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Driver dies in fiery crash

2 hurt when truck falls onto Rt. 7



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 by Jim Poole



At left, state Department of Transportation crews on Monday repair the guiderrails and bridge where the truck fell onto Route 7.—Photo by Jim Poole

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 median.

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 four-foot 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.

"The car hit the brakes, and 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. "When the truck hit that

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—Sgt. Alan Woodin

guiderrail [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-witnesses have contacted troopers.

"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 guiderrails on Monday.

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

"...We also want to keep the focus on the fact that there's so much more to do!"

—Melissa Jones

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 campaign.

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

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.

3 to describe fracking in PA

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 of 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 session 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 have changed since 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 squash, Dave and Darleen Laraway are preparing for their seventh annual Hot Pickle Eating Contest this Saturday at their Carlisle home. Besides the pickle-eating competition, the day will feature games, contests, food and country fun. Story on page 24.—Photo by Jim Poole.



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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 said—essentially residents Gary Brady and Joe Kerr being treated as de facto councilmen.

Mr. Brady objected to the

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 discussion.

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.

“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 speak.

“What we have is people coming in and making us sound like a 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 one town.

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.

Tonko to be speaker at Dems’ barbecue

This Sunday, August 19, the Schoharie County Democratic Committee will hold their annual chicken BBQ at Lasell Park in Schoharie.

Dinner will be served at 3pm.

Congressman Paul Tonko will be the guest speaker.

The BBQ will be a tribute to Congressman Tonko for all his contributions to the community.

Because of redistricting, Congressman Tonko will not be representing Schoharie County after January 1.

Candidates running for Congress, State Senate and Assembly have been invited.

For further information, contact county committee people or Cliff Hay, 234-7165; Linda

Cross, 868-9303; or Rich Shultes, 827-6880.

Tickets will be available at the door.



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Manley joins hospital as pharmacist

Christopher Manley, Pharm.D., of Albany, has joined the staff of Cobleskill Regional Hospital as staff pharmacist.

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 Services.

"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

synthetic chemist working in early stage drug discovery at Albany Molecular Research, Inc. During his tenure in this position, Mr. Manley co-authored 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 Program.



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

Towns cooperate on 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.

But that's been enough to prevent either town from bringing it up to their specifications so it can be finished and adopted by someone—probably Middleburgh—as a town road.

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-

velop the Oak Meadows Road 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 the road.

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

Residents or developers of private roads can ask for waivers when it comes to meeting specs, he said.

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

The Schoharie and Middleburgh libraries need your vote.

Lego and the Association for Library Services To Children are giving away \$5,000 for books and supplies to the most nominated library in their 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.

The contest runs through October 12.

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

Underground Railroad to be focus of talk

The Charleston Historical Society will be hosting the program "Underground Railroad in Montgomery County" on Sunday, September 9 at 2pm with guest speaker Montgomery 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 refuge 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

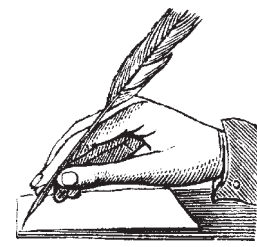
they assisted in the fight against slavery.

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 Charleston.

For more information, call 829-7592.



Letters

"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 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 Schoharie County, Pennsylvania to witness firsthand what fracking does to a community.

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 Real" event on Wednesday, August 22 at 7pm.

This event is featuring three speakers who are farmers and leaseholders and who have lived with fracking for the past

three years. They are driving to Schoharie from Bradford and Schoharie 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 your 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 must-see. 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 non-profits 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 Program which is: schoharieDEC@gmail.com

Renee Nied
Schoharie County grant coordinator,
Greene County Council on the Arts

Fine work by firefighters

Dear Editor:

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Police Blotter

Friday, August 10
Cobleskill Village Police arrested Kristopher L. Houston, 28, of Cobleskill for second-degree criminal contempt at 9:25pm.
He was arraigned in 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 Tuesday.

Thursday, August 9
Cobleskill Village Police arrested Cheyla Bevins, 33, of Warnerville at 2:07pm for third-degree 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 arrested Tyler J. Briggs, 17, of Cobleskill at 6:45pm for third-degree 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 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.

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

Jefferson man airlifted after two-car accident

Two people were injured in 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 said.
Emergency crews from the Central Bridge fire department 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 said.



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 12:27, 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.

