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Lucky '13

The class of 2013 got a fine send-off at schools around the Times-Journal area over the weekend. Above, Maria Ruffino, Cassie Sklenka and Grace Harrington fuss over Robert Rundblad's cap and gown before Worcester's ceremony Sunday. At left, Sharon Springs grad Brandon Garcia-Smith proudly displays his diploma. And below, Cobleskill-Richmondville salutatorian Erika Ackerman receives her medal from Assistant High School Principal Casey Bardin.—Photos by Dick Danielsen, Patsy Nicosia and Jim Poole.



Long House still hoping Guilford is brewery site

By Patsy Nicosia

Butternuts Brewery is still optimistic it'll be able to find a way to open its microbrewery in the former Guilford Mills, Long House Holdings' John Lorence told the Village of Cobleskill last Tuesday.

Mr. Lorence updated Mayor Mark Galasso and trustees on the project, in the works since 2011, when it replaced Intelligent Fish as the best bet for the long-closed textile plant.

Long House has rewritten its business plan, Mr. Lorence said, and has been working with DEC and Schoharie County Planning & Development to move the project along.

Schoharie County still owns the building; Long House is seeking investors and funding to purchase and renovate it.

Mr. Lorence said there have been a few leads on possible other tenants, who would lease space from Long House, including one he characterized as a large retailer.

That retailer would want to be able to move in by August 1, Mr. Lorence said—an ambitious goal since there's still no electrical service there.

"We need funding to bring the leaseable portion of the building [up to code]," he said, and they've been meeting with National Grid in an effort to understand the best way to restore power service there.

The roof also needs to be replaced, Mr. Lorence said, adding, "We haven't slowed down a bit. We're still making progress and we're still actively pursuing every possible angle [for funding] that we can possibly pursue."

Mr. Lorence said the de-

mand for craft beer is only growing—as are Butternuts' plans.

Initially, he said, they were looking to produce 20,000 gallons of beer annually.

Now, they're looking at 100,000 barrels a year.

"Instead of starting at 20,000 and having to expand, expand, expand, we're looking to jump right to 100,000," he said. "We want to take that first bigger step and make it work for everybody."

Long House is looking for a \$15 million investment in the brewery—not including repairs at Guilford—Mr. Lorence said.

Friday, the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors voted against backing a second mortgage for the project. (See related story.)

Long House reps had asked to be on the agenda for the meeting, but didn't attend.

M'burgh FD notes 125th

Members of the Middleburgh Fire Department will celebrate the 125th birthday of the department with a parade, kids' games, music and fireworks Saturday.

The parade, which will include more than 40 units, kicks off at 11am and will travel from the elementary school, down Main Street to Scribner Avenue. The parade line-up will begin at 10am.

Other events on the day include:

- Kids' activities including a bouncy house, balloon art, face painting and a dancing character, from noon to 6pm at the fire house.
- The band Skeeter Creek at 7pm and following the fireworks, also at the fire house.
- Fireworks at 9pm behind the high school. Vehicles should enter at Baker Avenue.
- Miller's Bar-B-Que will be selling meals throughout the day at the fire house.
- The Rotary will be selling food at the fire house for dinner.

Beer deal may go flat

Supers nix 2nd mortgage for Guilford

By David Avitabile

The chances of Butternuts Beer and Ale buying the former Guilford Mills plant grew a little dimmer Friday afternoon.

Schoharie County supervisors agreed not to hold a second mortgage for the Otsego County brewery. Two months ago, supervisors put an October 15 deadline on the purchase of the Cobleskill plant but never formally decided on a second mortgage until Friday.

Butternuts is attempting to secure \$1.2 million in funding, possibly through Key Bank, to repair one building at the complex to allow Wal-Mart distribution center to use it from August 1 through December 31. Butternuts officials are hoping that the county would hold the second mortgage for the entire \$2.5 million purchase price, according to Alicia Terry, the director of the county's planning department.

The sale of the plant for \$2.5 million to the brewery is not dead, but has been wounded, according to Ms. Terry.

"It hasn't killed it yet, but it definitely hurt it and made it more challenging."

John Lorence of the real estate firm handling the sale for Butternuts echoed the sentiment Monday.

"It would have been helpful," if the county board had agreed to hold a second mortgage, Mr. Lorence admitted Monday afternoon.

Company representatives will still seek funding sources and hope to close the deal by the fall deadline, he added. "Our position hasn't changed."

The October 15 deadline is still doable, he said.

"We're doing everything in

our power to make that happen...We're just going to keep pushing along."

Wal-Mart has signed a letter of intent to lease the middle building in the complex, and the \$1.2 million would be used to repair the roof, lighting and a sprinkler system, Ms. Terry added.

The timing of the board's decision Friday "makes it tight" for that to happen, she said.

Mr. Lorence was on the meeting's original agenda and was scheduled to address supervisors but decided not to come to the meeting and instead continue to seek alternate funding, Ms. Terry told supervisors.

The company, sensing the sentiments of board members, is no longer seeking a second mortgage and that is "off the table," Ms. Terry informed supervisors Friday afternoon.

Supervisors who favored a second mortgage argued that the risk was worth it and pointed to the number of jobs that could be created in the plant, which has been mostly vacant for almost 12 years.

Supervisors against offering a second mortgage stated that, if the business failed, the county would have to pay at least \$1.2 million to get back the building it owns now.

The deal "has so many holes in it since it started," stated Carl Barbic of Seward.

"It's unbelievable. I wouldn't do it."

He said he has not seen anything yet that shows him the business would be a success.

"It's totally unfair to the people [of the county]."

Gene Milone of Schoharie also opposed offering a second mortgage.

He told supervisors that he

was "vehemently opposed to a second mortgage to Butternuts. It would be a very poor investment. We're at total risk, extreme risk."

Mr. Milone's argument angered Cobleskill Supervisor Tom Murray.

"Gene, you're way off base," Mr. Murray began.

"This could be the best investment this county ever made, especially in jobs."

"I'd be willing to take the risk," Bob Mann of Blenheim added.

Once Butternuts gets funding for the \$1.2 million and begins fixing up the buildings, it will increase the value of the property, he argued.

"If we don't do this and the venture fails, we run the risk of starting all over again," Mr. Mann said.

Anne Batz of Broome noted, "We take risks everyday. The risk we're taking is way less than if we turn it down."

Dan Singletary of Jefferson added, "This is a no-brainer. What is it worth to bring jobs to our county? What risk is there?"

The county would go from having a worthless building to a viable one.

"We have it right in our hands—the opportunity to create jobs," Mr. Singletary continued.

Ms. Batz, Mr. Mann, Mr. Murray, Mr. Singletary and Harold Vroman of Summit all voted in favor of offering Butternuts a second mortgage.

Ms. Terry noted Monday that the county has already agreed to hold the mortgage for Butternuts.

Her office will continue to work full bore to make the sale happen, she said.



Sarah & the Stones

The Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger belts out the classic "You Can't Always Get What You Want" as 2005 Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate Sarah Zenir, with long blond hair directly left, looks on. Ms. Zenir is a member of the Marsh Chapel Choir, which joined the legendary rock band for the song in two Boston concerts. Story, more photos on page 23.



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Obituaries

Walter Knopka

Walter E. "Wally" Knopka, 89, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

Born in Utica, he was the son of the late Frank and Bertha Knopka.

Wally resided in Colonie for most of his life. He served his country during World War II in the US Navy. Wally ran his own construction business before working for the Ann Lee Home in Colonie from where he retired.

He was a life member of the Albany County Fish & Game Club and a member of the Fuller Road Fire Dept. Wally enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling and feeding the chipmunks. One of his greatest accomplishments was his koi pond that he took great pride in.

Wally was the beloved husband of the late Helen "Dutchess" Knopka for fifty years until her passing in 2000. He is the devoted father of Bruce (Cherie) Knopka of New Hampshire, Galemarie (Richard) Ribet of Colonie and Kim (John) Papp of Sharon Springs.

He is the loving brother of Frank Knopka, Barb "The Warden" (Bob) Raacke and the late Bernie Knopka and Joan Money.

Wally is the cherished grandfather of Jenny, Richie "Doc", Julie "The Animal", Kevin, Jeremy, Jordan, Nicole and Paul Michael. Also surviving are his great-grandchildren and special caretakers and stealers of the M&M's, Joshua, Benny and Izabella "Gabby" as well as five additional great-grandchildren.

Wally will also be missed by his close friends, Mike Carey and Chester Vigars.

Wally's family would like to

thank Dr. Tai and the staff at NYOH of Rexford for their care and support and Donna, Sue, Michele, Heidi and Hope at the Ellis Health Infusion Center for their care and support and always having his room ready for him.

Funeral services will be Wednesday morning at 9am at New Comer Cannon Funeral Home, 343 New Karner Road, Colonie (Route 155-south of Central Ave).

Interment will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Red Cross, 33 Everett Road, Albany, NY 12208 in memory of Walter E. Knopka.

To leave a special message online, visit www.NewcomerAlbany.com.

Samuel Crewell

Samuel F. Crewell, 76, of Schoharie, died Friday, June 21, 2013.

A funeral service was held on June 25 at Palmer & Shaylor Funeral Home; burial with military honors was in Unadilla Forks Cemetery.

For further information visit our website www.palmer-shaylorfuneralhome.com.

David Ovitt

David H. Ovitt, Sr., 56, of Blenheim, died Friday, June 21, 2013 at his residence.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 24, at Palmer & Shaylor Funeral Home, Middleburgh with burial in Riverview Cemetery, Blenheim.

For further information visit our website www.palmer-shaylorfuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory of My Dear Husband **Philip Bishop** who passed away 35 years ago June 26, 1978

Summer is here making it 35 years That God called you home, dear. Gone are the days we used to share, But in my heart you are always there. Your hand I cannot touch but I can treasure Memories of you dear husband who I love So much. Memories are treasures lasting forever. I will miss you always, forgetting you never, Your memory is my keepsake With which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping I have you forever in my heart. So God please take this message to my loved one up above. Tell him how much I miss him and give him all my love.

Rose Bishop

Christopher Morey "MacGyver"

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Different 3 in race for sheriff

Travis, Ethington challenging Desmond in November balloting

By Jim Poole

Schoharie County will have a three-way race for sheriff in November.

Republicans nominated incumbent Tony Desmond, Democrats picked Cobleskill Police Chief Larry Travis and Conservatives tabbed sheriff's deputy Todd Ethington in caucuses over the past several weeks.

Sheriff Desmond, Mr. Ethington and fellow deputy Duane Tillapaugh announced candidacies in April. After the caucuses, Mr. Tillapaugh said he wouldn't pursue a nomination.

Now finishing his first four-

year term, Sheriff Desmond ran as an Independent on the Democratic line in 2009. He registered as a Republican to gain the GOP line this time.

For the switch, Democratic Party Chairman Cliff Hay labeled Sheriff Desmond an "opportunist."

"In my opinion—and it's only my opinion—he's an opportunist," Mr. Hay said. "Whatever opportunity opens up, he'll go."

Sheriff Desmond laughed at Mr. Hay's reaction.

"I guess he's correct," Sheriff Desmond said. "Some people felt I'd be better running as a Republican."

Republican Party Chairman

Lew Wilson felt the same.

"We're very pleased Tony's going to be representing the Republican Party," Mr. Wilson said.

"It's a three-way race and it should be an interesting race, but I think we're in good shape."

Sheriff Desmond was a Republican when he was Sharon supervisor, then became an Independent for the 2009 sheriff's race.

Before that, Sheriff Desmond had a long career as a State Police trooper and BCI investigator.

Sheriff Desmond's decision also affected Chief Travis, a

longtime Democrat.

"That opened up an opportunity for me when he did [switch]," he said.

Chief Travis has 22 years in law enforcement, including nine as a sergeant and three as a chief on the Cobleskill force.

"I believe it's a great opportunity," he said. "With my experience and qualifications, I think I can make a positive difference."

Mr. Hay agreed. "He's done a fantastic job in Cobleskill. . . Cobleskill has a very low crime rate," Mr. Hay said.

"He's well-qualified as chief of the largest police force in the

county, outside of the Sheriff's Office."

Holding the Conservative line, Mr. Ethington—or "Sheriff Todd," as his numerous lawn signs state—is optimistic about a three-man race.

"I made a promise to a lot of people that I'd run," he said. "Regardless of the party line,

I'm doing it for them.

"I think people get too concerned about the party line. It's not about the line, it's about the best person for the job."

Mr. Tillapaugh said he would neither seek another party line nor try to force a primary.

Neighbors rip Schoharie project

By David Avitabile

Neighbors of the proposed Schoharie senior housing project Monday flooded village planning board members with concerns about the complex.

Most of the dozen or so speakers at the public hearing were against constructing the three-building, 72-unit project on south Main Street. A handful of residents did favor the project citing growth for the flood-ravaged community.

The neighbors of the proposed complex, though, said the project would just make a bad situation worse and pointed to the June 14 flash flood as an example.

Paul Brady, who lives on Hilgert Parkway and who has Spring Brook in his backyard, scoffed at claims that the project would have a negligible impact on storm water runoff.

Storm waters on June 14 were rushing over the wall in his backyard and there was three feet of water around his house.

Adding any storm water to the brook would make it worse.

"I cannot live like this knowing that there is that potential every time it rains."

Julie Cross, who lives across the street from the proposed project, was even more adamant.

"All of Schoharie is wetlands," she argued, noting that her family had standing water in their yard for a week after the June 14 storm.

"If this goes through, I don't believe in this village any more."

Though the project developers claim it would be a boom to the local economy, Ms. Cross does not see it. The residents will not be shopping in downtown Schoharie but will be taking a bus to Cobleskill.

"Where is the benefit here? Where is the growth?"

There are several reasons to oppose this project, she added.

"This is a safety issue, this is a water issue. It's shameful. This is ridiculous..."

"This was not here before and we don't want it now, not there."

Ken Cross said the flooding and drainage problems on south Main Street have not been addressed "yet we're going to add more, another thing we have to worry about."

The project does not address the correct needs for Schoharie, he continued.

"We don't need more senior housing in Schoharie."

The village, he added, needs more housing for younger people who will revitalize the fire department and ambulance squad.

"I beg you, like you begged us to stay...listen to us."

Project neighbor Arlene Vrooman continued to speak against the proposal.

"Have any of you been in this village when we've had a storm," she asked of the developers for the project.

During the June 14 storm "water was shooting off the cliff" near her home.

Evacuating so many people will be difficult, she noted.

"How would you have gotten them out of there on Friday...Every road into this village was closed...There is no way to get out of here when the water comes down."

Businesses are needed in Schoharie, not senior housing, Ms. Vrooman argued.

"Your priorities are mixed up," she said noting the empty storefronts on Main Street.

The seniors will not walk downtown to shop.

"We need young people."

Jason Ballard, citing the comprehensive plan, said the population of Schoharie is already older than most of the county.

Also, he added, the project does not fit with the historical

character of the area.

The smaller buildings in the front "won't hide the fortress in the back."

He was also concerned about the drainage issues.

"Any drop off that site is going to make a bad situation worse."

A few speakers did cite the benefits that the project would bring.

The board of the Schoharie Promotional Association is in favor of the project, according to Darlene Patterson, president of the association.

"We'd hate to see this opportunity leave our area and go to neighboring towns."

The planning board, said Diana Bell-Jackson, would not allow anything that would hurt

the village.

"If it's not going to hurt us, we should support it."

Assemblyman Pete Lopez said the project could be an example of how to responsibly develop in the floodplain.

The public hearing will remain open and comments will be accepted by the planning board through July 8, according to Dusty Putnam.

The board will continue to meet on Monday nights and a decision will be made within 62 days, she added.

Engineers and the developers of the project, Birchez Associates of Kingston and Omni Housing Development of Albany, gave the 30 or so people at the hearing an overview of the proposal.

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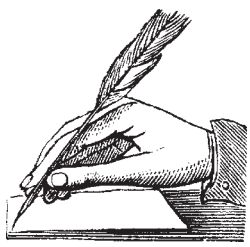
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Letters

Nied's charge is absurd

Dear Editor,
I would like to address the importance of the Constitution Pipeline which was the subject of last week's Times Journal front page article.

It will provide clean burning, low cost energy to approximately three million homes, create thousands of jobs and generate millions in sales, income and property tax. Schoharie County alone will benefit from approximately \$4.4 million in annual property taxes, which will help alleviate some of the tax burden faced by taxpayers of one of the highest ranked median property tax rate counties in the United States.

The risks, while always a factor, are mitigated by environmental studies, permits, surveys and appropriate scheduling of work. Most people would be surprised to learn how much data needs to be collected and reviewed, forms filed, permits applied for, meetings attended and hearings held to start a project of such magnitude.

In other words, no stone is left unturned before, during and after the project begins.

Visit Constitution-pipeline.com and tax-rates.org to expand on the facts listed above. There is a lot of great information on those sites.

I also feel it is necessary to correct points made by Bob Nied in the same article.

There should be no issue with the materials and equipment for the project being stored on someone's private property for economic gain or any other reason as long as no laws are being broken. It is one of the tenets of living in a free country with a capitalist economy.

There should be no issue with Mark Galasso, Mayor of the Village of Cobleskill, a volunteer, supporting a project that he deems positive to the economic growth of the county and state. Since the pipeline will not run through the village, Mr. Nied's accusation of a "conflict of interest" is not only baseless, it is absurd.

