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# Driver dies in fiery crash



Cobleskill and Richmondville firefighters, above, examine the burned wreckage of a tractor-trailer that fell



off an I-88 overpass onto Route 7 near Podpadic Road in Richmondville, claiming the driver's life and injuring two women whose car is at right.--Photo Karen Cuccinello.

of Transportation crews guiderails and bridge where the truck fell onto Route 7.--Photo by Jim **Poole** 

At left, state Department on Monday repair the

# Strong as ever

## Observance to look at county a year after Irene

By Patsy Nicosia

How far we've come since Hurricane Irene-and how far we still have to go-will be the focus of an August 26 event at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds:

"Schoharie County—One Year Later—Country Strong.'

The 2-9pm Country Strong will feature food, music, artisans, and exhibits, and though organizers are staying about from the word "celebration," there's one thing they will be celebrating:

Resilience.

"It's a chance to highlight how far we've come," said Melissa Jones of Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT), which is putting together the event, "but we also want to keep the focus on the fact that there's so much more to do."

At last count, Ms. Jones said, fewer than a quarter of the homes hit by last August's flooding had been brought back completely; the biggest need for many, she said, remains heating systems.

With that in mind, Schoharie

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County Strong will kick off with a press conference providing an overview of the challenges and accomplishments over the past year and the need for continued support.

It will also launch a new matching fundraising cam-

Equally important, Ms. Jones said, the day will give families and volunteers who'd lived through Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee a place to relax with others who know what they've gone through.

There will be more than 35 artisans and vendors-there's no charge and spots are still available—face painting and tarot readings, performances by Studio Fab, The Cheer

—Melissa Jones

Dome, and American Martial Arts, Cobleskill; "After Irene" CDs by Jax Gleckman, and

Gilboa-Conesville's "Eyes of the

Storm," art exhibit.

There will also be resources for those still needing help along with plenty of food and music, and at dark, an outdoor movie.

Volunteers are still needed for Country Strong—especially anyone interested in organizing kids' activities.

For more information on the event or volunteering, contact Ms. Jones at 234-7521 ext.127.

## 2 hurt when truck falls onto Rt. 7

By Jim Poole

A tractor-trailer plunged off an I-88 bridge, landed on Route 7 and burst into flames, claiming the life of its driver in a horrific crash Sunday.

As of press time, State Police have not released the names of the truck driver or of two women who were injured when their car struck the truck on Route 7.

The crash took place just minutes after noon where I-88 crosses on an overpass above Route 7 just west of Podpadic Road in Richmondville.

Sergeant Alan Woodin of the State Police in Cobleskill said the truck was westbound on I-88 just east of the Route 7 overpass, "when for some unknown reason," the truck veered to the left and entered the me-

The truck then crossed the median and was traveling westbound on the shoulder and one lane of the I-88 eastbound lane.

'He hit the guardrail and peeled off about 150 feet of it," Sergeant Woodin said.

Hitting something, the truck jackknifed, flipped over and fell onto Route 7 between I-88's eastbound and westbound overpasses.

The truck, carrying fourfoot diameter rolls of paper, landed on the north shoulder of Route 7, blocking the westbound lane and part of the eastbound lane.

A mother and her daughter,

both from Worcester, were westbound on Route 7 as the truck hit the road, Sergeant Woodin said.

it just touched the truck," he said. "The second it did, the truck burst into flames.

The two women escaped by walking through the flames and received emergency treatment near Podpadic Road, Sergeant Woodin said.

"I got to talk to them for just five seconds, and they said it looked like the truck just fell out of the sky," he said.

Firefighters from Cobleskill and Richmondville responded and extinguished the fire, which could have been worse.

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—Sgt. Alan Woodin

guiderail [on I-88], it ripped open the saddle fuel tank and sprayed diesel fuel all over the road and median and grass, Sergeant Woodin said.

"Luckily, the fuel never caught fire. The fire departments did a great job."

Rescue squads from Cobleskill and Richmondville took the two women to a point where they were airlifted to Westchester Medical Center, Sergeant Woodin said.

The truck driver was trapped inside the cab, and it was unclear what caused his

death. Sergeant Woodin surmised the driver may have suffered a heart attack or stroke, but he was unsure. An autopsy was to

be performed Monday. He had not heard of the women's condition Tuesday afternoon.

State Police are still trying to reconstruct the accident. Although it was in the middle of the day and many people were on the road, no eye-wit-The car hit the brakes, and nesses have contacted troop-

> "Anyone who saw the accident, we'd like them to come forward," Sergeant Woodin said. "Usually, there are people nearby who see something."

Anyone with information can call the State Police at 234-9400.

I-88 and Route 7 were closed for short periods. The state Department of Transportation checked the bridge and found it to be safe after the crash, Sergeant Woodin said.

DOT crews were at the bridge repairing guiderails on



Three farm women from northern Pennsylvania who've experienced hydrofracking firsthand will be bringing their story to Cobleskill and Sharon Springs next Wednesday.

Vera Scroggins Susquehanna County, and Carol French and Carolyn Knapp of Bradford County will present "Fracked for Real: Voices From Pennsylvania," at 7pm, Wednesday, August 22, in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School auditorium.

Admission is free. A question and answer ses-

sion will follow.

The conversation will continue Thursday, the 23rd, at My Sisters' Place Café in Sharon Springs, where a breakfast will feature local foods.

There will be a small charge. The three women will focus on how their lives and farms changed hydrofracking began in northern Pennsylvania.

The events are being sponsored by Sharon Springs Against Hydrofracking and The Center for Sustainable Rural Communities.

For more information, call 284-2441.



Showing off some of their zucchini and summer eating competition, the day will feature games, consquash, Dave and Darleen Laraway are preparing for tests, food and country fun. Story on page 24.--Photo their seventh annual Hot Pickle Eating Contest this by Jim Poole. Saturday at their Carlisle home. Besides the pickle-



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## **Obituaries**

#### **Bernice Andrews**

Bernice Iva Andrews (Fancher) went peacefully home to the Lord on Friday, August 10, 2012.

She was born on March 28, 1927 in Richmondville, the daughter of Sanford and Ella (King) Fancher.

Graduating from Cobleskill High School and what is now SUNY Cobleskill with a degree in child guidance, she worked with children in Watervliet, and Providence, Rhode Island.

She married Paul Andrews in 1948 and together they built a life in Rotterdam.

A devoted Christian, she lived her Faith. Bernice was an active lifelong member of Carman United Methodist Church. Her service to her community included being a 4-H leader, a Rotterdam Lioness and a mentor in Schenectady County Social Service programs. She was also an Iroquois Indian Museum patron and volunteer. One of her most satisfying achievements was being a certified literacy Braille transcriber through the US Library of Congress.

Bernice was an avid gardener, bird-watcher, talented artist and crafter. She loved spending time with family and friends, taking pleasure from each day's simple joys and generously sharing them.

Her husband Paul S. Andrews passed away in 2011; she is also predeceased by granddaughter, Schoonbeck, and brother-inlaw, John Watson.

She is survived by her chil-(Ronald) Linda Beckering of Northville; Keith (Catherine) Andrews of Amsterdam; Gail Andrews and Jean (David) Schoonbeck of Rotterdam; Joneen (Mark)



**Bernice Andrews** 

Mortensen of Mansfield, Massachusetts; and Sherry (Robert) Macey of Clifton Park; 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Also survived by her sisters, Beatrice Watson of New Hampshire and Elizabeth (Thomas) Mulligan of Florida and a sister-in-law, Eileen (Alvin) Herskovitz of Florida.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 11am at Carman United Methodist Church, 2350 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, with the Rev. Marvin Batcher pre-

Family and friends may call at the church from 10-11am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Carman United Methodist Church (2350 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, NY 12306), the Schenectady City Mission (425 Hamilton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305), or the Iroquois Indian Museum (324 Caverns Road, Howes Cave, NY 12092); or please feel free to donate to the charity of your

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Funeral Home, Putnam Cobleskill.

The provision for online condolences and additional information is available at www.merenessputnamfuneralhome.com.

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Bernice leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, love, honor and grace, to her bereaved family and all who knew

#### Carolyn Bellinger

Carolyn O. Bellinger, 95, formerly of Lawyersville, died Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Born November 16, 1916 in Carlisle, she was the daughter of Schaeffer and Lena (Karker)

Carolyn was raised in Carlisle and lived in Lawyersville after she was married. She moved to Troy, Pennsylvania and resided with her son for the past two While raising her family, she

was a member of the local 4-H Club and the Rock District Grange, as well as the Seward Valley Grange.

Carolyn was an active member of the Lawyersville Reformed Church, its Women's Guild, and volunteered at the church dinners.

She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin, who died in

Survivors include her two children: Joan (Bruce) Bishop of Rutland, Vermont, and Carl G. Bellinger of Troy, Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and her sister-in-law: Mildred Erikson of Cobleskill.

A funeral service will be held at 11am on Saturday, August 18, at Lawyersville Reformed Church, 4957 State Route 145, Cobleskill, with Rev. Pacia Ferrell Vamvas officiating.

Burial will follow in Slate Hill

Family and friends are also invited to a period of visitation to be held from 6-8pm on Friday at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm Street,

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawyersville Reformed Church, 4957 State Route 145, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Further information and the provision for online condolences may be found by visiting www.merenessputnam funeralhome.com



**Daniel Mickle** 

#### Daniel Mickle

Daniel R. Mickle, 54, of Middleburgh, died in his home on August 3 after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; daughters, Natrona Mickle and Lori Baird, and sons, Carlton Moxham, and A.J. Travel; parents, Marlene and Boyce Lawyer; three brothers, one sister; several nieces and nephews; and one grandchild.

There will be a celebration of life get-together in the near

#### Joan Quinn

Joan M. (Rowe) Quinn, 79, formerly of Brookside Place in Schoharie died Thursday, August 9, 2012 at Van Rensselaer Manor Rensselaer, where she was recently admitted to receive hospice care.

The daughter of Joseph and Louise Rowe, Joan was born February 9, 1933 and raised in Catskill. She graduated from Catskill High School and then enrolled in Benedictine Hospital School of Nursing in Kingston.

Joan graduated from nursing school in 1954 and worked as a Registered Nurse from 1954 to 1964. In 1964, Joan and her husband, Don, moved

into a large farmhouse located in Thomson Ridge, where they raised their eight children and were active members of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Bullville.

As a retired couple Joan and Don moved in 1998, to Schoharie, where she resided until August, 2011. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph's in Schoharie until its closure in 2009, and then Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh.

Joan was a master quilter and an active member of the Schoharie Piecemakers Quilting Guild. She enjoyed family gatherings, bird watching, homemaking, reading, gardening, music, and her husband's inexhaustible propensity for puns.

Joan is survived by her husband of 57 years, Donald R. Quinn formerly of Jefferson Heights in Catskill. The couple was married on May 14, 1955.

She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Leach of Catskill, her brother, Thomas Chewins of Catskill, and her children: Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald of Orono, Maine; Kathleen Quinn-Jacobs of Ithaca; Thomas Quinn of Middleburgh; Michael Quinn of West Berne; Sheileagh Quinn of Calais, Vermont; Patricia Quinn Toledano of Round Lake; Margaret Quinn of Saratoga Springs; and James Quinn of Ravena; as well as twelve grandchildren. Joan was predeceased by her brother, Joseph B. Rowe, Jr.

A prayer service was held on Monday at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, August 14 at Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church, Middleburgh, with Father Thomas Holmes officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Catskill.

The family has suggested memorial contributions to the Audubon Society of the Capi-Region: www.capitalregionaudubon.org/

home or the American Diabe-Association: www.diabetes.org.

Further information is available at www.langanfuneral home.com.

#### Gerd Remmers

Gerd Remmers of Berne, died on August 8, 2012 at his

He was born on June 1, 1925, the son of John Karl and Anna Gerdis (Jannsen) Remmers in Norden, Friesland (Holland).

He came to America on April 22, 1929 and to Gallupville in May of 1933.

He attended the one room schoolhouse on Gallupville-Knox Road and then attended Schoharie Central School graduating in 1943.

He was the owner of Berne View Farms. He became a successful dairy farmer, purchasing his first farm in 1948, and later worked many years for the New York State Department of Transportation.

He was a member of the Dairymen's League Association, was secretary and president of the now defunct Beaverdam Local.

He flew for the US Coast

He also was a Charter Member of the Gallupville Fire Department.

A twenty-five year member of the Berne Fire Department and a current member of the Knox Fire Department, he

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**Gerd Remmers** 

served as a Fire Police Officer. He was a former member of

the New York and International Flying Farmers and a Past Commander of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary where he served as a Patrols Specialist. He was a life member of the American Legion Post 91, Mechanicville, where he served as Chaplain: he was a member of the Forty and Eight Society No. 958, Saratoga, serving as Chef de Gare Passe.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Schoharie Lodge No. 491; he also was the patron of The Order Of The Eastern Star, Helderberg No. 331, Altamont. He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 32nd degree Mason, member of the Cyprus Temple AAOMS of Albany, where he played in the Shiners Hillbilly Band. He was a member of KAA

RHEU VAHN Persian Grotto, Latham, where he held office of Monarch. He was predeceased by his

Pauline Dorothy wife Maslowsky and later his wife Barbara Martineau.

He is survived by his children, John (Mary), Patricia (George) Rapoli, Robert (Patricia) and Barbara (Anthony) Turi.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Hans, Lauren, Ashleigh Remmers and Michael and Gabrielle Turi.

He is also survived by his step-grandchildren Kiley (Jennifer) and Kypp (Neda) Wetmore.

A service was held on Friday, August 10 at Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont.

Interment will be on August 22, at 11am at The Gallupville Cemetery.

#### Tore Lofving

Tore Lofving, 47, of Union Street, Cobleskill, died Monday July 2, 2012 at his residence, after being stricken suddenly.

Mr. Lofving was born December 19, 1964 in New York City, a son of Iver and Sara (Middendorf) Lofving.

He graduated from John J. High School on Katonah, and later attended SUNY Cobleskill before graduating from Union College in Schenectady where he received is bachelors in engineering.

Mr. Lofving worked for New York State Department of Transportation until an auto accident forced his retirement.

While living in Cobleskill, he taught enrichment classes in music, chess and math at Cobleskill-Richmondville High

He enjoyed playing chess, music and attending his church.

Survivors include his brothers, Per and Iver; and his sister, Camilla; his nieces, Lila and Amelia; and nephews, Alex and

A gathering of friends will be held on Thursday, August 16 at Teen Town, North Grand Street, Cobleskill from 4-6pm.

The Robert A. Guffin Funeral Home is assisting the fam-

Further information is avail-

able at www.guffinfuneral

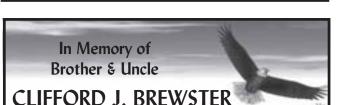
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# Speak up

#### Cobleskill adjusts public comment period at meetings

By Patsy Nicosia

The Town of Cobleskill is tweaking the public comment portion of its meetings—despite charges that the changes will only open the door to more people who want to make Cobleskill "look bad."

Councilman Ryan McAllister proposed the change, which allows 15 minutes for public comment at the start of every meeting.

Every speaker would get a maximum of five minutes.

Currently, would-be speakers request a spot on the agenda with Supervisor Tom Murray deciding whether or not to grant the request.

Mr. McAllister said the change is really a return to how things were done under previous supervisors and is a way to formalize the process.

"I think that it's important to bring structure...because of what I've witnessed," he saidessentially residents Gary Brady and Joe Kerr being treated as de facto councilmen. Mr. Brady objected to the

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nual chicken BBQ at Lasell

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Shultes, 827-6880.

the door.

at Dems' barbecue

changes, claiming that when they were proposed by former councilman Ken Hotopp, the board voted them down.

There was never a vote, Mr. McAllister said, only discus-

Mr. Brady then asked why speakers would be limited to five minutes when the town essentially gave an open floor to anti-fracking speakers many of them from other towns.

"This isn't to limit anyone," Mr. McAllister answered. "It's just formalizing the process."

The reality is, he continued, is that the town doesn't have to let anyone speak; he couldn't go to Washington and speak on the floor of Congress because he's not a Congressman.

"But we're closest to the people...You want to allow people to come and talk. It's only right. I just feel it should be more structured and everyone should be treated the same," he said.

Mr. Murray said he doesn't know of a time when anyone wasn't allowed to speak.

Tickets will be available at

"Except the public, when you couldn't stop the anti-frackers,' Mr. Brady said, addressing not Mr. Murray, but Mr. McAllister.

Mr. Kerr said only town residents should be allowed to

'What we have is people coming in and making us sound like bad pace to live and...taxpayers are paying for it." he said.

Mr. McAllister said he's hesitant to limit public comment to residents only.

It would be difficult to enforce, he said, and some issues cross town lines.

Resident Michelle Stacey agreed.

More and more issues, she said, like hydrofracking, involve all of the county, not just Fracking is one issue that's

drawn substantial crowds to town meetings, sometimes forcing regular town business onto the back burner.

As a result, a special meeting was held on fracking.

Monday, Ms. Stacey and her husband, Bruce, Mr. Brady and Mr. Kerr were the only members of the public on hand.

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## **Opinions**

## Told you so

Hate to say, "Told you so," but there's really not much else to say about Cobleskill-Richmondville's church-inschool policy. In our book, the policy doesn't work and is a distraction to what should be going on in school.

In late July, the C-R school board approved Fusion Community Church's request to continue using the high school for Sunday services. The church can do so temporarily, for up to six more months. Then the board last week rejected a request from Calvary Chapel of the Hills to use Ryder School on Sundays and another from the Barner ville Methodist Church to use a Ryder classroom on Wednesdays after school for Sunday school-type classes. The rationale was that neither request met C-R's policy. Calvary doesn't have another location and therefore might use the school beyond the six-month limit, and Barnerville would be instructing C-R students.

Our greatest fear, then, was realized. The new policy put the school board in the awkward position of judging church programs and requests, saying "yea" to one and "nay" to two others. It's a position the board shouldn't be in, and we suspect, doesn't want to be in.

And even based on C-R's policy, the rulings lack consistency. Basically, the policy states that churches may use school buildings temporarily if they have no other place to meet. But Fusion *does* have another place to meet—its church on Legion Drive. One explanation from a board member was that the church is too small. Okay...but that's not a condition of C-R's policy. As for Calvary, it doesn't have a church at all, so why not let it use Ryder for six months until members locate a new place? The explanation for rejecting Barner ville was that members would be instructing C-R students. Well of course they would. Barnerville is in the school district, so children of church members would also be C-R students, wouldn't they?

On the face of it, looking at these rulings and the policy, we'd reverse the decisions; allow Barnerville and Calvary in and return Fusion to Legion Drive. To our mind anyway, Barnerville and Calvary come closer to the policy criteria than Fusion does. But that's the problem right there. The policy is way too arbitrary and forces the board to decide on what feels good or the whim of the moment. That's how board members defended this policy in the past month—that they're being good neighbors for Fusion. We wonder how Barner ville Methodists and Calvary members feel about that.

The underlying problem here is that the faulty policy draws board members away from what they should be focusing on: School issues, finances, new classes, lobbying the state about aid, hiring teachers, finding candidates for two administrative vacancies and on and on and on. The church issue has become extra baggage that C-R doesn't need right now, three weeks before school opens. Get rid of it one way or another.

