

Weighing in on summer

State Senator Jim Seward gets Kaitlin Nelson's tomato just right on the scale for the largest tomato contest at Dave and Darleen Laraway's Hot Pickle Eating Contest in Carlisle Saturday. The event featured a full day of down-home fun. Story, more photos on page 12.--Photo by Jim

Police continue probe of I-88, Rt. 7 crash

By Jim Poole

their investigation into the August 12 crash that claimed the life of a truck driver in Richmondville.

After withholding identities pending notification of families, troopers have also released the names of the truck driver and two women injured in the acci-

The truck driver was Jeffrey W. Mueller, 47, of Caribou, Maine.

State Police said last week that Mr. Mueller was westbound on I-88 in a tractortrailer when the truck veered

to the left, crossed the median State Police are continuing and traveled westbound in the eastbound I-88 lane.

> truck jackknifed and fell between the east- and westbound lanes of I-88, landing on Route Crescent Ives, 36, and her

daughter, Kilee Ives, 15, both of Worcester, were westbound on Route 7 when the truck landed right in front of them.

The Ives car touched the truck lightly, State Police reported, and then the truck burst into flames.

Ms. Ives and her daughter escaped but suffered burns.

They were taken to Westchester Medical Center, where they were still being After striking guardrails, the treated. By Monday afternoon, there was no word of their condition.

Troopers said Mr. Mueller was identified through dental records. The cause of death was determined to be blunt force compression of the chest and severe burns.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit of the State Police is continuing the investigation.

'We still have no idea why it happened, what happened to the driver," said State Police Investigator Dave Ayers. "And no witnesses have come for-

Anyone with information about the accident can call State Police investigators at Seward super And tosses lawsuit vs. chairman By Patsy Nicosia would "frustrate or undermine State Supreme Court Justice

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Eugene Devine has tossed the lawsuit filed by eight Schoharie County supervisors against their chairman—and ordered one of them, Seward's Carl Barbic, to face possible financial sanctions for his role in it.

In his August 14 ruling, Judge Devine first dismissed three supervisors—Mike Brandow of Conesville, Jim Buzon of Middleburgh, and Mr. Barbic—from the lawsuit.

Then, he dismissed the suit itself, writing that "courts must abstain from interfering in the legislative process."

The courts are always reluctant to interfere with the separation of powers," explained County Attorney Mike West, who represented Board of Supervisors Chairman Harold Vroman in the lawsuit.

But that's not what the suit was about at all, argued Fulton Supervisor Phil Skowfoe.

It was about whether Mr. Vroman could change committee assignments mid-year and the vote challenging the

"He [Judge Devine] didn't deal with the law," Mr. Skowfoe said. "We didn't win and we didn't lose.

The eight supervisors brought their suit after Mr. Vroman in April removed Mr. Skowfoe, Carlisle Supervisor Larry Bradt, Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone, and Sharon Supervisor Sandra Manko from the Finance, Solid Waste, and Personnel Committees and Esperance Supervisor Earl Van Wormer from the Buildings & Purchases Committee and after a June vote to appeal the changes failed.

They claimed the changes were vindictive; Mr. Vroman said the committees were dys-

functional. Judge Devine said because their committee assignments weren't changed, Brandow, Mr. Buzon, and Mr. Barbic had no stake in the law-

He then dismissed the suit itself, concerned ruling on it

the legislative process" and separation of powers.

Judge targets

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Judge Levine had especially harsh words for Mr. Barbic, who in June's vote cast his against the appeal—a vote Mr. Barbic said came out of the blue at the tail end of a flood relief meeting-but then signed onto the lawsuit.

"Had Mr. Barbic stood up and voted for the result he now seeks...[Mr. Vroman's] committee changes would have been overturned by a majority vote," Judge Devine wrote.

"Such frivolous conduct and the strain that it places on judicial resources cannot be condoned.

For that "frivolous conduct," Mr. Barbic could face financial sanctions.

He's been ordered to appear at an October 9 hearing at the Schoharie County Court-

"I feel like I've been slapped in the face," Mr. Barbic said. Mr. Vroman said he's pleased

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—Carl Barbic

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with Judge Devine's ruling and hopes supervisors can put the dispute behind them.

But that may take some do-

Ms. Manko said the eight supervisors were removed from their committees because of the way they voted.

"I would like to think this type of action and influence doesn't happen at this level of government, but obviously it does," she said.

"We...make choices for what we feel is best for the county and shouldn't be intimidated or punished for our decisions. The bottom line is it's just another form of bullying.

Mr. Skowfoe said the eight supervisors haven't decided whether they'll file an appeal.

2 events note Irene anniversary

one-year anniversary of the lenges ahead. 500-year flood known as Hur- Speakers will include local ricane Irene.

Sunday, from 2-9pm, Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT) will host "Country Strong" at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds.

'Country Strong" will feature plenty of fun for those impacted by Irene—including hose who reached out to help. There will be a bounce

house, exhibits, face painting, food vendors, entertainment by Rodfatha, more than 30 crafters and artisans, music, dance demonstrations, and an outdoor movie.

The event will kick off at 2pm with a press conference outlining the accomplishments

A pair of events will mark the of the past year and the chal-

Then, on Tuesday, the

Schoharie Promotional Association will hold an observance in the County Courtyard at 6pm.

"A Year Ago, Then and Now" will be a chance for music and reflection.

Speakers will include Assemblyman Pete Lopez, Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone, Ed August and Josh DeBartolo. Afterwards, all are invited

to join in a ribbon-cutting across the street at J. Lacv's Hair Salon, the latest business to reopen in the village.

M'burgh driver flees rollover

A Middleburgh man was arrested on charges of drunken driving and other charges after crashing his car and fleeing the scene early Friday morning, said the State Police.

Police said troopers responded to a report of a onecar rollover accident at about 1:20am Friday on Route 30 in the Town of Middleburgh.

They located the unoccupied vehicle about 100 feet off the road in a corn field. A quick search of the area

found that the driver had fled into the field, but passenger Frank W. McDonnell, 41, of Middleburgh was found a short distance from the car suffering from apparent head

trauma, police said. Med Flight transported Mr. McDonnell to Albany Medical Center for treatment.

Troopers, with the assistance of an Environmental Conservation Police K-9 unit, located the driver of the car, Johnnie D. Brown III, 21, of Middleburgh, after searching the surrounding fields.

Mr. Brown was charged with driving while intoxicated and numerous vehicle and traffic violations and further charges are pending, police

He was released on an appearance ticket to return to Cobleskill town court on August 29, police said.

Poker run aids Shelter

The fifth annual Cave Country Poker Run will benefit the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley this Saturday. Registration for the run is

from 10am to 11:45 at Howe Caverns. It will be held rain or Riders leave at noon for the

run, which will travel through Schoharie County and end at the Cobleskill Eagles' Aerie on Legion Drive at about 4:30.

There will be a barbecue and entertainment at the Eagles', and riders will receive a commemorative gift.

The top prize for the best poker hand is an overnight stay at Turning Stone Lodge, dinner for two and \$50; the second prize is \$250.

All proceeds will benefit the dogs and cats at the Shelter.

For more information, call Cathie at 728-1325.



75 for Conesville

A young "farmer" waves to the crowd from his tractor in Saturday's parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Conesville Fire Department. Kids' games, field days fun, and food rounded out the festivities. More photos are on page 10.—Photo by Patsy Nicosia.



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Obituaries

John Funck

John E. Funck, of State Route 146, Gallupville passed away peacefully at his home on August 10, 2012 after a long ill-

Born in Brooklyn on February 26, 1923, he was the son of the late Detrick and Aloisia Funck.

John moved with his stepmother, Stefanie Funck, to the Town of Wright when he was 10 years old.

John served in the Army Air Forces during WWII as an engineer and top turret gunner on a B-17 bomber, where he

flew 35 missions over Germany. With his return to civilian life, John married his wife of 64 years, Helen Becker, in 1947.

John was employed by the General Electric Company in Schenectady retiring after 41 years as the manager of the Reclamation Department.

He served the Town of Wright for 22 years in elected positions as tax collector, justice of the peace, and 14 years as the town's supervisor and for three years as the appointed budget officer.

John was a member of the Gallupville United Methodist Church, the Gallupville Fire Dept and the Gallupville Se-

He enjoyed woodworking, taking rides on his 4-wheeler, and spending time with his family. Besides his beloved wife, Helen, John is survived by his daughter, Linda and her husband, George Zimmer of Berne; son, Richard and his wife, Barbara Funck of Margaretville, and son, Gary and his wife, Kimberly Funck of Hoosick Falls.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Kimberly and her husband, Matt Graff of

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Gallupville, Christopher and his wife, Kimberly Zimmer of Ballston Spa, Brent and his wife, Eileen Zimmer of Berne, Ryan Funck of Tannersville and Gregory Funck of Stamford, Sierra and Adam Funck of Hoosick Falls; and two greatgrandchildren, Averill and Gaige Zimmer of Ballston Spa.

John was predeceased by his sister, Marie Massa of San Jose. California.

Funeral services for John were held Tuesday, August 14, at the Gallupville United Methodist Church on Factory Street in Gallupville.

Interment followed at Gallupville Rural Cemetery with full military honors.

The family respectfully requests that instead of flowers, memorial donations be made in John's memory to the Gallupville United Methodist Church or the Gallupville Volunteer Fire Department.

Maureen **Edwards**

Maureen (Renee) Catherine Edwards AKA Cohn, of Lecanto, Florida passed to the Lord on August 14, 2012 at her home, surrounded by family and friends and Hospice of Cit-

Maureen was born in Pearl River on December 26, 1942, daughter of James Patrick Fagan and Catherine Marie (Metz) Fagan.

She was raised in Sparkill and Middleburg, and was a lifelong cosmetologist and hair stylist in Cobleskill and Crystal River, Florida.

She loved to ski and play

Maureen is survived by her husband, Frederick A. Edwards; her son, Steven Cohn,

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Maureen Edwards

his wife Julie and grandson Nicholas of Anthem, Arizona; daughter, Catherine Thomas and her husband, Steven and grandsons, Christopher and Mathew of Morrisonville; two step-daughters, Brenda Jo Lindsey of Deltona, Florida; Fredrika Ina Marie Edwards of Los Angeles, California.

Renee is also survived by three brothers, James of Deleware, William of New Jersey and Daniel of Florida; various nieces and nephews and many friends.

Services will be announced at a later date at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

She will be inurned at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Hospice of Citrus County, PO Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

Herbert Van Natten

Herbert L. Van Natten, 92, of Cobleskill, died Friday, August

He was born May 5, 1920 in Schoharie and was the son of Harold and Alta Ruth (Luckey) Van Natten.

Herb worked for many years as a self-employed carpenter, and also worked for Righi Brothers. He retired in 1983 as a machinist from General Electric in Schenectady.

He was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Cobleskill, a former Scout Master for Troop 64 in Hyndsville, and Schoharie Shunpikers Camping Club. Herbie was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard from 1942 until his discharge in 1945. He was honored as an attendee on the 2010 Leatherstocking Honor Flight, which was the first time flying in his life.

Herb was predeceased by his wife. Frances, who died on July 23, 2008 and a sister. Catherine

He is survived by three sons: Herbert H. (Linda) Van Natten of Cobleskill, Arthur John (Sandy) Van Natten of Blythewood, South Carolina, and Charles E. (Cathy) Van Natten of Rotterdam, as well as 14 grandchildren, 20 greatgrandchildren, and one greatgreat-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 21, at the Wesleyan Church, Cobleskill, with Rev. Donald Klob officiat-Burial followed in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leatherstocking Honor Flight, PO Box 621, Cobleskill, NY 12043, or the American Heart Association, Northeastern Area, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, NY,

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

Joseph Hoelldobler

Joseph J. Hoelldobler, 71, of Prospect Street, died Saturday, August 18, 2012.

A funeral liturgy will be held at 11am on Wednesday, August 22, at Palmer & Shaylor Funeral Home, Middleburgh, with Robert Stark officiating. Burial will be in Middleburgh Cemetery.

More information is available www.palmer shaylorfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Zea

Evelyn (Shafer) Zea, 86, died on August 17, 2012 peacefully at home in Avon.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry Zea, who died in February 2010; and her sister, Esther Shafer.

She is survived by four daughters: Linda (Gary)

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Carol (Wallace) Cromwell, and Melanie (James) Sager.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Michael (Kristen) Mahar, David (Patty) Mahar, Jason (Keira) Mahar, Jenelle Mahar, Pamela Milkins, Jason Gerace, Rebecca Panepinto, and Bethany Vaughn-Schreiter and seven great-grandchildren: Lauren Mahar, Brian Mahar, Erin Mahar, Alexandria Kirk-Mahar, Millicent Mahar, and Ryan and Timothy Schreiter.

The family will hold a memorial service on Saturday, September 29 at 2pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Avon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Teresa House, 21 High-

Milkins, Laurel (Philip) Mahar, land Road, Geneseo, NY 14454. Donations may also be made online house.org.

Edna **Spaulding**

Edna M. Spaulding 91, formerly of Central Bridge, died Friday, August 17, 2012 at Robinson Terrace Nursing Home in Stamford where she had resided since 2008.

A graveside service will be held at 11am on Wednesday, August 22 at the Sloansville Valley Cemetery with Rev. Steffen A. Zehrfuhs officiating. More information is available

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Offering Hope on anniversary of hurricane

anniversary of a life-changing event few could have imagined a year ago: The day Hurricane Irene flooded the valley, moving houses off their foundations, hurling furniture into trees and covering the landscape in mud.

The anniversary of a disaster can be a very emotionallychallenging time for survivors and those who worked to rebuild the community, according to Project Hope Field Coordinator Mike Bigley. It can be a time when people

are ready to address issues and feelings about the event and its impact on their life, on the lives of those around them.

It can also be a time to reflect and appreciate what they

August 28 marks the first have accomplished, as well as respect what they have lost.

During this time, Project Hope crisis counselors anticipate a growing need to help individuals cope with this range of emotions and with their very personal, and often unexpected, reactions.

"As the August date gets closer we will see every emotion from avoidance to reflection," said Mr. Bigley.

"The anniversary of Irene has the potential to be an emotionally-complicated day for many in the flood-affected communities and yet for others, it will pass by like any other day."

The anniversary date can be, according to Mr. Bigley, what is termed a "trigger' event.

"From seeing television news footage of that day to overhearing conversations in the grocery store, people will be reminded of what they went through when, and after, the storm hit," he said. "These triggers can cause people to turn back to that time and that shift can be accompanied by some very powerful, and at times sudden, emotions."

Project Hope crisis counseors continue to reach out to the community and are available to listen and provide support for those who want to talk about the disaster and its aftermath.

Their goal in reaching out is to continue strengthening existing community support systems so, when Project Hope closes in November, Mr. Bigley said, "We will leave more empowered individuals who are aware of resources and their

own strength as a community." For more information about Project Hope in Schenectady and Schoharie call 231-2989.

In addition, flood survivors can contact the Disaster Distress Helpline, available around clock by 1.800.985.5990 or texting "TalkWithUs" to 66746.

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Jefferson hires new principal

The Jefferson Central School Board of Education has announced the appointment of Eric Whipple as K-12 principal.

The board unanimously approved Mr. Whipple's appointment at a special board meeting on August 2.

Mr. Whipple replaces Jonathan Hillis, who moved to the Marathon Central School earlier this summer.

Mr. Whipple comes to Jefferson from the Delhi Central School District where he was employed as an elementary teacher.

He is a graduate of Charlotte Valley Central School. He earned a bachelors degree (childhood education) from SUNY Oswego and a masters degree (childhood education) from SUNY Oneonta.

He completed his studies in educational leadership at SUNY Stony Brook and fulfilled his administrative internship requirements at Delhi Central School.

He and his family live in Davenport.

Mr. Whipple has a solid instructional background,



Eric Whipple

sound leadership instincts, and a great understanding of our region's rural schools," said Carl Mummenthey, the district's superintendent.

"He's a welcome addition to our school's leadership team."

"It's a privilege to be part of the Jefferson Central School District," said Mr. Whipple. "I look forward to working with the students, faculty, and community members in order to continue to assist in providing strong educational programming for the district's students.

While Mr. Whipple's appointment takes effect on September 1, he will be working on a per-diem basis at Jefferson for most of August to prepare for the opening of the new school

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Laraways' hot pickle contest

Extension tour to visit Barber's

sion Schoharie and Otsego Counties will sponsor a produce farm and greenhouse tour for Friday, September 7, from 10am-2pm at Barber's Farm, Route 30, Middleburgh.

The public is invited. There is a charge.

For more information or to register for this event, contact **Cornell Cooperative Extension** at (607) 547-2536 or email Otsego@cornell.edu.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, September 5. Participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch.

Barber's Farm is a wellknown sixth generation farm in Schoharie Valley producing over 50 different types of vegetables, various flowering plants, small fruit and apples, cider and more.

This event will include a tour

greenhouses followed by a discussion of marketing opportunities for produce operations.

Individuals new to farming, or those with little farming experience, can take advantage of Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties' Beginning Farmer Tour Series to discover the variety of farm enterprises within the region.

There will be a tour each month from now through No-

Each event will include a tour of a farm operation and insights into how to start a farm business in our region. Current producers are always welcome.

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Opinions

Let's move on

The wheels of government grind slowly, and understandably more so after a disaster. Nearly a year after Irene, Schoharie County is finally putting its office building and jail back together. For some reason, however, a handful of county supervisors aren't on board with this plan.

The Board of Supervisors two weeks ago approved bids for repairing the jail and office building. This has been a long time coming—Doing the basic clean-up, firming up plans, ironing out the financing with FEMA. Nonetheless, some supervisors balked. Although he voted to approve the bids, Jefferson's Dan Singletary questioned changes in the office building plans and wanted weekly update meetings, a suggestion that Bill Cherry, who's coordinating flood recovery, rejected. Meanwhile, Wright Supervisor Bob Goblet wondered about rebuilding the jail in its current location, because it would put "people in cages where they would drown," a reference to the chance of more flooding. Mr. Goblet voted against accepting bids for both the jail and office building.

Mr. Singletary's request sounds reasonable on the surface, but only on the surface. Supervisors have some responsibility to seek out information themselves rather than have it spoon-fed. Fulton's Phil Skowfoe noted the blueprints for the building were available if Mr. Singletary wanted to check them himself. As for a weekly update, is one more meeting a week really necessary? Isn't monthly enough?

