaul, 265; D. Shaul, 262; D. Symons, 260.

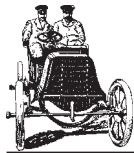
Schoharie: F. Haynes, 245; P. Gizzi, 242; D. Potter, 232; R. Bates, 224.

Team scores for Match 2: Cobleskill-Richmondville defeated VFW, 1063-1040. West Fulton defeated Schoharie, 1079-943.

Current standings: West Fulton, Cobleskill-Richmondville, VFW, Schoharie.

All team matches are held on Wednesdays at 7pm. All teams can use new shooters of all experience levels. All matches are fired with .22 caliber handguns.

Any interested shooters can contact Henry Mulbury, 296-8491; Dick Shaul, 827-4687; Cliff Christman, 234-1071; Fred Haynes, 860-0084.



## Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Biittig

This weekend we head south on the NYS Thruway for a trip to Middletown and the Eastern States Weekend beginning Friday, October 19 and closing out on Sunday, October 21 with the 51st annual Eastern States 200 lap event for Modifieds.

Just as he does at Super DIRT Week with six, Brett Hearn heads the win column at Eastern States with eight, Danny Johnson has six.

How many drivers have won both Super DIRT Week's big event and the Eastern States event in the same year?

Only four and surprisingly Brett Hearn is not one of them even though he has six Syracuse wins he has yet to win the Eastern States in the same year.

Drivers with that distinction are Buzzie Reutimann in 1972, Gary Balough in 1977, Danny Johnson, 1997 and Billy Decker, 1998.

However, Hearn does have a

shot at it this weekend.

There are several other drivers who have won both events but not in the same year Hearn being one of them along with Doug Hoffman, Frank Cozze, Jimmy Horton, Kenny Brightbill, Jack Johnson, Alan Johnson and Bob McCreadie.

Five Fonda regulars have been successful at Eastern States, Lou Lazzaro (1978), C.D. Coville (1983), Dave Lape (1984), Jack Johnson (1985) and Bobby Varin (2003), ten percent of all Eastern States 200 victories can be credited to Fonda drivers.

Advance tickets for Sunday's race, or the entire three-day, October 19-21 Eastern States Weekend, plus camping and parking permits are available at the Speedway Office during regular business hours or through credit card sales (Visa and MasterCard) by calling 845-342-2573.

Additional information can

be found at the official Orange County Fair Speedway website, www.orangecountyfairspeedway.net.

If you haven't made the trip to the Saratoga Auto Museum yet to see the "Moonshine to Millionaires" NASCAR exhibit then put it on your calendar as something to do in the off season. Only two months remain and already two cars have been added to the exhibit.

The No. 61 pinto driven by nine-time NASCAR modified champion Richie Evans is just one of the new additions.

The other is the Nash-powered Hillegass open cockpit car driven by winning driver Wally Campbell, who also claimed a national modified title early in his career now shares the spotlight with the other cars in the exhibit.

The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm, or Thursday, October 18 at 6pm when one of Sprint Cup's most popular owners, Richard Childress, will visit the museum for the final event in the "Meet and Greet" series.

Childress, who owned the famed Goodwrench Chevrolets driven to countless wins by NASCAR hero Dale Earnhardt, will make remarks, field questions and autograph items for those who attend the

event.

With the black #3 that Earnhardt won the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis a major part of the "Moonshine to Millionaires" exhibit, the event is sure to be the highlight of the season. Also coming to the museum in November is the "Lost Speedway's" presentation and discussion day the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24.

As the racing season winds down locally after Eastern States Weekend, fans will look to local banquets for several tracks. The Utica Rome award banquet will be held at the Turning Stone Casino on November 10.

The DIRTcar banquet will also be held on November 10 but at the Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool at 441 Electronics Parkway in Liverpool.

The Fonda banquet will be at Mallozzi's in Schenectady on November 18.

Several local drivers will be receiving awards or point money or both at these events.

Also in November DIRTcar and World of Outlaw Sprint and Late Model teams will head to Charlotte, North Carolina for the Peak Motor Oil World of Outlaw World Finals on November 1-3.

It looks like Pete Demitraszek will officially be taking the reins at The Ridge for the 2013 season. His contact information is posted on the Glen Ridge website.

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

## Hunters asked for extra venison

The Schoharie County Venison Donation Program is once again asking hunters to donate extra deer they have harvested.

The venison will be processed at Nancy and Russell Marlow's, Howes Cave, 296-8978 or at Amber and Jim Bleu's, Gallupville, 872-9044. The venison is distributed to nine local food pantries in Schoharie County.

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For more information, contact Willy Karlau, coordinator, at 295-7781.

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# B-P rolls to 34-7 win over 'Dogs

## Homecoming spoilers

Story and photos by Jim Poole

Broadalbin-Perth's two early touchdowns set the tone for Friday's game, and the Patriots rolled to a 34-7 victory to spoil Cobleskill-Richmondville's football homecoming.

The loss settled C-R's regular season record at 2-5 and came a week after the Bulldogs upset Fonda.

"I had hoped coming off that win last week, we'd be able to execute better," Bulldog Coach Ed Hantho said.

"But B-P's a good team and very, very hard to stop defensively."

The Bulldogs learned that right away, as the Patriots took the opening kickoff and chewed six minutes off the clock before Gabe Mendez scored from the one.

Four minutes later, Mendez passed to Anthony Visco for another score, and it was 13-0.

With the Bulldogs unable to get their offense untracked, the Patriots added another score early in the second quarter. This time, Mendez passed to Andre Taylor for a 20-0 lead.

"Their big bodies are hard to move," Coach Hantho said of the B-P line, "and they have some fast players in the backfield. It turned into more of a track meet much quicker than we hoped."

Taylor and Tyler Schmidt ran for second-half touchdowns before the Bulldogs got on the board. C-R's Mike Green scored from the one in the fourth quarter to avert the shutout.

Noting that the Bulldogs had several linemen out with injuries, Coach Hantho said, "At full strength we'd give them a game, but we probably don't beat them."