Lastly, I think Mr. Nied should apologize for calling Mr. Galasso a bad neighbor.

Do you think that providing jobs for hundreds of people, paying taxes, supporting numerous charities and donating time as mayor makes one a bad neighbor? Not to mention that his company opened their doors to the Schoharie County Department of Motor Vehicles after being flooded by hurricane Irene by setting up office space for them to conduct DMV business for the past year and a half at no charge to the County. Bad neighbor?

So make sure to educate yourself with the facts about the pipeline, good and bad before making a decision. Contact your state senator, assemblymen and Governor Cuomo with your thoughts and concerns as well as the Constitution Pipeline Company, whose number and e-mail may be found on the web address above.

Although I work for

Lancaster Development, I am writing as a citizen who is concerned with out economy and frustrated by some people's need to make false statements.

As for Mr. Nied's fear about not wanting the pipeline equipment stored on Mr. Galasso's property, he could place a higher counteroffer to offset the lost revenue.

If it is truly that important to Mr. Nied, let him put his money where his mouth is rather than asking Mr. Galasso or anyone else to pay for his desires. You have to love Capitalism.

Debra Stolar
Cobleskill

He'll pay the tax bill

Dear Editor,
In the June 19 edition of the Times-Journal, Mark Galasso, mayor of Cobleskill and a principal in Lancaster Development, stated that he was renting property his company owns in the Town of Richmondville to Constitution Pipeline Company to be used as a staging area so he can "pay his taxes."

Mr. Galasso has made two recent requests of me in the press. The first (see the June 14 edition of the Oneonta Daily Star) was a rather crude one which I will ignore (and assume it was suggested by Mr. Galasso during a momentary lapse in judgment and loss of decorum).

But I am willing to take him up on the second.

If Mr. Galasso agrees to cancel any and all agreements he may have with Constitution and to agree in writing not to allow property he owns to be used to support construction of the Constitution Pipeline, I will agree to organize and host a series of fundraisers with all proceeds going to help pay Mr. Galasso's taxes on the piece of property in question in the Town of Richmondville.

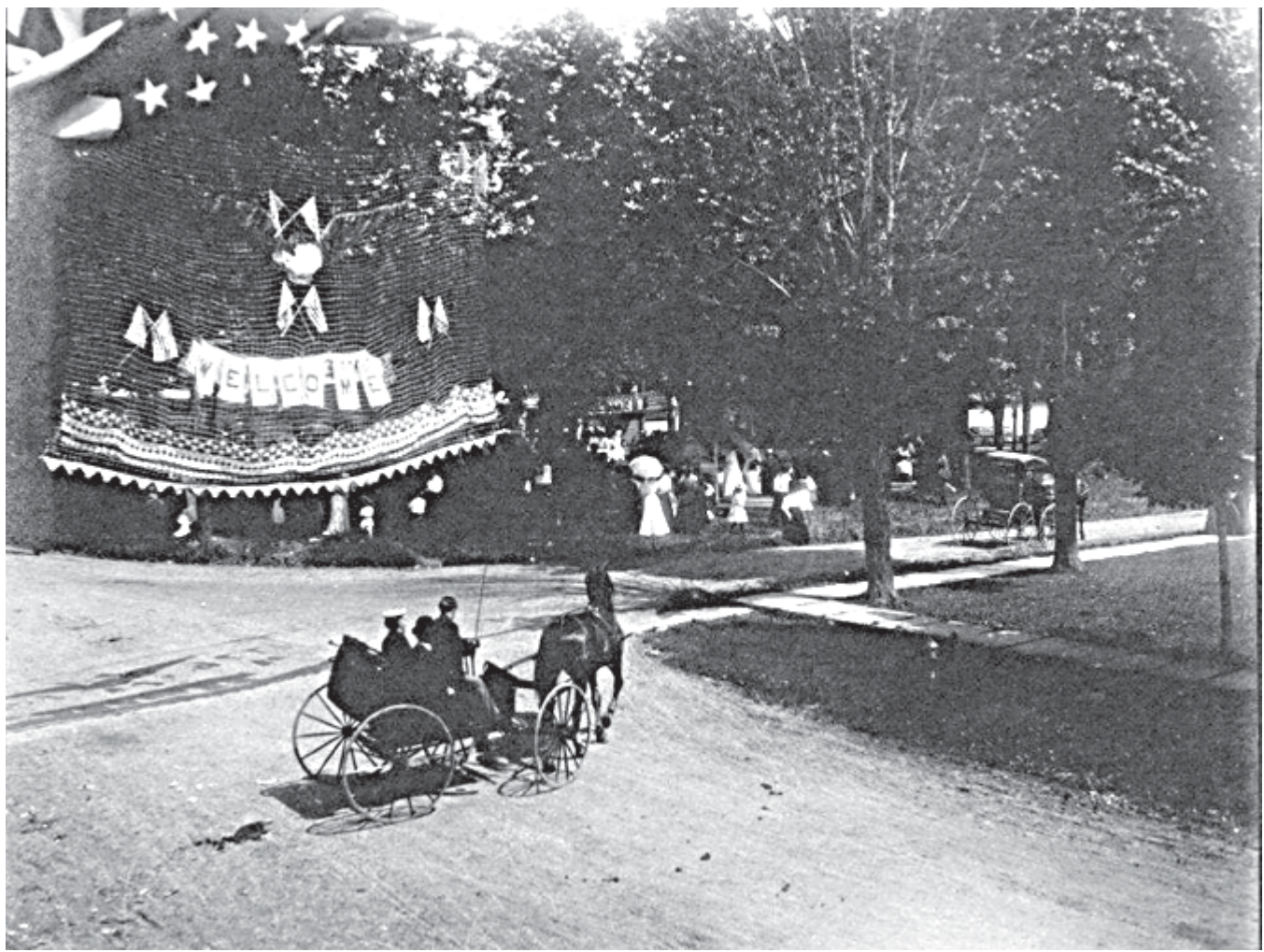
Such an agreement would be a win for everyone.

Mr. Galasso would not have to dip into the profits of his multi-million dollar construction company to pay his property taxes and avoids supporting a project that Richmondville, his host community, unanimously opposed by formal resolution.

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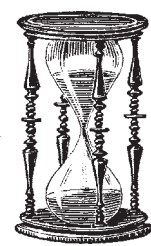
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Richmondville

More letters on next page.



Karen Cuccinello, our Summit writer, submitted this photo from the Sigrid Ericson Woods album. Ms.

Cuccinello believes it shows an event in Jefferson about 1900. Does anyone have any clues about the date or the event?



Times Past

60 Years Ago June 23, 1953

Miss Elsie Kodra has resigned her position at Schoharie County Cooperative Dairies, Inc. and is now employed at Kaus Buick Company in Cobleskill.

Heavy winds blew down a tool shed and moved another barn off its foundation at the Herman Wilday farm at Mineral Springs.

The Imperial and Inhalation bath houses in Sharon Springs are now open for the summer.

At the close of the school term, Mrs. Hazel Haskins, teacher of the Old Central Bridge school, has announced that Philip Ottman and Richard Young maintained perfect attendance during the year.

Frank Mabie is spending a few days in Walton where he is attending the graduation exercises of his fiancée, Miss Katherine Rosecrans.

Miss Rita Crapser of Gardnersville and Gustave Christman of Duanesburg were united in marriage at Zion Lutheran Church in Seward on June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Silvernail of Gardnersville and Miss Ella Eldridge spent Sunday in Syracuse.

Officers elected at the Schoharie County FFA association meeting were: President, William Schultze, Richmondville; vice president, Red Crommie, Cobleskill; secretary, Duncan Bellingier, Schoharie; treasurer, Maurice Mercer, Middleburgh; reporter, John White, Middleburgh; sentinel, Denver Lee, Schoharie.

Mrs. Frank Chichester of Middleburgh, Mrs. William Crapser and daughter, Virginia, of Richmondville and Mrs. Herman Shafer of Cobleskill were Schenectady visitors Wednesday.

The Cheerio class of the Cobleskill Methodist Church will enjoy a picnic tomorrow at the Leland Jones camp at Summit.

The George E. Hanes house

in Fultonham is again open for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitbeck of Sharon Springs wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Jean, to Howard Lester Sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sergeant of Cooperstown.

Col. Ralph B. Parrott was host for the Schoharie Valley Garden Club last week to visit his rose garden at the Scranton-Parrott home.

Crewmen from the telephone company have been busy installing dial telephones throughout Guinea.

Mrs. Grace Foss of Lykers was a Wednesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crockett in Dwelley's Corners.

The boys of Sharon Springs Central School voted Betty Shilde as the girl they would most favor as a sister and the girls voted Wesley Ullman as most favorite type of brother. The awards and \$10 prize were presented by Principal Avery DeLuca.

Cheryl Collins of Gardnersville spent Sunday and Monday in Dorloo with Donna Jean Davis.

25 Years Ago June 29, 1988

Deborah Lynn Brown of Central Bridge and Edward Russo of Schenectady were married on June 4 at Weostina Reformed Church in Rotterdam Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bogardus of Schoharie became the parents of Eric James on June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dewell of North Blenheim saw Helen and Clayton Ash at the Turtle Rock Café on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bratt and son, James Strasser, attended the orientation at RPI.

Mrs. Gary McCoy, Huntersland, attended a bridal shower for Christine Cain in Teter Hall, Livingstonville.

Rodney and Tina Brooker of Lawyersville have announced the birth of their son, Chad Ivan, on May 30.

The McGuires of Dorloo

were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bowers of Cobleskill. Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. McGuire are sisters.

Mrs. George Lawton and daughter, Julie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Borst in Carlisle on Sunday afternoon.

Robert and Jean Flint of Summit enjoyed a visit from their son Charles, daughter-in-law Beth and 13-month-old granddaughter, Katie, from Ohio.

Mrs. Herman Forsell of Gilboa attended a surprise birthday party for her sister, Julia Mann, at the home of Julia's daughter, Joan Nunamann, in Middleburgh.

Several from our neighborhood in Gilboa attended the farm auction of Daniel Hotaling, Bush Road.

Lorraine and Fred Voss of West Hill Road, Worcester, recently returned from a trip to Nova Scotia.

The Holliday family of Richmondville enjoyed a backyard picnic featuring heated horse shoe competitions.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Krause of Warnerville celebrated both their 50th wedding anniversary and Mr. Krause's birthday with a June 23 party.

10 Years Ago June 25, 2003

Debby and Sean Byrne have opened the new Sweet Thyme

Café on Main Street, Schoharie.

Sixth grader Aaron Gonzalez has been crowned the new chess champion at Schoharie elementary school.

Lee and Margaret Madden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given by their children at the Charlottesville Fire House.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robinson of Schoharie announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Denise to Todd Whittaker, son of Cheryl and late Raymond Whittaker of Cobleskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latavec have returned home to Worcester after spending two months visiting their son Daniel and daughter-in-law Carolen and their four boys in Mesa, Arizona.

Doris Crapser was surprised with an 80th birthday party at Howe Caverns Restaurant.

Diane and AJ Riordan of Gilboa announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jay Thomas, on June 12.

Carlton and Paul Hallock of Gilboa attended the annual Hall of Fame Game at Cooperstown.

Minnie and Don Hotaling enjoyed their visit at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sokol on Freeman Hill Road.

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Police Blotter

Sunday, June 23
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested James A. Tompkins, 24, of Fort Plain on charges of misapplication of property. He was arraigned and released to return to court on July 2.

Saturday, June 22
The Sheriff's office arrested Sonia S. Koenig, 44, of Richmondville on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to keep right after a vehicle stop on Route 10 in Summit. She was issued tickets and released to return to court on July 11.

The Cobleskill Village Police

arrested Marcus J. Bellinger, 22, of Sharon Springs on charges of second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation. He was arraigned and released to return to court on June 25.

Friday, June 21
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Keely M. Twedt, 41, of Sharon Springs on charges of petty larceny. She was issued an appearance ticket and released to return to court on July 9.

Thursday, June 20
The Sheriff's office arrested Roberto Hamm, 41, of Sharon Springs on charges of fourth-degree grand larceny after an

investigation into an alleged credit card theft. He was arraigned and released on his own recognizance to return to Schoharie village court on July 1.

Wednesday, June 19
The Sheriff's office arrested Terri L. Brown, 48, of Mechanicville on a warrant on charges of second-degree aggravated harassment. She was arraigned and released to return to Esperance court on June 26. The Mechanicville Police Department assisted in the arrest.

The Sheriff's office arrested

Tyson C. Manzollito, 25, of Cobleskill on charges of trespass. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to Seward court on July 10.

Tuesday, June 18
No one was injured when a GTI Transport tractor-trailer out of West Bloomfield, Michigan that was hauling crushed plastic lost its brakes coming down Sloansville hill on Route 30A and flipped over onto its side, according to the Schoharie County Sheriff's office. The truck driver was attempting to avoid a car going through the intersection when it rolled onto its right side and

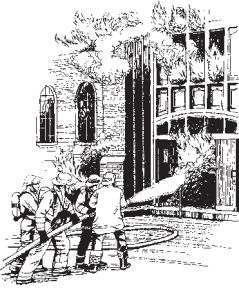
struck a sign post. The driver declined medical treatment at the scene, according to police. He was issued several traffic tickets and is to return to Esperance court on July 17.

Monday, June 17
The Cobleskill Village Police arrested Joseph Guarneri, 48, of Richmondville on charges of petty larceny. He was arraigned and released to return to court on July 2.

He was later arrested on a parole warrant and was sent to jail without bail, according to police.

Tuesday, May 28
The Cobleskill State Police arrested Walter J. Fahrenkopf, 29, of Cobleskill on charges of fourth-degree criminal mischief after he allegedly cut the padlock off a storage unit causing damage. He was issued an appearance ticket to return to Middleburgh town court on June 26.

Sunday, May 26
The Cobleskill State Police issued a criminal summons to Lance Shaver, 37, of Richmondville on charges of second-degree harassment after he allegedly verbally threatened to kill his former girlfriend. He is to return to Sharon town court on June 13.



Fire Log

Fire logs for the week of June 16-23.

Sunday, June 16
Gallupville, MVA, time out 09:39, time in 11:39. Gallupville, structure fire, time out 18:04, time in 21:36. Schoharie, Berne, FAST Team and fire investigators, mutual aid to Gallupville. Central Bridge, stand by for Schoharie, time out 18:04, time in 19:39.

Monday, June 17
Richmondville, structure fire, time out 05:32, time in 07:54. Cobleskill, Summit, and fire investigators, mutual aid to Richmondville. Central Bridge, MVA, time out 10:47, time in 12:04. Cobleskill, MVA, time out 13:11, time in 13:50. Richmondville, MVA, time out 13:17, time in 14:12.

Tuesday, June 18
Schoharie, fire alarm activa-

tion, time out 12:14, time in 12:29. Central Bridge, MVA, time out 18:35, time in 00:36. Schoharie, MVA, time out 19:30, time in 19:59.

Wednesday, June 19
Cobleskill, MVA, time out 17:35, time in 18:54.

Thursday, June 20
Schoharie, fire alarm activation, time out 07:58, time in 08:23. Sharon Springs, vehicle fire, time out 19:30, time in 20:04. Livingstonville, MVA, time out 19:47, time in 20:57.

Friday, June 21
Central Bridge, vehicle fire, time out 10:35, time in 11:14.

Saturday, June 22
Central Bridge, lift assist, time out 07:15, time in 08:34. Summit MVA, time out 10:41, time in 12:08. Jefferson, fire alarm activation, time out 15:33, time in 16:08. Summit,

MVA, time out 18:14, time in 18:47. Central Bridge, lift assist, time out 20:35, time in 21:55.

Sunday, June 23
West Fulton, structure fire, time out 07:04, time in 09:21. Cobleskill, mutual aid to West Fulton, time out 07:09, time in 07:45. Middleburgh, propane leak, time out 16:23, time in 17:07. Gallupville, propane leak, time out 21:29, time in 22:13.

Ambulance calls for June 16-23.

Central Bridge 5, Cobleskill 17, Conesville 1, Esperance 2, Jefferson 4, MEVAC 10, Richmondville 10, Scho-Wright 6, Sharon Springs 1, Summit 3, EMS Coordinators 16, Rural Metro 14, Gallupville 1st Response 2.

2 arrested on drug charges

The Cobleskill Police Department arrested two people on various drug charges after a traffic stop on Wednesday at about 7:18pm on Burgin Drive.

An officer on patrol observed a vehicle commit a traffic infraction, and conducted a vehicle stop on Burgin Drive. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer observed drug paraphernalia in the vehicle, and the female passenger attempting to hide something in the glove compartment.

Upon further investigation, the male driver of the vehicle was found to possess a baggie containing crack cocaine in his pants pocket. The female passenger was found to be hiding hypodermic needles containing heroin in the glove compartment of the vehicle. Both the male driver and female passenger were taken into custody, police said.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that the suspects were staying at the Best Western Motel in Cobleskill. A search of their motel room was conducted, and an additional quantity of heroin, as well as codeine pills, were located in the room, according to police.

During the investigation, officers seized multiple crack pipes, hypodermic needles, multiple dosage units of heroin, several pieces of crack cocaine, codeine pills, and approximately \$450.