Mr. Goblet's objections are less sensible. FEMA will pay to rebuild the jail where it stands, so that's where it will be. Worrying about inmate safety is a concern, but the new jail will be protected against flooding. And, tellingly, nobody drowned during Irene. Voting against the bids. . .well, we just don't get it. Mr. Goblet must want recovery to drag on and on.

Overall, the county's done pretty well with recovery. To some, it may have seemed like forever for county officials to really get started, but in fairness, nobody's dealt with a disaster the size of Irene. Mr. Cherry has experts and contractors ready to go, so as Seward's Carl Barbic observed, let them do their work. There's little point in raising petty issues and bickering for the sake of bickering when genuine recovery is about to begin.

Government recovery hasn't gone perfectly, but Schoharie County's done a good job, considering the scope of the work. Let's move ahead with it.

Tired of being nice

Classes start in two weeks, so while school administrators and board members are focused on the immediate Opening Day, we're wondering about Opening Day, 2013. As in, will our schools and taxpayers take another financial hit between now and then?

Horst Fierek of Richmondville indirectly touched on this issue when he addressed the Cobleskill-Richmondville school board two weeks ago. Equally passionate about education and what it costs, Mr. Fierek challenged board members to take their financial issues to the place where some relief might be possible: the state legislature in Albany. "Meet on their ground, fight on their ground," Mr. Fierek told the board. And, he added, there's no point in being nice. "If you are so interested in students, then go to war for them," Mr. Fierek said.

Although he was addressing the C-R board, Mr. Fierek could have been talking to any school board in the region. There seems to be no concerted effort among school districts to loosen state financing for rural schools. Or if there is such a lobbying effort under way, the decibel level is so low, we can't hear it.

State aid for schools is the real issue because rural education can't survive without it. This year, 2012-13, appears to be a tipping point. Schools cut programs and personnel beyond what they should in order to reach the tax-levy cap, and if nothing changes in the next eight months, cuts in 2013-14 will be worse. Right now, with classes on the verge of starting, is the time for districts in our area to press Albany and our representatives, Senator Jim Seward and Assemblyman Pete Lopez. And as much as possible, the public must be involved; it can't just come from Mr. Fierek and us. Legislators must hear from moms, dads and taxpayers, not just school officials.

Mr. Fierek had it right; being nice hasn't worked. Now, not later, is the time to start a different approach.

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Down home

At the Laraways'

Mare's Nest

By Patsy Nicosia

If you gain a month of summer when you have a kid in college, I've discovered that you lose one off the other end too.

Thursday, Natalie heads back to Plattsburgh, and even though I knew it was coming and even the date, somehow I thought we had more time.

What with the back-to-school shopping she's been dragging her sister along on, and the sounds of not-quite-last-minute packing coming from upstairs, I feel like *my* summer is over,

We've yet to make it all the way through the summer do-to list but we've done a good job: Brownie sundaes, shrimp on the fire pit and lunch at the new Mexican place in Cherry Valley and we'll be done.

I keep telling Holly—and myself—that there's plenty of

time to get to her stuff. But after we ran into her bus driver in Dunkin' Donuts Wednesday and he reminded

us that that clock's ticking

down too, ("See you in three weeks!") she's insisting she's not going back. I can't say I blame her: Re-

uniting with your college friends in a brand-new suite in a totally revamped dorm sounds way better than 11th Natalie packs, Holly mopes,

and me, I think about putting away the swimsuits, organize the pantry, wonder whether there's still time to paint the horse barn, and try to remember where I put the crock pot.

I like to think that there's a reality gap between what just feels like the end of summer and when it really arrives.

After all, some of the best weather of the entire year comes in September and Octo-

But the days are already shorter and before long we'll need to start banging down the windows at night.

You only take your kid to college for the first time once, so we're good there.

Or I thought we were until I drove through to Conesville yesterday to cover a parade and ran into a pair of old friends from my Stamford days.

There's no way around it: They are old now. Time waits for no man and all that.

I had heard rumors, exaggerated, clearly, that one of them had died; not with a little irony, together we wondered about other older friends who surely have died and that sort of put a pall on the whole "What's it been? Twenty years?" thing.

It was good to see themand even better that they remembered and recognized me-and me them-but the melancholia I felt followed me to the car and back through Blenheim.

I've said more than once that I was so busy covering the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, beginning with the day she chased me home from my breath and look at the cal-Plattsburgh, that I didn't even know Natalie was gone.

Standing in the college bookstore with other parents that Saturday, all of us glued to the Weather Channel, who could begin to imagine the next 24 hours?

Or the next year?

I still can't. For the first few springs after we lost our bridge at the farm I used to keep a nervous eye on

faded into bad memories. farrier lives Middleburgh, where she's still working on getting back to

the calendar every spring un-

til nothing happened and it all

normal. I asked her whether she's at all apprehensive about the oneyear anniversary of Irene.

She's not. She figures she has another 499 years.

Driving through Blenheim, where there's so much enthusiasm and so many good ideas-and a year later, so much still to be done-I hold endar.

And help Natalie load up the



Letters

Religion in past schools

Dear Editor.

I'm told that my great-grandmother was a Middleburgh school teacher.

I have in my possession an old song book, probably hers, handed down to me titled, "The One Hundred and One Best Songs" published by the Cable Company in 1925.

On the inner cover it is stamped, "Middleburgh High School Library" with additional text that makes it clear that this book was published especially for schools.

The very first song printed is "Onward Christian Soldiers." The ninth song is, "Jesus! Lover of My Soul." #10 is "America the Beautiful." # 12 is the "Star Spangled Banner." #13 is "Cradle Hymn," more commonly known as "Away in a Manger." #23 is "Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

I'll stop there, but all of these songs are, or contain, Christian or Christian content. Someone wrote in the back.

"The MHS crowd are gaily singing, if this book gets off track, give it a kick and send it back to the Middleburgh High School. Another book handed down

to me was, "Practical Suggestions for Kindergartners, Primary Teachers and Mothers" by Jeannette R. Gregory, published by the St. Louis C.B. Woodward Co.

It states, "Entered according to Act of Congress in the Year 1893 by Jeannette R. Gregory, in the office of the Librarian of Congress, at Washington, D.C. Excerpts from the first page of the introduction include:

-Each week is based upon a phase of truth growing out of the thought of the previous week, making the entire program a connected whole, which begins with the Family Relationship, and moves out into Civil Society, State and

-...the little child is the living personification of the idea in himself, possessing Body, Mind and Soul...

of the child we designate as that of Physical and Spiritual ...

-...will lead him to feel that life and its varied expression, is but one great organic whole, of which he is a part, and of which God is the Creator and

-...the child must adapt himself to three great relations of life—Relation to Nature, to

Man, to God. Page 178 teaches children about Christmas, that "it was the day that God gave a wonderful present to the people of this world. A present that had been promised many long rears before, and the people had waited long for it...he (God) sent the a baby-king, the Christ-child, who came to earth just as the other little babies

Page 186 is about Easter: When Christ, who came to the earth as a little babe, grew to be a man, He began to do the work which His Father had sent Him to do.'

Shockingly, God is even mentioned on the Thanksgiving page.

I wonder if our ancestors would have allowed Christians to use school facilities. In many cases, they were one and the

Joann Buff Middleburgh

Fracking talk a must-see

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to public officials serving the people of Schoharie County:

Here are three reasons to consider it your obligation as a Schoharie County public official to attend "Fracked For Real: Voices From Pennsylvania Leaseholders and Farmers," tonight, Wednesday, at 7pm, in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School auditorium. I also appeal to you to enlist your fellow county officials to attend.

First, Schoharie County is still struggling to recover from Hurricane Irene, and you should not turn a blind eye to the potential disaster posed by

-The most inclusive relation the introduction of both hydrofracturing for shale gas and a pipeline to carry it.

While we are proud and re-

sourceful, the county and its people are in a weakened, compromised state. Everyone knows that there is no greater advantage for a

predator than sweeping in on the heels of a disaster. Companies determined to

extract gas and short-term profit from Schoharie County have stepped up their (predatory) efforts since Irene, and it is hard not to see this heightened aggressiveness as their trying to take advantage of our compromised condition.

Second, as fracking and the pipeline have the potential to catastrophically change the appearance, economy, environment, natural resources and real estate values of the county for generations, I trust you consider it your obligation to become as informed as possible about these extractive mining and transport processes.

As a resident and voter here, I would consider it irresponsible for you not to be at "Fracked for Real."

Did I see you at any or all of this summer's three informational meetings on fracking and the pipeline?

Third, your attendance at these meeting will show your commitment to your constituents and the county; but what will your absence show?

Who will you serve by not attending?

Hurricane Irene was a onetime natural disaster that left devastation in its wake, hydrofracking and the pipeline are man-made catastrophes that will poison and ravage our natural resources for generations, as well as destroy our property values and quality of

The gas, oil, and mining industry want to make a shortterm profit here, we want to live

Show which side are you on; come see and hear what fracking and pipelines will do to the daily life of our county: who should decide what Schoharie County looks like?

TJ readers who write...

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

• Jefferson Fire Department Auxiliary • Howard and Sherrie

Bartholomew, Blenheim • Joann Buff,

Middleburgh • Doug Cater, president,

Schoharie County Sunshine Fair

• Richard Levine, Brooklyn and Cobleskill

The deadline for letters

is noon Monday. All letters must be signed.

Again, I urge you to attend "Fracked For Real" and to appeal to other county officials to join you, tonight, Wednesday, August 22, at 7pm, in the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School auditorium.

Richard Levine Brooklyn and Cobleskill

A fine auction in Jefferson

Dear Editor,

Thank you from the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary to everyone for making our auction a great success through your generous donations. Jefferson Volunteer Fire

Department Auxiliary

More letters on next page.



Letters

In defense of the Fair

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society, we wish to extend a sincere thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in the clean up and preparation for the 2012 Sunshine Fair, which was left devastated from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Also, a special thanks to the police agencies and emergency management for your assistance during the Fair, our gracious sponsors, as well as all Fair personnel who took a special interest in bringing you the 2012 Fair, and, of course, all of our Fair patrons.

We tip our hat and give special thanks to the Times Journal for your wonderful coverage of the 136th edition of the Sunshine Fair.

In response to Carol Brodie's remarks regarding the nineday Sunshine Fair about attendance, admission prices, poor sales, etc. I wish to address some of her comments.

Fact: In 2009, when the Fair switched from a 6-day to a 9day Fair covering two weekends, admissions increased by 36 percent.

Fact: In 2010, admissions increased by 43 percent.

Fact: In 2011 and 2012, unfortunately the weather was a major factor and we have seen a decrease in attendance.

Ms. Brodie stated her sales have decreased for the past four years, yet with a 36 percent and 43 percent increase in attendance from 2009 and 2010, why haven't her sales increased?

Is it because of poor marketing or everything looking the

As many of you know our daily gate admission was down approximately six percent this

This was mainly due to rain on our first weekend of the Fair along with the extreme humidity and 90 degree temperatures

the last three days of the Fair. What you may not know is the attendance more than doubled on Wednesday com-

pared to Wednesday 2011. Also, with the sale of the state passes by the NYS Association of Ag Fairs, which are accepted by all New York State county fairs, the Sunshine Fair saw a decrease in revenue of over \$37,000.

based upon data taken from our Treasurer's Office.

In comparison, the attendance at this year's Fair was on par with the 2011 Fair.

In regard to Progressland, our commercial building, the reason for relocating vendors was due to comments from Fairgoers "nothing has changed, everything remains the same.'

This year, the building was filled with vendors along with the 4-H exhibits and 4-H milk shake booth.

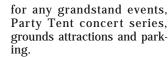
The flow of traffic was much greater and many favorable comments have been shared at the office during and after the Fair in regard to this build-

About our admission price of \$12 for adult, \$10 for seniors, and ages 12 and under free: there is absolutely no charge

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Compare this to several other county fairs where grandstand costs for such events as demo derbies, tractor and truck pulls, and rodeos range from \$8 to \$15 per person plus cost of your general admission to the Fair and parking costs range from \$2 to \$5 per vehicle.

Musical entertainment at some Fairs could add up to \$25 or higher to your admission

Do the math; even with a \$5 admission charge, you are pay-

The nine volunteers who make up the Board of Directors of this great county fair, along with all our superintendents and staff are very proud that we are considered by many as one of the cleanest fairs in the State, hosting one of the safest and most respected carnivals on the East Coast, along with maintaining and showcasing our many historical buildings where our focus is on agriculture, education, and entertainment.

Another interesting fact is the Sunshine Fair disburses nearly \$45,000 annually to exhibitors who compete at the County Fair of which \$6,500 is reimbursed by New York State.

Carol, I hope we have answered your questions and even though your sales have been decreasing for many years and yet you still continue to return each year, we wish you the best of luck.

Douglas Cater, president Schoharie County Sunshine Fair

Safe, efficient flood clean-up

Dear Editor,

We wish to thank the Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District's flood debris removal crews for their excellent work in helping to clean up and remove debris on our property in the Town of Blenheim, left behind by the flood that followed Hurricane Irene's direct hit on our area on August 28.

These work teams, funded by a grant from the US Department of Labor, were capable, efficient, courteous and well trained in the task of safely removing tons of debris.

Over 50 trees, uprooted and left behind by the flood as well as many cubic yards of branches were cut up and chipped into usable material for

In addition, a 30 cubic yard

dumpster was filled with flood debris and taken away. This was and is a well-man-

aged, safe and efficient opera-

Our sincere thanks to all involved for a job well done.

Howard and Sherrie Bartholomew Blenheim



House in Central Bridge, and information with the photo labeled the "D and H RR Station" in Central Bridge.

The Times Past photo last week showed the Austin stated that "it stood opposite the depot." Here's what's It's a painted post card dated "about 1910."



Times Past

60 Years Ago August 19, 1952

Captain Clayton Tillapaugh, easy-going, hard-flying bomber pilot of World War II, from Cobleskill, is one of a handful of F-82 Twin-Mustang pilots remaining in the Air Force. He is currently serving at Ladd Air Force Base in Alaska.

The Jansson home on Route 145 in the town of Sharon was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hammerl of Schoharie.

Roger and Linda Shafer of Vromans Land spent two days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shafer in the Morey District.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell and family and Shirley Ann Winnie, all of West Creek, motored to Delhi and Walton Sunday and enjoyed a picnic.

Schiponi, Miss Toni Schoharie, was pleasantly surprised by a group of her classmates at her home Tuesday evening on her 18th birthday.

The Methodist church at Porter's Corners was the scene of the marriage of Miss Helen Jean Guiles and William C. Deyo on August 17. Mr. and Mrs. Deyo will reside in a newly purchased home Schenectady.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Lawyer Foland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foland of Schoharie.

Mrs. Frank Gorsin of Weitzman's has returned from New York City where she attended a corset school for the proper fitting of foundation gar-

day last week with his aunt. Mrs. Theodore Borst in

Schenectady. Frank Brodie spent a few days this week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James

Webster, Unadilla, The misses Ettie and Mary Bunn with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gorse have returned to the Bunn home after spending three weeks at the Gorse home in

Janesville. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fraats of Seward recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Court McFee at their camp in Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and daughter, Paula, of Lawyersville were callers Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr.

Congratulations to Mrs. Roderick H. Myers (Laura Ryder) on her marriage Sunday afternoon at the Lutheran church in Cobleskill. Laura is former resident Warnerville.

Warren Buxton has sold his home at 54 North Grand Street, Cobleskill, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morrison and daughter, Jane, of Delmar. The purchase price was \$16,000. Mr. Buxton is now living at 19 Division Street.

Mrs. Mr. and Aernecke of South Grand Street, Cobleskill, entertained August 13 on the first birthday of their daughter, Sharon.

25 Years Ago August 26, 1987

Sheryl Dann of Schoharie and Brian Largeteau of Esperance were united in marriage on June 6 at Esperance Methodist Church. Following a honeymoon to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Esperance.

Peter and Kathy Brayton of Jefferson announce the birth of their first child, Zachary William, on July 30.

Lenore Cahill of East Cobleskill has been selected to compete in the Miss New York Teen - USA pageant to be held in March.

Lori Gordon and Dean Thoof Central Bridge announce the mas Roney exchanged wedengagement of their daughter, ding vows on August 22 at St. Pauline Lawyer, to Everett Mark's Lutheran Church in Middleburgh. The couple will

reside in St. Charles, Missouri. Kristin Proper of Cobleskill was named to the Queen's Court of Recruiting at Mary Kay Cosmetics' 24th annual na-

tional seminar. Mr. and Mrs. James Loder Jimmie Hotaling spent one announce the birth of their son,

Brett James, on August 16. Sherri Edwards and William Himme were united in marriage at the Little White Beards

Hollow Church on August 15. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Smith are tearing their old porch deck

off their home in Barnerville

and having a new deck installed.

Mrs. Esther Weaver of the Reformed Church District is visiting her daughter in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Becky Cooper and Kim Zimmer represented their Key Club of Schoharie High School at the 44th annual Key Club International Convention in Toronto.

A swarm of bees settled in a locust tree at the home of Mrs. Georgia Sawyer on Water Street, Worcester. The swarm was a large and awesome

Warm welcome to retired Navy Read Admiral Roger and Nell Harper who have moved into the former Elon VanDerwerken house just outside of the village of Central Bridge on Route 30A. They came from Corpus Christi,

10 Years Ago August 21, 2002

Dr. Ward Oliver, who cared for generations of Cobleskill families for more than 60 years, died Friday, August 16.

The July home "Garden of the Month" award was given to Wes and Joyce Lawrence of Lawton Road, Howes Cave.

Jeffrey and Lenore Veley of Richmondville announce the birth of their son, Daniel Jeffrey, born August 1. Fran and George Mabie of

South Valley hosted Fran's cousin, Gary and Terry Pochkar and children Karli and Carson of East Worcester on Sunday evening. Loretta and Willy Latta

stopped by Cindy and Daryl Buel's home in Gilboa to help with some wall papering Thursday. The work session soon turned into a family pizza party. Also joining were Mandy Buel, Daryl VanValkenburg, Maude Haskin, Jessy Buel and James Cudemo.

Heather and Matthew Jorgensen of Richmondville announce the birth of their son, Matthew Raymond, born July 26.

Movie at the Wieting Theater, Worcester, on August 23 and 24 will be "Star Wars II" and it will be 142 minutes long, so if you have small children who get antsy this is not the movie for them.