We'll make one last call for the school board to revisit the church-in-school policy, or more formally, facilities use policy. Admitting a mistake takes guts, but the board should be up to it.

## No quitters

It's coming up on Irene's one-year anniversary, and although Schoharie's made great strides since last August 's still so far to go. To their credit, people involved in recovery recognize this and are redoubling

Schoharie Mayor John Borst and Schoharie Recovery's John Poorman last week talked about how the village will use a \$49,000 state grant aimed at revitalizing the business and residential districts. They'll use the money for long-term planning and recovery, which on the surface seems ineffective. Why not just split the \$49,000 among businesses to give them a boost? Because that shortsighted approach will help businesses for a couple of months, not years. As good as it looks now, Schoharie has a lengthy road ahead, and long-term planning is essential.

SALT--Schoharie Area Long Term recovery--is planning a one-year Irene observance next Sunday, the 26th. Not only a chance for people to relax and congratulate themselves on work well done, Country Strong also intends to re-focus on the need to keep going. More importantly, Country Strong will be a launching point for the second round of fundraising, obviously a recognition

that much, much more is ahead.

After a year of mucking out, making do, rebuilding and fundraising—all with considerable success—it would be tempting to say "We've done enough. Let someone else take over." But these folks aren't willing to pack it in. Far from it. They value their communities and understand that as far as they've come, they might not be even halfway yet. Far from surrendering, Schoharie Recovery and SALT are right in the thick of it and willing to be there.

Those of us less affected by Irene appreciate their efforts and want to help. We're impressed by their determination and stamina. They aren't quitters.

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Summer swim

Cobleskill

# Mare's Nest

By Patsy Nicosia

Somewhere, where all the lost things go, I must have about 524 pairs of reading glasses. 525 if you include the pair I

left on the bed stand (or somewhere) when I turned out the light last night.

Either that or someone else who needs them as much as I do snuck into the house last night and snatched them up.

And I can't work without

I won't say I'm always losing things, but there are a few things I'm always looking for.

Reading glasses top the list. A few days ago, somehow I had two pairs—one more than I need, which makes me four times as likely to lose them both.

And I have.

Thank goodness I'd stashed a serviceable pair—crooked but hey, at least they have both lenses, in the bathroom.

When you first start needing reading glasses, the advice is typically to buy a six-pack of the cheapest ones you can find and scatter them at likely places of need throughout the house. It's a fairly effective strategy

until you start needing them everywhere; I suspect half of the pairs I've lost have been because I've hung them off the front of my shirt and then somehow didn't notice when they dropped off...in the driveway, under my desk, in the produce aisle at Price Chopper.

(And how would I notice? I ask. I wasn't wearing my reading glasses.)

I've worn plain old glasses since third grade and sunglasses since I switched to contacts in my 20s, so you think I'd be used to this.

But my history with them isn't that great, either: I constantly stick my sunglasses in my back pocket-and then sit on them. And I still remember spending half of a Saturday afternoon searching for my glasses as a kid (again, without them) and finding them stashed in a crock of dried flowers in my bedroom. Forty years later I still can't figure that one

Holly got her learner's permit Wednesday and the first checked.

thing we did was find her an old wallet to keep it in.

"If you always put it down in the same place when you come in the house," I told her, 'you'll always know where it

Yes, advice I know I should follow myself, because though I can excuse away the lost glasses, my phone and car keys are also too often on the toofrequently-misplaced list.

For years, when car keys were simple chunks of metal and not something programmed with the ability to launch the Space Shuttle, I kept a spare taped to the inside of my gas cap.

Now, they're too expensive. And too big.

And though I always intend to carry the spare I have now with me when I travel, I never remember.

I do, however, know exactly where it is in case someone has to come rescue me.

My phone?

Right now it's in my back

I know this because I

Only twice have I had to replace it because I couldn't find it and neither time was it my fault. And at least now I have

I also have plenty of jewelry in the place where lost things go, most of it single earrings (which anyone knows don't

But I've also offered an inhouse reward for a bracelet that I know is around somewhere...

....possibly under the car seat where I found the missing watch I usually wear it with, but without my glasses, all I can do is feel blindly around there.

I realize I probably waste too much of my life looking for things I need to do a better job keeping track of and I vow to do better.

But first, I'm going to check the house just one more time.

Because, swear to God, I just checked my purse and found

\$20 I didn't know I had. I could get rich.

(Now has anyone seen my sunglasses? *Really.*)



#### **Great time** in M'burgh

Dear Editor,

It does not seem enough can be said about the magnificent job done by the Middleburgh 300th Anniversary Committee.

The band concerts, the parade, the display, the fireworks, the ecumenical service, and the way our history was woven throughout were all exceptional.

The sheer logistics of putting on something of this magnitude is mind-boggling.

Think of the publicity, the booths, the many, many related activities, and coordinating all parts of the town's businesses and churches into it.

Don't forget the wealth of materials available, the "Home Sweet Home" DVD, "Bridging the Years," and souvenirs of many types.

Think of the research, started years ago by many local historians, no longer with us, but who hoped their recordings would be seen and appreciated. They were.

And maybe, best of all, the reunions; families from all over the country, class reunions, and lifelong friends meeting and greeting and loving who came together because of this special event.

All of this, in spite of, and maybe somewhat because of, the disaster known as Irene. Abby Weller Herring

#### Middleburgh "Absolutely

Dear Editor,

The Middleburgh 300th celebration was absolutely splen-

splendid"

I want to say thank you to each and everyone of the committee members and those who chaired and coordinated the array of events for this threeday weekend.

This was a superb feat well done and enjoyed by so many. Additionally, many thanks to the Times-Journal for their extended coverage in print and

pictures. The synchronized activities and the reunion of friendships all helped to make an extraordinary fun-filled weekend that

will long be remembered. **Ruth Strong** Middleburgh and Chicago

#### Congrats, Middleburgh

Dear Editor,

Congratulations Middleburgh on their many accomplishments in the last

Not only the fine efforts that have been made toward recovery following the flood, but a wonderful mural being completed and erected, and now a fantastic job with their 300th Celebration.

It is uplifting for the whole area to see this spirit of the commitment demonstrated and celebrated.

Sarah Goodrich

#### **Explanation** necessary

Dear Editor,

It's not often I choose to write to tell my tale of woes, but I feel it's necessary this week. At first I was able to ignore things, but now it has become embarrassing. In last week's Times Jour-

nal, under the news for the Schoharie town board 'Schoharie needs volunteers" David Avitabile gave the news about the recovery and the other smaller happenings in the

For whatever reason, he chose to put in about the apology Councilman Richard Sherman gave me. Who cares, it was never in the paper about his actions in the first place.

I chose not to make a public deal about it and I did accept the apology.

That's the way I would have liked it to end.

Now that Mr. Avitabile found it worthy of public knowledge, I would like people to ask David Avitabile what the apology was for, since it's his story.

There is plenty to be done in Schoharie for the recovery and the 300th celebration (which was ignored completely in the article) and I want to be able to move on.

Dawn Milone Schoharie

#### Kids today are just fine

Dear Editor:

If you ever caught yourself complaining about "kids these days," you can be assured that there is a balance of many youth who are doing many positive things in our community.

In just last week's issue of the Times Journal, there were articles about a couple young men who earned the award of Eagle Scout. Tonight I witnessed 15

former and current students from Schoharie High School who selflessly devoted their time and talents for a worthy

The 4th annual Music For Life concert was held at the Schoharie Presbyterian Church on August 9.

Every year they pick a cause

This year's fundraiser was for the American Diabetes As-

## TJ readers

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

• Renee Nied, Schoharie County grant coordinator, **Green County Council on** the Arts

• Abby Weller Herring, Middleburgh

• Richard Levine,

Brooklyn and Cobleskill · Mike Shuster, Sharon

Springs • Kathy Jones,

Esperance • The King family,

Middleburgh • Ruth Strong,

Middleburgh and Chicago Sarah Goodrich, SALT • Dawn Milone,

Schoharie · Lisa Zaccaglini,

Sharon Springs The deadline for letters

is noon Monday. All letters must be signed.

These young men and women displayed a wide array of vocal and instrumental talent, and put on an enjoyable evening of inspiring music.

I am just so proud of these young people for their caring and commitment to present a quality program and to raise money for a good cause. Kudos to each and every one of them. I can't wait until next year's concert.

**Kathy Jones** 

Esperance

More letters on next page.



## **Letters**

#### Take a stand vs. fracking

Dear Editor:

Gas companies are spending millions of dollars to try and convince us that fracking is

What people do not realize is that gas companies are under no obligation to be honest with the public or property owners where they operate.

They are, however, required to be honest with their shareholders and investors.

Here is a direct quote from Cabot Energy from December 2011 in their SEC filing on pages 23 and 24.

'We face a variety of hazards and risks that could cause substantial financial losses. Our business involves a variety of operating risks, including: well site blowouts, cratering and explosions; equipment failures; pipe or cement failures and casing collapses, which can release natural gas, oil, drilling fluids or hydraulic fracturing fluids; uncontrolled flows of natural gas, oil, or well fluids; fires; formations with abnormal pressures; handling and disposal of materials, including drilling fluids and hydraulic fracturing fluids; pollution and other environmental risks; and natural disasters.

"Any of these events could result in injury or loss of human life, loss of hydrocarbons, significant damage to or destruction of property, environmental pollution, regulatory investigations and penalties, suspension or impairment of our operations and substantial losses to us.

"Our operation of natural gas gathering and pipeline systems also involves various risks, including the risk of explosions and environmental hazards caused by pipeline leaks and ruptures. The location of pipelines near populated areas, including residential areas, commercial business centers and industrial sites, could increase these risks.

'We may not be insured against all of the operating risks to which we are exposed. We maintain insurance against some, but not all, of these risks and losses. In addition, pollution and environmental risks generally are not fully insur-

If we do not stand together against this industry, they will surely take our land, water and rural way of life.

The Constitutional Pipeline is already bullying its way into our county and since it is an open access pipeline, it will need land to frack all along its route.

Make no mistake, this is the nose under the tent for fracking, no matter what lies they tell us. And according to the industry themselves, fracking is not safe.

Lisa Zaccaglini **Sharon Springs** 

#### Witnesses to fracking

Dear Editor,

There have been three infor $mational\ meetings\ in\ Cobleskill$ this summer, relating to fracking and gas pipelines.

All the meetings - the last termed an 'open house' and held at the Best Western - have featured experts and been mostly informative and helpful, as promised.

And I'm grateful to the town boards and activists who helped arrange them.

But all lacked something vital: the voice of personal experience, first-hand and eye-witness.

However, on August 22, we can for an evening borrow the eyes and ears of those who live with fracking 24/7, 365.

What is the impact of fracking on a community's daily life?

None of this summer's presentations by experts and officials have addressed those questions.

That is why it is most important that our local officials attend "Fracked For Real: Voices From Pennsylvania Leaseholders and Farmers," and why I am calling and emailing my representatives and insisting

that they attend. I urge all Schoharie county residents concerned with the county's preservation to contact their representatives, as

well. "Fracked for Real" will feature three residents of Pennsylvania, perhaps the most heavily fracked state in

America. The proposed pipeline is planning to carry gas from Pennsylvania through, among other places, Schoharie County.

The three presenters - Vera Scroggins, Carolyn Knapp, and Carol French - are 'experts' in living on land that has been leased to fracking companies.

Theirs is an expertise that's up-close and personal, and rather than the technical and legal issues surrounding fracking, they can address questions that are perhaps more vital to residents:

Do you hear it, see it, smell it, taste it?

And in the towns where it's fouled the drinking water aquifers so that bottled water must be shipped in everyday, is it delivered to your door or do you have to pick it up, who pays for it, and how do you cook and bathe in bottled water?

Is it true that banks will not give mortgages and insurers refuse to cover houses adjoining property where fracking is going on? Have 80 percent of the jobs created by fracking gone to out of state workers? How have the armies of young transient workers the companies send in affected your town?

And what about the truck

Has fracking improved or worsened the local economy? Do you still think of your town as a safe, clean place to

raise your children? In other words: What's life like with fracking as your neighbor.

Fracked For Real," which will be held in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School auditorium on August 22, at 7pm, is sponsored by Sharon Springs Against Fracking and hosted by Bob Neid from The Center for Sustainable Rural Communities. Admission is

Again, I urge local residents to call and email local officials. I'm inviting mine to the meeting and telling them that if they hope to continue to represent me and do what's best for the county they must attend this meeting.

I'll thank them for arranging the informational meetings about fracking, but inform them that this meeting will shine a light on what is at stake if fracking is allowed into our living rooms and kitchens, our bath and bedrooms, and our backyards: I'm contacting my town supervisor and board members, and my state assemblyman and senator.

At one of the informational meetings this summer, Ithacabased attorney David Slottje asked: Who do you want to decide what your town looks like, the citizens who live here or a company that will do what's necessary to make a profit

I'm telling my representatives that I want to make that decision.

You can find contact information for your local public servants in the Community Direc-

tory, some are listed below. Senator James L. Seward

455-3131 (Albany). • Peter D. Lopez (518)455-

5363 (Albany), 295-7250 (Schoharie).

· Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 295-8421.

 Schoharie County supervisor's phone numbers: Blenheim 827 6077; Broome 827-8772; Carlisle 234-4259; Cobleskill 234-7547; Esperance 875-6109; Fulton 827 4896; 588-7213; Gilboa (607) Jefferson (607) 652-7931; Middleburgh 827-5100; Richmondville 294 7177; Schoharie 295 6490; Seward 944-5447; Sharon 284-2135; Summit (607)397 8187; Wright

> Richard Levine, Brooklyn and Cobleskill

More letters on next page.



in Central Bridge, possibly taken around 1900. The message: "[This is] a very popular hotel in the old sign at the left, over the opening in the building, reads railroad days. It stood opposite the depot."

Here's a photo of the Austin House or Austin Hotel "Sheds and Stables." On the back of the photo is the

home.

Bouck's

enjoyed

Dibble's.

Middleburgh.

Pauline Moltzen, cat woman

Jessica L. Montgomery and

of Broome Center, has four kit-

Wesley R. Wylie were united in

marriage on August 10 at the

family summer home on

Hollow

Charles and Rosemary

Christiansen enjoyed a ten-day

vacation to Nova Scotia with

their daughter, Chris, and son-

George and Helen Haslun

the

VanValkenburg-Robertson

Jim and Lois Davis of

Middleburgh celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary on

July 26. Jim Davis, of Andes

and Lois Shultes of Dunraven

were married July 26, 1952 at

the Arena Methodist Church.

It was one of the last weddings

held there before the Pepacton

Reservoir covered the valley.

of Cobleskill announce the

birth of their son, Jackson Lee

Trustee Jeff Christiensen re-

signed Thursday because he

Staggs, on July 7.

Middleburgh

Kathleen Green, 7.

Rebecca and Randy Staggs

family reunion held at David

in-law, Ralph Cornwell.

Road,

tens up for adoption.



## **Times Past**

60 Years Ago August 12, 1952

Seven Schoharie County 4-H club girls will travel to Delhi to compete in the District Dress ReVue. They are: Shirley Graves, Reba Jane Ottman, Sandra Miers, Jane Marn, Anne Tillapaugh, Lillian Slater and Florence Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shedma of Gallupville attended a cattle sale near Poughkeepsie Monday.

Romaine Wilsey is having his house painted.

Milton Burgess and Joe Adams, Schoharie, are on a fishing trip this week, camping on Otsego Lake.

A new Shell gas station has been completed on the Mix land on North Main Street. Frank and Stephen Stark, Jr. are the proprietors.

Mrs. Edna L'Amoreaux has rented her beauty parlor on Main Street, Schoharie to Emilie Arias. Mrs. Ralph Corsall and

daughter, Bernice, and Mrs. C.D. Morrison spent last Wednesday in Albany. Miss Mignon Kniskern won first prize of \$25 at the talent

show at Sharon Springs Central School Tuesday. Miss Sandra Richards entertained several friends at a

weiner roast Saturday evening at her home in Clinton Circle. of Schoharie are the parents of a son, Wayne Douglas, born

July 28. Betty Jean Tucker and Edward Albert Reven were married on August 8 at the Richmondville Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Reven will reside at the Reven farm in Richmondville following a wed-

ding trip to Niagara Falls. Miss Lucretia Dailey, in the company of Miss Bessie Groff of Worcester, returned home to Decatur Sunday after several days stay at Speculator.

Misses Jeanette and Mary Bozanic of Worcester are spend-

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ing some time visiting their brother-in-law and sister, Capt. and Mrs. C.H. Wenzel, Jr. of Flushing, Long Island.

Two members of the Cobleskill chapter of the Future Farmers of America will appear on the television show "Farm Spotlight." Ted Crommie and Frank Madl, along with their agricultural instructor, Donald Demick, will be interviewed.

Flames swept through a three-story building located on Main Street directly across from the Middleburgh Central School. The building housed a garage, appliance store and apartments. A barn attached to the garage also was destroyed and two cows perished in the blaze.

Mrs. Frank Westfall and two sons are camping at Moffett's Beach this week. Mr. Westfall will join them later in the week.

A dairy tour will visit several county farms. They begin at the Julius Westheimer and Son farm in Middleburgh and conclude at the George Smith estate farm at Mineral Springs.

25 Years Ago August 19, 1987

Kelly Lee Miller and Douglas Micha were married at the Worcester United Methodist church on June 27. After a honeymoon in Acapulco, the couple will reside in Stamford.

Brenda Nirschl celebrated her 16th birthday at a party at Titus Lake last week with several of her friends.

On July 11 at Richmondville's St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Patricia Ann Palmer and Rolyn D. Sanford were united in marriage. The couple will reside in Walton where the groom owns and operates a large dairy farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barber of Middleburgh became the parents of a son, Ford Carlough, on July 30.

Mrs. Alfred Allen was presented a check for 30 years continuous service to the corpora-

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tion at the employees annual Bunkey and Carol Bingham's Howe Caverns banquet at Boreali's. Jenny Wood was a Saturday

overnight guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guest. On Sunday, she climbed Vrooman's Nose with her grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lay-

man of Warnerville announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Erin, on July 28. Shawn Marie Kennedy and

Wayne Jay Diamond were united in holy matrimony at the Schoharie Reformed church on July 25. The couple will reside in Schoharie. Holmes Mark

Richmondville recently spent a weekend in New York City where he attended a taping of the David Letterman Show.

Congratulations to Kevin and Audrey Tymchyn and family on the purchase of their new home from Harold and Hanna Barber.

Albert Wohl, owner of Wohl's Department store in Cobleskill and Stamford, has sold both stores to Mark Eamer-Dulin. The name, employees, product lines and customer service will remain the same. Mr. Eamer-Dulin and his wife are building a house on Barnerville Road.

Country singer Tanya Tucker was the headliner at the 1987 Sunshine Fair.

from Oregon and bought

10 Years Ago August 14, 2002 Welcome to Emily Stalker to Warnerville. Emily came to us

has moved outside the village. Stephanie and Mackenzie Hall of Cobleskill announce the birth of their son, Gabriel An-

> thony Hall, born July 26. Winners of the Cobleskill Elks Auxiliary coloring contest were: Peter Radliff, 12; Shanelle Lounsbury, 9; and

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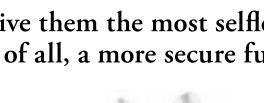
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## Manley joins hospital as pharmacist

Pharm.D., of Albany, has joined the staff of Cobleskill Regional Hospital as staff phar-

In this position, he will be responsible for dispensing prescriptions for inpatients on the acute care and short-term rehabilitation units, working closely with physicians, nurses and other clinicians to provide needed medications 24 hours and day, seven days a week.