At 7:34pm, Robert Geddes, 67, of Holmes, was arrested on charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree, a class D felony, and two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a class A misdemeanor.

At 7:30pm, Johnna Hoffman-Squicciarini, 23, of Wappingers Falls, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, and criminal possession of a hypodermic instrument, a class A misdemeanor, police said.

Both suspects were arraigned in the Town of Cobleskill Court and were remanded to the Schoharie County Correctional Facility on \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond. They were to return to court on Tuesday for further

action. The SUNY Cobleskill Police and NYSP Cobleskill members assisted with the incident.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident, or with any information on drug activity in Cobleskill, is urged to contact Sgt. Rich Bialkowski at 234-2923. Any information provided will be kept confidential.

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Imperial Baths:

Sharon Planning Board hears project on 'fast track'

By Patsy Nicosia

Imagine a spa where you exchange your everyday clothes for a luxurious silken robe to wander relaxing, landscaped grounds, dipping into one of three outdoor pools or strolling inside for a massage or facial.

That's the picture Sharon Springs Inc.'s Aiden Han painted Wednesday when he described what the historic Imperial Baths will look like if their Korean-style spa becomes a reality.

"The interior will be beautiful," Mr. Han said. "You will take off your shoes and roam in and out...There will be a waterfall and a beautiful background..."

Mr. Han said plans call for one large and two smaller outdoor pools with water flowing from a cistern on the hill behind the site to create a waterfall.

Inside, there will be a number of steam saunas, each with a health-related theme utilizing different waters.

There will also be rooms with individual soaking tubs for mineral bath treatments and massages—they plan to hire about 30 masseuses, he said; facials, manicures and pedicures will be available and possibly acupuncture too.

There will also be "lots" of restaurants, all of them featuring healthy foods, and even places to shop.

Mr. Han and attorney and surveyor Joanne Crum brought details of the long-proposed SSI Imperial Baths project to the Sharon Springs Joint Planning Board Wednesday.

Ms. Crum said SSI is still working with its architect and engineer to design the project, but she's been spending time in the field and updating the topographical maps they'll use in their formal application.

Ms. Crum said three smaller buildings at the site and the remains of a fourth will be removed, but they will be able to salvage the Imperial Baths and gazebo, both of which will be renovated and restored.

SSI is working to be a part of the community, recently making a \$1,000 donation toward the restoration of Chalybeate Park, Ms. Crum said, but she understands why planners and others are skeptical of the pro-

I got burned last time, but I'm thrilled to be working with them now. /

—Joanne Crum

posed project.

"I got burned last time...I waited a long time to get my money," said Ms. Crum of SSI's first spa proposal seven years ago. "But I'm thrilled to be working with them now. I'm not concerned with their integrity."

The original group of investors has changed with one of them, Youn Tae Yoo, jailed in Korea after stealing \$6.2 million from Kyusung Cho, who now has sole ownership of the project, Mr. Han said.

"We are serious," he said. "We are paying back all the parties we owe. We want to make this happen as much as you do."

SSI owns a half-dozen properties in the Village of Sharon Springs and Mr. Han said immediate plans focus on taking down the collapsed Washington Hotel.

That project has been delayed by State Historic Preservation Office requirements, he said, but is imminent and he hopes its demolition will be seen as a "show of faith."

Depending on how successful they are with financing and grants, Mr. Han said renovations to the Adler Hotel could be done as part of this phase of construction as a place for the spas' restaurants or more likely, in phase two.

SSI plans to build a dormitory for workers, leading some to speculate that they'll come from outside the area rather than locally.

Once construction begins, Mr. Han said, they're shooting for a one-year construction timetable for the Imperial Baths project.

"We're on the fast track," agreed Ms. Crum. "I don't think it would take a year [construction] if they're serious about it."



Attorney and surveyor Joanne Crum lays out maps for Joint Planning Board members Peter Cozzolino, Dave Hall, Ann Adams, and Ray Parsons.

Village slates hearing for state CSA grant, planners look for help

By Patsy Nicosia

The Village of Sharon Springs will hold back-to-back public hearings in July on a grant application for Sharon Springs Inc.

And maybe one for themselves as well.

The July 18 hearings will be held at 7pm and 8pm during the regular board meeting.

Mayor-elect Doug Plummer said Thursday that details are sketchy but the hearings come at the request of Schoharie County Planning and Development's Alicia Terry, who told him she's been working with SSI's Aiden Han on a state Consolidated Funding Application.

Mr. Plummer said as in their successful Restore NY grant, the village has to apply for the grant for SSI.

Planning and Development would handle the paperwork

and details, Mr. Plummer said, and there would be "plenty of places to back out of it, even after the money is awarded."

Part of the village's reluctance to get involved stems from the fact that previous SSI plans went nowhere.

Mr. Plummer and others also fear that if SSI walks away with something like demolition half done, the village could be left holding the bag.

Incoming Trustee Jeff White has researched the CSA grant and said a municipality can have more than one application, prompting the village to agree to look at whether it has any projects that could be eligible for funding.

"It seems worthwhile as long as it's attached to that building [the Imperial Baths] and the project and not SSI," said attorney Michelle Kennedy.

The application deadline is August 2.

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In other SSI business, Ms. Kennedy said her research and discussions with the State Comptroller's office have determined the plumbing, heating, cooling, and electrical portions of SSI's plans are subject to competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements if run through the Restore NY grant since the money has been awarded to the village and not the developers—something likely to substantially increase project costs.

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Finally, now more than ever, Sharon's Joint Planning Board is looking for help.

Longtime JPB Secretary Dawn Cousineau has resigned and there's a vacancy for an alternate on the board, said Chairman Ray Parsons.

JPB member Mary Ann Larkin has agreed to step in for Ms. Cousineau until a replacement can be found for the part-time paid position, but planners are concerned that as the SSI project moves forward in the application process, they'll need all hands on deck.

There are training requirements for the JPB position; opportunities are available through the county.

"With what we're looking at, ideally we're looking for someone with experience," Mr. Parsons said. "But if the right person is willing to learn, we'd welcome them too."

For more information, contact Mr. Parsons at 284-2421.

SSCS gets \$50,000 from Verizon

For iPad help; one of just 24 schools in nation

By Patsy Nicosia

Sharon Springs Central School is one of 24 schools in the nation to be awarded a \$50,000 Verizon Foundation grant for technology, money it will put toward its iPad project.

As part of a pilot program through Capital District BOCES, all 150 7-12th grade students and their teachers spent the just-ended school year learning and working off their own iPads.

Some students even opted to take their math Regents on

locked-down iPads, which featured a graphing calculator application, required for some courses and normally carrying a price tag of \$200-\$250 new.

All of the iPads have been returned—the last two before just 'their' students crossed the stage at Saturday's graduation—for summer servicing and updates.

The Verizon grant was just announced Monday and SSCS Business Manager Tony DiPace said he's working on a budget that will prioritize the

best use of the money.

Mr. DiPace said the \$50,000 goes hand-in-hand with training for six teachers in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and math that will be conducted by the International Society for Technology in Education, also financed by the Verizon Foundation.

SSCS is the only school in New York State to be funded; Mr. DiPace said the competitive process involved a written application and four or five conference calls.

"They really liked our one-on-one iPad project," he said. "We also needed teachers to sign on for the training, which wasn't a problem."

English teacher and tech wiz Tom Yorke will spearhead the project and Mr. DiPace credited him with helping SSCS secure the grant, which expands on the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools launched at 12 schools last year.

"It's really exciting for a school our size to get something like this," Mr. DiPace said. "It's a fantastic opportunity."

Huntersland Road reopens

By David Avitabile

The roads are open and most of the clean-up is done from the flash flood that struck Middleburgh, Schoharie and other areas of Schoharie County on the afternoon of June 14.

The last county road to reopen was Huntersland Road on Friday afternoon, according to Dan Crandell, the county commissioner of public works.

Though open, Huntersland Road will need more attention, as will other county roads, Mr. Crandell added.

A slope failure, which brought down several large trees, closed Huntersland Road for several days. Water is coming out of the rock and ground

and the slope is failing, Mr. Crandell said, and it could get worse if there is more heavy rain.

"Right now, we're keeping our eye on it."

Barricades are on the site and officials will try to control the uphill water, but that may not be easy, Mr. Crandell explained.

"Stabilizing a slope like that is a little bit of a crap shoot. You can only do so much with Mother Nature."

In addition to Huntersland Road, the public works department, along with other agencies, is looking at improving drainage at several other sites, he added.

Among those areas are: a cul-

vert on Clauverwie heading out of the village, the culvert by Wells Avenue and Main Street, three or four areas on Beards Hollow Road in the Town of Richmondville, and portions of Cotton Hill Road, Barton Hill Road, and Windy Ridge Road.

The storm work has pushed back summer work for the county crews, according to Mr. Crandell.

"Overall, it's setting us back three, four weeks from our summer work. We'll work it in."

After more than two feet of water rushed down Main Street and onto the back streets, it took a few days for the county, village and town crews, residents and business owners to clean up in the Village of

Middleburgh.

"Within a couple of days, most of Middleburgh was working pretty well," according to deputy Mayor Tom Gruning.

There is still mud here and there, but most of the streets and sidewalks have been cleared and cleaned, he added. A main problem is the culvert that leads under the high school which plugged up forcing storm water to gush down Main Street and Wells Avenue.

The school, Dr. Gruning added, has to clean the tunnel but is waiting for a study on it.

Assemblyman Peter Lopez said Monday that village, town, county, and state agencies are meeting to improve the drainage in that area.



Sharon Springs Inc.'s Aiden Han tells members of the Sharon Joint Planning Board that demolition of the Washington Hotel is imminent and should be viewed as an indication they're serious about plans for the Imperial Baths.



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Middleburgh elementary school fifth graders sing the National Anthem at the beginning of Thursday morning's promotion ceremony in the school gym. In all, 55 students are moving up to the middle school in the fall.

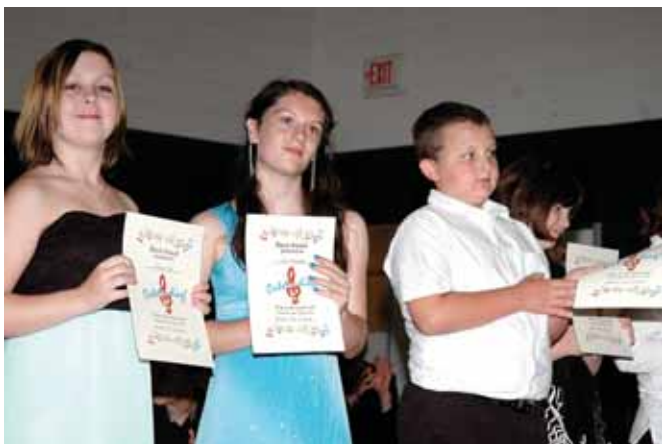
Off to the big school

It was the fifth graders time to shine at Middleburgh elementary school Thursday morning as 55 fifth graders were honored at the promotion assembly in the school gym. Many awards, honors and diplomas were handed out as students and staff also honored elementary school Principal Amy Lennon who is retiring after 30 years as a physical education teacher, coach and principal at the school.

Photos by David Avitabile



Soon-to-be-graduates recite the Pledge of Allegiance Thursday morning at Middleburgh elementary school.



Graduating fifth graders show off their music awards at Thursday morning's promotion assembly at Middleburgh elementary school.



Principal Amy Lennon hands a Principal's Award to Jeremy Wayman as Emma Birsen looks on Thursday morning at MCS elementary school.



MCS Superintendent Michele Weaver, right, hugs retiring elementary school Principal Amy Lennon.



Art teacher Kim Audino hands her "magic stick" to Devin Prokop at the promotion ceremony.

M'burgh names fall coaches

Gregg, Amber Johns to head soccer teams

By David Avitabile
Middleburgh school board members named a slate of fall coaches earlier this month. At their June 12 meeting, school board members named the following coaches for the fall:

- Gregg Johns, head coach for boys' varsity soccer.
- Amber Johns, head coach for girls' varsity soccer.
- Paul Pierce, assistant coach for boys' soccer.
- Rick Thaxter, head coach for golf.

- Josh Bornt, head and assistant coach for volleyball.
- Shannon Hughes, assistant coach for volleyball.

An assistant coach for girls' soccer still has to be named. Board members also named Jon Derochie as athletic director for the 2013-14 school year.

In other action, board members:

- Extended the unpaid family care leave of Jolene Mensing through the first semester of the 2013-14 school year.

- Approved in-service credit hours for John Primeau.
- Added Melissa Wood to the non-certified substitute list and Kristi Eichler to the certified substitute list.
- Approved the following people as election personnel for the June 18 vote: Linda Connors, chief election inspector, election inspectors Clara Potter, Stephanie Tinker, and Bob Tinker, and Dan Berard, custodian of machines.
- Named the following personnel for the summer learning

academy: Val Leith middle school, Ananda Kenyon, elementary school grades four and five, Kimberly Audino, elementary school grades two and three, Kelly Becker, elementary school kindergarten and first grade, Jennifer McCafferty, special education, Jeanne Sheehan, teacher assistant, and Marcia Guntert, support personnel.

- Declared June 21 as a non-precedent setting recess day since one emergency closure day was remaining.

Supervisor battle brewing in Schoharie

By David Avitabile
The race for supervisor in the Town of Schoharie this fall is likely to be a rematch. Town Republicans last week nominated former Supervisor Martin Shrederis to run for the two-year seat this fall. Town Democrats will select nominees Thursday evening. Current Supervisor Gene Milone said Friday that he will seek his party's nomination. Mr. Milone, a former councilman, defeated Mr. Shrederis in a very close election in November 2011. In addition to Mr. Shrederis, Republicans nominated Dan Weideman for highway superintendent, and Alan Tavenner and John Wolfe for councilmen. Mr. Weideman and Mr. Tavenner are incumbents. These seats are for four years. The town board seats of Mr.

Tavenner and Democrat Matt Brisley are expiring. Mr. Shrederis attended Friday's county board meeting and explained his reasons for seeking the supervisor's seat. "I am fully retired and a little upset with the way the county is being run and I want to work with the other supervisors to make it run more efficiently than the last few years." In particular, he was upset about the nearly \$30,000 that was spent on the study involving alleged employee abuse. "The union members are well represented in this county." Mr. Milone said Friday that he will seek re-election. "There are some things unfinished that I started that I would like to finish." Mr. Brisley also said he is seeking re-election.

Schoharie extends Sherman's deal

By David Avitabile
The top official at Schoharie Central School will remain at SCS for at least several more years. School board members last Tuesday extended the contract of Superintendent Brian Sherman. In addition, they also adjusted the salary for Mr. Sherman and assistant superintendent for business Bob Bonaker for the 2013-14 school year. Both officials took zero percent increases for the previous school year. The moves were made after executive session. Mr. Sherman's contract was extended to June 2015, which is an extension of three years since the district had not changed last year's deal. His salary was increased from \$125,409 to \$129,172 for the upcoming school year. Mr. Bonaker's base salary

was increased from \$105,869 to \$108,516 for the 2013-14 school year. Each has been at Schoharie for seven years. "Both Mr. Bonaker and I are very appreciative of the board's support, and confidence regarding our work on behalf of the school district," Mr. Sherman said. The items were not on the original agenda for the meeting as legal counsel for the district and the board negotiations team were amending draft documents and sending them back and forth hours before the meeting so they were not sure they would come up for discussion, according to Mr. Sherman. In another action after executive session, board members appointed Alfred Riccio as a Hearing Officer for a possible Section 75, Civil Service Employee Disciplinary Hearing.

Work to begin on SCS tanks, garage

By David Avitabile
Now that Schoharie voters have approved an \$813,000 building project for improvements and new fuel tanks at the bus garage, construction will soon begin. The architects and the engineer have completed the designs for the first phase of the project which will include gas tanks and a fuel dispensing system, fire alarms and a wastewater system for the wash bay. They have also prepared the documents that will be submitted to the state department of education for the go-ahead for the project. Since it is a relatively small project, district officials are hoping for a rapid turnaround and approval from the state. In the past, such projects were approved in eight to 13 weeks, according to officials. The genesis for the project began last fall when cracks were found in an outside containment tank of the fuel system. District officials wanted to have the tanks and dispensing system replaced as part of an emergency project but the state claimed it was not an emergency. SCS would have gotten state aid if the project was declared an emergency. "It's an emergency project. We don't want it to leak," reiterated Superintendent Brian Sherman earlier this month.

continued. They will jackhammer about one-third of the garage floor to remove the old oil and water separation system, Mr. Gathen said. Another safety measure, he added, will be the replacement of a single-wall tank in the garage with a double-wall exterior tank. This tank will be used for the storage of used oil and will always be electronically monitored. An important improvement in the fueling system will be an automatic billing system. It is possible that other agencies such as the village, town and police department could be using the system, Mr. Sherman added. State aid will cover \$677,229 of the project cost and another \$123,415 will come from the remaining balance of a capital reserve account. This leaves \$12,356 which officials said will likely come from the interest earnings available in the capital fund.