Happy anniversary to Ron and Cindy Oppici on August Florence and George Tryon

enjoyed the chicken barbecue at the home of their neighbors, Mary Ann and Bill Kosek.

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The Worcester Hose Company will celebrate its 125th anniversary this Saturday in conjunction with the Schenevus-Worcester Rotary Club's annual block party in Worcester. Above, department members pose for a formal photo earlier this year.

125th for Worcester FD

By Jim Poole

Maintaining strong community ties since 1887, the Worcester Fire Department will celebrate its 125th anniversary this weekend.

A parade, fireworks and giant birthday cake will all be part of Saturday's celebration, which will tie in with the Schenevus-Worcester Rotary Club's annual block party. (See schedule of events.)

All of Saturday's events are open to the public.

The fire department--formally, the Worcester Hose Company--will also host the Otsego County Firemen's Convention with a banquet Friday night.

But it's Saturday's celebration that's inviting residents and friends from around the area to note the department's 125 years of service.

Those years stretch from when the department was founded in October, 1887, as the Wilder Hose Company, to the last major fire that destroyed four downtown businesses in May, 1994.

"We've had good relations with the community," said Fire Chief Jim Empie, "and a lot of good support from the community.'

That's not surprising, because even though Worcester may be a smaller community, the department is large in relation to others: 55 members in the department and 20 in the rescue squad.

"Some are members of both, and we help each other," Mr. Empie said. "When the fire department needs help, the rescue squad pitches in, and when

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FIRE RESCUE



The Worcester Hose Company Auxiliary, helping hands to the fire department, will join in the 125th anniversary celebration this Saturday.

We've had good relations with the community and a lot of good support from the community.

—Jim Empie

the squad needs help, the department works with them." There's an active auxiliary as

'They've been a big help, and we all work together,

Chief Empie said. The department also hosts an Explorer Post, with young

volunteers working with older "We get some good firemen from them," Fire Commissioner Rudy Gorsch said. "Many of them stay in the

community and raise families here. That's why we have such an active membership."

Aside from its emergency work, the department lends a hand in other Worcester activities. Volunteers help with the Little League and Halloween parades, hold ice cream socials and pancake dinners, rescue squad suppers and quarterly training in CPR and first aid.

Worcester's also been a leader in networking with other departments and improving its service.

Five years ago, volunteers

developed an automatic mutual aid system with departments in East Worcester, Schenevus and Westford. Available firefighters from all four departments respond

to an alarm from one. The system started to ease manpower shortages on daytime calls. "Now we do it for all calls," Chief Empie said. "It means we don't have to call mutual

aid because we manpower's coming." know Worcester is one of only four departments that has a FAST team, volunteers who provide

special rescue if a firefighter gets in danger on a call. The department also hosts New York State Association of

Fire Chiefs' training seminars

that draw volunteers from

Bethlehem, who is not only a volunteer firefighter but also on

Friday night's convention,

by invitation only, will draw

upwards of 150 Otsego County

firefighters to Worcester's

The speaker will be attor-

ney Terence S. Hannigan of

Otsego, Delaware

Schoharie counties.

Firehouse.

the faculty of the State Fire Academy. The convention will also include a memorial service and

awards.

Line officers for the Worcester Hose Company are Jim Empie, chief; David Chase, first assistant: Kevin Shalor, second assistant; Tim McTaggart, captain; Mark Head, first lieutenant; and Seth Empie, second lieutenant.

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Worcester plans a busy weekend

Saturday's a big day for Worcester.

The Schenevus-Worcester Rotary Club will host its annual block party, which will be in terian Church. At the same conjunction with the Worcester Fire Department's 125th anniversary.

block party, while the fire department has organized a 60unit parade and closing fireworks.

"We've been planning this for about 10 years," Fire Commissioner Rudy Gorsch said of the fire department's celebra-

Although the anniversary is not a fundraiser, firefighters will take donations, which will benefit Schoharie County flood vic-

The day's activities include: • 2pm, opening benediction at the gazebo, and Main Street vendors will open.

•3pm, the band Skinny Guys with Glasses will play at the gazebo. A kids' bounce house will open at the Presbytime, the parade will line up near Chase and Mill streets.

•4pm, the parade marches Rotarians will have the from Chase street through the village.

• About 5pm, after the parade, Main Street will be blocked off.

• 5:30pm, the fire department will cut its four-tier, 600-slice birthday cake at the gazebo. There will be craft and food vendors along Main Street, and the band Crossfire will play.

There will also be a pig roast, food vendors, a beer tent, crafts, a dunking booth and other amusements.

·8pm, parade awards at the gazebo.

· Fireworks will touch off at

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Mother, son arrested on drug charges after traffic stop

A traffic stop in Carlisle last criminal possession of a conweek led to drug possession charges against a mother and son, said the Cobleskill State Police.

Police said they arrested Yvette Dinovo, 42, on charges of speeding after a traffic stop on Route 20 in Carlisle.

An investigation revealed that Ms. Dinovo and her son, Andrew Hodge, 19, possessed marijuana and multiple Lorazepam pills, police said. After further investigation, Troopers located multiple marijuana plants growing at the Dinovo home.

Ms. Dinovo was charged with unlawfully growing can-nabis, unlawful possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license, police said.

Mr. Hodge was arrested on charges of seventh-degree

Tuesday, August 14

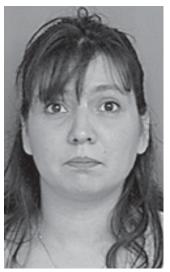
13:52, time in 14:10.

Friday, August 17

Cobleskill, MVA, time out

Gallupville, fire alarm activa-

trolled substance and unlawful possession of marijuana, police



Yvette Dinovo

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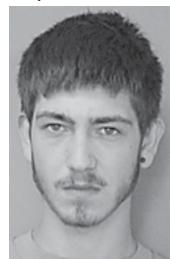
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MVA, time out 16:06, time in

Fire Log

Both were released on appearance tickets to return to Carlisle town court at a later date, police said.



Andrew Hodge

Police Blotter

Sunday, August 19 The Cobleskill Village Police arrested David S. Parkinson, 18, of Sharon Springs on charges of unlawful possession of marijuana, driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol content more than .08 percent and other traffic tick-

Saturday, August 18

ets. He was released to return

to court on August 28.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Joseph A. Zeno, 22, of Cobleskill on a warrant on charges of third-degree assault. He was arraigned and sent to jail in lieu of \$500 bail or \$1,000 bond to return to court on Au-

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Lionel A. Pitt, 69, of Canajoharie on charges of third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other traffic tickets. He was arraigned and released to return to court on August 21.

Friday, August 17

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Timothy P. Love, 25, of Howes Cave on charges of third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation. He was arraigned and released to return to court on August 21.

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Amber R. Snyder, 32, of Cobleskill on charges of third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other traffic tickets. She was ar-

raigned and released after posting \$250 bail to return to court on August 21.

Tuesday, August 14

The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Kevin White, 30, of Schoharie on a warrant issued by the Schoharie Police Department on charges of a violation of conditional discharge. He was turned over to the Schoharie Police and was processed in Schoharie Village

Friday, August 10 The Cobleskill State Police arrested Gianni P. Mordocco, 27, of Cobleskill on charges of unlawful possession of marijuana and tinted windows after a traffic stop on Route 145 in the Town of Cobleskill. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to court on August 16.



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2 charged with stealing truck

Two men were arrested issued appearance tickets last week on charges of stealing a pickup truck in the Town of Esperance.

On Sunday, Āugust 12 Gerald Hext, 20, left, of Cohoes was arrested on charges of grand larceny and driving while intoxicated and Connor Brady, 19, of Schoharie was arrested on charges of grand larceny, according to the State Police.

to a responsible party and

to return to the Esperance

town court at a later date,

police said.

17:04. Carlisle, Smoke sighting, time out 20:04, time in 20:53. Saturday, August 18

Middleburgh, MVA, time out 1:20, time in 03:01. Middleburgh, smoke sighting, time out 09:46, time in 10:22. Cobleskill, MVA, time out 21:29, time in 22:22.

Sunday, August 19

Cobleskill, fire alarm activation, time out 11:05, time in 11:26. Richmondville, MVA, time out 12:23, time in 13:07. Central Bridge, brush fire, time out 14:02, time in 15:07. Schoharie, life assist, time out 15:09, time in 15:49. Conesville, lift assist, time out 16:42, time in

Ambulance calls for the week of August 13-19.

Carlisle 3, Central Bridge 2, Cobleskill 11, Conesville 2, Esperance 1, Jefferson 2, MEVAC 3, Richmondville 5, Scho-Wright 4, Sharon Springs 5, Summit 3, EMS Coordinators 18, Rural Metro 2.







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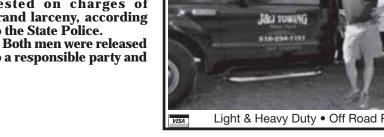
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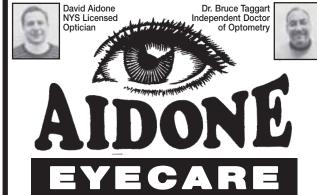
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Caverns lauds employees at banquet

attendance for the annual Howe Caverns Employee Awards Banquet held on August 9, at the newly constructed Howe Caverns Picnic Pavilion.

Employees who were recognized for five seasons of service

· Tour guides Annie Mills, Laura Paige, Chevenne Pangman, Kelsey Pangman, Trevor Pangman, Will Simone and Carley Tryon;

Department: Retail Katilyn Baldassari, Joan Cummings, Whitney Romain, Bernice Spoor;

• Motel: Ray Hartman, Betty Mattice;

Maintenance: Maland;

• Grounds: Sue Willwerth;

Caretaking: Kyle Spaulding;

• Ticket Office: Rich Quirion.

Phil Johnson of Middleburgh was honored for 10 seasons of service as a maintenance worker and now his duties include assistant operations manager for Howe High Adventure.

Robert Holt, general manager, said of Mr. Johnson, "Phil is a consummate gentleman and always willing to give his co-workers a helping hand. He loves his job and it certainly shows. We are pleased to have him as a part of our team especially now with the addition of Howe High Adventure.

Guy Shiavone of Delanson celebrates his 10th season as a tour guide.

He has also assisted with Lantern Tours and Adventure

"Guy lives and breathes caves as he is an avid caver with his co-workers and enjoys vis-

One hundred eighty were in iting show caves around the country. We are fortunate for his dedication to our company,' Mr. Holt said.

Also celebrating 10 seasons is Jeff Willwerth of Cobleskill who is head of maintenance.

"Everywhere you walk around the Howe Caverns property you see Jeff's handiwork. He is a talented carpenter and we are fortunate to have this man share his gifts," said Mr. Holt.

Mr. Willwerth has been responsible in assisting with all the new expansion projects.

Celebrating her Silver Anniversary is Shirley Slater of Sloansville, who is in the Housekeeping Department.

Ms. Slater started out in the motel 25 years ago and now serves as housekeeper for the main Visitor's Center.

"Shirley is Mrs. Clean here at the caverns. Our guests comment on the cleanliness of our building and most of that is due to Shirley's hard work and dedication," said Mr. Holt.

Mark "Sparky" Spaulding of Decatur is in his 30th season.

Mr. Spaulding came to the caverns to take care of the woods and picnic area.

Over the years he worked the parking lot, maintenance, as head of maintenance, guest services manager and most recently assumed the position of Operations Manager for Howe High Adventure.

"Sparky is a 'jack of all trades' here at the Caverns... he can do about anything. He is our 'go to' person and he makes everyone's day an enjoyable one. We are fortunate to have him on our team," said Mr. Holt.

Nancy Sagendorf of Scotia and Howes Cave was honored for her 40th season of service.

Saturday, August 25 - Rain or Shine!

Run starts at Howe Caverns and ends at Eagles Aerie #2695, Cobleskill

Registration: 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Howe Caverns, 255 Discovery Drive, Howes Cave,

NY. Run leaves Howe Caverns at noon for a scenic ride through Schoharie County and

dogs at the Animal Shelter of

Schoharie Valley,

304 Howes Cave Rd, Howes Cave

Cave Country Poker Run

to benefit the

Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley

ends at the Cobleskill Eagles Club at approximately 4:30pm.

 $\textbf{Registration fee of \$20 per person includes:} \ Commemorative \ gift, \ Prizes$

Cobleskill, 4:30-6:30pm.

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Willwerth, and seated, Shirley Slater, Mark Spaulding, Nancy Sagendorf were among the Howe Caverns employees recognized for service on August 8.

Ms. Sagendorf followed many of her family members to the Caverns for employment.

She was hired to work the souvenir counter and later the

After college, she became a full-time high school teacher; however, every summer she would come back to work in the retail department.

She has seen a lot of changes over 40 years.

In recent years, Ms. Sagendorf has worked in the Gemstone Mining operation.

"Nancy loves the Caverns and we have been lucky to have her here each and every summer," said Mr. Holt.

'She really enjoys being around young people and she's always assisting some youngster in finding minerals as they pan for gems.'

Ms. Sagendorf is also a board member of The Cave House Museum of Mining & Geology and is currently vice-

Busy Spa eyes more meetings

By Patsy Nicosia

Omer Cousineau and trustees can get through in a single night, the Village of Sharon Springs is considering adding a second monthly meeting.

Plummer posed the possibility at Thursday's meeting after he and fellow Trustee Margie Neary ran through a list of projects and problems they're working on.

Topping that list is a sudden 'disconnect" between the village and the Town of Sharon over their two-year-old shared Highway Department agree-

Highway Superintendent Bill Barbic said he waited all summer for a copy of the budget he is supposed to be working from and only got it Thursday because he stopped in to pay his own water bill.

Mr. Plummer admitted there are some things we [the village] are falling short on in dealing with Mr. Barbic and said they're taking 30 days to try to correct them.

If that doesn't work, he said, the village and town could decide to end the agreement, a process that would then take 30 days.

The village would then have to hire a replacement for Mr. Barbic, who's an employee of the town.

The two had agreed to work together as a way to save money and Mr. Barbic said afterwards he feels it's done that.

The discussion came at the first meeting without Trustee look better to another. Joan Jozifek.

Mayor Cousineau said Ms. With more work than Mayor Jozifek has retired after 28 years in public office, first as clerk and then as trustee: the village passed a resolution

thanking her for her service. James Navilio, who served as Deputy Mayor Doug a trustee in the Village of Middleburgh for five years before moving to Sharon, was

> Jozifek's term. "It's not often you go looking for someone and find someone with experience," Mayor Cousineau said.

named to fill out the rest of Ms.

The village hopes to make its switch to two meetings a month in September, but made no decision on when it will be held or whether it will be a daytime or nighttime meeting.

Many of the issues prompting the call for a second meeting are detailed in a report done for the village by CT Male Associates.

Included on that list are: Sidewalk improvements, emergency repairs to the dam, Chalybeate Park enhancements, water in the sewer system, the intake valve at Engleville Pond, and upgrading the ultraviolet lighting system at the sewer

Ms. Neary said CT Male is also working to find funding for the work.

"It's a great learning tool," Mr. Plummer said. "A lot of these places [for grants], we never knew about."

Most of the grants are very competitive, he said, but sometimes being turned down by one funding source makes you

SUNY students back in town

Nearly 2,600 students, including 1,100 first-time stu-

dents will begin arriving at

SUNY Cobleskill on August 23, is the "Steps to Success" transignaling the start of a new academic year.

a new period of growth with applications and deposits increasing by four percent, ac-stand what they will experience cording to Tara Winter, Dean of Academic Services.

four percent this year.

Baccalaureate program enwith this fall marking the introduction of a new four-year degree in Applied Psychology.

The Cobleskill student body will also include more than 30 Ackerknecht. international students representing 11 countries.

four-day orientation starting ation.

help students make as many acclimated to academic and connections on campus as pos-

The goal is to assist students with their transition to college median Pete Dominick, a 1996 life and help them connect with the college, faculty, staff, and their classmates, according to Cobleskill Vice President for ning the following day. Student Affairs Steven

Ackerknecht. The highlight of orientation

sition ceremony which will be held August 23 at 3:30 p.m. in SUNY Cobleskill is enjoying the Bouck Gymnasium.

Modeled after graduation, it will help new students underover the next two to four years. Speakers will include:

Applications have increased Candace S. Vancko, Officer in Charge; Christina Trees, associate professor of Liberal Arts rollment continues to expand and Sciences and keynote speaker; Debra Thatcher, provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dean Winter; and Vice President

The ceremony will conclude with students walking across First-year and transfer stu- stage, in the opposite direction dents will complete an intensive of how they will walk at gradu-

The rest of the orientation The program is designed to program will help students get college life. Each night has something fun, including an August 24 performance by co-

Cobleskill graduate. Returning students arrive August 26, with classes begin-

Incoming freshmen and returning students will be greeted by a variety of campus upgrades, including a multimillion dollar beautification project to improve pedestrian access and campus green spaces.

the project is a courtyard between Knapp Hall and Bouck The area will have a space that will recognize those who

One of the centerpieces of

have served in the United States Armed Services. It also includes green spaces, trees, walkways and recon-

struction of the pedestrian bridge to the main entrance of Knapp Hall. improvements

throughout campus include new concrete walkways, outdoor gathering spaces, stone seating walls and landscaping.

In addition, construction has begun on the \$38.7 million Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, which will bring three major academic programs-Plant Sciences, Fisheries and Wildlife, and Animal Sciences together and create new synergies for student learning. The Center is scheduled to be ready for the fall 2014

semester.



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Underground Railroad next for Charleston HS

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 resi-

Christian Commission lecture next at Stone Fort

The Schoharie County Historical Society continues the free Summer Lecture series on Thursday, August 23 at 7pm in the Badgley Annex on the Old Stone Fort Museum complex with master historical impersonator Gus Truin.

His topic is "The United States Christian Commission in the Civil War." Appearing as Sergeant Traven of the New York Volunteers, the story of the U.S. Christian Commission delegates and Army Chaplains who served with the Federal forces will be recounted as if by a Union veteran.