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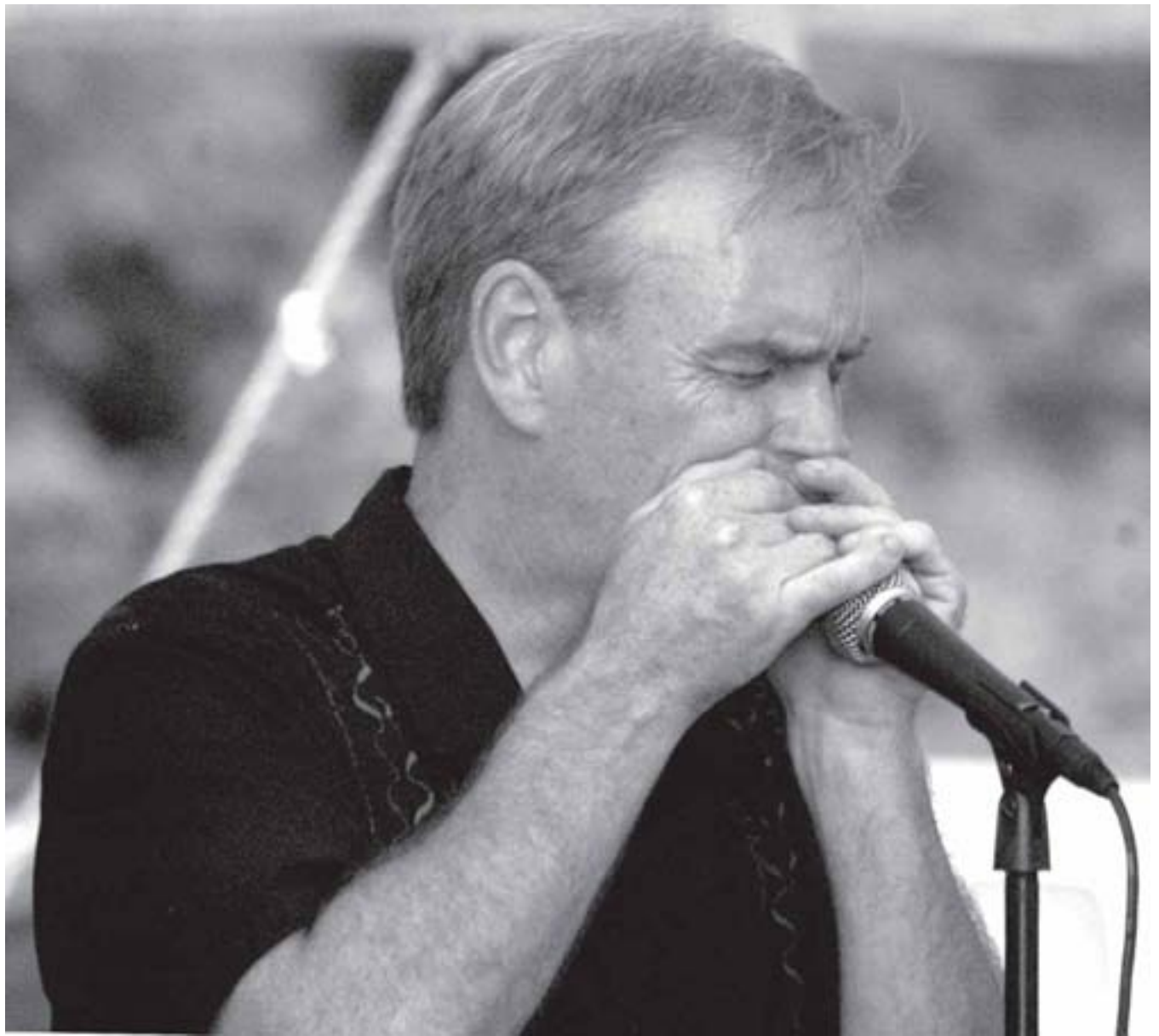
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Scotty & The Rockin' Bonnevilles play a mix of swing, rock, and rockabilly music and last Wednesday in Sharon, it was all good.



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.



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.

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From Cooperstown to Windfall Barn, take East Lake Road north until it crosses Route 20; then continue on ELR for about 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.

Celebrate our town on Cobleskill Day

By Jim Poole

Anyone looking to do some shopping had better save up for Cobleskill Day, September 22.

Village-wide garage sales, a farmers' market and sidewalk sales will mark the annual event, which celebrates small-town 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 234-3076.

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" tastings—samples of dishes made in Crock Pots.

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

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



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New C-R tax rates. . .

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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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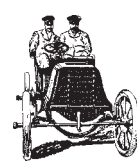
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Sports



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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 football season is right around the corner.

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

on Saturday.

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

students. Practices will continue 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.

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.

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 race.

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 Sweet.

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 \$25.

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 Outlaws 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 2013.

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 \$10,000.

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 non-regular 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 pot.

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

DACC triathlon set for Aug. 25

The Duaneburg 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.



Li'l Dawgs finish a lap around the field as a warm-up.



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.



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



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Ninjas take over M'burgh library

It was time to eat some disgusting food, juggle balloons in the air, balance a book on your head, spell letters with your

body and fill a plastic cup with water using only a spoon at the Time Ninja Challenge at the Middleburgh library earlier

this month.

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 the library.



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.

Photos by David Avitabile



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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Arts & Entertainment

Parade, fun to mark Conesville FD's 75th

The 75th anniversary of the Conesville Fire Department will be celebrated this Saturday, August 18, beginning with a parade at 11am along State Route 990V toward the fire house.

Begun by four-public spirited 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 continue after the parade with Field day activities: Bouncy House, games, pony rides, face painting; firematics and a variety of food vendors.