"We're extremely fortunate to have Chris as our new pharmacist," said David DeSando, R.Ph., director of Pharmacy

"Hospital pharmacy services are increasingly complex, and it's vital to have a person with Chris's skills and education in this role.

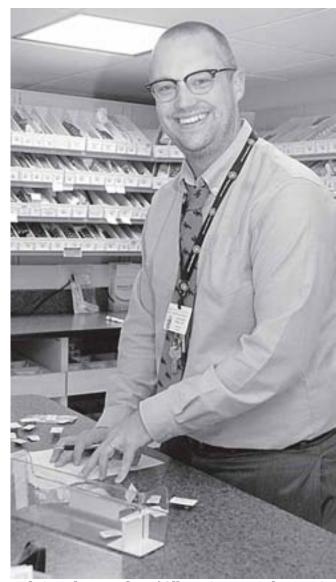
Mr. Manley received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University's School of Pharmacy and Health Professions in May.

Before joining the Cobleskill Regional Hospital Pharmacy, he spent nearly ten years as a early stage drug discovery at Albany Molecular Research, Inc. During his tenure in this position, Mr. Manley coauthored three papers which have appeared in professional peer-reviewed journals.

He earned his BS degree in chemistry from Michigan State University. He currently lives in Albany with his wife, Tricia, and three dogs.

In addition to dispensing prescriptions, hospital pharmacists advise physicians and patients on correct use of medications, work with the clinical team to evaluate and assure the effectiveness of drug treatments, and monitor patients for drug side effects and interactions.

The Cobleskill Regional Hospital Pharmacy dispenses 115,000 doses per year for hospitalized patients and outpatients. It is a site for Advanced **Pharmacy Practice Experience** rotations for the Albany College of Pharmacy Internship Pro-



Christopher Manley of Albany is a new pharmacist at Cobleskill Regional Hospital. -- Photo by Jim Poole.

## **Underground Railroad** to be focus of talk

Society will be hosting the program "Underground Railroad in Montgomery County" on Sunday, September 9 at 2pm with guest speaker Montgom-ery County Historian/RMO Kelly Farquhar.

Mrs. Farquhar will speak about the secrecy surrounding the Underground Railroad leading up to the Civil War. Many are surprised to find that freedom-seekers traveled through, and were given ref-

uge in Montgomery County. Mrs. Farquhar will speak about some of those local residents who were involved in that secret network, where they were located and how

The Charleston Historical they assisted in the fight against slavery.

Montgomery County's participation in this movement of social reform, is the focus of the book "Uncovering the Underground Railroad, Abolitionism, and African American Life in Montgomery County, New York 1820-1890," which will be signed and for sale at the presentation.

The program is free to the public

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

For more information, call

**etters** 



#### "Fracking" a must-see

Dear Editor:

In the spring of 2011 we learned that Sharon Springs had almost 75 percent of all the leases in Schoharie County to drill for natural gas; fracking.

We've done some homework about fracking and it looks very unsafe, extremely toxic and would change our rural environment into an industrial landscape forever.

I went to a couple of the "pro drilling" presentations in Middleburgh and Carlisle and listened to them sell us on their version of fracking which was that it would be safe, patriotic, great for the economy, that they gave bicycle helmets to kids and have sponsored family picnics, etc.

What is the truth?

Our highway superintendent Bill Barbic, actually drove to Pennsylvania to see for himself first hand what all the fuss was about. When he came home from his trip he spoke at the following town meeting in Sharon and told us what he observed on his 24 hour journey into Pennsylvania.

When he took the floor and spoke, you could hear a pin drop. His testimony about what he witnessed was intense.

He was followed everywhere by white pick-up trucks, he counted hundreds and hundreds of huge trucks coming nominated library in their and going down small rural roads, he witnessed tents set up on the edge of town where families that could no longer pay the hiked up rental prices were forced to move.

In the end he said he would not want to see this large scale industry in our community.

Not all elected officials are as honest, hardworking and dedicated as Bill Barbic.

Not all of us (elected or not) have the resources or the will to travel to Bradford County or Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to witness firsthand what fracking does to a com-

munity. This is why I urge all citizens and elected officials on every village and town board in Schoharie County to find the time to travel to the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School and attend the "Fracked for

August 22 at 7pm. This event is featuring three speakers who are farmers and leaseholders and who have lived with fracking for the past

Real" event on Wednesday,

three years. They are driving to Schoharie from Bradford and Susquehanna Counties to tell their story. They are coming to us.

It is one thing to look on the Internet and learn about fracking or watch a DVD of an industry insider, a professor or scientist tell you why you should be very concerned with fracking, but to hear it from vour Pennsylvania neighbors who are living in the midst of this industry is a more complete picture.

Please come and listen to what these speakers have to say. They have experienced the fracking process and they have experienced pipelines carving up their land. Listen to what promises were made to them by the gas companies and how those promises are playing out.

"Fracked for Real" is a mustsee. Please come and bring a neighbor.

Mike Shuster **Sharon Springs** 

#### Correct email for arts grants

Dear Editor,

In the August 8 issue of the paper, you ran a letter to the editor that I submitted.

In the body of that letter I included an email address that would allow artists and nonprofits to contact the Schoharie DEC grant program.

The layout of the letter was such that a hyphen was inserted into the email address to indicate a line break.

Unfortunately, inserting a hyphen into the email address changes the email address and will prevent interested persons from correctly contacting our program.

I am, therefore, asking the paper to reprint the correct email address for the Schoharie DEC Grant Prowhich schoharieDEC@gmail.com

Renee Nied Schoharie County grant coordinator, Greene County Council on

#### Fine work by firefighters Dear Editor:

We thank all the fire companies that helped put the State Route 30 house fire out.

P.S. We found the cat and have it at our house now.

The King family Middleburgh



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## Towns cooperate on road But that's been enough to velop the Oak Meadows Road

By Patsy Nicosia

It's going to take three towns — Cobleskill, Middleburgh, and Fulton—to upgrade a private road that crosses into two of them.

Oak Meadows Road is located off Keyser Road in the Town of Middleburgh, in a subdivision developed by Dean Nunamann, Cobleskill Town Attorney and Keyser Road resident Mike West told Supervisor Tom Murray and councilmen Monday.

Only about three-tenths of a mile of Oak Meadows Road crosses into Cobleskill, Mr. West said; the rest is in Middleburgh.

prevent either town from bringing it up to their specifications so it can be finished and adopted by someone—probably Middleburgh—as a town

Cobleskill and Middleburgh have different road specs, Mr. West said.

Also complicating the picture is that Mr. Nunamann's brother, Dale, is Middleburgh's highway superintendent.

Fulton Highway Superintendent Ken Parkes has offered to stand in for Dale Nunamann, Mr. West said, in working with Cobleskill Highway Superintendent Mike Persons to help de-

specs so there's no appearance of a conflict of interest.

Eventually, neighbors of the road would likely have to pay for improvements to the road in hopes that Cobleskill or Middleburgh would take it over.

Estimates of that cost range from \$50,000-\$90,000 to as high as \$500,000 if the specs were to call for rebuilding and paving

Maintenance and plowing are now being handled by the Nunamann family, Mr. West

Residents or developers of private roads can ask for waivers when it comes to meeting

A case in point is the James Collins project at the old Roger Becker Farm where Mr. Collins was allowed to use oil and stone instead of paving.

"I'd honor whatever specs Middleburgh comes up with,' Mr. Murray said.

Mr. Persons will work with the other towns on the specs and then come up with an estimate for road improvements so Mr. West can take it to Oak Meadows road residents.

### Libraries in contest for books

Schoharie Middleburgh libraries need

Lego and the Association for Library Services To Children are giving away \$5,000 for books and supplies to the most online contest, "Read! Build! Play!"

Both libraries saw substantial losses to their children's collections from Hurricane Irene.

Voters can choose from a list that includes other local libraries or nominate one of their own as well.

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There are links to the Lego/ ALSC site on the Times-Journal's Facebook page or go to readbuildplay.com and to







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Friday, August 10

Cobleskill Village Police arrested Kristopher L. Houston, 28, of Cobleskill for second-degree criminal contempt at 9:25pm.

Cobleskill Town Court and remanded to the Schoharie County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail, \$5,000 bond. He was to return to town court Tues-

Thursday, August 9

Cobleskill Village Police ar-Warnerville at 2:07pm for thirddegree aggravated unlicensed operation and other vehicle and traffic tickets.

She was arraigned in

Cobleskill Town Court and released. Ms. Bevins was to return to town court on Tuesday.

Wednesday, August 8

Cobleskill Village Police ar-He was arraigned in rested Tyler J. Briggs, 17, of Cobleskill at 6:45pm for thirddegree criminal trespass.

He was arraigned in Cobleskill Town Court and released. He was to return to town court Tuesday.

Tuesday, August 7

Schoharie Village Police arrested Cheyla Bevins, 33, of rested Kevin J. White, 31, of Schoharie on charges of harassment and trespass.

Mr. White was issued appearance tickets and released. He was to return to Schoharie Village Court on Monday.



## Fire Log

Tuesday, August 7

Schoharie, carbon monoxide, time out 09:06, time in 10:01. Schoharie, lift assist, time out 10:36, time in 10:52. Sharon Springs, lawn mower fire, time out 13:37, time in 15:20.

Wednesday, August 8

Middleburgh, MVA, time out 06:48, time in 09:41. Central Bridge, time out 1227, time in 14:11, Esperance, mutual aid to Central Bridge, time out 12:51, time in 15:39. Cobleskill, lift assist, time out 16:29, time in 16:56.

Thursday, August 9

Schoharie, fire alarm activation, time out 07:21, time in 07:27. Charlotteville, structure fire, time out 10:02, time in 10:20. Summit, mutual aid to Charlotteville, time out 10:02, time in 10:07. Richmondville. lift assist, time out 12:32, time in 12:59. Schoharie, MVA, time out 12:54, time in, 13:37. West Fulton, hay fire, time out 14:15, time in 14:49. Summit, mutual aid to West Fulton, time out 14:21, time in 14:49. Jefferson, structure fire, time out 14:52, time in 17:15. Summit, Charlotteville, FIVES Team, mutual aid to Jefferson, time out 14:52, time in 16:58. Jefferson, mutual aid to Stamford, time out 20:12, time in 22:46. Jefferson, structure fire, time out 20:47, time in 23:29, Summit. Charlotteville, Richmondville, Fast Team, mutual aid to Jefferson, time

out 20:27, time in 23:08. Friday, August 10

Middleburgh, transformer fire, time out 08:20, time in 10:28. Middleburgh, carbon monoxide, time out 08:25, time in 10:28. Middleburgh, structure fire, time out 16:53, time in 23:51. Schoharie, Blenheim, West Fulton, Summit Jefferson, Conesville, Fives Team, Fast Team, mutual aid to Middleburgh. Central Bridge and Huntersland, stand in; Charlotteville, stand

Saturday, August 11, Carlisle, vehicle fire, time out 12:30, time in 13:37. Gallupville, outdoor burn, time out 12:56, time in 14:51.

Sunday, August 12

Richmondville, tractortrailer MVA, time out 12:04, time in 22:35. Summit and Cobleskill, mutual aid to Richmondville, time out 12:04, time in 22:35. Central Bridge, set up landing zone, time out

12:04. time in 13:20. Livingstonville, lift assist, time out 15:29, time in 16:09. Middleburgh, lift assist, time out 15:45, time in 16:32. Carlisle, outdoor burn, time out 20:35, time in 21:11.

Ambulance calls for the week of August 7-12.

Central Bridge 4, Cobleskill Conesville  $\bar{2}$ , Esperance 4, Jefferson 3, MEVAC 9, Richmondville 3, Scho-Wright 12, Sharon Springs 7, Summit 4, EMS Coordinators 18, Rural Metro 9, Gallupville 1st Re-

# Mystery fire destroys empty Fulton home

An investigation is continuing into the cause of a fire that heavily damaged a home in Fulton late Friday afternoon.

The home, at the corner of Route 30 and Bielfeldt Road, had no electrical service, according to Schoharie County Fire Coordinator Matt Brisley.

The house had been damaged by Irene flooding and had not been occupied recently, Mr. Brisley said.

He said the call came in just before 5pm

The Middleburgh Fire Department responded, and called in help from departments in Schoharie, Blenheim, West Fulton, Summit, Jefferson

and Conesville. MEVAC was on standby.

Middleburgh Chief Mike Devlin "did a good job getting a lot of help there," Mr. Brisley said.

The house, owned by Christopher King, was just about a total loss, he added.

"It's still standing, but it's completely destroyed," Mr. Brisley said.

He added that the fire "looks a little suspicious right now" because the home had no electrical power and nobody lived

Mr. Brisley is investigating the fire with the Schoharie County Sheriff's Office.

#### Jefferson man airlifted after two-car accident

a serious two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Routes 7 and 30 Wednesday afternoon.

The Sheriff's office said the accident happened on Route 30 just north of the Route 7 intersection in the Town of Esperance at about 12:25pm.

A red Ford Focus driven by Stephan R. Ulrich, 40, of Jefferson traveling south on Route 30 crossed into the northbound lane and struck a van truck, police said. The car then crossed back into the southbound lane and came to stop in a ditch.

Mr. Ulrich was extricated from the vehicle by members of the Central Bridge and Esperance fire departments using the Jaws of Life, police

Emergency crews from the Central Bridge fire department

Two people were injured in and Rural Metro Ambulance squad treated the driver at the scene, police said. He was then transported to Albany Medical Center by State Police Helicopter with head and chest injuries and was still in the hospital as of Friday.

The driver of the truck, Larry Cole, 61, of Voorheesville, was taken by Scho-Wright to Cobleskill Regional Hospital with cuts and bruises, police said. He was treated and released.

The State Police Troop G Accident Reconstruction Team responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The state DOT assisted with the closure of the road for several hours.

The investigation into the accident is continuing, police











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Scotty & The Rockin' Bonnevilles play a mix of swing, rock, and rockabilly music and last Wednesday in Sharon, it was all good.



Lead singer Scotty Mac wails on the harmonica. Making up the rest of the band are Ted Hennessy,

John Ellis, and Pete Vumbacco. The 2012 Summer Concert Series wraps up tonight, Wednesday, with a 7pm dance party.

# Rockin' in Sharon

A mix of swing and rockabilly music had Sharon Springs rocking Wednesday when Scotty & The Rockin' Bonnevilles took the stage under the Chalybeate Tent as part of the 2012 Summer Concert Series.

The Albany-based band consists of Scotty Mac, Ted

Hennessy, John Ellis and Pete Vumbacco.

Tonight will be the summer's last event, a dance party for all ages.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle and refreshments.

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Scotty & The Rockin' Bonnevilles, above, a group from Albany, had everyone tapping their feet when they took to the stage last Wednesday as part of the 2012

**Summer Concert Series in** 

**Sharon Springs.** Right, the audience applauds. The group, a last-minute fill-in, had **Sharon Springs rocking.** 

Photos by Patsy Nicosia



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four and a half miles. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Though there is no admission charge, donations for the benefit of the barn will be appreciated.

The readers will be Linda Greenwald, Ina Jones, Sue Spivack of Cobleskill; Julie Suarez of Oneonta; Ginnah Howard of Gilbertsville; Paul Lamar of Albany; Bertha Rogers of Treadwell; Marina Brock of St. Johnsville; and **Evelyn and Graham Duncan of** Ithaca.



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## Celebrate our town on Cobleskill Day

By Jim Poole

Anyone looking to do some shopping had better save up for Cobleskill Day, September

Village-wide garage sales, a farmers' market and sidewalk sales will mark the annual event, which celebrates smalltown living.

And there's more than shopping: Children's activities. music, KanJam, an obstacle course for dogs and more will all highlight the day.

Cobleskill Day is sponsored by Realty USA, Cobleskill Partnership Inc. and Little Law's Big Dreams.

'It's just a day to have fun," said organizer Sandy Poole. "This is a day to celebrate the good times and good people

we have living in Cobleskill."

Garage sales get under way at 9am. Ms. Poole is collecting names of homeowners who'll participate, and if there are enough, she'll put them on a map to hand out to visitors.

In the past there was a charge to be on the map. There's no charge this year. To sign up, call Ms. Poole at 234-

Downtown merchants will have sidewalk sales also.

Centre Park will host an agriculture celebration, with the Cobleskill-Richmondville Future Farmers of America planning activities and also a farmers' market.

Girl Scouts will have a "Furry Friends" obstacle course for dogs in Centre Park

from 11 to 1. Proceeds will benefit the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley.

Studio Fab and others will perform in the park as well.

At the Community Library, the Friends of the Library will hold a book and bake sale and also have their basket raffle.

Library trustees will host KamJam games, with teams trying to score points by landing a Frisbee in a scoring container. One person is the thrower, the other the deflector who tries to tip the disc into the container.

The Library trustees will also have "Stone Soup" tastingssamples of dishes made in

As Cobleskill Day approaches, plans will firm up, Ms. Poole said.

"Anyone who wants to get involved can do so," she said.

## New C-R tax rates.

Town	2011-12 rate per \$1,000	2012-13 rate per \$1,000	\$ change	% change
Root	18.15	19.05	.90	4.96
Decatur	38.40	39.68	1.29	3.35
Roseboom	37.61	38.10	.49	1.30
Worcester	30.76	31.75	.99	3.23
Blenheim	24.19	23.81	38	-1.58
Carlisle	23.57	23.52	05	20
Cobleskill	23.12	23.52	.40	1.74
Esperance	23.88	24.11	.24	.99
Fulton	28.80	29.31	.51	1.75
Jefferson	23.40	31.75	8.35	35.70
M'burgh	27.49	28.01	.52	1.90
R'ville	18.06	18.49	.44	2.41
Schoharie	23.88	24.11	.24	.99
Seward	23.57	23.52	05	21
Summit	30.43	30.48	.05	.16

Cobleskill-Richmondville school board members approved tax rates for the district's \$35 million 2012-13 budget at a special meeting Tuesday morning. The above table shows the 2011-12 rates per \$1,000 of assessed value for each town, the 2012-13 rates and the dollar and percentage differences between the two.

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## RL Parsons adds propane

RL Parsons Inc. of Sharon Springs has added propane to its list of fuels and services. Owner Ray Parsons, above with his drivers, are now offering com-

plete propane tank installations, delivery, monitoring and more. They'll also fill propane tanks. At the same time, RL Parsons will be continuing its longtime fuel oil, kerosene, and diesel services, including installing and repairing heating systems, cleaning furnaces and air conditioning, duct cleaning, and ultrasonic tank testing.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.

## Jail to be rebuilt where it is

#### **By David Avitabile**

The flood-damaged county jail will be rebuilt in its current location as Schoharie County supervisors agreed to spend nearly \$700,000 to begin the project last week.

All the funds will be reimbursable from FEMA and the state, as will the entire reconstruction project

While the jail will be reopened on Depot Lane, there will be changes.