Included will be readings, anecdotes and "personal recollections" of Sgt. Traven about their ministry to the soldiers' spiritual and personal needs in camp and in the aftermath of the devastating Battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Truin, a re-enactor for over 20 years, provides the public with a one-on-one encounter with the Federal soldier of 150 years ago; His daily life, duties, social and political outlook, training, clothing and equipment. He is a member of the 77th Regimental Balladeers, an acoustic ensemble dedicated to preserving and per-

forming at the upcoming Stone Fort History Fair on Saturday, October 6.

dents who were involved in that secret network, where they were located and how they assisted in the fight against sla-

Montgomery County's participation in this movement of social reform, as well as the lives of the African Americans within the county, 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.

Refreshments will be pro-

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



Kelly Farquhar

Follow Route 30A south outside of Fultonville to the Town of Charleston.

Take a right off of Route 30A on to Polin Road.

For more information, call



Music for Life raises \$

On August 9, the fourth annual Music for Life Charity Concert raised more than \$600 for the American Diabetes Association. The concert was held at the United Presbyterian Church, and the participants were Schoharie students and alumni. Performances ranged from women's a cappella works to solo pop music to an African spiritual.

Performers pictured include, left to right; top row: Chris Kelley, Brendan Kelley, Josalyn Ceroalo, Hannah Bowersox, Sky Aulita, Will Vedder, Dehlia Piechnik and Jessica Jones; bottom row: Skyler VanDerwerken, Steph Polukort, Abi Piechnik, Kat Teeter, Beth Cleveland, and Karen Butler.

Library News

Cobleskill The Community Library,

110 Union Street, Cobleskill, 234-7897.

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.

Tuesday, August 21, Night Gardening Adults, 7-8pm. Learn from master gardener Susan Carver what you need to have a beautiful, fragrant night garden of your own. Registration suggested.

Wednesday, August 22, Preschool Story Hour, ages 3-6, 9:30-10:30am every Wednesday. Books, stories, songs and

Thursday, August 23, BINGO! Grades K-5, 3-4pm. Figure out the clues and you could get five in a row. Win prizes. 4-5pm Kid's Kinect -You are the controller - just show up for fun.

Thursday, August 23, Adults, 6pm Between the Covforming the music of the time. ers Flick "Dark City." A man The Balladeers will be per-struggles with memories of his past in a nightmarish world with no sun and beings who seek the souls of humans.

Friday, August 24, Space Explorers Grades K-5, 2-3pm. Fun, educational activity stations all about space.

Friday, August 24, Astronomy. All ages, 7-9pm. Learn about the size and scale of the universe, the stars and other celestial wonders using hands-on activities and assorted visuals. Following the presentation, a powerful telescope will be set up outside for viewing the night sky (weather permitting).

Middleburgh

August 28, 1pm, Mahjong Lessons. Have you ever wanted to learn the ancient game of Mahjong. Take lessons this summer at the library. No registration required.

August 30, 7pm, Knitting Circle. These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

For more information, see our new website www.middleburghlibrary.info.

ego vote for libraries

The Schoharie 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!'

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The Conesville Fire Schoharie, Delaware, kicked off the fun.

Activities and games followed; there were A parade featuring also vendors, a bounce trucks, volunteers, and house, historical exhibsquads from around its and plenty of food.



Historical displays featured photos from Conesville's past.



A handsome Jeep draws admirers before the start of Saturday's parade.





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This well-dressed couple waves to parade-goers from Fire Department's 75th Anniversary Celebration. the front seat of their Ford at Saturday's Conesville



Prattsville was among the fire departments on hand Saturday. Left is longtime volunteer Don Olson.



The American Legion Honor Guard leads the way.

Photos by Patsy Nicosia



A dozen fire departments and rescue squads turned out to help Conesville



This youngster found the perfect high spot for parade-watching.

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Parade-goers lined Conesville's 990V for Saturday's



Sports

Sloansville swimmer logs her 5,000th mile

Kathy Pelton of Sloansville didn't start out to become a lifelong swimmer.

It all started in 1987 at the YWCA in Schenectady as a way to get some personal time.

But 10 years later, Pelton had reached her 1,000th mile and had increased her swims to half a mile, then a mile and became a regular at the pool.

In 2007, Pelton was recognized by the Schenectady YWCA as one of their Women of Achievement for her Lifetime Achievement in Fitness.

In 2010, the Schenectady



Kathy Pelton

YWCA closed their pool and Pelton began swimming at the **Duanesburg Area Community** Center in Delanson.

her home and offered a new,

In late July, she finished her 5,000th mile with an ultimate goal of 7,000 miles and hopes to log them all at the DACC.

They've got a great facility there," Pelton noted, "not just the pool but the gym and exercise areas."

The Duanesburg Area Community Center opened in 2008 and serves portions of Schenectady, Schoharie and

Montgomery Counties. For information on activities and membership call 895-9500.



C-R's Major League All-Stars brought home a second place trophy from the Doc Knapp Classic in Oneonta. Front row, left to right: Dan Hotaling, Steven Maniscalco, River Sisson, Alex Javitz; Back row, left to right: Devin Lewis, Spencer Terrell, Jason Brazie, Brennan Loder, Donovan Pacatte, Mitch Vanderwerken. Missing from the photo are: Camden Pruiksma and Adrian Kowal.

Hectic July for All-Stars

Richmondville Major League All-Star Team has completed a busy month of baseball.

The team of All-Stars played 17 games during a hectic and hot month of July.

Continually facing stiff competition allowed the team to challenge themselves as indi-

viduals and as a team. participated in tournaments in

in two new programs that were

Cobleskill was able to provide

waters Soccer Camp in Worces-

ter the week of July 2-6 using a

Thirty-one budding soccer

The Worcester Community

pool was available for a cooling

off and provided a break from

20 needs-based scholarships for

which was a fifty percent dis-

and now UAlbany

players took part in the camp

skills and game-based camp.

free transportation to the Head-

a great success.

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the action.

Cobleskill Rec adds new

soccer camp, Skills & Drills

This summer, the Cobleskill woman's soccer player coordi-

Town and Village Recreation nated the sign-ups and assisted

and Canajoharie. The season culminated with

the local Bill McCabe Memorial Tournament, which included Schoharie and Middleburgh as well as Catskill, Coxsackie and Cairo.

Duanesburg, Cooperstown

Overall, the team posted a solid .347 batting average with Oneonta and several games home runs followed closely by

Cobleskill- with local teams including Brennan Loder's .511 average and two home runs as he stroked back-to-back HR's in the final game.

As a team, Camden Pruiksma donned the "tools of ignorance" as solid pitching held the opponents to an overall .212 average.

Devin Lewis anchored the staff with consistent top-notch performance with Dan The team of 11-13 year olds River Sisson pacing the way Hotaling, Jason Brazie, with .519 average and two Donovan Pacatte, Alex Javitz, Steven Maniscalco, River and Brennan also solid on the

> The pitching was supported by players stepping up to play multiple infield and outfield positions including Spencer Terrell, Mitch Vanderwerken and Adrian Kowal, whom were

Commission worked to bring with the program. Also, Summer Basketball Skills & Drills had a consistent Triathlon With help from a grant, participation of 20-25 basketballers.

The brainchild of Mike Petersen and CJ Blohm, the clinic was used to facilitate an interest in basketball, providing exercise while working on

individual skill development. Ten sessions of ball handling, shooting and passing were hosted at the Youth Cen-

Each session ended with Headwaters Soccer provided games of 3-on-3 and 5-on-5.

For more information on eiparticipants from the area, ther of these programs, contact the Recreation Commission at cobleskillrecreation@

Ali Thompson, a former C- rocketmail.com.

all solid on defense.

Saturday in Duanesburg The Duanesburg Area Com-

munity 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.

Auto Racing Stuff

By Ed & Betty Biittig Our racing week began on Tuesday at The Ridge with the ROC Modified Show.

There were 27 Modifieds looking to pick up the checker and running down the list we found that 16 of the 27 Modified drivers have a total of 105 wins this season.

With the weekend of racing being rained out just before Tuesday's show, it's a surprise more fans didn't make the trip. We wonder what it would take. On Sunday our racing

ended with a trip back up the hill to The Ridge. The Modified winner was Mark Johnson with a brand

new Troyer. This is the last Sunday because the racing switches to Saturday for the remainder of the season, August 25 and Sep-

tember 1. And then Jake and Mike will be finished with their promoting tasks at The Ridge. Nothing new on what will happen next season.

Once again the rain spoiled local racing on Friday night; Albany Saratoga suffered their second rainout after a record 18 shows without rain.

We headed to I-88 Speedway after calling the promoter, who told us they had just had a shower but it was clearing and they were going to try and run.

It rained from the time we hit I-88, during a stop at Brook's for chicken and after a call once again and the assurance that the rain had once again stopped at I-88 Speedway we continued and finally drove out of the rain about Exit 9 of I-

True to his word Jamie Page and his partner Ron Ford and crew did run the track in and did get the show in without making it real late for the fans and we were on our way home by 11pm.

The Modified and Sportsman division had first time winners, Rodney Hart in Modified and Kevin Coons Sportsman.

Other winners: IMCA Nick Griest, Street Stocks, Rich Green, Four Cylinders, Rob Nober and Empire Sport Trucks, Dan Pease.

Schoharie County's traveling IMCA Modified team of Will Ward, Dan Krajewski and newcomer, Mike Butler made their way to I-88 Speedway on Friday where they finished ninth, 11th and 12th, respectively.

The Modified portion of the Wade Decker Memorial event at I-88 Speedway has been rescheduled and will be part of the Sportsman ROC event at the track on August 28.

Saturday Fonda Speedway held the annual Night of Features to decide track champions in all divisions.

In reality though the Modified title had already been decided last week when the rain came causing Fonda to cancel their show and leaving point leader, Stewart Friesen with a 140-point lead.

As the final checker flew on the point season at Fonda it was Friesen who was crowned the 2012 Modified champion, Cody Bleau, 602 Sportsman, Pete Broderson Pro Stock, Chuck McSpirit Street Stock champion, Ben Righi was dual cam 4-Cylinder champion Ken Hollenback single cam 4-Cylinder champion.

Except for McSpirit and Righi, all were first time Fonda track champions.

Fonda Speedway is closed for the Fonda Fair with the next race coming on Saturday, September 15 with all divisions in action along with the CRSA

Sprint Cars starting at 7pm. This Wednesday, Utica Rome and Carbone Auto Group will celebrate the NASCAR Hall of Fame induction of Rome native, Richie Evans with a 100-lap ROC Modified event.

Evans was inducted this past January in Charlotte, North Carolina and Wednesday Gene Cole and his staff will honor Evans in a way that only Utica-Rome Speedway can do.

Festivities begin at 3:30pm when the gates open with free hot dogs until 4:30pm for the early arrivals. Videos of Evan's career will

play on the giant Jumbotron in the concession area of the speedway. Videos will play all evening. Also included on the

Jumbotron will be a video done for Jack Johnson's DIRT Hall of Fame induction.

Also on Wednesday, five lucky fans will be picked to "roll the dice" for a chance to win a 2012 Dodge Challenger from Carbone Auto Group.

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



1st place pair

Abaigeal O'Malley of West Fulton and her dog 'Hannah" won first place in the NYS Youth Championship water race July 7 in Unadilla. Above, they pose with a representative from the NYS Houndsman Association and right, Deanna Sperano.

NYPA to raffle permits for bow hunt

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) will offer a limited number of permits for bowhunting and/or crossbow hunting on designated areas around its Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project for use during the 2012 hunting season, October 1 through December 18.

One hundred hunting permits will be selected by lottery.

For an application to participate in the lottery, call 800-724-0309 or write to:

New York Power Authority 2012 Archery/Crossbow Hunt, 1378 State Route 30, PO Box 898, North Blenheim, NY Completed applications

Friday, September 14. The drawing will be held on Monday, September 17. Successful applicants will re-

must be returned to NYPA by

ceive their permits by mail following the drawing. To be eligible for the lottery,

applicants must demonstrate shooting proficiency. New York State Depart-

ment of Environmental Conservation certified Bow **Hunter Education Instructors** will offer the proficiency examinations on September 4 from 3-7pm, at Lansing Manor on the grounds of the Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center Complex and on September 6, from 3-7pm at the Middleburgh Rod and Gun Club on Middlefort Road in the Town of Middleburgh.

crossbow hunters must demonstrate shooting proficiency to be eligible for a Blenheim-Gilboa permit. There are no charges for the

Both bow hunters and

lottery application, permit or the certification proficiency Additional information on

the proficiency exam is available from John Osinski, executive director of Regulatory Affairs, NYPA, at 433-6742.

SUNY slates inaugural golf tourney

On Friday, September 28, the SUNY Cobleskill Athletic Booster Club will host its Inaugural Fighting Tigers Club Golf Tournament at the Cobleskill Golf & Country Club as part of the college's annual homecoming weekend festivi-The two-person best-ball

tournament format will tee-off with a shotgun start at 10:30am. The registration deadline for the event is close of business on Friday, September 14 with the tournament field limited to 136 players. For more information, con-

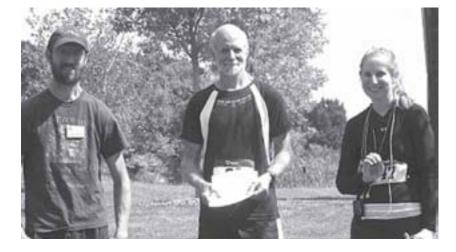
tact the Fighting Tiger Department of Sport and Exercise at 255-5127 Mondays through Fridays between 8:30am-4:30pm.

Registration information can also be downloaded via the department's website at: t t p fightingtigers.cobleskill.edu/ under the Support Fighting Tigers heading.

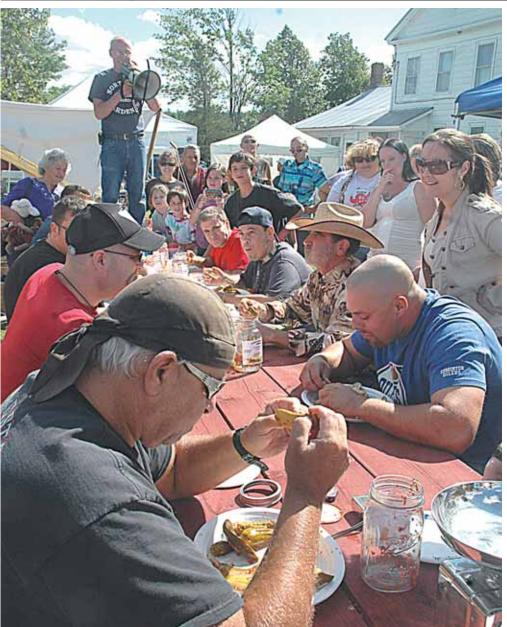
Arboretum Forest Run...

Saturday's 6th Perennial Forest 5K at the Landis Arboretum was a success, drawing more than 80 runners to the course's scenic trails. All runners received a logo t-shirt. Awards made from the Arboretum's Great Oak completed the festivities.

Right, runners head out. Below, Arboretum Executive Director Fred Breglia and 5K Director David Roy present age group winner Alysha Stephens with her Great Oak medal.







As the crowd watches, Dave Laraway, with bullhorn, encourages entrants in the hot-pickle eating contest Saturday. Aaron Hollenbeck of Sloansville, at right in blue shirt, turned back nine other contestants to win the \$100 top prize for the second straight year.



The Hot Pickle Eating Contest offered an opportunity to socialize in the shade.



Kids scramble for stuffed animals and other toys gathered by Darleen Laraway as giveaways.



The yolk is on Danielle Martin as the shell breaks in the egg-toss contest.

Heat's on

Pickle contest is down-home fun

Aaron Hollenbeck of Sloansville can handle any hot pickle that comes his way.

For the second straight year, Mr. Hollenbeck was the winner in Dave and Darleen Laraway's seventh annual Hot Pickle Eating Contest Saturday.

Mr. Hollenbeck won \$100 cash from the Laraways, who hosted that contest and many others in the day-long event at their

Turning back nine other competitors, Mr. Hollenbeck downed his quart of the Laraways' hot garlic pickles in about three

"Only the first one was hot," Mr. Hollenbeck said afterwards. Held to celebrate country living, the event featured a day full f give-aways, games and fun.

Winners and prizes in other contests were:

• Pickle contest, Phyllis Sisson, with her bread and butter pickles, \$50 check from NBT Bank and a year's subscription to the Times-Journal.

· Women's largest tomato, Elaine Smith of Carlisle, \$25 certificate from the Laraways.

• Men's largest cucumber, Perry Shaul Jr., \$25 donated by Noble Ace Hardware.

 Sloughter look-alike contest, Lou Radliff Jr. of Howes Cave, \$25 gift certificate from Price Chopper.

• Sloughter sledgehammer throwing contest, Bob Rolfe of Amsterdam, \$150 cordless DeWalt drill donated by Noble Ace Hardware.



Darleen Laraway chats with Assemblymen Pete Lopez who showed up to participate in the games.



Lou Radliff Sr. of Howes Cave was the hands-down winner of the Schoharie County Sloughter lookalike contest.

Photos by Jim Poole



Dave Laraway offers tickets to the Baseball Hall of Fame and other venues as he announces one of his trivia questions. This one: What two presidents never held elected office before becoming president?



Finding a strange taste, Steven Crapser coughs a bit as he judges the pickle contest.



Bob Rolfe of Amsterdam, right, receives the prize of a DeWalt cordless drill from Randy Nelson. Mr. Rolfe won the prize in the Sloughter sledgehammer throw.

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MCS tax rates not as bad as feared

Rates down or the same in 7 of 11 towns

By David Avitabile

Despite talk of gloom and doom about loss of taxable value after last August's flood, the tax rates for Middleburgh Central School district holds good news for residents of seven of the 11 towns in the district.

Taxable values in total actually increased in the district despite the devastation from Hurricane Irene. The taxable values did drop in the towns most affected by the storm in the district, Blenheim, Fulton, and Middleburgh.

Overall, tax rates will be going down in five of the 11 towns in the district, rising in four and remaining the same in the other two.

Three towns are occupied by the most district residents. The rates will be going up slightly in Middleburgh and Fulton and they will be going down in

11 towns.

The rate will be going up the most in the Town of Fulton, slightly more than in Middleburgh.

According to district officials, the rates for 2012-13 will

• Berne: \$28.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, down from \$29.11 per \$1,000, a decrease of .7 percent.

• Rensselaerville: \$32.28 per \$1,000, down from \$33.15, a drop of 2.6 percent.

• Blenheim: \$24.20 per \$1,000, down from \$24.84, a decrease of 2.55 percent.