In order to get aid on the work, it had to be combined with a building project. In addition to the new tanks and dispensing system, the bus garage will receive other upgrades such as a new portable lift and a new oil and water separation system. In addition to the fire alarms, a very important component of the project will be a fire suppression system along with the dispensing system, buildings and grounds supervisor Shawn Gathen told board members. The suppression system could prevent fires that could occur while vehicles are being fueled, he noted. Much of the work will be done by SCS employees, he

Middleburgh concerts to begin July 12

The community band concerts in front of Middleburgh high school, a long-standing Middleburgh tradition, will begin the week after the July 4 holiday. The concerts will begin on Friday July 12. The concerts are between 8 and 9pm. The concerts schedule is:

- Friday, July 12, with the ice cream social sponsored by the Catholic church.
- Friday, July 19, with the ice cream social hosted by the Lutheran church.
- Friday, July 26, with the ice cream social hosted by the Reformed Church.
- Friday, August 2, with the ice cream sponsored by the Methodist Church.

Rehearsals are held in the high school between 6:30 to 8:30pm the Thursday night before the concert. Band members are needed as it is easier to fill in for vacations with more members.

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Elementary school Principal Maryellen Gillis smiles as a group of award winners pose for their pictures Friday morning at the Moving Up ceremony in the high school gym.

Moving up to 7th grade

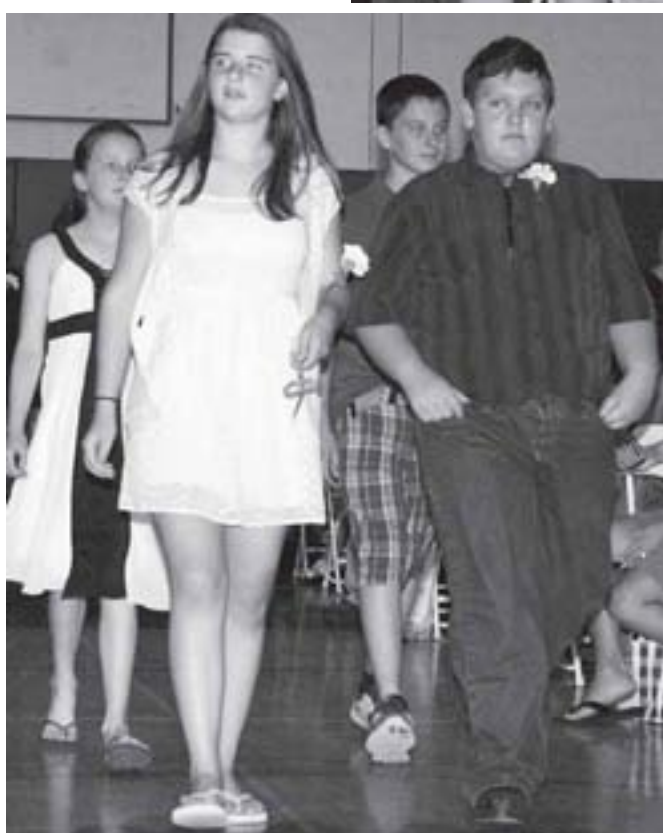
Sixth graders at Schoharie Central School officially "moved up" to the big school Friday morning. In all, 62 sixth graders graduated from the elementary school to the middle school at the annual Moving Up day ceremony in the high school gym.

Students in grades one through four had their ceremony earlier in the morning, followed by the ceremony for the fifth and sixth graders.



Schoharie sixth graders recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Friday morning's Moving Up ceremony in the high school gym.

Photos by David Avitabile



Sixth graders enter the gym for the last time as elementary students.



Soon-to-be sixth grade graduates begin their march down the aisle in the gym Friday morning.



Elementary school band members play Pomp and Circumstance as the sixth graders enter the gym.

Best House to host program

The Dr. Best House and Medical Exhibit will be hosting a program on Saturday, July 6 as part of the first Pride Day in Middleburgh.

Finding the Pieces will be a genealogy program given by a Schoharie Historian, Karen Cuccinello, from Summit. She has 25 years of experience in genealogy. She has done research in most of the capital district area historical libraries, historical societies, Mormon Church, Surrogate's Court, archives, school records, and county and town clerks. A success story she is rather

pleased about occurred when she followed an Italian that she found in the 1915 census. First she looked for him and family members in other census years (found him in two other census'), then to the county clerk's office to find the Naturalization records and looked for any deeds, then to the Ellis Island website, then to an archival newspaper website where she found his obituary.

The program will be at 1pm. There will be no fee for the class; but \$5 donations are appreciated.



Middleburgh elementary Principal Amy Lennon, who is retiring at the end of the school year, hands a certificate to 11th grader Isabella Schultz at the MCS honors dinner earlier this month.



George Manor enjoyed lunch with his grandkids, Anton Pitts and Tanner and Tyler Munger, at the annual kindergarten picnic at Schoharie Central School.



Some kids needed a little help to get to the top of the slide at the annual SCS kindergarten picnic.



Samantha, 5, and Sarah Herzog, 4, of Central Bridge load up their plates at the picnic.

K picnic fun for all

Kindergartners, their parents and siblings celebrated the end of their first year in school at the annual end-of-the-year picnic at Schoharie elementary school earlier this month.

There were games, a bouncy

ride, a slide, and, of course, plenty of food. The picnic was hosted by the EPTSO.

Photos by David Avitabile



Robert Cater smiles as he comes down the slide.



Josephine Somers gets ready to come down the slide at the picnic.

Schoharie concerts begin Friday

The Schoharie Promotional Association announces the Village of Schoharie Friday night summer concerts.

The concerts are scheduled for the county building courtyard with a rain location at the Schoharie Presbyterian Church education building.

Refreshment sales will be by local organizations to support their fundraising efforts.

There is free admission and 50-50 raffles to help fund the concerts.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music.

The acts are:

- June 28, 5 Zero, our local rock cover band.

- July 5, Elvis: Viva Schoharie night with Drew Poulson, Elvis Tribute star. This big night, starting at 3pm, is still being planned. Lots of fun with DJ Joey Zeh, karaoke, contests, Elvis movies, Elvis sundaes, and lots more.

- July 12, the popular Kopy Kats return playing hits from the 50s and 60s.

- July 19, the Fulton Chain Gang return this year with modern and classic country and southern rock.

- July 26, all are invited to share their talents at the open mic night.

Summer lunches in Middleburgh

The Middleburgh Joint Youth Commission summer activities are:

- Village Pool: The Village Pool is open for open swim from 1-6pm. Adult swim will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30. On Sunday evenings from 6-8, they will offer family swim, a time where families only can swim.

For this summer, they are teaming up with Our Lady of the Valley to serve free lunches every week day to anyone who wants one.

These lunches are provided by volunteers of OLV. They will be served in the middle/high school cafeteria. It will start on June 24 and end on August 30. The time is noon-1pm.

Tennis lessons: They will have tennis in Middleburgh on our tennis courts. Stan France, with the help of several counselors, plan to have tennis lessons for three consecutive weeks beginning Monday, July 1 and ending on Friday, July 19.

The following activities begin Monday, July 1 through August 2, Monday through Friday, excluding July 4 or unless otherwise noted: arts and crafts and open gym.

Dear Schoharie Free Library Patron:

Like many residents of the Schoharie Valley, the impact and destruction of Hurricane Irene did not escape the Schoharie Free Library. We too struggled to comprehend the destruction. Many tears were shed as we tore out carpet, walls, furniture, computers and said good-bye to our greatest treasure—BOOKS.

We began the process of rebuilding the Schoharie Free Library immediately after Hurricane Irene—and that rebuilding could not have been done without you. From the bottom of our hearts, we THANK YOU! We thank every single volunteer who walked through our door to help us to tear down walls, clean shelves, muck floors, and rip up soggy carpet. We thank all the patrons and businesses who donated services and time for repairs. We THANK YOU for all the generous monetary donations we received to replace precious BOOKS, DVDs, computers and other media equipment! A special thank you goes to Library Director Cathy Caiazza who spent countless hours in putting the Schoharie Free Library back together.

The Schoharie Free Library re-opened its doors for business in June 2012 and we would like to thank all the patrons who continue to visit the library. Now, the interior is done. The walls are back up and painted. Our shelves are back in place, our computers have been reinstalled. Our heat and air conditioning system is back in and running, the carpet has been laid, the furniture has been ordered and is being delivered. New BOOKS are filling the shelves. Our programming is back - Knitting and Chess Clubs, Storytime! and Munchies and a Movie have been operating since April. And, in July, we will begin replacement of the building's siding, repair the porch and complete other outdoor repairs. The Schoharie Free Library will remain open for your business during these summer and fall repairs.

"Dig Into Reading Kick Off"

We invite you and your children to join us for our six week interactive summer reading program called, "Dig Into Reading" by attending the library's "Come To the Zoo" kick-off party on July 8, at 1:30 p.m. Bring your child and sign up for the summer reading program, visit Ziggy the Miniature Horse and take a cart ride with Fella. The Schoharie Free Library will be teaming up with the SCHA Summer Youth Cultural Program for its reading program and will offer mini performances each week.

We urge you to check out the new books, computers, and ask about how to borrow a library book with your E-reader. Say hello to Cathy and Erika Schmid, our new Program Director and ask them for a calendar of summer activities. And, on August 18 at 3 p.m. we invite you to join us on the Library lawn for The Upper Catskill String Quartet performance. Proceeds to benefit the Schoharie Free Library's Program Fund. We will also see you at the village wide garage sale in September.

Over the last 22 months we have certainly learned about resiliency, strength, hope, humor and courage. Each of you has shown that to us in so many ways and it has made us all the stronger. We are fortunate to have such tremendous friends and supporters who believe in the Schoharie Free Library and are proud to reside in this community. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all and **WELCOME YOU** back to Schoharie Free Library.

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Engaged

Marcelia and William Wright Jr. of Sharon Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassidy Lynn Wright to Scott Keller, son of Randy and Autumn Keller of Delanson.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Sharon Springs Central School and a 2005 graduate of Southern Vermont College in Bennington, Vermont. She holds a Bachelor's degree in human services with a minor in criminal justice and is presently employed as a service coordinator for Schenectady ARC.

The groom-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Middleburgh Central School and a 1997 graduate of Schenectady County Community College with an associate's degree in humanities and social sciences. He is presently employed as a foreman for August Bohl Construction.

Ms. Wright is the granddaughter of Dorothy Wright of Sharon Springs.

Mr. Keller is the paternal grandson of Vivian Keller and maternal grandson of Daniel Marsh, who both live in Sharon Springs.

A June 2014 wedding is being planned.



50 years

Fifty years ago, on April 20, 1963, Second Lieutenant Warren W. Thornton married Barbara L. Weston in the chapel at Quantico, Virginia.

Mr. Thornton went on to spend 5 1/2 years in the US Marine Corps as a helicopter pilot.

In February of 1968 he began a teaching career at Middleburgh Central School, which lasted 27 1/2 years.

Mrs. Thornton worked for the US Postal Service from 1980 to 2002, retiring as postmaster in Glenmont.

They have two daughters, Robin Uveges (John) and Kristin Barbagallo (Joe) plus five grandchildren.



Friends gathered at the Second Reformed Church in Howes Cave recently to dedicate a flowering pear tree to the late Sherrie Bartholomew, a community activist who died on December 27.

Sherrie Bartholomew remembered for work

Friends gathered at the Second Reformed Church in Howes Cave to dedicate a flowering pear tree as a lasting memorial for Sherrie Bartholomew, who died on December 27, 2012.

"Sherrie was one of those individuals that lead the way for the rest of us," said Robert Price, president of Dam Concerned Citizens. "As a mother, educator, spiritual leader and community activist, Sherrie demonstrated that energy, perseverance, and dedication can accomplish a great deal for the betterment of the community."

Ms. Bartholomew was president of DCC during its most trying time, as it fought for the safety of Schoharie Valley residents and the security of the valley by first demanding

emergency repairs to the Gilboa Dam and the subsequent repairs underway now.

She was a strong proponent for the early warning system that saved lives in the valley nearly two years ago.

The tree, a donation from Guernsey's Schoharie Nurseries, was planted adjacent to the church building in a private ceremony attended by DCC members and friends.

Spa Auxiliary elects officers

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1269 Sharon Springs, announces their new officers for the 2013-2014 year:

President Jean Bakhom, First Vice Lori Nalfo, Second Vice Jody Olsen, Secretary Joan Baxter and Membership Chair Jody Olsen.

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Rotary at work

On June 12, about 20 members of the Rotary Club of Cobleskill met at Shad Point and spread out to pick up debris in the parking area and the ramps to I-88 in an effort to make the adopted area more attractive and healthier. A picnic at the home of Said Yassin's followed where Joyce Stauble, wife of the late Howard Stauble, a long-time Rotarian, was presented with a certificate that Rotary International was planting a tree somewhere in the world in his honor. Above, from the left: Joe Bernocco, Larry Joyce, Jack Lohret, and Betsy Bernocco.

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Antique Auto Club slates benefit BBQ

There will be a Brooks' BBQ take-out Friday, June 28, 3-6pm, at the Noble Ace Hardware parking lot sponsored by the Schoharie Valley Region of the Antique Automotive Club of America with proceeds benefiting local causes.

Members' cars will be on display.

Also: Annual Antique Car Show and Artwalk July 21 at the New York Power Authority Visitor center in Blenheim.

Strawberries, hot dogs Saturday at Gros. Corners UMC

The Grosvenors Corners United Methodist Church will hold its strawberry festival with hot dogs Saturday, June 29, 5-7pm.

Charlottesville FD sets BBQ, auction

The Charlottesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual chicken BBQ and auction Saturday, June 29, at the Charlottesville Fire Station.

The BBQ starts at 11:30am and the auction at 2pm. Call (607) 397-8054 for more information.

Charlottesville Museums open

The Museum of the History of Charlottesville, the Anonymous Arts Museum and the Charlottesville Church will be open Sundays, noon-3pm, through August 18.

Times-Journal "Recipe of the Week"

Banana Split Dessert
As seen in Hometown Cooking, 2007

Ingredients:

- 1 14oz. sweetened condensed milk
- 1 12oz. frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 21oz. cherry pie filling
- 3 medium firm bananas, cut into chunks
- 1 8oz can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts

Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine milk and whipped topping until well blended. Fold in pie filling, bananas, pineapple and nuts.

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Elks award CPD \$, call Frank 'Defender'

The Cobleskill Elks #2040 presented a check to officer Matt Egnor, representing Cobleskill Police Department and the Cobleskill Benevolent Association, above, to assist the CPD purchase of air powered training devices to use in lieu of actual weapons.

The donation was made possible as the result of BPOE's receipt of grant money from the grand lodge to be used for investment within the greater community.

Pictured left to right: District Deputy Jay Heassler, Exalted Ruler Jim Suschinski, Officer Matt Egnor and House Chairman Bill Cary.

Below, Elks presented Dick Frank with the "Defender of the Flag" award at the National Flag Day ceremony in the Veterans Park. Pictured left to right: Dick Frank and Exalted Ruler Jim Suschinski.



Pictured at "Hero Rush" (left to right back row): Explorer Nicholas Gunther, Firefighter and Explorer Advisor Tyrone Mitchell; Explorer Ryan Whittaker; Explorer Post President Joseph Fisher; Explorer Joel Vansteede; Explorer Thomas Fisher. (in front): Firefighter Nicholas Tino.

CFD Explorers 51st out of 600 at 'Hero Rush'

The Cobleskill Fire Department's Explorer Post #5, a program sponsored through the Boy Scouts of America, encourages young people to join the Fire Department and give them an opportunity to explore career choices in emergency services fields. Explorer members participate in Fire Department drills and activities, and respond to assist Department members at emergency scenes.

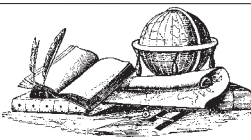
On May 8, the CFD Explorer Post attended a "Hero Rush" at the Elms Farm in Ballston Spa. A "Hero Rush" is a 4.8-mile firefighter-themed obstacle course and race.

Cobleskill Explorer Nicholas Gunther placed 51st overall in a field of over 600 participants.

The Cobleskill Fire Department Explorer Post is extremely active with the regular membership at fundraisers and year-round Fire Department activities. The Post holds monthly business meetings and attends the Fire Department's weekly drills.

Any female or male between the ages of 14 and 18 years, and up to 21 years old, inter-

ested in joining the Explorer Post may stop by the Cobleskill Fire Department for an application, or contact Tyrone Mitchell at 234-2424 for more information.



College Clips

Cutler Fairbairn from Summit, was named to the Dean's List at SUNY Geneseo for the spring semester.

Kelsey Davis of Cobleskill was named to the spring dean's list at Utica College.

Dorothea Kuntze from Schoharie was named to the president's list at SUNY Geneseo for the spring semester.

Abigail Martin of Gilboa graduated May 12 from Ohio Wesleyan University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Steven Filmer, a 2007 graduate of Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School, received his MBA degree from Virginia Tech University on Friday, May 17. He has accepted a position with K2M, Inc. in Leesburg, Virginia.

Mary Lee Boyles, the daughter of Jay and Janice Boyles and a 2010 graduate of Middleburgh High School, graduated from Wells College on May 18 with a BA in psychology.

During both semesters of her senior year she was on the dean's list.

Jared Boyles, also the son of Jay and Janice Boyles and a 2012 graduate of Middleburgh High School completed his freshman year at Manhattan College on the dean's list.

Megan Thorington of Gallupville, a junior public relations major, has been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester at SUNY Oswego.

Jillian Collins of Jefferson, a sophomore majoring in physics, was named to the Siena College dean's list for the 2013 spring semester.