Flood gates and other flood mitigation devices will be added and the Emergency Management Office and the E-911 centers are likely to be

Moving the two offices will be a county expense, said Treasurer Bill Cherry, who is handling the county flood recovery effort.

It was FEMA's decision to rebuild the jail in the present location, Mr. Cherry said at a special county board meeting last Tuesday.

FEMA will not pay for anything else, and the state Corrections Department has

agreed with the move, he said. Wright Supervisor Bill Goblet noted that the supervisors did not make the decision to

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rebuild the jail.

Supervisors agreed to pay Labella Associates \$360,000 for architectural and engineering work. The construction management contract went to BBL Construction Services for \$318,000. These are the same two firms handling the work at the county building.

Mr. Goblet voted against approving the bids, saying he was against putting "people in cages where they could drown," referring to the possibility of further flooding.

Mr. Cherry said there will be flood gates at the jail, county building, courthouse and county health office to mitigate high water.

The automatic flood gates will be built near entrances and lay flat when not in use and will appear to be sidewalks. When fully in place, the walls will be at least six and half feet high and higher than last year's flood, Mr. Cherry said.

Existing doors and windows will also be made flood-proof.

FEMA and the state will be paying for the flood mitigation but not the moving of the EMO and 911 offices, Mr. Cherry

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the flood," he said, and any other changes will have to be paid for by the county.

The county has spent about \$17 million in flood repairs and has received \$4 million from FEMA and another \$1 million from the state, he said.

The county borrowed \$10 million last year and "we may need to borrow more," Mr. Cherry said.

In other flood related action, supervisors agreed to send a letter to Senator Charles Schumer asking FEMA to reverse the decision not to reimburse the county for costs to board prisoners in other jails since the flood.

The boarding of prisoners is costing the county about \$65,000 a month, Mr. Cherry

#### be returned "to the day before the flood," he said, and any Work at County Office Building begins soon, to be done by March County officials were for \$919,911. There were eight

#### By David Avitabile

Reconstruction work on the first floor of the flood-damaged county building should begin shortly.

Schoharie County supervisors approved more than \$5.6 million in bids at a special meeting last Tuesday night.

The offices are to be operational again by next March.

All but \$420,000 of the total is to be covered by funds from FEMA and the state. The work not covered will be for the replacement of the heating and ventilation system on the second and third floors of the pleased with the number of bidders for the work.

There were 30 bidders for the four contracts approved last week. The general work contract

went to Bette and Cring of Latham at \$2.07 million. There were nine bids for this work. The plumbing work went to

T. Lemme of Albany for \$288,700. Seven firms bid for this work. Heating work went to Fam-

ily Danz of Albany for \$1.922 million. There were six bids in this area.

Kasselman Electric of Al-

chairman, added, "If Mike

feels it is defensible, I don't

have a problem with Mike

the eight supervisors seeking

to overturn Mr. Vroman's de-

hands of a New York State Su-

preme Court judge.

about two months.

to make a decision.

the supervisors voted.

endar year.

chairman.

Mr. West said.

starting at 5pm.

a split vote.

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Mr. VanWormer is one of

The lawsuit is now in the

The case was heard in Al-

A decision could come in

The answer could arrive

more quickly, but Mr. West

said the two sides could work

out a deal before the court has

The objecting supervisors

feared Mr. Vroman altered the

committees in the spring be-

cause he did not like the way

supervisors, five Democrats

and three Republicans, said

state law decrees that super-

visors named to committees

serve until the end of the cal-

Changing the committees,

the lawsuit stated, was be-

yond the powers given to the

the books in such situations,

There is little case law on

In other action, board

members agreed to interview

the two firms who are vying

to look into complaints

brought by several employees.

in executive session at the

board's regular monthly meet-

ing on Tuesday, August 28

starting time to 1pm failed in

A motion to change the

The interviews will be held

The attorney for the eight

bany Supreme Court earlier

this month before Judge Eu-

defending that situation.

bids for this work. Officials said there were no

Schoharie County bidders on any work, but they were pleased that the winning bids came from companies in the capital region. Several supervisors com-

plained about lack of information for the project but only Bill Goblet of Wright voted against accepting the bids.

County Treasurer Bill Cherry, who is coordinating the county flood recovery effort, said the designs for the work on the county building were done under the former recovery team.

stances, Bob Mann of Blenheim said, the bids would have gone through a committee.

Under normal circum-

He said he assumed some committee was looking at the plans. Dan Singletary of Jefferson

said he felt in the dark about the changes. Mr. Cherry answered that no

one asked for the blueprints and he has been diligent about informing the board about the work to be done.

Phil Skowfoe of Fulton added that the plans have been available and supervisors knew that the bids were to be awarded last week.

"We hire professionals to make recommendations to come before this board and I think we should follow these recommendations," he said.

Mr. Singletary said the bids came in after the last county meeting was held.

Board Chairman Harold Vroman said the department heads have been involved with the project.

Mr. Singletary asked if a weekly meeting could be held for supervisors if they want an update on the work.

Mr. Cherry said the paid engineers and architects could hold that meeting but he would not, to the obvious chagrin of Mr. Singletary who did not respond but only shook his head

Carl Barbic of Seward said the county has made good "dog gone good" progress since the flood and the board has to move forward.

back and forth.

"I can't see why we're questioning these experts," he said.

People in his town are asking when the county is going to reopen the flood-damaged

As for the work not covered by FEMA, Mr. Cherry said the new variable air volume system on the second and third floors of the county building is a worthwhile and necessary expense.

The new system will match the one that will be put in the basement and first floor.

The old system is outdated and "frozen" since the controls for the system, which were in the basement, were destroyed in the flood. The furnace, air condition-

ing and electrical components and controls will be moved out of the basement.

Mr. Cherry said the original estimates for the new ventilation system on the second and third floors was about \$800,000 but there were very aggressive bidding for the work.

#### West under fire for his defense of supers' chair **By David Avitabile** Mr. West did not remain neu-Earl VanWormer of Esperance, a former board

week for representing the chairman in a lawsuit brought by board, Mr. Milone said.

eight supervisors. Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone last Tuesday evening asked Mr. West why he did not go "into a neutral corner" in the lawsuit that seeks to overturn Chairman Harold Vroman's decision to change committees in the spring.

Mr. Milone said he was confused at a special board meeting last week because he thought the county attorney

represented the entire board.

He didn't understand why

County attorney Michael tral and instead represented West defended his actions last the actions of the chairman. The lawsuit has split the

You can't represent half the board and not the other half,"

Mr. Milone said to Mr. West. Mr. West said that early on he felt the actions of the chair-

man were defensible. He said he disagreed with the lawsuit brought by the eight supervisors but conceded the suit does have

Dan Singletary of Jefferson said the county attorney has always backed the position of

the chairman.





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## **Sports**



Cobleskill-Richmondville Coach John Henry fits Li'l Dawgs player Marcus Capobianco with a helmet as

Li'l Dawgs Football begins its first practice Saturday on the Ryder-Golding field. Just weeks away, football season is a sure sign of summer winding down.

## They're ready for football

Mid-August means foot- on Saturday. ball season is right around the corner.

And prepare, Cobleskill-Richmondville Li'l Dawgs Football players went through their first practice

Li'l Dawgs finish a lap around the field as a

Coaches worked with the players on stances and drills as parents watched from the sidelines.

Li'l Dawgs is a tackle football program for elementary

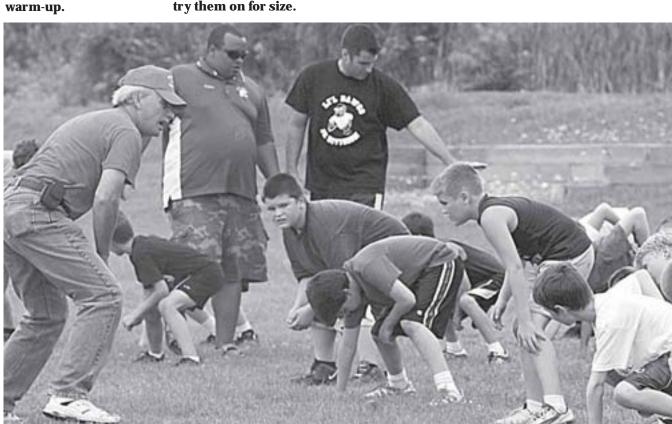
tinue Monday through Friday, 6pm-8pm at the Ryder-Golding field. Players will break into teams and play games in September and October.

Players can still sign up.

students. Practices will con- They can call organizers Andy Lawyer at 234-3933 or Larry Markley at 234-3359 or 231-3962. Or, players can show up early with their parents at one of the practices and get signed up before workouts begin.



Larry Markley, one of Li'l Dawgs' coordinators, fishes for a helmet as players try them on for size.



Coaches John Miller, Ron Williams and Jason Becker help players as they get in their stances at the start of Li'l Dawgs practice for young Cobleskill-Richmondville players Saturday. Right, Andy Lawyer, a Li'l Dawgs organizer, directs a young player to practice. Below, Pat Markley uses tape and a pen to identify a player and his helmet.



Photos by Jim Poole





## **Auto Racing Stuff**

By Ed & Betty Biittig

Once again the rain spoiled much of the racing in our area of New York.

Friday was the first rain out this season for Albany Saratoga; then on Saturday, both Lebanon Valley and Fonda fell to rain. Saturday you would have had to go southwest from the Capital region to Five Mile Point to see a

On Sunday it was on to Utica Rome for us and the NYSSCA Hall of Fame inductions at 4pm.

A nice crowd came early to witness the inductions and honor the four new members. Tom Williams, Sr. was inducted by Barb Clark, Don "Had" Hadcock was honored by Ed Biittig, Milt Johnson by Andy Fusco and because Dick Sweet was unable to come north for the ceremony, 2005 Hall of Fame member, Dick Schoonover did the honors and also accepted for Dick

Sunday was also NYSSCA Safety Award Night; money was given to the first two members across the line in the feature events. The first member gets \$75 and the second

The racing at Utica Rome on Sunday consisted of a regular show although there was nothing regular about it this week because before the end of the Sportsman feature was finished a heavy downpour soaked the track leaving a tough decision for management, delay the show to see if it stopped or cancel.

It looked as though it was clearing in the west so the decision was to delay and within a few minutes the rain stopped.

This meant the track crew had to bring out the equipment to work and run in the track.

As usual they did a spectacular job and within an hour the cars were back on the track and racing on a lightning fast track. Although the fans had to wait out the rain and track prep, it was well worth it. Larry Wight recorded his first career win at the track.

News and notes

Danny Johnson was the winner of the DIRTcar Series event at I-96 Speedway in Ionia, Michigan on Tuesday.

The series traveled to the track for the first time and 16 drivers made the 600-plus mile trip through Canada and on to Michigan.

Mike Bowman was the winner Monday night at Merrittville, Canada.

The World of Outlaw Sprints and STP have inked a multi-year deal that will see STP as the title sponsor for the series. STP has been involved in auto racing for more than 40 years and with the World of Out-

laws the past three. It is expected that nearly 85 World of Outlaw Sprint events will bring the STP name to tracks across the country in

This Saturday Grandview Speedway in Pennsylvania will be awarding some big bucks to the winner of the Forrest Rogers Memorial presented by Pioneer Pole Buildings.

A victory for a track regular will reward the driver with \$20,000. If the winner is a visitor the victory will be worth

To sweeten the pot there will be lap money paid to the leader of each lap in the 50-lap Modified event and the Hard Charger will receive \$100 courtesy of Bobby Gunther Walsh and his sponsors.

TP Trailers of Limerick has posted \$250 for the winner provided the TP decals are visible on each side of the car.

To top it all off the winner is guaranteed a starting spot in the \$50,000 to win BPG Racing Freedom 76 set for Grandview Speedway on Saturday, September 15.

So if the winner this Saturday is a track regular and he goes on to win on September 15 he could collect \$70,000. A nonregular could collect \$60,000 if they won both events.

According to a recent release from DIRTcar fans are quickly grabbing up tickets and camping spots for NAPA Auto Parts Super DIRT Week running from October 3-7 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Fewer than 40 camping spots are left.

News also came to us this week that on August 24 sponsors and friends of Mike Ronca will hold a Hungry Mike Ronca Memorial Dash for Cash for Modifieds at Albany Saratoga.

Look for more details next week on the rules and money contributed for this special event. To date \$2000 is in the

Until next week send all news comments biittig@yahoo.com.

#### **DACC** triathlon set for Aug. 25

The Duanesburg Area Community Center will hold its fourth annual triathlon on Saturday, August 25.

The race begins at 9am on Mariaville Lake for a 325-yard swim. The 10-mile bike portion begins on Batter Street and the 3.1 mile run ends at the DACC.

The event drew 156 participants last year.

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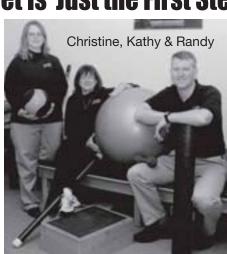
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## Fine arts in Fulton

It was time for arts and crafts in Fulton last week as the traveling county Youth Bureau program came to the town hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Above, Emily Skowfoe, 12, and Lauryn Work, 2, color as Michael Skowfoe. 12. has some fun with a toilet paper tube that would be used to make a puppet.

Kassidy Kovac, 10, Olivia Smith, 12, and Alix Kovac, 12, below, start covering the toilet paper tubes to make their puppets.—Photos by David Avitabile.



## MCS to decide on where to play home games

**Bv David Avitabile** 

Because funds are slow to come back from FEMA, it has not yet been decided where the Middleburgh Central School soccer teams will be playing this fall but officials said plans for the fall sports season are going full speed ahead.

Middleburgh's fields were damaged by Hurricane Irene

## Valley Briefs

The next Schoharie school board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23.

The board had been meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the past but has switched to the first and third Thursdays for this school year.

#### Cookbooks on sale

The new cookbook from the Middleburgh Reformed Church, Breaking Bread, is now available.

It contains over 200 recipes from church members. All proceeds will go into the church's flood recovery fund, established following Hurricane Irene.

The book is available from various church members.

#### New items at library

Newspapers with stories on the fire that destroyed the Baker Hotel in February 1942, how the country's entry into World War II affected Schoharie and about Middleburgh's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration in 1962 are on display at the Middleburgh library.

#### M'burgh sale Saturday

The 13th annual Timothy Murphy Village and Townwide Treasure Hunt and Garage Sale will be held on Saturday from

10am to 4pm. Over 100 families will be participating in the sale and there will also be food

vendors

and last season's games were played at the Valley Soccer fields in Fultonham but school officials were hoping to have the games returned to MCS for

Superintendent Michele Weaver said last week that the district has a vendor who has submitted a quote to restore the two fields but ongoing issues with FEMA have delayed the process.

Board members met in executive session Wednesday to discuss some legal issues.

Officials, Ms. Weaver said, are determined to have the fields returned to the way they were before the flood but "we're not there with FEMA.

The district, she added, has only gotten \$37,000 from FEMA thus far.

The district has already borrowed money and cannot pay for their field work on its own,

Until the issues are resolved with FEMA, Ms. Weaver said it is impossible to move forward.

#### M'burgh makes appointments

Middleburgh school board members got ready for the upcoming school year last week by naming a slate of coordinators for the three schools.

Board members named the following teachers as coordina-

- · Cheryl Indelicato for prekindergarten-fifth grade math Rick Thaxter for sixth-12<sup>th</sup>
- grade math. • Jodi Coppolo for pre-K-fifth grade science.
- Susan Peter for sixth-12th
- grade science. Wes Laraway for sixth-12<sup>th</sup> grade social studies.
- Kimberly Audino for pre-K-fifth grade English language
- · Deborah Herodes for sixth-12th grade English.
- Cynthia Colwell-Bennett for pre-K-fifth grade special
- Bonnie Johnson for K-12th grade physical education/
- · Scott Gray for technical and commercial education and
- Kelly Pacatte for guidance and foreign language.
- Teresa Norfolk for districtwide fine arts.

• Lisa Stanton for sixth-12th grade special education.

#### On September 7, 8, and 9 • Artists: John Wilkinson at or schoharie300@yahoo.com The final touches are being 231-5283 put on Schoharie's 300th anni-Heron114@nycap.rr.com versary celebration set for Sep-· Softball players (both men tember 7, 8, and 9. and women) to play Middleburgh: Vicki Palmatier at 577-7785 or The events will begin on Friday evening, September 7 with vickipalmatier@nycap.rr.com

an opening ceremony in the courtyard of the county building and continue through Sunday when an afternoon parade will be held. There will also be a German-style dinner and fireworks. Darlene Patterson of the

Schoharie Promotional Association and board member Richard Sherman gave updates on the plans last week. The committee is busy final-

izing the schedule of events with times and locations, Ms. Patterson said. Committee members are still

looking for people interested in volunteering or participating in many of the events being planned. Palatine descendants are

asked to contact Mr. Sherman 295-8142 rsherman4@nycap.rr.com.

Interested residents, both current and former, in the Schoharie school district, Central Bridge, Esperance, Schoharie, Sloansville and Wright, are asked to contact: · Crafters and artisans: Bar-

bara Sharpe at 868-2878 or  $bsharpe 2@\bar{n}y cap.rr.com$ Authors: Anne Hendrix at

295-7341 ahendrix@nycap.rr.com

· Those interested in portraying local historic figures as well as those interested in performing in a variety show on Saturday or can help put this together, contact Mr. Sherman.

Schoharie ready

to celebrate 300th

Anyone interested in being in the parade, contact John Borst at 295-7134 chief6@midtel.net

The parade is scheduled for Sunday at 1pm.

• Brothers of the Brush (men with facial hair): Roger Shafer at 868-2589.

• The Straw Hat Sisters (women and girls to decorate and wear straw hats): Robin Myers at 295-8671.

Floats for both will be provided for those requiring a seat. Of particular interest are those who participated in the 1962 celebration and are participating again. People are encouraged to dress in period clothing. Volunteers who have as-

sisted in Schoharie's recovery from the effects of Hurricane Irene are asked to come back to Schoharie and march in the Anyone with an animal

or act: Ms. Patterson at 295-7801

 Volunteers who can help out with the events on Saturday should contact Ms. Patterson. A schedule will be made with a two-hour volunteer rotation.

That Saturday will be a busy day in Schoharie, Mr. Sherman

"There will be so much, people won't know what to do," Committee members are

working hard at raising money, Ms. Patterson said. Most of the money is needed to advertise the event. She is hoping for a big crowd

so the businesses that have returned to Schoharie can ben-"We wanted the businesses

in the town to make money," "Our goal is for the commu-

nity to prosper." Mr. Sherman said there will be no outside vendors.

Everyone is participating and donating their time, he

"All we tell people is put out their hat (for donations)," Mr. Sherman said.

Supervisor Gene Milone praised the work of the com-

"It's been a tremendous effort put forth by all of you."

He also signed a resolution recognizing the founding of Schoharie 300 years ago.

## Full slate planned for Schoharie's big days

## Music, parade, fireworks, games

Activities for Schoharie's 300th weekend celebration are still being finalized but thus far

The three options are to re-

turn the fields to pre-flood con-

dition, make them playable for

this season or play again at the

Valley Soccer fields, she said.

said, and a decision will be

made where to play home

at the elementary field and a

schedule of games has already

been set. If games are held in

Fultonham, transportation will

son and dry, hot weather has

not helped, the games could still

be held at the high school, Ms.