Everyone is welcome.



Library News

Cobleskill

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

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 3-6 years.

Middleburgh

August 20- 6:30pm- Reel Film Festival - "Garbo the Spy" (NR).

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.

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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 crafts.

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 gift.

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Saturday, August 18th

Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

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Field Day activities to follow, until 4 p.m.

Vendors: jewelry, purses, flags, quilts, baby clothes, blankets, homemade soaps, lotions, water beads, incense, flags, knotty pine furniture and many more handmade items. Children's activities: bounce house, pony rides, games, and face painting. Food vendors: Catskill Mtn. Bar-B-Q, nachos and cheese, popcorn, cotton candy, Italian ice, milk shakes, sundaes, soft ice cream, and a bake sale



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Social Journal



Melanie and Todd Czepiel

Czepiel-Poquette

On April 28, Reverend Steffen Zehrhuus 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 Duaneburg.



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.



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 Skeeel, PIANY president-elect.

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.

"Lew's success as a PIANY leader is matched by his suc-

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

In the association, Mr. Wilson is a member of the Government Affairs and Company/Industry Relations committees. He also served as chairperson of the PIANY Political Action Committee Governing Board for several years and currently is the vice chair.

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 PAC.

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

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

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.

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 one-half hour in length, and include the Sacrament of Holy Com-

munion. This is intended for those who might find it easier to attend a weekday, afternoon service.

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

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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
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.

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Lutherans to share pastor

Christ the Shepherd 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 Jamaica.

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 four-point 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 30A, 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 at 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



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 service at 7pm.

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 starts at 11am.

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 by Janice Herrick, lay preacher, from the Schoharie Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

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 234-4182.

Bake sale in Grov. Corners

The Grovenors Corners United Methodist Church will have a bake sale on August 25, 9am-1pm at Tractor Supply, Cobleskill.

SCS retiree slate luncheon

The Schoharie Central School annual retired employees luncheon will be held at the Olde Tater Barn in Central Bridge on Wednesday, September 5 at noon.

Contact Anna Slavinski at 868-2891 for more information.

Cobleskill Rec plans NYC trip

The Cobleskill Recreation Commission is sponsoring a day trip to New York City to see the Radio City Christmas Show on November 17, leaving Walmart at 8am.

Limited seats. 231-9460 by August 19 for more information.

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

Members of the congregation 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.

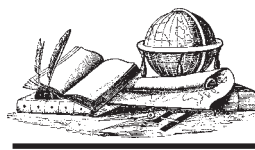
The Bill Brust Band will provide live music during the event.

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

Baked goods and beverages will be available at no charge.

The event will take place rain or shine.

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 Refrigeration;

Donald Schroeder III, of Sharon Springs, an AOS degree in Electrical Construction and Controls through IBEW; **Cheyenne Pangman**, of Warnerville, a certificate degree in Practical 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 ceremonies.

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

Sarah Philbrick, of 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 major from Cobleskill.

Looking Ahead

Gilboa to visit Wildlife Rescue

The Gilboa Historical Society will take a field trip to Wes Laraway's Wildlife Rescue Center, Llama Lane, 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 welcome.

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 lot.)

All programs are indoors and free. Rain or shine.

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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 Histiocal 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.

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Hot times in Carlisle

Pickle contest promises a day of fun, friends

By Jim Poole

A day of country fun and prizes to boot is coming up Saturday.

It's the seventh annual Hot Pickle Eating Contest at Dave and Darleen Laraway's in Carlisle.

While the pickle-eating contest is the centerpiece, the free, all-day event features competitive games with prizes and giveaways for children through seniors.

The Laraways started the Hot Pickle Eating Contest as a way to re-create old home days

and family gatherings that churches and communities often held years ago.

"People don't get together like they used to," Mr. Laraway said. "We just want to have fun."

And much of the focus is on kids.

"I don't have grandchildren, and I love kids," Ms. Laraway said. "The kids who come here are my grandchildren."

That's what it's all about. The fun starts at 9am at the Laraways' home, which is at



Dave and Darleen Laraway stand by giant sunflowers in their garden, which will again be one of the showpieces at their seventh annual Hot Pickle Eating Contest Saturday at their Carlisle home.

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Then the games and contests start: cracker-eating, bell-ringing, balloon-popping and more.

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 Gardener.

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 Slaughterers" will get a \$25 gift certificate from Price Chopper.

The Slaughter 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 parents.

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 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 Gainesville, Georgia; her five children, Sandra Hoy, Fred Folster, Belinda Young (Mark), Cathy Kerr (Larry), and Samuel Folster (Robyn) all living in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren, eleven great-

grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, in Gainesville, Georgia.

Barbara Hotaling

Barbara A. Hotaling, 70, of Robinson Terrace Nursing Home on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 after a long illness.

A graveside service was held on Friday, August 10 at Cobleskill Rural Cemetery. More information is available at www.guffinfuneralhome.com

The Langan Funeral Home and the Robert A. Guffin Funeral Home are assisting the family.

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