The taxable value in Blenheim for properties in MCS fell from \$3 million to \$2.85 million.

• Broome: \$19.36 per \$1,000, down from \$23, a decrease of 15.8 percent.

The taxable value in Broome The tax rate in Broome will increased from \$59.9 million to

be going down the most of all \$87.6 million.

· Cobleskill: \$23.90 per \$1,000, up from \$23.73, an increase of .7 percent.

• Conesville: \$17.68 per \$1,000, up from \$17.64, a hike of .2 percent.

• Fulton: \$29.81 per \$1,000, up from \$29.57, an increase of .8 percent.

The taxable value in Fulton fell about \$170,000 to \$62.25

• Middleburgh: \$28.45 per \$1,000, up from \$28.22, a hike of .8 percent. The taxable value in

Middleburgh decreased from \$120.5 million to \$116 million. · Schoharie: \$24.51 per

\$1,000, the same as last year. • Summit: \$30.98 per \$1,000, down from \$31.26, a decrease

of .88 percent. • Wright: \$24.51 per \$1,000,

the same rate as last year. The tax levy was increased

by \$205,254, or 2.39 percent, to \$8.78 million for 2012-13.

On sale in M'burgh



It was a beautiful day Saturday to go shopping at sales Middleburgh at the 13th annual Timothy Murphy Village and Townwide **Treasure Hunt and Garage**

For those needing a drink in the morning, Courtney, 7, Megan, 4, and Kimberly Stark, 8, served up lemonade on Grove Street, above.

Chandler, Francis and Austin Beaudette of Saugerties checked out this old gun for sale in Indian Acres Saturday morning, below, while Robbin and Samantha Jackson, left. look over some items for sale on Main Street.— **Photos by David Avitabile.**



Location of MCS home games still up in the air

By David Avitabile

Though the 2012 soccer season is only a few weeks away, Middleburgh school officials are still undecided on where home games will be played this season.

Practices are being held at the high school and the elementary school until school starts on September 5, said Superintendent Michele Weaver.

Scrimmages will be held at the Valley Soccer fields on Route 30 in Fultonham and transportation will be provided

for players to the fields.

after Hurricane Irene and the home games for the 2011 season were played in Fultonham.

The district has a vendor who has given a quote to restore the two soccer fields but the district is still in talks with FEMA to maximize funding, Ms. Weaver said.

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

The school board meets again on Wednesday, August

Ms. Weaver said she is work-The fields at MCS were ing with FEMA to maximize

heavily damaged in the flood the funding to restore the fields to pre-flood condition. The fields can be made playable but that is very different from restoring them to their pre-existing level.

The district already has a tentative agreement in place with Valley Soccer if the games cannot be played at MCS, she added.

The infield of the varsity baseball 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 anniversary celebration last week.

attendance policy

MCS to update

Officials: 'Sanctions' still working

By David Avitabile

Middleburgh school board members are set to make some updates to the high school attendance policy which most officials say is working very well.

High school Principal Lori Petrosino said the policy, which was updated a few years ago to add sanctions for excessive absences, has improved attendance.

"I think it works well," she said.

The attendance policy needs to be reviewed every year and Ms. Petrosino said the current policy did not have provisions for a coding system to explain reasons for absences and a designated person in each school to review the attendance. These additions are expected to be made at the board's next regular meeting on August 29.

The policy also does not have a provision to do school work to make up for unexcused ab-

Board members agreed not to add this provision to the attendance policy.

Officials have said attendance has improved since sanctions were added taking away student privileges for excessive absences.

Many of the students know the attendance policy "inside and out," she said.

Probably the biggest sanction is not allowing students to participate in the graduation ceremony after 25 or more units (absences, tardies or early departures), Ms. Petrosino said.

Some things have worked better than others, Ms. Petrosino said.

The Saturday make-up classes have been held and sometimes attract no students and sometimes three or four. One of the hard parts of the

policy is keeping count of absences and latenesses and working with parents, she said. Tardies, early departures

and absences are excused for certain reasons or if a doctor's note is provided. Last year, some parents

brought in the doctor's notes at the end of the school year so board members agreed earlier this month to require that medical notes be brought in within 10 days of a lateness, early departure or absence.

In other action, board mem-

· Heard that Target in Amsterdam said the elementary school would be getting \$500 for books.

• Heard that the summer learning academy is ending this week.

· Heard that the schedules are done for the elementary school and there will be interviews for a leave of absence position for a physical education teacher.

• Heard there were about 90 applicants for a special education teaching position.

 Heard that the lunch periods in the high school will be extended to 30 minutes. There will still be eight academic periods, Principal Lori Petrosino said. There will be more kids in the lunchroom but more

"It will be a little crazy in the middle of the day but we think we have it figured out," she

· Heard that 23 students were retaking a Regents exam

 Heard there were eight applicants for the speech and language leave of absence position.

Heard there were eight candidates for the licensed clinical social worker position.

 Agreed to meet on Wednesday at 7am in the board clerk's office to set the tax rates for the 2012-13 school

The tax rates are expected to be impacted by the loss of tax base because of last year's

· Heard that the cost for students breakfasts and lunch are expected to be increased by 10cents for September to keep up with costs. The rates will be set at the next board meeting.

"It's what we need to do," Superintendent Weaver said. The rates have not been increased in several years.

· Heard Ms. Weaver say there was no news on the feasibility grant. MCS and several other area schools agreed to seek a grant to pay for a study earlier this year which could lead to shared services or even

a merger between districts. If the state grant is approved, a request for proposals would be sent out for a consultant. Word on the grant is expected this month.

· Set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, August 29 at 7pm in the high school.

· Accepted fuel bids for the upcoming school year.

The fuel bid was awarded to Laraway's Oil at 7.5-cents a gallon over the terminal price; the diesel fuel bid went to Laraway's at 8-cents over the terminal price and the gas bid also went to Laraway's at 16cents over the terminal price.

 Approved the middle school student handbook for the 2012-13 school year.

Two board members asked why backpacks were allowed to be carried by high school students during the day but middle school students had to leave the backpacks in their lockers. Principal Michael Teator said the backpacks were being left in the aisles between desks and having the packs hurt the student's organizational skills. He noted that the students are near their lockers during the day.

· Heard that officials are finalizing a district calendar which will be available to the

· Heard that the district is looking to share needed student information with bus driv-

 Heard a request from board President Kim Smith to put a link on the district website so people can send questions and concerns to board members

· Went into executive session to discuss pending litigation, the employment history of two employees and contract negotiations.

Valley Briefs

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

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.

Church cookbook 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.

MCS to meet on Wed., 8/29

The next Middleburgh school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29 at 7pm in the high school library.

M'burgh pool party Friday

A pool party with music will be held on Friday from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Middleburgh village pool. The party is open to kids going into sixth grade and

The party is sponsored by the Middleburgh Booster Club. A donation is requested.

Music fest to raise \$ for MCS sports

bands and performers to benefit Middleburgh Central School sports will be held on Saturday, September 8 at the Indian Lookout Country Club in Mariaville.

There will be two stages and performances start at noon.

A music festival featuring 13 the effects of last summer's devastating storms.

Scheduled to perform at the concert are: Matt Durfee, Erin Harkes, Shakey Ground, Happy B'day Dr. Jim, Black Mountain Symphony, Malorie Chelsea Courtney Blackwell, Russ Ticket sales will benefit the Gentner, The Slatehill Band, MCS sports program following One Step Away, Paul Stringer,

and Cassie Buckley and the Bobcats with the Patsy Cline Experience.

Tickets are available now by calling 414-2066. Tickets are also on sale at the MCS district office and the NBT Bank branch in Middleburgh.

Prices are lower for advance tickets. Children under six are free and student prices are also lower with a student ID.

MCS, music get good grades in budget survey

By David Avitabile Middleburgh Central School in general, and the music pro-

gram in particular, got high marks from those filling out exit surveys after the May Middleburgh school budget

Of the 243 people who filled out the surveys after the May 15 vote, the vast majority, 72 percent, described the district as either good or excellent, another 25 percent said it was fair and only four percent described it as poor.

The percentage of those who said they voted in favor of the budget was slightly higher than the actual amount.

Among those who filled out the survey, 64 percent said they voted in favor of the plan while the actual budget passed with a 56.5 percent approval rating, the highest rate since 2009.

The budget approval percentage decreased as the age of the respondents increased.

While there were no respondents who said they were 18 or 19. all seven who said they were both at 33 percent.

between 20 and 30 said they voted in favor of the budget. In the 31 to 50 age category, 72 percent said they voted in favor of the budget. The rate of approval dropped to 63 percent for those 51 to 64. For those 65 and older, 57 percent said they voted in favor of the budget.

According to income levels, the highest rate of approval was 83 percent for those earning \$100,000 or more.

School board members had to make several cuts in the budget process and looked at several non-mandated programs in which to cut.

The exit survey asked voters which of the non-mandated programs they would most like to preserve.

Just under half, 47 percent, of those responding, said they would like to preserve the music program.

Other popular non-mandated programs were: collegelevel courses at 43 percent, and art programs and extracurricular clubs and activities,

The least supported nonmandated programs were field trips at 17 percent and staff development at eight percent.

Of those who said they voted in favor of the budget, 75 percent said they did so because they "believe in investing in education.

Results showed that 48 percent said they felt the projected tax increase was reasonable.

For other reasons cited, 37 percent said they were satisfied with the quality of the schools and 29 percent said they have confidence in the school board and administration.

Of those who said they voted against the budget, 61 percent said they did so because "I lack confidence in the school board and administration.'

Of those voting no, 44 percent said they felt the projected increase was unreasonably high.

For other reasons, 31 percent said they wanted to support the budget but could not afford it and 28 percent said they were not satisfied with the quality of the schools.

A vast majority of those who responded, 76 percent, said they felt they were well-informed about the budget.

The local newspaper was cited by 68 percent of those who responded as being the source of their information about the budget, while 32 percent said they got their information from the district website or "word of mouth."



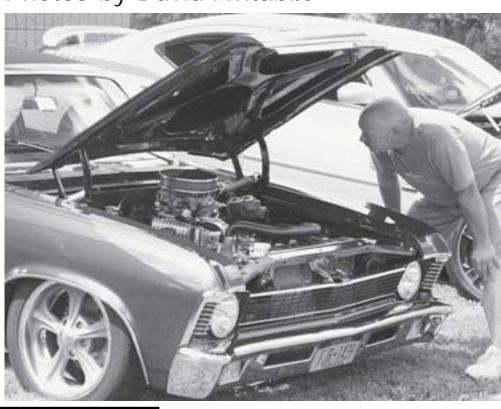
Cruisin' in Schoharie

The first Cruisin' on Campus car show was held at Schoharie Central School Saturday with about 30 cars and trucks on the back lawn behind the elementary

Allen and Ann Smith of Duanesburg, above, check out the engine of Bill Shroh's 1921 Reo, while Joe Parisi of Schoharie, below, looked over the engine bay of Spike Furman's 1970 Chevrolet Nova.

The show was sponsored by the Sports Booster Club to raise funds for SCS JV

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Democrats thank Tonko

At annual barbecue in Schoharie on Sunday

Schoharie County Democrats thanked Congressman Paul Tonko Sunday for his years of service to the county at the annual Democratic barbecue at Lasell Park in Schoharie.

About 100 people showed up Sunday afternoon to enjoy the Manhattan clam chowder, sausage and peppers, chicken dinner at the renovated pavilion at the park and also acknowledge Congressman Tonko's work for the county.

Because of redistricting, Schoharie County will not be part of Congressman Tonko's district after December 31.

Congressman Tonko has always been a champion of the county whether in the state assembly or the House of Representatives, said Democratic Chairman Cliff Hay.

"He's always had a warm spot for Schoharie County," Mr. Hay said Sunday.

Even after leaving the state assembly for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Congressman Tonko has never forgotten the county.

"He's always been faithful. He considers it his home," Mr. Hay said.

"He's been a friend to Schoharie County."

Congressman Tonko took the time to know the people in his district, Mr. Hay said.

"Paul Tonko knows more of his constituents by name than anyone else," Mr. Hay said.

"He's concerned about people. He's just a good allaround man.' Congressman Tonko

thanked those at the barbecue for their support and urged them to keep Democratic representation next year.

"It's been an honor to represent this county," he said.

"You have been everything a representative could hope for, loyal, frank, and neighborly in your responses."

Over the years, he has noticed people are less giving in public service and more selfcentered, but "that's not true in Schoharie County."

The recovery after last summer's flood reaffirmed what he always thought about the people of the county, he

"I always knew I represented a strong people but I never knew the depth of that strength.

Though the county will not be in his district next year, he said he will continue to represent the people of Schoharie County in Congress.

"It doesn't end in Decemoer," he said. "I cannot leave this county short while it rests Sunday.

He urged those attending and county Democrats to support the Democrats running in the fall, including Julian Schreibman who is running for Congress.

'We're at a very interesting crossroads in our history," he

Without a strong middle

class, without a strong working class, there is no strong America, he said.

He is against the economic Paul Ryan plan for the future. Congressman Ryan is Mitt Romney's choice as vice presi-

The country is coming back from the recession and President Obama needs to be reelected, Congressman Tonko

"Why would you hand the keys back to the people who drove the car into the ditch?"



Lots of corn had to be shucked before dinner at the Democratic barbecue at Lasell Park in Schoharie Sunday. From left are: county Clerk Indy Jaycox, Fern Weber, Emily Benton, Kevin Neary, and Katie Brisley.



Katie Brisley watches her father Matt man the grill at the Democratic barbecue



Schoharie County Democrats Sunday thanked Congressman Paul Tonko, above greeting barbecue guests, for all his years of representing the county first in the state assembly and then the House of Representatives. Because of redistricting, Schoharie County will not be part of Congressman Tonko's district after December



Cliff Hay serves a cup of Manhattan clam chowder to Dee Neary of Richmondville Sunday.

Story, photos by David Avitabile



Schoharie Supervisor Gene Milone, Sharon Supervisor Sandra Manko and Schoharie County Clerk Indy Jaycox share a discussion at the Democratic barbecue in Schoharie Sunday.



Ginny Kintz sells Sheriff Tony Desmond a load of raffle tickets at the Democratic barbecue in Schoharie Sunday afternoon.

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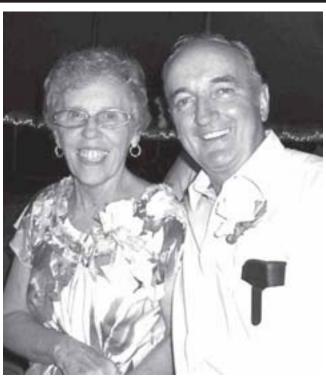
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Fanchers mark 50 years

Greenville celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends on Sunday, August 12 at an open house held at their home hosted by daughters Pam and Rhonda (Fancher) Margiasso.

Mr. and Mrs. Fancher grew up in Conesville and West Kill, respectively.

Mrs. Fancher is the daughter of Fred and Emma (Simmons) Howard and Mr. Fancher is the son of Jesse and Mabel (Puffer) Fancher.

The couple has two children, Pamela Fancher of South Cairo, Rhonda (Fancher) Margiasso of South Cairo and five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Fancher is a graduate of Gilboa-Conesville Central School. He retired with 30 years of service with the federal government meat inspection divi-

Mrs. Fancher is a graduate of Hunter-Tannersville Central School and The Mildred Elley Business School of Albany. Freda retired after 30 years of civil service while working for the Greenville Central School District in secretarial positions, retiring as the middle school secretary.

More than 130 family and friends attended the anniversary celebration.





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50th anniversary

Harry and Gail Ryder marked their 50th wedding anniversary at a party given by their three children. About 50 people attended.



5 generations

Five generations gathered for this family photo. From oldest to youngest: Great-great-grandmother Bernice

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Christman, great-grandmother Linda Guernsey, grandmother Vickie Seagraves, mom Jessica Seagraves, and her daughter, Ayden Zimmer.

30th annual St. Paul's LC fest Saturday

All are invited to the celebration of the 30th annual festival of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, on Saturday, August 25.

The festival will include a bazaar and buffet style dinner.

Lisa Crapser, president of St. Paul's Congregation and Church Council, is coordinator of the event.

Many members, friends and youth of St. Paul's are assisting with preparation.

The 3:30-6:30pm bazaar will feature homemade foods and fresh garden produce. Bonnie Lindsay and Church

Council member Martha Gold, are managers of the event.

The family style dinner, which will be served from 4:30-6:30pm, will include pork and turkey, various salads, vegetables, breads, homemade pastry and beverage.

Cost of the dinner will be freewill donation.

Dinner reservations are not necessary.

Susan Kersmanc, president of St. Paul's Eureka Class and Church Council member, is serving as dinner manager.

Profit from the festival will be used to further the work of the church in the Richmondville area and beyond.

Beard's Hollow Church to reflect on last 150 years

On Sunday, August 26, the Beard's Hollow Church will end the summer by remembering the church's beginnings as a Lutheran church 150 years

A liturgical celebration will be led by Pastor Elaine Berg, representing the Upstate NY Syod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Special music will be provided by soloist Bob Holt.

A hymn sing starts at 10:30am and the service begins

All are invited for this last service of the season.

Dramatic presentation at Assembly

Calvary Assembly of God will be featuring a special dranatic 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.

Christian Men meet Saturday

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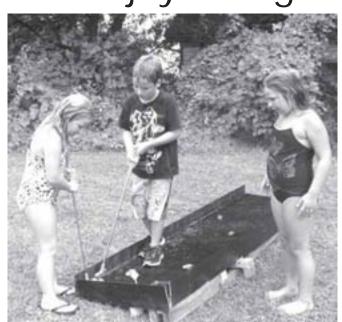
Kids help assemble the mini golf course at Sharon Rec.

Spa Rec kids enjoy mini golf

The Sharon Springs **Summer Recreation** Program wrapped up Friday with a carnival featuring a homemade miniature golf course, a bouncy slide, and a variety of games.

Summer Rec includes swim lessons, arts and crafts, table games, and tumbling with transportation provided by Sharon Springs Central School.

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> Times Journal Recipe of the Week

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As seen in Hometown Cooking, 2009



INGREDIENTS: 1 2/3 cup flour 1 1/2 cup sugar 2/3 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
1 1/2 cup buttermilk

teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 2 round 8 or 9-inch layer pans. In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Blend on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping sides and bottom of bowl. Beat 3 minutes on medium speed, scraping bowl often. Pour into prepared pans and bake for 30-35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center of ake comes out clean. Frost as desired.

