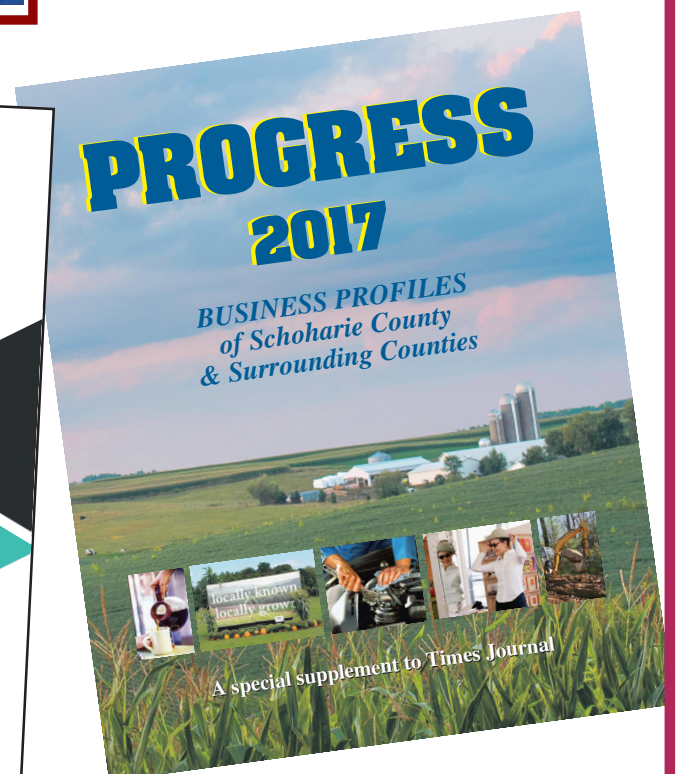
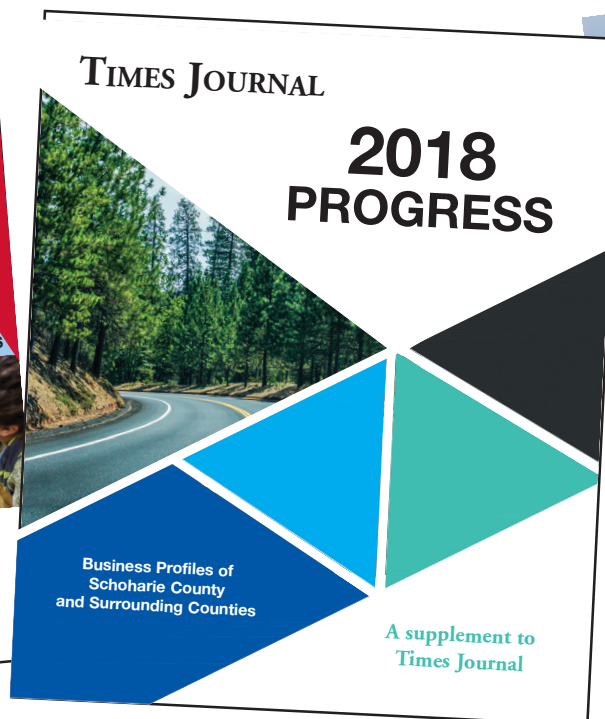
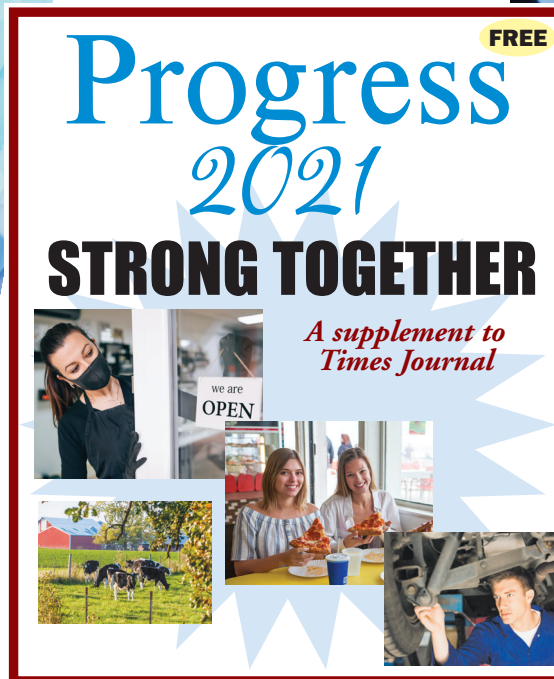


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Shown from left to right, top row: Theresa Spohn, Keith Slater, Brenda Southworth. Bottom row: Linda Butler, Lyn Lawyer, and Carol Orth.



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Aaron's Electric Inc. of Middleburgh was formed in 2005 and provides electrical services for residential areas, as well as businesses and new construction.

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The business also sells, installs, and services Guardian Automatic standby generators.

Mr. Wilsey is delighted that his son, Nick, has joined the staff this year.

Nick graduated from Middleburgh Central High in 2017 and then enrolled in SUNY Delhi, graduating in 2019 with an AAS Associates degree in electrical controls and instrumentation, and then again in 2021 with a second degree in welding fabrication and technology. Shown left to right: Scott Elethrope, Nicholas Wilsey, Aaron Wilsey, and Joe Proctor.



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Dad opened Lenny’s Tire Service in 1967 and it was based where Peking now is.

Dad worked for the State and then Dad would come home and change the tires Mom had sold at Louie Morre’s garage on Route 30.

Dad soon left the state, moved the shop up the street to where Shear Heaven is. Mom continued to work with Dad and he hired Skip Hayes.

Oh, the memories of that shop.

As the years passed, he hired Donald (Bo) Watson, again moved the shop next to the former Grand Union on Route 30.

He had expanded into doing farm service and I remember on Sundays we would go visit the farms.

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# The Times-Journal team...



Denise Smith is a typesetter, and more importantly in charge of The Printers, the T-J's commercial print shop.



Publisher Jim Poole and Editor Patsy Nicosia have worked together for more than 40 years in the news business.



Sales Manager Bruce Tryon and Erynne Ansel-McCabe, also in ad sales, visit T-J customers in Schoharie County and beyond every week.



Jerry Lape is one of our key delivery people, taking mail bags to post offices and papers to stores in Schoharie and Delaware Counties.



Karen Slater, seated, is our graphic artist, composing ads for the paper, while Judy Sanganetti is a typesetter, mans the front desk and handles subscriptions.



At left, Pete Lindemann is not only the proofreader, but also office historian and trivia expert.



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# Sap Bush Hollow cuts social media for a trial run

It was a cyber-hack of nightmare proportions. Hackers from Hanoi entered through my Facebook account, worked their way through our savings, checking and credit cards. The farm's funds were all put on lock-down. My Facebook access was disabled, making it impossible for me to update Sap Bush Hollow's Facebook and Instagram pages.

I should have been lying awake at night, fearing how our business was going to continue reaching our customer base without social media, or devising some kind of workaround.

Instead, I slept peacefully, relieved for the opportunity to let the tripod and lighting equipment used to generate social media posts collect some dust in the corner of the cafe kitchen. As January snows blew through West Fulton, we sat over coffee with mom, dad and the farm crew at Sap Bush Hollow and asked the unimaginable question:

Could the farm and cafe survive without using social media as a marketing tool?