The Bulldogs finished with 35 yards rushing and 66 passing. Quarterback Seth Billington completed nine of 17 attempts.

On defense, Green had five solo tackles and three for a loss, Billington had four assists, one tackle for a loss and one forced fumble; Caleb Sommers had two solo tackles, six assists and one sack; and Marcus Mack had three solos and four assists.

"We didn't quit," Coach Hantho said. "We have a group of seniors who really want to win, and the juniors are doing all they can to help."

Their regular season over, the Bulldogs will play two cross-over games, both at home. They'll play Hudson at 6pm this Thursday.

The Bulldogs will host Cohoes for the second cross-over next Wednesday or Thursday.

Both games are home because the other teams' fields are in rough shape, Coach Hantho said.

C-R has had a brutal schedule this season--Schalmont, Schuylerville and B-P, for example--and the crossover games will pit the Bulldogs against teams of about their caliber.

"We'll be a little better matched," said Coach Hantho. "But even with all things being equal, we still have to come out and execute."



Bulldog Caleb Sommers, 32, moves in to stop Broadalbin-Perth's Tim Gordon in first-half action Friday night at the C-R field. Cobleskill-Richmondville suffered a 34-7 loss.



Cobleskill-Richmondville quarterback Seth Billington finds it tough going against Broadalbin-Perth even with blocking help from Dakota Gaylor in Friday's game. B-P posted a 34-7 victory.

## On Top at the Lanes

**Middleburgh Lanes Official PBA Practice Center**  
**October 5-11 Weekly Results**  
**Friday American**

Lutz Insurance 30-10, S&K Plumbing 26-14, Stars N Bars 22-18, Aqua Tech 20-20, Don't Worry About It 18-22, Roll n Buds 16-24, Kelley's 14-26, Middleburgh Lanes 14-26.

T. Becker 297-710, B. Ciaravino 266-733, T. Olsen 266-635, B. Giesin 264-744, D. Giesin 248-707, R. Drum 248-652, K. Stock 245-683, J. Schafroth 235, M. Ciaravino 235-589, J. Foland 233-648, S. Carver 222-616, L. Cater 226-667, J. Foland 226-633, S. Hook 215-615, S. Foland 215-604, R. Shultes 227-606, J. McBain 215-615, D. Miller 214-612.

**Nascar**  
 M&J's 28-12, Wally's Wonders 24-16, We'll Be Lucky 24-16, Nick's Crew 20-20, Incredibles 19-21, Lucky 7 18-22, BBoomers 13-27, Average 12-28.

K. Carr 267-723, J. Foland 246-663, D. Brooks 245-589, D. Wainwright 230-597, W. Miller 225-573, C. Wainwright 208-561, N. Wainwright 213-531, A. Young 181-541.

**Sunday Mixed**  
 Hannan's 28-12, Captain & Coke 24-16, Nelson Motor Sports 20-20, J&J Towing 20-20, Pinbusters 20-20, EMT Crew 16-24, Middleburgh Lanes 14-26, NSP 14-26.

J. Hayes 289-794, B. Slater 267-662, J. Williams 225-650, J. Marsh 212-632, J. Diamond 223-622, R. Shultes 223-610, K. Cleveland 205-573, R. Rowilson 194-566, A. Slater 195-533.

**PHPB**  
 Big Guns 30-10, Hot Nuts 26-14, Blue Balls 24-16, Cox-

sackie Transport 22-18, Provost Well Drilling 20-20, Lucky Strikes 18-22, The B Squad 16-24, Mikes Do it All 2-38.

J. Kingsbury 269-639, M. Shultes 259-670, B. Frost 257-680, G. Barton 236-627, E. Ball 222-610, B. Murvik 218-557, R. Wayman 215-581, J. Borst 213-575, B. Ross 211-617, S. Porter 208-578, G. Notaro 203-549, J. Ulmschneider 202-559.

**Tuesday AM Mixed**  
 E&J 28-20, Odd Couple 28-20, Belvedere Lake 26-22, We Don't Care 26-22, Cousins 22-26, Pardy People 21-27, Who Knows 17-31, Team 8 0-48.

D. Kingsbury 212-603.  
**Tuesday Juniors**  
 Purple Demons 20-4, Team 7 14-10, Team 8 14-10, 3 Feathers and a Bird 14-10, Team 3 12-12, Third Street Saints 10-14, New York Giants 8-16, Trouble Makers in Blue 4-12.

**Bantam**  
 T. Rich 97-227, M. Pruiksma 77-190.  
**Prep**  
 C. Shultes 142-341, A. Miaski 190-452.

**Junior**  
 N. Wilsey 161-441.  
**Tuesday Classic**  
 Mohawk Honda 66.5, A-1 Barton 65.5, Middleburgh lanes 63.5, BMK 59.5, CP Rail 57.0, Montgomery County A-Team 48.0.

B. Slater 300-783, S. Laux 300-759, B. Ciaravino 280-682, C. Bender 278-689, J. McBain 259-704, K. Carr 248-671, L. Laux 245-606, M. Shultes 236-627, R. Shultes 236-619, R. Slater 210-603, RJ Shultes 234-613.

**Revlon**  
 BOB 30-18, Middleburgh Lanes 28-20, TMBC 28-20, Looney Tunes 22-26, Ball Busters 18-30.

**Wednesday Mixed**

Yolo 42-6, It's Possible 30-18, Cripplers 26-22, Hill Hicks 20-28, Malon Rd Ridge Runners 18-30, Crazy Kats 8-40.

T. Coons 254-669, B. Jaycox 237-620, S. Coons 201-500, G. Hoffman 200-519, A. Jeffrey 197-539, T. LaForest 216-534.

**Thursday Juniors**  
**Bantam**  
 Devin Lacko 113-255, Olivia Borst 119-185.

**Prep**  
 Liam Power 103-249, Hannah Bogden 101-241.

**Thursday Women**  
 Breen's 34-14, Kelley's 26-22, Middleburgh Lanes 26-22, Hot Mamma's 26-22, Berkshire Farm 24-24, Naughty Birds 24-24, Bowling Stones 22-26, Crazy Girls 10-38.