Emma Wegner Central Bridge



Mission Possible

A group of volunteers from the Frenchtown, New Jersey Presbyterian Church who called themselves "Mission Possible" spent time in Schoharie and Esperance recently, rehabing three homes damaged during Irene.

Friends and family in the group from as far away as North Carolina lent a hand. The Kramers of Charlotteville arranged for assistance to the flood victims through SALT. The Rock Road Chapel in Berne was their base of operations.

More volunteers are still needed. Contact SALT at 702-5017 for more informa-

₯Looking Ahead

Wildlife rehab Sat. in Summit

The last summer event in the Town of Summit will be a presentation by wildlife rehabilitator Kelly Martin Saturday, August 25, 1:30-2pm, at the Community Seventh Day Adventist Pavilion, Route 10. Free.

Chicken, pie at Barnerville UMC

The Barnerville United Methodist Church's Famous Chicken BBQ and Pie Sale will be held Saturday, September 1, 11am, at the Festival Farmer's Market at McCarthy

Chicken, biscuits in Grov. Corners

The Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church will have a chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, September 8, 5-7pm.

SCS retiree slate luncheon

The Schoharie Central School annual retired employees luncheon will be held at the Olde Tater Barn Wedensday, September 5 at noon. 868-2891.

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Esperance

By Patty Fagan Great news our Darcy, Isabella and Alejandro arrived safely Friday night from Maine. Darcy is going back to Maine on Monday, but the kids are staying this week with Grandpa and Grandma, along with Chloe. We have lots of activities planned, will see how

Saturday, Dane, Amanda, Chloe, Isabella, Alejandro, Ron and I attended the International Celtic Festival at Hunter Mountain. Beau-

many we get to. Weather looks

great, so much to do and so

tiful day on the mountain. We listened to, of course, bag pipe bands, Irish dancing, Irish food, Irish clothing, etc. A virtual sea of green.

To top off the day, all took the ski lift to the mountaintop without me. I have this fear of heights thing going on.

While waiting for them to return, I was surprised to see chair after chair coming down the mountain with tuxedo and gown clad occupants. Apparently two weddings took place on the mountain on Saturday. Joyous occasions for all.

On Sunday, my brother Warren and wife Barbara came to visit, after Darcy and I went school shopping with Isabella. Then we met Jay and Deonna at Tunicliff Creamery, on Route 20 just outside Richfield Springs. We ate outside, as golden retriever, Dunkan, was with them.

Just beautiful if you haven't visited Tunnicliff and met Ivan

Central Bridge

By Janice Wilkens

ing anniversaries this week.

Happy birthday to Cory Jones

on August 22, Bryon E. Palmer

IV and Nicholas Poquette on

August 23, Ariel Gerhard and

Dennis Tilison on August 24,

Lisa Kennedy and Grayson

Stowell on August 25, Kristin

Diamond and our son-in-law

Paul Hahn on August 26 and

Taylor Renee Palmer and

Daniel Cornwell on August 27.

Street Cobleskill has been ap-

proved to provide free lunches

for all children 18 yrs and un-

Zion Lutheran Church, Main

Free Lunch

Best wishes to all celebrat-

and Barbara Fassett, you are missing something.

Grounds are dotted with picnic tables, lawn decorations, and flowers, as well as the porch which is just beautiful with huge hanging baskets.

Did I say that they make their own ice cream as well as serve delicious food cooked right there for you. On the premises is Mystic Gardens Green Houses, which Ivan runs with his son. As a special treat while we were enjoying our meal, we had a fly over three times of Canadian geese.

Esperance Elks Lodge #2507 The Farmer's Lodge will be hosting a luau and pig roast on August 25 from 2-11pm. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt, they will provide the

Dinners include pig, baked beans, coleslaw, roll. Hamburgers and hotdogs also available. Food served from 4 until ? Cash bar serving beer, wine and soda. The band OPM will be playing from 7-11pm. Open to the public. All proceeds to benefit Jay Hewett's ER fund.

News from the Landis Arboretum: Saturday, August 25, from 2-3:30pm, the Arthropod Squad will be on hand. They are all around us. Join them as they capture them with sweep nets and learn about their names and life habits and habitats of our arthropod neighbors. Instructor will be George Steele, science educator.

The next program at the Charleston Historical Society will be held on Sunday, Septem-

der. There are no income guide-

lines or address requirement,

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every Sunday at 11am. All are

Friday of each month from

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back for a relaxing evening and

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United Methodist Church

ber 9 at 2pm. "Underground Railroad in Montgomery County" with guest speaker Montgomery County Historian Kelly Farquhar.

There was such a veil of secrecy surrounding the Underground Railroad leading up to the Civil war that many are surprised to find that freedom seekers traveled through, and were given refuge, in Montgomery

The presentation will cover 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, as well as the lives of the African Americans within the county, is the focus of the book "Uncovering the Underground Railroad, Abolitionists and African American Life in Montgomery County, New York 1820-1890", which will be signed

and for sale at the presentation. Kelly Yacobucci Farquhar, a native of Canajoharie, graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Siena College. While at Siena, she interned with the Junior Museum in Troy, in which she researched and presented on the Underground Railroad in the Capital District. She has worked in the Montgomery County Department of History and Archives since 1996 with an appointment to County Historian/RMO in

These meetings are free and open to the public.

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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

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Bible Study continues to

is invited.

Charleston Historical Society is located on Polin Road, just off State Highway 30A in the Town of Charleston.

Went to Cobleskill on Friday afternoon to pick up our order from Schoharie Fresh. While there we met Carrie Envart of Black Willow Pond Farm, one of the contributors to Schoharie Fresh.

This particular week I had purchased my eggs from Carrie, as she has hens that lay the colored ones, and I thought that Isabella and Alejandro would enjoy these.

I learned a lot from that brief encounter, and picked up information on her farm and how the animals are raised. All natural. We actually ordered our Thanksgiving turkey from Carrie. Also, she does tours on her farm. Hopefully the grandkids and Ron and I will be visiting his week.

Check out her website at www.blackwillowpond farm.com

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Looks like a beautiful weather week. Enjoy your family and friends, that is my in-

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goods. Save the date.

Bethany Lutheran Church

August 26, adult discussion

group at 9:30am, worship at

10am with Pastor Steffen A.

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ing as acolyte will be Christina

Palmer; ushers, Phil Rogers

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tins, CELEBRATE (\$20 a

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hour and altar flowers.

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to the Catskill Area Hospice.

tent for sure.

Broome

By Ruth Yung Well folks I joined that special club of folks "the Octogenarians.

Yes, Thursday was my 80th birthday.

Monday the girls from Flat Creek Baptist Church surprised me with cake and ice cream at our monthly breakfast get together. Such a surprise, and such lovely gifts. None will be recycled for sure.

Then Thursday, my actual birthday, Tony and I drove to Oneonta to have lunch with my two sisters, Ruby and Mary, their hubby's Applebee's.

One of the girls mentioned it to our waitress, and they sang "Happy Birthday," the whole crew of waiters and waitresses.

I got many lovely birthday cards, and most of them said 80 years on them.

I never realized one could find such lovely 80th birthday cards. I surely am blessed. When I had cancer in my 30's I was sure I would never see the 80's. Once again my Lord has

proven me wrong. This Saturday the 25th is and Jerry Louise Cunningham's 50th wedding party at the Durham Ambulance Building at 2pm. I trust all you who planned on attending RSVP'd your intentions, if you haven't and planned on attending, call 239-6148, and find out if you can still attend. They request no gifts.

Today was a very busy day after church. I had two huge zucchini that I scraped those seeds out of and then shredded them in my professional salad shooter.

Then made zucchini bread for winter and have them all in the freezer. It was getting late, so I put two quart bags of the shredded zucchini in the freezer. It gets so much water when thawed after being frozen, I put extra in, as when I squeeze the water from the two cups the recipe calls for I'm lucky to get one cup, so I tried putting four cups in and hope I will have two cups each this time round.

Wayne has brought a basket of peaches he wants us to do together. Probably in a day or two they will be just right to can. And I thought I was done canning this year. Foolish girl. I still have jams to make yet, but I can always do them during the winter.

Saw my cardiologist and had the pacemaker checked Wednesday. They are working

on Erie Boulevard, and there was only one way traffic each way around State Street. A nasty mess trying to get through. I have to do it again 20th to see

pulmonologist. My lilies are done for. Even the late tiger lilies are done. I did pick some of the seeds off and although one always loses some, I was able to get quite a few. I will pot them and let them set outside for the winter months. I'm sure I will be able to find a home for them.

I've been working in my asparagus bed every day I can, still have probably half to finish, but the hardest part is

I've gotten all the milky spore powder down, so now just a bit more to be fertilized.

Those small rain storms we have gotten sure have made the weeds grow fast and furi-

I also see the dandelions are flowering again. That does not make me happy. When I get to the raspberry patch, I am going to just prune them down and then wait the two years for the next crop of berries.

Hopefully, I can get the canes burned before they spread any diseases to the patch.

Son, Peter has been ever so busy getting things sorted, cleaned and organized. His doing that does make me most pleased. It's not an easy undertaking for sure. It's amazing how fast "stuff" can accumulate, when one does small engine repairs.

Remember the Broome Fire department is having their 50th chicken BBQ on September 2 at 11am. Take-outs only this year. They are planning on having Teter Hall rebuilt by their 51st annual BBQ next year. **Birthdays**

Starting with the 22nd is Fay

is Bob Troidl Sr., 27th is Tom Armlin, and 28th is Kenneth Ward. **Anniversaries** Starting with the 24th is

Smith and Martha Lyon, 23rd

Bernie and Donna Carpinelli; 26th, John and Donna Vassak, Bill and Mandy Spillane, and Linda and Richard Brown.

Remember Schoharie's Rock and Roll Concert on September 22 from noon-midnight. All the monies will go to the flood relief

The 29th is the Town of Broome open house 1-3pm and in the evening will be the Broome Fire Department's Harvest Dance at the fire

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Conesville

By Linda Szeliga

Nettie Schermehorn was recently visited by granddaughter Melody Potter Ceotti, her husband Barrie, and their children from Florida.

Barrie is in the military and will be stationed in Germany.

Saturday was a marvelous day for the 75th celebration for the Conesville Fire Department and our quilt show.

We had almost 50 quilts and numerous crafts and many visitors. Carrie Natalie, Lorraine Grogan, and Maureen Phillips were there to organize, visit, and clean up all day. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

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they do it again.

The Town Highway department will be doing paving this month. Please be patient. It will be a great improvement.

The next State primary has been scheduled for Thursday, September 13. If you need to register or request an absentee ballot, call the Board of Elections in Schoharie.

The Conesville Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring a Hunter Education Course in early October.

This is required for a hunting license. Registration will be October 1, with classes on October 5 and 6 at the Fire House.

Classes start September 6 at Gilboa Conesville Central School. Please watch out for children and school buses.

An AARP Defensive Driving

Course will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at the Conesville Fire Hall. It will start at 9am, until 3:30pm. Bring your lunch. Cost is \$17 for AARP members, \$19 for nonmembers. The course is sponsored by the Mountaintop Seniors.

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South Valley

By Carol Brodie

Before I get into this week's column, I have a couple of additions from previous columns. Regarding the Cherry Val-

ley Central School Annual Alumni Banquet, my sister, Donna Lou Brodie-Hatch, informed me I left out her class. Oops. I did write up the info I was given by Margie Dubben but I guess she missed that one, too. So anyway, Donna's class of 1982 had nine there for their 30 year reunion.

I also forgot to mention that my good friend, Louise Siretz, of Spencer, New York, came to spend the day with me at the Cobleskill Fair on Sunday, July

Birthdays and anniversaries

Birthday wishes go out this week to Adrienne Mabie who turns 22, Stacy VanBuren, Schecter, Barry Webster, my dad, Elliot Brodie, Destiny Miller, Carol Mabie, and Kennedy Miller.

Anniversary wishes go to Stacy and Lorel VanBuren, George and Kim Gray, and Rob and Heather Webster.

Leland "Zeke" and Pat Mabie hosted a birthday dinner-party, complete with cake and ice cream, for their brother-in-law, Raymond "Chub" Sutton, of Decatur, on Monday night, July 23. The party was attended by various relatives

Mark and Debbie Anderson hosted a 16th birthday party for their daughter, Annalia, on Saturday night, July 28. A barbecue, complete with birthday cake, and ice cream were enjoyed by the many relatives and friends who attended, and a good time was had by all.

Expressions of sympathy An expression of sympathy

goes to the family and relatives of Ivan Barnes, 80, of Canajoharie, who died on Wednesday, August 1.

Charley Brodie and Vickie Myers accompanied Doug and Phyllis VanDewerker, of Westford, to their Uncle Ivan's funeral at the Lenz and Betz Funeral Home, Canajoharie, on Tuesday, August 7.

An expression of sympathy also goes to the family of Ruth All, 94, of Worcester, who died on Wednesday, August 1, at Otsego Manor where she has been a resident for the past few

years. Many attended the Service

of Remembrance for Ruth at the Skinner Funeral Chapel, Worcester, on Saturday, August

Bits and pieces

Jerry and Ella Mabie and Jerome and Denise Mabie and daughters, Anneliese and Hayden, all of Orange, Virginia, called on Leland and Pat Mabie on Saturday, July 28, prior to attending the Webster Reunion that afternoon.

Pat Mabie, Shirley Webster, of Maple Valley, and Ella Mabie, of Orange, Virginia, spent a day touring the Old Stone Fort.

Charley Brodie enjoyed a week of camping at Gilbert Lake from Monday, July 30 to Monday, August 6. Other family and relatives also joined him there at various times throughout the week. His sister-in-law, Vickie Myers, was there Wednesday through Monday, and her son and family, Jason and Jamilynne Myers, Madison and Ethan, of Duanesburg, arrived on Saturday to spend a week there.

Charley's daughter, Jaime Cooper, and children, Cayden and Lexi, spent Monday through Friday, and his son and family, Adam and Susan Brodie and Karis, spent Friday through Sunday. His daughterin-law, Malinda Brodie, and children, Jerred and Jaidon, of Mount Vision, spent the day there on Wednesday.

The annual rummage sale, to benefit the South Valley-Pleasant Brook Cemetery Association, was held again this summer at the home of Leland and Pat Mabie. Pat says they didn't do as well as last year but every little bit helps with cemetery upkeep costs.

Pat took the remainder of items that were left over to the old grange hall, in Roseboom, as she donated them to the VanBuren's to sell at the Roseboom Antique Power Days event.

Christopher Anderson, son of Mark and Debra Anderson, left on Tuesday, July 31, for Gainesville, Florida, where he will begin his first year of studies at the University of Florida.

Dick Hansen drove his sister-in-law. Carol French, to the Albany Airport on Wednesday, August 1, as she flew home to San Antonio, Texas. Carol spent three weeks here as a houseguest of her mother, Helen Holmes, as she visited

various friends and relatives and also enjoyed attending the Cobleskill Fair.

The South Valley Women's Club held their monthly meeting at the Community Hall on Thursday, August 2, as they finalized plans for their pork roast dinner. They gladly welcomed two new members into the club as Abby West and Carol Ann Stanton joined.

President Jackie Hadden tells me they now have two signs on the walls at the Hall showing how to help a choking victim if the need arises. They are also putting up "Emergency Exit" signs over the double doors going out the front door toward the road.

A reminder to the club members that the Thursday, September 6, meeting at the Hall will be held at 11:30am.

The meeting is normally held at 1pm but was moved to an earlier time so the ladies can do inventory of dishes and supplies prior to the regular meeting.

Pastor Bill S. Wilson has returned home after spending a week in Michigan. He attended the former Agriculture Teachers' Reunion, held at the Comer Skinner Farm, in Hopkins,

Bill was a guest of Dave and Betsy Randall at their 300 acre centennial family farm. Dave and Bill were fraternity brothers at Michigan State University. Dave is currently a county commissioner in Lake County and also a retired banker.

Jim and Carolyn Sweeney were dinner guests of Herb and Brenda Belfiore, of Poland, on Sunday, August 5. The men barbecued a delicious pork roast on the grill, which they all enjoyed, along with various summer salads.

Jim and Carolyn had also phoned their daughter, Kelly Brent, in Swansie, Illinois, and Kelly told them it's been a very dry summer there, with 100 degree temperatures.

John and Fran Hoepele, from Chelsea, Michigan, were visiting guests of Pastor Bill Wilson the second week of August. John and Bill were fraternity brothers at Michigan State. The Cherry Valley Rebekah Lodge #546 donated a home cooked meal for Pastor Bill and his guests while they were there.

Bill says that 54 years ago, when he graduated from Michigan State, John invited him, his mother, and his sister to the Hoepele home for dinner following the graduation ceremony.

Dad, Frank and I enjoyed attending the Delaware County Fair, in Walton, on Thursday, August 16. It was a gorgeous, sunny day. The day before, on Wednesday, Frank attended the Herkimer County Fair, in Frankfort.

Have a great week and be sure to enjoy what's left of summer as it is zipping by way too quickly. Call me at (607) 264-3225 with any news for this area.

aware, this Saturday, August 25, is the 125th year celebration of the Worcester Hose Com-

Worcester is certain to be full events planned for that day.

Events like these are one of the many reasons I love our community so much. We are not simply people inhabiting a

port. St. Joseph's parishioners est condolences to Fr. Ron, whose brother. Charles in his sleep. Thoughts and prayers are with Fr. Ron and nis family.

Many thanks to Water Commissioner Pete Andrews for donating five military flags flying on the gazebo at the Historical Park. The flags represent several branches of service and have been in place all sum-

Museum before 125-year celebration.

ond window is about 90 years old and found in an old trunk

small tear and reinforcing it with a heavier backing. Elka said that the flag is 100

ercent cotton and could well be from the 1920s. The window also features

many pictures pertaining to the firemen's long history as well as other memorabilia.

caretakers at Maple Grove Cemetery are now using two new John Deere mowers as the result of a \$ 8,500 grant from Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, Inc. in Stamford.

two that were over seven years old. Maple Grove Cemetery has about 25 acres of grass that has to be kept mowed.