The district already has a ten-

tative agreement in place with

Valley Soccer if the games can-

not be played at MCS, she

Returning the fields to pre-

"We want to make sure we

existing conditions is vitally im-

can return it" to the way it was

The infield of the varsity base-

ball field was resodded and two

games have been held there,

the last game of the regular

baseball season and the

Roxbury Nine game that was

held as part of the 300th anni-

versary celebration last week.

portant, Ms. Weaver said.

Though it is late in the sea-

games this week.

be provided.

Weaver said.

added.

"Tȟere is a plan," Ms. Weaver

Practices will begin this week

highlights include: Friday, September 7 Celebration opens at 5pm horse.

with guest speakers and proclamations.

Middleburgh softball game.

• Entertainment by 5 Zero. A country-western dance with Peaceful Country.

· A Kiwanis party on the covered bridge.

Fireworks.

Saturday, September 8 Invocation.

• Breakfast at Reformed

· Palatine descendents pro-

Local artists and authors.

· Entertainment in the county courtyard.

• 19th century history activities with historic characters.

Wings, Wheels and

· Fire truck display.

· Commemorative paver ceremony at Civil War Monu-

• Kyle Sharpe Soccer Tour-

· Youth fair with food,

games, and entertainment. · Scho-Wright chicken bar-

becue · Silent auction.

· Arrival of the Schoharie

· Tours of Schoharie courtroom and buildings.

annual bake sale.

· Library open house and awards.

· Garden Club plant and benediction.

· Presbyterian Church German dinner.

· Outdoor movie. **Sunday, September 9** 

 Firemen's parade. · Community gathering and

picnic.

Prize drawings and

· Closing ceremony and

## SCS car show set for Sat.

held in Schoharie Saturday to Booster Club pick, a raise funds for the Sports Booster Club.

'Cruisin' on Campus" will be held Saturday on the Schoharie school grounds with registration 8am to noon. Awards will be handed out at

There is a show fee for cars. Awards will be given to the top

A benefit car show will be 20 cars and there will also be a superintendent's pick and best

> of show Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

Food will be available. Funds raised to go to

Schoharie school sports. The rain date is Sunday.



Richards honored in M'burgh

Former Supervisor Dennis Richard was the recipient of the Marge and Randy Becker Middleburgh Community Service Award for 2012 at the band concert on

From left are: award committee members Janet Mayer and Charley Spickerman, former town councilman Mike Wilkens, town Clerk Brenda Lawyer, highway Superintendent Dale Nunamann, Mr. Richards, past award winner Carol Coltrain, who presented the award, and town board member and award committee member Marcia Guntert.—Photo by David Avitabile.



Team members race to fill plastic cups with water outside the Middleburgh library during the Time Ninja Challenge earlier this month.

#### Team members spell out a word using their bodies. YMCA was not al-



**Photos** 

by David

**Avitabile** 



**James Piambino tries to** walk across the community room while balancing a book on his head.



Kaylee Aiello juggles two balloons in the air to complete a challenge.

## Ninjas take over M'burgh library It was time to eat some dis- body and fill a plastic cup with this month.

gusting food, juggle balloons in water using only a spoon at the the air, balance a book on your Time Ninja Challenge at the head, spell letters with your Middleburgh library earlier

The challenge was part of the Own the Night teen summer reading program at the library.



Nick English wraps Matthew Birsen with toilet paper in one of the challenges at

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Kids got a chance to make their old, dark T-shirts into a work of space art at a Constellation T-shirt program at the Middleburgh library last month.

Using bleach pens, glue, sparkles, and lots of imagination, Setta Ingraham, 12, and Brandon Readdean, 11, below, transformed their old T-shirts. Andrew Adams and Matthew Birsen, both 12, worked on a T-shirt together, above.—Photos by David Avitabile.

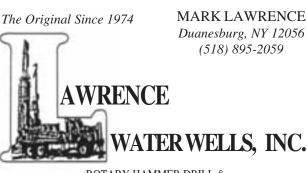


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citizens 75 years ago, the Conesville Fire Department quickly grew to a membership of 37 volunteers.

With that same spirit of community the celebration will con-

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## Library News

#### Cobleskill

Wednesday, August 15, preschool hour. 9:30-10:30am. Weekly books, stories, songs and crafts for kids ages 2-6

Wednesday, August 15, Howl at the Moon with Tom Sieling, 10:30am—noon.

Thursday, August 16, Let's Build, grades K-5, 3-4pm. Lego themed construction Kid's Kinect 4-5pm. Different games to play, you are the controller

Thursday, August 16, All About Bats, all ages, 5:30-6:30pm. Education and Conservation talk by Emily Davis Friday, August 17, Chat &

Chew, adults, 1-2pm. Informal book discussion, snacks

Friday, August 17, Teen/ Tween gaming, grades 6-12, 3-5pm, Wii, Kinect, Rock Band, board games, snacks.

Saturday, August 18, homeschool meet and greet, 11am. Thinking of home schooling? Already home schooling and would like to meet other homeschoolers? Come and mingle. Find out about library services available for your use.

Tuesday, August 21, canvas creations, grade K-5, 2-3pm. Kids will be taught a variety of techniques and then will make a one-of-a-kind mixed media picture on canvas. Registration Required.

Wednesday, August 22, preschool story hour, 9:30-10:30am. Weekly books, stories, songs and craft for kids ages 3-

#### Middleburgh

August 20- 6:30pm- Reel Film Festival - "Garbo the Spy"

August 21 – 7pm– Book Discussion –"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian,' by Sherman Alexie. Copies of the book may be picked up at the circulation desk. No registration is required.

August 21-1pm-Mahjong lessons. No registration required.

August 23- 7pm - Knitting Circle. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

August 24– 5:30pm– Dinner and a Movie – "The Hunger Games." The library will provide the pizza, salad and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. Registration is required. Note that this film is rated PG-13 and is not appropriate for young children.

#### Worcester

The Trustees of the Worcester Free Library would like to express our gratitude and appreciation of our Director, Chris Gartung and her assistant, Jean Hren upon their retirement this month. Chris has served for 15 years and Jean for 10. Greatly loved by the patrons, they gave a warm, welcoming feel to the library. Their contribution to our library and the community will surely be missed. Our Summer Market

fundraiser is coming soon, Saturday, August 25.

The library is asking for donations of produce from your gardens but also baked goods, jams, pickles, cut flowers, and

Sign up at the Library or call 397-7309. Your donations will help buy new books.

With the 125th Anniversary coming up for the Worcester Fire Department, the library is offering "A Bicentennial History of the Town of Worcester" now on sale. This 265-page volume was written by expert Worcester historians with lots of great old photos, newspaper clippings and maps. A great addition to your home library or a terrific

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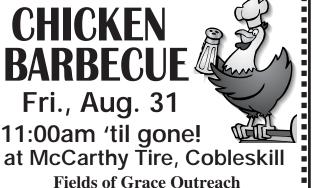
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## Social Journal



**Melanie and Todd Czepiel** 

## Czepiel-Poquette

On April 28, Reverend Steffen Zehrfuhs officiated a double ring ceremony for Melanie Poquette and Todd Czepiel at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Central Bridge.

The bride is the daughter of Annie and Gregory Poquette of Central Bridge.

The groom is the son of Lorrie and Dan Czepiel of Boonville.

Amanda Poquette Tomczak was the matron of honor for her sister.

The bride's other attendants were Rachel Karker, Leigh Ann Karker, Adah Campany, Courtney Sochinski, Lyndsey Gannon, and Torrie Bender.

The flower girl was Madison Blanche Lape, daughter of Joel

and Amber Karker Lape. The best man was Brett Czepiel, brother of the groom.

His attendants included Nicholas Poquette, Murray Karker, Jake Gydesen, Jeremy Youngs, Seth Markeley, and Jason Kranbuhl.

The ringbearer was Lucas Tomczak, son of Jesse and Amanda Poquette Tomczak.

The bride wore a French satin gown in champagne with lace trim.

The matron of honor and the bridesmaids all wore matching chiffon gowns in a pale green or sage hue.

The reception followed at the Edison Club in Rexford. The couple went on a 10 day trip to Jamaica for their honeymoon.

The bride is a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center and the groom is the assistant superintendent at Shaker Ridge Country Club.

The couple lives in Duanesburg.



## Engaged

Betty Gavin-Singer and Jack Singer of Sharon Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Singer, to Nick Zhaohui Zhou, son of Dongdu **Zhou and Taoying Li of Ezhou, China.** 

Ms. Singer is a 2002 graduate of Sharon Springs Central School. She has a BS in journalism from SUNY Brockport and an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from New York University.

She has taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in Japan, China, the Hamptons and New York City. She is currently the director of ESL at a private school in New York City.

Mr. Zhou is a 1994 graduate of Ezhou High School in China. He has a BS in computer science from Wuhan University in China, a Ph.D. in computer science from Ohio State University, and an MBA from University of Maryland University College. He owns his own internet company and is an author.

A September wedding is planned in Cooperstown. — Photo by Heather Lasky.

#### Bethany service 2pm Wednesday

The monthly afternoon worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church in Central Bridge will be held on Wednesday, August 15 at 2pm.

It will be informal, about onehalf hour in length, and include the Sacrament of Holy Com-

This is intended for those tend a weekday, afternoon service.

A canned food offering, for our community food pantry, is appreciated.

who might find it easier to at-

leader is matched by his suc-



Lew Wilson of Fire Mark Insurance in Cobleskill shows the Distinguished Insurance Service award he received recently from the Professional Insurance Agents of New York. Mr. Wilson received the award for his long history of service to independent agents and their clients. Flanking Mr. Wilson are Rich Savino, PIANY president, and Mike Skeele, PIANY president-

## PIANY honors Wilson as 'Distinguished'

The Professional Insurance Agents of New York recently honored Cobleskill insurance agent Lewis Wilson with its Distinguished Insurance Service award.

Mr. Wilson, CIC, CPIA, CPCU, is the president and owner of Fire Mark Insurance Agency and JO&D Insurance Agency, both in Cobleskill.

The award recognizes his more than 60 years of work on behalf of the American agency system and honors Mr. Wilson's history of service, dedication and attention to the concerns of independent agents and their clients.

Mr. Wilson received the award at PIANY's annual conference held at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City earlier this summer.

A New York agent since 1950, Mr. Wilson has served on the PIANY board of directors since 1981 and was president of the association in 1989-90. In 1987, he was recognized by the association with its Professional Agent of the Year award.

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cess as an independent agency principal," said PIANY President Richard Savino.

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Mr. Wilson also serves on the PAC Executive Committee.

Mr. Wilson served as vice president of PIA National and as chairperson of the Government Affairs Committee as well as chairperson of the National

In the community, Mr. Wilson is a member of the Cobleskill Rotary Club, Cobleskill Elks #2040 and president of the Cobleskill Cemetery Associa-

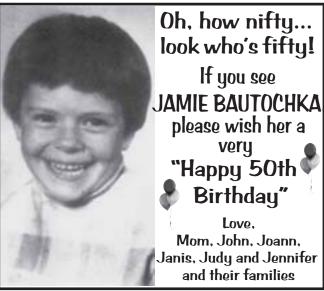
He is a life member of the American Legion Post #57 and a member of the Great Sacandaga Advisory Commit-

He was chairman of the Cobleskill Firehouse fund drive and also spearheaded a \$3 million fund drive for then-Community Hospital.

Mr. Wilson was also president of the Cobleskill school board.

#### Stantons at Salvation Army unit seminar

Neil and Beverly Stanton of Howes Cave, volunteers with the Salvation Army Service Unit in Cobleskill, attended the annual Salvation Army Empire Division Service Unit seminar held at the Army's Long Point Camp on Seneca Lake.

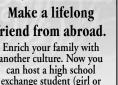




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Recipe of the Week

Italian Macaroni Salad As seen in Hometown Cooking 2007

INGREDIENTS: 1 1/4 cup tini shell macaroni

> 1 cup cream-style cottage cheese 1 cup sour cream 1/2 cup chopped celery 1/4 cup chopped green pepper 1 chopped hard-boiled egg

1/4 cup Italian dressing

2 tablespoons milk 1 tablespoon sliced green onion with tops 1/2 teaspoon salt

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain well. While hot, add Italian dressing. Let stand 30 minutes. Stir in cottage cheese, sour cream, celery, green pepper, egg, milk, onion and salt. Chill.

> Marlene Ann Langenbahn Cobleskill





## utherans to share pastor

Lutheran Church of Schoharie and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Middleburgh have welcomed their new joint pastor, Reverend Royan Rodney.

A native of Guyana, South America, Pastor Rodney received a BA in theology from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and a diploma in ministerial formation from the United Theological College of the West Indies in

As part of his education he has also received a certificate in Pastoral Care from the Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and served as a clinical pastor education chaplain intern at the Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Following his ordination in 2005 he began his ministry work as senior pastor at a fourpoint parish on the East Coast of Guyana.

Since 2006 Pastor Rodney has been the Senior Pastor of the United Lutheran Church in Gardner, Illinois.

Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church was established in 2010 and is a member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Weekly worship service is at 8:30am each Sunday in the Iroquois Room at the Days Inn Suites. Route Schoharie.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church was founded in 1824 and is a member of the North American Lutheran Church. Weekly Sunday service is at 10:30am 326 Main Street, Middleburgh.

Pastor Rodney began his work in Schoharie County on July 15 and will be officially welcomed at a special combined outdoor worship service at Gobbler's Knob, Route 145, Cobleskill on Sunday, August 19 at 10:30am.

All are welcome to attend. For more information about this service or the regular weekly worship services and

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**Rev. Royan Rodney** 

other events at either of the churches, call Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 231-8642 or St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 827-5318.

#### Two services this Sunday at Beard's Hollow

This Sunday, August 19, at the Beards Hollow Church, there will be two services, one in the morning and a vesper

The morning service will be led by Rev. Robin Ressler of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in San Francisco, California.

Rev. Ressler grew up in Schoharie County and looks forward to preaching at Beard's Hollow.

The morning program begins with a hymn sing at 10:30am. The worship service

As is the custom when there are only four Sundays in August, there will be a vesper service at 7pm this Sunday, August 19. This quiet service will be led Janice Herrick, lay preacher, from the Schoharie Presbyterian Church. All are

#### CAG plans 'It Hasn't Changed on August 26

Calvary Assembly of God will be featuring a special dramatic presentation entitled "It Hasn't Changed!" during its Sunday morning worship service on August 26.

All are welcome.

Calvary Assembly meets at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 138 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill Sundays at 11am while they are building their new facility on Mineral Springs Road.

For more information, contact the church office at 234-

#### St. Matthew's working on August 30 ice cream social

Members of the congrega- event. tion of St. Matthew's Chapel in Leesville are now working on last-minute details for their second annual community-wide

ice cream social. The free event will be held at the church on Thursday, August 30, from 5-8pm.

The Bill Brust Band will provide live music during the

Stewart's of Sharon Springs will provide chocolate and vanilla ice cream with all the top-

Baked goods and beverages will be available at no charge.

The event will take place rain

For more information, contact Sara Litzner at 234-3381.

College Clips

The following area students were named to the dean's list at Paul Smith's College during the spring 2012 semester:

Brianna McCormack, of Schoharie, who majors in hotel, resort and tourism management. She was also named an Adirondack Scholar, having achieved a cumulative average of at least 3.8; Christa Smith, of Cobleskill, who majors in baking and pastry arts; and Sabrina Tessitore, of Central Bridge, who majors in culinary arts and service management.

The following students graduated from the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi:

Anthony Arroyo, of Cobleskill, an AOS degree in Electrical Construction and

#### 64th reunion for Yerdon-Putnam families held

For 64 years the descendants of Floyd and Myrtle Putnam Yerdon have held an annual picnic. This year it was held at the Oriole Road Social Club on Sunday, July 22.

Thirty-four relatives enjoyed barbecue roast pork, beef, and turkey prepared by Rodney Yerdon and Keith McCarty.

Following the meal an auction was held with family auctioneer, David Yerdon assisting.

The most senior present was Margaret Yerdon, Cherry Valley wife of the late Harris Yerdon and the youngest present was three-week-old Silas Victor Madison (greatgrandson of Edna Yerdon Madison), son of Seth and Josie Madison of Albany.

Traveling the longest distance were Lori and Tom Rausch (granddaughter of George Yerdon Sr.) of North Syracuse.

Other relatives attending were from Cherry Valley, East Springfield, Oneonta, West Winfield, Jordanville, Richfield Springs, Cobleskill, Galway, Cooperstown, Endicott, and Albany.

The family with the most representation present was the family of George Yerdon Sr. with 20; the family of George Yerdon Jr. had four generations

It was noted that there were four marriages, three births and no deaths reported within

The committee members for the reunion were Rodney and Donna Yerdon, and Keith and Janet (Yerdon) McCarty. They will continue for the 65th reunion on July 28, 2013.

#### Refrigeration; Schroeder III, of Sharon Springs, an AOS degree in Electrical Construction and Controls through IBEW; Cheyenne Pangman, of Warnerville, a certificate degree in Practi-

cal Nursing Sarah Weber from Central Bridge, a chemistry major, has been named a Kellas Scholar for the spring 2012 semester at Russell Sage College.

Kellas Scholars have been on the dean's list for three consecutive semesters.

**Lindsay Ruth Stolzenburg**, of Berne, graduated cum laude from the University of Rochester on May 20 with a bachelor of science degree in molecular genetics.

She is the daughter of Mark and Nan Stolzenburg, and a graduate of Schoharie Central School.

SUNY Potsdam awarded more than 920 undergraduate and graduate degrees during its 2012 commencement cer-

Graduates included **Daniel** Blanchard, of Sharon Springs, who earned a bachelor's degree in physics.

Philbrick, of Sarah Cobleskill, has been named to first honors on the Clark University dean's list for the spring

2012 semester. Alexandra Collins Jenkins, of Schoharie, has been named to the spring dean's list at

SUNY Fredonia. The following area residents were named to the dean's list at SUNY Cortland for the

spring 2012 semester: Rebecca Currie, a senior adolescence education: Spanish major from Charlotteville; Jacob Klein, a senior biology major from Cobleskill; Erika Osborne, a senior biology major from Sharon Springs; Rachel Harbison, a senior early childhood education ma-

jor from Cobleskill.

# **Looking Ahead**

#### Gilboa to visit Wildlife Rescue

The Gilboa Historical Society will take a field trip to Wes Laraway's Wildlife Rescue Llama Middleburgh, on Wednesday, August 15.

Meet at 6:30pm there or carpool from the Gilboa Town Hall, Route 990V at 6pm.

Donations of canned cat or dry dog food appreciated. All

#### Aggie Scott bake sale Friday

The next Aggie Scott Auxiliary Bake Sale will be Friday, August 17, 8:30-11:30a, at Cobleskill Regional Hospital, main level, with proceeds going for needed equipment.

#### Music Saturday in Summit

Free summer events in Summit continue this Saturday, August 18, with the Tisches, a folk Irish, banjo and folk duo 1:30-2:30pm at the Community Seventh Day Adventist Pavilion, Route 10 (upper parking

All programs are indoors and free. Rain or shine.