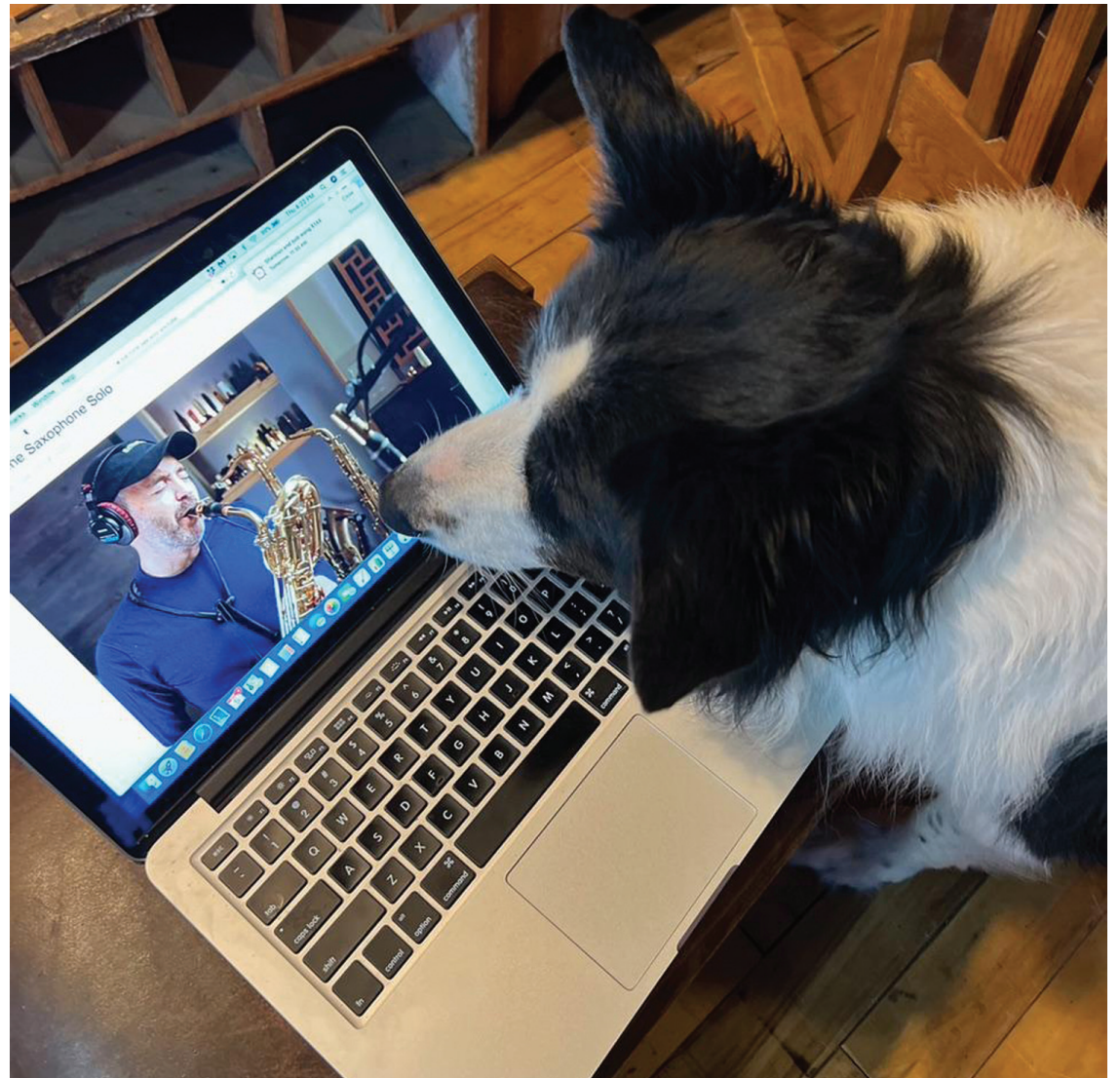
Everyone, from the seventy

year olds down to the tech-savvy teens, was in startling agreement:

We all hated the presence of social media in our lives.

We hated having to capture or style every moment on the farm and cafe for a camera. We hated trying to adhere to social media etiquette by scrolling and engaging with our feed. We hated wasting valuable minutes each day coming up with the right hashtags, or crafting content that was shocking enough or funny enough or sexy enough or angry enough to please the fickle algorithms so that they'd actually broadcast our posts. We hated living the contradiction of perpetually posting on social media to try to get people to do the opposite of what they were actually doing: put down their phones and come up to West Fulton to spend some time having breakfast and connecting with family, land and community.

And so, rather than trying to recover our social media accounts, Sap Bush Hollow abandoned them for a one year experiment, to see if our absence



**“Even the border collies are suffering from too much screen time at Sap Bush Hollow Farm, so we are no longer on social media,” said Sap Hollow CEO Shannon Hayes.**

would impact our family business. We kept up with our blog and online newsletter, then did everything else offline. We found ourselves thankful for the bricks-and-mortar infrastructure that still exists here in Schoharie County to help local businesses connect with customers: The Times Journal, Race Printing, our local post offices. And at the end of the year, contrary to popular opinion, our business didn't crumble with our digital silence. Sales didn't falter. They increased. Better still, we found ourselves spending more time upping our game on the farm and

in the cafe: making better decisions with farm management, trying out new recipes in the cafe, experimenting with new and better offerings in the 24-hour Honor Store. We also found ourselves with time to enjoy life more — we had more family dinners, more nights playing music with our friends, more direct conversations with our customers with digital devices out of sight.

So if you're looking to connect with Sap Bush Hollow, close out your social media feed. You can read about farm happenings online (or subscribe to our weekly digital newsletter at

[www.sapbush.com](http://www.sapbush.com)). Better still, come on up to West Fulton any time of the year and visit our 24-7 Honor Store located in the little red shed at the back of the cafe parking lot at 832 West Fulton Rd, West Fulton, NY, where we sell our grassfed lamb, beef, pork, local dairy and gourmet treats. Or come find us at the cafe when we re-open for the season in April, running every Saturday through November, 9am-2pm. Interested in saving money with our CSA shares or need a special meat order? You can do that by visiting our online farm store at [www.sapbushfarmstore.com](http://www.sapbushfarmstore.com).

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## Your hometown supermarket

The Valley Market is a full service grocery store with an in-store bakery, deli counter, meat, produce, and a walk-in beer cooler. The store opened in January of 2018 and has 31 employees.

Pictured from left to right: Steve Lawyer, deli manager; Jordan Maxwell, bakery manager; Tommy Cook, meat manager; Geanne Eisel, owner; Jim Harwood, grocery manager; Julie Conklin, produce manager; Jami Harwood, co-manager; Tiffany Becker, missing price accuracy manager.

"Thank you to the entire community for their loyal support throughout this year," said Ms. Eisel.



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# Literacy Volunteers offer opportunity

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Literacy Volunteers' full name is Literacy New York—Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie Counties, and its mission is to help adult students with reading, writing and math.

Although the program is open to anyone needing those skills, the great demand recently is for people seeking a high school diploma, or a GED. Reaching that goal is essential for students looking to land a job or get a better job than they already have.

"Every single person who calls, every one, is looking for a GED," said Lisa Cardilli, Literacy Volunteers' executive director.

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Each tutor works one-on-one with a student in a neutral, quiet setting, such as a library or a church. Weekly sessions take about two hours, and there's homework.

"Our tutors are lovely, dedicated people," said Ms. Cardilli. "They're volunteering their time to teach."

Instruction may last a year, give or take, depending on an incoming student's skills. Some are close to high school level;

others, only elementary.

Literacy NY can help each one.

Tutors lead the way, but students must be committed.

"They have to want to do this," Ms. Cardilli said. "There's a goal, a worthy goal, but they need a good attitude and a strong work ethic."

Ms. Cardilli has necessary supplies, including calculators and even bus tokens for students with transportation issues.

Successful students aren't cast

adrift. Ms. Cardilli and her small staff make them aware of job opportunities that have better pay and health care.

Also, the staff remains in touch for six months to see how students are doing and whether they need help.

Literacy NY has about 100 students across the three counties, and Ms. Cardilli is always looking for more.

She's also looking to add to her 30 or so tutors.

"It's challenging but a wonder-

ful and rewarding experience," said Ms. Cardilli, who for years has been a tutor herself.