Beth Wright of Queensbury and Gary and Serena Wright of Staatsburg, honored their father, George Wright of Queensbury, at a 90th birthday celebration at the Worceser Inn on Saturday, August 4.

ter 90 years ago and came back to celebrate his special day. Following a buffet and birth-

Guests attending were from Worcester, Cobleskill, Sidney, Hyde Park, and Rochester.

Steven, Ellen and Marilyn are fourth cousins and are descended from Joseph T. Waid, who is buried in Maple Grove

The cousins get together

By Cindy Oppici school will be ready to start and Labor Day will be here; summer is starting to wind

Sharon Springs

Enjoy the summer activities while you can, before the parks, beaches, pools close for

The cool nights are starting to make me think of fall and what will be coming in the (hopefully) not too near future. Enjoy your week and let me know if there is anything that you would like me to print in my news, 657-1478.

School news

Are you still getting your student ready for school and those back to school supplies? Well, tonight, Wednesday, August 22 they will be giving free school supplies away at the annual Back to School Blessing and Give-A-Way at the park, downtown across from the Roseboro.

It will begin at 5:30pm. There will be lots of other fun and activities along with the school supplies.

It is sponsored by ACT - an organization of area churches.

There is no cost or sign-up; just come down and have fun while getting some great free-

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, August 27 at 7:30pm at the school library. All community members are always welcome

to attend these meetings. **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 started.

On Fridays there is an Elementary Games and Crafts

program from 3-5pm. This is a Only another week and drop-in program for grades K-5. There will also be Wii and PS2 available for their use. **Birthdays**

Happy birthday for the week of August 23-29: Joe Cechnicki, Jeff Manchester - 23rd; Kayla Sue Black, David Wolfe, Lori Bartlett, Barbara Mereness, Donna Schilde, Chuck Dennis

25th; Emma Rose Bush, Shaun Wayman, Gloria Santillo, Rebecca Zarski, Christopher Wilday, Ashleigh Myers - 26th; MacKenzie Poore, Dustin Winnie, Pat Larkin, Diane Costello, David Herzog, Brianna Patricia Mabee - 27th; Colin Brown, Betty Nikolaus, Joyce Ouellette - 28th; Colleen Takacs, Bruce Pomella, Richard Kendle Jr. - 29th.

Happy anniversary to Adam and Amanda Bolster on August 25; Peter and Caroline Bade and Dan and Liz Barr on August 26; Richard and Sally FitzGerald on August 27; James and Sandi Sherman on August

Community news

A reminder that the Town Pool will be closing for the season Saturday, August 25 at 5pm. On Friday there will be a DJ and a Moonlight Swim from 9-11pm. Get out and enjoy a swim, some music and lots of fun before it all ends for the sea-

The Farmer's Market is still open every Saturday from 9am-2pm. Get your fresh fruits, veggies, cheeses, organic meats, etc. It is located in downtown Sharon Springs at the

St. Matthew's Chapel will be having their free ice cream social on Thursday, August 30 from 5-8pm. They will be dishing up Stewart's Ice-Cream along with all the delicious toppings. All community members are invited to join in.

All Village Board Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. If you would like to be on the agenda you must contact them at 284-2625 to make a request. The email address is sharonsprings village@gmail.com.

Worcester

By Sarah Schrom

As most of you are probably

of life and energy as everyone njoys the many wonderful

town, we are the town. I have some sad news to re-

vould like to extend their deep-"Chuck" Green, age 53, died

Be sure and look at the display windows at the Historical Saturday's events honoring the Worcester Hose Company's

The firemen's flag in the secfrom the Van Wright house. Thanks to Elka of Main

Street Traders for mending a

Jim Ballard and Bob Benson,

The new mowers replace

George was born in Worcesday cake he opened presents.

Steven Wade of Los Altos,

alifornia, and Ellen Leverett were guests at the home of Marilyn and Charles Dufresne on Wednesday.

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yearly to work on their geneal-

Steven Wade is in the area several times a year as he owns the farm at Pindars Corners purchased from the late Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

If you are walking down Main Street look in all the store windows to enjoy the pictures drawn and colored by Worcester Central School students.

The pictures feature fire trucks and other works of art honoring the local fire depart-

presented a concert in the ga zebo on Saturday. Those attending enjoyed the home-town talent of the

Fredette family. The youngest, Sebastian, sang solo on many of the numbers and he really belted out the words. Watch for this musical group next Saturday. They will be

singing at the gazebo at 2pm and also behind the Worcester Inn after the parade. The Storehouse Thrift Shop in Worcester will be open from 10am throughout the 125th Anniversary of the Worcester

Fire Department on August 25.

Fall and Winter clothes are now

available. There will be a half price sale on household items. The Summer Market fundraiser for the Worcester Free Library is coming on Sat-

urday, 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 (607) 397-7309. Your donations will be used to help buy new

Worcester Fire Department is having their 125th celebration parade on Saturday, August 25 and Main Street will be closed from 3pm on. Due to the parade, there will be no 4pm Mass at St. Joseph's There are four vacancies on

the Parish Council. See Fr. Ron

if you would like to be considered for one of these positions.

Worcester 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,

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 publication, "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. These hours will remain in effect throughout the summer. If you would like to have

something added to the column, text or call me at (607) 434-7123. Please leave a message with your number if you don't get in touch with me. Email is the best way to get in touch with me as my phone service is spotty at best. My email address is brightstar farm09@aol.com.



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August 23 at 7pm. "Skinny Guys With Glasses"

Gilboa

By Dorothy Pickett

I wonder if anyone realizes that the month of August is almost over and the children will be returning to school the first week of September. Where did the time go?

At least it was a good summer with warmer than usual hot humid weather. I sure hope we have an open winter.

With this kind of summer heat the winter may turn out to be a hard one. Just don't get your snow shovels out yet. Birthday greetings

August 26, Neysa Reynolds. Anniversary greetings

August 24, Bernie and Donna Carpinelli; 26, Bill and Mandy Spillane.

Matt Young and family along with Chris Doroski and his inlaws spent a few days vacationing in Cape Cod last week.

Matt borrowed his dad's SUV loaded up all the stuff and they started on their way. All of a sudden the SUV started acting up. They did not know that a family of mice must have been in his dad's garage. The mice decided to live in the SUV. They raised havoc with the dashboard. On the way to South Yarmouth the blower fan acted up. Come to find out it was plugged with a mouse nest which left them without A/C or the defroster. It kept blowing fuses and when they got to their destination they took it to a Nissan dealer. Of course it cost quite a bit to get repaired. Besides that they were delayed an extra day waiting for the part. Matt said all in all it was a great vacation with one thing nice about the extra day, they had one more day at the beach. They arrived home safe on Wednesday.

Wednesday night 30 people from the Gilboa Historical Society met at the Gilboa Town Hall to car pool for a trip to Wes Laraway's Rescue Center in Middleburgh.

High up on the mountain the first thing we noticed from his home was the beautiful view of Vromans Middleburgh.

That was breathtaking.

We then wandered into his huge barn that houses, horses, owls, pigeons, and two baby fawns. We very quietly looked in on the fawns as Wes told us as soon as they are old enough they will be let back out into the wild so it was better not to speak to them as they would get used to voices and would become tame. We then went out behind the barn and high up in three cages were rescued bobcats, two in each cage.

When they heard our voices they came out of the hollowed out logs to check us all out. some petting while the bobcats kept an eagle eye on her.

Wes has donkeys, pot bellied pigs, llama's, among other animals all around the rescue cen-

While questions were asked, overhead flew a kestrel. Wes said that he hadn't seen the kestrel for over a month and was so glad to see him around

Cub Cadet.

the center once more. We enjoyed refreshments after the tour in his office complex.

Wes explained to us that it cost quite a lot to feed and take care of all the animals he gets there to rehabilitate.

He has college students who volunteer their time to help out with the caring and cleaning of the Center. Most of the money comes out of his pocket. However, he will always accept

Some of us brought bags of dog and cat food while others helped out with a donation to help fill the jar in appreciation for allowing us visit the Rescue Center. I for one am glad I joined the rest for the tour.

For more information or to help out you can give Wes a call at 827-7733. Thanks Wes, for an enjoyable evening.

Thursday, Vern and I took in the Walton Fair. It was quite hot when we got there. The grounds were full of people walking around enjoying the exhibits and the food.

We met up with some people from Gilboa and Prattsville for a chat and headed on our way around the grounds. Along toward late afternoon we decided not to stay for the truck and tractor pull as we knew we would not get home very early.

On our way out the cars coming in were lined up from the entrance to the middle of town.

If anyone knows about the Town of Walton they know just how far that is. We stopped for dinner at MaMa Maria's in Stamford and then headed for home.

Saturday we attended the 75th anniversary of the Conesville Fire Department. They started the day off with a parade of fire trucks from Prattsville, Cobleskill, Summit

Antique cars also joined in the parade with floats and antique tractors.

Several vendors had set up tents in the big field next to the fire house. Don Mowers and son Dan were cooking chicken for the occasion.

Said a quick "hi" to fellow columnist Karen Cuccinello as we were leaving.

We then headed to Cobleskill stopping on the way back at Amy's ice cream stand.

Weekly Weeki Wachee report: Lou and Rosemary were so glad to have daughter Michelle and son-in-law Mike spending 10 days with them.

They enjoyed going out on the boat in Kings Bay on Crystal River. There they watched the manatees while Mike and Michelle took a dip in the cool spring fed bay.

They headed out toward the

Later on they drove to the gator ponds but no luck seeing the gators. Tom the Nutria was there with some of his friends. Lou says he is a really big rat.

They managed to take a ride up the coast to Cedar Key which is the largest producer of farm-raised clams and oys-

The next day they took

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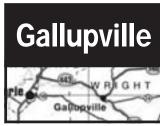
Michelle and Mike to the airport and waved to them as they boarded for Upstate New York once more. Lou says it was a perfect way to spend ten days.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 25, Grand Gorge United Methodist Church Fair.

Saturday, September 1 a memorial 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 Historical Society will visit the Old Schoolhouse in the Town of Fulton, more to follow on this.



By Kirsten Sanchirico

Spread the word....there is a grant competition from Lego called "Read! Build! Play!" The library with the most votes will

The Schoharie library (Beatrice Cushing) children's section was destroyed by the flooding last year. Books are expensive. "Reading is Fundamental."

You can vote daily until October 1. To vote: http:// readbuildplay.com.

The Canasta Club played on August 14 McMichael's.

Players present were Dottie Ottman, Jackie Diegel, Carol McMichael, Joan Fletcher, Cathy Bogardus, Ramona Tryon, Liz Tobiassen, Kay Butt, Cindy Dolan and Ruth Snyder.

The winners were Dottie Ottman, Carol McMichael, Cathy Bogardus, Liz Tobiassen and Cindy Dolan. The next game will be played at Liz Tobiassen's house.

Happy birthday in August to: Mya Townsend, Rich Shoemaker, Kay Butt, John MacEsker, Barbara Thornton, Elizabeth Kendle, Anika Savio, Elaine Sokol, Vanessa Gorton, Marie Dibble, Marie Fylligen, Robert Hahn, Nicole Cross, Zachariah Borst, Jeremy Gordon, Keith Cross, Carolyn Maroney, Dick Ogsbury, Phyllis Jeffrey, Jarred Landauer, Jacob Moore, Peter Savio, Doris Schaffer

Happy anniversary in August to: Sandra and Alton Roe; Sharon and Ron Askew; Suzanne and Todd Rolfe; Jeremy and Cassandra Moore.

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

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Summit

By Karen Cuccinello I think some leaves are starting to fall, so I suspect that means summer is starting to come to an end.

Summit Town Board meeting August 16 excerpts. There were 14 residents in attendance at the meeting. The highway department recently received more FEMA money, \$74,000.

The majority of the money is going towards new culvert pipes and road wash-out re-

The highway department also brought old culvert pipes to a scrap yard and yielded about \$2,000 profit. Notice will go out for bids on a new dump truck as the dump body broke off of an old truck. The broken dump truck was deemed totaled by the insurance company so that money will go towards a new truck. The new truck, fully equipped will cost about \$180 thousand. Bids will be opened at the next town board meeting on September

There was a discussion about a potential Summit Lake Park on the strip of land that borders the lake off of Route 10, the old Johnson's Motel lake front property.

A committee looked into the possibility of making this happen but deemed it too expensive at this time. There are also some land ownership issues to clear up first.

So the idea is not off the table but requires more information to possibly move forward. I, for one, sure wish this could be pulled off to give Summit a boost and put us back on the map again.

The board passed Local Law No. 2-2012: A local law compelling the repair or removal of any building or structure that from any cause endangers the health, safety or welfare of the

A person in the audience complimented the highway crew for patching Truax Road and also wondered why the road couldn't have pavement. Answer: money.

Another spectator would like the word to get out better about special town meetings.

I chatted with Gerald Hamm about the strange fire and death of Christina Ham in 1884 (for my book) and he told me where she was buried, so Lori, Andrew and I set out to try to find the Hamm Cemetery on the Blenheim side of Eminence. We found what we thought was the right-of-way road to the cemetery, walked up to the clearing at the top of the road and came upon four foot high weeds, so turned back.

I stopped by Hugh and Eileen McGrory's to ask if they knew where the cemetery was and Hugh hopped in the car to show me. We had the right road but we just didn't go far enough. Will have to wait until we have a few frosts in the fall or spring to try again. We went and did some trimming in the HW Ploss Cemetery since we were out that way, so that we could say we did something.

Happy 62nd anniversary to Herbert and Marguerite

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anniversary on August 12 with about 40 family members. Linda Jones, one of their daughters of Richmondville, made a delicious Jack Daniels pork roast for the occasion. Sadly the day after their anniversary they had to put down their 14-year-old scotty dog

Robbie. Their daughter Sandy adopted a blind Himilayan kitten shortly after.

Fall sports practices have

begun in the school districts. Norman Brown emailed me that gas prices for regular gas in the City of San Diego range between \$3.99 to \$4.29, depending upon which part of the city you are in.

The Town Historical Societies of Schoharie County and the Schoharie County Historical Society, will present the second of the Sunday Afternoon Parlor Concerts to be held in the newly renovated home of Dr. Jay Dewell and his recent bride Tordis located at 253 North Grand Street in Cobleskill, and is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 starting at 3pm. The event, open to the public, includes an afternoon of classical chamber music by acclaimed musicians, afterconcert refreshments and a tour of the host residence.

The concert will present the Piano Trio of Leo Milman - violin, Linda Magill - cello and Michael Clements - piano performing the Sonata in B minor by Jean Baptiste Loeillet and the Piano Trio in D minor by Mendelssohn.

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I saw Eric, Frank and Brimlow Lorraine Lutheranville at Carolyn Melszers retirement (she was a math teacher at South Kortright school) get-together.

Eric is doing very well. Frank wanted to thank everyone who supported Eric and their family during Eric's rescue from the mountain and rehabilita-

County Historical Society presents its final speaker of the season- 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 De-

partment Support Services 1st Annual Chicken BBQ & Dance at the Summit Fire District Pavilion, Dinner 4pm until Sold Out and DJ Dance 7-11pm.

sary to Matt and Kelly Gaida married 10 years.

Program - Small animal presentation by Kelly Martin at

Brown. They celebrated their 1:30pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Pavilion.

August 25- Farmers Market at the Summit Fire House Pavilion 8-11am.

August 28- Happy anniversary to Larry and Eva Dibble married 58 years.

August 29- Happy birthday

to Mary Jean Fennessey. Happy birthday to Hannah

Fulton

Fran and Don Capelle have been having week long visits with some of their grand children throughout the summer. They had visits from Claire, Audrey and Henry Phillips and Gregory Capelle. **Jefferson**

The Jefferson Central School Board of Education has announced the appointment of Eric Whipple as K-12 Principal.

The Board unanimously approved Whipple's appointment at a special board meeting on August 2. Whipple replaces Jonathan Hillis, who moved to the Marathon Central School earlier this summer. August 28- A Celebration of

Strings featuring Leo Milman at the Maple Museum, 2pm. These events are made pos-

sible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Fund by the Greene County Council on the Arts. For information contact Sue Tricario at (607) 652-3634.

History

August 11, 1904 Jefferson Courier -Prof. Solomon Sias has made

a history of Schoharie County, which has 150 pages and sells for 50 cents. -Jefferson Cornet Band at

picnic Maccabees Charlotteville Aug, Breakabeen farmers picnic Aug. 18 and Odd Fellows picnic at Summit Aug. 23. Anyone with Summit, Charlotteville, Jefferson or

Fulton news (meeting dates, community events or birthdays/anniversaries) contact Cuccinello Karen karenc@midtel.net, 287-1945.

Richmondville

By Rebecca Bilby St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will meet Sunday, August 26 beginning at 11am for a service of Holv Communion. Rev. Jonathan Litzner will lead the service.

St. Paul's Church office is open Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm, 294-6656. Rev. Litzner is in the office

on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm.

The Richmondville area food pantry will be open from 9amnoon on Saturday, August 25. St. Paul's Sunday School will

begin their academic year Sunday, September 9 beginning at 9:30am. St. Paul's annual festival will begin with a food sale and ba-

zaar Saturday, August 25 at 3:30pm. The food sale will include garden produce and homemade food.

A full menu will be available for a freewill offering. Theater Project of Schoharie

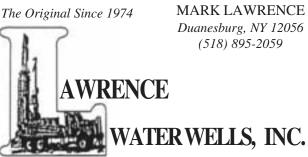
The Theater project of Schoharie County is holding

auditions for "The Wizard of Oz." You can audition September 9 beginning at 1pm and September 10 beginning at 6pm. Meet at Teen Town in Cobleskill. **Richmondville Untied Meth-**

odist Church

Richmondville and East Worcester United Methodist Churches will hold joint 10am Sunday worship service at East Worcester UMC throughout the month of August.

Anyone with Richmondville news can contact Rebecca at rabilby4@yahoo.com.