Kayla Haskin of Warnerville was named to the spring dean's list at Siena.

Several area residents have been named to the president's list for the spring semester at SUNY Oswego:

Dylan Labadia, of Central Bridge, junior communication and social interaction major, and Daniel Nicolai, of Cobleskill, a senior psychology major.

The following students were named to the president's list for the spring 2013 semester at SUNYIT:

Michael Vansteenburgh of Cobleskill, Brandon Moore of

Richmondville, Kevin Walker of Sharon Springs, Zachery Gural of Summit.

The following students were named to the honors list for the spring 2013 semester at SUNYIT:

Kevin Baldwin of Cobleskill, Austin Karn of Cobleskill, Tyler Larkin of Sharon Springs.

Dehlia Piechnik of Central Bridge, a junior majoring in engineering and management, was named a presidential scholar for the spring 2013 semester at Clarkson University.

The following made the spring dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology:

Gordon Thomas of Richmondville, a fourth-year student at RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Jon Barber of Jefferson, a fourth-year student in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

Julia Patterson, a senior biology major at Alfred University, was inducted this spring into Sigma Xi, an honor society recognizing students for outstanding research achievement and aptitude.

She is a daughter of Peter Weiss and Ruth Tobiassen of Berne and a Schoharie Central graduate.

Austin Westerveld, junior, a management major from Howes Cave, has made the president's list at Coastal Carolina University for the Spring 2013 semester.

The following local residents recently were initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Danielle Eckler of Cobleskill initiated at The Sage Colleges.

Therese Peck Brigham of Esperance initiated at The Sage Colleges.

Earning AAS degrees from Bryant & Stratton College in April ceremonies were: Sky Buonacore, the son of Catherine and Anthony Buonacore, Sharon Springs, criminal justice, magna cum laude; and Sabrina Graham of Middleburgh, paralegal studies.



Sabrina Graham, left, with Bryant & Stratton College's Dean of Student Services Michael Markou at graduation.



Michaela Johnson, a senior at Schoharie Central School, where she is the salutatorian, is the recipient of the AFDSNY Edward "Ned" Carter Scholarship. She is the daughter of Scott and Melissa Johnson and will attend Elmira College in the fall.

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Arts & Entertainment



Sue Armstrong poses with Max inside her Orchard Rose Boutique and Treasures in Sharon Springs' Roseboro.

Her calling: Treasure hunter opens Orchard Rose

By Patsy Nicosia

Sue Armstrong was trying to decide what to do next with her life when she walked into the Beekman 1802 Mercantile in Sharon Springs in February and learned the rental space would be available in May.

"I knew then that I'd found my next calling," Ms. Armstrong said.

Her Orchard Rose Boutique and Treasures is now open in the Roseboro, featuring art, antiques, vintage furniture and items and one-of-a-kind accessories like her compass rings.

"I've been going thrifting my entire life," Ms. Armstrong said. "I'm a treasure hunter and I like to find treasures for other people who don't enjoy the hunt so much. It makes my heart beat."

Orchard Rose is divided into several rooms, one featuring upscale items and another, drawers filled with tools and more in what Ms. Armstrong jokingly refers to as the Man Cave, "for guys who get tired of waiting while their wives or girlfriends shop. They love it."

Another room, still in the works, will feature women's consigned clothing and accessories and will include Marsa's Closet, named in memory of Ms. Armstrong's late friend, Marsa Galasso, and featuring free interview-ready clothing for job seekers.

Ms. Armstrong plans to supplement her own inventory with quality consigned items and is especially looking for musical instruments she would offer to local budding musicians.

For more information on consignments or store hours, call 577-1727.

Bounty of County benefit for SALT

Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT) will present the Bounty of the County Artisan Market and Country Brunch on Sunday, June 30 on the lawn of Lasell Hall/DAR, 368 Main Street in Schoharie.

The Country Brunch, featuring locally-sourced and produced ingredients, will be served from 10am-noon.

The Artisan Market, a free event sponsored by The Apple Barrel Country Store and Café, Hessian Hill Farms and Hive, will run from 11am-5pm.

Together in one location for the very first time, over 20 local artists and producers will showcase the bounty that Schoharie County has to offer including hand-crafted fine cheese and other dairy products; pasture-raised meats, homemade fudge, cookies and candy; locally produced wine, beer and spirits; and herbs, as well as locally made candles, soaps, lip balm, lotions and salves, handspun yarn, felted items, wool blankets, quilts, handmade jewelry, pottery, hand-woven baskets, and photographs.

Summer in Jefferson: Cabaret Night is July 5...

The Jefferson Historical Society will host Cabaret Night with the Patti Van Tassel Trio on Friday, July 5 at 7pm in the Maple Museum, 221 Creamery Street, Jefferson.

This event is free to the public and is paid for in part with public funds from the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered through the Community Arts Grants Fund by the Greene County Council on the Arts.

In addition, live music and a petting zoo will make this a family friendly event.

Various county restaurants will also be offering food produced from local seasonal ingredients.

The event will benefit SALT, the lead agency coordinating flood recovery efforts for those affected by Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee in the Schoharie Creek Basin and surrounding area.

...Heritage Day set for July 13

Saturday, July 13 Jefferson will host its Heritage Day on the Town Green off Route 10, Main Street.

Free. Rain or shine. A full day event will offer a variety of entertainment; a parade at 11am will feature local fire departments, vintage vehicles, Scout troops and other organizations.

There will be free activities for children, teens and adults starting at 8am including magic shows, face painting, petting zoo, wagon rides, dunk tank and a silent auction.

Live music under the big tent begins at 2pm and continues until 11pm.

Vendors of all types will be set up on the green and there will be a varied selection of food.

For more information call (607) 652-2536 or (607) 652-3546, or email Heritage Day2013@aol.com.

Since Hurricane Irene hit the area in August 2011, affected families still have significant rebuilding needs, many requiring major construction as a result of extensive flood and storm damage.

For more information, please visit www.saltrecovery.org/bocmarket, email bountyofthecountymarket@gmail.com or call 231-9044.

SVRAAC car show July 21 at NYPA

Schoharie Valley Region Antique Auto Club of America will present its 7th annual Antique Auto Show on Sunday, July 21 from 10am-4pm at the New York Power Authority Visitors Center on State Route 30, North Blenheim.

In addition to over 250 vintage vehicles, there will be displays of antique tractors, engines and equipment; historic military vehicles; 'For Sale' car corral; BBQ dinner; Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association Antique Show vendors; free tours of historic Lansing Manor & Visitors Center; and the Blenheim Covered Bridge Artwalk.

Suggested donation. Proceeds from this event to benefit Schoharie County charities.

For auto show information, contact Ron Davis at 234-7495; for antique show information, contact Ruth Anne Wilkinson at 231-7241.

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Registration Deadline: July 1, 2013, space permitting

Questions: call 295-8177 or 295-8931

Information: www.SchoharieReformedChurch.org (click on Ministries, "Day Camp")

Arts & Entertainment

Still spaces in Depot Lane music camps

The vocal music camp at Depot Lane Theatre – Planes, Trains and Automobiles – to be held during the week of July 15-20 from 11am-3pm still has openings for area youth in grades 3-6.

Directed by music teacher SaraJane Cipperly, children in this camp will learn vocal techniques and songs from around the world about transportation and travel.

Two performances by work-

Upper Cats Strings in Cobleskill

The Cobleskill United Methodist Church invites the community to enjoy a free performance by The Upper Catskill String Quartet, "American Popular Music," on Sunday, June 30 at 3pm in the sanctuary of the church at Chapel Street, just off of North Grand.

The "American Popular Music" program will transport the audience in a chronological journey beginning with the first evidence of truly American music in the early 1900s.

It continues through a memory lane of familiar tunes from Ragtime, Vaudeville, Spirituals, Tin Pan Alley, Big Band Jazz, Gershwin, Broadway Show tunes, Leroy Anderson, Rock and Roll to the String Quartet's choice for the 21st century contemporary selection.

Sponsoring this performance for the enjoyment of the general public is the Church's Young Persons Campership Funding Group, including the young campers themselves.

The audience is invited to stay following the performance for a reception to meet the performers and also the young campers.

This event is made possible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts and corporate sponsors – AMT, INC, and the Arkell Hall Foundation, Inc.

Social Dance Saturdays at Iroquois Museum get underway on July 5

The Iroquois Indian Museum will have three Social Dance Saturdays beginning on July 6.

Dance is an inseparable part of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) way of life. Social dances are always performed to music.

The musicians create the melodies and rhythms with voice and traditional Iroquois instruments. The dancers perform in stunning, hand-made, traditional clothing.

Admission to Social Dance Saturdays is free with paid Museum admission.

The dates and performers for the 2013 social dances are:

- Niagara River Iroquois Dancers from Tuscarora.

The social dances performed by the Niagara River Iroquois Dancers are traditional songs and dances that have been passed down through many generations.

The group's leader, Randy Greene, grew up dancing with his mother and father, Nina and Orville, who, in turn, began dancing over 30 years ago, when they were high school students, feeling bored and alienated, and in search of more culturally meaningful activities.

- July 20 – Haudenosaunee Dancers from Onondaga.

These dancers perform Iroquois social dances as practiced in their small, traditional community near Syracuse. Elegant and knowledgeable leader, Sherri Waterman-Hopper, has traveled internationally as an artist and cultural speaker.

- August 3 – Allegany River Indian Dancers from Allegany.

Founded in 1979, the Allegany River Indian Danc-

shop participants will also be held on July 19 and July 20 at the Depot Lane Theatre at 7pm.

Performances are open to the public.

New this year, the vocal camp will combine songs with science.

The workshops will include science projects designed to engage in hands-on activities that will offer an opportunity to build and test different types of vehicles.

Under the supervision of Schoharie Central School science teacher Alex Mackie, students will build different types of transportation "vehicles" from everyday household materials, and will participate in a race to see which types of vehicles move fastest or go farthest.

Campers will also have a chance to visit the Railroad Museum in the Depot Lane Complex.

Public performances will be held on July 19 and 20 at 7pm.

SCHA's summer youth program is funded by private donations, and, in part, with public funds from grants from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Greene County Council on the Arts in partnership with Columbia Council on the Arts.

The registration deadline for vocal music camp is extended through July 10. Students must be registered to take part in the program. Youth who are registered for workshops must also be available for all performances.

The summer program workshops at Depot Lane Theatre are free; however, a \$10 deposit is required to register and reserve a space.

When registering, provide student's name and age, your contact information, including a telephone number and address and which workshop they will attend.

Registration can be done through the mail by contacting SCHA – Youth Program, P.O. Box 554, Schoharie, NY 12157. Visit their website to check out a complete schedule of workshops, <http://schany.org/childrenstheater.html>.

ers have become one of the best-known Native dance groups in the United States and Canada today.

All members of the Seneca Nation from the Allegany Indian Reservation, the group has traveled throughout North America sharing traditional Iroquois social dances. Through group performances (which often include audience participation) and lecture presentations, this group has taught large audiences about Seneca history and culture.

All Iroquois social dances are done in a counter-clockwise direction.

The instruments used in the social dances (in various combinations) are the water drum, the horn rattle, hard sticks and the beating of the feet on the floor. Social songs vary in length, verses and tempo depending on the song selection of the singers.

Social Dance Saturdays are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Currently on display at the Museum is the exhibition, "IndianInk: Iroquois and the Art of Tattoos." The exhibit showcases contemporary tattoo art — an ancient art undergoing a resurgence among Native and non-Native communities.

The Museum is open from 10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday and from Noon-5pm on Sunday. It is closed Monday.

For more information: contact the Iroquois Indian Museum at 296-8949, info@iroquoismuseum.org or visit www.iroquoismuseum.org.



Library News

Cobleskill

The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill. Saturday, June 29: All About Archaeology, 11am.

Join Sean Rafferty, director of the Archaeological Field School in Schoharie for a fun and informative discussion about this exciting way of looking at history.

He will bring artifacts and some basic equipment to show.

If you have artifacts you've collected or found, bring them along for possible identification and description.

Summer Reading Program begins July 7. Register now and see what The Community Library has to offer you this summer.

Closed Thursday, July 4 for the holiday.

Middleburgh

July 2 – 10:45am – Drop-in Storytime. Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

July 2 – 6:45pm – Family Film – "How to Eat Fried Worms" (PG). On his first day at a new school, eleven-year-old Billy goes up against the school bully in a challenge that ends up with a total gross-out dare... to eat 10 worms in one day. No registration. Free popcorn.

July 3 – 1pm – Calling All Paleontologists – Fossil Find. A paleontologist studies the forms of life existing in prehistoric or geologic times, as represented by the fossils of plants, animals and other organisms. In this program you will work like a paleontologist on a dig and unearth fossils to reconstruct animals.

This program is part of our Dig Into Reading Summer Reading Program and presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4H program.

For children in grades 3-5. Registration is required.

July 4 – Fourth of July – The library will be closed.

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

Workshops slated for arts grants

The DECentralization Grant Program is a branch of the New York State Council on the Arts that receives state funding. This grant program provides grants to non-profits and citizen's groups in Schoharie County so that art and cultural events and programming are available to all residents throughout Schoharie County.

These taxpayer monies have helped fund groups such as: The Schoharie Theater Project, Cobleskill Concerts in the Park, The Jefferson Maple Museum and The Richmondville Historical Society.

The grant process is open to all nonprofits and community members who wish to provide arts and cultural opportunities to county residents.

The 2014 grant cycle begins in July with a series of informational seminars held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 16, Middleburgh Library, (Tech Room) 323 Main St. Middleburgh, 5:15pm.

- Thursday, July 18, Sharon Springs Library, (Community Room) 129 Main St. Sharon Springs, 6pm.

- Saturday, July 20, Schoharie DEC Grant Office, 349 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, 10am.

Organizations that received funding in 2012/2013 are not required to attend seminars, but note that the application process has changed.

Questions may be directed to Grant Coordinator Renee Nied at: schohariedec@gmail.com.

Schoharie

Schoharie Free Library's Summer Reading Program begins July 8. This year's theme is Dig into Reading.

Join the library for a six-week interactive reading program filled with weekly themed activities and events for the entire family.

Kick-off party is July 8 at 1:30pm and the theme is "Come to the Zoo."

Sign up for summer reading and enter for a chance to win prizes.

Ziggy the miniature horse will put on a show and kids can take a cart ride with the Fellas he makes a return visit.

Week 1: July 8-13 Dig into...Puppets.

Week 2: July 15-20 Dig into...Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

Week 3: July 22-27 Dig into Shakespeare.

Week 4: July 29-August 3 Dig into Local History.

Week 5: August 5-9 Dig into Caves.

Week 6: August 11-18 Dig into Music.

Weeks 1-3 and 6 are in conjunction with SCHA Summer Youth Program at Depot Lane Theatre.

The summer program concludes with a benefit concert by The Upper Catskill Quartet on Sunday, August 18 at 3pm on the Library lawn.

Proceeds will benefit Schoharie Free Library's Program Fund.

Call 295-7127 for details.

Sharon

Reading in the summer is important for children to retain and improve their reading skills.

Children who reach their reading goals will earn prizes at the Library.

The first 25 pre-school through grade 6 to sign up will receive a bag of goodies.

The reading program runs July 1 – August 16. Sign up in the library beginning June 26.

Also:

- Paint a Gnome with the Studio for Art and Craft on July 15 at 10am in the Library

Community Room. This program is for ages 6 and up.

Space is limited so pre-register at the Library, at the Rec Program or by calling 284-3126.

This program is made possible through funding from Stewarts Shops.

• Science in the Summer. Join us for a roomful of hands-on science activities for school-age children and their families, July 18, 10am-11:30am at the Sharon Springs Rec Center on Pavilion Avenue. Open to all – no registration necessary.

Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and the GE Volunteers: A Global Organization of General Electric Volunteers and the Sharon Springs Free Library.

• Fiction Writing Workshop. Published author, Susannah Riskey will offer a five-part writing workshop in the library on Thursdays at 7pm beginning July 18.

Adults and teens are welcome. No experience necessary.

This event is funded in part by Poets and Writers, Inc. with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Worcester

Keep your children reading through the summer; they'll be better prepared in the fall.

We have eight weeks of our annual Summer Reading Programming. This year's theme is "Digging into Reading."

This week is called "Digging into Nature." We'll be focused on plants, seeds and what's in the soil, including worms.

Programs coming up are "Digging into the Past" (fossils, lost colonies), "Just Digging" (trucks and heavy equipment) and "Burrowers" (insects, ground animals).

Sign-up at the library or call for more information.

Story hour continues through the summer for pre-K to second grade, every Tuesday morning. Listen to stories with a related activity.

We are happy to announce that we have received a generous grant from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation this month of \$5,000.

This grant will fund programming and purchase new books. The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation is an important benefactor of our community supporting education, quality of life, volunteer organizations, youth programs, municipal infrastructures and more.

Hours: Tuesday and Saturday: 9am-2pm; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1-6pm. (607) 397-7309 worcestrefreelibrary.org.

Sharon Spa, Cobleskill get \$ for buildings

State Senator James Seward has announced that community libraries throughout the 51st Senatorial District have been awarded a total of nearly \$350,000 in public library construction grant funds.