J. Hahn 209-514, D. Humphrey 193-502, M. Foland 192-506.

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# Middleburgh gets by SCS

By David Avitabile

Sean Green scored three times to give the Knights a 3-1 win over Schoharie Monday in Fultonham.

The Knights, who controlled the game on a slick field, evened the season series at one-one against the Indians.

Green scored about four minutes into the game and the Knights put pressure up the middle and controlled the tempo in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Schoharie tied the game midway through the first half on a defensive lapse by Middleburgh. Will Vedder was credited with the goal for Schoharie.

Green scored twice in the second half for the win.

Jake Thorington had an assist for the Knights.

Nick Righi had five saves in goal as the Knights improved to 4-6-2.

Justin Montione had five saves in goal for Schoharie while Derric Jankowski had two.

The Indians fell to 5-5-1 with the loss.

In other games last week:  
**St. Johnsville 6**  
**Sharon Springs 3**  
 The Spartans fell at home to

St. Johnsville Monday.

**Middleburgh 3**  
**Waterford-Halfmoon 2**

Sean Green, Austin Roney and Brody Smith scored as the Knights beat Waterford-Halfmoon in the consolation game of the Mayfield Tournament Saturday.

Nick Righi had three saves in goal for MCS.

**Northville 6**  
**Sharon Springs 2**

Northville scored three times in each half to win at Sharon Springs Friday afternoon.

Nick Roach and Vernon Kennedy scored for Sharon and Jacob Kennedy had 16 saves in goal for Sharon.

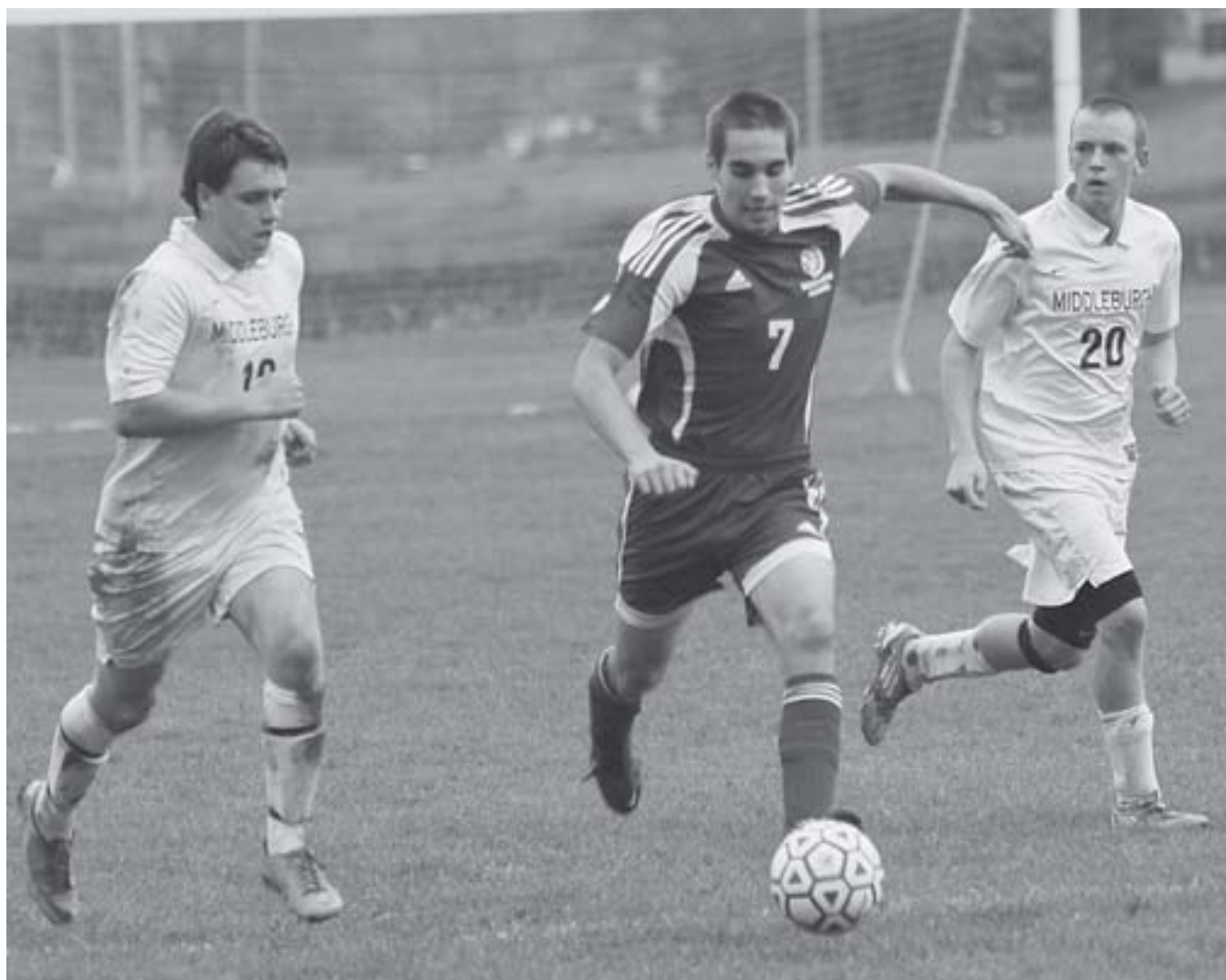
**Middleburgh 1**  
**Northville 1 (OT)**

Sean Green scored in the second half to give the Knights a tie at Northville Wednesday.

Nick Righi had 13 saves in goal for the Knights.

This week: Sharon goes to Fort Plain, SCS hosts Berne-Knox and MCS hosts Duanesburg today, Wednesday; and Sharon goes to Canajoharie, SCS goes to Duanesburg and MCS goes to Berne-Knox Friday.

This marks the end of the regular season. Sectional seedings will be held Tuesday.