Literacy NY has offices in Cobleskill, where Ms. Cardilli is

based, and also in Gloversville. To learn more about referring a student or becoming a tutor, contact her at 518-234-2576, [www.lvasc.org](http://www.lvasc.org) or email [lvnfyms1@gmail.com](mailto:lvnfyms1@gmail.com).

## Literacy SCRABBLE a fun fundraiser

Literacy NY is not entirely nose to the grindstone. There's fun, too.

The organization is hosting its popular SCRABBLE tournament March 18 at Radez School in Richmonville.

A major fundraiser, the tournament has two-three- or four-person teams compete in three SCRABBLE games for cash prizes and bragging rights.

Each of the three games has different rules—not traditional SCRABBLE rules—and total points determine winning teams.

The top team wins \$200, the next three get \$100 apiece, and a team drawn randomly wins \$100.

Brian Dineen returns again as emcee, and he'll deliver trivia questions for prizes. There's also a huge raffle for players' participation.

For more information or to register as a team, contact Literacy NY Executive Director Lisa Cardilli at 518-234-2576 or [lvnfyms1@gmail.com](mailto:lvnfyms1@gmail.com).



Grand Gorge Apartments on Route 30 in Grand Gorge specialize in affordable housing for seniors. The complex is working with the Delaware County Office for the Aging and Public Health to obtain services needed for residents. The apartments are one-or-two-bedroom units designed for residents over the age of 62 or the disabled in a well-maintained converted school.

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# Farmhouse will open this spring

**The Farmhouse Under the Nose, Schoharie County's newest short-term vacation rental, is scheduled to open its doors to guests this spring.**

Located next to the entrance to Vroman's Nose Hiking Trail, this fully remodeled farmhouse is surrounded by fireflies, songbirds, and row after row of fresh flowers grown by and for Farmhouse Floral Design.

The farmhouse strikes the perfect balance between “old” and “new” offering comfortable sleeping arrangements for at least six adults, a fully equipped, modern farm kitchen, a wood stove for cozy evenings with friends, a dining room with seating for at least eight adults, and a large, covered veranda with a gas fire pit, extra seating, yard games, and a gas grill, as well as many other amenities designed to enhance a guest’s visit.

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"Denny and I would like to thank our dedicated employees for their hard work and dedication. We have the best employees who have worked with us

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# Tourism website a resource for attracting visitors

Visit Schoharie County has a well-developed tourism website [www.visitschohariecounty.com](http://www.visitschohariecounty.com), dedicated to the promotion of local tourism business and experiences of attracting visitors and locals alike.

This informative and vibrant website promotes local economic vitality through tourism generation and destination management, which results in business development, pride of place, historical preservation, enhanced quality of life our residents, as a memorable visitor experience.

In 2022, Visit Schoharie County restructured its office and added Josh Taylor as brand content director, a new position for the organization.

Visit Schoharie County is raising the profile of Schoharie County and promoting the concept of “play-live-work” through marketing via social media, public relations, print and digital advertising.

In 2023, Visit Schoharie County looks to expand its reach

within and outside the county, highlight new and old businesses, and promote the outdoor splendor of Schoharie County.

Visit Schoharie County seeks to be a community leader, partner, and resource in economic development through tourism generation.

As a result of Visit Schoharie County’s visitor economy management, the destination will be valued as a vibrant place to play, live, and work.

Find Visit Schoharie online at: [visitschohariecounty.com](http://visitschohariecounty.com). Join them on Facebook and Instagram at [visitschohariecounty](https://www.instagram.com/visitschohariecounty).

“Thank you for all of your support in 2022. We need your help to achieve our goals. If you are a tourism business owner or know of someone who owns a consumer-facing business, we’d like to talk to you. Please reach out to us at: (607) 222-0065 or [brandcontent@visitschohariecounty.com](mailto:brandcontent@visitschohariecounty.com),” said Mr. Taylor.



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In front from left are Sandra Poole, Jill Birdsall and Debra Stanton. In back from left are Jonathan DiCesare, Rebecca Stanton-Terk, Michelle Curran, Rebecca Cross-Zarski and Andrew Steiner. Absent are Susan Riquier and Rasmiya Ruenes.





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“I would like to thank my many clients who have entrusted me as their financing professional,” Ms. Haessler said.

## D&H 1929 Grill new at Cobleskill G&CC

Taking over the restaurant operations from Red Barn, D&H 1929 Grill is the newest dining experience at Cobleskill Golf & Country Club.

Weather permitting, the new grill is hoping to open on April 1, offering a delicious and dynamic dining experience for both golfers and the entire community.

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## Country Café: Food and community

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They are closed Mondays and Tuesdays but open for dinner on Fridays.

The café offers a range of catering and hosts private parties and dinners.

Ms. Ryder and the Café are the founders of the “annual adopt a local family Xmas program” which last year, with the support of other local businesses and customers – adopted 27 local children for Christmas.

The café is Host to the Schoharie Kiwanis Club and caters for the Lions Club as well. Check their Facebook page for updates.



## Everything at Everything Shoppes

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Farmhouse Floral Design has relocated to 207 Mill Valley Road and has big plans for 2023. With the addition of more garden space, the plans to grow and offer more local flowers has expanded. Farmhouse is also offering for the first time a fresh cut flower CSA, running during the middle of the growing season. Weddings are still their specialty but the flower coolers are always full of bright blooms for your everyday arrangements and memorial services. Farmhouse Floral has also added a new team member. Lisa Dean joined the team last fall and brings many years of design knowledge and horticultural experience. Ms. Dean also owns Floral Root, where she grows specialty flowers and succulents. She has been a grower for Farmhouse Floral for many years. Team member Leanne Baker specializes in event and home design. Ms. Baker loves designing extra large floral arrangements and has an eye for silk flowers creating pieces for every season. Owner of Farmhouse Floral Design, Jess Beretz, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their customers for another wonderful season. She looks forward to seeing everyone soon and showing off their new space. She would also like to give a shout out to some of the local growers they work with: New Blossom Farm, Jayflora Designs, Little Anne's Flowers, Floral Root, and Schoharie Valley Farms The Carrot Barn. Left to right: Lisa Dean, Leanne Baker and Jess Beretz.



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# 146th Sunshine Fair:

## Rides, music and more August 8-13

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair will host its 146<sup>th</sup> year of family fun, food, farming, history and more, this year from Tuesday, August 8-Sunday, August 13.

This year's spectacular shows will include Rosaire's Racing Pigs, the Zerbini Circus, the Flying Cortes Trapeze Spectacular, and the motorized grandstand events, with country music star Tracy Byrd on stage in front of the grandstand on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tracy Byrd fans can purchase reserved track seating now at [sunshinefair.org](http://sunshinefair.org).

Other musical attractions will include Skeeter Creek, 5-Zero Band, Tony Hall, Jerry Lee Lewis tribute show, a karaoke contest with cash prizes, and more.

Dreamland's thrilling rides are sure to be the hit of the midway.

Visitors will also be sure to enjoy the horse barns, the blue ribbon livestock, and the exhibits at Heritage Village, Country Living, Hall of Agriculture, Progressland, and Historic Treasures.