#### 'Trash', more at M'burgh RC

There will be a Trash & Treasure Sale at the Reformed Church Hall, River Street, Middleburgh, 9am-3pm, Saturday, August 18, to benefit the flood recovery fund.

#### Picnic Sunday in Lawyersville

The Lawyersville Community Picnic will be held in the park Sunday, August 19, at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks provided. Bring a dish to pass. Music, games, and bounce house.

#### Duanesburg to hear of new finds

The Duanesburg Histirocal Society will meet Monday, August 20, 7pm, at Bishop Scully Hall, Delanson, for "Alliance of Destiny: The Tiononderoge Mohawks-Schoharie Crossing New Finds" by Tricia Shaw.

All welcome. Refreshments.

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#### Summit

By Karen Cuccinello Our family went to Tennessee last week and had a great time visiting my mom and visiting the sites in Pigeon Forge. While in TN the gas prices went from \$3.38-\$3.45 and when we got home gas was

\$3.80, good grief. For those out of town Times Journal subscribers please let me know what your gas prices are for an unofficial survey so I can post them next week.

Missing from last week: Logan Eggleston took grand champion in the 4H Showmanship class at the Sunshine Fair. Legos is giving a library who receives the most votes \$5,000 to purchase books.

The top 200 libraries get innovative early literacy toolkits. Nominate your favorite library at www.readbuildplay.com / index.cfm. Nominations accepted through October 1.

Last year there was mention of magazine photographers coming to the home of Steve and Lori Baratta.

Well the two page article is now out featuring their colonial 1700 period decorated home in the Fall-Winter 2012 issue of Early Homes maga-

Another article in the 2012 Christmas issue of Early American Life magazine, will soon follow and be out on the newsstands this coming September. In addition, last week, photographers drove up from Virginia and did a 13 hour photo shoot for Country Sampler magazine.

 $\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Judy Kramer, of Charlotteville,}$ had a 70th birthday celebration hosted by Jan and Ed Larson of Jefferson. Great food and a good time was had by

A group from Frenchtown, New Jersey along with several members of the Summit community did a "Mission Work Week" in Schoharie and Esperance rebuilding flood damaged homes.

The group was housed at the Rock Road Chapel in Berne for the week.

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John and Dana Foote, they celebrated at Johns parents, Janet and Ed Footes, house last weekend.

Janet Foote heard from Reverend Ralph Darmstadt, of Fleischmanns recently and he is doing well.

Rev. Ralph used to preach at Summit Methodist in the

Happy birthday to Mia Lent. While at the Summit Rescue Squad barbeque/meeting, that was graciously hosted by the Melszer's, I obtained the following news: Carolyn and Chuck Melszers granddaughter, Roxane, turned three years old on August 14. She had birthday parties in the USA at the Melszers and in her home in Paris, France.

Nora and Joe Dougherty had an anniversary recently and they have a new grandson, Tristen Spence of Connecticut. The stork recently delivered Dick and Ann Lape's new golden retriever who will arrive at the house in about eight

The Summit Rescue Squad would like to invite all to join the rescue squad even if you're only here in the summertime. Call the Melszers at 287-1225 for information.

The next regular Rescue Squad meeting will be September 26 at 7pm in the firehouse. There will be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class tentatively starting on September 12 at the Scho-Wright squad building Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

An EMT recertification class will be starting in October. The EMT classes are free if you are a member of a rescue squad.Call Andy or myself for information 287-1945.

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Program -The Tisches Folk/ Irish Flute & Banjo Duo at 1:30pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Pavilion.

August 21- Summit Senior Citizens meeting at the Summit Conservation Club, 1pm.

The Schoharie Free Library is proud to host a book signing for local author John Wilkinson on Thursday August 23 at 7pm. He will have copies of his newest book "The Schoharie Valley" (one of the popular "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing) available to purchase, plus he will sign copies already owned.

The 167-page book follows the path of the Schoharie Creek within Schoharie County, documenting the settlements along its shores from south to north with black and white photographs gleaned from many sources, and is dedicated to the victims and volunteers of the Hurricane Irene flood. Call the Library at 295-7127 with any questions.

August 23- The Schoharie County Historical Society presents its final speaker of the sea-

Gus Truin will speak about the US Christian Commission 7pm in the Badgley Annex building in the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex. The inspiring story of the United States Christian Commission "delegates," and the Army's Chaplains, who served with the Union forces will be recounted, in character, by Union Veteran Traven.

August 24- Summit Fire Department Support Services 1st annual chicken BBQ and dance at the Summit Fire District Pavilion, dinner from 4pm until sold out and DJ dance 7-11pm. August 28 and September 25 are the new dates for the Schoharie County Supervisors meetings and the new time is 5pm. This meeting change is only for August and September. Jefferson

The Jefferson Historical Society is starting their preservation of the Maple Museum project. They are meeting with Ted Bartlett, a preservation architect, who will evaluate what needs to be done to restore the museum.

Looking some for collectables, antiques or used books, stop by Pankin'Poon at 700 North Harpersfield Road, Jefferson on Saturday or Sunday from 10am-4pm.

**Fulton** 

August 18-West Fulton Methodist annual chicken barbeque

August 18- Summit Summer 11am until sold at the West Fulton firehouse. Charlotteville

August 16- Charlotteville Fire Commissioners meeting 7:30pm.

August 19- Charlotteville Schoolhouse breakfast 8-11:30am.

#### Visit to "The Guy with the Still on the Hill"

I attended a Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event hosted by KyMar Farm Distillery in Charlotteville, at the owners invitation (I sound pretty important now. don't I).

The Chamber hosts monthly after hour events and this one was attended by 45 people from all over the county and even Stamford. Georgia VanDyke, the president of the chamber, told me this event was attended by more than the usual.

Ken and Lori Wortz, the owners, gave tours of the distillery, offered samples of their products, and had yummy finger sandwiches, cookies and snacks. Schoharie Mapple (rhymes with Snapple) Jack the new Schoharie Shine were available for tasting. Mapple Jack is a unique hand crafted liqueur made by adding a touch of local maple syrup to apple brandy. Shine is also a hand crafted spirit that is triple distilled from sorghum that is grown in Schoharie County. The delicious refreshments were catered by Georgia of owner Charlotteville General Store.

KyMar products are served at The Red Barn Clubhouse in Cobleskill, The American Hotel in Sharon Springs and Dukes "The Office" in Downsville.

Jack and Shine can be purchased locally at Elroy's in Richmondville, Value Village in Middleburgh, Breakabeen General Store, Liquor Cabinet in Sharon Springs and Woodbeck's in Cobleskill. KyMar products are also sold at numerous liquor stores in

Massachusetts. Ken and Lori are spending more time in Charlotteville and less time in their other home in Connecticut as the business continues to grow. Ken said they sometimes have a hard time keeping up with the orders. They both said they can't wait to live here full time. I asked Ken why he hosted the event and he said it was good for the Chamber, the County and most importantly for the town of Charlotteville.

If interested in joining the Chamber and attending these great networking events call

296-8820. If interested in more information on KyMar Farm Distillery check out their website Kymar.com.

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Jefferson Courier June 23, the thermometer registered from 40 to 45 all day,

the lowest uniformly for a June day since 1895. Another light frost along the

streams in the valleys Tuesday night.

#### Gilboa

**By Dorothy Pickett** 

With the humidity this past week it was hard to get outside to get some things done. I did get the front shrubs trimmed and put some mulch

around them. On Thursday we decided the lawn really needed mowing as all these tall stringy yellow flowers were all over the

I remember Joyce Bailey told me a long time ago that she always heard they were called mouse ears. Perhaps she is right. Tyler Latta and Lacy Haskin did all the trim for me.

It is such a relief not to have to do it anymore with the push mower. When they finished it was all straight mowing for Vern and I which takes about two hours. The mouse ears are

Birthday wishes: August 14 Kristine Mowers, 15 David Wood, 16 Sinzia Reese, 19 Alice Wyckoff, 20 Chuck Brainerd, 21 Kaitlyn Chapman. All of you, enjoy your day. Lastly, a very special birthday wish to fellow columnist, Ruth Yung. Ruthie, as I have known her for years, will turn a young 80 on August

Monday night at the Gilboa town board meeting, Supervisor Tony VanGlad informed the board members that Flat Creek Road and Stryker Road have been approved for repair.

these two roads will probably begin next spring. The board was delighted to

hear the good news.

We need to continue to keep in prayer, Pastor Larry Allen, Gilbert DuMond, Virginia Peterson and Anne Thorpe. Get well wishes to all of them.

Ingrid Saez tells me on Saturday she took Clara Potter of Preston Hollow to Craig and Chrissy's housewarming barbecue in Ballston Spa.

Many family and friends were in attendance. Harold Peterson was brought to the occasion from Albany County Nursing Home where he lives.

All in all it was a wonderful get-together with fine weather. Everyone bought food for the occasion. On Sunday Harold's grandsons took him to the Saratoga Raceway, while Virginia stayed home

Kim Young wanted everyone to know that they had 15 children attending Vacation Bible School last week at the Conesville Chapel. The theme was "Operation Overboard."

It was a blast with lots of great music, scripture lessons and verse memorization, games and arts and crafts. VBS ended on Friday with a picnic, program and family thank everyone who joined them for the week.

Sunday school will resume on September 9 from 10-11:30am. All children ages three and up are welcome. They have plenty of activities planned.

Manfred and Barbara Deimold returned home on Saturday night from a week's trip to Connecticut and North Carolina visiting relatives. One son, Nick lives in Connecticut with his wife Kariann and two children, while the other son, Dan his wife, Michele and three children live in North Carolina.

They especially enjoyed meeting their newborn grandson in North Carolina.

Not living too far from Dan, Barbara's sister Betty and hubby Peter got together with them for lunch one day. Although the week flew by so fast I am sure it was a wonderful time for all of them.

Art and Doug VanAken attended the truck show in Cortland, on Saturday. The show was in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Brockway Truck Company.

The celebration began on Friday and ended on Sunday. Art said the event drew a tremendous crowd.

Tim Warner enjoyed his 13th birthday celebration with friends and family at the Flat Creek Parsonage Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon.

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Happy birthday Tim. Wilma Jones, bless her heart, told all of us in Gilboa Church on Sunday that she is all charged up and ready to enjoy life after having a planned procedure at St. Peter's Hospital one day last week.

During the Sunday service at Gilboa Church Pastor Dottie baptized one-year-old Brooke Maria Brandow. Brooke is the daughter of Rachael and Travis Brandow of Flat Creek Road.

Brother Derek stood by the baptismal to make sure his little sister would be okay during the ceremony as daddy Travis held her. When it was all over and they returned to the pew, Brooke fell asleep through the rest of the service.

She looked like a little angel in her lovely long white dress. Brooke's grandparents and other relatives were among the congregation proudly watching this blessed event.

Around 1:30pm Vern and I drove to Greenville and attended the 50th anniversary party for Ron and Freda Fancher. The occasion was held in their beautiful backyard under a large tent. The tables were decorated with gold tablecloths, fresh flowers in 50th anniversary vases and cups filled with gold M&M's with their wedding picture on them.

With plenty of food and drink to go around it was an enjoy-The repair and opening of able time. Well over 100 people were in

> attendance to help them celebrate. The party was hosted by

> their children. A DJ played music from the

era which they were married 50 years ago. It did get some of us elders to get up to do the Lindy. Four couples did some square dancing which included columnists Ginny Gurley and Stella Cross who write for the Windham Journal.

Others were Kip Rikard, Gene and Carolyn Wyckoff, Ginny's hubby Bob while rounding out the couples were Ron and Freda.

Besides doing the square dancing Freda has been an avid Clogger. She got her clogging friends to put on their clogging

With Gordy Stahl's wife doing the routine calls three of them including Freda did some fine clogging. I did not know one of them but the other one was Lorraine Robinson of Conesville

Ron and Freda were called out on the dance floor for an anniversary song which they danced to. Lots of food and such a good time. As we left Vern wished them

fifty more years of wedded bliss craft. All the leaders want to Congratulations Ron and Freda.

Lou DiRubba's Weekly Weeki Wachee Report says within one hour they had four inches of rain

last Monday morning. Gene the Armadillo made a visit to their front yard by swim-

ming across the road. The pigs are going crazy with

all the rain. They are digging up their

backyard and the neighbors front lawn. All of them included Hank, Gino, Mikey, Dean and Steve. Lou says it had to be a pig reunion. They have seen the small Gator a few times in the pond. They took a drive to another pond down the street and saw a large animal swimming.

Lou says they asked the man who was fishing what it was. He told them it was a Nutria which is a cross between a Beaver and a Water Rat.

Now Tommy the Nutria is hanging out down the street. Odie the Coyote was crossing the back yard looking for his next meal.

Even with all this critter patrol going on Rosemary and Lou are much more delighted to have daughter Michelle and Mike visiting with them for a few days.

**Upcoming events** 

Wednesday, August 15, Gilboa Historical Society tour of the Wildlife Rescue Center in Middleburgh. To car pool, meet at the Town Hall at 6pm.

Remember to bring some canned or dry cat or dog food to help keep these animals fed.

Thursday, August 16, noon, Mountaintop Seniors Gilboa/ Conesville meeting and lunch

at the Conesville Fire Hall. August 18, 75th anniversary of the Town of Conesville. Parade begins at 11am with many

events to follow. August 25, Grand Gorge United Methodist Church Fair. Saturday, September 1 a me-

morial service will be held for Matthew Banks at Gilboa United Methodist Church at 2pm followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. September 6, Gilboa Histori-

cal Society will visit the Old Schoolhouse in the town of Fulton, more to follow on this.



### **South Valley**

**By Carol Brodie** We finished the Cobleskill Fair on Saturday, August 4, af-

ter nine long days. Actually 11 days if you count

our set-up and take-down days. It had been a very dry summer so you had to know that once the "Sunshine Fair" arrived, it would rain, which it did a few days during the week.

The weather was also quite hot and humid. It was nice to have Progressland filled with vendors again this year and the 4-H and Cooperative Extension were also in there with us.

It was also nice meeting some new vendors, but some said they are not sure they will return again next year, due to poor sales, low attendance, and also no vendor parking anywhere near the building.

Since the fair went to nine days back in 2009, our sales have gone down each year, but this year they really plummeted with lack of people coming through our building.

Other vendors who've been there several years also noticed what we did. A lot of fairgoers would enter the building and purchase candy and cookies at the first booth inside the door and then turn around and

Some of us agreed it was a big mistake to move the Republican and Democrat booths further into the building instead of leaving them by the doors where they have been for

And of course, we got the same complaints again this year from fairgoers that we always hear, admission is way too high, rides don't start until too late in the afternoon, there's no major entertainment, and this year, buildings didn't open un-

Someone suggested to me that fairgoers should be given a survey sheet when they enter the fair and then drop it off at the fair office at the end of the day with their likes, dislikes, and ideas. I thought that was a rather good idea.

It was nice seeing folks we knew, like Steve and Bev Brodie, Ray and Sandy Sutton, Jon and Jill Thompson, Dylan and Emily, Kayleigh Brodie, John and Janet Kostbar, Jeremy and Malinda Brodie, Jerred and Jaidon, Adam and Susan Brodie and Karis, Milt and Shirley Beaulieu, the Ronnie Hansen's, Maureen VanBuren, Doris Blake, Margaret Mabie, Shannon Gomiller, Ryan, Aryanna, and Connor, Bill and Kelly Schultz, Aydan and Madison, Laura Bailey, Trevor and Tyler, Stacy Mabie, Brent, Tiffany, Miranda, and Hunter, Pat Mabie, Debbie Anderson, Cindy Bauer, Donald and Sheila Fancher, Marilyn Mollen, Bill and Ruthie Hendricks, Susan Hendricks and Andrew, Jaime Cooper, Cayden and Alexis, and many others as well.

**Birthdays and anniversaries** Birthday wishes go out this week to Michael Mott who turns 20 years old, Colleen Cain, Rodney Brazie, Jill Thompson, Jean Roy, Rodney Hendricks, Kristi Worden, Brian VanBuren, Claran "Sissy" Lundgren, Karen Butler, Tom Laymon, and Jacob Brodie who will be 10 years old.

Anniversary wishes go out to Ryan and Wendy Rockwell, Jack and Norma VanBuren, Slade and Karena Cline, Mark and Debbie Anderson who celebrate 25 years, and Paul and Gertie Schecter who celebrate 10 years.

Dick and June Hansen and Helen Holmes attended William Dent's 10th birthday party at his Oneonta home on Friday, July 20.

The party was hosted by his parents, Joe and Jane Dent. Other guests included Richard and Mary Hansen, Olivia and Madeline, I.G. and Jackie Dent, Joe's sister, Mel, and her daughter, Caylie, as well as some of William's classmates and friends.

A barbecue and birthday cake were enjoyed and June says everyone had a really good time.

#### Mollen family trip

Marilyn Mollen and her daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Doug Hamlin, of Delmar, flew out of Albany Airport on Saturday, July 14, for Seattle, Washington, where they met up with her son, Jim Mollen, of Hoboken, New Jersey, and her daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Steve Williamson, of Moneta, Virginia.

Then they rented a couple of cars and drove to Vancouver, Canada, a three and a half hour

While in Vancouver, they saw Five Flags, went to the Marina, and also enjoyed seeing the Gas Light in Gastown.

Marilyn says the Gas Light is in the middle of town and is powered by steam. It works every hour on the hour and

steam shoots out of the light. Unfortunately, Marilyn says they missed seeing it actually happen because they were there at the wrong time.

They enjoyed visiting different sites of interest in Vancouver until Monday, July 16, when they drove to Victoria, the Capital of British Columbia, where they stayed until Wednesday, July 18, when they took the ferry back to Seattle. Marilyn says they drove the rented cars right onto the ferry.

In Seattle, they saw the Space Needle, which is almost 200 feet tall. Marilyn says it was built for the World's Fair and the bottom is a restaurant that revolves around. At the top of the needle, one can overlook all of Seattle.

They also enjoyed attending a music festival and visited Pikes Market where they watched them flinging the fish. Marilyn says the streets there are like they are in San Fran-

They also enjoyed touring Boeing, where the aircrafts are built and they took the factory tour to see how they make the airplanes. Marilyn says Boeing employs 35, 000 employees.

They spent Wednesday through Saturday, July 18-21, in Seattle and then flew back to Chicago and then on to Albany Airport and then home.

Marilyn reports that they had beautiful sunny weather for their trip, with the exception of some rain in Vancouver on Sunday morning and they all had a wonderful time.

Bits and pieces

Carolyn Sweeney finally caught up to me with some family news. She reports that she and Jim and Herb and Brenda Belifiore, of Poland, went camping at Lake Eaton, near Long Lake, on July 4th for four days. She says the Fourth of July fireworks were wonderful by the bridge in Long Lake and they were over 30 minutes long. Numerous boats of all sizes gathered there in the bay for the fireworks and the different colored lights on the boats created a very pretty sight.

During their time there, the weather was very warm and the lake was great for swimming. They also traveled to Tupper Lake to visit an art gallery and enjoyed seeing the Adirondack furniture and gorgeous paintings. Then they went to Saranac Lake and saw an antique boat show on the lake. They returned home on July 8 after a great time camping and relaxing in the woods.