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NOTICE OF FORMA-TION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Davis Bros Center, LLC. Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/06/12. Òffice 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 20, Carlisle, Route York 12031. Purpose: For any lawpurpose. Gerald Weinberg, PC Attorneys at Law

6Aug22c5 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMA-TION OF LIMITED LIA-COMPANY. BILITY NAME: DESORMEAU AUTO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/17/12. location: Office 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, 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, OF

REFEREE'S SALE NOTICE against -IN FORE-U R L O S Ε LORENZO DIAMOND, a/k/a, 0 R G E DIAMOND, Defendant TAKE PLEASE 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 auction on September 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 premis-

es described in said AND iudgment

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 formerly of Richard Bauers, now of Patricia Canastrao, reputed owner, and by the lands of Helene Andrew Farrell: on the North by the lands formerly of Emma Hughes and the lands of Alexander Kuhn, reputed owner; on the East by the lands forof William Jarkovsky, and by the lands of Bertha Skinner, and on the South by Danforth Avenue, 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 barns. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING to Killian Foland, his heirs and whatever assigns, interest they may have to use the walk leading from Danforth Avenue to the house on the premises formerly owned by Killian Foland, which walk

leads across the prem-

ises hereby conveyed.

Said premises are sold

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premises may be; sub- | the following location | SCHOHARIE 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 by Volans, Referee's Deed dated November 7, 1994 and recordedthe in 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. to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, of record affecting said mortgaged premises any violations thereof, and to zoning regulations and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said mortgaged premises lies and any violations thereof. Dated: July 24, 2012 Richard from DiStefano, Referee MICHAEL L BREEN Attorney for Plaintiff 109-1 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 Law The

The name of the Schoharie will underlimited liability company is: JUSTINE'S OF COBLESKILL, LLC. The Articles of Schoharie is certifying Organization were filed to OCR that the County of Schoharie in the Office of the New York Secretary of State and Alicia Terry in her 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 The served. Secretary may send process to the company at P O Box 882, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The Company is organized to carry on

may be used for this program, and HUD will have satisfied its all lawful activities. 6Sept5c5 responsibilities under LEGAL NOTICE Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other At a session of the centis-said AND PERSONS: authorities. OCR will and Notice of Finding of No accept an objection to PRESENT: HON. Schoharie, State of Significant Impact its approval of the The County of release of funds and CIRCUIT Schoharie gives notice acceptance of the certhat it has been determined that the project described below will bases: a) that the cernot constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, HUD; or b) that appli-County Schoharie has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact the project omitted a Statement under the required finding, or step appli-National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42) USC 4321). County of other specific grounds | Ludington Schoharie is assuming NEPA environmental review responsibilities 24 CFR for this project from the U.S. Department An of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) according to HUD environmental review below and is available and copying, upon regulations at 24 CFR request, during nor-58. Title: Program County Schoharie Objections must be Assistance Blenheim Hill LLC prepared and submit-Location: The Town of ted in accordance with Blenheim, County of the required procedure Schoharie Purpose of Project: To may be addressed to: Matthew aid small businesses Nelson, with equipment pur-President, Office of chases for job creation Community Renewal, \$ 6 0 , 0 0 0 Estimated State Street, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12207 No objection after The reasons for the decision not to prepare September 4, 2012 will such Statement are as follows: The project is considered. Alicia Terry not of sufficient size Certifying Officer July 3. 2012 scale or mass and

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Environmental Review

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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 shall hold its regularly it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: James P. Sauter, Esq., 15 Beekman St., Ste. Beekman St., Ste. 1000, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: any lawful Schoharie Coa c t i v i t y . Office Building. 6Aug29c5

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NOTICE OF SALE cal condition of the mal business hours at SUPREME COURT:

WELLS County TY. and BANK, 276 TRUSTEE FOR Street, OPTION ONE MORT-Schoharie, NY 12157. GAGE LOAN TRUST No further environ-2006-2 ASSET mental review of this BACKED project is proposed to CATES SERIES 2006be conducted, prior to 2, Pltf. vs. LINDA M DOHERTY, Deft. Index funds. #282/11. Pursuant to Written comments on the substance or projudgment of foreclocedure of the environsure and sale dated July 19, 2012, I will mental review will be The sell at public auction NY Secy County of Schoharie at at Schoharie County the following address Courthouse, 290 Main until September 4, St., Schoharie, NY on Sept. 11, 2012 at 9:30 Alicia Terry, Schoharie a.m., prem. k/a 607 County Planning, 276 Enders Ave., Central Bridge, NY. Said prop-Street, Schoharie, NY 12157. erty located in the of Central All such comments so Village received will be con-sidered and The Bridge and Town and County of Schoharie, County of Schoharie State of NY, will not request the Commencing at an release of Federal iron pin in the ground funds or take any along the public highadministrative action way leading on the within project Central Bridges to prior to the expiration Howes Cave, N.Y. and of the comment period about 60 ft. easterly as indicated above. from the end of a stone This notice allows for wall on the SE, corner procedural objections of lands formerly of Office of Patrick Keife's and | Community Renewal | now owned by (OCR) and is separate Newberry; being a plot findings 300 ft. x 60 ft. x 310 ft. notice printed above. x 60 ft.; Also beginning of at an iron pin driven in Schoharie must certi- the ground along the public highway leadfy to OCR that it has Central all from ing requirements of HUD Bridge to Howes Cave environmental review in the division line regulations at 24 CFR between the lands of the parties Part 58, including hereto; receipt of public combeing a plot 310 ft. x 3 ments, before federal ft. Approx. amt. of funds can be released judgment is

and conditions of filed for release of grant judgment and terms of MICHAEL J. SHULTES, Referee. LAW OFFICES OF ALAN WEINREB. PLLC, Attvs. for Pltf. 6800 Jericho Tpke.. Ste. 207W, Syosset, 4Aug29c5

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IN official capacity as THE CIRCUIT COURT Certifying Officer con-FOR accept the COUNTY OF DELTA jurisdiction of the JASON EVERT CLOUSE, PLAINTIFF V Federal courts if an WENDY LOU action is brought to DEFENenforce responsibili-CLOUSE, ties in relation to envi-DANT. FILE NO. 12-2 1 6 5 6 - D M reviews, decision-making, and John M. A. Bergman (P69725) BERGLAW OFFICE action; and that these BERGMAN P.C. responsibilities have The Attorney for the Plaintiffs legal effect of the certification is that upon Ludington Street ste. OCR's approval, funds | 105 Escanaba, MI (906)789 - 6370Wendy L. Clouse In Pro National ORDER FOR SUBSTI-TUTE SERVICE STEPHEN T. DAVIS To the following tification only if it is on Defendant, Wendy L. one of the following Clouse, an action for Divorce has been comtification was not in menced against you by fact executed by the the Plaintiff Jason E. chief executive officer Clouse. Pursuant to or other officer of MCR 2.108(3), you applicant approved by have 28 days from the last of the three weekcant's environmental ly publications of this review to the RROF for order in which to make an answer to the decision, Complaint. A copy of the Complaint may be cable to the project in obtained from environmental Delta County Clerk, at review process, or c) her office at 310 other specific grounds Ludington Street, in HUD regulations at Escanaba, MI 49829 58.75. or from the Attorney Environmental for the Plaintiff. Your Review Record is on Answer must be in file at the address writing and served upon both the County for public examination | Clerk and Attorney for the Plaintiff. If you fail to answer, a default

mal business hours. 276 Main Street, Schoharie, NY 12157 This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Schoharie Times (24 CFR Part 58), and Journal of Cobleskill, This Order also allows for service of process

by first class mail to Hampton Plaza 38-40 the Defendants last known mailing address at P.O. Box 1242 Cooperstown, NY 1 3 3 2 6 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 that GIVEN, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors scheduled meeting for August and September on August 28, 2012, and September 25, 2012, commencing at 5:00pm, at the Office Building, Board Chambers, Schoharie, N Y .

By Order of the Board GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of Fire Commissioners

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 (SSNY) on 08/03/2012. Office Schoharie location: County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 119 Creamery Rd., North Blenheim, NY 12131 Purpose: any lawful activity 6Sept19c5

LEGAL NOTICE State of New York Court Supreme County of Schoharie Trustco Bank, Plaintiff against Thomas C. Hotaling, Jolene Hotaling, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., and John Doe and Jane being fictitious Doe, and intended to be persons, tenants, occupants or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint NOTICÉ Defendants. OF SALE Index No.: 2011-567 RJI No. 47-7625-12 Hon George R. Bartlett, III plus and interest. Mortgaged Premises: Sold subject to terms N. Main St., Schoharie PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in pursuance of the judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made 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 STATE OF MICHIGAN 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

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459 Albany, New York SCHEDULE A: THAT PIECE OR PAR-G н s E Α Schoharie, State of of the Summit Fire New York, more partic-District at its regularly JUDGE ularly described as follows: COMMENCING in the center of the Central Bridge-Howes Cave Road (North Main Street) running thence westerly along the center of said road a distance of approximately 345 feet to an iron pin driven in the ground; thence running northerly in a straight line, along the lands formerly of Stephen A. Sullivan, lution was adopted now C. Katt (L. 348/533) through a subject to a permissive referendum pursuant field, a distance of 185 to Section 6-g of the General Municipal -/- feet to a point known as the corner а 2Aug29c5 line post at the extreme southwesterly NOTICE TO BIDDERS corner of the lands for merly of John Benson TOWN OF MIDDLEthence easterly along BURGH Sealed proposals will the line fence between the lands formerly of be by the Town Clerk, John Benson now Town of Middleburgh, New York, until Howiecki and Clapper 745/241) and 7:30pm on September lands of the Central Bridge Water District (L. 394/776) a distance of 280 +/- feet to a place of beginning, being a triangular

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13, 2012 for a 2013 3/4 Ton Pick-up. We are trading a 2007 3/4 Ton GMC Pick-up with plow, 2500 series. Copies of specifica-tions and bid forms piece of land containing about 0.60 acres, are available to bidless ders on request at the Said premises will be Town Barn, Cotton Hill Road, Middleburgh, sold subject to zoning New York. The 2007 Pick-up truck may be covenants, easements, inspected at the Town conditions, reservations and agreements, Barn by appointment. if any; subject to any Nunamann, Town liens on the premises Superintendent at 5 1 8 - 8 2 7 - 5 3 5 0. that are not extinguished by this fore-The Town Board, Town of Middleburgh, Stockholders be presclosure action; subject to any state of facts as Middleburgh, reserves the right to may appear from an accurate survey; subreject any and all bids.

> 2<u>Aug</u>29c5 NOTICE TOWN OF MIDDLE-BURGH RESIDENTS SPECIAL MEETING The Town Board, Town of Middleburgh, will be holding a Special Meeting on September 6, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall located at 143 Railroad

Dated: August 13,

2012

The purpose of this beater the meeting is to enter into received by the Office, The purpose of this conduct interviews, Schoharie Central hold a budget work- School District, 136

Avenue, Middleburgh,

1. Hyrax 4. Considerateness 8. Expressed pleasure 13. 1896 Ethiopian battle 15. Hawaiian dance 16. Khaki colors 17. Southern soldiers 18. Musician Clapton 19. 58703 ND 20. Letterman's hometown

23. Fr. Riviera resort 24. Wrath 25. Put up with something 27. Divertimento

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Persian dialect Yemen port & gulf Switchboard (abbr.) Invisible emanations Shear

Mexican tortilla dish Highly regarded Said of a city that "rose up" . Turkish district . Of a very dark black . Fall back time Inanely foolish

21. Furnish with help 22. Former Italian monetary units 25. Made public by radio or television 26. Aka sesame Skin infections

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41. Algeria's 2nd largest city

38. Ice hockey goal

39. Lair

42. Buildings

44. Extensive landed property 46. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! 47. Cereal grass spikelet bristles 48. Gives you instant long locks 55. Umbrian industrial city

56. Cheremis language Wm. the Conqueror's burial city 58. Beach (French)

59. 7th Hindu month 60. Tightly curled hairstyle 61 Niches

62. Connects the keel & sternpost 63. Take a seat

CLUES DOWN

30. Ballet dancer impressionist Eve's garden

32 Produced Hiding place for storage A single unit

38. Napoleon's birthplace 40. Daily journals 43. Hanging threads edging

A canvas canopy
Central nervous system Nest of an eagle

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51. A piece of work 52. Clods 53. St. Philip, Patron of Rome

Arrogant & annoying person Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

SOLUTION TO AUGUST 15 PUZZLE



shop and to address Academy Drive,

any and all other Town scheduled meeting on business that may NY 12157. August 13, 2012, come before them. passed a resolution to Dated: August 13, transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from their Aug22c5 General Fund Reserve LEGAL NOTICE Account to its Building COBLESKILL GOLF operating fund for the AND COUNTRY CLUB. purposes of partially paying for the continu-INC. COBLESKILL, NEW YORK ing construction o additional bay space, To the stockholders of community room and the Cobleskill Golf and office to the existing fire house. This reso-

Country Club, Inc. In accordance with Article 2, Section 1, of the Bylaws of Country Club, Inc. as amended in 1931, and August 27, 2012 at the town Cobleskill Golf and TON Town Board will 2010, the Annual hall located at 1168 Meeting of the corporation will be held at the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club in Cobleskill, New York Wednesday evening, September 12, 2012 at eight

oclock. The purpose of | the this meeting is for the election of three directors, reports of officers and the Board of Directors and such other business as may properly come before this meeting. Stockholders who find it impossible to be present at the meeting should fill out the Proxy and mail it to the secretary as follows: Ms. Nancy Van Deusen, 163 Elm Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043. It is important the ent at the meeting at which time the Annual Reports of your Officers and Board of Directors will be made.

> Cobleskill Golf and Country Club, Inc. Nancy Van Deusen, Secretary 2Aug29c5

LEGAL NOTICE

BID # 2012-13-05 HEATING OIL Schoharie Central School District is requesting bids for heating oil during the 2012-13 school year. Sealed bids are to be

Box 430, Schoharie The bid opening will occur in the Business Office at 2:30pm Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Bid specifications are available upon request by call-518-295-6673. ing

Faxed or emailed bids Dated: August 16, Aug22c5

LEGAL NOTICE The TOWN OF FUL Bear Ladder Road. The purpose of the said meeting is to hear from Attorney David Slottie on the subject of hydrofracking. And any other business that may come before board.

By Order of the Fulton Town Board Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth A. Coons, Town Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board for the Town of Sharon will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 6:45pm in the Library Community Room 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY, the purpose of which is the consideration by the Town of Sharon Local Law #2 of 2012 entitled: TOWN OF SHARON

Town Clerk Town of Sharon 2Aug29c5

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING W This Local Law will repeal and replace in

its entirety the Town of Sharon Land Use Code dated June 20, 2006. A full draft of this local law can be reviewed by contacting the Town Clerk, during regular business hours. Barbara Cousineau,

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given that the refunding bond resolution summarized and published herewith has been adopted by the Board of Education of the C o b l e s k i l l -Richmondville Central School District, Schoharie, Montgomery, Otsego Counties, New York, on August 20, 2012 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such refunding bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if: (1)a. such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money or; b. if the provisions of which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit, or proceeding such contesting validity is com-menced within twencomty days after the date of publication of this notice; or (2) such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of York. SUMMARY REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION The following is a summary of the resolution adopted by the Board of Education the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District, C. Montgomery, and Counties, District, Schoharie, York New (The District) on August 20, 2012. Such resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of up to \$12,500,000 of refunding bonds of District (the

District Refunding Bonds) in a pooled refunding bond program currently being structured and implemented by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) pursuant to which the District will refinance certain long term obligations of the District that are currently outstanding in amount approximately \$11.899.000 (in order to allow the District to realize future debt service savings and avoid future additional costs to the District). The proceeds from sale of the Refunding Bonds shall be used

for the specific pur-

of refunding (ie refinancing) certain long term bonds of the District that were originally issued to DASNY in November of 2002 The Refunding Bonds are being issued accordance with the terms of a refunding financial plan that is incorporated in the adopted resolution Refunding (the Financial Plan). Copies of the resolusummarized herein and Refunding Financial Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the District Clerk. Cobleskill-Richmond ville Central School District, 155 Washington Avenue, Cobleskill, New York. Terry Gillooley, District Clerk

> NOTICE TO **BIDDERS**

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Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids will be received undersigned for sale to the County of Schoharie for the foll o w i n g : Flat Creek at Valenti Roads Debris Placing Removal, Stream back into Original Channel. Repairs to Concrete Culvert. Box The bidding documents may obtained at the offices of the undersigned between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday. All bids when presented to said office shall be in sealed envelopes and plainly marked on the face the item(s) being bid, to the Commissioner of Public Works. County of Schoharie, PO Box Schoharie, New York 2 1 5 Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned not later than 10:00am, September 4, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:00am at the Office County Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room. The bid documents may be examined at the office of the following: Schoharie County Department of Public Works, Highway Building, 393 Main

Street, Schoharie, NY

The right is reserved

the County

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Dan R. Crandell, PE Commissioner of Public Works PO Box 249 393 Main Street Schoharie, NY 12157 Dated: August 17, 2012

TOWN OF GILBOA LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Town of Gilboa will accept

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bids for the following: new roof on Post Office/Town Building (specifications available by mail or in person at the Town Clerk of f i c e) Town Clerks The Town Board will meet in the Gilboa Town Hall, State Rte 990V, Gilboa, New York on September 10, 2012 at 7:00pm to publicly open and read all bids submitted. Bids must be submitted at Town Board meeting or by mail to: Town of Gilboa, PO Box 187, Gilboa, NY 12076 with sealed bid for Office/Town Post Hall Building Roof marked clearly on

By Order of the Gilboa Town Board Mary C. Wyckoff Town Clerk Aug22c5

Board has the right

to reject any or all

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envelope.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING given that the Village Richmondville Board of Trustees will hold a special Tuesday, meeting August 28, beginning at 7pm at the Municpal Building, 295 Main Street, Richmondville, NY. Primary purpose for this meeting will be to discuss the ION project agreement, draft personnel policies and such other business as may before come the d Cathie Ryder Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICE Republican Caucus in Town of Gilboa for

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Councilman September 5 at 7pm at the Gilboa Town 2Aug29c5

NOTICE OF ORGA-NIZATION OF APPLE BARREL CAFE, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company 1. The name of the limited liability com-

pany is: Apple Barrel Cafe, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State on August 15, 2012. 3. The office is to be located in the County

Schoharie.

The Secretary of State of New York State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company, upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary may send process to the company at PO Box 250, 115 State Route 30A, Schoharie, NY 5 7 The Company is

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Aug22c5

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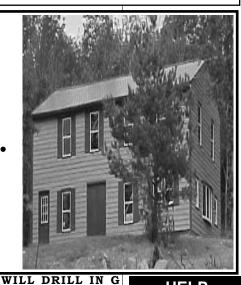
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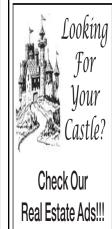
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