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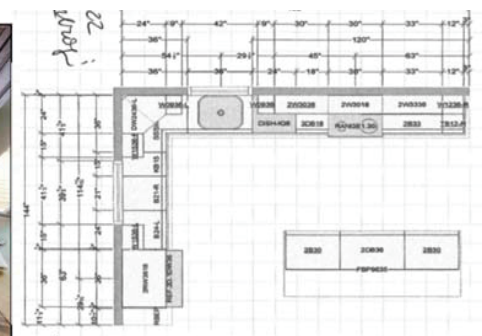
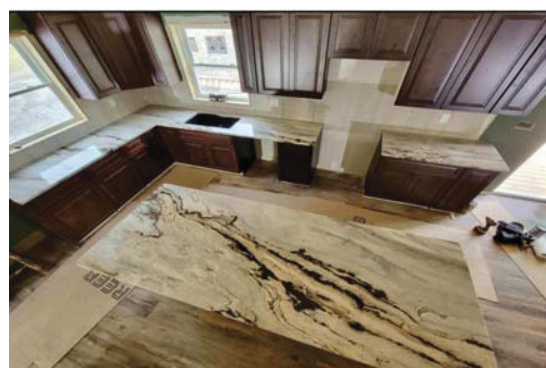
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Janet Spink Putnam and her husband, Richard L. Putnam, have worked alongside one another as a team to serve families during their time of need for 23 years; Mr. Putnam obtained his funeral directing license in 2000. In October, Nicole Barber joined the duo as a licensed funeral director. She remains equally dedi-

cated to maintaining the val-  
ues and principles that have made Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home a namesake in this tight-knit community. “As we continue to provide care and guidance to our families,” Ms. Putnam said, “We are honored to continue to participate in the Schoharie County Veterans Program, where our business proudly donates a wooden flag case to the deceased’s

family in honor of their loved one. “On behalf of the team at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, we wish to thank each and every family we have served throughout this past year and all years prior. We look forward to the future as we continue to provide the best care possible to each family we serve.”



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Key Bank wants to thank their community and customers for another successful year. They greatly appreciate all your business and wish continued good health and happiness for 2023. Pictured left to right are: Kathy Diamond, Erica Scott, Denise Fissell, Margaret "Peg" Chicorelli, and Bonnie Squadere. Not in picture are Jennifer Regelski and Christopher Hunt.



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The years since have seen this friendly, family-owned business succeed and grow.

This past year, they purchased a new 2022 Peterbuilt which has joined the delivery fleet, and another 18,000 gallon storage tank was added to the facility.

This year Country Tyme plans to continue providing the community with exemplary service and competitive pricing on all their propane needs.

LP Tanks will also continue being filled at their 946 NY-162 location in Sprakers.

The business credits its success to all the years of loyal customer support.

"I would like to thank all our customers because without you we would not be in business," said Patricia Popolizio.

"Also a big thank you to my two sons Christopher and Steven Martin for all their hard work, and to my daughter Jessica who works in the office."

Propane deliveries can be arranged at (518)673-1011.



## Pangman Outdoor Power

Pangman Outdoor Power added a new motorsports department this year, to complement their range of lawn, garden, and commercial inventory from Gravely, Ariens, Cub Cadet, and Husqvarna.

In 2023 they are hoping to become the go-to off-road repair shop for all of Schoharie County.

The Pangman family would like to thank the community for all the support, and their hardworking employees who have made their past seven years in business possible.

From the left: Ian Miller, Sue and Brian Pangman, Josh Martin, Shaun Pangman, Pat Nolette, Ryan Whittaker, Jessica Lawton, and store dogs Livvy and Doc. Jessica Lawton and Pat Nolette were both new employees welcomed this year. Missing from the picture is Gavin Knapp.

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# Exciting time for KHAC

Klinkhart Hall Arts Center on Main Street in Sharon Springs was established to restore the historic building, a former hardware store, post office and Masons Hall, to productive use as a center for the arts.

With grants from NYS Parks Department, Empire State Development, and National Grid, as well as donations from foundations, businesses, and individuals Phase 1 of the project is expected to begin in 2023 and will stabilize the structure, add plumbing and electrical systems,

create internal second floor access, and create a functioning performance and community space.

Until then, and through generous NYSCA, NEA and private funding, Klinkhart has been able to host and produce a wide variety of summer programs this past year.

Art, theater, dance, a free outdoor concert series, lectures, and the seventh annual Sharon Springs poetry festival will make this summer their busiest season yet.

When the building project is completed, the Klinkhart board of directors envisions a vibrant year round arts and community center as well as a professional summer theater program.

For more information, visit [www.Klinkharthall.org](http://www.Klinkharthall.org).

## Events for 2023

### Arts in the Park free concert series:

- July 5 – Melody Makers.
- July 12 – Annie and the Hedonists.
- July 19 – Double Barreled.
- July 26 – Becca Frame and the

Tall Boys.

August 2 – Turnover Mule.

### Poetry:

August 11 – Oscar Wilde Memorial Lecture (free).

September 9 – Muldoon's Picnic (paid event).

October 13-14 – Poetry Festival (free).

### Theater:

Specifics to be announced.

### Dance Festival:

Specifics to be announced.

### Fundraising Event:

Wine Tasting (Autumn date to be announced).

## Century 21 offers 'heart'

Heading into its 35<sup>th</sup> year, Century 21 Real Estates has a longstanding tradition of community service stemming back to Chris Nunamann, who first opened it with his son, Dean Nunamann, in 1988.

"Century 21 offers more than experience and professionalism; we offer heart. Our team is made up of your neighbors and friends," Mr. Nunamann said.

"This company is all about people and communities; with agents on our team that volunteer with fire departments, booster clubs, area events, business associations, and the Chamber of Commerce; building on my dad's legacy.

"He proudly served as mayor, then town justice, and volunteered with the Rotary, and Knights of Columbus just to name a few. That's a tradition we are proud to continue."

Now, more than ever, it's important for real estate companies to keep a competitive edge for clients.

Century 21 has adapted through virtual tours, online resources, and contactless transactions.

"We have more buyers than property available which is a testament to our area and our team," Mr. Nunamann said.

Century 21 maintains two fully automated offices and full-time staff of well-trained real estate professionals.

With offices in Schoharie and Duanesburg, they draw from a diverse client base. Many residents commute to or from the Capital District for employment but prefer the relaxed lifestyle offered here.

Whether you're thinking of buying, selling or just have real estate questions, call or stop by one of the office locations, or visit their website, [www.century21ruralestates.com](http://www.century21ruralestates.com); Schoharie, (518) 295-8547; Duanesburg, (518) 895-2902.

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## Peggy's Measure for Measure

Peggy's Measure for Measure is a full-service hair salon that has served the community for 39 years, offering perms, colors, highlights, lowlights, cuts and more for men, women and children.

"Please note that at this time I am no longer taking on new customers. I thank and will continue to take care of my existing customers," said owner Peggy Fleming.

## 15 years-plus for Righi's Refrigeration

Ben Righi of Righi's Refrigeration has spent more than 15 years at his business.

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The Schoharie County Democratic Committee (SCDC) rose to meet the tremendous challenges of the 2022 election cycle.

New volunteers joined long-time members last fall as representatives of the 16 towns and villages all across Schoharie County.

Reps stepped up at the county fair and went door-to-door to help the public understand the special election in August, the District 21 primary, and the first Congressional election since being redistricted.

Celebrating and growing community bonds are high on the

SCDC agenda for 2023.

Informal monthly gatherings, organized by the SCDC, start on February 18.

Supporting local businesses in all corners of Schoharie County, folks can come together in community conversations that foster ideas about what they can do to promote direct engagement.

This year, every town and village has elections for supervisors, two board or council members and town clerks.

In some places, mayors and trustees are also on the ballot. New candidates can win

these elections if inspired and supported.

To make progress in Schoharie County, voters should have choices among knowledgeable people, with positive energy to work together for us all, the SCDC believes.

What’s coming up next?

The SCDC’s second-ever online auction kicks off with bidding from March 22-April 6.

There will be services, collectibles, gift certificates, tools and more. The annual FDR banquet will follow later in 2023.

To top it off before the get-out-the-vote efforts for fall elections, there will be a summer BBQ.

Keeping spirits up, conversations going, and hopes high for the people of Schoharie County, SCDC works to make space for real problem-solving and hatching plans for prosperity in daily life here.

For information, visit their website: [schohariedemocrats.org](http://schohariedemocrats.org) or email: [info@schohariedemocrats.org](mailto:info@schohariedemocrats.org).

## ASSV thanks supporters

The Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley (ASSV) was founded in 1975 as a nonprofit 501c(3) organization and has always been a no-kill shelter.