Bill and Marsha Mabie were Sunday, July 15, guests of Jim and Carolyn Sweeney as they enjoyed a late afternoon cookout under the trees.

Dick and June Hansen traveled to Rochester on Saturday, July 21, where they were overnight guests of Dick's cousin. Bea Paeth. Then on Sunday, the three of them went to Bristol for a celebration of life memorial service, complete with military honors, for Bea's brother, Arthur McIntyre. Afterwards, there was a barbecue for family and friends. Dick and June returned home on Sunday evening.

The South Valley Women's Club did really well with their ham dinner at the Community Hall on Saturday, July 28, as they sold 121 dinners. Their next dinner, pork roast, will be this Saturday, August 18, and donations will be taken at the

door. **Bobbie** (Huntington) Burdick, of New Mexico, stopped in to visit Dick Hansen on Monday, July 30, as she was in the area to attend the Webster Reunion the previous weekend.

Mike and Stacey Miller and family, of Summit, dropped in on Jim and Carolyn Sweeney on July 30 as they brought dinner and spent a few hours visit-

#### Coming events

Just a couple of reminders: The 13th annual 2012 Roseboom Antique Power Days will be held at the old grange hall, in Roseboom, this Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19, from 9am-5pm.

The Cooperstown Area Christian Women's Club luncheon, "The Old Blacksmith Shop Gallery," will be held next Monday, August 20, at the Tally Ho Restaurant, Richfield Springs.

For those of you who shared news with me and you don't see it here this week, please look for it next week.

I had an over-abundance of news this week so I held the newest over for another week. Thanks for sharing and if you have news, call me at (607) 264-

#### **Sharon Springs**

**By Cindy Oppici** 

Well, the summer is starting to wind down; the temperatures at night are starting to get cooler, but thank goodness for the warm temperatures we have been having during the

With the rain that we received the garden is going crazy; it seems like all the tomatoes are ripening at the same

Nothing beats a good tomato sandwich and I will be able to make some sauce for the winter, so it is all good.

I heard the Sharon Historical Society had a great turn-out for the annual tour this weekend; hope that everyone who toured these great homes and buildings enjoyed it.

Looking forward to my son returning from Alaska this week - another couple of weeks and he will be back at college.

Of course, he still has flights during the semester, but at least I get to see him a little bit more. Enjoy your week and call me

with your news, 657-1478. School News

Watch for lists for school supplies - all the back to school sales offer some great savings and now is the time to get whatever your student will need for the upcoming school year.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, August 27 in the school library beginning at 7:30pm. As always, all community members are invited to attend these

Sharon Springs Free Library Story Time is held at the library 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

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

On Fridays there is an Elementary Games and Crafts program from 3-5pm. This is a drop-in program for grades K-5. There will also be Wii and PS2 available for their use.

Happy birthday for the week of August 16-22: Wendy Pinder, Wesley Tucker Jr. - 16th; Christopher Cater, Bernice Lambert, JoAnn Lasky, Scott Roosevelt -17th; Lola Fletcher, Jessica Guiternez, Richard Adair, Kealy Schilde - 18th; Jason Barlow, Cindy Oppici - 19th: George Higgins, Gene Cechnicki, Alex school clothes or just some new Kirby, Tyler Kirby - 20th; Samantha Sherman, Angela Banick, Shayla Potter, Emily Schuler - 21st; Ryan Mickel, Jayne Bannister, Amber Bink -

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to Omer vited to attend.

and Barbara Cousineau, Don

and Dorothy Harding Stephen and Ashley Crewell, Jason and Elizabeth Tissiere on August 16; David and Cynthia Dixon and Dan and Amy Wilkinson on August 18; David and Julie Herzog on August 19; Randy and Mary Lou Broadwell on August 20; Joe and Carol Cechnicki and Bryan and Shelly MacFadden on August 21; Joe and Mary Ann McCallion Sr. and Greg and Christine Baxter on Au-

**Community news** 

The Sharon Springs Citizens Council of the Arts meets monthly. Meetings are held at 7pm at 103 Union Street, Sharon Springs.

They encourage all village and town residents to attend these meetings. For further details, call Katherine New at 284-3139.

The Sharon Springs Farm Market is open every Saturday from 9am-2pm in the park across from the Roseboro.

This is a great opportunity to get your farm fresh fruits and vegetables along with or ganic meats, cheese, etc.

The Sharon Town Pool is still open. Hours are 9am-5pm every day with family swims on Tuesday and Saturday from 5-7pm. The last day of the pool will be on Saturday, August 25.

The last of the 2012 Summer Concert Series will be tonight, August 15. It will be an all-ages dance party under the tent.

Bring your chair, or blanket and definitely your energy and dancing shoes and have fun celebrating the end of this series with fellow community members.

Now is the time to get your teams together for the 10th Annual SSCS Booster Club Golf Tournament.

It will be held on Saturday, September 8th with a 1pm start time at the Canajoharie Golf and Country Club. It will be a four person scramble. The fee includes 18 holes and the use of a golf cart.

There are lots of prizes given out. Any questions or to request a form, call Chris Smith at 284-2267 or Linda Bartlett at 284-

Applications and fees are due by August 22. Proper golf attire is required.

This is the major fundraiser for the Booster Club so be sure to get your teams together and have a fun day of golf while helping a great cause.

St. Matthew's Chapel will be holding their second annual Clothing Give-A-Way on August 18 from 9am-1pm.

Come down and check out the gently used or new clothıng - a great way to get some wardrobe items.

On August 30 they will be holding a free ice cream social from 5-8pm. There will be Stewart's Ice Cream and lots of toppings to choose from. All community members are in-

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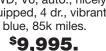


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## Conesville

By Linda Szeliga

Cathy and John Riedl spent three days in Martha's Vineyard. They visited with Rudy Riedl and his family.

On August 21, the Conesville Town Highway Department will be closing East Conesville Road from the intersection of Potter Mountain Road to the intersection of Bearkill Road.

The road will be closed for one day to replace a culvert between Lake of Seven Birches and Shale Pit Roads. The road will reopen on August 22. Rain date will be August 22/23. Contact the Highway Superintendent at (607) 588-6663 for any questions. Twenty-eight people partici-

pated in the Conesville two-day yard sales. Most people seemed satisfied, and it was a nice opportunity to visit. Thanks to the fire department for organizing it.

The Fire Department 75th anniversary is being celebrated on August 18. There will be a parade at 11am, and vendors and displays at the town athletic field.

The Conesville Mountaintop Seniors will meet on Thursday, August 16 at the fire hall.

Lunch will be make your own sandwiches with meat platters, bread, lettuce, tomatoes, etc. provided.

Dessert with be ice cream sundaes provided by Stewarts.

Be sure to return your meal choice for the rail road trip on September 27.

There will be a quilt and craft show on Saturday, August 18th at the Conesville Chapel Church. Come and see old and new quilts, and various crafts made by your neigh-

The fire department recently completed the hose testing by Waterworks, a company that certifies fire department equipment in the northeast. This process had to be certified to make sure that the hoses and equipment operate when needed.

The 2012 Tour of the Catskills Bike Race passed through Conesville on Sunday, August 5.

Kathleeen and Bob Helenius hosted two young men from Wilmington, North

They are CouchSurfing and contacted them through their daughter Inka. CouchSurfing means that you will receive free accommodations and meet new exciting people. This is an organization that

is used worldwide that requires a user to complete a detailed application. Inka has used this organization many times and highly recommends it to anyone traveling that is on a limited budget, www.couch surfing.org.

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## Worcester



**By Sarah Schrom** 

The goldenrod is blooming. Every year that always reminds me that summer is coming to an end.

This year it makes me realize how much work I still have to do on the barn and the house before winter. I do love my big, beautiful, old farmhouse, but renovating both a barn and a house are truly quite the undertaking.

Things are coming along, slowly but surely.

I am witnessing an incredible transformation as we slowly breathe life into this tired old house once again.

Old houses are the best because over time, through the years, they develop a soul of their own.

Like the Velveteen Rabbit who became real through time and love, houses too have a way of coming to life. This was a very lonely house for many years, but I can sense its approval as we painstakingly work on every little detail to make it shine with life once again.

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The Trustees of the Worcester Free Library would like to express their gratitude and appreciation for their director, Chris Gartung, and her assistant, Jean Hren, upon their re-

tirement this month. Chris has served for 15 years and Jean for 10 years. We will all surely miss them both.

Worcester Fire Department is having their 125th celebration parade on Saturday, August 25 and Main Street will be closed from 3pm on.

Worcester East Richmondville United Methodist Churches will hold joint Sunday worship services at 10am at East Worcester United Methodist Church throughout the month of August.

The Worcester Historical Society's August presentation will take place on Thursday, August 23 at 7pm.

Garrett W. Roe will present a PowerPoint program on President James A. Garfield and his family in Worcester.

On Saturday, August 25. from 2-4pm, John Taibi will host a book signing for his new pub-

The Sandy Poole Team

Sandy Poole, 518 231-5601

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lication, "Roads, Rivers, and Rails: The Delaware and Hudson's Susquehanna Heritage Trail."

Both events will be held at the Worcester Historical Society at 144 Main Street. The public is welcome to attend.

The Historical Society is also open for its summer hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1-3pm.

The Lunch Bunch is a monthly meeting where everyone and anyone can attend and enjoy the company of both friends and strangers.

The next meeting of the group will be on August 16 at the Worcester Inn. Call Mary Ives at (607) 397-9388 to let her know that you will be attending. The cost for the lunch is

If you would like to have something added to the column, text or call me at (607)

Email is the best way to get in touch with me as my phone service is spotty at best. My address email brightstarfarm09@aol.com.

Have a wonderful week.

## **Esperance**



Happy birthday to James Ruther on August 19; and happy anniversary to Gary and Peggy Rudolph on August

News from the Schoharie Central School Class of 1962. 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

They celebrated big... three

days of celebrating. On Thursday, Lake George boat ride; Friday, tour of Schoharie Central School and dinner at the Best Western and Saturday was breakfast at Gibby's. Following is a list of those attending (sounds like it was a really fun time):

Pete Abbot with wife Irene and sister Donna; Patty Montayne Cain and husband Bert: Šusan Becker Calabro and husband Peter; Jim Diamond and wife Edith; Mike Funk and wife Ruth: Tom Gordon and wife Crystal; Kathy Gregory Bryd and Sister Kay; Patty Gruber George; Lynne Robertson Hartzje; Paul Kennedy; Mike Keyser;

Also, Peggy Yille Krylowicz; Jim Lawyer and wife Doreen; Bruce Loveys; Frances Madden; Steve Masterson and friend Susan; Helen Moak Meyers; Betty Mulbury; Crickit Wahl Rockwell with husband Hart; Marti Hoyt Sanderson with husband Ritchie; Tom Schermerhorn; Pam Mann Spaulding with husband Ron; Mary Jane Zeh Weidman with husband Charlie, Mike Wilber with wife Pam; Larry Wood, Dick Young with wife Melissa and Barbara Schaffer Diamond.

News from the Esperance Sloansville United Methodist Church: Praise, Inc. will be there again this year on September 7-9.

Please join them for the start of Sunday School on Septem-

For more information conact Diane Eldredge, Sundav School superintendent at 231-0698 after 5pm. This is "Homecoming Sunday," worship resumes at 11am. Brunch after service will be enjoyed. All are

News from the Landis Arboretum: On Thursday, August 16, annual meeting of the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers and Public Star Party. Guests are welcome, and if weather permits a star

Third annual ice cream social to benefit the Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, August 16 from 6-8pm, featuring homemade pies, cakes, desserts with ice

party will follow.

#### cream provided by Stewarts.

Please come support your local volunteers. We will also have our famous white elephant table.

#### Landis 5k forest run

USAFT sanctioned event -Route 20 Challenge Series at the Landis Arboretum, Saturday, August 18. Registration 8-9am, race start 9:30am.

Finally got to see some of the Perseid showers... clouds spoiled it on Saturday, and not so good on Sunday either.

Friday Ron saw a real winner as it went over our house into the neighbors field. I saw a couple of small ones, but at least I saw some. I have been trying for years.

Looks like a rather unsettled weather week. Grass is finally green again and we are mow-

Chloe and I have made two batches of wild blackberry jam, our tomatoes are getting large, eggplants and pumpkins coming right along. Have a wonderful week.

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

Gallupville

By Kirsten Sanchirico

ball courts are open.

stalled.

Kay Butt.

The town tennis and basket-

Thanks to financial assis-

tance from FEMA and Iroquois

Pipeline Company, the basket-

ball and tennis courts have

been repaved, sealed and

striped and the fencing in-

nets. All you need is a ball and

August 7 at Jackie Diegel's.

Lions have provided the

The Canasta Club played on

Players present were Jackie

Diegel, Cathy Bogardus,

Ramona Tryon, Liz Tobiassen,

Diegel, Ramona Tryon and

The winners were Jackie

Happy birthday in August to:

Kay Butt, John

Mya Townsend, Rich Shoe-

MacEsker, Barbara Thornton,

Kay Butt and Ruth Snyder.

## **Central Bridge**

#### **By Janice Wilkens Birthdays**

Best wishes to all celebrating anniversaries this week. Happy birthday to our granddaughter Alena Anne Hahn turning 4 years old on August 15, Elaine Bortell and Karen Butler on August 16,

and Ashley Mead on August Happy wedding anniversary to couples Rob and Colleen Porter on August 15, Robert and Linda Klingbeil and Pastor Jim and Marjorie Hilton on

August 20. Alena Anne Hahn's parents, Paul and Jillian, hosted a birthday party at their home to celebrate Alena's fourth birthday on Sunday, August 12.

Many children from Alena's daycare attended with their parents; Paul and Jillian's coworkers and their families: as well as both sets of Alena's grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends too.

Alena's father prepared the meat on the grill and smoker and Alena helped her mother make the birthday cake.

There were plenty of other foods and drinks as well. In spite of the huge disappointment of the bounce house and the cotton candy maker from CK Party Rentals William Glee not showing up without notice, everyone had a wonderful time playing lawn games and just enjoying each other's conversation.

#### **Bridal shower**

Sisters Melanie, Amanda and mother Annie Poquette threw a Jack and Jill bridal shower for Nicholas Poquette and his future bride, Adah Campany on July 29 at Minekill State Park in North Blenheim.

Despite the downpour of rain in the morning hours, the sun did come out and it turned into a beautiful day.

About 40 people were in attendance for the party which

Elizabeth Kendle, Anika Savio,

Elaine Sokol, Vanessa Gorton,

Marie Dibble, Marie Fylligen,

Robert Hahn, Nicole Cross,

Zachariah Borst, Jeremy Gor-

don, Keith Cross, Carolyn

Maroney, Dick Ogsbury,

Landauer, Jacob Moore, Peter

Savio, Doris Schaffer

Jeffrey,

Happy anniversary in Au-

gust to: Sandra and Alton Roe;

Sharon and Ron Askew;

Suzanne and Todd Rolfe; Jer-

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me at 872-7031 or mail it to: PO

Box 133, Gallupville NY 12073.

emy and Cassandra Moore.

Jarred

Phyllis

# included a luncheon, horse-

shoe game, volleyball game, bridal shower games and swimming

There was plenty of good food, drink and many different activities to keep everyone

It was a very nice day and a good location for anyone or any Irene Quagline on August 18 group to hold a party. Planet Earth

Come enjoy a free open-air showing of Planet Earth at 8:30pm on August 17 at Max V. Shaul State Park in Fultonham. Planet Earth is a beautiful nature documentary, sure to capture the attention of children and adults alike, and it will be showed under the pavilion. We will be making free air-popped

popcorn for all who attend. For event information, contact Ashley Dunn at 827-6111, ext. 0.

#### Free swim lessons

Adult swim lessons began at Mine Kill State Park on July 23. All skill levels are welcome Monday through Thursday from 5-5:30pm. There is no cost for this and child care is provided on the premises. Regular fees apply for vehicle parking (\$3) and pool access (\$2 per adult and \$1 per child). Please contact Mine Kill State Park at 827-6111, ext 0 for more information.

#### **United Methodist church** Come and worship with us

every Sunday at 11am. All are welcome

Café Bridge is held the third Friday of each month from 6:30-9:30pm. Entertainment of acoustical music by a variety of musicians from the immediate and surrounding communities is on the agenda. Come and sit back to a relaxing evening and try some tempting desserts. Donations are welcome. Anyone interested in performing should contact Roger Shafer at 868-2589 or Dee Meese at 231-0993. Everyone is invited.

Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the pastor's office. Participants may join this group at any time. Please call Pastor Brenda Tompkins for information.

We are currently in need of donations of paper products and liquid hand soap.

Our semi-annual barbeque and bake sale will be held in front of ACE Hardware in Cobleskill on Saturday, August 25 beginning at 11am. Chicken and ribs will be featured along with many homemade baked goods. Save the date!

#### **Bethany Lutheran church**

Wednesday, August 15, worship service at 2pm with Sacrament of Holy Communion. August 19, adult discussion

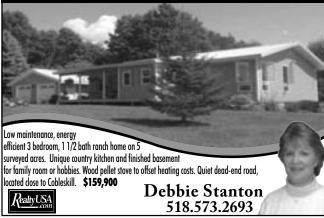
group at 9:30am, Holy Communion, intinction style, worship at 10am with Pastor Steffen A. Zehrfuhs. I Thessalonians 1:1; 4:13-18. Serving as acolyte will be Cassie Bortell; ushers, Phil Rogers and Matt Mau and altar flowers by Fred and MaryAnn LaTulipe. Collections from the coin jar will be donated to the Catskill Area Hospice. Special offering will be taken for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

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.

#### 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 Wwilkensjan@aol.com.

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mental review of this

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of

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the substance or pro-

cedure of the environ-

mental review will be

County of Schoharie at

the following address

until September 4,

Alicia Terry, Schoharie

County Planning, 276

Schoharie, NY 12157.

All such comments so

accepted by

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NOTICE OF FORMA-LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Davis Bros Center, LLC. Organization were filed with the Secretary of (SSNY) on 07/06/12. location: Schoharie County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Scott Davis, 2448 Highway Route 20, Carlisle, York 12031. Purpose: For any lawpurpose. Gerald Weinberg, PC Attorneys at Law

6Aug22c5 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMA-TION OF LIMITED LIA-COMPANY. NAME: DESORMEAU AUTO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/17/12. location: Schoharie SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 147 Barnerville Road, Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Weinberg, PC 6Aug29c5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF **SCHOHARIE** 

Index No. 2008-805 RICH-MONDVILLE, Plaintiff, REFEREE'S OF

SALE NOTICE against -IN FORE-U R Ε LORENZO DIAMOND, a/k/a, O R G E DIAMOND, Defendant PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of foremade and entered in the above captioned action on February 24. 2009, and entered in the office of the Clerk the County Schoharie, I, Richard DiStefano, the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at eptember 4, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., at the first floor lobby of the Schoharie County Office Building, on Main Street, in the Village of Schoharie, New York, the premises described in said AND iudgment

and described as follows: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Village and Town of Middleburgh, County of Schoharie and State of New York, described as follows: LYING on the northerly side of Danforth Avenue in said Village and bounded on the West by the lands for-Richard of Bauers, now Canastrao, Patricia reputed owner, and by the lands of Helene Andrew Farrell; on the North by the lands for-Emma Hughes and the lands of Alexander Kuhn, reputed owner; on the East by the lands for-William of Jarkovsky, and by the Bertha of Skinner, and on the South by Danforth containing approximately onehalf acre of land, be the same more or less. Intending hereby to convey all of the premises owned by Jane S. Colby, lying on the north side of Danforth Avenue, consisting of a lot of land, with a double brick house and EXCEPTING AND RESERVING to Killian Foland, his heirs and whatever

assigns,

premises

owned

interest they may have

to use the walk leading

from Danforth Avenue

to the house on the

Foland, which walk

leads across the premises hereby conveyed.