"Our libraries are hubs for countless activities and are vital to our communities, especially in these tough economic times" said Senator Seward. "Libraries are also some of the most historic landmarks we have and are in need of repairs and upgrades to ensure their future viability and accessibility."

The grants are from \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the 2012 state budget.

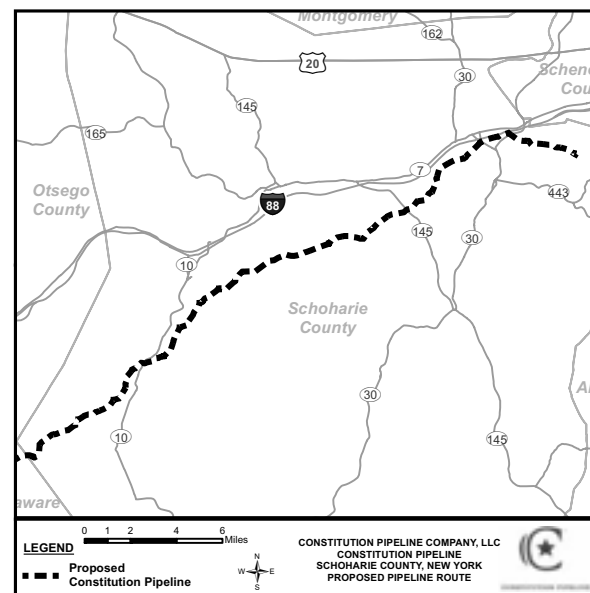
Individual grant awards throughout Senator Seward's district include:

- Sharon Springs Free Library, \$27,829. This project will improve accessibility for people with disabilities by installing automatic door openers, railings, and ramps contiguous with a new parking lot surface.

- The Community Library, \$31,065. This project will insure patron safety and increase usable space for library programming by removal of asbestos in pipes and floor tiles in two rooms and in the hallway of the library annex and includes air quality testing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – CONSTITUTION PIPELINE – FERC DOCKET NO. CP13-499.

Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC (Constitution) is proposing to construct a new 122-mile interstate gas pipeline extending from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, to Schoharie County, New York. The Project will provide firm access to new sources of gas supply being developed in North Central Pennsylvania, which is experiencing a dramatic increase in natural gas production. This increased production has the potential to provide economic benefits to the region by increasing competition among fuel sources, and to increase the reliability and diversification of the nation's supply of natural gas.



On June 13, 2013, Constitution filed an application for approval of its proposed Constitution Pipeline with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This federal proceeding is referenced as FERC Docket No. CP13-499. As part of this project, Constitution is proposing to construct and operate the following facilities to provide firm transportation service capacity of 650,000 dekatherms per day (dt/d) of natural gas:

- Approximately 122 miles of 30-inch pipeline extending from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, through Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Schoharie Counties, New York;
- A receipt meter station located in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania ("Turnpike Road M&R Station");
- A receipt tap located in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania ("Sutton Road Tie-in");
- A meter, regulation, and delivery station located at Iroquois Gas Transmission's ("Iroquois") Wright, New York, Compressor Station property in Schoharie County, New York ("Westfall Road M&R Station");
- Mainline valve assemblies at 11 locations along the Constitution Pipeline;
- Pig launcher/receiver facilities and pig trap valves at the Turnpike Road M&R Station and the Westfall Road M&R Station; and
- Cathodic protection and other related appurtenant facilities.

Constitution has entered into a capacity lease arrangement with Iroquois, whereby Iroquois will provide the compression necessary for the quantities delivered to the Westfall Road M&R Station to be delivered into the Iroquois and Tennessee Gas Pipeline systems.

Construction of the project is scheduled to commence in the fall of 2014, with a target in-service date of March 31, 2015. A complete copy of Constitution's application to the FERC for the Constitution Pipeline is available for public review at FERC's website address www.ferc.gov and at the following locations:

Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania: Susquehanna County Free Library, 83 Erie Boulevard, Susquehanna Depot, PA 18847; Pratt Memorial Library, 247 Main Street, New Milford, PA 18834.
Broome County, New York: Broome County Public Library, 185 Court Street, Binghamton, NY 13901.
Chenango County, New York: Afton Free Library, 105A Main Street, Afton, NY 13730; Bainbridge Free Library, 13 North Main Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.
Delaware County, New York: Franklin Free Library, 334 Main Street, Franklin, NY 13775; Sidney Memorial Public Library, 8 River Street, Sidney, NY 13838; Deposit Free Library, 159 Front Street, Deposit, NY 13754; Stamford Village Library, 117 Main Street, Stamford, NY 12167.
Schoharie County, New York: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043; Schoharie Free Library, 103 Knower Avenue, Schoharie, NY 12157.

Constitution will also mail notices to affected landowners and governmental agencies describing the proposed Constitution Pipeline and providing additional information, including a copy of the FERC's brochure entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?". This brochure, which answers many frequently asked questions, may also be accessed at the FERC's website address www.ferc.gov. Questions pertaining to interstate pipeline facility proceedings may be directed to the FERC's Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-6088 or by mail at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. More information about the Constitution Pipeline may be obtained by contacting the company's Land Office at (607) 235-3236 or by mail at P.O. Box 14139, Albany, NY 12212. Additional information is available by contacting Constitution by e-mail at PipelineExpansion@williams.com, or through the project web site: <http://www.constitutionspipeline.com>.



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Fathers, cars rule at Howe Caverns

At annual Father's Day car show

The clouds ruled the sky but the vintage cars and trucks controlled the grounds at the 15th annual Caverns Car Show at Howe Caverns on Father's Day.

There were plenty of motorcycles, model cars as well as food and other attractions at the show, which was hosted by Schoharie Valley Performance Street Machines in cooperation with Howe Caverns.

Photos by David Avitabile



This salmon and white 1955 Studebaker President owned by Don and Lois Rancatti drew a lot of onlookers at Howe Caverns.






Steven and Bonnie Roy's gullwing Chevrolet Camaro garnered a lot of attention at the car show at Howe Caverns.



Three spectators inspect the engine of a 1955 Ford Thunderbird.



Ken and Justin Long of Cobleskill look over the engine bay of this 1957 Chevrolet station wagon owned by Dave and Kristy Cechnicki on Father's Day.

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Stone Fort to celebrate July 4

The Old Stone Fort Museum will hold its annual Independence Day celebration on Thursday, the Fourth of July from 10am-5pm.

Readings of the Declaration of Independence and other documents of the time will take place at 11am and 2pm.

Members of the 3rd Tryon County Militia and other reenactors will engage in living history and visitor-interpretive debate on the issues of taxation and taking up arms against the government throughout the day.

All outdoor activities are admission free.

The regular museum admission rates apply to indoor exhibits.

The Old Stone Fort was attacked by British, Loyalist and Native American forces in 1780, and is located near the George Mann Tory Tavern, site of a Loyalist, or "Tory" uprising in 1777.

It houses exhibits on the American Revolutionary War, including a cannonball that struck the building in 1780, as well as other materials of local and regional history. The seven building complex also features a 1780 Dutch barn and an early German-style house dating from circa 1786.

The event is co-produced by the Schoharie County Historical Society and the Burning of the Valleys Military Association, a regional organization of groups and individuals portraying early American history in and around the Schoharie, Mohawk and Hudson Valleys.

Photos Online...

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Far from finished

Bull's Head restoration a bigger job than planned, but many set to help out

Like many rehab projects, the renovation and restoration of the Bull's Head Inn will take longer than first expected.

But that doesn't mean partners and owners Chris Guldner and Mary Sagendorf are discouraged. Instead, they're redoubling their efforts and have a legion of supporters ready to help.

Mr. Guldner and Ms. Sagendorf bought the Cobleskill inn from Tony Giammattei in January and had hoped to open it in late summer.

They planned to restore the Bull's Head as close to its original 1802 condition as possible. Once they began removing sheetrock and taking out remodeling jobs from earlier decades, however, the job appeared daunting.

"When we started peeling back layers to see what's up, it's going to be more work than we thought," Mr. Guldner said.

The ground floor is fully gutted, and work is beginning on the basement pub and the second floor. The attic will come later.

The project's even extended to straightening the old inn. Dan Schulte of Bert Schulte Construction jacked up and realigned the building two weeks ago.

Gutting the inn didn't just uncover problems. In working on the pub, workers found that Howard Snyder, who owned the inn in the early 1980s, had put in steel I beams for support.

"They probably saved the building," Mr. Guldner said.

Even starting almost from ground zero—far behind where they expected—Mr. Guldner and Ms. Sagendorf aren't dismayed.

"She was not intimidated," Mr. Guldner said, laughing and pointing at his partner.

"When we saw how much we had to do, we looked at it as an opportunity to do it right rather than we opened a can of worms," he added.

"Our original baseline was late summer. Now it's looking more like the end of the year."

Friends and supporters—and there are many of them—will have to be patient. Reaction to the news of the sale in January and a well-received survey in February indicated that the public anxiously wants the new Bull's Head owners to succeed.

And friends want to be part of that success. One of the first offers came from Sally and Jerry Law, who gave old beams from a barn on their Borst Noble Road property.

Mr. Schulte used them as supports when he straightened the building.

"It's one old building in Cobleskill helping another," Ms. Sagendorf said. "That's pretty neat."

Hope and Corky Coons from South Grand Street have offered a furnace, a large old mantle and an antique walnut banister.

"There's a terrible lot of interest in the Bull's Head," Ms. Coons explained in offering the goods. "There are a lot of good memories there."

"Why should we have good stuff sit around in our barn if we can give it to them and help?"

Paul McAvoy, a co-worker of Mr. Guldner's at Knolls Atomic Power Lab, donated an old Bull's Head menu board from the 1960s and '70s.

Neighboring businesses, including the Park Theater, Quality Heating and others, have joined the partners to urge NYSEG to put in a gas line on the block.

Other help came in the form of muscle. Joel Van Steel, a Cobleskill-Richmondville High School student, helped clean up as a community service project.

Joel and his friends stayed on to lend a hand moving out debris.

"Just about every day, someone offers us some sort of help.

▲The offers of help are outpacing our planning.▲
—Chris Guldner



Even though the project is far more than they expected, partners Mary Sagendorf and Chris Guldner are still smiling as they stand in their gutted Bull's Head Inn on Friday. They originally expected to open the historic inn in late summer. Now they're eying an end-of-year opening day.



Chris Guldner shows off the Bull's Head's attic, which once served as a meeting room, town hall or dance hall. Note the curved ceiling on either side of the long, narrow room.



Examining an old, heavy beam donated by Jerry and Sally Law, Chris Guldner stands in one of the downstairs dining rooms. Beyond the beams are braces jacked up by Dan Schulte to straighten the 1802 inn.



Chris Guldner stands near one of the closed fireplaces in a downstairs dining room.

be it time, materials, or even their willingness to write a check," Ms. Sagendorf said.

"The offers of help are outpacing our planning," Mr. Guldner added.

Planning, however, is moving along. As they've gutted, Mr. Guldner and Ms. Sagendorf have firmed up the layout.

Downstairs will have three dining rooms, though there will be no walls. Gutting uncovered two fireplaces that may hold gas stoves or fixtures.

In response to the February survey, the partners will have bathrooms on the ground floor instead of the ladies' room on the second floor.

Also, there will be a service bar on the ground floor, and the pub will return in the basement.

The second floor will probably be for meetings and parties, though Mr. Guldner isn't sure what to do with the attic, with its unusual curved ceiling.

The attic may have served as the town hall or meeting room in the early 1800s.

"This could be my man cave or maybe a VIP room," Mr. Guldner said, laughing.

The Bull's Head was an inn for about 30 years after it was built. For the next 130 years, the building was a private residence. Monty Allen reopened it in 1966 as a restaurant.

Among the memorabilia Mr. Guldner found in the attic was a guest book from Mr. Allen's opening day, May 20, 1966. Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller were guests for the day.

It's that kind of history that keeps Mr. Guldner and Ms. Sagendorf optimistic about the future of the Bull's Head.

"This is so unique and an important part of downtown," Ms. Sagendorf said. "We want to keep it that way."

Story, photos by Jim Poole

Constitution awards grants

Constitution Pipeline Company has announced the recipients of the second cycle of its Constitution Pipeline Community Grant program, awarding 26 grants totaling more than \$400,000 to benefit local communities within the counties traversed by the proposed pipeline project.

The company awarded nearly \$300,000 in grants earlier this year, bringing the total announced awards to approximately \$700,000.

An advisory committee consisting of community leaders and company representatives helped determine which projects would receive funding and how the dollars would be distributed.

Grants were awarded based on overall community need and merit of the proposal.

Examples of eligible projects included emergency/first responder support, youth or senior services, education programs, assistance in the enrichment of wildlife habitat and promotion of environmental education.

"We are very pleased with the opportunity to assist in funding this innovative, diverse collection of community projects," said Matt Swift, Constitution Pipeline project manager.

"Constitution Pipeline is committed to being a good neighbor by putting safety, environmental stewardship and community support at the heart of

our operations."

Constitution Pipeline plans to distribute grant awards twice per year, with the next funding cycle's deadline scheduled for September 30, 2013.

Grant applications can be completed online at www.constitutiopipeline.com.

Second Cycle 2013 grant recipients by county included:

Broome County, six grants for a total of \$92,446; Chenango County, two grants for a total of \$46,000; Delaware County, five grants for a total of \$96,316; Schoharie County, six grants for a total of \$86,667; Susquehanna County, four grants for a total of \$78,548; and Otsego County, three grants for a total of \$6,000.

Schoharie County grants included:

• Schoharie Area Long Term, Inc., Building Hope, Rebuilding Community, \$25,000.

• Jefferson Historical Society, Maple Museum, free music series, \$1,120.

• Schoharie County Soil and Water Conservation District, Environmental outreach fund, \$24,948.

• Cobleskill Little League, repair and rebuild Little League field and concession stand, \$5,000.

• Charlotteville Fire Department, purchase fire fighting apparatus, \$25,000.

• Cobleskill Recreation Commission, ADA compliant lift for community pool, \$5,599.

Centre Park hydro?

Eagle Scout planning mini plant to generate Cobleskill power

By Patsy Nicosia
The Village of Cobleskill could start generating its own hydroelectric power under an ambitious project proposed by Eagle Scout candidate Jonathan DiCesare.

Jonathan explained his plans—which include a working waterwheel, turbines, and mill house—to Mayor Mark Galasso and trustees last Tuesday, earning their blessing.

"It's an ambitious project for an Eagle Scout," Mayor Galasso said. "It certainly goes above and beyond."

Jonathan plans to build and install a small hydroelectric fa-

cility below the dam in Centre Park with the help of Scouts, contractors, and others.

Not only would it serve as a way to educate people about the importance of renewable, green energy, he said, but it would create electricity for the village.

That electricity would be available to light the flag or for the village's Christmas display; any unused power could be sold back to National Grid to generate revenue.

Jonathan said the project will be built in two phases.

The first, which he hopes to

begin by September, would involve installing the generators.

He estimates the cost at \$13,500 and has already begun fundraising and seeking grants and donations to help cover the cost.

Phase two would involve installing the waterwheel at a cost of about \$14,000.

To date, he said, Jonathan has \$2,000 raised and he's planning to talk to Capital District colleges and solicit pledges through online sites as a way to raise more.

He hopes to have the micro-plant up and running by next

March.

"Before we start phase one, we'll have the money for phase one," he said, adding that phase one can stand alone and generate electricity; the waterwheel will be the "aesthetic" piece of the project.

The project will also include a small mill house with a grist mill look to house machinery.

The village plans to dedicate any revenues from the project to a capital reserve fund it will establish for its maintenance.

Anything above and beyond that will go to a specified village department.

Summit



By Karen Cuccinello
Wow, a whole stretch of wonderful weather, I think we truly deserve it. The nice weather arrived when my mom, Connie McLaughlin, arrived from Tennessee to spend a week.
At the county supervisors meeting a new county Advanced Life Support (ALS) fly car was approved to replace the car that has over 200,000 miles on it.
Also, the donation of a chiefs car that was donated to the Summit Fire Department was approved to be given to the Schoharie County Sheriff Tactical and Rescue Force. This replaces a car that also has about 200,000 miles on it.
I met the new Blenheim town historian, Liz Arrandale, at an interesting history tour of Rossman Hill given by Gerald Hamm. Liz has a big task in getting the records and artifacts, that were in the one-room schoolhouse by the Blenheim covered bridge, back in order.
We stopped by the Mountain Men program at the Power Authority last weekend, interesting.
The county treasurer has

moved back to the county office building.
It was too bad to hear that Jim VanValen had died. Condolences to the family.
Summit Town Board Meeting June 20
Highway Superintendent Jim Dibble mentioned they sold the old dump truck at auction, brought two loads of white goods to the crushers and sold the compressor and lake dock for a total of over \$4000 profit. He also mentioned they are a bit behind in some of their road work due to the excessive rains, but plans to get back on schedule soon.
There was some discussion on the finalized pipeline route and discussion about a problem dog in town and that there needs to be a back-up dog control officer.
There was no response to the call for more Planning Board members so the board will follow up on some applicants from a previous search.
Two of the current Planning Board members would like to attend a training in Malta. The specifics and logistics for the training need to be firm up before it is approved.