As the mission statement of ASSV states, “The goal of the ASSV is to alleviate stray animal suffering and to maintain a shelter to house, feed, and care for these animals until safe and loving homes are found for them. ASSV also strives to educate the public to spay or neuter their pets to eliminate the problem of unwanted offspring.”

The Shelter staff, board members and volunteers wish to thank everyone who gave so generously this past year.

Whether you donated dog and cat food, cat litter and toys, or monetary donations, you made it possible to provide comfort while countless animals waited to be adopted.

The Shelter would not be able to continue without this support and it is much appreciated.

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Above, left to right, Christine Useriello, Michael Shultes and Tonya Van Valkenburg.



Games A Plunder, formed in 2010, offers video games, board games, trading card games, D&D supplies, Warhammer, and much more at their Cobleskill location on 107 Union Street.

This past year the store has hired a new employee and increased their board game selections.

For 2023 they are looking into getting a new sign for the business, and are excited for a new year with new products and new events, like more Pokemon Days.

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## Kyle's Waste: 3 years and growing

Three years and growing, Kyle's Waste Management is a local family owned and operated trash removal company serving Cobleskill and surrounding towns.

Along with residential trash pickup, Kyle's offers residential and commercial dumpsters and roll-off containers. The company strives to provide timely courteous service at competitive prices, and would like to thank the community for their continued support in 2022.

The Kyle's Waste Management team looks forward to the upcoming year, from left: owner Kyle Cacciola and family Danielle, Hunter, and Bo, along with James Spaulding and Gideon Whittaker.



## Service with a smile...

R. Sherwood Veith, Certified Public Accountant, provides tax preparation, accounting, and bookkeeping services for individuals and small businesses.

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WHB Automotive Collision, located on Route 7, Richmondville is an auto repair, automotive body shop in business since 2014. “I would like to thank all of our customers who trust us for their auto collision needs,” says William Butzke Jr, owner. Left to right: Jim Trask, William Butzke, Justin Simmons, Pete Hayes, William Butzke Jr, John Masetti, and Norman Varin.

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Owner Lindsay McDermott stands at the counter of her Crush Nutrition on Main Street in downtown Cobleskill. Crush offers meal replacement protein shakes and metabolism boosting energizing teas. Opening Crush last August, Ms. McDermott plans to introduce new products in the coming year.

“I just want to thank the community for being so welcoming and supportive,” Ms. McDermott said. “I look forward to growing in the year ahead.”

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# Lindsey: She’s invested

By Lindsey Giagni

I always enjoy taking the time to reflect and write this annual update for the Times-Journal Progress edition. We all have been through a lot these past few years. I would love to say that 2022 was “back to normal” but now more than ever, I feel like so many of us have been just trying to take it day by day, myself included.

I love this community and personally take on the struggles of my customers who have very much become friends over these past few years. This is why I am here. It’s not just about saving you a few dollars on your car insurance. I personally am vested in you, your family, and as your Agent helping you manage the risks of everyday life. If a tragedy hap-

pens, it’s important you know I will be there to help you recover from the unexpected. In good times, I am here to help you realize your dreams and achieve your goals by making sure you are protected against possible risk.

We are still here, we are still growing, we are still learning and we are still adapting. As we take 2023 day by day all we can continue to do is be kind, understanding and do right by people. These core values are evident within Schoharie County and I am so honored to be part of this community.

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## Bells & Whistles

Owners Denise Frith and Bobbi Elliot opened their Bells & Whistles shop in October 2021 in the old fire house at 529 West Main Street, Cobleskill, across from Veterans' Park.

Ms. Frith strives to provide quality products and services to help everyone live a healthier, happier life.

She features quality and American made, non-GMO supplements, therapeutic herbs, homeopathy, essential oils and more.

"We stand behind our products, offering a satisfaction guarantee on all supplements," she said. "Our selection of food features non-GMO, organic, gluten-free and vegan choices."

"We also carry local artisans, Chatty Wren Coffee, Wildwood Farms Syrup, Honey Alone, Charcoal & Ashes Natural Soaps, Rockerbox spices, Earthy Remedies and Middle Brook Mill Grains.

"I would like to thank all of our customer for being so supportive and welcoming us to the community. We are excited to continue to grow and provide healthier options for the people of beautiful Schoharie County."



Kristy's Kreations, at 125 Granite Drive, Cobleskill, is a full service hair and nail salon, offering a full range of products such as Goldwell, Amika, Milkshake, and Sexy Pride.

"We all want to thank our loyal customers for a great year and for your loyalty to our salon," said Kristy Reynolds, owner.

Shown here, top row from the left: Kaitlyn Webb, Lorraine DiPace, and Adrienne Cullen. Bottom row left to right: Taylor Ulrich, Kristy Reynolds, and Larissa Bruyette.

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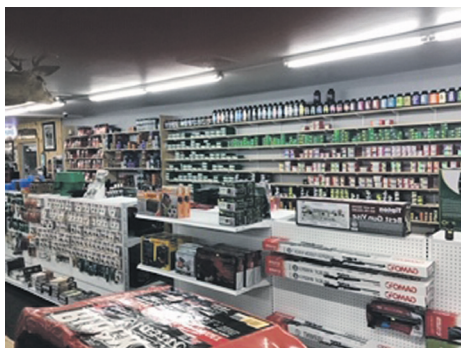
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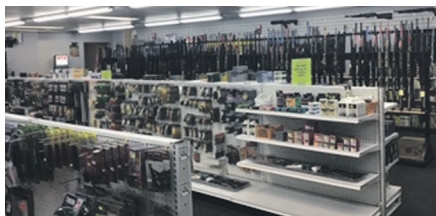


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# Country club welcomes D&H Grill

The Cobleskill Golf & Country Club is happy to announce that David and Heather Ward will be running the clubhouse restaurant starting in April 2023, under the name The D&H 1929 Grill.

Golfers and members of the community may enjoy a full service bar and dine in the farmhouse style restaurant or on the covered deck or patio with views of the beautiful golf course.

View the banquet menu online at [www.golfcobleskill.com](http://www.golfcobleskill.com).

Cobleskill Golf & Country Club has continued to invest in the golf club, loved by its members and daily fee players alike.

A loyal membership base and daily fee play is the secret to a successful semi-private golf club.

CG&CC takes pride in its on course staff.

Long time golf course Superintendent Bear Briggs and his crew will be out there again ev-

ery day, keeping the tees fairways, greens, and yes even the roughs in top notch shape.

New equipment for 2023 includes a set of Proflex 120 mowers.

A new tree replacement program is also underway, allowing the club to remove diseased or damaged trees and replant new ones.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the tree fund should contact Bear Briggs.

After a successful 2022 season, Mitch Wrighter will return as golf shop manager.

Mitch and his staff always try to make every golf experience enjoyable.

Again in 2023, anyone wishing to make a tee time to play golf may do so by using the electronic tee sheet at [www.golfcobleskill.com](http://www.golfcobleskill.com), or by calling the golf shop at (518) 234-4045.

As the club enters its 94<sup>th</sup> year, member volunteers continue to be what makes Cobleskill Golf & Country Club the special place it has been and continues to be.

The Board of Directors is elected by shareholders to manage the club on their behalf, and then the directors work with committees of member volunteers to plan and execute the work necessary to run a very active golf club.

The club caters to golfers of all skill levels and all ages, from the casual golfer looking for some relaxing recreation to those seeking the thrill of competition.

Cobleskill Golf & Country Club has a continuing tradition of offering a list of events that is more extensive than any golf club in the area, and prides itself on providing a welcoming environment for golf, social activities,

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"We continue to provide the community with all their country-living needs, with great customer service," said Scott Kelley.

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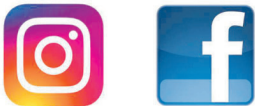
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Maureen LaRose Barber's State Farm Agency is grateful for her customers and community for decades of support. "We want to thank our loyal customers. We pride ourselves on exceptional service and we enjoy what we can do for our clients," said Mrs. Barber. "My staff takes pride in saving our customers money, while providing great coverage." Left to right: Chris Goodrich, Jessie Williams, Jake, Charlotte Barber, Maureen LaRose Barber, and Eileen Fitzgerald.