Schoharie's Rob Henry moves the ball up the field as the Knights' Sean Green and Casey Smith defend in the second half of Middleburgh's win Monday.

# MCS girls now 10-2 in WAC

By David Avitabile

The Knights lengthened their lead in the southern division of the WAC with a 5-1 win at Schoharie Monday.

Amanda Roney and Taylor Cater each scored twice as the Knights improved their record to 10-2.

Molly Francis had the other goal for Middleburgh, which led 4-1 at the half.

Cater, Kiera Morgan and Roney had assists for the Knights.

McKenzie Phelan scored for the Indians.

Kassidee VanGasbeck and Lindsey Vanier split time in goal. VanGasbeck made seven saves while Vanier had two.

Schoharie dropped to 6-6 with the loss.

In other games last week:  
**St. Johnsville 1**  
**Sharon Springs 0**

Skyler Viveros scored in the second half on an assist from Kelsey Lovett to give St. Johnsville a road win Monday.

Rory Byrnes had eight saves in goal for Sharon.

**Northville 1**  
**Sharon Springs 0**

A second half goal gave Northville a home win over Sharon Springs Friday afternoon.

Rory Byrnes had 14 saves in goal for Sharon.

**Schoharie 1**  
**St. Johnsville 0**

Kaitlyn Kendle scored the only goal of the game as the Indians won at St. Johnsville Thursday. The game had been scheduled for the prior Friday but had been rained out.

Jillian Scofield set up the goal and Lindsay Vanier had four saves in the shutout.

**Middleburgh 2**  
**Northville 0**

Kiera Morgan and Kendra Wood each scored and had an assist as the Knights won at home Wednesday.

Megan Hagadorn had five saves in goal in the shutout.

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Chris O'Neill of the Indians controls the ball in the first half of Middleburgh's win Monday. Brody Smith and Austin Roney are defending against O'Neill.



The Knights' Ryan Putman, 14, boots the ball up the field against Schoharie's Will Vedder in the first half of MCS' win at Fultonham Monday.



Sierra Harris, Yo-Sco-Haro scholarship winner, riding "Gotta Getta Shoofly," getting ready to compete at the All American Quarter Horse Congress.

# Harris YoScoHaro scholarship winner

Continuing in the spirit of commitment toward youth, the YoScoHaro Riding Club awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Sierra Harris, Cobleskill.

Sierra is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Harris and is a freshman at Siena College.

Sierra is a 2012 graduate of the Academy of Holy Names, Albany.

She is on the Siena Intercollegiate Hunt Seat Riding Team and will compete in various shows.

Sierra is also a youth director and past youth president of the New York State Quarter Horse Association.

In October, with her horse "Gotta Getta Shoofly," she will be attending the prestigious All American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio, competing in Hunter Under Saddle and Showmanship in

the NYATT Youth Team Tournament, representing the New York State Quarter Horse Association.

Sierra has won numerous circuit and Hi-Point awards in the New York State Quarter Horse Association.

The scholarship award is based on scholarship and leadership accomplishments and equine related activities.

The selection committee consists of Bruce Emanuel, Doug Habers, Sue Feinman, Julia Ravencroft and Randy DiMarco.

The YoScoHaro Riding Club has been active in Schoharie County since 1947.

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# Lu wins SUNY Fall Invitational

Freshman Jessica Lu, Rowland Heights, California, Diamond Bar High School, SUNY Cobleskill women's golf team member fired a round of

99 to win the 2012 SUNY Cobleskill Women's Fall Invitational hosted by the Fighting Tigers at the Cobleskill Golf & Country Club on Friday.

It was Lu's second invitational victory of the season to date after the talented rookie captured the Keuka Invitational on September 20.

The Fighting Tiger women's volleyball team lost four-of-five road contests during the week posting a 3-0 victory at Green Mountain College in Poulney, Vermont on Wednesday by scores of 25-19, 25-12 and 25-11 before dropping four matches at the 2012 Hartwick College Holiday Inn Invitational in Oneonta.

Cobleskill lost to: Keuka College 3-0 by scores of 25-13, 25-12 and 25-9, Hartwick College 3-0 by scores of 25-23, 25-21 and 25-11, Utica College 3-1 by scores of 20-25, 25-17, 15-25 and 20-25, and to Plattsburgh State by scores of 25-20, 25-20 and 25-20.

Sophomore setter Casey Holbert, Sauquoit, New Hartford High School, averaged 3.1 assists per set during the tournament as Cobleskill fell to 11-14 overall on the season.

The men's soccer team lost a pair of games during the week losing at home in North

Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) play by a score of 2-0 to SUNYIT on Thursday before falling on the road by a 6-0 margin to Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, on Saturday.

Cobleskill is currently 3-11-1 overall on the season with a 2-6 mark in NEAC play.

The Cobleskill women's soccer team lost a 7-0 NEAC matchup at home on Wednesday to SUNYIT to fall to 3-10 overall on the year with a 3-7 mark in conference play.

### Upcoming home contests

Women's Soccer vs. Sage College, October 23; Lancaster Bible College, October 27.

Men's Soccer vs. Lancaster Bible College, October 27.

Volleyball vs. MCLA, October 24; Hartwick College, October 30.