Two of the Western Catskill housing grant jobs are taking place.
June 26 - Summit Rescue Squad meeting 6:30pm at the firehouse.
June 29 - Middleburgh Volunteer Fire Department 125th Anniversary at the Fire House after a parade.
June 29 - Summit Farmers Market at the Firehouse Pavilion from 8am-Noon. One more vendor that didn't get mentioned last week is Fabled Frog Soap owned by Kimberly D. Merenz of Richmondville. She sells soaps, balms etc.
June 29 - Schoharie Nationals Second Annual Car & Truck Show 9AM-3PM at the Sunshine Fairgrounds in Cobleskill for all makes of cars, trucks, jeeps, customs and tuners. Pre-register at registration@schoharienationals.com. Proceeds to benefit the Shriners Cyprus Temple Transportation Fund.
June 30 - Happy anniversary to Paul & Lori Cuccinello.
July 1 - August 31 - Sharon Historical Society Museum Complex on Route 10 open daily 1-4pm. Dorcas Comrie, curator.
July 2 - Schoharie County

meetings in the County office building; Law Enforcement 5pm, Radio/Emergency Services Committee 5:30pm, Highway Committee and Transportation Committee 7pm, Buildings and Purchases 7:30pm.
July 4 - Independence Day celebration at the Old Stone Fort 10am-5pm.
July 6 - Free Summit Summer Program of Traditional Bluegrass Music by Yak Yak Creek from 1:30-2:30pm at the Community Seventh Day Adventist Pavilion 2861 Route 10.
July 7 - The New York Volunteers: Songs & Stories of the Civil War - Linda Russell, of New York City, will present a look at New York's involvement in the Civil War through eyewitness accounts - letters, diaries and songs. The Civil War has been called the "singingist" war in history. This program lets us hear the voices of those New Yorkers who lent their time, talents and tunes to the struggle. The program will take place at the Charlotteville Schoolhouse on Charlotte Valley Rd. (across from the firehouse) on July 7 from 3-4pm. For information

contact Karen Cuccinello, the Summit Town Historian, at 518-287-1945 or karenc@midtel.net.
July 21 - Antique Auto Show & Antiques in Blenheim at the NY Power Authority Route 30 from 10am-4pm rain or shine.
Jefferson
July 5 - Jefferson Historical Society presents a Cabaret Night with Patti VanTassel Trio at the Maple Museum, 221 Creamery Road, Jefferson, 7pm. This event is free to the public and is paid for in part with public funds from the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered through the Community Arts Grants Fund by the Greene County Council on the Arts.
July 13 - Jefferson Heritage Day Celebration in the Town Green, off Route 10. Free event, rain or shine. The Parade steps off at 11am featuring local Fire Departments, vintage vehicles, Scout Troops and other organizations.
The village green bursts with free activities for children, teens and adults starting at 8am. Magic shows, face painting, petting zoo, wagon rides, dunk tank, silent auction are only a few of the many things to make Heritage Day an event that you'll surely enjoy. Live

music under the big tent begins at 2pm and continues until 11pm. A varied selection of food vendors will be selling their specialties. For other information or directions, contact: Shannon 607-652-2536 or Don 607-652-3546 or e-mail HeritageDay2013@aol.com
Charlotteville
I happened to find a Kaatskill Life magazine on the coffee table in the third floor lobby of the County Building. In the magazine is a wonderful article with pictures about Charlotteville.
June 29 - The Charlotteville Volunteer Fire Department invites the community to its annual chicken BBQ and auction at the Charlotteville Fire Station. Chicken BBQ starts at 11:30am, auction starts at 2pm. For more information, please contact Georgia at 607-397-8054.
Fulton
Vinton one-room schoolhouse, in the West Fulton Town Green on West Fulton Rd. is open Sundays Memorial Day thru Columbus Day 12-4pm.
History
March 22, 1905 The Phoenix Dr. M. Bruce, Charlotteville, has the largest practice of any physician in Schoharie County. He finds it impossible to attend to all his calls.

Gilboa



By Dorothy Pickett
The 11th Annual 4th of July Kids' Parade will kick off at 1pm here in Flat Creek. Big kids and little kids: Decorate your bikes, wagons, strollers or bring a vehicle, floats, and tractors of your choice.
Spectators and participants needed so spread the word. Line up begins at 12:30pm on July 4 at the Flat Creek Baptist Church.
The parade goes around the block and ends up with a potluck picnic at 843 Flat Creek Road (next to the church).
Hotdogs, hamburgers and lemonade provided. We just ask that you bring a dish to share and your lawn chair.
A donation collected will go to the Conesville Fire Department. They participate faithfully each year.
Vacation Bible School begins this week at Flat Creek Baptist Church. Just a reminder to drive slow down Flat Creek Road as the little children will be out and about.
Birthday Greetings: June 28 John Sweatman, July 2 Rebekah Mowers.
Keep in prayer, Joan Fancher, and all those who are ill at this time.
Five-year-old Derrick Brandow of Flat Creek had a belated birthday celebration on Sunday, June 23. His birthday was on the 16th. The party

was hosted by his mom Rachel, dad Travis and sister Brooke at his home. Derrick's grandparents are Mike and Karen Brandow of Manorkill, and great-grandson of Stanley and Hilda Fancher of Conesville. Happy belated birthday Derrick.
On Friday, as the flood began in Middleburgh, John and Chari Standhart headed for Proctors Theater in Schenectady to watch their granddaughter Olivia's dance recital. Olivia danced in five performances. She is the daughter of Jim and Michael Ann Standhart. Chari and John arrived home safe using round-about routes.
David and Heidi Pickett along with Polly Hallock attended the wedding on Saturday, June 22 of Dylan Weidner and Briana Detweiler in Rising Sun Maryland. Dylan is the son of Joseph and Kim Weidner and grandson of Flora Del and LaVerne Hubbard.
Michael Saez arrived home from Hong Kong for a 10-day visit with his mom Ingrid and brother, Brian. He and Brian went motorcycling giving Michael the experience he needed to get his motorcycle license.
He passed the drivers test on Tuesday. He would like to get a motor scooter in Hong Kong since he cannot have a car

there.
On Saturday night Ingrid hosted a get together at her home. Sister Sonja and daughters Christine and Lori arrived for the weekend.
Six other friends of Michael and Brian were also there.
On Sunday, Michael cooked chicken paella outside for all of them including Michael Hubbard.
Father's Day they went to Flat Creek Cemetery to place flowers on their relatives graves.
I understand Maude Haskin was a guest at the Roxbury senior citizens get-together one day last week. Maude will turn 100 on July 28.
Approximately 40 people attended the Gilboa Historical meeting on Wednesday night. The meeting began at 7pm with a break after the meeting for refreshments. The speakers for the night spoke and showed pictures of area waterfalls.
Thursday the Mountain Top seniors met at the Conesville Fire hall for a lunch of tossed salad and pizza from Vasta's in Stamford. The lunch was topped off with strawberry shortcake. John and Nancy Sweatman picked fresh strawberries at Bohringer's the day before.
A brief meeting was conducted by acting President Wilma Jones.
Friday morning Vern and I attended the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors meeting. We were glad to hear County Clerk Indy Jaycox and most of the staff are back in their newly renovated offices after being flooded out from hurricane Irene. The rest of the staff should be arriving this week.
Other offices in the building seem to be coming along nicely and occupancy is expected each week.
The book and bake sale at Gilboa Church on Saturday went very well. There were lots and lots of baked goods.
I bought a delicious apple pie to surprise Vern with. When I arrived home Vern had started to mow the lawn. I quickly changed my clothes and

started mowing too.
After that I put mulch around the shrubs in front of the house and finally got the flower bed completely weeded out on the side of the house.
The peonies are in full bloom next to the rhubarb patch and they are simply gorgeous this year. I brought a huge bouquet in the house. We both then enjoyed a piece of the pie.
Mine Kill Park staff opened their pool area on Saturday June 22, just in time to beat the heat. The hours are from 10am-6pm daily. They will be having a "Learn to Swim" program. For more information on this call 827 6111.
Friday night I attended the 2013 graduation at Gilboa School.
A huge crowd of mothers, fathers, grandparents, children, friends, faculty and board members were in attendance for this event. Over one hundred awards were presented.
Lots of tears, hugs and congratulations were given as they lined up outside after the ceremony. As I drove home I could not help but to think of my own graduation from G-CCS 56 years ago. Things certainly have changed since then.
Back in Time
November 19, 1909 Quite a large number of people from Gilboa, Prattsville, Conesville, Manorkill and Grand Gorge visited the scene of activity of the line of the D&ERR, near Rikard's Sunday afternoon.
Gilboa School
Schools out. Have a safe summer.
Upcoming Events
June 27 Conesville Sunday School trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Friday June 28 7-10pm dance at the Grand Gorge Civic Center. July 6, 11am-4pm; 10th anniversary Peaceful Valley Gospel Fest located at 261 Palmer Road, Jefferson. July 6 Sidewalk sale days in Roxbury, July 7 Conesville Chapel Worship service 4pm.

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Sharon Springs

By Cindy Opicci
I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the super weather we had the last few days. Summer is here.
Once again, congratulations to all the students who graduated - here's to a great future.
If you have any news feel free to contact me at rcop@verizon.net.
Happy birthday for the week of June 27-July 3: Helen M. Brown, Meghan Keane, Matthew Edwards, Nathan Paul DiPace, John R. Falsarella, Austin Vosburgh, Ethan Robert Keller - 27th; Kitty Schrader, Chet Pinder Sr., Brice Rivenburg, David Michael Costello, Bud Haverly, Scott O'Connor - 28th; Nathan Schafsteck, Jared Olsen O'Conner, Brenda Breslin, Theresa House, Jim Bianchine - 29th; George Slater, Arianna Parsons - 30th; Jinny Kirby, Peggy Ullman, Jacob Parsons, Helen Walther, Heidi Lynk, Jayden Roe, Courtney Shaw - July 1; Diane Nolette, Anthony Falsarella, Steve DiCicco, David Sheldon - 2nd; Ryan Allan Baxter, Robert Neale, Emma Larson - 3rd.
Happy anniversary to George and Kari Roberts on June 27; Jim and Patty Lowry and Ray and Mary Parsons on June 28; James and Cindy Hoffman on June 29; James and Thomas Hornauer, Chad and Alison Myers, and Bruce and Jennifer Lynk on July 1; Robert and Lisa Brykailo on July 2.
Community news
The Sharon Springs 22nd

Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, July 20; rain or shine. You still have July 2 and July 9 to register at the Methodist Church from 7-8pm or send an email to sharongaragesale@gmail.com.
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Betty Pillsbury of Huntersland, center, talks to Nina Lawford-Juviler of Delhi and Chris Fitch of Middleburgh in the technology room of the Middleburgh library about the community crazy quilt she is quilting.

'Crazy quilt' to build sense of community



Nina Lawford-Juviler of Delhi stitches while quilter Betty Pillsbury of Huntersland gives some advice in the Middleburgh library.

Betty Pillsbury of Huntersland is using an old pastime to build a sense of community and to bring attention to the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail and the Middleburgh Library.

Ms. Pillsbury, an award-winning textile artist and instructor, began creating a crazy quilt at the library earlier this month.

Crazy quilts were popular in the Victorian era. One made at the Freemyer House in Middleburgh in 1886 is often on display at the New York State Historical Society in Cooperstown, according to Ms. Pillsbury.

The library now sits on the site of the Freemyer House, which was later known as the Hotel Baker.

Ms. Pillsbury is hoping that the quilt will help build a sense of community in the county. The quilt, which will be a 54-inch square or larger when completed, will be taken to different venues in the county.

The middle of the quilt contains a map of the county. It will be surrounded by 12 blocks and then a border.

Ms. Pillsbury also hopes that the quilt will bring attention to the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail and the Middleburgh Library.

Story, photos by
David Avitabile

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C-R grad sings with legends

Zenir with Stones for Boston gig

By Jim Poole

The Rolling Stones released "You Can't Always Get What You Want" in 1969, at least 15 years before Sarah Zenir was born.

So it's a tribute to the Stones' longevity and Ms. Zenir's talent that the 2005 Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate sang with "The World's Greatest Rock and Roll Band" in mid-June.

A graduate student at Boston University who sings with BU's Marsh Chapel Choir, Ms. Zenir sang with the choir on the Stones' classic "You Can't Always Get What You Want" June 12 and 14 at Boston's TD Garden.

The enormity of it all didn't hit Ms. Zenir till after the concerts, when she was "walking into Starbucks and saw myself standing right behind Mick Jagger on the front page of The Boston Globe," she said in an email interview.

The song's one of the few Stones numbers—maybe the only one—that would fit with Ms. Zenir's singing style.

Ms. Zenir, the daughter of Pat and Deb Zenir of Summit, was in choir, select choir and musicals at Cobleskill-Richmondville before studying vocal performance and music education at The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

After teaching music and directing the elementary and junior-senior choirs at Downsville in Delaware County for three years, Ms. Zenir chose to seek her master's degree in Choral Conducting at Boston University.

And that's where the Rolling Stones come in.

Now on their 50 & Counting tour, the Stones are joining up with a choir at each of their stops. Ms. Zenir and the Marsh Chapel Choir got the call in Boston.

Scott Allen Jarrett, the choir director, received the contact from the Stones' organization, Ms. Zenir said.

"Scott was contacted about a month before the show and we had three weeks to prepare," Ms. Zenir said.

"When he told us about the opportunity, we all really thought it was a joke."



Boston University's Marsh Chapel Choir gathers for a photo outside the TD Garden in Boston before performing with the Rolling Stones in mid-June. Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate Sarah Zenir is at the left center, wearing a blue scarf.

"It felt like a movie scene when you hear the roaring crowd and see lots of flashing lights. Being on the rock star side of that felt unreal."

—Sarah Zenir

But it wasn't. On the original "You Can't Always Get What You Want," released by the Stones on the "Let It Bleed" album, the London Bach Choir performed the background chorus.

The 24-member Marsh Chapel Choir sings Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and 20th Century English music, so they were right for the part.

Not that all of the choir members were familiar with the Stones' music.

"I was not a Stones fan before this," Ms. Zenir said. "It was kind of embarrassing, actually. We were being interviewed by [Boston] Channel 7 news and the reporter asked if anyone didn't know the song 'You Can't Always Get What You Want' before this."

"I, along with maybe one other person in the choir, raised my hand."

That didn't matter, though. The choir rehearsed for 30 minutes on Sunday before the Wednesday show. And on Wednesday, "We rehearsed with the Rolling Stones' music director, Matt Clifford, before actually singing with the band," Ms. Zenir said.

For a production like a Stones concert, there was much hurry and wait. After going through security and getting to an executive suite. . .

"There was a lot of down time," Ms. Zenir wrote. "We would have a rehearsal, then wait an hour to have our own sound check, then wait an hour and have our sound check with the Stones."

"The Rolling Stones greeted us when we got on stage to rehearse with them for the first time with waves and head nods."

"You Can't Always Get What You Want" was in the first encore, so the choir got to see the Stones' show.

And then it was the choir's turn:

"Actually standing on stage with the Rolling Stones in front of an audience of 20,000 was breathtaking," Ms. Zenir said.

Anyone might expect that legendary rock stars would treat a choir's one-time performance as routine, but that wasn't the case.

"I half expected us to be seen as the choir that 'just sings for one song' and that we weren't a big deal," Ms. Zenir said.

"The Stones really made us feel like we were an integral part of that song's performance. When we finished they looked over with satisfaction, and we really felt like rock stars. It felt like a movie scene when you hear the roaring crowd and see lots of flashing lights. Being on the rock star side of that felt unreal. It was really satisfying."

And also challenging to be part of a performance of rock musicians still wildly popular in their 50th year as a band.

The Marsh Chapel Choir had to measure up to that standard, and did.

"The choir had to work so hard to 'be cool,'" Ms. Zenir said. "We were incredibly flattered when their music director told us that we were the best choir the Stones have had on this tour."

Even though the choir didn't meet Mick Jagger, Keith Richards or Charlie Watts, being around them—and performing alongside them—was a lifetime thrill.

"I'll never forget being on stage and the feeling of just pure awe in the presence of such music icons," Ms. Zenir said.



With a Rolling Stones audience growing larger behind her, 2005 Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate Sarah Zenir stands in the TD Garden in Boston before performing with her Marsh Chapel Choir and the Stones.

Organizers of July 4 seek help for next year

By Jim Poole

The organizers of Schoharie County's July 4 celebration are looking for someone to take over the job next year.

Jacqui Hauser and Maggie Pryor are in their fifth year in the volunteer effort and want fresh leaders to assume the roles.

Both women are with Cobleskill Partnership Inc. and Friends of the Fourth; both organizations and other volunteers have helped, too.

But Ms. Hauser and Ms. Pryor are tired of the planning and coordinating, which begins in April.

"Nobody could run it without help," Ms. Hauser said. "We're looking for a couple of people to take it over."

"What volunteers do is important. This is put on by your friends and neighbors."

The Friends of the Fourth started the celebration in the mid-1990s, and the event has grown since CPI became involved five years ago.

The observance now in-

cludes a parade, events at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds and fireworks at night. Thousands attend each year.

Friends of the Fourth founder Hope Coons sympathized with Ms. Hauser and Ms. Pryor.

"If you have enough volunteers, it works," she said. "But volunteers just get burned out."

The job includes arranging for the fireworks, pulling together the parade, getting rides and vendors for the Fairgrounds and recruiting volunteers for the day of the event.