Tri Town Computers, located at 836 East Main Street in Cobleskill, offers computer sales and services for laptops, PCs, Macs, tablets, and other accessories, as well as in-home and on-site business service. "Thomas and I want to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for placing their trust in us for their computer needs," said Michael Consalvo, owner. Pictured here are Michael Consalvo and Baloo. Not in picture is Thomas Rundblan.



Each year New Looks Landscaping continues to grow, whether it's more mowing customers, snow plow accounts or broadening our horizons on new landscape designs. They are grateful to their loyal customers who stick with them year after year, and we look forward to meeting new ones. While snow might still be on everyone's mind, they know spring is right around the corner. Now is the perfect time to start calling to get on their spring clean-up list, (518)231-2696. Above: Wes and Pam Foland with their daughter, Ashley Boreali.



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# New staff, crafts at The Studio

The Studio for Art and Craft, located at 576 Main Street in Cobleskill, has been offering pottery, painting, fused glass, and jewelry supplies, as well as kits, classes and parties since 2008.

2022 saw the addition of talented new staff and new crafts, like the blown glass ornaments, and lots of new offsite class locations.

This year The Studio is planning to continue expanding offsite and adding more crafts and events.

“We are celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> year on Main Street, which of course we couldn’t do without our great customers,” said owner Jacqui Hauser. “We love what we do and appreciate that we get to do it.”



J.EMZ is Joe Marsh’s auto body collision repair, and custom painting shop in East Worcester, open since 2013.

“I want to thank all of my customers for their business this past year and I look forward to working with all of you in the New Year,” Mr. Marsh said.



The Schoharie Promotional Association is dedicated to promoting the Village and Town of Schoharie by cultivating community involvement, sponsoring activities that will bring in people, encouraging alliances with business and community groups, creating educational and fun activities for community youth, and beautifying the area.

Now in their 40th year, the association has sponsored many community events over the years, including concerts, festivals, and contests, to name just a few.

The association was also instrumental in purchasing the village clock, lights and decorations, the town hall map kiosk, and many other beautification projects including the recent replacement of the fire/BBQ pit in Fox Creek Park and implementation of a quarterly community newsletter.

The association is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Lily Park as well as sponsoring the yearly Lily Festival.

A pavilion in the Lily Park is being planned for this spring, funded by a donation from Nick Juried.

In addition to support for local youth through scholarships and little league sponsorship, the group continues ribbon cuttings for new businesses and welcome baskets for new residents.

Check their website [schohariepromo.org](http://schohariepromo.org) for more information including their year’s event calendar and check the photo gallery for a look back at 40 years.

Volunteer participation and assistance are always welcomed and appreciated.





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High on the Hog BBQ, located on Route 30 in Middleburgh, has been delivering on their promise of great BBQ since 2018, with plans to expand their catering services in 2023.

Owners Denise and Todd Nunnemann serve pulled pork, brisket, ribs, steak, and seafood, and do catering at pig roasts. They also serve beer and wine.

## CPI moves ahead to brighten Cobleskill

Mark Twain is quoted to have said, "The secret to getting ahead is getting started."

This was the unspoken motto for Cobleskill Partnership Incorporated in 2022.

After an appropriate hiatus in 2020, due to societal adjustments, and then slowly getting back on task in 2021, CPI started 2022 with the motivation and enthusiasm of the business and residential community at heart and mind.

Wanting to get ahead of all that had slowed them down, CPI's board of directors and members, composed of both businesses and residents of Cobleskill, got to work with some exciting events.

Joining with volunteers from all walks of life, CPI helped coordinate and participate in the village wide spring cleanup, a great way to wash away winter and show the gem that is Cobleskill.

Having some more event sponsorships and participation in the village, CPI was elated to bring back the Arts in the Park concert series with a fresh lineup of bands for 2023.

These events were highly attended, had involved vendor participation, and showcased Veterans Park.

CPI was also a not for profit financial conduit for many projects and grants around the

Cobleskill community that significantly aided all residents of Cobleskill.

Having also promoted member businesses with a Shop Local holiday drive, CPI worked to keep the heart of the local providers of goods and services at the forefront of the holiday season.

2022 was a year of success for CPI, but there is still work to be done and progress to be made, and most importantly community members to be connected with.

CPI cannot do this alone, and welcomes input and aid.

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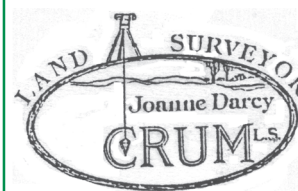
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Tom McCarthy, above with Kathy and Ryan McCarthy. New items are on sale every Sunday with the price good for Sunday only.

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“Working together, the Landis community found inspiration in the natural beauty that so abounds at the Arboretum, met the challenges of 2022, and thrived,” said Jim Paley, president of the Board of Trustees.

New this year was the Shanti Vun Meditation Garden, dedicated with a large turnout of friends, as well as the Anne Jaster Art Gallery dedication in July.

A new parking area and trailhead were developed for easier access of the viewable waterfalls along the Waterfall Trail, along with a fresh trail map and visitor guide to include the newest features.

A SALT Community grant was used to help renovate the welcome kiosk.

The Arboretum gained many new volunteers, and in late fall hired Susan Strangia as an additional office manager.



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For 2023, Landis is looking to find the overall biggest tree in New York State when they host the 2023 Big Tree Search competition.

They have also begun planning their annual Spring Plant, Book, and Bake Sale and are looking forward to the return of community favorite 5K Forest Run/Walk and the Full Moon Music Series.



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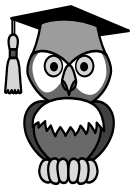


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## Banner year for Sandra Poole Team

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Reserve a van or truck for your moving needs or deliveries from Warnerville Self-Storage.

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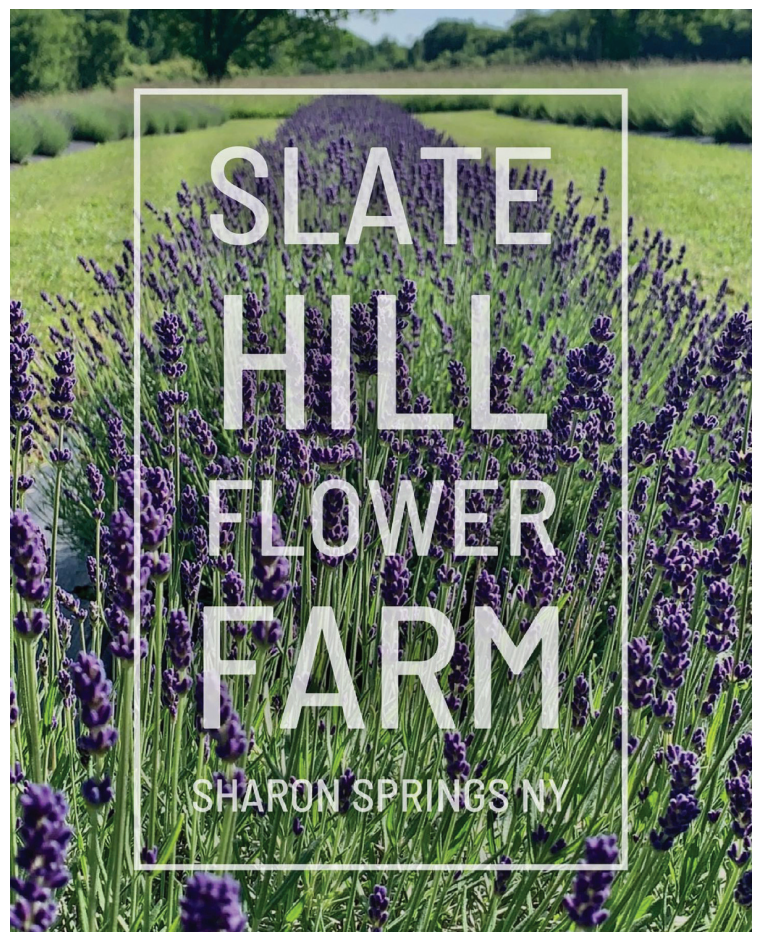
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# SEEC: Fostering Schoharie County growth

Throughout 2022, Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC), continued progress toward the organizational mission of fostering economic growth in Schoharie County.