Said premises are sold

subject to zoning restrictions,

covenants, easements,

tions and agreements,

if any; subject to other

encumbrances, which

at the time of sale, are

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upon said premises,

subject to any state of

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Review

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Record

Environmental

respecting the within

project has been made

by The County of Schoharie which doc-

uments the environ-

mental review of the

project and more fully

sets forth the reasons

why such Statement is

not required. This

Environmental Review

Record is on file and

available for public

ject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations; if any; subject to taxes, if any; and subject to the equity of redempthe United States of America, if BEING the same premises conveyed by Marvin D. Parshall, Esq., Referee Darcay Volans, by Referee's Deed dated November 7, 1994 and recordedin the Schoharie County Office Clerk's December 2, 1994 in Book 573 at Page 338. The premises shall be sold subject to any state of facts an accurate survey would and show, covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, of record affecting said mortgaged premises thereof, and to zoning regulations and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said mortgaged premises lies and any thereof. violations Dated: July 24, 2012 Richard from DiStefano, Referee MICHAEL L BREEN Attorney for Plaintiff Railroad Avenue P.O. Box 982 Middleburgh, NY 12122

(518) 827-4320 4Aug2<u>2c5</u> NOTICE OF ORGANI-ZATION OF JUSTINE'S OF COBLESKILL, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company The name of the limited liability company is: JUSTINE'S OF COBLESKILL, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on July 18 2012. 3. The office is to be located in the County Schoharie. 4. The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability compaupon whom process against it may served. The Secretary may send process to the company at P O Box 882, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The Company is organized to carry on LEGAL NOTICE

all lawful activities. 6Sept5c5 TO ALL INTERESTED ACT of 1969 and other related laws and authorities. OCR will Notice of Finding of No accept an objection to Significant Impact The County Schoharie gives notice that it has been determined that the project described below will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, County Schoharie has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the required National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42) USC 4321). County of Schoharie is assuming NEPA environmental review responsibilities for this project from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) according to `HUĎ environmental review request, during normal business hours. regulations at 24 CFR Program Title: County Schoharie Assistance Blenheim Hill LLC Location: The Town of Blenheim, County of Schoharie Purpose of Project: To Matthew aid small businesses with equipment purchases for job creation Estimated 0 0 0 \$ 6 0 , The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: The project is not of sufficient size, scale or mass and does not exceed the threshold criteria established for the preparation of a statement nor will the project have a significant impact on the human environment under

received will be considered and County of Schoharie will not request the funds or take any administrative action any violations on the within project prior to the expiration of the comment period as indicated above. This notice allows for procedural objections Office of the Community Renewal (OCR) and is separate the findings notice printed above. The County Schoharie must certify to OCR that it has complied with requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, including receipt of public comments, before federal funds can be released project for the described above. The County of Schoharie will submit a request funds and an environ-OCR on or about S August 16,, The County Law The Schoharie will undertake the program with NYS CDBG funds from OCR. The County of Schoharie is certifying to OCR that the County of Schoharie and Alicia Terry in her official capacity as Certifying Officer conaccept the sent to jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon National to Environmental Policy its approval of the of release of funds and BANK, acceptance of the cerbases: a) that the cer-

> Hampton Plaza 38- 40 State Street, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12207 No objection after NY 12207 considered. Alicia Terry NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Village Board of Richmondville, NY is and conditions of filed accepting sealed bids judgment and terms of for

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for one (1) 2012 or s 2013 one-ton SRW 4wheel drive pick-up truck Richmondville Power and Light Company. Bid specifications may be obtained at the Village Office, Main Street Richmondville, 12149 Monday through Friday Water District will be between 7:30am and Sealed bids, flushing the mains on clearly marked pick- August 20th, 2012 ises described in the

which time they will be opened and read pub-276 licly at the Village reet, Board of Trustees meeting. Bidders are subject to General Municipal Law. The Village Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive D.C. 20250-9410, or informalities. any Board of Trustees (voice) or Village of 6382 Richmondville

August 1, 2012 2Aug15c5 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of MCGEARYTECH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/14/12. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against release of Federal it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: James P. Esq., Sauter, 15 Beekman Ste. 1000, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: any lawful activity 6Aug29c5

> NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE SHARON SPRINGS JOINT PLANNING **BOARD**

Notice is hereby given, the Sharon Springs Joint Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Town of Sharon Municipal Building, 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs to consider the following application: #12-15-07-01 to Matt Loder for release of grant for a 2 Lot Subdivision located at 6818 State mental certification to Rte 10, Town of h a o n Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Cousineau

Secretary, Sharon Springs Joint Planning Board 2Aug15c5 LEGAL NOTICE

ATTENTION M/WBE Servidone, Inc./B. Anthony Construction Corp. JV is now solicthe iting quotations from qualified M/WBE Firms for the following NY Power Authority Gilboa Pumped Storage Project Schoharie Creek Erosion Restoration being bid on August 22, 2012. Inquiries OCR's approval, funds can be made by conmay be used for this program, and HUD Office (518)732-7773. will have satisfied its Bids should be subresponsibilities under mitted 48 hours prior

2Aug15c5 WELLS FARGO TRUSTEE FOR tification only if it is on OPTION ONE MORTone of the following GAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2 tification was not in BACKED CERTIFIfact executed by the CATES SERIES 2006chief executive officer 2, Pltf. vs. LINDA M. or other officer of DOHERTY, Deft. Index applicant approved by #282/11. Pursuant to HUD; or b) that appli- judgment of foreclocant's environmental sure and sale dated review to the RROF for July 19, 2012, I will the project omitted a sell at public auction decision, tep appli- Courthouse, 290 Main finding, or step applicable to the project in St., Schoharie, NY on environmental Sept. 11, 2012 at 9:30 review process, or c) a.m., prem. k/a 607 other specific grounds in HUD regulations at Bridge, NY. Said prop-58.75. erty located in the Village of Central Environmental Bridge and Town and Review Record is on file at the address County of Schoharie below and is available State of for public examination and copying, upon iron pin in the ground copying, upon along the public highleading from 276 Main Street, Central Bridges to Schoharie, NY 12157 Howes Cave, N.Y. and Objections must be about 60 ft. easterly prepared and submit- from the end of a stone ted in accordance with wall on the SE, corner the required procedure of lands formerly of (24 CFR Part 58), and Patrick Keife's and may be addressed to: now owned Newberry; being a plot 300 ft. x 60 ft. x 310 ft. Nelson, President, Office of Community Renewal, x 60 ft.; Also beginning at an iron pin driven in the ground along the public highway lead-ing from Central ing September 4, 2012 will Bridge to Howes Cave in the division line between the lands of Certifying Officer
July 3. 2012
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the parties hereto;
being a plot 310 ft. x 3
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> MICHAEL J. SHULTES, Referee. LAW OFFICES OF ALAN WEINREB, PLLC, Attys. for Pltf., 6800 Jericho Tpke., Ste. 207W, Syosset, NY. #81681 4Aug29c5 LEGAL NOTICE The Central Bridge

premises may be; sub- the following location August 21, 2012 at Central Bridge Water District is an equal opportunity provider, and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ávenue, Washington S.W., call (800)795-3272 (202)720-(TDD) Luanne Mansheffer clerk

2Aug1<u>5c5</u> STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF DELTA JASON CLOUSE, PLAINTIFF V WENDY LOU DEFEN-CLOUSE DANT. FILE NO. 12 1 6 5 6 - D M John M. A. Bergman (P69725) LAW OFFICE Attorney for the Plaintiffs 524 Ludington Street ste. 105 Escanaba, MI 906)789-6370 Wendy L. Clouse In Per. ORDER FOR SUBSTI-SERVICE At a session of the Court held on the 6th day of August, 2012. HON. PRESENT: STEPHEN T. DAVIS CIRCUIT JUDGE following Defendant, Wendy L. Clouse, an action for Divorce has been commenced against you by the Plaintiff Jason E. Clouse. Pursuant to MCR 2.108(3), have 28 days from the last of the three weekly publications of this order in which to make an answer to the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Delta County Clerk, at her office at 310 Ludington Escanaba, MI 49829 or from the Attorney for the Plaintiff. Your Answer must be in writing and served upon both the County Clerk and Attorney for the Plaintiff. If you fail

to answer, a default may be taken against This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Schoharie Times Journal of Cobleskill, This Order also allows for service of process by first class mail to the Defendants last known mailing address at P.O. Box 1242 Cooperstown, NY 3 3 2

August 6, 2012 Hon. Stephen T. Davis 3Aug22c5 NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR HOLDING BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS MEET-

ING DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2012 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Schońarie County Board of Supervisors shall hold its regularly scheduled meeting for August and September on August 28, 2012, and September 25, 2012, commencing at at the County Schoharie

Office Building, Board Chambers, Schoharie, N Y . By Order of the Board of Supervisors Sheryl Largeteau, Clerk of the Board 284 Main Street, 3rd Floor Schoharie County Office Building Schoharie, New York 12157

2Aug22c5 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Granntaris Pharmaceutical, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State NY Secy State (SSNY) 08/03/2012. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 119 Creamery Rd., North Blenheim, NY 12131. Purpose: any lawful activity 6Sept19c5 Sold subject to terms

LEGAL NOTICE State of New York Supreme Court Supreme County of Schoharie Trustco Bank, Plaintiff against Thomas C. Hotaling, Hotaling, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., and John Doe and Jane being fictitious and intended to be persons, tenants. occupants or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premto whatever the physical condition of the mal business hours at accepted until 4pm 2 : 0 0 pm. Defendants. NOTICE

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42. Fell back from flooding 43. Farm state

44. British Isle in the Irish Sea

45. Georgian monetary unit 46. Turkish rulers

48. Utter sounds

50. Fashionable water resorts

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15. One point E of due S Fiddler crabs 17. A large cask 20. Adult male swan

22. Of the whale & dolphin order 23. Frozen water

24. Metric ton 27. Marine or parasitic protozoas 28. Cologne 29. Built by Noah

30. Indicates physician 31. Parts per billion (abbr.) 32. Environmental Protection Agency 33. Supplement with difficulty

34. Dark fur coat animals 35. Utilization 37. Unit = to 10 amperes

38. Stalin's police chief
39. Almost horizontal mine entrances

40. Missing soldiers 44. More (Spanish)

**SOLUTION TO AUGUST 8 PUZZLE** 



OF SALE Index No.: SCHEDULE A: RJI No.: 2011-567 47-7625-12 Hon. George R. Bartlett, III the Mortgaged Premises: 103 N. Main St., S c h o h a r i e PLEASE TAK TAKE NOTICE that in purlows: suance of the judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made Road Cave June 26, 2012, and entered in the above entitled action, I, the undersigned referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction on the first floor of the Schoharie County Courthouse, 290 Main Street, Schoharie, New York, on September 13, 2012, at 10:00 oclock in the forenoon of that day, the premises directed by said judgment to be sold as are therein described as shown in Schedule A annexed hereto. Dated: July 11, 2012 Mark A. Kassner, Esq. McNamee, Lochner, Titus and WIlliams, By: Francis J. Smith, Esq. Attorneys Plaintiff 677 PO Box Broadway,

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By Ruth Yung What a lovely day Sunday

Unfortunately I couldn't work outside after church as I had to can up our peaches. We didn't have too many this year. but even a few jars is better than none to our way of think-

Those two trees have done so good in bearing fruit.

I bought these two from Stark's. As I recall Stark's have

been around for some years. Now if the apricot trees would have done half as good, we might also have had apricots, but alas, they just wouldn't grow. So I gave up buying any more and trying to get them to grow.

So Tony will have to have apricots from the grocers or produce stands.

Let's do the birthdays.

Starting with the 15th is David Wood, 16th is Sinzia Charles Hanford, 19th is Becky Yung, and Dorothy Como, 20th Lyn Herodes, and Kaitlyn Chapman and 21st is Olivia Smith. My goodness doesn't ries any more. Too hot and no seem like Olivia will be a rain soon enough.

teenager next year, but then

Cunningham. Jerry and Louise will be celebrating their 50th lot. anniversary. Their children are giving them a 50th anniversary bash on the 25th. There are not too many couples who reach time together. Congratulations to both couples, and may you all be blessed all through the years as they come and go by. I only knew one couple that reached 60 years, and that was Joe and Bertha Ennis.

We need to keep all those we flower. know that are in poor health or prayers.

Norma Perciasepe arm/shoulder that was just boy as well. repaired. Continue to keep her speedy results in therapy.

Tony is not picking blueber-

and found the mice had are always welcome. Anniversaries for this week chewed the wires or somethe repair work which helps a

Do any of you realize how

the milkweed spreads? bed weeded and almost ready to fertilize the plants. I'm so surprised not to see all the Japanese beetles I've had the last few years. I don't mind a bit. In fact didn't see those ugly green kale worms this year on the broccoli and cauli-

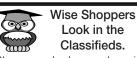
After worship service have health problems in our Sunday there was a birthday party for Tim Warner. I'm sure he was pleased. Tim is a quiet Reese, 18th is Ed Yung, Friday and landed on the boy in church. A very helpful

Remember the dates for this is Charlie Stanton, Ian Spiers, in prayer, as well as asking for month, Thursdays 7pm prayer meeting at the church, Worship service is 10:30 Sundays, and Sunday School for all grades including adults

But he has plenty of small at 9am. Town of Broome Town seems like these children have engine stuff to work on that Board meeting 7pm at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Theater Project will be holding their birthdays awfully fast folks have been waiting for. He Town Hall tonight the 15th, these years any more. But I went to use my Craftsman lawn Planning Board at the Town guess that is part of being a tractor to mow the other day, Hall on the 27th at 7pm, You all

The Town of Broome Fire are the 18th is Ed and Pat thing in it. So, another machine Department will be having Chatfield, and Louise and Jerry to repair. Son Pete does a lot of their 50th chicken BBQ on the 2nd of September, take outs only until the food is gone. Take outs will start at 11am.

The fire chief states they are I found more in my aspara- expecting to have the building gus bed. I'm slowly getting the up and running in time for their 51st BBQ next year.



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By Rebecca Bilby

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Pastor of St. Paul's will lead the worship service.

St. Paul's Church council will meet 7pm, Tuesday, August 21 at the church. Lisa East Worcester UMC through-Crapser serves as president of the council.

food pantry, which is housed at rabilby4@yahoo.com. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will be open 9am-noon, Saturday, August 25.

St. Paul's annual festival will take place at the church Saturday, August 25 beginning with a Bazaar at 3:30pm. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30pm.

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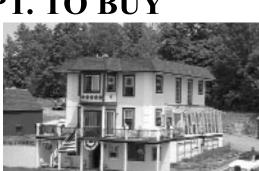
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The Laraways started the Hot Pickle Eating Contest as a Laraways' home, which is at way to re-create old home days

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**PENING** 

**By Jim Poole** and family gatherings that A day of country fun and churches and communities often held years ago.

rday. "People don't get together It's the seventh annual Hot like they used to," Mr. Laraway

And much of the focus is on

"I don't have grandchildren, and I love kids," Ms. Laraway said. "The kids who come here are my grandchildren.'

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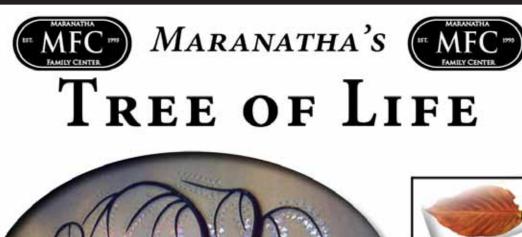
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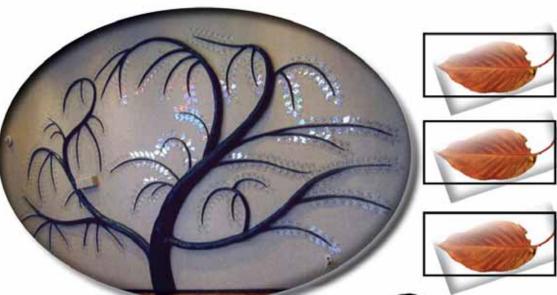


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There will also be trivia contests through the day, with more than \$2,000 in gift certificates from businesses in Cobleskill, Middleburgh and Schoharie as prizes for these and other contests.

Kids' games will go on all day. One new game has boy and girl scarecrows, and kids can toss a waffle iron at them.

"So that they can pretend to get back at their brother or sister," Ms. Laraway said.

Scheduled contests include: • Pickle judging. Fruit, vegetables, salsa, relishes and more. Entries must be in by 11:30, and judging starts at noon. The winner gets a \$25 check from NBT Bank and a year's subscription to the Times-Journal.

• At 1pm, ladies only can enter their largest locally-grown tomato. The prize is a \$25 Wal-Mart certificate from Mr. Laraway, the Northeast Gar-

· Men can enter their larg-

est locally-grown cucumber at 1:30. The winner gets \$25 donated by Noble Ace hardware.

• The husband and wife egg toss starts at 1pm, with the winning team getting \$25 from Kelley Farm and Garden.

• At 2:30 the family that comes best dressed up as the "Original Sloughters" will get a \$25 gift certificate from Price Chopper.

• The Sloughter sledgehammer throwing contest starts at 3. The winner gets a \$150 DeWalt cordless drill donated by Noble Ace Hardware. And at 3:30, there's the

pickle-eating contest. Contestants will eat a quart of the Laraways' hot garlic pickles. Whoever finishes first wins \$100 from Mr. Laraway.

There will also be free school supplies, stuffed animals and ice cream for children, who must be accompanied by par-

Besides all the contests and games, there will be vendors offering a variety of goods. Also, Mr. Laraway will be selling his pickles, with more than 27 types to choose from. Free samples will be available.

Finally, there will be tours of the Laraways' garden--giant corn, huge cabbages, long cucumber vines and more.



## **Obituaries**

#### **Phyllis Finster**

Phyllis Ann Finster, 81, formerly of Schoharie County. passed away Thursday, August Barbara 9, 2012.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lyman and Mildred Larned of Middleburgh; her first husband, Robert Folster, and her son, Gary Folster.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Finster of children, Sandra Hoy, Fred Cobleskill Rural Cemetery. Cathy Kerr (Larry), and Samuel Folster (Robyn) all liv-home.com ing in the Atlanta, Georgia

grandchildren, eleven great- family.

grandchildren and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, in Gainesville, Georgia.

## Hotaling

Barbara A. Hotaling, 70, of Robinson Terrace Nursing Home on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 after a long illness.

A graveside service was held Gainesville, Georgia; her five on Friday, August 10 at Folster, Belinda Young (Mark), More information is available at www.guffinfuneral

The Langan Funeral Home and the Robert A. Guffin Fu-Also surviving are twelve neral Home are assisting the



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