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 Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the Schoharie County Clerk's Office on September 5, 2012, I, the undersigned, the Referee named in the judgment, will sell at public auction at the Schoharie County Courthouse, main entrance, in the Town of Schoharie, New York, on October 30, 2012, at 10:00am, the premises directed by the judgment to be sold, which are described in Schedule A (Description) attached hereto. The premises are known as 6067 State Route 30, Schoharie, New York. DATED: September 11, 2012. J. Russell Langwig, Referee  
 OVERTON, RUSSELL, DOERR & DONOVAN, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 19 Executive Park Drive, Clifton Park, New York 12065. NOTE: WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
 SCHEDULE A: ALL that piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Schoharie, County of Schoharie, State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located along the relocated northerly line of Route 30, S.H. 9298, at the intersection formed by said northerly line of Route 30 with the intersection formed by the easterly line of the reputed lands now or formerly of New York Power and Light Corporation and westerly line of the lands herein; thence in a northerly direction and along said east line of the lands of New York Power and Light Corporation, north 06 degrees 56 feet 33 inches East, 554.15 feet to a point; thence in and easterly direction and along the southerly right of way line of interstate I-88, the following four courses and distance: 1) North 82 degrees, 28 feet, 33 inches East, 459.14 feet to a capped iron rod found; 2) North 82 degrees 32 feet 30 inches East, 109.40 feet to a monument; 3) North 75 degrees, 58 feet 01 inch East, 1479.40 feet to a monument and 4) North 72 degrees, 00 feet 42 inches East, 561.55 feet to a point; thence in a southerly and westerly direction and along the aforesaid north line of relocated Route 30, the following five courses: 1) South 12 degrees, 44 feet 22 inches West, 256.57 feet to the point; 2) South 51 degrees, 21 feet 38 inches West, 440.41 feet to the point; 3) South 74 degrees, 39 feet 06 inches West 1133.42 feet to the point; 4) South 69 degrees, 59 feet 46 inches West, 704.50 feet to the point and 5) South 78 degrees, 30 feet 54 inches West, 453.51 to the point or place of beginning. Said premises are

shown as Lot 1 on a map entitled Tiscione Subdivision Map of the Lands of Dominick F., Matthew F., and Marcus W. Tiscione dated January 5, 2005 made by V.P. Ausfeld, LLS, approved by the Town of Schoharie Planning Board April 28, 2005 and filed with the Schoharie County Clerk on April 29, 2005 at Index # 4 6 5 4 .  
 4Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Country Home Septic LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 6, 2012. The office is located in Schoharie County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY may mail process to 1366 North Road, North Blenheim, NY 12131. The company is organized to carry on all lawful activity.  
 6Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of TEETER HOSPITALITY SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on September 7, 2012. The office is located in Schoharie County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY may mail process to The LLC at 228 Knox Road, Schoharie, NY 12157. The company is organized to carry on all lawful activity.  
 6Oct24c5

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF COBLESKILL CLEANERS, LLC**  
 Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law 1. The name of the limited liability company is: COBLESKILL CLEANERS, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on September 14, 2012. 3. The office is to be located in the County of Schoharie. 4. The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company, upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary may send process to the company at: 214 South Grand Street, 2nd Floor, Cobleskill, NY 12043. 5. The Company is organized to carry on all lawful activities.  
 Michael L. Breen Attorney at Law  
 6Oct31c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law that Articles of Organization of E. PERRY CONSTRUCTION, LLC with its office located in Schoharie County, were filed with the Secretary of State on August 24, 2012. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him/her to the company at 1499 Huntersland Road, Middleburgh, NY 12122. The purpose of the business is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed.  
 Therese A. Wright Attorney at Law  
 6Nov14c5

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Articles of Organization of Green Wolf Brewing Company, LLC filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 24, 2012, effective on the date of filing. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 1234 Cotton Hill Road, Berne, NY 12023, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful

act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law.  
 6Nov14c5

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
 Name: Bartholomew Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 21, 2012. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 131 Settles Mountain Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.  
 Walter G. Breakell Breakell Law Firm, P.C.  
 6Nov14c5

**GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE, STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4-120 of the Election Law, that the General Election to be held in this state on Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, namely November 6, 2012 from 6:00am to 9:00pm the following offices may be lawfully voted for, to wit: ONE PRESIDENT AND ONE VICE PRESIDENT; ONE UNITED STATES SENATOR; TWO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 3RD J.D.; ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS IN THE 19TH C.D.; ONE STATE SENATOR IN THE 51ST S.D.; ONE MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY IN THE 102ND A.D. TOWN VACANCIES: BROOME - TOWN JUSTICE; CARLISLE - TOWN JUSTICE; FULTON - TOWN JUSTICE; GILBOA - COUNCILMAN - UNEXPIRED TERM; PROPOSITION #1 SHOULD THE TOWN OF GILBOA AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF BINGO?; PROPOSITION #2 SHOULD THE TOWN OF GILBOA AUTHORIZE THE GAMES OF CHANCE?; VILLAGE OF COBLESKILL - TWO TRUSTEES; VILLAGE OF ESPERANCE - ONE TRUSTEE. GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 5TH OF OCTOBER 2012.  
 Clifford C. Hay, Commissioner  
 Lewis L. Wilson, Commissioner  
 Oct17c5

**NOTICE OF ADOP-TION TOWN OF SEWARD**  
 The Town Board adopted the Town of Seward's final budget for the year 2013 on October 8, 2012. All interested parties may peruse this budget during regular business hours in the Town Clerks office.  
 Brenda Southworth Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for the Town of Cobleskill to purchase the following: (1)New 4WD Tractor and Loader with Loader Mounted Hydraulic Snow Blower. The bidding documents may be obtained at the offices of the undersigned during regular business hours. All bids when presented to said office shall be in sealed envelopes and plainly marked on the face the item(s) being bid. Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned not later than 11:00am, October 31, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00pm October 31, 2012 after the Water and Sewer bid opening. The bid documents may be examined at the office of the following: Town of Cobleskill, Town Clerk, 378 Mineral Springs Road, Suite 5, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The right is reserved by the Town of Cobleskill to waive any informality in and reject any or all bids.  
 Tina Ward Shuart Cobleskill Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 There will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Bridge Fire District on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Central Bridge Fire House, 137 South Main Street, Central Bridge, beginning at 7:00pm to approve the 2013 Final Budget for the Central Bridge Fire District.  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Pursuant to section 1122 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, please take notice that a list of 2012 delinquent taxes, identifying those parcels subject to delinquent tax liens held and owned by the County of Schoharie, will be filed with the Schoharie County Clerk after November 1, 2012. The parcels included in this list will be identified by town, consecutive numbering (i.e. 2012-1, 2012-2), description (tax map number, account number), owners name as it appears on the 2012 tax roll.  
 William Cherry Schoharie County Treasurer  
 Oct17c5