In a pivot from the reactive and problem-solving efforts needed to address the pandemic, 2022 offered a chance to plow forward with the intention to focus on priority initiatives – Digital, Industrial and Main Street Development.

Listening to the business community, SEEC worked with alliances to secure and direct meaningful resources that strengthened small businesses, aided industrial development and revisited plans to bolster the character of local Main Streets, all of which are at the heart of SEEC's work enhancing the physical and social character of Schoharie County communities.

## Powering a digital revolution.

The need to close the digital divide for rural communities was heightened throughout the pandemic, and SEEC proactively worked with the County Office of Community Development to leverage funding to build new small business platforms.

Together, they also directed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments to broadband build-out planning. Boosted efforts rolled out as SEEC established a Digital Marketing Help Desk and introduced a Digital Series, hosting experts to discuss various topics to improve small business digital skills.

Over the one-year, the SEEC-led deployment of the Community Development Block Grant, the program funded 26 local businesses, representative of nine different towns.

After the first round of \$366,000 had been exhausted, the need for additional funding was demonstrated by the volume of qualifying applications. SEEC successfully petitioned the State for an additional \$375,000.

The grants served nearly 60 percent women-led organizations, each utilizing e-commerce tools and social media platforms to expand customer engagement and bolster sales revenue. A resilient approach that also retained more than 42 jobs and created 16 new jobs throughout 2022.

Small businesses were able to engage world-class marketing professionals to build or improve digital marketing tools along

with the training needed to ensure the platforms could be leveraged with best-practice strategies for years ahead.

For example, check out the new Wood and Wool Podcast on Facebook, a result of the program dollars enabling the shop owner to learn from other blind entrepreneurs.

Or visit the business's newly launched website colored with professional photography that showcases handmade products. ([www.wood-and-wool.net](http://www.wood-and-wool.net)).

Visit [seecny.org](http://seecny.org) for links to all 26 online business platforms.

Leveraging another \$100,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program, SEEC and the County were able to collaborate with the Village of Schoharie to install a free village WiFi network, which is now live.

Anticipating broadband infrastructure funding availability, SEEC also requested \$100,000 of the County's American Rescue Plan Act funds be directed to broadband planning efforts towards ensuring every home and business in Schoharie County has access to the internet.

SEEC triggered Schoharie County's digital revolution and supports the 21st century economy that is essential to ensure that Schoharie County is a place people want to live, work and enjoy life for generations to come.

## A place worthy of investment.

SEEC is attracting new and deliberate private investments to the County. SEEC worked to support industrial development efforts in alignment with County "Shaping the Way Forward" strategies, site readiness analysis and a payoff matrix where high effort leads to high rewards.

SEEC recognizes the importance of the agricultural identity - historically, socially and economically for the region.

Utilizing funding from Appalachian Regional Commission matched by SEEC, a Regional Independent Food Processing Plan and seven Roadmaps were delivered in 2022.

SEEC established a volunteer Farm and Food Advisory Council to inform the planning process and hired the consultation team that engaged 85 ag-related organizations to provide insights into their experiences and needs.

The resulting Plan highlights the work of 11 organizations

poised to make upwards of \$6 million investments among the tri-county service area - Schoharie, Otsego & Delaware Counties. Ongoing efforts will focus on "solving logistics" improving local supply chains and creating a more prosperous regional agriculture community.

In support of the recommendations of the county adopted corridor development strategies and MRB Group proposed industrial site assessments, SEEC coordinated site tours engaging elected officials and development professionals to better understand the opportunities at the I-88 interchanges and Route 7 commercial corridor.

Advancing the work, SEEC requested \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act investments toward site readiness. The County Board of Supervisors agreed.

SEEC is poised to further assist the towns along the corridor leverage FAST NY grant funding to make infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate larger-scale developments which bring new job opportunities, increase the tax base, and generate more sales tax revenue off-setting real property taxes.

An additional \$460,000 Empire State Development Capital Grant was secured by SEEC to assist with the construction of a 40,000 sq ft facility.

The proposed Highbridge Development off of the I-88 exit 23 in Schoharie has received SEEC's endorsement as a proposed \$75 million investment to induce hundreds of jobs and demonstrate the value of the local transportation routes.

## Collectively reimagine, reinvent and rejuvenate.

Since SEEC's establishment, maintaining the character of the community and supporting efforts that make Schoharie County a place people want to build their lives, has been a cornerstone of the organization's efforts.

2022 offered more opportunities to realize those efforts.

New York State announced a new funding opportunity to support community revitalization through a program titled NY Forward. SEEC worked with both the Village of Schoharie and the Village of Sharon Springs to apply to the program in September. The award amounts range between \$2.25 and \$4.5 million.

SEEC was proud to cut the ribbon on 287 Main, the new headquarters for economic develop-

ment and coworking space.

The office was the former Bank of America which underwent a robust renovation in 2022 and formally opened in September 2022. The space has created a 21st-century hub for professionals, creatives, small businesses, and more, right in the heart of the Village of Schoharie.

To enhance the resources available, a variety of programs were launched meant to create learning and networking opportunities.

Programs included Women Leading Business, the Digital Marketing Learning Series, the Digital Marketing Help Desk and Resource Roundtables.

To culminate the year and to honor collaborations in 2022, honorary chairs Tom and Dusty Putnam hosted the first-annual Toast to the Town. The event offered a chance to enjoy local flavors, with catering

by Farmer's Beef and Brew, and local beverages from Middleburgh Winery, Wayward Lane and a signature cocktail featuring Sauvage Distillery Kosher Vodka.

As a lead-up to the event, SEEC announced a call for nominations for the newly established Enlighten and Aspire Awards.

Schoharie River Center was the recipient of the Enlighten Award, honoring an organization that filled educational gaps supporting Schoharie County's resiliency.

The Aspire Award, meant to recognize an individual or organization that has ascended or transcended in their industry, was granted to Tina Wellman, CEO of BrightDrive Healthcare Solutions.

SEEC looks forward to welcoming guests to 287 Main in 2023 and will Toast to the Town in December again.

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Shown from left to right: Kyle Miller, Josh Miller, Michael Diamond, Dave Dixon, Veronica Castro, Drake, Jack Miller, Dan Simons, and Skip Bevins.

# Marathon moves its big event

This year’s Marathon for a Better Life will be held on the second Saturday of June, not the first

This decision was made by the board of directors so as to not interfere with the Richmondville Days annual event.

“The Marathon will be actively participating in Richmondville Days to help celebrate Richmondville,” said Kathy Diamond, president of the board of directors at Marathon.

“We felt that it was a win-win for both organizations.”

The event will be held on Saturday June 10 on the infield of SUNY Cobleskill’s track.

“All of those who attended last year’s event at SUNY Cobleskill liked the new location as it provided more space for vendors and teams to set up,” said Ms. Diamond.

Marathon for a Better Life was started in 1996 with the sole mission of assisting patients living in Schoharie County in their fight against cancer.

Marathon has helped well over 1,600 people of all ages battling cancer.

Current board members are Kathy Diamond, Lisa Bartholomew, Dawn Bialkowski, Larkin Nikolaus, Steve Chaisson, Mina Stella, Dawn Schell, Kim Law, Posie Shaw, Carly Diamond, Jackie Gaige, Bruce Tryon and Jerry Law.