"It's a big job for two people,

but it's manageable for five," Ms. Hauser said.

She and Ms. Pryor are hoping one person or several step forward now and get familiar with the process this week in preparation for 2014.

Also, they're ready to help whoever steps forward for next year.

"We're not going to drop this in someone's lap," Ms. Pryor said. "We'll be there to help."

"Thousands of people enjoy this. We just need a few to step forward," Ms. Hauser added.

Anyone interested can contact Ms. Hauser at 296-8122 or Ms. Pryor at 231-2076.

July 4 to be as American as apple pie

Schoharie County's July 4 celebration is an all-American occasion this year.

The theme for next Thursday's observance reflects that theme, too: "American as Apple Pie."

Organized by volunteer groups Cobleskill Partnership Inc. and Friends of the Fourth, the celebration gets under way at 2pm with rides and activities at the Fairgrounds.

Food, dance, karaoke, music and crafts will be at the Fairgrounds. Other activities include a bungee run, dunk tank and water slide.

"It's awesome, really," said Jacqui Hauser, one of the organizers.

The Studio Fab dancers will perform at 3:30.

The celebration will live up to its theme. There's an apple pie baking contest; entrants should bring pies to the Fair-

grounds between 2 and 4pm. Judging will be at 4.

Danielle Easton of the Pampered Chef is organizing the pie contest. Prizes will come from the Pampered Chef, The Studio for Art and Craft and Coby's.

A parade will march down Main Street and South Grand to the Fairgrounds at 5pm. Fireworks will touch off at dark.

Groups helping out include Cheerdome, the Cobleskill-Richmondville girls' varsity soccer team, scouts and others.

"This is a volunteer effort," Ms. Hauser said. "All donations go to pay for the fireworks."

Volunteers will seek donations from those watching fireworks around the village.

Anyone who wants to be in the parade should call Maggie Pryor at 231-2076. To volunteer at the Fairgrounds, call Ms. Hauser at 296-8122.

Zenir gets a close look at Stones

Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate Sarah Zenir had a handful of observations about performing with Rolling Stones after her Marsh Chapel Choir was on stage with them in Boston two weeks ago:

- "Like you would expect, [the Stones] function on their own time. No one knew exactly what time they would arrive, and they couldn't tell us exactly when we would rehearse with them."

- "They rehearsed in their casual clothes, and it was clear that they were just doing their thing."

- "There wasn't really an opportunity to meet them and we also signed a contract to basically 'be cool'

and not take pictures during rehearsals."

- "There's an innate connection when you make music with a group of people, and the Stones do this so naturally with each other. As a choir we felt like we were making music with the Rolling Stones, not just singing the random back-up choir part."

- "They were so down to earth, humble and communicated with us on stage like we were part of the band."

- "The fact that their music is still relevant after 50 years and that younger generations listen to them and know their music speaks volumes about the effectiveness of their craft and their vibe as a rock 'n roll band."

BBQ will raise \$ for 'Kindness'

Caz Girls hope 'Random Acts' will help patient with medical costs

By Patsy Nicosia

Caz Girls Conquer 365 Random Acts of Kindness hopes a BBQ Saturday at Noble Ace Hardware will give its Greater Acts of Kindness a shot in the arm.

Billed as Cooking for Kindness, the event will run from 11:30am till sold out.

Barbecue Delights Catering from Schoharie is handling the catering with other food sponsors including Justine's, Wolfe's Pizza, and Coccadotts Bakery.

Both meals, with potatoes, slaw, and a roll, and chicken halves will be sold

Advance sale tickets are available—but not necessary—by calling 231-1473 or by emailing Cazkindness365@gmail.com.

In addition to food, there will be raffles for items donated by sponsors Grapevine Farms, Coccadotts Bakery, The Hair Artist, Marriott of Albany, Villa Italia, and Price Chopper.

You don't have to be present to win and the event will be held rain or shine.

Caz Girls RAK kicked off this spring after a group of Cazenovia College friends, including Trista (Porn) Bradt of Cobleskill made a New Year's

pact to do something kind for everyone every day for the next year.

Their RAKs include everything from buying strangers coffee to leaving lottery tickets behind in shopping carts; Cooking for Kindness will help fund their Greater Acts, which is a larger scale effort to support someone going through an especially difficult time, often dealing with an illness or medical emergency.

Ms. Bradt said Saturday's BBQ will go to help someone from Cobleskill whose medical expenses exceeds his income.

They're also hoping to put something aside toward the \$800 cost of filing as a nonprofit.

Also as part of Saturday's event, Jack Pryor, a Radez Elementary student involved in TREPS will sell his lemonade with proceeds benefiting GAK and anyone bringing a new or a nearly new children's book as a donation will receive a free raffle ticket.

"The support has been incredible," Ms. Bradt said. "It's spreading like crazy. It's amazing how many people have reached out to us to get involved."



Sports



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RYO wins softball crown

Majors girls softball had their championship game last Friday night at the Richmondville Little League field with Richmondville's IR Contracting defeating Cobleskill Fire Department 13-6.

Richmondville Mayor Kevin Neary threw out the first pitch to start the game.

Lindsay Becker, Hannah Bradley, Kamryn DesRoches and Cassidy Hammecker ended their Little League careers with a championship victory.

Ellia Dannible pitched a solid game for the Richmondville team, whose offense was relentless with a total of 13 hits.

The first inning set the tone for Richmondville when with two outs and bases empty, Becker and Bradley both doubled followed by a home run from Dannible.

Richmondville players included; Ali Pressley, DesRoches, Hammecker, Jessica Meade, Gillian Bradley and Alexis Myers.

Emily Johnson provided some key defense and Kendyl



Front left to right: Kendyl DesRoches, Gillian Bradley, Lexi Myers, Sabrina Pressley, Alli Pressley, Jessica Meade.

Back: Coach Tamara DesRoches, Cassidy Hammecker, Kamryn DesRoches, Ellia Dannible, Lindsay Becker, Coach Shelley Bradley, Caitlyn Hammecker, Emily Johnson, Hannah Bradley, Coach Mike Becker.

DesRoches and Sabrina Pressley also scored runs for Richmondville.

Cobleskill's offense was led by Gabby Soto with a triple and Sydney Dymes with a single.

Richmondville's offense proved to be too much, out hitting Cobleskill 13-3.

Richmondville pool open for swim, lessons

The Holmes-Winters Pool in Richmondville is now open for the season.

There will be three two-week sessions for swimming lessons beginning on July 8.

Adult water exercise will begin on Saturday, June 29.

Water babies will start on Saturday, July 6.

Registration forms will be available at the Village Office.

The pool will be open from 1-7pm daily.

Special programs will be held as follows:

- Family Swim - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8pm.
- Water exercise - Thursdays, 6-7pm, and Saturdays, 11-noon.
- Water babies - Saturdays, 10-11am.

The Summer Arts and Crafts Program will begin on July 8. The program is open to youth of all ages and will be held at the Municipal Building Mondays-Fridays.

For more information on any of these programs call 294-6681.



Win MVAC opener

On Saturday, June 15, the Mohawk Valley Anglers Club held their season opener on Sacandaga Lake out of Broadalbin.

The tournament was won by local fishermen Roy Bilby and Ryan Coulter.

They culled through 36 smallmouths to weigh in a five fish limit at 9.73 pounds and take the win. The team is sponsored by Off the Beaten Path Sporting Goods, Grapevine Farms Country Store and Bistro, Iron Skillet Seasonings, Noble Ace Hardware and Cobleskill Collision.

The next MVAC event will be on Oneida Lake on June 29.

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Big birds:

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Local turkey hunters registered with Mike and Nancy Spenello at Cobleskill Outdoor Sports on France Lane to be part of the contest.

Successful hunters came in with their big bird for Mr. Spenello to weigh and measure.

He used the total weight, plus the length of beard and the length of spurs to determine the winner. Shown in the photo are the winners and officers of the chapter.

Local hunters are encouraged to join the NWTFF. Members plan to have a Youth Day during the summer and all youth in the area will be invited to take part in the activities.

Contact Liz Reinhart for details, 339-2464.

Ridge Runners, Cobleskill Outdoor Sports name turkey contest winners



From left front row: Don Reinhart, Eric Dauley Sr., first prize adult; Eric Dauley, Jr., first prize youth; Liz Reinhart, Lenny Coons IV, tied first prize adult; second row: Russ Marlow and Dave Hendricks.

By Ed & Betty Biittig
Wednesday the World of Outlaw Late Model Series made their first visit to Fonda Speedway.

When we arrived at the speedway we realized this was truly an event for the record books. On hand were 24 Late Models along with 26 Modifieds.

As we made our way through the pits we saw many of the cars that we normally only see at Volusia Speedway in Florida during Speed Weeks in February.

As we approached one familiar Late Model we recognized the driver but not from the Late Model ranks. It was third generation, Fonda champion, Ronnie Johnson sitting in the Chub Frank back up car. Chub Frank is one of the WoO regulars from Pennsylvania. Ronnie was ready to try his hand at a Late Model, something his famous father had never done.

For never being in one of the cars, Ronnie impressed many in attendance posting 6th fastest in time trials.

Although Ronnie dropped out of the main event with mechanical woes after ten laps, his Modified followers still have plenty to brag about.

The winner of the Late Model event was a driver familiar to Fonda Speedway and the Northeast, Tim McCreadie led the field to the green and with no cautions to close up the field, was still in the top spot at the checker. Another driver familiar to Fonda, Billy Decker finished third, Tim Fuller was 12th and Vic Coffee 13th.

The Modified portion of the show ran with only two yellows

and the winner was Jeremy Wilder, his first win of the year at Fonda. Danny Varin was second and a great run by Lebanon Valley Keith Flach who came in third. It was a great run for Keith who has only made a few starts at Fonda.

On Friday we made our trip up the hill to Glen Ridge; the car counts are on the upswing and the racing is good. Pete and his crew are doing their best to give fans a creditable show. They tried to run Street Stocks and Pro Stocks together because of low car counts in both classes but the experiment didn't seem to work; the Pro Stocks took control during the feature. Looks like next week they will be separate divisions.

There was also a meet and greet on Friday featuring Modified drivers Elmo Reckner and Bobby Varin.

The Modified race was a battle between three time winner Bobby Varin and two time winner Craig Hanson. Craig held off all the challenges from Varin and ended the night with three wins at The Ridge. The Vintage Mods were part of the show on Friday and Stanley Wetmore was the winner of the feature, in his No. 73 coach.

Saturday night winners at Fonda were Matt DeLorenzo (Modifieds), Mark Mortensen (Sportsman), Kenny Martin, Jr. (Pro Stock), Rob VanAernam (Street Stock) and Kenny and Kerrie Hollenbeck (Four Cylinder).

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



Fonda promoter, Ric Lucia stands next to the World of Outlaw Late Model car that third generation driver, Ronnie Johnson drove last Wednesday when the series visited the track for the first time ever. It was Ronnie's first time in a Late Model and he was sixth fastest in time trials. Biittig photo.

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Assessor/s, Town of Cobleskill
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In the Matter of the Acquisition of Certain Real Property Easements by or on behalf of the Town of Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, Index No. 2013-373 Water District No. 1 and Sewer District No. 1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proceeding has been commenced and is now pending in this court upon the petition of the Town of Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York for the

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 516 NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

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Giggles

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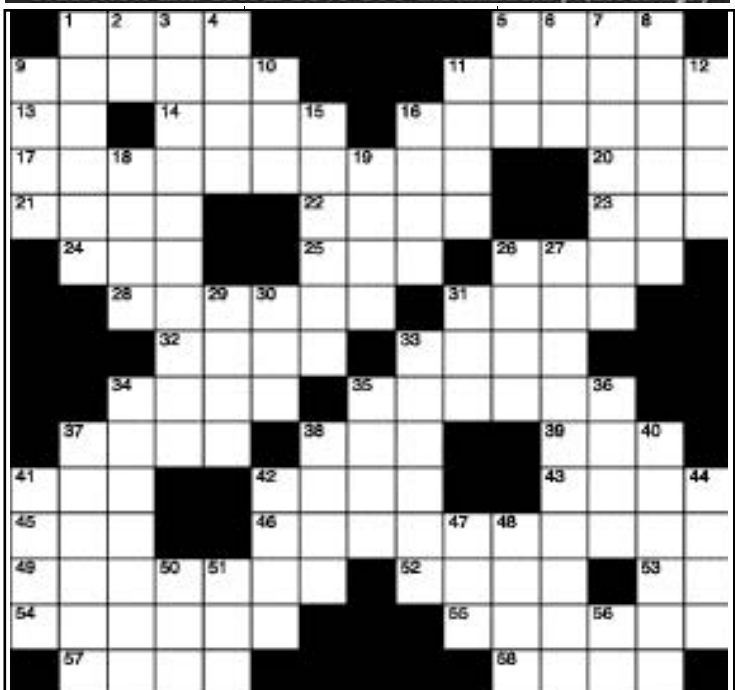
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- Minute amount (Scott)
- Insolent talk
- Unable to
- Scoundrels
- Wizard of _
- Murres
- Malmsey wine
- Sunday prior to Easter
- Passage with only one access
- Large woody perennial
- Paddles
- A small demon
- Dakar airport (abbr.)
- Small game cubes
- Small amounts
- Ribbon belts
- Free from danger
- Natives of Thailand
- Incomplete combustion residue
- Segregating operation
- Lowest violin family members
- Part of a deck
- British Air Aces
- Confederate soldier
- Young woman coming out
- Belgian River
- Society to foster technological innovation
- Linen liturgical vestment
- Failed presidential candidate
- "Long Shot" author Mike
- Mind & body exercise discipline
- Santa __, NM
- Cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Packed groceries
- N'Djamena is the capital
- Fermented honey and water

CLUES DOWN

- Golf course obstacle
- Article
- One who counts
- High rock piles (Old English)
- Grassy layer of ground
- Length of time in existence
- Killing yourself
- Liquid body substances
- Egyptian Christian
- Egyptian pharaoh
- Beams
- Keglike body tunicate
- Positive electrodes
- Adult female horse
- Albanian monetary units
- Raised speakers platform
- NM art colony
- Aftersensation phytoeny
- Deep orange-red calcedony
- Not a miss
- Distress signal
- Freedom from danger
- Day of rest and worship
- Phloem
- Was viewed
- Gluten intolerance disease
- NYC triangle park for Jacob
- Grouched
- Bounces over water
- Arabian sultanate
- Having vision organs
- Steal
- Old Irish alphabet (var.)
- Corn genus
- British letter Z
- Peachtree state

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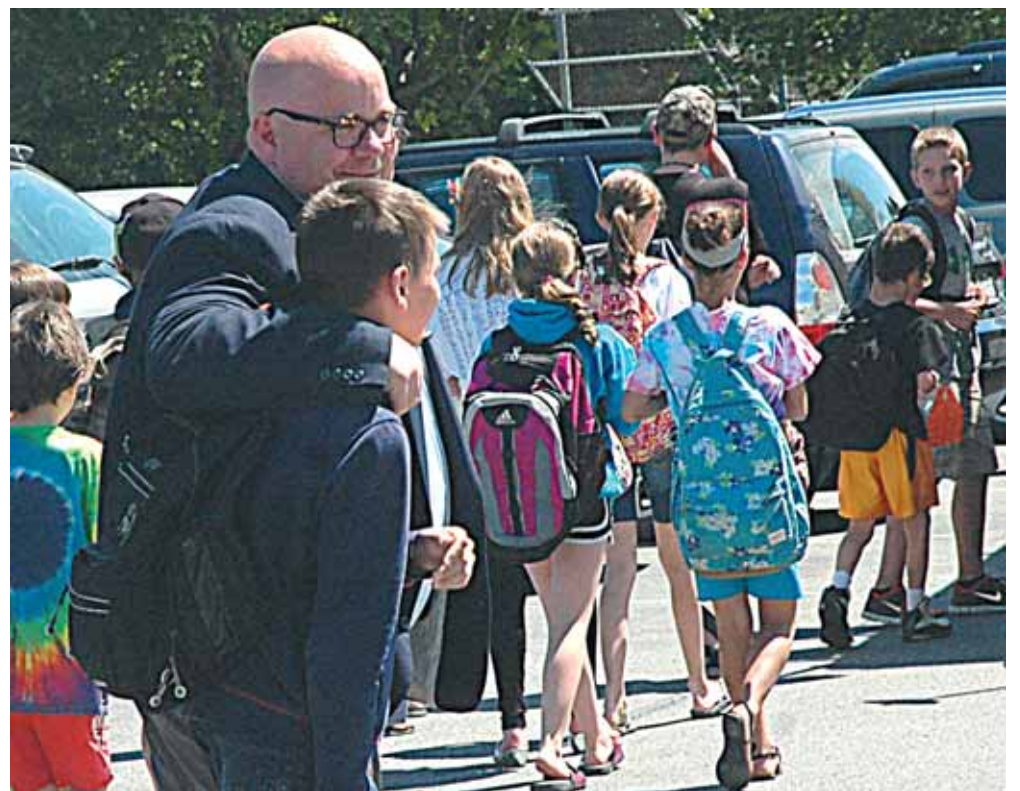
Teacher Deb Henry joins others in blowing bubbles as students leave Radez School in Richmondville on the last day of school Thursday.



Teacher Sue Douchette gives a high five to a departing student.



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