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, against Mark Gasper, Individually and on behalf of The Estate of Anthony T. Gasper; Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation; State of New York; Any unknown heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of the late Anthony T. Gasper, if they be living or if they be dead, their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the Plaintiff, Defendant(s).**  
 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/1/2012 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the lobby of the Schoharie County Office Building, Schoharie, New York on 11/14/2012 at 10:00am, premises

known as 534 Highway Route 20, Sharon Springs, NY 13459. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Sharon Springs, Town of Sharon, County of Schoharie and State of New York, Section 11.5 Block 1 Lot 11. Approximate amount of judgment plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2010-390. John J. Conway, III, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 Dated: October 8, 2012 991558.  
 4Nov7c5

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 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Middleburgh will continue to pick up bagged leaves in biodegradable paper bags and SMALL tied brush ONLY until November 29, 2012. Please place bagged leaves and small tied brush at the edge of the Village Street.  
 Dated: October 1, 2012  
 By Order of the Board of Trustees  
 Janet N. Mayer, Clerk-Treasurer  
 Oct17c5

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 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town of Gilboa will accept bids for the following: New 2013 Wheel Loader. The Town Board will meet in the Gilboa Town Hall, State Route 990V, Gilboa, New York on November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm to publicly open and read all bids submitted. Bids must be submitted at Town Board meeting or by mail to: Town of Gilboa, PO Box 187, Gilboa, NY 12076 with sealed bid new loader marked clearly on envelope. Town Board has the right to reject any or all bids submitted.  
 By Order of the Gilboa Town Board  
 Lester Parker Highway Superintendent  
 Oct17c5

**TOWN OF GILBOA LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Tire Day For Gilboa Residents October 27, 2012 8am until noon at Highway Garage. Maximum of 20 tires per household, without rims, up to truck size. No tractor tires.  
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 Oct17c5

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**LEGAL DEADLINE:**  
 4:30PM ON MONDAYS

2013, so that necessary permits can be obtained and construction can begin and be completed by January 21, 2014. All proposals must be received in the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors office no later than 4:00pm local time on Friday, November 9, 2012. Any Proposal received after this time will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, Sheryl Largeteau, Clerk of the Board, 284 Main Street, PO Box 429, Schoharie, NY 12157. To download the Request for proposals, go to the Schoharie County Web Site at www.schoharie-county.ny.gov/CountyWebSite/Planning/planningservices.html. If there are general questions, please contact Peter Nichols, Stream Program Manager at Schoharie County Soil and Water District, (518)295-8811 or peter.nichols@schoharieoilandwater.org.  
 Oct17c5

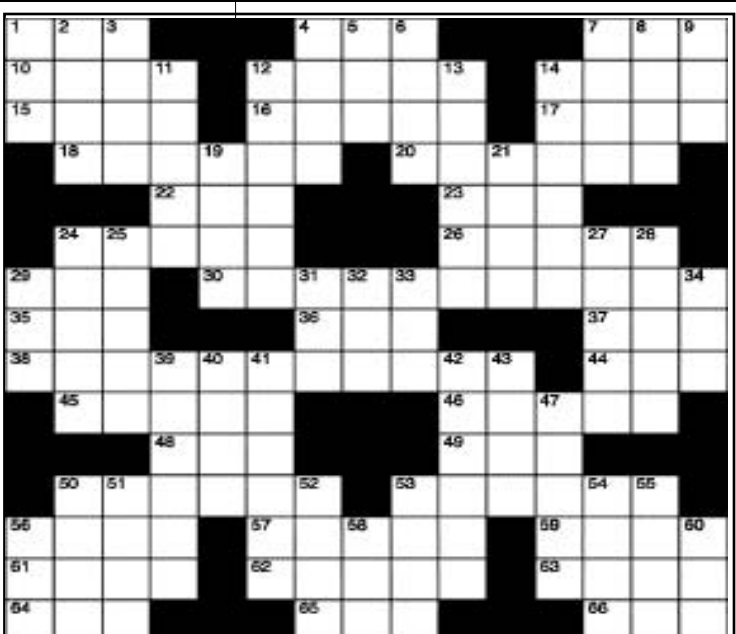
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### CLUES ACROSS

- European Common Market
- Poetic go quickly
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Pigeon pea
- Sao \_\_\_\_, city in Brazil
- Longest division of geological time
- Alto, California city
- Small terrestrial viper
- Coming after all others
- Penetrate with a sharp fork
- Still-hunt
- Chinese frying pan
- Cave-dwelling salamander
- Any thick messy substance
- About the moon
- AKA Tao
- Jet cabin requirement
- Prince Hirobumi, 1841-1909
- An easy return in a high arc
- Italian commune
- L. Comfort's illuminator
- Foot digit
- Minute tunicate genus
- Green regions of desert
- Direct a weapon
- \_\_\_\_ de Janeiro
- Equestrian animals
- Acress Tomei
- Head of the RCC
- Twines
- Scientific workplace
- Minerals
- Hypothetical original substances
- Hit with the open hand
- Political action committee
- Winged goddess of the dawn
- W. states time zone

### CLUES DOWN

- Electronic data processing
- Man or boy (Br.)
- W. African nation
- Fault's incline from vertical
- Method of birth control
- City founded by Xenophanes
- Legumes
- Beckham's spice girl
- Explosive
- 1936 Nobel winner Otto
- Greenbay teammate
- Brass that looks like gold
- School graduates
- Lively, merry play
- Make indistinct
- Egyptian mythological figure associated with floods
- Washing sponge
- Old name for nitrogen
- Impounds for lack of payment
- Radiotelegraphic signal
- MN 55731
- Sun in spanish
- Helps little firms
- Cease living
- Flames up
- Egyptian sacred bull
- To wit
- Mire
- Bring two objects together
- Filths
- Israeli dance
- Oil cartel
- A particular instance of selling
- Microelectromechanical system
- Var. of 45 across
- Goat & camel hair fabrics
- Soda
- A firm's operational head
- Seaport (abbr.)