This year saw a big revamp of Marathon’s website, [www.marathonforabetterlife.org](http://www.marathonforabetterlife.org)

The website will continue to be used to raise money and enhance the marathon’s social media presence, allowing the marathon to alert the community of fundraising events in and around Schoharie County.

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# Cobleskill Regional Hospital a real plus

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What's more, it is provided by caregivers and practitioners who are also friends and neighbors with a vested interest in Cobleskill and its surrounding areas.

CRH is part of Bassett Healthcare Network and committed to improving the health of patients and the well-being of our communities. Bassett has an innovative and unique health care system that connects comprehensive care and services to people in eight counties.

By sharing resources, expertise, and facilities with other hospitals and clinics, CRH gives Cobleskill and greater Schoharie County access to far more than it could on its own.

For example, Bassett connects people to a multitude of specialists who provide technical expertise and skills in areas typically found only in big cities.

Many of these specialists travel to see patients at CRH and other Bassett-affiliated community hospitals as well as at specialty campuses.

Specialty service offerings range from cardiology, cancer, and orthopedic care to ear, nose and throat, neurology, vascular care, dermatology and more. In addition, a variety of outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures are available on these specialty campuses as a convenience to patients.

In Cooperstown, Bassett Medical Center offers a birthing center, inpatient medical and surgical care, and sophisticated outpatient diagnostic and treatment capabilities.

Bassett Medical Center is where people in the region come for advanced care, like open-heart surgery, specialized cancer treatment, advanced vascular care, trauma care, neurosurgery, and advanced orthopedic and spine care.

This nationally recognized teaching hospital is home to the Bassett Heart Care Institute and the Bassett Cancer Institute.

For regular care needs, the Bassett Medical Group is comprised of more than 400 full-time

physicians and other advanced practice clinicians providing primary care across the network. It operates locally at Bassett Health Center Cobleskill as well as at Bassett Medical Center, and over two dozen community-based primary care centers throughout the network's eight county area.

More than 20 school-based health centers provide medical, mental health, and preventive dental care to children who might otherwise never have the chance to receive this care.

TeleHealth has become an integral part of Bassett Healthcare Network's care model as we look to introduce new ways to access and deliver care to our local communities, patients as they travel, and out-of-town visitors.

TeleHealth includes a variety of virtual health care services not limited to a traditional health care setting, such as video visits, e-consults and e-visits.

This makes services safer during the pandemic and more accessible for years to come.

Bassett's clinicians and care teams in the region's hospitals, in combination with the network's community-based health centers, provide care to thousands of people every year.

Bassett provides an extensive continuum of care for the population the network serves.

Beyond hospital-based care and the outpatient care provided in the regional health centers, Bassett Healthcare Network also includes At Home Care, Inc., an entity that provides services such as nursing and physical therapy for people in their homes. First Community Care of Bassett is a medical supply company that provides medical equipment, supplies and prescription treatments, such as the oxygen needed by many individuals utilizing home-based care.

Should a community resident need short-stay rehabilitation, the Bassett Healthcare Network offers services at the Cobleskill Regional Hospital, A.O. Fox Nursing Home in Oneonta, Little Falls Hospital, O'Connor Hospital in Delhi, and at Valley Health Services (VHS) in Herkimer.

Long-term care services are available at the AO Fox Nursing Home and at VHS; VHS also offers seniors the opportunity to retain independence as long as possible at Valley Residential

Services, Herkimer County's only assisted-living facility.

With a teaching hospital and medical school campus affiliated with Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons (Bassett Medical Center), and through a nationally renowned research institute (Bassett Research Institute), the network is continually advancing its missions of patient care, teaching and research, always anticipating

and developing to meet the evolving needs of the people and communities in the region we serve.

In keeping with the direction of health care today, Bassett maintains a strong commitment to population and community health improvement.

The Bassett Research Institute's Center for Rural Community Health and New York Center for Agricultural

Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) conduct clinical research and population studies, assessments of health services, occupational challenges and other public health issues, and provide critical care and safety solutions to workers in the agricultural, forestry, and fishing industries.

To learn more about services available throughout the Bassett Healthcare Network, visit [www.bassett.org](http://www.bassett.org).



## Four Star Realty

**Four Star Realty Group has announced that Kellen Wissert, licensed real estate salesperson; Chelsea McGrath, office secretary; and Martyn Gallini Jones, professional photographer, have all joined the team this year. The group is expanding its website and focusing more on the needs in the communities they operate in, and are also planning on sharing more information on local businesses and making more opportunities available for businesses and marketing.**

**"I am grateful for the awesome team we have and truly blessed to live and work in this community. It is easy to sell what you believe in. Thank you to all our loyal and loved clients. We cannot do what we do without you all," said owner Lisa Tenneson.**





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Left to right: Linda Karker, Pamela Kenyon, Chris Trask and Amanda Owen.

# Real estate a perfect fit for Torres

Back in middle school, top agent Pearl "Ruby" Torres, who goes by Ruby, found herself fascinated by architecture.

When the teacher asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up, Ms. Torres said she wanted to design homes.

Fast forward to college and a real estate elective. "Even though I continued my major, I absolutely loved that class," she remembered. "I loved the whole thought of it."

Her instructor told her a truth that sticks with her to this day: the one thing that remains the same in real estate is that things are always changing.

Fast forward six years.

Married and home with her first child, Ms. Torres finally considered her old dream.

She took the state Realtor exam, got her license, and started working on a part-time basis.

It was a perfect fit.

Thanks to the flexible work schedule, she was a hands-on mom to her two sons.

Then in 2009, her whole world fell apart.

Her beloved husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

During surgery, the doctor failed to remove the entire tumor.

Afterward, his entire personality changed.

Several devastating years later, Ms. Torres went through a traumatic divorce.

Even so, she isn't a victim.

Real estate helped her endure.

Eventually she reconnected with her high school boyfriend, George, and the rest is history.

Last October they eloped.

"George is the love of my life and the elopement was perfect. The focus was on us and a very special time in our lives. I am truly happy and stronger than ever. I am so glad George brought me to upstate New York," Ms. Torres said.

In upstate, you must be ready

for everything when you show properties: Snow, lousy cell service, and long drives are only some of the adversities. Ms. Torres sees it as a beautiful adventure and conducts her business by real estate's gold rule: treat people like you want to be treated.

"I make time for every type of listing whether it be high-end homes, mobile homes, or rentals," she said. "My #1 job is to help my client get to the next chapter. Sometimes we don't know what that next chapter is, but we will figure it out."

Ms. Torres is a solo agent who runs her own Keller Williams Mega Agent office in Middleburgh and serves the Hudson Valley, the Catskills, and beyond. Repeat and referrals make up 60 percent of her business.

Known as an honest and transparent agent, Ms. Torres found her niche with downstaters looking to relocate.

"It's a different world up here," she said. She loves introducing clients to the gorgeous area, her quaint village, and all the street festivals, local vendors, and holiday bazaars.

Primarily, she markets listing on the internet, using four separate MLSs. KW also has a robust referral system.

"I can hardly keep up," Ms. Torres said.

When not working, community is everything.

Ms. Torres plays an active role in the Middleburgh Area Business Association and the Classic Car Cruiser Committee.

For the future of her business, Ms. Torres said, "I love my job and it is time to grow my team. I would like to find a seasoned agent or a new agent that I can mentor. Real estate has allowed me to live a life by design. Everything is a learning experience and has made me stronger."

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The mission is still the same: Making life easier for patients and families facing serious illness or end-of-life by providing choices, dignity and compassionate care.

But now Helios offers expanded services to give world class care to patients and their families in the region of Otsego, Delaware and Schoharie Counties.

Rebranded as Helios Care in 2019, the organization has grown to serve three counties, with a staff of over 70 including doctors, RNs specializing in palliative and hospice care, LPNs and home health aides, along with social workers, bereavement counselors and chaplains, to offer a full spectrum of care and choices.

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