### SOLUTION TO OCTOBER 10 PUZZLE

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**ANIMAL SHELTER OF SCHOHARIE VALLEY**

## PET OF THE WEEK

**October is Adopt a DOG Month!!**

I don't have much of a story to tell but I'll give you a taste of my travels. I've been somebody's pet and was loved and taken care of. Then one day that all changed. I found myself alone and scared. I was wandering looking for someone to take me in. Some nice people called dog control and they came and got me. The lady was very nice. I stayed with her a few days and then made my way to the shelter. What a place! I have some friends here that I hangout with. I enjoy going for walks and playing in the yard. I have a gentle soul and I am waiting for my forever home to come for me. I am going deaf and I do have cataracts but hey I'm living life. I might be what some call a senior pet but I'm still playful and enjoy doing things. I like other dogs and cats don't bother me. I'm good with kids (5 or older please) and would make a great addition to any family. I'm having a hard time down here lately. I'm lonely and bored. Yes I get to go out and play and go for walks but it's not the same as having a family. I would really love to go home. There are days where I'm depressed and need a hug. I do get those hugs but I would love to get them from forever family. So if you're looking for a small to medium sized dog, that is around 8 yrs old come down and see me, Abel, I'm a friendly and loving dog. I'm a terrier mix with a short coat.  
 Love,  
 Abel

Wish list: **Canned cat food**, cat food, dog toys, Pine sol

The shelter would like to thank Image Experts and their staff for their donation to the dog festival. We would like to thank Norma Cook for coming down to our dog festival with her agility set. It was amazing to watch and funny to see others try. We would like to thank our bakers for their WONDERFUL pies!! We would like to thank Strong's Towing for all the help they have given us over the years with moving some of our bigger things. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date: **Lily in a box Book Signing Dates**  
 October 27th at the YMCA on Ford Avenue in Oneonta from 2 to 4 PM  
 11/3 at the Green Toad Book Store on Main Street in Oneonta, NY 2 to 4 PM  
 11/21 Bank of Richmondville (Schoharie Branch) 11 AM - 2 PM  
 12/1 at the American Hotel in Sharon Springs (time to be determined)  
 12/8 Carrot Barn Schoharie 11 AM to 2 PM.

Save the Date: **HALLOWEEN PARTY October 27 from 11-2 at the Shelter:**  
 We will have our seek & treat event, pooch pie eating contest, tennis ball toss & dress your pets to impress because there is going to be a costume contest!! Please call if you would like to set up a booth or volunteer to help at this event. We will have goodie bags for dogs, cats, and of course for the kids.

**Schoharie Valley Animal Shelter**  
 304 Howes Cave Rd., Howes Cave, NY 12092 • (518) 296-8390



# TIMES JOURNAL LEGAL ADVERTISING

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE FIRE HAZARD INSPECTION**  
**MIDDLEBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual inspection for the 2012-2013 school year of all school buildings of the Middleburgh Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein has been completed and the report thereof is available at the office of the Superintendent for review by all interested persons.  
 Dated: October 15, 2012  
 Middleburgh Central School Board of Education  
 Deborah A. Manning,  
 District Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**TOWN OF GILBOA**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILBOA FOR THE YEAR 2013**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Gilboa for the fiscal year 2013, including general funds, highway funds, fire protection district funds and fire district funds has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Gilboa, 373 State Route 990V, Gilboa, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours. The Town Board of the Town of Gilboa shall hold a public hearing on said Preliminary Budget on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall showing such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been made therein by the Town Board of the Town of Gilboa. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained. The following are the proposed 2013 salaries of certain Town Officers of the Town of Gilboa:  
 Supervisor: \$14,650.00;  
 Councilmen (4) at \$3,900.00 each;  
 Town Justice: \$7,550.00;  
 Supt. of Highway: \$58,000.00;  
 Town Clerk/Collector: \$35,530.00;  
 Assessor Chairman: \$7,615.00;  
 Assessors (2) at \$3,807.50 each.  
 Citizens have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationships of entitled funds to the entire budget. Handicapped citizens or senior citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned Town Clerk to request such assistance.  
 Dated: October 10, 2012  
 By Order of the Town Board  
 Mary C. Wyckoff  
 Town Clerk/Collector  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**RESOLUTION**  
 A resolution authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Berne Fire District, Town of Berne, Albany County, New York, to sell or otherwise dispose of personal property of the Fire District consisting of a 1992 E-One Pumper, which vehicle is no longer necessary for any of the uses or purposes of the district at such time, and upon such terms and conditions as the board in its discretion may determine; said monies realized therefrom to be used toward the purchase of a new pumper. Be it resolved, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Berne Fire District in the Town of Berne, Albany County, New York as follows: Section 1. The Board of Fire Commissioners is of the opinion that the present pumper is in need of extensive repair and is determined to be obsolete and the District is in need of a new pumper and the Fire District is to sell or otherwise dispose of the present pumper. Section 2. That it is determined that the monies to be received from the sale of the pumper will not exceed \$30,000. Section 3: Pursuant to Section 6-g Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, any monies received shall be paid into such Capital Reserve Fund. Section 4. This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.  
 By Order of the Commissioners of the Berne Fire District  
 Mildred Zuk,  
 Secretary  
 Berne Fire District  
 Dated: October 9, 2012  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Fall Board of Trustees meeting of the Grosvenors Corners Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012, at 7:30pm, in the Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church, Grosvenors Corners, NY. Lot owners, residents and general public are invited to attend.  
 Dated: October 15, 2012  
 Sally Ann Anderson,  
 Secretary  
 2Oct24c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Please be advised that the Schoharie Town Clerks office will be closed on Friday, October 19 and Monday, October 22, 2012. Please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please call me at 295-6570.  
 Pamela Foland  
 Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET 1) Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of Schoharie, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours by any interested party. The proposed salaries for Town Officers are hereby specified: Town Supervisor \$8,950.00 Highway Superintendent \$46,375.00 Town Clerk \$12,700.00 Tax Collector \$6,350.00 Council Members (4) at \$2,800.00 each Justices (2) at \$6,780.00 each. The Schoharie Town Board will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2012 at 8:30pm at the Schoharie Town Hall at 300 Main Street, Schoharie. Said public hearing is to give the opportunity to all interested parties to be heard in favor for or against the Preliminary Budget pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law. There will also be a Public Hearing the same night at 8:00pm for Local Law 3-2012 (Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C.  
 By order of the Schoharie Town Board, Pamela Foland, Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Summit, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours by any interested party. The proposed salaries for Town Officers are hereby specified: Supervisor \$5,500.00; Town Justice \$5,550.00; Highway Superintendent \$50,250.00; Town Clerk \$13,500.00; Board Members \$5,200.00 (4 at \$1,300.00 each). Summit Town Board will hold a special meeting to review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing on November 1, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Summit Town Hall located at 1580 Charlotte Valley Road. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law.  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Barbara VanValkenburg  
 Summit Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

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 Assessors (2) at \$3,807.50 each.  
 Citizens have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationships of entitled funds to the entire budget. Handicapped citizens or senior citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing, or in furnishing comments and suggestions, should contact the undersigned Town Clerk to request such assistance.  
 Dated: October 10, 2012  
 By Order of the Town Board  
 Mary C. Wyckoff  
 Town Clerk/Collector  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET 1) Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of Schoharie, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours by any interested party. The proposed salaries for Town Officers are hereby specified: Town Supervisor \$8,950.00 Highway Superintendent \$46,375.00 Town Clerk \$12,700.00 Tax Collector \$6,350.00 Council Members (4) at \$2,800.00 each Justices (2) at \$6,780.00 each. The Schoharie Town Board will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2012 at 8:30pm at the Schoharie Town Hall at 300 Main Street, Schoharie. Said public hearing is to give the opportunity to all interested parties to be heard in favor for or against the Preliminary Budget pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law. There will also be a Public Hearing the same night at 8:00pm for Local Law 3-2012 (Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C.  
 By order of the Schoharie Town Board, Pamela Foland, Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Summit, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during normal business hours by any interested party. The proposed salaries for Town Officers are hereby specified: Supervisor \$5,500.00; Town Justice \$5,550.00; Highway Superintendent \$50,250.00; Town Clerk \$13,500.00; Board Members \$5,200.00 (4 at \$1,300.00 each). Summit Town Board will hold a special meeting to review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing on November 1, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Summit Town Hall located at 1580 Charlotte Valley Road. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law.  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Barbara VanValkenburg  
 Summit Town Clerk  
 Oct17c5

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 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Barbara VanValkenburg  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILBOA FOR THE YEAR 2013  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Gilboa for the fiscal year 2013, including general funds, highway funds, fire protection district funds and fire district funds has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Gilboa, 373 State Route 990V, Gilboa, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours. The Town Board of the Town of Gilboa shall hold a public hearing on said Preliminary Budget on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall showing such changes, alterations and revisions as shall have been made therein by the Town Board of the Town of Gilboa. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained. The following are the proposed 2013 salaries of certain Town Officers of the Town of Gilboa:  
 Supervisor: \$14,650.00;  
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 Town Justice: \$7,550.00;  
 Supt. of Highway: \$58,000.00;  
 Town Clerk/Collector: \$35,530.00;  
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**11:00 AM:** Former Dental Office w/ Attached Residence located on Busy Union Street, 1213 Union Street & 1021 Brierwood Blvd., City of Schenectady, NY (Schenectady County)  
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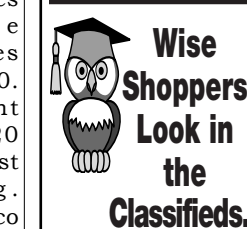
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**Senior Residence Counselor** under the supervision of the Program Manager of an eight bed co-ed childrens community residence established in Oneonta, NY. Responsibilities include: providing individual care and supervision of each resident to ensure adherence to medication regime, crisis prevention and intervention, assist with teaching ADLs, provide counseling and support, and document services. Create a warm, caring home-like environment by modeling responsibility and pride in performing household duties, etc. Carry a caseload of 2 or more. On-call responsibilities. Schedule includes some evenings and Saturdays. Minimum Qualifications: BS in Human Services and required experience in the related field preferred.

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This is a grant-funded program and employment is contingent upon funding.

Applications will be accepted until October 24 (S. Kortright) and December 7 (Sharon Springs). Submit letter of intent with qualifications, college transcripts or copies thereof, current resume and three references via email to Dean Johnston at JohnstGH@cobleskill.edu or by mail to The Research Foundation for the State University of New York, College of Agriculture and Technology, 192 Albany Ave., 206 Warner Hall, Cobleskill, NY 12043 to the attention of Dean Johnston.

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Chefs included: Tony Alvarze, Jim Batsford, Alex Becker, Tom Boves, Jim Brooks, Dale Case, Bill Cherry, Joe Crua, and Jack Daly.

Also: Alfred D'Alauro, Gordon Delpit, Brian Dineen, John DeSanto, Brian Hayes, Greg Hurd, Keith Isles, Brian Kaiser, Pete Lopez, and Brian Ludwig.

Also: Paul Miles-Matthias, Ernest Meyer, Eugene Nachamkin, Kevin Neary, John Ostrander, Steve Philbrick, Geoffrey Rightmyer, Brian Sherman, Larry Stanley, Christopher Stauble, Devin Tetlak, and John VonAhn.



Cooking With Love's chefs—who donated their recipes and their talents—pose for a group photo, above, before heading to the dining room. Then, clockwise: Chef Jack Daly prepares to uncover his Jack's NY Chili, more than 100 diners enjoyed Sunday's meal, and ARC Executive Director Tony Alvarez listens carefully to some last minute directions.



Photos by Patsy Nicosia



Master of Ceremonies Sheryl McNerney welcomes the crowd.



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